

## BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL May 2015 FRENCH BULLDOG

I would like to thank exhibitors for their patience as we were very late getting into our ring. I appreciate that for dogs and owners alike; hanging around on a cold, wet, windy day was no fun. I was most indebted to my stewards, as without their efficiency, my winners would not have made it to the group judging.

Many exhibitors are baiting their dogs too much whilst on the table, to the degree that it interferes with the judge's examination of the head. It was sometimes impossible to get the dog to look straight forward as they were fixated on the bait. Many judges find this practice annoying, and it detracts from the judges overall impression of the head.

Size was better overall at this show with not too many heavy weights but as Frenchies are a solid cobby small dog, small does not mean that they should lack in bone or substance, they should be surprisingly heavy for their size when you pick them up.

I am seeing more and more what I describe as a 'froggy look' to the head as the required depth of muzzle is lacking, one or two exhibits went the other way with muzzles and flews that were too deep, both faults do not give the correct balance between skull and foreface. Needless to say rear movement and lack of tail needs serious attention throughout the breed. Even on a very cool day I did hear a few noisy breathers but overall I considered breathing to be good.

I was extremely pleased with my winners; they all had quality, breed type and balance. In my opinion both CC exhibits were the ideal size with correct bone and substance. They made a matched pair in the final challenge for BOB and it came as no surprise later to find out that they had the same sire Ch Kingfriend Mr Wow .

In my opinion another emerging kennel which stood out for constantly producing good bred size ,type and quality over a number of classes, was that of Lilya Gura- Mallon from N Ireland. Certainly it appears that her hard work is paying off.

### MPD 8 (3)

1. Seffer, Crashkon The One For Catrelma. Fawn of good colour, mature for his age. Liked his overall type and balance. Classic head shape and profile. Dark round eyes and correct nose placement. Ears set well and used to advantage. Wide muzzle with the required cushioning and fill under the eyes. Open nostrils and good mouth. Straight front, shapely body. Correct bone and substance. Soundly constructed throughout, confident movement.

2. Penning & Thomas, Eastonite Domino Dandy Well marked pied with head developing well. Lovely expression. Good spring of rib for his age, straight front and good shoulder placement. Excellent muscle tone. Moved soundly

3. Hutchinson, Oliveria Sartorius.

### PD 9 (3)

1. Hines & Ashard's Simon de La Village Iz Palevyh Buldogov. Quality youngster, good for size, substance and bone. Masculine head developing, with correct balance between a strong square skull and well padded foreface. Good width and depth of jaw, excellent

dentition. Correct round dark eye with soft expression. Super 'bat ears' Good length of neck , shapely body with depth of brisket and good cut up. Gentle roached topline and good length of tail, neat feet with black nails. Moved soundly. **BPD BPIB**

2. *Seffer, Crashkon The One For Catrelma*

3. *Penning & Thomas, Eastonite Domino Dandy*

JD 5

1.L Smith, Tuskaya Akvarel Darian De Trevil Bellicose, Quality brindle with excellent balanced outline. Soundly constructed throughout which showed in his super movement. Masculine head with delightful soft expression. Correct balance between skull and foreface. Deep wide muzzle, well set ears, nose and eye placement excellent..Strong well-arched neck, excellent straight front, good rib and cut up. Serious contender for top honours but just lacked a little sparkle today in the challenge. This dog is one that in my opinion will just keep getting better and will be a 'stayer' in the show ring. Lots to like about him, totally unexaggerated and fits the breed standard well. Best movement of the day.

2 King Arthur Decani Palma at Sandylake, Displaying typical Frenchie character in the show ring, full of fun and mischief. Up to size and heavier built than 1. Not using his ears today. Balanced shapely body with good quarters. I would have like a bit more tail. Moved OK

3.Ellison, Celticlibrid Braveheart

UGD 6 (1)

1.Wallace's Rycolah Hemlock. Lovely balanced black masked clear fawn of super colour and quality. Good masculine head and expression. Well placed erect ears. Correct eye placement. Open nostrils. Wide deep under jaw with good mouth. Strong neck, firm front, good shoulder placement.. Gentle roach, good rib and cut up. Neat feet, strong pasterns Well made throughout, moved soundly.

2.Mavro-Michaelsi- Shoebridge Cote St Jacques. Soundly constructed fawn, who is up to size. Very masculine head , but I would have preferred less wrinkle and slightly larger ears. Well made throughout, moved well.

3.Pleasance, Hard Rock Anima Mea at Katakia

PGD 6 (1)

1.Williams, Dalspa Dick Van Dyke. A quality dark brindle with masculine head properties combined with a soft gentle expression. Deep wide underjaw with excellent dentition. To be critical , I would like slightly larger ears, but their carriage and shape are very good. Shaply body with well sprung ribs..

2. Mavro-Michalis Shoebridge Bergerac. Soundly constructed black masked fawn of quality. Correct for bone, substance and size. Good head with pleasing expression, dark eyes and pigmentation. Ears set and used well, Needs a bit more finish to muzzle. Short cobby body with gentle roach and cut up. Good tail . Excellent movement.

3. Poulson, Patchdown Pilot JW

LD 11 (1)

1.. Brown's Kuredeux Soul Rebel. Quality dark brindle of excellent type and size with good overall body shape. Not exaggerated in any way. Super head and expression, but I would have preferred a slightly darker eye. Balance between skull and foreface with plenty of cushion and broad lower jaw. Ribs well sprung, gentle roach and cut up. Sound quarters and excellent tail. Neat tight feet..

2. Gura-Mallon Celticlibrid Tedington Jun Ch. Another well balanced dog with lovely balanced head properties. Compact body with well sprung ribs, Strong loins and good tail. Moved OK

3. Mavro-Michaelis, Shoebridge Gaillac

OD 6 (1)

1. Friend, **Kingfriend Mr Chow**. Very attractive dark brindle male who stood out in the class for his obvious quality, size and breed type. Classic masculine head with delightful soft gentle expression. Correct balance between his skull and foreface. Enough fill under his dark eyes and the correct width and depth to muzzle. Correct layback. Excellent relationship between eye, nose and ear placement, Ears carried upright and erect, used to advantage especially coming towards you, where his appealing expression demands that you take notice of him. Good length of neck and correct depth and spring of rib, short, strong, muscular loin Gently roached top-line, with corresponding tuck up. Well rounded hindquarters. Neat feet and black nails. **Dog CC**.

2. Gura-Mallon **Celticlibrid Wilbur**. Another quality male who stood out in the class for his overall breed type and correct size. Compact and balanced dog of excellent shape and without exaggeration. Good length of neck with strong well placed shoulders and straight front Cobby shapely body with depth of brisket and good cut up. Gentle pleasing topline. Moved soundly. **Res. Dog CC**. First time shown in the UK and I hope we see more of him in the ring.

3. Ellis, Pringham Promises To Ellsberry

VD no entries

### MPB 7 (1)

1. Gura-Mallon, Cleticlibrid Cracker, Quality dark brindle with excellent balanced outline. Loved her size, bone and substance which was so right for her age. Head developing nicely, dark eyes and well set ears added to her super expression. Body developing well with good spring of rib and deep brisket, very sound pasterns and neat tight feet. Moved confidently. Will watch her progress with interest.

2. Drysdale, Portmain Pachanga. Sweet pied baby with appealing dark round eyes. Lovely open nostrils and excellent ear carriage. More immature than most in her class but well constructed and showing early promise.

3. Pleasance, Coasmic Infinity of Katakia

### PB 13 (3)

1. Gura-Mallon, Cleticlibrid Killer Queen, Very attractive brindle with good outline and balance, from the same kennel as my MPB winner and has the same stamp of quality and style and another that was right for size, substance and bone. Excellent head properties with dark eyes and open nostrils. Ears well set. Delightful expression. Well muscled quarters. I would have liked a little more tail. Moved well. One to watch in the future.

2. Wildman, Wildax Princess Tippy Toes. Lovely feminine brindle. Excellent head properties and expression, super ear carriage. Deep well sprung ribs and good cut up. A little upright in shoulder but rear angulation is OK. Developing nicely. Displaying typical Frenchie character, giving her owner a hard time in the ring, but I prefer to see a puppy behaving typically than one that is too well schooled.

3. Wall & Webb, Rowendale Flower Pot

### JB 11 (2)

1. Conway & Chapman, Norcairn Sheer Delight, Compact black masked fawn with a clear coat. Good head shape with dark round eyes and excellent ear placement. Straight well boned front, strong pasterns and neat feet. Deep ribs and short coupled loins. Good cut up. Moves soundly when settled.

2. Mavro-Michaelis, Kontessa vh Bullenparadijs with Shoebridge. Dark brindle well constructed throughout. Lovely head and expression with excellent ear carriage. Shaply body with good spring of rib, excellent tail. Movement OK

3. Senior, Kingrock Maple Syrup with Theapaul

### UGB 3 (1)

I liked these bitches, both should have a bright future. My first place was just ahead on maturity.

1. Mavro-Michaelis, **Shoebridge Cote d'Auxerre**. Quality black masked fawn bitch. Balanced in outline, compact with bone and substance yet definitely feminine. Nice size.

Good balance between head and foreface, excellent nose and eye placement. Ears well set and used. Excellent mouth. Well sprung ribs and deep brisket, Straight front with good quarters fore and aft. Good well set tail. Tight neat feet. Excellent dark pigment and dark nails Pleasing topline kept on the move. Movement sound and sure. **Res BCC**

2.Pleasance, Impressive Lady Kurazh from Katakia. Dark brindle with excellent overall balance. Super head and expression, Open nostrils. Soundly constructed through out. Very promising young lady who is not yet out of puppy.

#### PGB 10 (3)

1.Brooks & Cairns, Barilballe Fifis Prima with Corursus, Fawn pied soundly constructed through out. Strong but pretty head, with dark eyes and feminine expression. Uses her well set ears to advantage. Very good mouth and width of underjaw. Well rounded cobby body with good bone and substance. Handled well on the move.

2. Mr & Mrs M Smith, Richale Ophelia. Lovely clear fawn with black mask. Pleasing outline, head and expression. Moved OK

3. Williams, Devine Miss Emm

#### LB 6

1.Conway & Chapman, Norcairn Dark Encounter ShCM . Pleasing outline but needs a little more length of neck.. A feminine head with square skull, and well shaped high set ears. Good nose and eye placement. Excellent expression. Shapely cobby body. Strong straight front and neat feet . Moved soundly

2.Jones , Kendrick & Hughes, Tommyville Tully at Acirema Very feminine clear fawn with black mask and good pigmentation. Lots to like about her but I thought she was a little out of coat today and a trifle portly, which spoilt her cutup and waist,

3.Davis, Rowendale Teacake

#### OB 8

1.Mason, **Aprika Miss World**. Presented in excellent condition and handled to advantage, this dark brindle bitch catches your eye as soon as she enters the ring . Ideal size and balance and oozing quality. Very pretty classic feminine head with correct layback. Round dark eyes with a melting expression, correct nose placement and deep stop with a good mouth and broad skull. Ears carried upright and parallel and used all the time. Strong neck and sound front assembly. Short and compact body with ample rib and strong loin . Well muscled hindquarters with correct moderate rear angulation. Neat feet. Kept her outline as she moved soundly and confidently around the ring . It was a pleasure to award her the **BCC & BOB**. I later heard that this gives her the well deserved title of Champion.

2.Hines & Ashards Rycolah Zephyr. Very typy well balanced feminine young bitch She has enough bone for size, but I would like just a little more of her which may come as she

matures a little more. Correct in head properties with a lovely soft expression. Correct layback. Straight front with strong pasterns and neat feet. Shapely body and good spring of rib. Super brindled coat Excellent muscle tone. I liked her as puppy and she has not disappointed. Certainly one to watch.

3.Gura-Mallon, Portmain Sally Cinnamon Celticlibrid Jun Ch.

VB 2 (1)

1.Souter, **Tommyville Topping at Greusaiche**. Balanced and compact brindle with a little frosting around the muzzle consistent with her age. Very soundly constructed, she put a lot of the younger d exhibits to shame with her good movement. **BV**

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