

**FRENCH BULLDOG CLUB OF ENGLAND
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW, April 21**

Upon arrival at the show I was greeted with the news that the club president Mrs Vivien Watkins was in hospital. Since then, of course, events have overtaken us & she has sadly died at the age of 90. She set the highest possible standards in everything she did & the best possible tribute we can pay her is to aspire to these lofty standards. A very special lady indeed & an utterly irreplaceable figure in the French Bulldog world.

It was a great honour to judge the parent club ch show & to go over such a super entry. As the breed is currently going through a depressing commercial phase, I was expecting the quality to be rather mixed, but while there is always room for improvement I found the overall quality very pleasing. The amount of paperwork now required by the KC in relation to the 'high profile' breeds can make such an appointment a daunting task, but I must say the only area which was of concern to me was the complete lack of a tail in a number of exhibits. There is a school of thought that this fault is connected to spinal problems. I just wish we had some way of convincing breeders that a small tail in a Frenchie is no bad thing!

My grateful thanks go to my stewards, Mr Jim Peach, Mrs Sue Worrell & Mr Malcolm Trevis, who all kept things in order for me. My thanks also go to the club for the gift of the two lovely Frenchie coffee mugs – these will serve in years to come as a reminder of a lovely day spent among the Frenchie enthusiasts & their delightful dogs.

MPD (9, 2 absent): 1 BPD, Pearce's Kalhol's Pat Cash, 8 months appealing fawn baby, very good outline, good skull shape & earset. Needs to settle slightly in front movement. Balanced body, maintained shape well on the move; 2 Morgan's Norcairn Dark N'debonair at Tytorro, 6 months typical brindle, dark eyes, very compact body, good size. Ears could be slightly more rounded. Stepped out well for one so young; 3 Green's Derox Cheeky Philip. **PD** (9,2): 1 Krall's Jafrak Friendly Persuasion, 10 months attractive fawn, very good head & expression, correct slightly rounded forehead, good earset, balanced body proportions, clean bone. Would prefer slightly more hind angulation. Had a very nice way of going, used ears well; 2 Eskrett's Risethor Sweeney Todd, 10 months smaller brindle, shapely body, super earset, dark eyes. Not as positive on the move as 1. Nice clean bone; 3 Coffey's Wyclef Jean Froid Mufle of Raglenary (imp Svk). **JD** (10,3): 1 RCC, Bootle's Tommyville Twill Will, 13 months masculine brindle, lovely type & quality, one of the few which looked exactly the same shape standing as moving, gentle roach & nicely rounded croup, good earset, dark eyes, very alert, clean bone, free mover, not long out of puppy, hope other judges appreciate his breed hallmarks; 2 Roll's Pegasso De La Virreyna with Huggerbulls (imp Esp), 12 months well balanced fawn, clean bone, deep chest, used ears well. Expression would improve with less wrinkle. Lovely easy action going around, well handled; 3 English's Barmark Boris. **YD** (5): 1 Cook's Boynhams Sea Rocket, 18 months very neat brindle, clean bone, cobby body, very alert. Would prefer more forehead angulation. Balanced body, stepped out well; 2 Bradford's Siboveld's Sandro Hit, 13 months brindle, very neat, excellent earset, quite shapely. Not as positive on the move as 1. Very alert & showy; 3 Williams' Rustar Aristocrat at Willrait. **PGD** (5): 1 Ellis' Eastonite Sir David Frost, appealing masculine pied, attractive large head of good square shape, super earset, good bone, deep chest, nice underline, held outline well on the move; 2 Stemp's Laudernell Master

Of Stars, well balanced pied, excellent size, clean bone, correct gentle roach, used ears well. Not quite the substance of 1. Very good outline & way of going; 3 Cassidy's Frustyle Trend In Style (imp Rus). **MLD** (2,1): 1 Poulson's Brandoux Valentinoux at Patchdown, alert fawn, sturdy body, used ears well, well boned. Would prefer slightly more roach to topline. Good ribbing, made good use of himself on the move. **LD** (10,3): 1 CC & BIS, Drummond's Renuar New War Bonnet Glenlee (imp Lva), 16 months brindle, a quality stallion in top form, well balanced body, cobby yet with angulation, excellent earset, super dark eyes, gentle roach, looked super going around, could not be denied, having passed his KC vet check previously this win gives him his crown; 2 Lee & Kong's Ageancourt New Moon, masculine brindle, attractive large head of good square shape, strong neck, sturdy & powerful body, deep chest. Would prefer a slightly more shapely body. Very well muscled, strode out well; 3 Mavro-Michaelis' Shoebridge Buzet. **OD** (6): 1 Coffey's Tucker Bever Tail at Raglenary, well balanced fawn, quite a moderate dog, good size, attractive head, correct slightly rounded forehead, good width to muzzle, lovely straight forearm. Body could have slightly more shape. Lovely free action going around; 2 Longdon's Ch Alsuma Shady Knight, masculine brindle, up to size, good skull shape, super earset, deep body, correct roach to topline, had a very nice way of going, showed well; 3 Wright's Ch Crindle's Wright-Move. **VD** (3,1): 1 BVIS, Mavro-Michaelis' Shoebridge Francs, 7 years brindle, nice square outline, alert & showy, used ears well. Moved a shade too wide in front. Nice roach, deep chest, free action going around; 2 Ash's Am Ch Fabelhaft Eybuls Xpelliamus for Zandaplatz (imp USA), 8 years brindle, very alert & showy, excellent size. Stood & moved a little low in front. Used ears well, nice roach. **Open Pied Dog** (6): 1 E Sir David Frost; 2 L Master Of Stars; 3 Brooks & Cairns' Kidwelly Eight at Corursus. **Open Fawn Dog** (5,3): 1 P De La Virreyna with H; 2 Seymour's Ruomyes Bete Blond, had been fourth in OD, very good size, masculine, good skull shape, wide muzzle, deep chest. Would prefer slightly more roach. Lovely calm temperament. **Open Brindle Dog** (7): 1 A New Moon; 2 Longdon's Alsuma Shady Squire, larger masculine dog, quite the heavyweight, very deep through the body, nice head proportions, lovely easy action; 3 Friend's Kingfriend Mr Wow.

MPB (10,1): 1 BPIS, Jopling's Bumbledor Cassiopeia, 8 months well balanced pied, lovely head of good size & correct square shape, dark pigment, feminine expression, good bone, very neat feet, deep chest, gentle roach, held her shape well on the move, full of potential; 2 Conway & Chapman's Norcairn Dark Encounter, 6 months feminine brindle, incredibly showy, very compact body, neat feet, good roach. Would prefer slightly larger eye. Stepped out well; 3 English's Norcairn Dark Desire at Barmark. **PB** (13,4): 1 Stanton's Kingfriend Miss Mika to Mira, 11 months dark brindle, very feminine & attractive, broad muzzle, typical topline with gentle roach, free mover, very promising; 2 Krall's Jafrak Doramaar, 10 months feminine fawn, well balanced body, head of good size, typical expression. Would prefer slightly more strength in the hindquarters. Good bone, moved with nice easy action; 3 Rawsthorne's Risethor Legally Blonde. **JB** (15,2): 1 Rawsthorne's Risethor Priscilla, 10 months brindle, very feminine, lovely balanced body, clean bone, neat feet, deep chest, used ears well, free mover; 2 Quin's Bexbull Imperial Snowstorm at Nirojo, 17 months pied, feminine expression, good pigment, balanced body, clean bone, deep chest, alert & showy, moved well; 3 Roach & Slater's Stoneglad Let It Be. **YB** (12,5): 1 Conway & Wright's Oro Jumaroro Action Alet Anashell (imp Cze), 18 months dark brindle, very showy & together, feminine head & expression, lovely shapely body, deep chest, good underline, stepped out well, handled to best advantage; 2 Blair's Twinhoe Dora, 17 months fawn,

good skull shape & muzzle, clean bone, gentle roach. Could use her ears slightly more. Nice balance, free mover; 3 Davis' Rowendale Sherry Trifle. **PGB** (8,3): 1 Fraser, Kaye & Bootle's Tommyville Tanzanite at Daitoff, well balanced fawn, excellent size, correct angulation, alert expression. Could make slightly more of herself on the move. Used her ears well, feminine & typical; 2 Edwards' Fayeloui Blanche, well balanced fawn, deep chest, good bone, nice roach to topline. Would prefer slightly more strength in the hindquarters. Looked nice going around. 3 Swateridge's Garbo Du Domaine Des Molosses avec Xentique (imp Fra). **MLB** (7,3): 1 RCC, Corish's Boule And Onuba Zindirella at Sealaw (imp Esp), ultra feminine dark brindle, full of quality & type, scored highly in outline, correct gentle roach, well balanced body. Dark eyes, super earset, a real treat to see this breed handled to such a high standard. CC success must surely be around the corner for this one; 2 Bradford's Siboveld's Santanna, very attractive pied, feminine & balanced, super earset, clean bone, lovely body shape, deep chest. Would prefer darker pigment. One of the soundest movers in this entry, lovely free action; 3 Brown's Sake De Elka Gyvybes Zyme at Kuredeux (imp Ltu). **LB** (10,3): 1 Rawsthorne's Risethor Poppiholla, well balanced brindle, feminine expression, good earset, correct angulation, clean bone, good size; 2 Quin's Abbeymills Javu Day at Nirojo, feminine brindle, typical expression, good earset, correct angulation, balanced body, clean bone, good size; 3 Beale's Kagabea Dream Crystal. **OB** (5,1): 1 CC & RBIS, Beale's Kargrays Diamond Dazzler, well made brindle of excellent type & balance, scored highly in typical roach, underline & rounded croup. Broad deep muzzle, held her shape well on the move, ears up, head up, excellent profile movement, hope her third CC is not too far away; 2 Wildman's Ch Wildax Miss Moneypenny, top quality bitch, very showy & alert, excellent size, so neat & together, attractive head, deep chest. Could extend slightly more in front movement. Clean bone, balanced body; 3 Quin's Nirojo Imperial Rose. **VB** (3,1): 1 BVB, Harrison's Tommyville Thora Thorndyke, 12 years fawn, typical head & expression, lovely clear colour, deep chest. Stood a bit low to ground. Moved OK for such a grand old lady; 2 Mavro-Michaelis' Shoebridge Sancerre, 10 years fawn, well balanced in outline, good skull shape. Not quite the substance of 1. Another grand old lady, moved OK. **Open Pied Bitch** (5,1): 1 B Imperial Snowstorm at N; 2 S Santanna; 3 Skybull Marie Antoinette Xentique. **Open Fawn Bitch** (2,1): 1 Mavro-Michaelis' Shoebridge Vouvray, feminine bitch of good size, typical expression. Could use ears more. Active mover, nice angulation. **Open Brindle Bitch** (8,3): 1 Mason's Kingfriend Miss Aprika, 13 months dark brindle, very attractive & feminine, lovely dark eyes, good ear shape & set, balanced body, typical roach, neat hindquarters, moved well, very promising; 2 K Miss Mika to M; 3 A Javu Day at N.

GLENWAY DYMOCK (Judge)

