

French Bulldog Club of England Open Show, 12/7/2014

Judge: Charlotte Swateridge

It was an honour to be invited to judge and I would like to thank the committee for the invitation and for making my day a memorable one.

It's a concerning time for the breed as a whole and I was pleased to find more type than I had expected within this large entry.

Unfortunately the day turned out to be very hot and as the day progressed the temperature soared. This inevitably had an effect on the dogs, not so much in a respiratory sense but in movement, I was mindful of the conditions and attempted to judge accordingly.

The standard calls for moderation without exaggeration and this definitely came into force today. Tails are improving, most having at least some. Extreme roaches were evident in only a handful. I have always judged the dog on the day and was slightly disappointed in a couple of dogs I had previously admired from ringside; however I was equally delighted by others.

Temperaments were excellent.

I must also thank both stewards who kept the ring running so well.

Minor Puppy Dog, 6/2

1. Pearce's Hetana Gypsy King: Smart dark brindle boy. Scored in head, good width of muzzle with sufficient upturn well filled under eye with correct dentition. He has very expressive dark eyes and good sized bat ears, straight front with well-rounded bone, deep brisket and good cut up. Gentle topline leading to well angulated rear, allowing for free movement. For perfect balance I would have liked him a touch longer in loin. Best Puppy dog

2. Smith's Jafrak Persuade Me: Super fawn boy of different type to the class winner, He is on the larger scale, however has much to like. Masculine head and expression, soundly constructed throughout, would like him shorter in loin but should balance out with maturity.

3. Mooring: Danymorangie Aramis

Puppy Dog 4/2

1. Wallace's Rycolah Hemlock: 11 month old fawn. Masculine male and mature for age, head is finishing well, excellent pigment with dark muzzle and eye. Straight front and well placed shoulder. Good body and condition, topline is a touch level but this will no doubt change when fully mature. Well-muscled throughout with sufficient turn of stifle. Moved out well.

2. Carroll's Devoue Oliver's Army: 9 month old dark fawn dog. I like his overall shape and balance although front could be a little tidier. Super head but eye could be darker. Difficult to assess on the move as very reluctant to co-operate. A little more training should get him going.

Junior Dog 3/1

1. Brown's Kuredeux Soul Rebel: 10 month old dark brindle, Scored in overall type and style. Masculine head with ample cushioning, excellent ear set and fill under eye. Strong neck leading to well laid shoulder. Front is strong and straight, pasterns still need to strengthen at this age. Very good in topline and rear assembly, correct tail. Powerful little dog displaying a lovely outline and showing himself off to advantage.

2. Coffey: Another 10 month old dark brindle, Bigger in type and not the balance of 1st, liked his expression and in gleaming condition, although a little more weight and maturity will help.

PG Dog 1/1

Limit Dog 4/2

1. Morgan's Celticlibrid Taffy: Super quality male with well brindled coat. Such a balanced young dog with an impressive outline both on the move and in profile. Handsome masculine head yet with a delightful expression. Excellent nose placement, nostrils and upturn of jaw. Well set dark round eyes. Excellent ear set, could be a little more rounded. Super front and rear assembly and moved out with purpose holding his topline at all times, so soundly constructed throughout, needs hands on to be fully appreciated. Every time I looked at him in the challenge he filled my eye. Even at the end of the day he was still able to give that little extra. Surprised he hasn't gained his title, Best dog and BIS

2. Eskrett's Risethor Sweeny Todd ShCM: Smaller dark brindle male. Loved his classic head and expression. Not so well balanced as 1st being longer in loin. Not moving so positively behind today.

Open Dog 8/1

Difficult class due to variety

1. Elsbergiene's Busher Pijus Memory Game of Frustyle: Super quality well marked pied male. Another who needs to be gone over to be fully appreciated, of the smaller type yet with enough substance. He has a delightful expression, well turned up jaw, lips just meet in the middle, excellent padding and finish to head. His eye could be a shade darker for me, but this wasn't enough to detract. Super ear placement. Strong straight front and just enough strength to pasterns. Cobby body with ideal topline. Deep brisket and short in loin. Sufficient turn of stifle with well let down hocks. Nothing extreme about this boy and this showed in his ability to cope with the conditions. RBD

2. Bryant's Risethor Tiger Tiger with Archness ShCM: Small yet substantial brindle male, full of breed type and looking the best I think I have seen him. One of the best heads of the day, masculine yet with the softest of expressions. Solid throughout and made a lovely picture

3. Joseph Lester's Multi Ch Seniorito DeLa Virreyna with Huggerbulls

Veteran 0

Sp Open Pied Dog 1/0

1. Cutters Dapledan Fils De Bernie: Well marked pied male. Struggling in the heat a little which somewhat spoils the expression. Large head with well set nose, excellent head proportions with dark eye but showing a little white. Solid and well-muscled throughout, finished with adequate tail, Moved with over eagerness which sometimes spoils movement. That said, if he had more time to settle I am sure it would have made the difference.

Sp Open Fawn Dog 3

1. Barham's Hetana Celtic Gold at Karbull: One I have judged before and has matured well.

Clear fawn coat and in lovely condition. Classic head with dark expressive eyes, another suffering in the heat but moved out soundly

2. Eskrett's Ranacani Riddick Stoner: Different in type than 1, being on the larger scale.

Attractive head but would have liked a darker eye. Topline was a little more roached than ideal. Attentive to handler at all times and showed very well.

Sp Brindle Dog 1

1. Joseph Lester's Multi Ch Seniorito DeLa Virreyna with Huggerbulls: 3rd in open, Small compact little dog of excellent type, attractive masculine head and expression, Good shaped eye that could be darker. Looked a picture in profile, seemed a little reluctant on the move, shortness of upper arm and straightness of stifle affected his movement. Well handled.

MP Bitch 10/1

Class of the day,

1. Masons Aprika Miss World: 8 month old dark brindle girl, brimming with quality. A classically beautiful head with dark eyes and feminine expression, surprised at finish for one so young. Excellent upturn, broad and deep with ample sweep, topped off with lovely ears, set correctly and used well. Powerful neck, well set on excellent lay of shoulder and perfect front allowed free easy movement. Cobby body with gentle roach, strong rear assembly. The best of movers being so conformationally sound. Even at the end of the day gave her all, Will surely gain her title without breaking a sweat, BB, RBIS, BPIS

2. Senior's Kingrock Maple Syrup with Theapaul: Sweet like her name. Stunning fawn bitch, another classic beauty who must have a bright future. Full of breed type. Melting expression with excellent pigment, dark eye and well set ears. Ideal in body and shape, moved freely keeping her topline at all times. Gave away a little maturity to 1st, that said I called her back into challenge, however she had gone home.

3. Hay and Gavagan Vaghna's Athena

Puppy Bitch 6/3

1. Bryant's Kingfriend Miss Fancy With Archness: Just 9 months classy dark brindle bitch with a gleaming short close coat.

Most definitely a lot in a little package, fabulous head and expression, feminine yet strong, well defined muzzle with cheeks developing well and lustrous dark eyes.

Ample bone for size, deep chested and short in loin, although for perfect balance would prefer her slightly longer, didn't seem to affect her true movement.

2. Wood's Bullbumpkins Isabelle for Delightbull: (imp) Fawn with excellent pigment, not quite the femininity of 1st, Strong head maturing well, well balanced in outline but could be a little tidier in front.

3. Coffeys Raglenary Sarsaparilla

Junior Bitch 6/4

1. Clubleys Frabulls Maggie Thatcher: 13 month old fawn bitch, One I have judged before and am delighted to see has come on so well. Feminine throughout with a super expression and excellent pigment. Well ribbed with a straight true front, she has balanced out a little in body since I last judged her and looked quite a picture in both profile and on the move. Am sure she will only continue to improve, RBB

2, Browns Mona Lisa van Marvers Fortunate at Kuredeux : (Imp) Well marked pied girl of 10 months, giving a little away in maturity and finish compared to 1. She has a super head with the sweetest of expressions, lovely open nostrils and pigment, correctly set well used shaped ears. Thick set neck leading to well shaped body, deep in brisket with just enough cut up. Super tail, moved well when settled.

PG Bitch 6/4

1, Cairns' Barilballe Fifis Prima with Corursus: 17 months old well marked fawn pied. Not in full coat. Stylish young lady, pretty feminine head with the sweetest of expressions, broad in muzzle with ample sweep and well developed cheeks, well set nose with excellent pigment and dark gleaming eyes. Straight front although could still strengthen in pastern, Well ribbed with good cut up, Well balanced throughout in body with gentle rise to topline, nothing exaggerated about her, would have liked more tail.

2, Keights Newstart Nefertiti of Seshay: Dark fawn girl. A little reluctant to cooperate. On the bigger side and would benefit from more condition. Moved ok when she had settled.

Limit Bitch 5/1

1, Browns Sake de Elka Gyvybes Zyme at Kuredeux: Quality dark brindle bitch presented well in super condition. She has very expressive dark round eyes but falls away slightly under, to be critical I would like her a little more feminine in expression. Super bat ears used well, strong thick muscular neck leading to well laid shoulders and solid front assembly. Well developed rib, compact in body with correct roach, small tail, hind quarters are well muscled with adequate turn of stifle. Moved out well.

2, Quin's Bexbull Imperial Snowstorm at Nirojo: Feminine double hooded pied bitch, nothing exaggerated with this girl. Pretty headed with good width of jaw and upsweep, She too falls away slightly under eye which has an effect on expression, Eye could be a little rounder. Soundly made throughout with super front and rear assembly, Moved and showed well.

3, Elsbergiene, Tamiko My stars of joy

Open Bitch 1/0

1, Stemps Bullasylum Trix 'n' Spells for Laudernell: Brindle bitch, on the larger scale but in proportion. Broad, feminine head with lovely dark eyes, excellent jaw with ample sweep, Plenty of fill under eye and padding to muzzle, good reach of neck, a little high on leg at present and could be shorter in loin but moved out well when settled.

Veteran Bitch 3/1

1, Quin's Abbeymill Javo Day at Nirojo: 7 year old Brindle girl, very unexaggerated in type which shows in her lovely condition. Pretty feminine expression, only showing a little grey. Sound in body and movement, very well handled by her young charge, Best veteran in show.

2, Longdon's Alsuma Snowstorm: 9 year old pied girl, Full of breed type with plenty of bone and substance, strong head but with a lovely expression, Wasn't quite so positive on the move as one, but is of heavier type and affected by the heat.

Sp Open Pied Bitch 3/2

1,Quin's Bexbull imperial snowstorm at Nirojo,2nd in limit

Sp Open Brindle Bitch 5/1

1,Quin's Nirojo Imperial Rose JW,Brindle bitch,Lovely in outline with enough substance for size.pretty head with dark eye. Good head proportions topped off by well used ears. Short thick neck leading to good shoulders and straight front. Short coupled,deep brisket but short in rib,gentle rise over loin. Well muscled rear quarters allowing her to move out freely.

2, Stemps Bullasylum Trix 'n' Spells

3, Barham Hetana Zena Belle at Karlbull