

The Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association
Open Show – 13th February 2011

This was a most enjoyable assignment, a great little breed and although the entry wasn't huge I felt fortunate to have quality specimens present. All were healthy and active apart from one or two who were reluctant to step out. I felt general balance was fairly good although I considered some rather low on leg, some others were excessively undershot whilst a few heads were a little narrow. Ears were mostly placed well, perhaps there were those that were larger than ideal. Necks varied considerably and a medium neck is required. It sets the head off and allows for well placed shoulders. Heads placed almost directly onto the withers were easy to spot and resulted in steeper shoulders and a shorter stride. Toplines also varied, the main cause being too steep at croup and lower tail sets. Many possessed well constructed hindquarters but lacked muscle, which was reflected on the move. These were my observations but overall I was quite happy. A warm welcome greeted me and a happy atmosphere lasted throughout the day. Catering was second to none and lunch was delicious. Thank you all for making this show so memorable for me. What more could one ask for?

VD/B(4,2abs) 1st Higgins Ch Jaydean Lena Horne, compact, feminine 8yo blk/r, head well laid out, largish eyes, enough neck, reasonable shoulders, medium bone to neat feet, chest developed with depth to brisket and shape to ribs, moved well. 2nd Posnetts Dreda Red Dragon, quality 9yo smooth, slightly longer caste than 1, well ribbed, good legs and feet, gentle turn to stifle and a showy mover. Both were a credit to their owners.

MPD(2,1) Meadens Topmead Dirty Bertie, 6mo blk/r with lovely movement and deportment, head coming, medium neck, pleasing front assembly, ribs sprung and back just enough, tail set could be a tad higher, definition to quarters, well turned out and nicely handled, could be an interesting prospect.

PD(2,1) 1st Thompsons Beauview Top Gun, stylish smooth B&T with considerable quality and shown in excellent form, very nicely balanced outline, bite a little extreme undershot, clean forehand, straight bone, small tight feet, width to chest, useful quarters, moved with consummate ease, BPIS.

JD(2) 1st Prices Marquant The Bad Boy, well balanced RR, shape to head with breadth of skull, defined stop and short muzzle giving correct expression, gently arched neck, width and depth to chest, well built front, straight short back, good tailset and turn of stifle, moved out well in profile, reasonable from behind, textured coat coming, well turned out. 2nd Martyns Rhosephire Man About Town, pleasing in outline, expressive head, eye just large enough, purposeful front, ribs well developed, level back, tailset a little low, moved okay when concentrating, just needs a little more practice on the table.

PGD(1) 1st Carpenters Klansted Harvest Moon, balanced smooth who tended to arch his back and stand awkward on the table but was fine on the floor, reasonable head, eye dark enough, ears a little large, medium bone, tidy feet, well ribbed, strong loin, gentle turn of stifle, moved steady.

LD(3) 1st Grays Astirok A Tale To Tell of Akami, excellent type and outline, balanced head, impish expression, small ears, clean front, short back, shape to hindquarters, moved well in profile, little close behind. 2nd Swinges Balthazar Devil In Disguise, well up to 1 and close decision, large head with correct attributes, shape to neck, chest developing, short coupled, gentle turn of stifle, preferred front and front action of 1. 3rd Rundles Salora Hi Fidelity.

OD(3,1) 1st Prices CZ,RU,POL,HUN,SALY, INT GR Ch Geist Werdell for Corsairey Casch, B&T with clean outline, large head, eye just a little prominent, well placed ears, breadth and depth to forehand, medium straight bone, shapely ribcage, firm level back, strong loin, muscular shapely hindquarters, moved soundly when paying attention, harsh jacket, RBD. 2nd Prouves Ir Ch King Mambo of Castafiore, very typical, defined stop, width between small ears, pleasing neck and well placed shoulders, good bone and feet, reasonable topline and tailset, legs marginally low, well angulated rear, moved well.

MPB(2) 1st Higgins Samaranda at Jaydean, very raw but composed RR of 7m displaying all the ingredients for a promising future, dark bright eyes and cheeky expression, very balanced outline, beautifully coupled, moved steady with attitude. 2nd Chandlers Chandling Chattering, also promising and shown very well, marginally longer caste than 1, balanced head developing, well laid shoulder, depth to brisket, pleasing topline and quarters.

PB(1) 1st Prices Marquant Infatuation, feminine and sturdy without being cloddy, head and expression please, dark mask and ears, well placed eye, good pigment, correct reach to neck, well laid shoulders,

medium bone, good feet, shape to ribcage, tail set just high enough, correct shape to hindquarters, moved steady, BPB.

JB(4,1) 1st Thompsons Beauview With A Cherry On Top, feminine RR, balanced head, monkey expression, gentle arch to neck, well placed shoulders, sound limbs, very nicely coupled, tail about right and carried well, defined hindquarters, moved true, harsh jacket, turned out to advantage. 2nd Meadens Topmead Marmite Love or Hate, BlkR, balanced outline, definite stop, width to skull, large dark eye, nose could be larger, pleasing front assembly, legs and feet, reasonable topline and coupling, good hindquarters and action. 3rd Bushs Aprick Lissuin.

YB(3,1) 1st Thompsons Beauview Just Can't Hide It, 2yo RS, head well laid out, ears just a little large, conveyed the cleanest of lines and was lovely to go over, could be a tad shorter, excelled on the move, well presented and handled. 2nd Swinges Balthazar Roxanne, quality RR, compact and sturdy whilst retaining femininity, large head with correct properties, well appointed shoulders, just enough length of leg, short level back, correct shape to hindquarters, harsh coat, well turned out, moved cleanly but front action marginally high.

PGB(6,2) 1st Bushs Beauview Don't Ask, 3yo RR, strength to head with correct attributes and typical cheeky expression, short back, marginally low on leg, good textured coat and a free mover. 2nd Suggitts Aprick Gilthonel, BlkR also marginally low on leg, head with breadth, little steep in shoulders, short in back with good tail set and carriage, correct definition to hindquarters, moved steady when concentrating, 3rd Chandlers Menwinnion Molinia.

LB(7,2) 1st Roses Rhodon Regal Maid, clean RS displaying lovely balance, very well constructed and on her toes, excellent limbs and tidy feet, tail set just high enough, good definition to muscular quarters, moved well. 2nd Thompsons Tremaloy One Of The Troops, beautifully turned out lady with quality head piece, a shade masculine, wide nostrils, dark bright eye, deep chest with breadth, clean forehand, beautifully coupled, gentle turn of stifle, preferred hind action of 1, harsh jacket. 3rd Willsmers Gaystock Just So.

OB(4,2) 1st Prouves Ir Ch Castafiore La Marie Astrid, BlkS, compact in outline and sturdy, clean head, ears set high and used to advantage, straight bone and the best of feet, deep brisket and level topline, tailset about right and carried to advantage, defined quarters, moved true when concentrating, quality coat, RBB. 2nd Roses Rhodron Regina, RS, very typical and worthy, expressive head, gentle arch to neck, width to chest, just favoured coupling of 1, good turn of stifle, moved well.

SPO/RR(3) 1st Thompsons Ch Beauview Posh Nosh, loved this RR lass, strength to head whilst retaining gender, beautiful eyes, very compact and sturdy, she has well placed shoulders, depth to body and strong loin, firm level back to reasonable tailset, excellent clean action with an air of self importance, quality coat and presentation, BB, high set and better tail carriage gained her BIS. 2nd Willsmers Gaystock Just So, very typical lighter red with expressive head, little down on pasterns, deep body, short back, moved well when not pacing. 3rd Chandlers Chandling Chattering.

SPORS(5,1) 1st Spittle & Hewitts Ch Rhodon Captain Scarlet, deep RS of excellent breed type, totally balanced, compact and a free easy mover, on his toes displaying sound movement, excellent condition, BD & BOS. 2nd Carpenters Klansted Harvest Moon. 3rd Chandlers Menwinnion Molinia.

SpOBLK(3,1) 1st Meadens Topmead Dirty Bertie. 2nd Suggitts Aprick Gilthonel.

SpOB&T(2) 1st Prices CZ,RU,POL,HUN,SALY, INT GR Ch Geist Werdell for Corsairey Casch. 2nd Rundles Salora Painted Angel at Applegarth, smooth needing schooling and more sympathetic handling, soft expression, gently crested neck, deep brisket, nice bone, feet a little flat, level back, definition to quarters, not happy today.

SpBeg(5) 1st Carpenters Klansted Harvest Moon. 2nd Meadens Topmead Marmite Love or Hate. 3rd Roses Rhodon Miss Chief.

Stuart J Mallard
(Judge)