

Evesham & District Canine Society Open Show

Sunday 18th July 2010

My thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge at this show, set as it is under the wonderful Malvern Hills. Thank you also for providing me with two excellent stewards and a lovely lunch.

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD

Junior D/B

1st Bland's Abodandy Nika Yaba Daba Boo At Hilandes. 14 month old red merle male with strong head, correct depth of chest and length of rib, moved OK.

Post Graduate D/B

1st Brown's Jidace Bealacy To Shepwood. 2 year old black tri bitch with nice eye, correctly set ears, arched neck into good length of shoulder blade, depth of chest not overdone and correct length and shape of rib. Nice bone and moved well. **Reserve Best of Breed**

2nd Bland's Abodandy Nika Yaba Daba Boo At Hilandes

3rd Dyde's Jidace Breeze

Open D/B

1st Brown's Sangosands Stars N Strips JW ShCM. Eye catching 5 year old blue merle with correct overall proportions. No mistaking this is a boy! Strong head with lovely expression. Good ear set. Moderate length of neck into well laid shoulder. Good upper arm. Correct shape and depth of chest. Well muscled and in excellent condition which allowed him to move easily around the ring. Nothing exaggerated. **Best of Breed** and pleased to see him take **Group 4** in a very strong Pastoral Group.

2nd O'Brien's Shepalian Bajimba At Abodandy JW

3rd Dyde's Armatan Burning Ambition At Jidace

BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG (GROENENDAEL)

Post Graduate D/B (1 entry)

1st Cowley's Vanistica Golden Eye. 3 year old bitch of nice overall proportions. Good head with correct eye colour and pigmentation. Balanced angulation which allowed her to move freely around the ring. Nice to see a level topline and correct croup. **Best of Breed**

Open D/B (2 entries, 1 absent)

1st Rowson's Chrisvale Man in Black. 2 year old male who needs time to mature. However, he has a good mouth and good ear set. Front is OK as is his depth of chest and length of rib. Once he has bodied up and grown his adult coat he will look a different dog. **Reserve Best of Breed**

BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG (LAEKENOIS)

Open D/B (1 entry)

1st Brason's Erkos De La Tangi Morgaine Of Flambards. 14 month old male with strong head, although missing some pigment at the moment which hopefully will fill in. Good set to the ears. Muscular neck into good front. Correct depth and shape of chest with good length of rib. Moved OK when settled but perhaps would move better with his usual handler.

BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG (MALINOIS)

In the Standard for BSDs it talks of 'strongly boned forequarters' and 'well muscled and powerful hindquarters'. Although both of the exhibits were well muscled and in good condition, there was a distinct lack of the strong bone called for. Both tended to move wide in front and close behind. I just preferred the Junior winner, **Reeves' Belsharose Oaklohoma**, who had slightly more substance than the Open winner, **Brason's Ch Camille Des Iles Du Sud At Flambards imp.**

BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG (TERVUEREN)

Open D/B (1 entry)

1st King's Bonvivant Destiny For Grizwold. 8 year old bitch of excellent type. Nicely proportioned chiselled head producing correct expression. Good length and well muscled neck into excellent front assembly. Correct depth and shape of chest with good length of rib. Strongly boned throughout without a hint of coarseness. Balanced angulation enabled this bitch to move soundly and freely around the ring, in tune with her handler.

OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOGS

Open (4 entries)

1st Cheshire's Molyneux Smooth Operator. 2 year old strongly made dog with good head, nice eye and good pigmentation. Good rib and rise over the loin. Needs to tighten up on his movement, but preferred his proportions to that of the second place who seemed very low on the leg. **Best of Breed.**

2nd Powell's Pouchymo Pins And Needles

AV PASTORAL

Puppy D/B

1st Smith's Ermyn Sea The Light (Welsh Corgi – Pembroke). Loved the attitude of this 11 month old, she just didn't stop showing.

Junior D/B

1st Murray & Rowe's Albereth Ainokainen (Finnish Lapphund)

Post Graduate D/B

1st Reid's Asterel Chiquitita At Milagre (Estrela Mountain Dog)

2nd Annison's Torullo Icicle At Cotsbelle (Rough Collie)

Open D/B

1st Marshall's Mondschaten Freddi (German Shepherd)

Judge: Lynn Dumbrell (Bethlyntee)