Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

Show Title	Date	Judge
Open Show	29/03/2008	Ms Pat Selby

It was a great honour to judge this show and my thanks go to the committee for the invitation and to the exhibitors for their generous entry. Many thanks also to my hard working stewards. Overall the bitches were more even in quality than the dogs. Ridges and crowns were generally very good and temperaments excellent. I was also impressed by the overall good fronts and good feet. However, I was disappointed by the number of exhibits that lacked fitness and hard condition or were overweight. A fat or unfit dog is shown at a disadvantage and suffers the penalties. "The ridgeback should have an athletic body to produce speed and provide stamina for an all day hunt."

MPD (4,1) 1 Dickinson's Jesamuda Kakuru. 9 months. Good head and expression, good ridge. Well balanced with good angles front and back. Moved and showed well.

2 Calland and Sanders' Gunthwaite Rough Diamond. 6mths. A promising puppy, full of quality. Good bone, nice head, clean neck, deep chest, correct angulation. Very unsettled showing but moved well. Should do well when he gets his act together.

3 Boyes' Benicloujam Jacob. 6mths

PD (2) 1 Friend's Nyuki Sharpeshooter. 9mths. Balanced with excellent front giving him good reach. Strong hindquarters with correct angulation. Moved with drive. BPD

2 Dickinson's Jesamuda Kakuru.

JD (4) 1 Sales' Lionpride Leo, 17mths. Well balanced throughout, strong clean neck, super front with elbows close in, good length of body. Excelled on the move. In hard condition and well handled.

2 Thompson and Taylor's Kelshanti Muenda Drogo with Africaner. Attractive head and expression, clean neck. Correct shoulder, lovely front and super feet. Not as balanced on the move as winner.

3 Thomas' Rubiltra Hwange.

ND (5) 1 Tearne and Regan's Faahac Fumbaa Aan N' Gai. Lovely head and expression, clean neck on well balanced body with good angles front and rear. Nice ridge. Fit and well muscled. Good, free mover. Showed well.

2 Rhodes' Janak Jago. Good front with elbows well tucked in. Nice head and expression. Promising but lacked maturity and condition of 1st. Moved well.

3 Thomas' Rubiltra Hwange.

GD (8) 1 Sales' Lionpride Leo,

2 Ensor's Sofala Statesman. A lovely dog. Preferred his head to 1st. Sound and well constructed. Excellent ridge, compact and well arched toes. Moved well but not quite the drive of !st. A close call.

3 Clavin and Perkins' Mwenga Naali of Munyoro.

PGD (5,2) 1 Ensor's Sofala Statesman.

2 Sweeney's Hespa Halcon. Well balanced with good angles front and rear. Excellent ridge. Moved well.

3 Torr's Nyassa Aza.

LD (6,1) 1 Bailey's Monduri Un Beau Lion. JW. A nicely balanced dog in hard condition. Good bone and topline. Strong hindquarters with a good turn of stifle. Well presented and handled.

2 Hewson and Worthy's Rekaylahn Phoenix. Another well balanced dog with lovely head and expression. A good outline and free mover. A little out of coat and not the hard condition of 1st.

3 Ratcliff's Flametrees Kyper of Godolphin.

OD (5,2) 1 Webster's Ngoma Uzuri of Umbari. JW. Well balanced, handsome dog in tip top condition. Lovely head on strong clean neck. Correct shoulder placement. Well muscled rear quarters. Moved freely and with drive to take the class but disappointed on the challenge. Res. BD
2 Swales' Mwani Bakari. JW. A good honest dog. Well balanced with good outline. Free flowing mover with long stride. Lacked enthusiasm today.
3 Cavin and Perkins' Hespa Ganymede of Munyoro.
Vet D (5) 1 Mill's Ch Jhumha Jarza of Nzuri. ShCM. 7.5yrs The youngest veteran but one of the fittest dogs. A nice type. Good head and expression. Strong neck, good shoulder placement and depth of chest. Strong hind quarters with fair turn of stifle. Well proportioned. Sound true movement. BD. BOS. BV.
2 Mackfalls' Ch Hespa Highlander of Africaner. 9.5yrs in excellent condition and looking good for his age. Clean neck, deep chest, good length of body. Moved round the ring like a 2yr old.
3 Grayson Wood's Isiqa's Ijsa.
MPB (3,1) 1 Bates' Gunthwaite Diamond Lil. Absolutely lovely. Very feminine. Super head and expression. Angles correct both fore and aft. Good length of body, excellent ridge. Just 6mths and so well balanced. Excelled on the move. Very well handled. BPB and BPIS.
2 Dickinson's Jesamuda Soumaya. Another nice puppy. Good overall shape and outline. Moved well.
PB (8) A strong class. 1 Carlton and Smith's Umhlandla Mbatha. Attractive red wheaten. 10mths. Lovely head and expression on clean neck. Well proportioned, good bone. Firm body. Moved well. Showing a lot of promise. Unsettled on the challenge.
2 Grayson Wood's Isiqa's Haavoc. Another nice youngster. Good breed type. Lovely head and expression. A little flat on her feet at present.
3 Fuller and Calvesbert's Rzowi Top Tottie at Nyuke.
JB (3) 1 Doughty's Rubiltra Chizarira. Strong head, good neck, super front. Good length of body and tuck up, good legs and feet. Powerful mover.
2 Radcliff and Dunn's Godolphin Catchthecat. Attractive liver nose. Balanced with good quarters and outline. In hard condition and well presented. Not quite the drive of 1st.
3 Thompson and Taylor's Kelshanti Penda Zula.
NB (6,1) 1 Thompson and Taylor's Kelshanti Penda Zula. More settled than in previous class. Nice head and expression, good outline when standing correctly. Moved well.
2 Coates Laftone Bliss. Pleasing head and expression. Good angles front and rear. Needs to settle on the move.
3 Bailey's Faahac Faethe Aan N'Gai.
GB (5,1) 1 Carton's Umhlandla Umakholwane. Well balanced with lovely head and expression. Super ridge. Good front, nice length of body, muscular rear quarters. Would prefer a little more length of leg. Moved well.
2 Coates Laftone Bliss.
3 Sales' Faahac Faaziya Aan N'Gai.
PGB (7,3) 1 Miles and Parke's Veldtkammer Red Hot Chick at Jaloumi. 18mths. Everything to like about her. Lovely head on clean neck. Correct lay of shoulder, good length of body, Super shape and outline. Sound, free movement. In superb show condition and handled well. Res. BB. Res. BIS
2 Reid and Meikle's Ilizulu Precious Moonlight. Very feminine bitch, excellent tuck up, good ridge. Showed and moved well.
3 Gates' Eagleridge Chelsea Girl.
LB (4) 1 Craven's Hespa Hoguera. JW. Sound, well constructed bitch of pleasing shape and outline. Good head and expression. Sound and true movement.
2 Cairns' Rooinek Rani. Very feminine. Beautiful head and expression. Lovely ridge, excellent tuck up. Would like a little more length of body. Showed well. Sound, free mover.

3 Dunn's Godolphins Onecoolcat at Khananga.
OB (5) Strongest class of the show in terms of quality. Everyone of them capable of taking the honours on a different day. 1 Hewson's Ch Int Ch Rekaylahn Blaze. JW ShCM. Could not deny her. Lovely shape and outline, oozing quality. Very sound and balanced. Powerful, free movement with plenty of drive from strong, well muscled hind quarters. In excellent condition and very well handled. BIS
2 Carlton's Umhlandla Uthekweni. JW. Quality bitch. Very feminine with lovely head and expression. Nice outline, good mover. Not the fitness of 1s. Showed well.
3 Bates' Tisasti Too Good to Be True at Gunthwaite.
Vet B (7,2) My compliments to these wonderful 'oldies' who left a lot of the younger dogs in the shade when it came down to fitness and condition. 1 Rimmer's Rocksham Rio at Kylini. 10yrs. A tall bitch but balanced in every way. In amazing hard condition for age. Moved soundly round the ring like a two year old.
2 Ringer's Flametrees Brown Sugar. 8yrs. Lovely well balanced bitch. Moved and showed well. A fraction over weight.
3 Carlton's Flametrees Zuli at Umhlandla.