Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

Show Title	Date	Judge
Open Show	29/03/2009	Mrs Liz Storey

Thank you for the opportunity to judge your hounds. The venue was one of the best I have ever been to. Many of my decisions were made by splitting very fine hairs. I found all but one bite to be correct, all ridges perfectly acceptable and temperament was in the main, sound. I did notice that high set hocks are creeping in, but that feet were much tighter than when I have judged in previous years. I think the breed is pretty strong at the moment and there are some very nice youngsters around who I am sure will have exciting futures in the show ring. I like to give each and every dog a chance to get into a stride and move out to their full potential. I hope everyone enjoyed watching them all as much as I did. In my opinion, there is after all nothing better to see than a really good moving Ridgeback in full stride showing fully co-ordinated movement on a strong sound frame.

MPD (4) 1 Cyprien & William's Jocebec Jelani Elite. 7 months red wheaten male presenting a very impressive picture. Head obviously yet to break, had good dark eye and alert expression. Correct ear set and good depth and width to muzzle. Great length of neck into excellent shoulder placement and front assembly. Well boned and on good feet. Well ribbed back, good strong rear quarters with hocks well let down. Held topline on the move in free flowing movement, showing good forward reach in front and strong drive from his obvious engine in the rear. A worthy Best Puppy Dog & BPIS.

2 Bates's Burncoat Bushman. Just 6 months. Classic head type with parallel planes and nice dark round eye. Kind expression, good muzzle proportions nice length of neck. Excellent front assembly on tight feet, nice chest for age. Straighter in stifle than 1. Another strong topline although a little erratic on the move but nevertheless a very happy puppy.

3 Knowles's Goldoni Fools Gold.

PD (7,1a) 1 Reid & Meikle's Rejan Top Gun. Powerfully built 10 mths red wheaten. Strong head with kind dark eye and good ear carriage. Strong neck into good shoulder. Heavy in bone, good feet. Good ribbing. Adequate width to thigh but needs to drop still in stifle a bit. Firm topline, correct tailset. Moved out true and with gusto.

2 Siddorn's Eilack Garai Gamba. A shorter coupled hound, rather straighter behind than 1. Very attractive well proportioned head, good length of neck and adequate shoulder. Chest needs to drop. Moved ok.

3 Oakes's Mufambidzani Rising Sun.

JD (9,2a) 1 Nuttall's Monduri Jelani Boi Kyani. Very houndy type. Nice head proportions with dark eye and correct ear set. Good front assembly. Well off for bone and on good feet, nice topline with correct slight rise over croup. Should drop a little more in stifle. Low set hocks. Looked good stacked, and moved out covering plenty of ground. Reserve Best Dog.

2 Bowden & Quinn's Hooz the Double. Such a happy boy, obviously loves his owner to bits! Nicely made red dog, head quite strong but very kind expression, well boned and good feet. Well ribbed back. Seemed to stand a bit bum high but is a little high on the hock and could do with a bit more bend of stifle. Looks as if he is a late maturer so hopefully all will come together. Free, easy mover.

3 Oakes's Eilack Garai Gamba.

ND (8,2a) 1 Cyprien & William's Jocebec Jelani Elite.

2 Siddorn's Eilack Garai Gamba.

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GD (8,2a) 1 Dickinson's Jesamuda Jakuru. Excellent head and expression, good round dark eye and correct ear placement. Nice length of neck well boned and good tight feet. Good lay of shoulder, and good length of ribbing. Good rear quarters. Free and easy mover. Considered him for reserve best dog.
2 Walton Haddon's Mwenga's Special Brew. Rather over exuberant 'coiled spring' of a dog who made his handler work very hard. He needs to settle down and slow up on the move. Easier said than done I am sure! Has a beautiful head type, nice length of neck and good front assembly. Excellent depth to chest. Strong level topline. I would prefer a slightly lower set hock. Movement was a bit erratic but he does certainly power round the ring. It's all there, but would be easier to assess in slower motion!
3 Rhodes's Janak Jago.
PGD (5,1a) 1 Davis & Robinson's Imola Imac. Houndy type with nice head and kind expression. Would prefer more width in front. Well ribbed back though, good topline and correct tailset. Nice width to 1st and 2nd thigh. Free mover. Happy temperament.
2 Thompson & Taylor's Kelshanti Muenda Drogo with Africaner. Had the width in front I like to see with good bone and feet. However, I would like to see more length of body and he tended to lean back into his neck and shoulder, which did not do him any favours in this respect Deep chest. Moved steady and true.
3 Murray's Hespa Halcon.
LD (3) 1 Mills's Janak Jaron by Nzuri. Finer made than I prefer but nicely put together. Very nice head with excellent eye and ear. Good length of neck. Clean throat. Nice front with elbows well under. Good depth to chest. Tight feet. A touch too high on the hock. Moved very steadily and freely.
2 Sales's Lionpride Leo. Rather long cast. Good length of neck. Nice shoulder and depth to chest, good bone and feet. Ribbing a little short for length of body. Nice rear quarters moved freely.
3 Bailey's Monduri un Beau Lion.
OD (5,2a) 1 Ratcliffe's Flametrees Kyper of Godolphin. Upstanding powerhouse of a dog. Excellent steady temperament. Strong masculine head without being course. Well boned to the ground and excellent feet. Excellent layback of shoulder, good deep chest. Strong topline and loin, good rear quarters with correct tailset. Absolutely flew round the ring with the power and drive I would expect from an adult hound obviously in his prime. Pleased to award him Best Dog.
2 Smith's Ch Evergraces Magic Maestro at Lilongwe (imp Swe). Excellent head type with kind expression. Good bone and feet. Deep chest with tight elbows and good topline. Good even colour. Wish he had moved out with more verve!
3 Macauley's Kariba Kaylahn.
VD (3,1a) 1 Mackfall's Ch Hespa Highlander. Strong and fit red dog belying his 10 years. Very well put together with nice shoulder, good deep chest and well ribbed. Still showing strength from behind and moved steady and true, fore and aft. Best Veteran.
2 Mills's Ch Jhuma Jarza of Nzuri ShCM. Another worthy champion, and unlucky to meet 1 here. Strong and upstanding dog of 8 years, masculine head on strong neck. Good lay of shoulder, moved out well.
MPB (3,1a) 1 Nugent's Jocebec Jusi Elite. Smart 7 months, litter sister to MPD. Well boned with good tight feet. Needs to drop in chest. In excellent condition. Feminine head with dark eye. Clean neck. Good topline for age, well ribbed. Moved well and enjoyed herself!
2 Cannon's Good Time Girl with Abayomi. Big raw baby of just 6 months. She is just the type I like. Will take a time to mature but will be worth it. Beautiful head and eye with excellent length and depth of muzzle. Excelled in bone and depth of chest. Feet will need to tighten but will do with care. Excellent shoulder. Understandably bum high at the moment, but with fabulous rear quarters. Can move out well but needs to keep head up.
3 Schofield's Janak Jazzitup at Ousebay.
PB (5,1a) 1 Swales's Broani Njeri with Mwani. 9mths. Lovely length and depth to muzzle on feminine head with dark round eye. Good length of neck into nice shoulder. Good bone and feet. Firm topline.

Excellent rear angles and low hock, although needs to tighten here and settle on the move which I am sure she will. Very houndy type. Best Puppy Bitch.
2 Nugent's Jocebec Jusi Elite.
3 Schofield's Janak Jazzitup at Ousebay.
JB (10,4a) 1 Lawless's Faahac Farenya. Beautiful feminine 'top drawer' bitch showing such a balanced picture. Excellent front and well off for bone. Perfectly balanced head with correct planes, dark eye and good ear set, alert and intelligent expression. Good length of neck into fabulous layback of shoulder. Good infill of chest displaying the required 'H' front on. Strong back and loin, kept her topline on the move. Her straight forward reach aimed where to go and her powerful rear quarters and low set hock took her there with ease and accuracy. Handled to perfection. So pleased to award her Best Bitch and eventually Best in Show. Will easily follow in her mother's footsteps, and some. Congratulations.
2 Wigglesworth's Nomuula Namaqua at Ranginui. Very pretty head and eye. Nice shoulder, good angulation front and and good depth to chest for age. Topline not best at the moment as she is rather high on the rear, should come right with age. Elbows well under, moved out steady and true fore and aft.
3 Adderley's Tambyssa's Khamsin.
NB (4m1a) 1 Wigglesworth's Nomuula Namaqua at Ranginui.
2 Goulden & Graneeck's Lionpride Grand Edition of Maasai. Smaller stamp of bitch. Could do with more reach of neck. Very feminine head, nice shoulder. Tended to hunch up a bit on the stand but moved out ok.
3 Torr's Sheemar Maha.
GB (8,3a) 1 McCarthy Booth & McCarthy's Jarhiba Hope and Glory. Red bitch showing good front with plenty of bone for size. Pretty head, good reach of neck into adequate shoulder. Firm topline, rear quarters ok but would prefer more width to second thigh and a lower set hock. Moved true.
2 Dickinson's Jesamuda Soumaya. Red Wheaten. Classic feminine head with dark eye and gentle expression. Good neck and shoulder, nice depth to chest. Firm topline, and good length to ribbing. Moved well.
3 Schofield's Ousebay Luna's Moon.
PGB (5,1a) 1 Ratcliff & Dunn's Godolphin's Catchthecat. Liver bitch with lovely construction, although I would like to see more length to the muzzle. Nice length of neck, good shoulder and well ribbed. Firm topline, nice rear angulation with low set hock. Good feet. Moved out steady and true.
2 Watson's Faahac Faleena Aan N'Gai at Madukani. Red bitch whom I wish had had a bit more oomph! Nice head proportions with dark round eye, adequate shoulder, good infill of fore chest. Would like more length to ribbing. Good width to first and second thigh, tended to stand under herself though so didn't do herself justice. Moved ok but needed to give a little bit more!
3 McCarthy Booth & McCarthy's Jarhiba Hope and Glory.
LB (15,1a) 1 Bates' Gunthwaite Diamond Lil. Beautifully constructed bitch in wonderful condition. Well proportioned head with alert expression, good length of neck into good shoulder placement. Good front, feet and well off for bone. Great ribbing, strong topline held on the move. Lovely rear quarters with low set hock, good width to first and second thigh. Moved with the required propulsion from the rear and accurately coming and going. A lovely picture, just needs to relax a bit more.
2 Thorne's Kweke K'beya. Bigger bitch all through but certainly without courseness.Lovely head type, good round dark eye beautiful soft expression. Nice front and with good feet. Loved her rear quarters but she did tend to stand bum high. Moved out well and with grace.
3 Carlton & Smith's Umlhlandla Mbatha.
OB (6,2a) 1 Miles & Parke's Veldtkammer Red hot Chick at Jaloumi. Lovely red bitch of text book proportions. Excelled in front and rear angles. Good layback of shoulder, good depth of chest. Well

boned and good feet. Firm toplilne, strong loin. Excellent turn of stifle and width to first and second thigh. Low set hock and powerful drive from behind, moved effortlessly and true, obviously in her prime and shown in wonderful bloom. Well handled. Pleased to award her Reserve Best Bitch.
2 Mackfall's Africaner Storm. Similar stamp to 1 Very pretty head with good proportions. Good depth to muzzle. Good length of neck. Nice infill of chest, good shoulder placement. Well ribbed and with firm topline. Would like a bit more width to second thigh. Moved out well.
3 Craven's Hespa Sunset Sky.
VB (9,1a) 1 Carlton's Flametrees Zuli at Umhlandla. 9 years. Alert expression, large round dark eye kept on the bait at all times! Good length of neck into still firm topline. Good strong rear quarters. Moved out well and with vigour.
2 Rimmer's Rocksham Rio at Kylini. A bitch I have always admired. Such a shame she went slightly lame. Beautiful angles front and rear, fabulous depth of chest. Firm topline and still showing strength in the rear quarters. She has the fluid effortless movement that some of the youngsters should aspire to.At almost 11 years, showing the animation and alertness expected of a true Ridgeback.
3 Schofield's Ousebay Inca's Gold.

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