Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

Show Title	Date	Judge
Open Show (Rescue)	Nov 2015	Mr Mark Cannon

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge the Rescue show, I thoroughly enjoyed the day. The new venue allowed the dogs and exhibitors more space, but most importantly much needed funds were raised for rescue. I must also thank Heidi and Lynda for making the whole day go smoothly with their stewarding. The quality of Ridgebacks I had on the whole was superb and the behaviour of all the exhibits was excellent.

MPD (3,2 a) 1 Brown & Mcintosh's Chagal Akua. 7-Month-old red wheaten well boned boy. Very good construction throughout, with correct lay of shoulder balanced to rear angulation. Moved well for such a young male. Best Dog Puppy. and Best Puppy In Show.

2 Hanson & Inwood's Mirengo's Mahdi 6-Month-old wheaten very different to 1st quite long in body and rangey at the moment. Needs to tighten up in front but did move nicely. Kind expression.

JD (3,2a) 1 Catharell's Faahac Free N'easy JW. 16-Month-old liver nose. On his toes as soon as he entered the ring with great presence and confidence. Outstanding construction with correct upper arm to shoulder placement, filled fore chest and good depth of brisket, well ribbed back to correct length of loin with just the right amount of bend of stifle and second thigh. Lovely overall shape without any exaggeration. Moved very well but I would just like his tail carriage a little lower on the move, but at such a young age I would not want to do anything to correct this as his enthusiasm is great to see. Wonderful expression. Pleased to award him. Best Dog and later Best In Show.

ND (1) 1 Hardey & Harvey's Veldtkammer Ace Is High. Young red wheaten showing signs of quality but unfortunately was getting the better of his handler. Strong built impressive male who needs some training.

PGD (4) 1 Barnard's Neelanjali Jackson Brown for Tsjakka. Liver nose male who is hard to fault in construction. Very well-balanced male who moves as you would expect from his construction. Lovely proportions give his pleasing shape and profile. From the front and back he also shows good width through his body standing four squares at all times. Reserve Best Dog.

2 Lowson's Kani Akilah Encane Hasani For Jengachenga. Larger male who chased 1st very hard, again with good construction and lovely fore chest and shoulder placement. Well ribbed and angulated behind. Moved well viewed from all angles. Excellent expression.

3 Murphy's Amahie Mpho At Lusapho.

LD (7,6 a) 1 Tredwell & Symmonds' Shombay Dark Knight Rises. Red wheaten dog starting to show his maturity, very fit, well-conditioned and muscled. Held his top line on the move and was true both coming and going. Good length of neck leading to a good spring of rib, length of loin and tail set. Well presented.

OD (10,4 a) 1 Jeffery's Ch Zenzele's Chace The Ace JW A mature male of good quality and correct size. Upper arm length corrects, with good shoulder placement allowing for good length of neck. A little longer in the body than some, but that does allow him good extension when viewed in profile. Nice body width throughout with nothing in excess.

2 Piehl's Ch Kiromol Kubwa Mno JW Sh.CM. A really nicely constructed male who is longer cast like 1st that also allows him good extension and effortless movement at all times. Excellent length of upper arm and lay of shoulder ribbed correctly but unfortunately a little short of weight today, good length of loin very strong hind quarters with correct bend of stiffle and second thigh. Very intelligent kind expression. Placing could have been the other way round with better condition.

3 Mulligan's Zougani Zuri Sh.CM.
VD (6,1 a) Although this was a veteran class the quality and condition of the exhibits was outstanding.
1 Davis' Ch Jaloumi I Am Legend From Hesslewell JW Sh.CM Red wheaten male in superb condition with the attitude of a 2 year old. Very good depth of body and spring of rib without being overdone. Well balanced front and rear. Masculine head that has a kind expression. On the move he still has the power and drive of a younger dog, holding his top line at all times. Best Veteran In Show.
2 Hicks' Nuthouse Manhatton Another outstanding male from this class and although a veteran would not look out of place in Open today. Nothing exaggerated about this boy with a well-made and constructed frame. Moved with ease and I am sure he could keep going all day. Both 1st and 2nd in this class are of a much squarer build than the open winners but equally are pleasing in profile.
3rd Barnard's Tsjakka Just Joey.
MPB (6,2 a) 1 Hicks' Nuthouse Hot Stuff. Very pretty puppy with plenty of length of body. Nicely constructed but a little bum high at the moment. Moved very well once handler quickened the pace. I like her shoulder placement, and it will be interesting to see her once she levels up. Lovely temperament.
2 Gray's Kijivus Kabisa. Very shapely puppy who although a little unsure at first soon started to settle with the surroundings. Already showing lovely muscling over her gorgeous outline. Good depth of brisket, excellent length of neck and moved out very well.
3 Maylor's Mirengo's Musola At Kamilli.
PB (1) 1 Maylor's Mirengo's Musola At Kamilli Extremely nice body, beautiful outline and shape. moved well coming and going and also in profile. Feet need to tighten up. Head of a correct shape with correct stop and width across the skull.
JB (10,3 a). Very strong class. 1 Broadsmith's Gunthwaite Kiss N Tell at Chainama Outstanding red wheaten beautifully made bitch. Good head leading into correct length of neck. Excellent shoulder and front construction with fore chest of a nice width and filled in. Well ribbed body with correct length of loin. Hind quarters completely balanced to front. Moved well, particularly in profile. Feminine looking bitch but still substantial. Lovely outline. Pleased to award. 2 Best Bitch and Reserve Best In Show.
2 Bates' Gunthwaite Peggy Sue Litter sister to 1st and with it very similar stamp. The same qualities apply as 1st, a very nice bitch. Unfortunately, she wasn't as settled with the environment as 1st. Reserve Best Bitch.
3 Mansfield & Kirby's Shingwidsi Tshadi Rose. NB (2,1 a) 1 Hicks' Nuthouse Hot Stuff. See Minor Puppy Bitch.
GB (4,3 a) 1 Mulligan's Jimanns Sadly Sober at Kondwani Strongly made red wheaten bitch with a lovely body in depth and width. Good front angulation. Moved out well in profile. Impressive looking youngster who was very happy both stood and, on the move, shown in excellent condition.
PGB (3,2 a) 1 Diniz's Xalon of Malaboa APD. Liver nose bitch that doesn't lack any angulation. Longer cast body with a good spring of rib and also depth. long neck leading into laid back shoulders. Rear angulation gave her good drive from behind and a long stride when viewed in profile. A very shapely outline holding her topline when stood freely.
LB (6,1 a) 1 Hicks' Nuthouse Never Say Never Light wheaten bitch of lighter build than I would normally look for. However, she was outstanding on the move with a lovely outline in profile on the move. Very hard to fault the way she is made, and this gives a very balanced type without exaggeration. Head is finer than some but completely in keeping to her build.
2 Catherall's Kitoko Mabel Red wheaten bitch of good quality moved well coming and going, just a little wide in front when stacked but otherwise a good lay of shoulder with a good topline and correct angle of croup and good tail set. Hind quarters correct. Nicely boned to her size.
3 Lowson's Rozelridge Dreamscape For Jengachenga.

OB (18,8 a) A really outstanding line up of bitches. 1 Bates' McCarthy-Booth & McCarthy's Gunthwaite Born To Be Wicked At Jarhiba Red wheaten bitch presented in superb condition. I particularly liked her front construction. Correct width, fore chest, depth of brisket, length of upper arm and lay of shoulder. Pasterns at the correct angle. Moves well in profile. A lovely quality bitch.
2 Pearce's Misingi Your Da One JW Smaller type than 1st but still in standard, maturing nicely, very pretty girl with good length of neck into a good spring of rib and correct length of loin. A nice underline that helps make her overall profile very pleasing. Moves true coming and going.
3 Storey's Ch Kiromol Tallulah Belle JW.
VB (6,2 a)1 Thompson and Taylor's Kelshanti Penda Zula Standard red wheaten girl of gorgeous quality. Lovely front and rear quarters remained four square the whole time she was in the ring. On the move she doesn't disappoint, moving very true and showing good extension in profile. She shows absolutely no signs of dropping her topline either on the move or stacked. Elbows remain nice and tight to body.
2 Hicks' Nuthouse Martini Another from this kennel with excellent movement who looked as though she could work all day. Not as pretty as 1st, but like 1st held her topline all the time. Nothing is exaggerated on this girl, and I suspect this will enable her to stay sound and fit for many years to come. 3 Lawless' Ch Faahac Farenya JW ShCM.
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