Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

Show Title	Date	Judge
Open Show	April 2005	Patricia Wells

Open show: The elected Judge, Mrs Gillian Craven, unfortunately had a fall and suffered a concussion three days before the show and so had to withdraw from the appointment. I was asked to take her place which I was delighted to be able to do at short notice. In the main, I was happy with the front assembly of the breed though I did find one or two 'hollow fronts'. There were, sadly, a number of exhibits who, though the front assembly was pleasing enough, were not so well made in the hindquarters. Feet, on the whole, were very good and I did not find a bad ridge. I greatly enjoyed my day spent with friendly people and cordial dogs. Many thanks to the Committee for giving me the opportunity to judge the show and to the exhibitors for accepting me as a substitute judge.
MPD (2) 1 Holland's Africaner Zulu Warrior. 8-month masculine puppy, pleasing ribcage and acceptable angulation. Still a little loose in movement.
PD (6) 1 Owen & Roberts' Skypinda Timbo - 10 months. Classic head and neck. Good bone and pleasing feet. Nice ribs and topline. Kept the overall pleasing outline on the move. BPD/RBPIS.
2 Selby's Lionridge Raja of Eilack - just under 12 months. A very happy boy. Just preferred the topline of the class winner but otherwise the same remarks apply.
3 Lee's Gannowfell Yakubu - 10 months. Nice head, reasonable feet. Not quite the bone and ribcage of the previous winners but nevertheless still quite nice.
JD (4) 1 Carlton's Umhlandla Luwamba - 14 months. Handsome head, good neck and topline culminating in correct tail set. Pleasing front assembly in symmetry with hindquarters. Admirable ribcage. Efficient, active movement, keeping the overall balance. Nice bone and feet - I just preferred his feet in the Challenge for BOB. BD and BOB/BIS.
2 Parson's Priorpark Juba for Nzuri - 14 months. Lovely feet and bone. Pleasing head, neck and forequarter assembly. Tail set a little high and ribs not carried so well back as the first-place winner. Fairly good reach and drive in movement.
3 Street's Chaslads Jacmiks Handshake - 12 months. Not quite the feet and bone of the previous placings. Moved very well.
ND (6) 1 Umhlandla Luwamba.
2 Gannowfell Yakubu.
3 Hill's Hyndridge Midsomer Maximus. Nice head, good feet and bone, pleasing ribcage. Not quite as true in movement as the class winners.
GD (1) 1 Umhlandla Luwamba.
PGD (4) 1 Nice dog with classic head and lovely feet. Pleasing ribcage. Had a tendency to fool around on the move - but nevertheless did move quite soundly.
2 Brook's and Robertson's Eilack Kito Marcus. Moved very well indeed. Just preferred the head and ribcage of the class winner.
3 Smith's Evergraces Magic Maestro at Lilongwe (Imp Sw). Good ribcage and level topline; nice feet and bone.
OD (6) 1 Dunn's Ch Flametrees Obeche at Khananga. Nicely angulated overall with excellent ribcage. Very nice feet. Presented a classic profile both standing and on the move. RBD.
2 Ringer's Ch Flametrees the Dophan of the Glen. Excellent bone and feet. Just preferred the shoulders of the class winner.
3 Mills' Jhumha Jarza of Nzuri. Super masculine head. Excellent bone and feet. Very nice ribcage.

MPB (6) Such pretty little girls in this class, so very feminine. 1 Henshall's Suhuba Kanzi - just under 9 months. Overall balanced bitch with super ribcage and elegant, classic outline which was not lost on the move. Moved very soundly. BPIS.
2 Mountfield's Suhuba Kianga at Maseru - litter sister to the above. Chest needs to drop yet and still a little loose in elbow but nevertheless a classic bitch.
3 McDonald's Anamcara Athena - 7 months. Lovely neck and good length of body. Moved reasonably well.
PB (8) 1 Booth & McCarthy-Booth's Jarhiba Makena - 9 months. Pleasing neck and topline, nicely angulated and balanced fore and aft. Good feet. Moved freely and truly once in the correct gait but had a great tendency to pace.
2 Owen's Skypinda Malindi - 11 months. Lovely feet and bone. Good depth to brisket. Pleasing hindquarters.
JB (6) 1 Agnew's CaineAbels Red Xclusive - 15 months. Very feminine, overall balanced, bitch. Very pleasing ribcage, lovely bone and feet. Movement free, true and active and effortless. RBB.
2 Ratcliffe's Godolphins Fortionesome - 15 months. Balanced throughout and with pleasing ribcage. Not quite the freedom of movement of the class winner.
3 Jones' Skypinda Guardian Angel. Nicely angulated fore and aft and with good feet. Preferred the ribcages of the first and second place winners. Moved quite well.
NB (8) 1 Swale's Mwani Aisha. Feminine bitch with classic head and excellent ribcage. Balanced overall and moved soundly. Was in the consideration for reserve best bitch.
2 Barnes' Kiromol Keisha of Diamondridge. Very balanced girl and with excellent ribcage. Pleasing head, feet and bone. Just preferred the movement of the class winner.
3 Skypinda Guardian Angel.
GB (10) My decisions on these three bitches were so very close - 'nit picking' in fact - as they were all so very balanced, so very feminine and moved so very well. 1 CaineAbels Red Xclusive.
2 Lawless' Faahac s'Flyaa. Looks as if she could run all day. Just preferred the topline of the class winner.
3 Carlton & Parrott's Umhlandla Egolideni. Just preferred the necks of the first and second place winners.
PGB (3) 1 Dickinson's Skypinda Queen of Anglesey - reserve in previous class. Excellent hindquarters and ribcage, good feet and bone. Moved quite well.
LB (7) 1 Selby's Eilack Chyna. Good length of neck, balanced angulation and pleasing depth of brisket. Presented a pleasing profile both standing and on the move.
2 Henshall's Shingeti Aliki at Suhuba. Very feminine bitch. Balanced - though I preferred the angulation and the depth of brisket of the class winner.
3 Gates' Just Niketta of Eagleridge. Very pleasing front assembly and excellent ribcage.
OB (7) Yet another class where the first three could possibly change places if I ever judged them together again. All very nice bitches. § Cairn's Rooinek Tintaglia. Very feminine, overall balanced, quality bitch. Pleasing angulation, ribcage, feet and bone. Looked good from every direction - both standing and on the move. Effortless movement, free and true. BB, BOS & RBIS.
2 Shepherd's Eilack Tuli with Kuwinda. Just preferred the overall elegance of the class winner on this day.
3 Barnes' Diamondridge Dejavu. Nice feet but just preferred the those of the first and second place winners.
V (5) 1 Agnew's Faahac's Faith in Mwenga - 7 years. Nicely balanced bitch presenting a pleasing overall outline both standing and on the move. Moved well.

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