Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

Show Title	Date	Judge
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An absolute pleasure to judge “my” CS. As is the norm, type is variable, colour varies more in this ear than I think it ever did, standard is light wheaten to red wheaten, perhaps the red should be re-defined, some are so dark, the colouration made no difference to my choices. Ridges made no real contribution to my choices either, albeit some ridges were short, many lacked clearly defined crowns - what has happened? Also, where have the “broadsword” ridges gone to? One could argue that colour & ridges are secondary to construction & movement along with type, yes, one could, but the total package of our breed should have all the above in one d. I make no argument with rear quarters, an absolute essential is correct turn of stifle, powerful first & second thighs, strong hocks, some d lacked this essential, & caused somewhat stilted rear movement, which did not allow a free & easy gait. Temperament, I expect the d to be planted for assessment & not to move, show no dissent & accept my hands for a few second. I do not ask them to like it, but they should be taught to accept it. A good number were shy, not good enough. The majority were fine to handle. Some dogs were not prepared to put any effort in when moving; we need to move all day on strong bone & strong feet - some would have struggled. A pleasing array of youngsters, some good quality older ones, & veterans, the most difficult classes. This preamble read a little negative perhaps, it is not meant to, lots of plusses, in body shape, excellent heads, good strong bone, mostly tight deep pads to feet, many looking as if they could work the lion & enjoy themselves. Exhibitors thank you.

MPD 1 Hill’s Hyndridge Ndulu Shaaboni. Mid/wh, untrained, nicely shaped baby, head gd size & shape, mouth correct nicely put together angulation, tight feet, erratic movement.

PD 1 Hewson & Worthy’s Rekaylahn Phoenix. R/wh, soundly built allowing free movement, pleasing head with gd ear carriage, correct mouth. BPD, BPIS;

2 Roe’s Kenilquin Lynx. L/wh, nicely shaped, well constructed, could not assess movement, handler needs to work hard.

JD 1 Swales’ Mwani Bakari. R/wh, sound through, expressive head & expression, framed in well shaped ears. Correct angles allowing free movement on tight strong feet;

2 Roberts’ Isiqua’s Flint. L/wh, a sound d with an appealing, well worked head, gd rear allowing an almost leisurely gait - cut the nails;

3 Kirby & Mansfield’s Shingwidsi Tshepa Riva. M/wh, lots to like with nice shaped head, body shape, gd but a touch lightweight, moved well.

ND 1 Swales’ M Bakari; 2 Roberts’ I Flint; 3 Kirby & Mansfield’s S T Riva.

GD 1 Goodman’s Ngami Leabua Of Eliach. R/wh, lovely head, eye shape & colour but lacks in rear angulation & length of back which restrict gd movement.

PGD 1 Williamson’s Nkulu Tambo. White, heavy bones, the first of the “older” type today, but no worse for that. Pleasing well shaped head, powerful body, moved with some drive, correct rise over loin;

2 Macauley’s Kairaba Kaylahn. Liver nose, lightweight, moved ok, pretty rather than masculine, not much drive but well angled, no rise over loin;

3 Ollerhead’s Godolphins Blazing Sun. Well shaped body, strong head, not the rear angles of 1st, therefore not the movement.

LD 1 Carlton’s Umhlandla Luwamba JW. Mid size wheaten whose body shape & gd angulation allowed free, easy movement. Nicely done head, correctly laid ears, nothing flashy;

2 Brooke's Eliack Kito Marcus. R/wheaten (dark) a d I have liked, & still do, excellent body, deep chest, lovely head, could just do with a touch in length, albeit the correct stand would help.
OD 1 Firth's Ch Hespa Halai Otavi JW. R/w (dark), top body shape, excellent condition, super head, excellent feet, did not drive out & flapped a touch at pasterns RBD;
2 Frase-Watson's Kenmilfore Pride & Honour. L/w, tall d nicely headed which a touch more width to skull would have helped. Gd body shape & condition, has not got the right rear angle which caused a somewhat stilted movement.
VD 1 Brownlee's Saragwe Hodari Jambaro. 81/2 yrs, l/w. tall rangy d but all put together well, powerful head & attractive. My second "older" type today, muscular body, strong topline, correct rise over loin, powerful quarters, feet still gd. Arguably the best mover of the day, certainly at a slower gait, would still move on the hunt all day BD;
2 Grayson Wood's Isiqas Lisa. L/w, 9 yrs, looked his age but moved younger, v true coming & going & in profile, correct angles;
3 Henshall's Sansilver Khwebha. 7 yrs, r/w true conformation, moved well, ears flying detracted somewhat.
MPB 1 Hough's Dalasini Zuri. L/w, nicely put together, first time out, moved well considering. Might do ok. BPB;
2 Parrott's Umhlandla Ngcwele. L/w. Much as above applies, will it do as well as 1st, time will tell. PB 1 Baird's Nurisha Denique Coelum. M/w. Much as MPB class but slightly different in head & expression, true movement.
JB 1 Bates' Tiasti Too Good To Be True At Gunthwaite. M/wh. Stood looked a picture, albeit would like a better stifle, excellent head & expression, tight feet, moved ok, body shape augurs well;
2 Wilder's Mwani Etanakita. R/wh, lovely head & eyes, needs to fill in front, sound legs & feet, bright crowns, moved well; 3 Dunn's Godolphins One Cool Cat At Khananga. Pleasing head, lighter boned & bodied. Excellent feet, nicely shaped quarters, did not move as needed.
NB 1 Jones' Skypinda Guardian Angel. All colours of wheaten at the moment having suffered an allergy, nice overall, moved gd on tight feet;
2 Kirby & Mansfield's Shingwidsi Tshelana Riva. A better overall d than winner, work at it.
GB 1 Lawless' Hayawani Kamambra Rangi To Faahac (Imp). Dark liver nose. A little over big from my preference, but in context sound through, moved cleanly but lazily on gd tight feet. Nice turn of stifle, strong hocks, crowns were poorly defined;
2 McCarthy-Booth's Jarhiba Makena. R/wh. Right size many things on this one to like, looked as if she had been upset, nicely headed, moved well - considering, gd angulation. Another with bright crowns;
3 Parrott's Umhlandla Egolideni. Liver nose, lots of gd points, head, neck, topline, super soft eye, not happy at back end, moved v well. PGB
1 BB & BOB, Selby's Eliack Roya Of Clarismore. M/wh. She had mostly what I wanted, correct feminine head, nice bright eye giving genuine expression, strong neck & topline to correct rise over loin thence into strong quarters, front assembly matching for back to show true driving. Free movement on strong firm feet. Well laid & sloping shoulders. Pushing 3 yrs & full maturity, should go on to win at the top;
2 RBB Baird's Timberely Lass At Nurisha. Smaller pattern of winner, has had a litter & underline not returned properly, but for all that I could not deny her, many points of winner apply;
3 Henshall's Suhuba Kanzi. Similar type, but taller somewhat tentative which was shown on the move, as well as when being handled, worth working hard on.
LB 1 Hewson's Rekaklahn Baze JW, ShCM. R/wh (dark). Another at the point of full maturity, its titles fool you it's won before, I think it should now go that step further. She met everything I would ask for today, but just did not drive enough in the Challenge, has all the gd points in the Standard;
2 Adderley's Kylini Ijspy. L/wh, probably my "closest" type, she looks older than her 31/2 yrs. She moved absolutely true on gd tight feet, long ridge & sweetest expression;

3 Lawless' Faahac Fiyaa JW. M/wh, slightly heavy in body which did not help her topline or movement.
OB 1 Carlton's Flametrees Zuki At Umhlandia. R/wh, superb mover on tight feet. Gd angulation as you would expect with this movement. Her head is not her fortune;
2 Grayson Wood's Isiqa's Fliss. R/wh. Bigger pattern b, loveliest of heads & expression, lots of other points v gd. Would have won but for the poor feet & pasterns, without this problem would win in the best company;
3 Webster's Ch Janak Sula. L/wh. Looking somewhat matronly, has had a sabbatical which did not help. Sweet head & expression, correct constructed, moved without drive.
VB 1 Rimmer's Rockshani Rio At Kylini. M/wh. Almost 8 yrs, lovely head, strong neck & topline, correct rise over loin, moved quite well on gd legs & feet;
2 Agnew's Janak Xamax Of Mwenga JW. Almost 8 yrs, smaller b, lovely sweet, well shaped head of the "older" type, a touch matronly, moved true & with some drive;
3 Macauley's Kairaiba Karia. L/wh. Excellent body shape, nicely shaped head, gd strong feet, did not move as freely as 1 & 2.

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