

The Northern Griffon Bruxellois Club Championship Show 24 September 2017

It was a pleasure and an honour to be invited to judge the Northern Griffon Club. The breed is very close to my heart and today I found one or two good examples who were close up to the breed standard. However the situation in the breed is that we are simply straying away from the breed standard. We need to refocus and concentrate on breed type. Continuously breeding from incorrect stock will do the breed no service what so ever.

Veteran Dog (3, 1)

1st Ch Fennymore Persie Ramrod

This R/R old boy enjoyed his day out and was presented in good order, he is very true to breed type. Large in head, decent neck and shoulder. Quality bone, he was true out and back and good profile movement.

2nd Ch Samaranda's Socereror to Adreeam Sh CM

Another quality B/R who gave a good account of himself. Large head, dark eye, decent neck and shoulder, good rib, coat of good texture. Not as positive coming towards as the winner, good going away.

Vintage dog (1,)

1St Ch Roamaycee Double Take

This red Smooth really is a trooper and in his younger day he won a CC from me. He is so typical and such a good shape, short backed, correct rib, topline and tailset, good bone and feet. He was a little stiff on the move today as you could expect with age, but never the less he showed with style.

Minor Puppy Dog (3,1)

1st Aprick Time For Elenenes

R/R eight months, balanced head with good eye placement but needs time as you would expect, fair neck and shoulder, good legs and feet, coat of good texture but needs to clear as a lot of dark shading at present. Topline ok, tailset ok but carried a little tightly at times. Decent hindquarters, he moved out well front and back and carried himself to advantage.

2nd Harpersband Family Based

This small red smooth, is a touch fine all through at present. I would prefer more rib, body, bone and substance. He can stand a little wide in front, maintained his outline on the move, ok going away but a touch wide coming towards.

Puppy Dog (1,)

1st Rhodon Sunday Best at Marisk

BPIS

A quality R/S dog puppy who eventually went BPIS. This smart little chap knows how to make the best of himself and simply showed his heart out. A large enough head but at this stage still needs to develop. Clean over the neck and shoulder, correct bone for size, extremely short backed, decent tailset if carried a little tightly. Super coat of good colour, he moved out with importance and style.

Junior Dog

1st Harpersband Case In Point at Balthazar (Imp)

18 months R/R presented in full coat of good texture, large head, good bone and feet, could have a touch more front angulation for me. Super rib, carried a good body, decent topline and tailset, carries tail tightly. He is good on the move going away, a proud dog on the move and as a result can be careless in front, retains his outline in profile.

2nd Stormjack Spocktacular Nite

This B/R has a nice head and eye, coat of very good texture, front ok, adequate bone, good topline, a little straight in shoulder and could have a touch more neck to advantage. Not as mature as the first.

3rd Beauborne Crusader

Post Graduate Dog (5,0)

1st Zilcan Colour Me In

This black and tan dog was presented in very good order, expressive balanced head but needs to be a size larger for me. Good body properties, decent rib and topline. Coat of good texture, he retains a lovely outline on the move in profile, front ok, moved close going away, never the less has a decent length of stride in profile.

2nd Grajenco Oliver

This R/R is of a good type and he was close up to the winner, large head, decent neck and shoulder, good legs and feet, carried a decent body. He is easily distracted from the job in hand and did not always make the best of himself when standing he can tend to stand close behind but on the move he was true coming towards and he too retained a good shape in profile.

3rd Adream The Magician

Limit Dog (5,1)

This class contains some quality animals the winner proved to be my CC winner

1st Goldene Horde Tossy Guy At Tantori

This R/R impressed me with his carriage and style on the move, larger head with large expressive eyes. Good over the neck and shoulder, good bone, legs and feet. He has adequate rib for his size, could carry a touch more body to advantage. Today he was not in the best of coats but what he had was of good texture and a clear colour. Adequate rear angulation, well-muscled hindquarters. On the move he really comes into his own and moves with purpose and style. He displays freedom of stride, maintains a super topline at all times and strides out well without too much lift on the front. All in all gave a good performance and this carried him through to the CC and Res BIS. Well done.

2nd Rhodon Country Casual At Hartroyal

This R/S is again of good breed type, short and cobby, not the neck and shoulder of the winner. His head is balanced but I would prefer a little more turn up. Lovely rib, good body, decent topline and tailset. Well angulated rear. He is sound on the move but does not have the easy stride of the winner. Never the less a quality boy who was close up for top awards today. He was well handled to get the best from him.

3rd Risethor Laidback Jack

Special Open Smooth Dog (3,1)

1st Grajenco Royal Male With Murroch

Time has been good to this R/S boy who is much heavier all through than as a youngster and I think this suits him well. Decent front, expressive head but could be a tad larger, good feet, adequate boe, retained his topline, on the move he was true out and back.

2nd Barnfall Periwinkle

Not as mature as the winner and today I felt could carry more body to advantage as he appeared a little rangy. Good over the neck and shoulder, needs to develop more width in front. Maintained a level topline on the move and was true out and back.

Special Open Red Rough Dog (2,0)

1st Balthazar Johnny Angel

This 25 mths R/R is not the largest but well within the standard I must say in his mind he is important and makes the very best of himself. Balanced head, adequate bone, could have a touch more layback to shoulder as appeared a little upright. Ample rib for his size, well presented coat, he moved out well front and back.

2nd Cicely Figgy Puddin

This boy also made the most of himself, not as compact as the winner, carried a good body, good legs and feet. Ok on the move going away but unsettled coming towards he lost his topline slightly on the move.

Special Open Black Dog (4,0)

1st Adreeam Black Magic Sh CM

This black rough dog has a quality head with a large eye and uses his ears to advantage. Decent front, good legs and feet. Good spring of rib for his size, carried a good body and his coat is of good texture, very balanced all through and without exaggeration. He was true out and back and had a good length to his stride in profile which carried him through to the Res CC. well done.

2nd Marquant Media Storm

This black smooth is another of good breed type. Large head, decent neck and shoulder, well off for bone, would like better feet. Good rib and body, well set and carried tail, coat ok would prefer less shading On the move he was good going away but not as accurate coming towards as the winner, held a good outline in profile.

3rd Stormjac Curly In Black

Special Open Black & Tan Dog (3,0)

1st Zilcan Colour Me In

2nd Beauborne Crusader

This B/T smooth carries a good body and is well off for rib, large enough in head but I would prefer more width to the muzzle. Fair neck and shoulder, needs to tighten in front as slightly down on his pasterns and this is shows on the move coming towards. He is handled to get the best from him and he certainly does all that is asked of him.

3rd Beaview Special Delivery

Open Dog (3, 1)

1st Adreeam Black Magic Sh CM

2nd Ir & It Ch Shevilan Buddha

R/R who shows with enthusiasm, expressive head with a keen expression, decent neck and shoulder. For me he needs to be heavier all through and requires more bone, rib and substance. Topline falls away to the croup. On the move he makes the very best of himself and strides out with great confidence and style, handled to get the best from him.

Veteran Bitch (5,1)

1st Ch Cilleine Another Day

This R/R ended the day as my Res CC winner & BVIS. She is so typical all through, balanced head which is in proportion to her size, strong neck, ample bone, good rib and substance. Correct topline and tailset, on the move she is free and easy, true coming and going and carried herself well in profile. All in all a quality girl of the breed type we should be aiming for.

2nd Rhodon Regal Maid

This R/S was in lovely condition, expressive head good eye placement, good legs and feet, nice rib, carried a good body, coat in super condition. She too made the best of herself on the move out and back, just not as compact all through as the winner.

3rd Samaranda's Merry Mayhem

Vintage Bitch (2,0)

Despite their ages these two girls made the very best of themselves.

1st Ch Cilleine Imagine Sternroc

14 years R/S who took me back a long time, I can remember competing against her in puppy classes. She has certainly maintained her look of quality and style. Very alert keen expression uses her well set ears so well. Decent neck and shoulder, well ribbed body, good hindquarters and tailset. Good smooth coat that was shining with condition. She was brisk on the move out and back and looked a picture in profile.

2nd Rhodon Regina.

This R/S is so sweet and again of good breed type, sired by one of my own favourites and very much his size. Not large but compact, feminine and a lovely body shape. Today she was bright and enjoyed her day but not as free on the move as the winner.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3,0)

1st Manticorns Fedora Over Settendra (Imp Swe)

This R/R gave a very good account of herself, expressive, typical head but could be a touch larger, good over the neck and shoulder, decent bone, good legs and feet, good rib and carried a very good body for her age. On the move she was very good coming towards, maybe a touch close going away but has a lovely reachy stride in profile. Well presented coat and well handled

2nd Cilleine Heartbeat

This R/S is also typical but not as forward as the winner who scored on body and looks a little shorter at present. A decent head, neck and shoulder, topline ok but falls off slightly to the tail, decent rib. On the move she is quite typical and not exaggerated moving out well front and back.

3rd Aprick Liqourice Toffee

Puppy Bitch (2)

1st Emjaycee Country Blossom At Fennymore

This R/S is very appealing for type and is very compact giving a good outline, head needs to develop which you can expect at this age, clean over the neck and shoulder, ample bone for her size, good legs and feet, well ribbed body. Coat was presented in super condition, she moved out well coming and going. The more she moved and settled down the better she was. Best Bitch Puppy

2nd Rhodon Posher Than The Queen

This R/R is close up to the winner but not quite as compact or as together at present which was the deciding factor. Large enough head, decent neck and shoulder, ample rib for her age but will develop further with time. Needs to carry a touch more body for me, topline needs to firm up. On the move true front and back but could have a little more drive from the rear. Well-presented coat of good texture and was handled to advantage as is always the case with this exhibitor.

Junior Bitch (2,1)

1st Vaira-Vike Evropa Plus

This black rough stood alone. Large head which is balanced but needs to finish, decent in front with enough bone, she could be a touch shorter in loin for me and heavier all through. Her topline falls away to the tail, could have more rear angulation. Good coat texture. On the move she was happy and assertive and very full of herself, could be better going away.

Novice Bitch (2,1)

1st Aprick Rinka

This 19 mths B/R showed well, good sized head, well placed ears, strong neck, front needs to tighten as she tends to turn one leg out. Coat of good texture, for me she could be shorter in back and have more spring of rib, would benefit by carrying more weight. Decent topline, tailset is ok but is carried tightly.

Post Graduate Bitch(6,1)

1st Tantori Tutti Frutti

This R/R impressed me for make and shape looking cobby and compact, good sized head which is an area she scored over the second in, ok over the neck and shoulder, good bone, legs and feet. Super deep ribs, Coat of good texture, on the move she was true out and back and retained her outline in profile.

2nd Zilcan Groovy Chic

B & T R, very close up to the winner but could have a larger head and I found her a little close going away. Never the less a balanced girl for make and shape, front assembly ok, super rib and body, good legs and feet. Decent topline which she held in profile.

3rd Balthazar Tainted love

Limit Bitch (8,2)

1st Grajenco Miss Saigon

This R/R is very well off for rib and body, large head, clean over the neck and shoulder. Ample bone for her size, good legs and feet, good topline, decent rear angulation. Coat of good texture, she made the very best of herself on the move and was accurate out and back and retained her topline in profile.

2nd Shevilan Fire and Ice

Another R/R who is a size smaller than the winner, decent head, good neck and shoulder, straight front, ample bone for her size, could have more rib for me and be a touch heavier all through. She too was accurate on the move out and back, topline tends to slope slightly to the tail on the move. She was presented in super coat.

3rd Lindfreys Red Rose Of Cilleine

Special Open Smooth Bitch (3,0)

1st Ch Rhodon Maid To Measure

This R/S has developed well with age, expressive head which could be larger, decent front, straight legs and good feet. She is balanced in body with a decent rib for her size, carried enough body, retained her outline in profile and was true front and back.

2nd Emjaycee Country Playmate

Another R/S who is a size larger than the winner and well balanced. Today she was not cooperating on the move and was difficult to access and was consequently untidy going away. Lovely well ribbed body, good neck and shoulder, good bone for size, topline ok but tended to lose it at times on the move when she chose to scabble and spoil her chances. Her coat was in super condition, all in all a quality girl.

3rd Rhodon Bit Of A Madam

Special Open Black Bitch (4,2)

1st Ch Flirt Alert Unlimited At Stormjac

This quality B/R is a nice size and has a good sized head, dark eye, decent neck, I would prefer a better layback of shoulder, decent front, good rib and lovely body. Coat of good texture, good topline which she held on the move, moved true front and back.

2nd Vaira-Vike Evropa Plus

Special open Black & Tan Bitch (5,3)

1st Zilcan Groovy Chic

2nd Caldarhel Sunday Girl At Vaghna

This B&T smooth showed well. Expressive head but needs more width, she needs more spring of rib and could be broader all through for me as she tended to look slab sided . Her coat was in gleaming condition, on the move she was careless with her front coming towards.

Open Bitch (3,1)

1st Harpasband Vanilla Sky WW,WUW

Well this R/R showed her heart out and gave of her best at all times. Balanced head, good mouth, fair neck and shoulder, good legs and feet, adequate bone for her size. Well proportioned body with a decent rib and carrying just the right amount of weight to suit her. Her topline is firm but slopes slightly towards the tail when standing however it levels out on the move. She was very accurate on the move out and back and strode out well in profile. She was presented in tip top coat and condition and handled to get the very best from her. This carried her through to the CC and eventually Best In Show. Well done.

2nd Tantor Tickled Pink

This R/S is a decent make and shape, balanced head, ample bone, good rib but carried a touch too much body which makes her look a little stuffy over the neck and shoulder. Good legs and feet, correct topline. Moved true out and back.

Grgtoi Memorial Stakes Dog or Bitch (4,0)

1st Grajenco Miss Saigon

2nd Grajenco Oliver

3rd Rhodon Bit Of A Madam

David Guy