

Okehampton DCS Open Show, 22 April 2023

Hounds. A great pleasure to be invited to judge again at this show, and, as on my previous engagement, I was delighted with the high quality of the exhibits. My thanks to Secretary Caz Turner and the committee for the warm welcome, my steward June Trethowan, and of course to the exhibitors for the honour and privilege of giving me the opportunity to judge their hounds. I felt some hounds were feeling the cold here and perhaps not giving of their best today.

Whippet Puppy (1) 1, Doddridge Strickly Cha Cha, pretty 8 months bitch, balanced head, good mouth, dark eye, good depth and bone, nicely made body, moved steadily and with grace, very promising. **BP. PG** (5, 2 abs) 1 Jasteal Goddess of Godrevy, pale fawn bitch with a super outline, feminine head and nice eye, long neck and deep chest, lovely front and rear angles which showed in her free movement, in great condition and well-handled, BOB and Grp 1. 2 Palmik Ace of Spades, brindle dog, pleasing head with dark well shaped eye, good length of neck, fine bone, good strong quarters, moved well. 3 Freehamlet Saint Matilda. **Open D** (3) 1 Bryntreia Sea of Love, white grey brindle, pleasing outline, good head with strong jaw, nice eye and ear, firm muscle, moved easily. 2 Doddridge Secret Passion, an elegant white and brindle with a balanced head, dark eye, long neck and good depth, well bodied, moved steadily. 3 Jasteal Knight of Kynance. **Open B** (3,1) 1 Dolce Diva Divine N Delary at Jasteal, attractive red brindle of good size, in fine condition, with good depth and tuck up, nice angles fore and aft, moved soundly. 2 Freehamlet Saint Cecilia, lovely looking girl just a bit taller than first, excellent bone and body, nice depth, strong loin, moved freely. **Dachshund Min SH, PG**, (2) 1 Darque Angel for Wakywilks , b/t bitch very feminine, good head and eye, nice front and feet, long neck, good topline, strong quarters, moved with purpose. 2 Rozencrantz Ophelia, another promising youngster very similar to first (and on

looking in catalogue I see they have the same sire), all the essentials in place, moved well. **Open** (1) 1 Pennydach Mystique at Rozencrantz, b/t bitch, good outline, pleasing head and eye, long neck to well laid shoulder, firm topline, good quarters, well set and carried tail, moved with aplomb, BOB. **Dachshund SH Open** (7,1) 1 Almaznyi Laretz Ershalaim at Devondax, a very regal looking 2 yr old b/t boy, super head, deep keel, correct feet, nicely ribbed, well angled front and back, firm loin, good tail carriage, lovely mover with long reach and strong drive, I liked him a lot, BOB, Grp 4. 2 Skywalker Blue at Trisensara, yet another b/t dog, same remarks as for first except that he was not moving quite so freely today. 3 Fantastic Frank at Trisensara, a super red youngster of great quality BP, Puppy Grp 1. **Dachshund Min WH, PG** (1) 1 Blackvein Rambler at Janacop, an attractive bitch of 19 months, correct almond eye in well balanced head, good ears, well put together throughout, nice angulation front and rear, firm topline, good feet, moved well, BOB. **Open** (1) 1 Blackvein Cupid at Janacop, a dog of good outline and shape, good feet, head, neck and angles, nice depth, smooth mover but a little too happy with his tail today. **Dachshund WH PG** (3) 1 Kasalane Rapsody, a handsome dog in fine fettle, typical head and expression, firm body, good depth, excellent bone, moved with style, BOB. 2 Cishelvine Miss Tyfication, this bitch was close up to winner, very feminine, good long neck to well placed shoulder, in fine form overall, but tended to carry her tail too high on this occasion. 3 Cishelvine Quintessence for Kasalane. **Open** (2) 1 Greyhayne Hector, another fine exhibit, balanced head, good length of neck, nice assembly fore and aft, feet, bone and topline all good, sound purposeful mover but again a little too happy with his tail. 2 Kasalane Ostiriato Sea, a red boy and another very nice hound, correct head and ears, deep keel, in hard muscle, moved soundly. **Dachshund Min LH PG** (3,1) 1 Kenzduo Monday Mojito at Devondax, red bitch puppy, of good length, in excellent condition, lovely head and eye, nice bone and good feet, moved soundly, promising youngster. 2 Minard I'm So Fancy, brindle silver dapple

bitch puppy, not appearing too happy in the cold conditions, dark eye, well proportioned head, good front, firm topline, moved steadily enough, and another with promise. **Open** (3,1) 1 Drymoor After Eight at Boscolla, pretty b/t bitch, very typical, in excellent coat and condition, pleasing head with dark eye, long neck to good front, nice length very sound mover, BOB. 2 Abbilis Jive Talking at Treranch, a red girl also a very typical feminine example, moved well but just losing her topline now and then, well presented in good condition. **Dachshund LH, Open** (1) 1 Drymoor Marron Glace at Boscolla, lovely red bitch not yet out of puppy, super head and expression, good ribbing and deep keel, firm loin and level topline, strong quarters and good front, correct tail carriage, a most promising exhibit, moved soundly and with aplomb, BOB, Puppy Grp 2. **Bloodhound Open** (1,1). **Irish Wolfhound PG** (1) 1 Cairnstorm Resolution, a young wheaten bitch in fine form, lovely head properties, strong bone and good feet, nicely laid shoulder, firm level topline, strong quarters with good bend to stifle, good depth and spring to rib, moved well, BOB. **Open** (0). **Borzoï Open** (1,1). **Ibizan Hound Open D**, (1) 1 Nevaeh's Radical Dude, a handsome nicely made hound, lovely long head, large mobile ears, long neck, good legs and feet, pleasing outline, typical movement, BOB. **Open B** (3,2) 1 Ch Afilador Room On The Broom, I have met this lady on a previous occasion, she has all the breed points and deserves her title, I think at our first meeting I mentioned that she was full of life, so she still is, perhaps even a little more crazy nowadays, she's a charmer! **Beagle G** (3) 1 Parkebreeway Wyseman, a very nice young hound, with typical outline, super head and expression, long leathers, good length of neck and front angles, deep chest, firm back and short strong loin, moved with good reach and drive, well set and carried stern, BOB, Grp 3. 2 Redcap Knucklebones at Meganjin, attractive bitch with a very feminine head, dark eye, good neck with nice assembly front and rear, moved soundly. 3 Dufosse Honestly of Parkebreeway. **O** (3) 1 Davricard Hummingbird of Parkebreeway, lovely mature bitch in top condition, attractive head, good

neck to well laid shoulder, level topline, good broad loin, correct feet, moved well, I see she is mother of the winner of previous class. 2 Ch Dufosse Dragonfly of Parkebreeway, another lovely headed bitch, good bone and body, deep, well sprung ribbing, correct angles fore and aft, correctly carried tail, not surprised to see that she has her title, moved soundly but I felt she was lacking a little sparkle here today. 3 Timanso Magic Flute at Meganjin. **Basset Fauve De Bretagne O** (2,1) Rangali Booty Licious, a 9 months bitch, full of the joys, a happy little girl, pleasing head, dark eye with lively expression, nice front, good depth, firm body, high set tail carried correctly, good movement, very promising, BOB , Puppy Grp 4. **Saluki O** (1) 1 Safida Khatam Magma, beautiful cream bitch, lovely head and correctly shaped dark eye, long neck to good shoulder, correct front and bone, nice depth, firm loin, well set and carried tail, super rear quarters, moved with typical light graceful gait, BOB, a pity the exhibitor had left before the group was judged. **Hamiltonstovare O** (2,1) 1 Abon Sfora Nordowskiej Knieji at Rubeusbay, a handsome eye-catching dog, not yet 2 and maturing nicely, lovely balanced head, well-laid shoulder with good return, excellent bone and feet, long strong neck, nice depth, level topline to correct tail set, good rear angulation, moved with long easy strides and plenty of drive, BOB , Grp 2. **AVNSC Hound O**, (3,2) 1 Aabidah De Polvo Magico, Sloughi, a super looking puppy making her debut here today, (it puzzles me why this breed is not more popular), light sand colour with masking, pleasing outline, nice proportions to head, dark eye, good ear placement, firm muscled body, good tuck up, nicely angulated fore and aft with no exaggerations, moved smoothly and freely, much to like about this youngster.

Group: 1 Whippet, 2 Hamiltonstovare, 3 Beagle, 4 Dachshund SH.

Puppy Group: 1 Dachshund SH, 2 Dachshund LH, 3 Whippet, 4 Basset FDB.

AV Hound P (4,2) 1 K Monday Mojito of D. 2 R Booty Licious. **AV Hound O** (9,4) 1 Cicelane Magnus at Kasalane, Dachshund WH, a good looking hound with a very nice head and neck, nice angles front and rear, good ribbing, level

topline, in lovely condition, moved very well. 2 A Laretz Ershalaim at D. 3 B Sea of Love. **AV Hound V (3)** 1 Timamso Suraya at Rubeusbay, Beagle bitch, carrying her 8 years lightly, typical outline, good head and eye, long leathers, nicely bodied, well carried stern, and steady purposeful gait. 2 Ch A Room On The Broom. 3 T Magic Flute at M.

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