

LARGE MUNSTERLANDERS

BATH CANINE SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – MISS VICTORIA WILKINS

I would like to extend my warmest thanks to the committee for my invitation to judge at my first ever championship show. The society were extremely welcoming, my stewards supportive and my exhibitors very sporting and complimentary. I thank you all for supporting upcoming judges in our sport.

PD (1,0) 1st Allen's Callixus Ursa of Hartenziel. Just six months, so very much a baby, but this dog oozes the quality of a good Munsterlander and he will be one I will watch with anticipation in the future. His head was extremely pleasing, with a dark, kind eye leading into a strong, slightly arched neck. Good forechest and ribbed back, with nice turn of stifle. Exceptionally muscled for a young puppy. On the move, it took him a while to settle from the bouncy nature of his age, but when he did he held his topline well, and had a lovely reach in profile and drive from behind. In the challenge I thought him very deserving, and able to hold his own against the older competitors, of reserve best dog.

JD (3,0) 1st Crowsley's Ekkolander's Ray of Sunshine. I thought this dog to be of wonderful breed type. Beautiful head and expression, and good forechest and depth of brisket. Lovely springy pasterns and tight feet, good turn of stifle and well-muscled. On the move, he has good extension once he settles, but could benefit with being run a little faster for such a striding dog. Lovely coat and furnishings. Very much considered for RBD but unfortunately he could not settle on the move or being gone over/stacked again which cost him. 2nd Weare's Kamaze Revolution. Preferred the furnishings and condition of 1 today. Lighter eye than first place, but does not give off a harsh expression. Good depth of brisket and quality of forechest with strong pasterns, leading into lovely tight feet. Moved OK but would prefer more ground coverage and drive. Good colour and pleasing markings, handled very well to get the best out of him. Shown in very good condition for a junior dog with good coat and furnishings. 3rd Saban's Estarose Reed

PGD (0,0)

LD (1,0) Wood & Tapp's Raycris Gabriel of Teufelsmoor. What can I say about this dog? I just love him. He oozes breed type of a strong, muscular dog, echoing what the breed is bred to do. His markings compliment his sound structure, he has a wonderful head, kind eye and well-muscled neck with a slight arch. Good, quality depth of brisket and lovely forechest, well ribbed back with springy and strong pasterns. On the move he was a dream, with a lovely free striding gait with lovely reach and drive from behind, holding his topline well with a very pleasing tail carriage. Unfortunately, he lost out on BOB as I preferred the coat and furnishings of the bitch, but a wonderful dog nonetheless.

OD (1,0) Stevens' Celtaur Lake Geneva. Six years old. Stood alone in this class but worthy of first place. Beautifully handled and presented by his owner, but unfortunately wasn't as willing to cooperate on the move today and lacked that little bit of spark. Lovely stark black and white colouration, good head and kind eye. Good upper arm and shoulder, carrying a little too much hair on his chest. Good turn of stifle.

PB (4,0) 1st Stewart's Quilesta Just Perfect. Lovely dark bitch with the most feminine of heads and I loved her from the moment I saw her. Good head proportions with nice dark and kind eyes, rounding off into a good neck and depth of chest. Well ribbed back and good turn of stifle, with lovely tight feet. She moved with wonderful drive around the ring and as she progresses I am sure

she will hold her own in the older classes. Very much a baby still but had good muscular quality in her hindquarters. Bouncy on the move as to be expected but she has the makings of a very nice bitch and one I will watch in the future. Pushed hard for BP but I preferred the ground coverage of the male. 2nd Allen's Callixus Gemini. Another dark bitch and litter mate to BP and RBD from a very typey litter. Again a lovely dark, kind eye but I preferred the head of the winner. Good arch of neck and upper arm, leading in to a good depth of chest. Again, like her brother she has great muscling for a young bitch which is a credit to her owner. She has good springy pasterns and has good reach in profile. Going away, she is a little close behind, but as she is a youngster I am sure this will settle with age. 3rd Seamons' Ashlowrick Yngvi Episkey

JB (0,0)

PGB (5,0) 1st Ogle & Butler's Ursel Vom Ahler Esch at Raycris. Light coloured bitch who is extremely typey. I am sure these two could swap places any time. Lovely head and dark eye with the kindest of expressions, good arch of neck, depth of chest and length of arm. The depth of chest was so refreshing to see. Springy pasterns leading into good, tight feet. Covers the ground well in profile with drive and reach, but would like to see her head up more on the move and needs to be moved faster. 2nd Black's Seahaven Limited Edition. I am sure this bitch could swap places with 1st place any day as I just fell in love with her, however I preferred the substance and weight of 1. Dark roan bitch with the most pleasing feminine head. Expertly handled which meant that her owner really showed her off on the move. Good arch of neck and depth of chest, strong hindquarters with lovely tail carriage. In profile, she has good reach fore and aft, and covers the ground easily. A little close behind going away but this does not detract from the wonderful outline of this bitch. 3rd Griffiths & Griffiths Rose's Crumpsbrook Rather Radiant

LB (3,0) 1st Suchett-Kaye's Cazooska Pixie at Settskaye. In my judging book I wrote: "strides out like a dream" and she absolutely did. Covers the ground with effortless wonder, which is so few and far between in our breed at the moment. She is a little on the light side weight-wise, so I would like to see a little more weight to her. In good furnishings and presented well. Most feminine of heads and lovely earset. Good depth of chest. On the move she has reach fore and aft and drives from behind, holding her topline beautifully. Good depth of brisket and strong, well let down hocks and tight feet. Pushed hard for BB but I preferred the conditioning and overall picture of my open bitch winner. One I will watch in the future who I am sure will be made up. 2nd Leeming's Ashlowrick Ladies Day at Iscadu. Shown in good condition. A touch wide in front which can make her look a little upright. However, she has a good head and lovely kind expression, good arch of neck. Well-ribbed back moving into good turn of stifle. Handled well to get the absolute best out of her. Good movement in profile and from behind, but preferred the ground coverage of 1 but holds topline all the way around the ring. 3rd Huggins-Davis' Wonglepong Willow's Star at Tralale

OB (1,0) 1st Ogle & Butler's Ch Raycris Freya JW It was such a pleasure to be able to judge this bitch. Presented in wonderful coat and muscle tone, with the most beautiful of heads. Strong and well-muscled in all the right places and a picture to look at stood. She has the absolute correct forechest and depth of brisket, well-ribbed back with good turn of stifle and well let down hocks. On the move she doesn't stop the performance, moving with the ground coverage and drive that this breed desperately needs. I have no doubt she could do a day's work just as her champion status shows. In the BOB challenge, she pulled out all of the stops to take the title, and I am pleased to have awarded her such, looking a picture with the male.

V D/B (1,0) 1st Saban's Seahaven Bouquet of Roses. Stood alone in this class but I was very pleased to award her BV. Eight-year-old bitch who is looking great for her age. Good springy pasterns and good

bone, well-muscled for eight. Covered the ground well on the move and held her topline well – stacked her topline does tend to drop, but this is no doubt comes with age. Slowed off on her pace on her final up and down, but just needs some more encouragement to get that extra bit of speed out of her. I am sure she had plenty more show life in her yet!