

Leeds Championship Show – Large Munsterlanders

Thank you to all the exhibitors for your entries, this appointment was carried over from 2020 when we were still in lockdown so it was lovely to finally get my hands on your lovely dogs. My thanks to Mrs Stannard and the Leeds committee for rescheduling the appointment to this year.

JD (4): 1. Logie & Braidwood's Albadhu Wish Upon A Star nice size dog just out of puppy, good head for age with correct eye colour giving a kind expression, enough neck into a well-constructed front assembly, better depth at this stage than 2, moderate rear angulation, strong topline & correct tailset, moved well. 2. Phillips' Ekkolander Rioja a couple of months older than 1 but not as mature, he was giving his handler a bit of a hard time but pulled himself together at the last minute to gain his place, attractive head & expression, strong neck into well laid shoulder, well off for bone, needs to drop in chest but he's at that in-between stage, moved soundly off strong legs & good feet but needs more schooling on the stand 3. Foreman's Crumpsbrook Geum at Toberworry BP

LD (4): 1. Logie & Braidwood's Albadhu Walk on the Wildside I liked this dog on my first look round and he didn't disappoint going over or on the move. Another of a nice size, masculine all through, lovely head, dark eye colour giving a soft expression, strong, slightly arched neck into excellent front assembly, good layback of shoulder, well off for forechest and good depth of chest and spring of ribs, coat of correct length and texture, well feathered, strong boned legs to tight feet, moved out well covering the ground with ease, no hesitation in awarding him the CC, his second & BOS, I commented to his owner after judging that he surely won't be long in gaining his third and at time of writing up this critique he did just that two weeks later, rightly gaining his crown, I'm sure he'll go on to win more at this level too, congratulations on your new Show Champion 2. Foreman's Toberworry Harvest Moon close up to 1 and similar remarks apply, good coat & condition, attractive head, strong neck, balanced throughout, I preferred the slightly better rear angulation and tighter feet of 1, moved ok 3. Jenks Albadhu Hidden Potential

OD (5,1): 1. Day's Sh Ch Waldo Vom Busshof Mit Alfriston (Imp) Deu a handsome dog who just screams male at you, lovely solid black head with melting expression, super depth all through, would like a little more rear angulation but he's balanced with a strong topline & correct tailset both of which are held well on the move which he does soundly & with drive, unlucky to meet the limit winner today but more than happy to award him the RCC 2. MacGregor's Sh Ch Ekkolander Snowstorm another nice size dog, good head, personally I'd prefer a slightly darker eye colour but his are correct, strong neck into well-laid shoulder, good in forechest and depth of chest, strong well-boned legs and tight feet, move soundly covering plenty of ground, just preferred the length of 1 3. Powell & Murrell's Crumpsbrook Woodrush

VD (1): 1. Day's Raycris Constantin At Alfriston stood alone but deserving of his place. 11.5 year old who I last judged in 2015, he has matured on into a lovely dog, another of nice size and balance, head is lovely in profile but I just found it

a little square for my taste when viewed head on, he has enough forechest and correct depth, strong topline with correct tailset, well boned legs, correct coat, moving well in profile but tending to toe-in a little coming towards me.

SBD/B (1): 1. Phillips' Ekkolander Rioja repeat of 2nd in Junior, Best SB

PB (1): 1. Scotfords Raycris Flaming Tully this white & black girl of 6.5 months old was almost impossible to go over as she was throwing herself about and wasn't going to cooperate for her handler or me, she has a nice head for age, when she stood still for long enough I could see she has reasonable angulation, still some growing to do, coat coming on well with feathering coming too, movement was very erratic and difficult to assess. Handler really needs to get to grips with her but she has time if she works on it and could be a nice bitch once settled.

JB (3,1): 1. Readers Toberworry Peacekeeper at Kalimna lovely size girl of just 14 months, sweet head and expression, liked her substance and balance, correct angulation fore & aft, good depth and forechest, well boned legs down to good feet, sound, ground covering movement, strongly considered her for the RCC 2. Simpson & Johnston's Ekkolander Persephone Red at Leriton another white & black bitch, head ok, ears well set, correct bite, a couple of weeks younger than 1 but at this stage not so together, doesn't have the depth of 1 and is rather long cast, she needs to grow into herself and given another 6 months she will be a different dog, angulation all through ok, moved ok

PGB (1): 1. Powell & Murrell's Tureagh Crystal Cider this girl is not long out of Junior, correct black head with roan body, feminine all through, strong neck into well-laid shoulders, good in forechest and correct depth, strong topline and correct tailset which she holds well on the move which is ground covering & true, probably the best muscled exhibit of the day.

LB (4,1): 1. Wards Braccpoint Song of the Wind for Gemlorien probably the most difficult class of the day, two lovely girls who I was nitpicking between, very similar for size and similar comments apply to both. 1 is well balanced, pretty head and dark eye, good angles all round, lovely depth and good in forechest, carrying enough coat and feathering, moved soundly with drive, happy to award her the RBCC 2. Wilkins Quilesta Simply Exquisite a more solid black, I like this girl a lot but she wasn't 100% happy today and this cost her the class, good head and eye colour although I prefer the expression of 1, lovely body with super coat and feathering, strong, slightly arched neck into correct front assembly, another with good depth of chest & spring of rib, she was unsettled and kept dropping her topline both standing and on the move, when standing this made her look a little short on leg, which she actually isn't, super movement in profile but was toeing in slightly coming towards me, I'm sure her day will come 3. Putnam's Asterpoint Faraday At Ebornmist

OB (3,1, 1 w/d): Two nice girls started this class, unfortunately one went lame on the first run round the ring and her handler chose to withdraw her, I hope she has now recovered and it was nothing nasty 1. Logie & Braidwood Albadhu Pawsitive Vibes JW rangier girl but she is balanced, almost all black with a little roan on the back legs and tail, nice head & kind expression, lovely front assembly with good depth, would like to have seen more turn of stifle and

second thigh, strong topline & good tailset, good ground covering action.
VB (3,1): 1. Darby's Sh Ch Brockchime Besta Both to Incadar VW, last class of the day and just what I was looking for, I've watched this girl over the years in the ring and always liked what I've seen! I love her head and expression, correct ear set framing a lovely head, strong, muscular neck with a slight arch into well laid shoulders, correct length of upper arm, muscular body but retaining femininity, her topline flows down to her correctly set tail, strong well boned legs down to super feet, moderate rear angulation with excellent depth of thigh, super coat & feather, she moves round the ring with such soundness and drive it's hard to believe she is 10.5 years old, the only giveaway is her lovely grey eyebrows, today I couldn't deny her BCC, BOB and BVIB, I last judged this girl back in 2015 when I gave her the LB class and said then her day would come, it certainly has several times since then as I believe this was her 12th or 13th CC, thank you for giving me the opportunity to go over her again 2. Robins' Sh Ch Destanli Jedda's Diamond another lovely girl who is deserving of her title, 7.5 years old, more solid black again, she has a lovely feminine head with a kind expression, love her well set ears which have lovely feathering on them, again she has great depth and forechest, lovely balance, moves soundly but just not the animation of 1 today.

Elaine Bradley (Judge)