

Large Munsterlander Club Open Show – Normanton on Soar, Sunday 6th October

I would like to extend my thanks to the Large Munsterlander Club for inviting me to judge their Open show in the centenary year of this wonderful breed. Thanks to my stewards, Dennis & Sarah, for their hard work in somewhat challenging weather conditions at times. Thankfully the weather held off and allowed us to be outside for the duration of the day and despite being slightly wet at times early on it was the best decision to remain outside – thanks to the early exhibitors for sticking with me in those early classes.

I found dentition to be excellent across all classes. Some slight concern about tail carriage as some very happy tails and some with some dogs deciding where they would go rather than the handler deciding.

Some very good classes today with some close calls, as always in this breed all exhibitors took decisions made with the normal grace I would expect.

MPD – No entries

PD (2)

1st Lloyd & Smith's CRUMPSBROOK GALANGAL VON RULANDER (AI) – Nicely proportioned head with nice dark eye. Good deep chest, strong slightly arched neck. He moved well holding his topline very well. Plenty of rear drive and covered the ground well. This boy has a bright future. **BPD, BPIS**

2nd Overton's QUILESTA SIMPLY HARRYS BOY – Another nice youngster with good head, slightly looser eyes. An excellent coat for one so young. Less settled on the move than winner but this will come in time.

JD (1)

1st Gronow's CAZOOSKA LILYS GIN FIZZ – Skull slightly too broad, very alert expression and definitely interested. Good depth in chest, Good topline when stacked, not held too well on the move today but this may have been due to the early damp conditions as he didn't move as well as I think he can today.

ND (1)

1st Hodge's TARKANYA MEAS MEDALLION – 6 years old who is obviously not used to being in a show ring. Nicely proportioned head with a kind eye. Nice deep chest. Unfortunately was unable to go over him properly as he just wouldn't stand still. On the move he spent more time in the air than with feet on the ground but if given some ring craft along with handler I feel would be a decent mover.

GD (2)

1st Gronow's CAZOOSKA LILYS GIN FIZZ

2nd Hodge's TARKANYA MEAS MEDALLION

PGD (4, 1 Withdrawn)

1st Day's WALDO VOM BUSSHOF MIT ALFRISTON (IMP) DEU – Nicely proportioned male, nice head, good dark eye, lovely coat. Deep chest, strong neck, decent topline. Unsettled on the move but he improved as the class went on. When settled he moved with drive and purpose.

2nd Powell's CRUMPSBROOK WODDRUSH - Very similar to winner but not as in good a coat. Didn't move as well.

3rd Gronow's CAZOOSKA LILYS GIN FIZZ

LD (2)

1st James's DARKENSKY PROMETHEUS JW – Nicely marked, good lay of shoulder,

strong slightly arched neck, lovely topline which he held well on the move. Slightly lighter eye than I'd like but had nice expression.

2nd Goodley's QUILESTA JUST TALENTED – I found this boy to be slightly too long in body with a wide front which spoilt his movement. In good coat, nice head, nice eye.

OD (6, 1a, 1 withdrawn) – an excellent class full of quality

1st Disney & Whiting's SH CH WONGLEPONG WILL'S FARAMIR – A very well built, square and muscled dog who has wonderful presence in the ring, thankfully he has trimmed down since the last time he came under me and it shows. Lovely head, very alert expression, strong neck. Moved with purpose and drive and the rapport he has with owner is wonderful – did everything that was asked of him. Unfortunately let himself down in the challenge a little as became too interested in other dogs rather than the task at hand.

2nd Day's RAYCRIS CONSTANTIN AT ALFRISTON – Broader skull than winner, another one who moved very well. Solid and well-proportioned dog in good coat, excellent neck, good topline held well on move.

3rd Macgregor & Macgregor's EKKOLANDER SNOWSTORM – Slightly lighter in eye and less coat than 1 & 2. Didn't settle too well in the beginning but did improve and moved well in the end.

Res Jenks's SH CH KALABAGH LIGHTNING

SWD (1)

1st Lloyd & Smith's CH CRUMPSBROOK BAYLEAF VON RULANDER – Stood alone but a very worthy winner and was very happy to give this boy Best In Show. I saw such a difference in this boy since I first judged him a few years ago. Now has confidence oozing from him and his owner gets the absolute best from him. Presented in great condition with decent coat. Wonderful profile when stacked, super head, nice calm expression. Strong slightly arched neck leading to good shoulders. Good deep chest, body length just right. Moved with ease around the ring with drive and purpose. Excellent topline. Muscled in all the right places. **BD & BIS**

VD (2)

1st Logie & Gray's SH CH ALBADHU PAWS FOR PERFECTION – Quality dog who doesn't move like a veteran, moves with good drive and with purpose. Another dog who was in great condition and good coat. Excellent head and alert expression. Strong neck, good lay of shoulder, good all round proportions. Sound mover. In the dog challenge ran the winner very close indeed and on another day could easily have taken top honours. **RBD**

2nd Macgregor & Macgregor's SH CH JAUDAS FAME AND GLORY – Another lovely quality dog who unfortunately just wasn't feeling it today, didn't want me to go over him so difficult to properly assess. Lovely head, slightly light in eye. I could see he was well muscled but couldn't go over him with confidence. Wasn't settled on the move and started to pace, when I asked for him to move again he did move well with drive from a good rear assembly.

MPB (1)

1st Butler's TOBERWORRY BREAKING DAWN AT JENDELLA'S – Very pretty bitch. Nice head, lovely eye. Not a very deep chest but this will come with maturity. Once settled down she moved well with a lovely topline, certainly has a spring her step as she seemed to float around the ring at times. **BPB, RBPIS**

PB (3, 1a)

1st Logie & Braidwood's ALBADHU PAWSITIVE VIBES – Confident mover, square outline with a nice deep chest. Very alert expression. Ran the MPB winner very close in

challenge for Puppy bitch.

2nd Leadbetter's ABDECKER VIXEN – Finer built than winner and could do some with some ringcraft as was quite nervous being examined (wouldn't stay still long enough). Moved quite well.

JB (3, 2a)

1st Middleton & Tordoff's QUILESTA OCTAVIA – Stood alone, Pretty bitch with nice expression. Good length of neck but slightly long in body with tuck up too high. Moved ok but think she would rather have been working in the field than in the show ring.

NB (2, 1a)

1st Leadbetter's HAWKSWARD GALE – Bitch in good coat, nice head with kind eye. Decent neck leading to shoulders which were a little too straight. Moved ok.

GB (3, 2a)

1st Ward's BRACCPPOINT SONG OF THE WIND FOR GEMLORIEN – Pretty bitch, square outline. Nice head, dark eye, deep chest, decent topline – didn't really want to move today.

PGB (3, 1a)

1st Middleton & Tordoff's QUILESTA SO ENCHANTING – Pleasing girl, nice head, loving expression, in excellent coat. Square outline, deep in chest, nicely arched neck leading to good shoulders. Shown in good condition. Moved well carrying a good topline.

2nd Ward's BRACCPPOINT SONG OF THE WIND FOR GEMLORIEN

LB (5, 1a) – An excellent class

1st James's CRUMPSBROOK ANGELICA – A compact bitch but everything in the correct proportions. Pleasing head and expression, nice shoulders, good topline, good front & rear assembly. Moved well today which won her the class.

2nd Bargman's CRUMPSBROOK KERRIA – Slightly longer in body than winner and with a slightly lighter eye. Nicely proportioned head, strong neck. Couldn't quite match the movement of 1st place.

3rd Kitchen's CRUMPSBROOK RATHER REGAL VON ELKEMUTT – Another pleasing bitch with decent outline. Lovely head with nice eye. Didn't hold her topline on the move today which held her back.

Res Tordoff's CRUMPSBROOK JUST ELEGANT

OB (3) – Another excellent class

1st Tordoff's CRUMPSBROOK RATHER ELEGANT – Beautifully marked this pretty bitch has a lovely head with pleasing eye. Nice and deep chest, strong neck, decent shoulders. Good movement fore & aft and holds a lovely topline

2nd Ogle & Butler's URSEL VOM AHLER ESCH AT RAYCRIS – Striking pure Black & White, shown in good condition. Lovely head and good alert expression. Nice and square everything in proportion and well-muscled. Needed more speed to get the best out of her for movement – she wanted to go quicker which would have assisted with her stride.

3rd Robins's DESTANLI JEDDA'S DIAMOND – Nicely proportioned girl although slight longer ears than desired. Nice dark eye with kind expression, good strong neck leading to good shoulders. Not as settled on the move today.

SWB (3, 1a)

1st Trowsdale's QUILESTA SO SPECIAL AT CAZOOSKA – Nice square outline. Moved out strongly with purpose and you could tell she was a working girl, her nose was

working overtime in the environment sniffing out possibilities of work. Slightly lacking on rear angulation but still moved well.

**2nd Middleton & Tordoff's QUILESTA OCTAVIA
VB (4, 1a)**

1st Trowsdale's SH CH RAYCRIS SPECIAL QUEST – Absolutely astounded that this girl is nearly 12! On the initial run round the ring you would think she was no more than 5 or 6 as she floated round. Confident & classy the girl oozes quality all around. Shown in great condition today she rolled back the years to bag top bitch honours. Nicely proportioned head with lovely eye, nicely arched neck leading to good shoulders, lovely topline which was held excellently on the move. I think the BIS challenge was one step too far today as she did slow up a bit but she proves the saying 'There's life in the old girl yet!' **BB, BVIS**

2nd Darby's SH CH BROCKCHIME BESTA BOTH TO INCADAR – Another fantastic bitch in great condition – pushed the winner very close today. I liked everything about this girl as much as winner but on movement alone came in a very, very, close 2nd and in bitch challenge held her own to gain Reserve Best Bitch in Show. **RBB & RBVIS**

3rd Ward's INCADAR ILLUMINAIRE FOR GEMLORIEN – Another girl nearly 12 years old, doesn't show in the face but her movement is somewhat limited now. Pleasing head and eye, good front back lacking the drive in movement from the rear.

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