

Richmond Championship Dog Show 2017
Large Munsterlander

I have been involved in the breed since the mid 90s, and this was my first Championship show appointment.

In my opinion, the quality of Large Munsterlanders has declined noticeably over the past few years and I am disappointed and sad at the state of the breed at the moment.

Movement today on the whole was disappointing, dogs plaiting in front was common and most lacked drive.

I was also concerned about the number of dogs that showed sign of being nervous, this is not typical of the breed.

Substance was another attribute lacking today, this breed should be able to carry out a days work, sometimes over rough terrain, picking up and carrying large game, for that the dog has to have enough bone and substance.

On the positive side I found tail carriage improved since I last judged and I found no bad mouths.

VD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: DAY Mrs M I & Mr M E Sh Ch Raycris New Attraction At Alfriston Despite showing a few sign of age catching up with him he was the best mover in the class. Compact body, good topline, deep chest and well sprung ribs.

2nd: LLOYD, Miss K J & SMITH Mr M J Ch Paddockridge Rulander Liked his overall shape and balance, but not moving as well as 1.

3rd: AGHILI-KORDMAHALE, Mr A & ARCHER Miss S E Qualitil Rosies Madness

PD (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: HUGGINS-DAVIS Ms A Tralale Logi's Legacy (Ai) (Au2) Promising puppy, shown in beautiful coat. Head OK but the white flecking is more than I care to see. Deep chest for his age, good topline and well bent stifles. Disappointing that he only has one testicle.

JD (1 Entries) Abs: 1

PGD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: WEARE Mr P M & Mrs L A Kamaze Revolution

Young dog with a pleasing outline who strode out well round the ring covering plenty of ground.

Eye colour OK, would prefer more refinement in his head. Good bone, deep chest, adequate stifle. Nice topline and tuck up. RCC.

LD (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: LLOYD, Miss K J & SMITH Mr M J Crumpsbrook Bayleaf Von Rulander

My notes say "typical Munster" Balanced head with good expression, good bone and feet. Neck flows smoothly into well laid shoulders. Well bent stifles, but handler needs to watch that his rear legs are placed correctly. Pleased to award him his first CC.

2nd: MILLER Miss S Quilesta So Majestic

Black and white dog who caught my eye but he's a big boy and will need time to develop and fill his frame and strengthen in movement - one for the future.

3rd: LANE Mrs J & Ilko Vom Florbach Imp Deu

OD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: STEVENS Mrs L & Mr P Celtaur Lake Geneva

Black and white boy shown in profuse coat, movement was untidy and not enough enthusiasm for me. Nice head with kind eye, good length of neck, deep chest.

VB NO ENTRIES

PB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: STEWART Mr G Quilesta Just Perfect

Very lively 10 month old, with lots to like about her, lovely shaped head with dark eye. Deep chest, good length of neck, and a nice bend of stifle. Her tail never stopped wagging, just needs to settle a bit on the move but I never penalise enthusiasm!

JB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: SMITH Mrs F Dorro Vom Pfaffenbuck (Imp)

16 month old, not totally settled. Very fine all through, would prefer more bone and substance and could carry more weight. Sweet head with correct bite, good length of neck and well laid back shoulders, would prefer better length of upper arm. Moved out well with positive driving action.

PGB (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: CAILE Mrs K Kamaze Logi's Spirit (ai)

Another "typical" Munsterlander with a balanced outline, everything in harmony. Well proportioned head, eye colour OK. Adequate bone, has a tendency to stand "ten to two". Deep chest, and good tuck up, pleasing topline, well bent stifles. Moved well covering plenty of ground.

2nd: OGLE, Mrs C & BUTLER Mr R Ursel Vom Ahler Esch At Raycris
Well muscled bitch who refused to get herself together on the move until finally moved by her owner. Pleasing outline, particularly liked her strong quarters.

3rd: FOREMAN, Mrs & Miss S & H & FOREMAN Mr P Celtaur Aquarius
Lake At Toberworry

LB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: SUCHETT-KAYE Dr R Cazooska Pixie At Settskaye

Pleasing bitch with a balanced outline, just missing that "special something" for me. Head OK, good length of neck, well placed shoulders and correct bend of stifle when relaxed. Well muscled, moved positively.

OB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: OGLE, Mrs C & BUTLER Mr R Ch Raycris Freya JW

This bitch needs no introduction, I have done her well before and saw absolutely no reason to change my mind today. Love her from the tip of her nose to her tail, top quality, everything in the right place, topped by effortless movement with reach and drive, looking like she could do a days work with ease. Pleased to award her the CC and BOB.

2nd: EVANS Mrs H J Tarkanya Daisys Dormouse (ai)

Totally different type to 1, not a big girl and perhaps her colouring doesn't appeal to everyone, but she had the bone and substance that I was looking for. Pretty head with super dark eye, well sprung ribs, lovely bed of stifle and correct topline. Moved with ease using her well muscled quarter to power round the ring, RCC

Judge: Mrs Julie Seamons (Messano)