

CRUFTS LARGE MUNSTERLANDERS 2023 JUDGE PAT McCUTCHEON

We started the day on a sad note with a one minute silence for Michelle Day who past away recently who was a long term member of the LMC and fellow judge.

When a friend from obedience back in the 1980's said " I have found the breed for you", little did I ever believe I would stand at Crufts, on the green carpet taking CC's with my own LM's, including my first CC, let alone do my final judging here. To all who entered, it was really appreciated, and loved all the kisses from the LM's. I have not been to a show since 2016 it was good to find the breed has improved, maybe this is down to breeders going abroad for new stock, as I discovered at home going through the catalogue. I am sure some think I should have gone to Specsavers, I judged, as always, my way. Thanks to my backroom team for dog sitting my mob, my driver who went above and beyond to get me here in snow. To my stewards for keeping it real and to Crufts for the opportunity to judge at the most famous and filmed dog show. One note, handlers please park your nerves in the carpark with your car, you'd done the hard part of qualifying, so relax and enjoy the day. If your nervous it travels down the lead to the exhibit. I departed from the ring happy with my decisions but in need of a sit down due to an ongoing injury, sure you saw me limping and in need of coffee. My only apology is delay in getting this write up to you, work and sick elderly dogs had to come first.

VD 2(1) 1st Disneys Sh Ch Wonglepong Wils Faramir, What a pity due to the weather etc this dog did not have time to settle especially on the move, as he gave his runner a really hard time. At nearly 8 he doesn't show his age, lovely outgoing personality, head and neck correct, flowing into good front assembly. Topline held standing. Firm muscled hind quarters and correct tail set. In lovely coat and condition. Can understand why he gained his title as the steps he strung together today you could see he was sound.

PD 4(1) 1st Middleton & Trowsdale Elmer vom Blitzenbach at Amasffoy (Imp Due) Headed 3 youngsters who I am sure will trade places over time, today this one edged on his movement once his handler had settled down. Coat coming along for a 10 month old. Very well toned throughout, grand head leading to good neck and front, nice depth of chest, correct topline and hind angulation presenting a balanced picture. Delighted to award him BP, sure he will challenge for top honours as he matures on.

2^{sd} McKenna Albadhu Final Showdown. Out of my bitch CC winner, she is passing on her good qualities, he is darker than 2, but really liked him, agreeable head, neck, and shoulders, leading to a good depth of chest, not quite the balance at the moment of 1 and today his rear movement was a little close behind, as the day wore on began to believe it was the carpet, as quite a few slipped and did not move as well as I expect they can do.

3rd Disney Kamaze Dance In The Dark. Heavier boy, in lovely coat, balanced, correct bone and body and really well muscled like his dad in VD but as handler had to swop from dog in previous class he was not settled here at all, he strung enough steps together to show he was sound but despite giving him time, his runner and him were not on the same page, but what a happy go lucky lad.

JD 2(0) 1st Siddons A Foxy Gozer Uut't Vossebeltseveld (Imp Nld) Crumbs you all tested my spelling! He came in the ring with calm authority, handler free stood him to advantage. Charming expression in a beautiful head leading to arched neck and strong front assembly, tight feet, good bone, excellent body shape. He moved with the drive and precise driving action this breed should have, his tail carriage was good. My notes on the day say one to watch. This youngster I think has a bright future for the breed, in the challenge he said your not going to ignore me and I didn't pleased to award him RDCC in strong competition.

2nd McKenna Albadhu Final Showdown 2nd in PD, moved much better when I re moved him.

PGD7(0) 1st Powse Quilesta Simply Invincible mit Memilmar & 2nd Carr Quilesta Simply Astounding. On reading catalogue two litter brothers who I wanted 2 read cards for, nothing to split you on but I had to award a first!. You both headed a class of really honest well together boys, and I was splitting hairs between you all, am sure those who went home cardless today would be at the top another it was that close. Both boys moved with purpose and drive on the correct ground covering stride. Lovely coats and condition, beautifully presented. Excellent stood with the balance I was looking for. Body to height ratio what the breed standard call for. Your both a credit to your breeder and yourselves. Hope you will both continue to do well in the future.

3rd James Darkensky Supremacy A baby at half the age of the first 2, but he was not going to be overlooked here, he moved with ease on good feet and legs, he was in tune with his handler. Slightly heavier throughout but not overdone. Correct deep chest and body proportions with a easy stride on the move.

LD 4(0) Four boys of various ages who if you came under me again could well change places. 1st Horton Crumpsbrook Jay. Outmoved the others to take first place. Has a good outline, great masculine head, groomed well, ok reach of neck, well laid back shoulders, providing good front angulation. Nice spring of ribs. Firm body which meant he kept his topline, correct feet.

2nd Logie & Braidwood Albadhu Wish Upon a Star JW. On the first run round the ring thought you'd be my winner, great profile movement. Very eye catching standing in excellent coat and condition. Head appealed, firm body with correct angulation. Today, and I blame the carpet, his hind movement was a little close behind.

3rd Simpson & Johnston Ekkolander Dark Madness at Leriton Slightly smaller lad, but everything to like, another who's rear movement was not as good when going away from me . Delightful out going temperament. Lighter colouring which is lovely to see as we do seem to be going through a "dark markings" phase. Lovely to go over with so much appeal.

OD 8(0) WOW 8 in open is wonderful, so many with top awards too. 1st Davis-Green CH Abdecker Dancer. I had a slight wobble when he came in the ring, in a good way, as he is so like, only better, my first Sh Ch. Today was his day, he was there asking who was coming 2nd to him. Absolutely cracking boy who is a pleasure to go over, he just oozes quality. The picture gets better when you put your hands on him, beautiful head with eyes that follow you round, extremely well muscled throughout, lovely arch to neck, great lay of shoulders and feet and legs that can do a days work. Topline divine, deep body with right amount of tuck up. Powerful rear quarters which boy can he use on the

move and a happy waggy tail too. In immaculate coat turned out to perfection for me. Had no hesitation in giving him the class, CC and BOB. He was impressive in the group ring too at end of a long day just a pity I had to see it on the TV at home. Enjoy him lady, they come along and you don't realise just what you have till its too late. Do I wish he was mine? Actually no, as mine was here in 1992. Had so many compliments on him from people seeing him in the group ring via tv. Thank you for bringing him under me.

2nd James Darkensky Prometheus Lovely coloured powerful dog, everything correct, moved out really well with a ground covering stride, quiet sympathetic handling meant he was on show not the handler which is lovely to see. Everyone was unlucky to come up against 1st on form, am sure you all swop regularly.

3rd Powell & Murrell Sh Ch Crumpsbrook Woodrush. Was pushed hard for this place as 4th and 5th where very close up to you. I was looking for balance and he has it, movement here was great until he moved away then closer behind that others, definitely can see why he has his title by the top breeding kennel I see in the catalogue.

FTD 3(0) 1st Davis-Green Ch Abdecker Dancer my notes say "that explains a lot"

2sd Lloyd & Smith Ch Crumpsbrook Bayleaf von Rulander Think one of the few have judged before, mature excellent specimen and passing on his virtues to his progeny I see. Smaller compact dog with grand hard muscles which showed as he powered round the ring today. He is built to work and lovely to see he has knocked off his Show part of his title. A credit to you, but today unlucky to come up against the winner.

3rd Lane Rokko vom Florbach (Imp Deu) what a happy boy, a very workman like boy who am sure would have much preferred the outdoors where there was something interesting to watch, eye catching markings. Extremely well muscled, not an ounce of extra anywhere. Not the balance of the other 2. Today he was not as co ordinated on the move as the first 2, but thank you for the opportunity to go over him, another from abroad.

SWG 1 (0) 1st Int Ch Seefest Cosmos Clubwinner21 HzoVW'22, Cw'21 Stood alone but could have beaten others today from other classes. Head when looking face on is a little more rounded than I like, as was the shape of his eyes. Dark dog who was co operating with his handler especially on the move, level back leading from a grand arched neck. Passing on his good fluid movement to his progeny as both my Rcc's are sired by him. Proper body proportions and well muscled. Thank you for travelling to bring him under me.

GCSD 2 (0) 1st Jenks Albadhu Hidden Potential. Looks impressive standing, Topline kept moving as well as standing, nice depth of chest and good bone and feet, well muscled as a multi purpose gundog should be, you don't have to "work" them to achieve this.

2sd Foremans Crumpsbrook Geum at Toberworry. My notes say "baby" is also very dark but very well made, he held his tail a little odd today when stood but it was ok to go over and on the move, no extra body on him which will come with time, but there was loads and loads of muscle. His coat shone under the lights pity he had left some at home but he has time to get back his featherings.

VB 8(1) 1st Logie & Braidwood Cindy vom Hundsfeld at Albadhu (Imp Deu) This one has really influenced her kennel, and I think in a good way, when I looked up everyone which I do afterwards she has definitely played her part. Handler knows how to get her moving, and noticed she moves at a pace best suited to the dogs she is handling which helps get the best out of them. Well done today on heading a very very strong VB class. Loved her size. Her head is beautiful, leading to good neck, shoulders, front. Nice depth of chest, immaculately presented, good coat as she had pups less than a year ago. Super rear end and so so balanced. Moved out with a good ground covering stride that all LM's should. In the challenge she pulled out the stops today pleased to award her BCC and I understand after judging was over, I was told its her 3rd . In the challenge for BOB she is delightful but doubt anything would have got past my DCC winner today. She is a credit to you.

2nd Ogle& Butler Ursel vom Ahler Esch at Raycris close up to one but preferred the head on 1st place, very well muscled as you would expect from this kennel. Another from abroad, lovely colour and markings, so unlucky to come up against 1 one form today. Had a runner which she must be use too as didn't bat an eye at being taken away from her handler. Wonderful overall balance, a real pleasure to go over.

3rd James Crumpsbrook Angelica. What a super bitch who powered round the ring on a free flowing stride, took 3rd over a super lady who is a credit to her owner too. Pretty headed bitch with proper proportions for her size. Handler seemed to be relaxed and this went down the lead which means she got the best out of her.

PB 2(0) 1st Logie & Braidwood Albadhu Final Encounter What a little poppet, at the rolly polly stage which is just right for a baby but she couldn't be denied the class, she is so feminine and has a real cheeky expression which gives her charm, have a feeling she is a character at home. Daughter of my BCC winner. Would I take her home, years ago yes. Her cheeky ring presence will take her far, but also she is correctly made throughout, front construction is good and she moves on a lovely stride, hind angulation is good and for a baby has balance. Great arch of neck, lovely bone and body proportions.

2^{sd} Turner Kamaze Dream with Your Feet at Gilnockie. Handled very sympathetically today to get the best out of her, she was a little unsure to be gone over which I put down to the venue etc as she settled she quite happily after taking treats from me and wagged her tail then was gone over. Really classic head for the breed, good overall construction. Moved a little unsure today.

JB 3(0) 1st Mentink & Jensen Jinty The Fox Uut't Vossebeltseveld Jch, Cibj, Junior Bundessieger. Another blast from the past with this one, reminded me of 2 of mine who I bred. Very dark girl, but she was so sound on the move, the class was hers on movement alone, but in the challenge for BCC she also showed to advantage and so pleased to award her RBCC, I note litter sister to my RDCC winner, Lovely head, twinkling eye, arch neck into a front which has depth and the correct topline kept standing and moving, lovely rear angulation and she uses her tail on the move too.

2nd Scotford Raycris Flaming Tully, appealing young lady unlucky today, sure she will win loads in the future, but wasn't as positive on the move from behind, maybe this carpet again, really liked her size and substance, beautifully groomed and handled. Head is very feminine leading to good body and balance, has lovely profile movement.

3rd Hallstrom-Ullman Vassfjordens Swedish Svea Se Jv-22. Beautiful dark little girl, who I could have taken home she was so cute. she was well handled in the class. Size isn't everything and everything was in the correct place just a little more of her would be an advantage, which may come with age. I thank you for coming all the way from Sweden today.

PGB 9(0) Big class full of potential which is good for the breed, sorry some had to go home unplaced, the carpet, I believe, was making you unsure and more than once thought some where going to injure themselves when legs went as they were turning. Outside I bet you all move so much better but I have to judge what I see on the day. Apart from the class winner today you all were unsure moving and close behind.

1st Formans Toberworry Little Lies. This little girl caught my eye and loved her ticked and flicked body markings, she was carrying the correct weight and moved out effortlessly. Her head is old fashioned and pretty, with lovely eyes and ears. Neck is arched with good layback of front. Overall body proportions where good, she in the challenge was one I considered for the RBCC, sure she'll have her day, she deserves it.

2nd Bargman Crumpsbrook Alchemilla What a splendid girl stood, really looked the part, head not as appealing as 1st, sure on another day they will change places as very close up to 1st.

3rd Bisset Albadhu Written In The Stars, Stood she was my winner when she came in the ring for the first look, loved her size, shape, body, just today movement cost her.

LB 11(3) Again super class with some going cardless. This really bodes well for the future if they are bred on from. 1st Ward Braccpoint Song of The Wind for Gemlorien, My notes say eye catching and such and easy mover, very in tune with her runner, who must be congratulated on striding out with this girl to get the most out of her. Free stood which I think she benefits from. Head was very pretty with the correct ear set which she used focusing on her handler. Neck led to a super body with the correct amount of weight and muscle.

2nd O'Connell Jaudas On The Road Again. Notes say very workman like, nothing over the top and her sound movement and overall balance was lovely. Not as big as one but everything to like and unlucky to meet 1st place on form.

3rd Reader Toberworry Peacekeeper at Kalimna The baby here with a handler who got best out of her standing, she moved well when going in a straight line but seemed distracted as one point. Lovely expression in a beautiful head. Correct throughout a little unlucky to meet first 2 bet they constantly change places in the future. Good luck with her. See she is related to my post grad winner.

OB 8(3) My notes say what a lovely class again was down to very little bits I split you all on and am sure you change places but again I have only one red card. 1st Butler Sh Ch Toberworry Breaking Dawn at Jendella's Won here because out of the 5 she is one I would take home, it really was a close class. Her size and proportions were ideal and she has a classic head and markings, carrying more coat than some but she is well put together and moved effortlessly in the class on good rear angulation with good muscles. Handler is at one with her, nice legs and feet. Considered her for top honours. 2^{sd} Logie & Braidwood Sh Ch Albadhu Pawsitive Vibes JW, she definitely lives up to her name as she came in very positive. Great to see she is made up as notes say very close to one, again very close between you all. A kennel that knows how to produce and turn

out stock, good for you. Believe me it was a close class. Movement was positive and precise. Construction was good throughout, can see she deserves her top awards. 3 McKew Liatroim Jade at Gunnershill Ir Jun Ch. Interesting she is from Ireland, very pretty and all of the previous girls comments apply I only had red card. Moved with drive and purpose, handled calmly which got the best out of her. Very attractive head and good body.

FTB 4(0) Ogle & Suchett-Kaye Ch Raycris The Temptress. Hard very well muscled lady who headed another strong class of girls with brains and well as beauty. When I got home knew why she was shown so well, a breeder who tries to get her stock to be dual purpose, which actually applies to all the first 3, well ladies you have achieved that. This bitch has the classic outline, grand body legs and feet, muscled throughout, topline kept standing and moving, a real credit to you, another who I looked at for top awards.

2sd Evans Tarkanya Hippis Hisbiscis Really loved this one but had left her coat a home today nothing to hide here and was very well put together and clearly loves to work by the overall balance and muscled body. Would like to see her with a jacket on which gave one the edge today.

Saynor Ekkolander Dark Rivva Definately What a beautiful black and white smaller girl who oozes quality bet she have rather been on the moor today than parading round the green carpet as she wasn't moving as positively as I bet she can. Liked her a lot.

SWGB 2(0) 1st Trowsdale Quilesta So Special at Cazooska won this class on showman ship and movement, good hard condition who must work her to be in this class a finer built girl, body proportions slightly long, her eye shape more round. Extremely well turned out with a lot to like about her

2sd Saynor Ekkolander Malbec my what a pretty girl with a beautiful expression, loved her colouring and personality, her tail was wagging most of the time she was enjoying a day out with mum. Small but very well put together.

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1st Butlers Sh Ch toberworry Breaking Dawn at Jendella's 1st in Open bitch

2sd Ward Braccpoint Song of The Wind for Gemlorien !st in Limit Bitch unlucky to meet up again open bitch winner today.

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