

LARGE MUNSTERLANDER CLUB OPEN SHOW

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A huge thank you to all exhibitors that travelled to support the Large Munsterlander Club's second yearly open show. I had a wonderful time judging and it will be an experience that I won't forget. I'd like to thank to LMC committee for their support and confidence in upcoming judges and their professionalism on the day of the show itself. I would also like to thank my steward Alan Hunter. For me there is currently a huge variation in type in our breed, some lacking in substance. This is a working breed and good heart and lung room and excellent muscling is a must.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1 Tapp and Wood's Eno Von Ellenstedt Zum Teufelsmoor. Very exuberant puppy who has just turned six months old. Very excited and bouncy but to be expected at his first show and his handler did well. Has the most gorgeous of heads and a lovely dark, kind eye. Good deep chest and strong hindquarters. Slightly erratic on the move but very much a baby with good reach and drive. He has the makings of a lovely dog and one I will watch with excitement in the future.

PUPPY DOG (1)

1 Tapp and Wood's Eno Von Ellenstedt Zum Teufelsmoor.

JUNIOR DOG (4)

1 Gregory's Jaudas Let It Rock. Just loved this dog and he jumped out from the moment he stepped into the ring. He has a lovely strong stride with great reach both fore and aft with correct tail carriage. He has the most pleasing head with correct earset, good forechest and a strong arched neck. His pasterns are strong and he holds his topline well on the move. Both him and his handler looked a picture on the move. Strongly considered for RBD but the older male just pipped him today.

2 Day's Waldo Vom Busshof Mit Alfriston. Another dog who exudes breed type and his tail never stopped wagging – such a happy dog. Nice head and dark, kind eye and correct earset well-ribbed back with strong hindquarters which make him look a picture on the move. When settled he strides out with ease around the ring. Pushed hard for the class win but lacking maturity against 1 today but still very much a baby. On another day I am certain he could swap places – another one I will watch excitedly in the future.

3 James' Darkensky Prometheus. Yet another lovely youngster and a credit to his owner. A little bit nervous on the hands-on examination today and lost his confidence initially but once he settled he strode out well and showed that breed energy and drive which is crucial. Slightly lighter eye than 1 and 2, but has good depth of chest and heavy in coat but constructed soundly underneath it. He has good substance and carries himself well on the move with good driving action from behind. One to watch in the future.

4 Powell and Murrell's Crumpsbrook Woodrush

NOVICE DOG (1)

1 Hodge's Tarkanya Meas Medallion. I am told this was his first ever show aged five. If so, they did a great job and should be proud of themselves. Darker male with nice outline when standing. Excited on the move and quite bouncy but when he came into the ring in a later class he had calmed down into a steady stride. Good strong muscles in his hindquarters and nice furnishings. I urge you to carry on showing your dog – in no time you'll be an expert. Great job.

GRADUATE DOG (2)

1 Day's Waldo Vom Busshof Mit Alfriston.

2 Jenks' Celtaur Polar Light. Lovely to see a lighter dog in the show ring. He has a wonderful coat and was shown well by his handler. Good arch of neck and deep chested, with muscling on rear. Not as free flowing on the move as 1 and slightly close behind in the rear. Turned out beautifully with the correct furnishings for the breed.

LIMIT DOG (3)

1 Tapp & Wood's Raycris Gabriel of Teufelsmoor. This dog screams breed type to me and despite lacking in coat, he is an absolute picture and his outline was more accentuated. He has a good depth of chest and brisket, well laid shoulders and ribbed back correctly. He is muscled in all the right places, with good turn of stifle and springy pasterns. He moves with drive and covers the ground with ease – he benefits when his handler moves at a fast pace. I could watch him move for hours. Another strong contender for top honours but unlucky to miss out against two equally striking older males.

2 Day's Raycris Constantin at Alfriston. Five-year-old attractively marked male who has. Slightly heavier in head than 1 but he has the correct earset, a kind and endearing eye and a good arch of neck. He has a wonderful expression – I wrote in my notes that he always looks as if he is smiling. On the move he is slightly loose in front but in side profile he drives from behind and covers the ground well. Good chest and tucked up well. Today I preferred the movement of 1.

3 McGregor's Ekkolander Snowstorm. Lighter in eye than 1 and 2 but has good head proportions. A strong dog, he has good substance and coat and was shown in hard muscular condition. He has striking markings and that accentuates his construction: well laid shoulder and deep chest with the correct tuck up. Has a tendency to hold his tail a little high and on the move I preferred the reach of 1 and 2. Could swap places in the future.

OPEN DOG (4)

1 McGregor's Sh Ch Jaudas Fame and Glory. Wow! What a dog. I couldn't take my eyes off him. He is a real showman, with both a strong, working physique and sound structure twinned with the correct furnishings for the breed. Show in fantastic condition, he is not exaggerated in any way, and is a prime example of what our breed should look like. He has the correct head and earset, good forechest and depth of brisket, correct lay of shoulder and well ribbed back. His hindquarters are well muscled with good stifle and croup. His movement is effortless, truly reiterating that this dog –

aged nine – could work out in the field from dawn until dusk. A worthy winner of both Best in Show and Best Veteran in Show and a credit to the breed.

2 Jenks' Kalabagh Lightning. Five-year-old male with good head proportions and correct slightly arching, strong neck. He has a good depth of brisket and chest, good tuck up and taut abdomen with good coat and well let down hocks. Today I felt that he was slightly sluggish on the move which impacted the overall picture and meant that he lacked slightly in reach and drive from behind.

3 Hodge's Tarkanya Meas Medallion.

4 Disney and Whiting's Wonglepong Will's Faramir

SPECIAL WORKING DOG (1,1)

1 Lloyd and Smith's Crumpsbrook Bayleaf von Rulander. There is no doubt in my mind that this dog can do a hard day's work with his confirmation. He has the most admirable muscles for our breed in all the correct places. Good heart and lung room in his deep chest, well-laid shoulders and good in loin and hindquarters. Springy pasterns with reach fore and aft and made light work of the ring. A future full champion for the breed I am sure.

VETERAN DOG (2)

1 Middleton's Sh Ch Raycris Quite Amazing Von Zelawen. Shown in excellent condition, this eight-year-old male is a credit to our breed. He looks as if he is in his prime; his coat is in excellent condition. He has a strong neck with a slight arch, good withers leading down into a well-laid shoulder. His pasterns are springy and his hindquarters are a true powerhouse which propelled him around the ring with reach and drive. Every inch the showman – delighted to award him the deserving title of RBD today.

2 Tapp and Wood's Raycris Lure of the Quest at Teufelsmoor. Not shown in as hard condition as 1, but at almost 11 he is a credit to his owners. He is of sound construction, with plenty of heart and lung room to do a day's work. His expression is everything a Munsterlander should be, with good earset and the most endearing of eyes and expression. Not in as good coat as 1 but it does not deter from how well he is put together. Unfortunately, today he was not showing his best and lacked enthusiasm on the move.

JUNIOR BITCH (3,2)

1 O'Connell's Jaudas Look At Me. Really liked this young bitch and she is the daughter of my BIS winner. Well proportioned throughout with good lay of shoulder, depth of chest and brisket. She has good angulation in the rear and croup, with well let down hocks. On the move she could benefit from being moved quicker with a longer stride to accentuate the free-flowing movement she does have. When she did settle and behave she showed great promise for the future.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (5,3)

1 O'Connell's Jaudas Look At Me.

2 James' Crumpsbrook Angelica. Smaller in frame than the class winner today, but a very pretty and feminine bitch. She glides around the ring and holds her topline well. Kind eye, good lay of shoulder and delightful furnishings for the breed. She has a good strong neck with the required arch which leads down into a good depth of chest and brisket. She also has nice springy pasterns which help her to glide around the ring.

LIMIT BITCH (3,3)

1 Robins' Destanli Jemma's Diamond. I really admired the substance of this bitch and the way she powered around the ring with her handler. She covered the ground with ease and has such an energetic and springy drive to her gait. She has a well-proportioned head and has an admirable outline and topline with correct angulation in all the right places. She has a good depth of chest, a strong and taut abdomen and croup. She has excellent muscling in her hindquarters. Delighted to award her RBB and well deserving of the title.

2 Kitchen's Crumpsbrook Rather Regal Von Elkemutt. A very pretty bitch who has such a lovely expression. She has a well-proportioned head with correct ears with just the right amount of feathering. Shown in good condition, she has a lovely coat and is well furnished in all the right places. Not as much drive as 1 however she still reaches out fore and aft and has a springiness to her gait. Good pasterns leading into nice tight feet with well let down hocks. Could swap places on another day.

3 Suchett-Kaye's Cazooska Pixie at Settskaye. Not handled her best today and was difficult to assess on the move. She tends to pace when not moved fast enough – I would like to see her handler go faster as I know she can move well. Not shown in her best coat today but it does accentuate her outline and good angulation. She has a lovely head and expression, correct earset and strong slightly arched neck. Good muscular condition and has nice tight feet. It was unfortunate that I couldn't assess her movement today.

OPEN BITCH (1)

1 Uherkovichova's Franorst Lady Pamela. This bitch has the perfect combination of being both feminine and built to do a day's work. Her movement is effortless, and I loved everything about the way she carries herself around the ring: her topline, her tail and her head. She has good reach and drive and made light work of a big ring. Shown in good muscular condition, she has a good depth of chest and brisket, good forechest and lay of shoulder. Her hindquarters are her powerhouse and she has good turn of stifle and croup and the correct tail carriage for the breed. She looked a real picture on the move and I was delighted to award her BB and RBIS.

VETERAN BITCH (2,1)

1 Robins' Sh Ch Albadhu Talk to the Paw Dha Destanli. Have liked this girl since she was a baby and it was a pleasure to judge her as a veteran. She does not look her age and shows like a youngster. Although lacking in coat slightly today, she is well put together and has the correct proportion and angulation for the breed. She has a strong neck with a slight arch, leading into good shoulders and depth of brisket. Well ribbed back with taut abdomen. Good muscling in rear and holds her topline well with free, easy movement.