

Dogue De Bordeaux Club of Great Britain Limit Show 13.04.13



I would just like to thank everyone who exhibited their females for me today. I really enjoyed the appointment with the DDBCGB and it was a very organised show with a great atmosphere.

It was the first time for me being on the other side of dog showing and although I didn't feel nervous I did feel a huge responsibility to judge the dogues to the best I could and at times struggled to make a decision with my placings, so I apologise to the exhibitors if I made you perform too much! I realise now how hard it is to judge these dogues and remember how each of them move and how their mouth looks from the first first time I looked at them while they are standing waiting to be placed. Watching from outside the ring is totally different and the amount of times I've picked my winner from outside the ring so fast and wondered why judges took so long bewildered me but now I can appreciate a good judge needs that time to really go over these dogues thoroughly. My heart was racing when I had the best female trophy in my hand and it was with great pleasure handing it to the best female on the day. I had some really nice females in my line up and also some special girls that got second place that easily could have been first on another day. Although I took time in deciding, my best female was truly deserving of this place and would like to congratulate the owner and breeder for such a fine example of the breed.

I also got my hands on two beautiful males, the best in show winner and the best male puppy, again two lovely boys.

I would like to thank the club for inviting me to judge and again to the exhibitors, I enjoyed the day so much and I will now look forward to my next appointment judging your wonderful dogues!

Minor

1st Looleys luck - pretty female, with a nice chest and front, sound in body and good bone, good steady movement, would like a little stronger head but overall very promising.

2nd - Celebritia Holly go lightly - very feminine female, with a lovely head type. A little daintier than the first place winner but has so much time to mature and fill. Lovely to watch on the move.

Puppy

1st - Cerisier Posh Lady - love this puppy, her head type is just what I like. Another very feminine female her expression and wide under jaw was just perfect. She was full of character and on the move was typically what I would expect from a sound happy puppy. I couldn't fault her on the day and look forward to seeing how she matures.

2nd - Harleydeaux causing chaos - another gorgeous young girl, a little older and heavier than the first place winner and again I could not fault her. She is everything you like to see in a puppy, head type, chest, bone, top line all top quality with typical movement, Lovely!

Junior

1st- Ascogcara chariot of fire - a super sound female from all angles. Did not look a bit her age of 17 months infact looked like a fully mature female. She was feminine while still being powerful and showed this especially on the move.

Her head type was beautiful, her chest as deep as a female needs, a level top line, Great bone throughout with strong hindquarters that gave her perfect drive on the move, a clean cut female, Wonderful!

2nd - Althateanos cheeky seven at Tudordogue - a lower to the ground dark red female that had great type although very different to my first place winner. Again a great head type and structure, a little loose in body but this is only down to her age. I'm sure she will be fantastic when she hits full maturity.

Novice

My hardest class of the day with so much diversity in type it was a difficult decision to decide my placings.

1st - leomhann red mystic - My winner was another feminine girl with great type and very sound throughout. she was very young against some adults and held her own, on the move she was free and supple. She behaved like a true show dog and was handled very well.

2nd - Nardunn damn fine filly - a much heavier female which i liked alot, with a gorgeous expression and head type. Loved her structure, chest and bone. Lovely mouth and under jaw, typical movement, a nice female!

Post Graduate

1st - Vignobles fleur de la vallee - a super sound big girl with great bone and chest, level top line, great tail set and hindquarters, she has such great teeth placement and under jaw structure. Loved her head a lot. Great mover and well presented!

2nd - Tudordogue lemon drizzle - low to the ground with plenty of type, clean head type with good dentition, level topline, great hindquarter and tailset, sound mover.

Limit

1st - Kenocto miss demeanour at Ascogcara - a nice female sound throughout. Lovely chest and front, with nice tight feet. Nice mover that held her top line at all times.

Open

This class was really hard for me too as I loved both first and second place and I really was splitting hairs over my winner.

1st - Baldinos ice maiden - was my winner and she was a big girl but such a perfect chest and front that really had the wow factor. Great bone and lovely hindquarters.

Nice head type with great ear placement and lovely wide nostrils, Movement was correct, a beautiful girl who was hard to fault.

2nd - Lionsriver Vicenza at Harleydeaux - this females quality really shines through. Her type and heavy set structure is just what I like in a female without being too big. Perfect front, bone and deep broad chest and lovely tight feet. Head type was lovely with gorgeous expression. Sound mover that carried her tail nice on the move. Another gorgeous girl!

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