

THE BARBADOS KENNEL CLUB

ALL BREEDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – 29th November 2009 – Critique

Judge: **MR. JEFF LUSCOTT (UK)**

Thank you for the invitation to judge and visit the stunning island of Barbados for the first time. It was my pleasure to meet and be looked after by such a friendly committee. Shows can only work if committees are enthusiastic and put the effort to produce a show like today. Well done. I enjoyed the show, the exhibitors and the dogs, but must say thanks to my steward Peter Gilkes for the efficient way he kept the ring flowing well. The setting made for a great atmosphere to judge in enough shade to keep me and the dogs cool enough to enjoy judging them and their performance and was not hindered by the heat.

My Best in Show was the Rottweiler JUFFTHER DREAM LOVER. A dog who seemed to raise his performance every time he came into the ring and the last time round the ring convinced me and just gave him the edge in challenge from the Reserve Best in Show, the Labrador Retriever SH.CH. BENATONE SECRET MISSION OF THEBERTON.

For Best Puppy in Show I chose the gorgeous youngster, a Golden Retriever pup of 6 months STORMY TIMBER WOLF who has lots of potential to make a big career for himself. The Best Locally Bred was the exciting youthful Beagle KINOLA'S CALYSTA, and the Best Veteran SH.CH. HOTHERSALL MAVOLIO C.D.X. who I see is the father of the BPIS, so leaving his mark in his progeny as well.

GROUP I - TERRIERS

BULL TERRIERS – DOGS

CLASS 1 - JUNIOR

1st Mr. N. Harrison's KINGDOM'S POWERS - Loved the type in head, balanced neck and shape, he is good overall in outline, has an alert ear, carries the bone and is maturing in body and muscle, he moves well. I would just prefer a better set to his bite, but does not detract from overall dog performance. CC. Only Terrier, so Group 1 as well.

GROUP II - TOYS

PAPILLONS - DOGS

CLASS 2 – LIMIT

1st Miss E. Blanchard's HOTHERSALL'S SUPER MAN - Good in shape and overall stature. Not quite on top of his game today, needed to settle, but is developing well in head and his coat is coming through.

CLASS 3 – OPEN

1st Miss E. Blanchard's KINGSHAVEN YOU'RE MY SMIFFY AT HOTHERSALL - Good and carries typical ear set, liked the head balance and body, nice through topline and has nice bone and muscle. He was certainly lively and moved easily over the ground. CC & Toy Group.

2nd Miss E. Blanchard's HOTHERSALL'S APOLLO - Loved the action and style with a nice overall shape and balance, had light free flowing movement at times but just not giving his all in overall performance, nice head, neck and body but not happy in tail set today. RCC & Reserve in Toy Group.

GROUP III - GUNDOGS

RETRIEVERS (GOLDEN) – DOGS

CLASS 4 – MINOR PUPPY

1st Miss S. Blandford's STORMY TIMBER WOLF - Good balance and strength for a youngster, excellent outline, bone and excites in head and body development at this stage, he has a lovely action with good drive and true front, coat is coming through and he has a lovely tail set. Most promising, RCC & BPIS.

CLASS 5 – OPEN

- 1st Mrs. L. Husbands' THATCHERS STORMY KNIGHT C.D.** - Good balance to head, neck and body, has the shape standing and on the move, good chest, rib and loin, holds it well on sidegait, not quite the tail carriage but a happy dog, moves with gait required. CC & BOB.
- 2nd Mrs. J. Fields' THATCHERS STORM CLOUD** - Pleases in head and is quite well balanced just not quite the action of 1 on the move and needs to tighten and strengthen in front. Good rear quarters and ok in muscle.

RETRIEVERS (GOLDEN) - BITCHES

CLASS 6 – OPEN

- 1st Mrs. J. Ray's THATCHERS STORM IN A TEACUP C.D.** -Loved her action with nice overall balance and efficiency on the move, good through head, neck and style, liked the bone and pleased with her expression, just not quite the condition in the challenge. CC.

RETRIEVERS (LABRADOR) - DOGS

CLASS 9 – OPEN

- 1st Mrs. S. Leacock's SH.CH. BENATONE SECRET MISSION OF THEBERTON** – Enthusiastic and solid, he attracts in head, he is alive and alert, strongly built, short coupled, I liked his broadness in skull, his body is mature and has the chest and ribs required, good level topline and correct tail, he moved covering the ground, and he is true in front and rear action. CC, Gundog Group and Reserve Best in Show.
- 2nd Mrs. Z. Gray-Marshall's LINTHWAITE CENTAURUS OF ZINZARA** - Slightly taller and rangier at this stage of his growth, he has the head and the balance, is of good type and carries himself well on the move, not quite the maturity in body and muscle of 1 as yet, needs to work with his handler to produce the best. RCC.

RETRIEVERS (LABRADOR) - BITCHES

CLASS 10 - JUNIOR

- 1st Miss F. Arthur's FOXRUSH SECRET LOVE** - Nice youngster growing on well at this stage, I liked the shape and is in good condition, but she is not carrying the muscle required or moving in co-ordination with the handler at this stage.

RETRIEVER (FLAT COATED) - BITCHES

CLASS 11 -OPEN

- 1st Mrs. B. Greenidge's CH. BALLYRIVER TWEED IN PARADISE** - Carries overall shape and balance but today decided not to show me the bright and active outlook, that she perhaps normally has, good flow through head, neck and topline but not the free flowing action or enthusiastic tail action required in this breed.

GROUP went to the on form Labrador with the Golden Retriever in Reserve.

GROUP IV - HOUNDS

BEAGLES - DOGS

CLASS 12 - OPEN

- 1st Miss E. Blanchard's CH. DIALYNNE STORM REFLECTION AT HOTHERSALL** - So attractive in head, balance, body muscle and condition, good bone and chest, ok in front and rear angles, he has the style on the move and is good over the ground, carries tail well and has the muscled quarters to drive him all day. BOB on body and muscle maturity, although decided to play his handler up in the Group, when he found more interesting things on the ground so lost his enthusiasm for the show ring. CC & BOB.

BEAGLES - BITCHES

CLASS 13 – OPEN

- 1st Senator P. & Mrs. J. Gilkes' KINOLA'S CALYSTA**
- 2nd Senator P. & Mrs. J. Gilkes' KINOLA'S CLEO**
- Loved the two bitches, but felt 1 was a little more feminine in head and had just the better balance on the move, she has a good front, chest, rib and rear quarters, liked the topline and tail set, both were moving with the action required. She was also RBOB and Best Locally Bred in Show. At this stage 2 is a little longer in loin than 1 but attracts in head and overall balance, she is in good condition, has the neck and tail set and moves to do the job. RCC.

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS - DOGS

CLASS 14 - JUNIOR

1st Mr. P. Atkinson's BALLYRIVER MILTON - Impressive young dog with a good outline standing and on the move, he has the shape and co-ordination, angles front and rear, head to develop as he matures, he is in excellent condition of muscle and coat and this showed in his easily controlled movement, would certainly go on all day following the pride of lions, kept up his performance to take the Group when the Beagle played up on the move. CC, BOB and Group Winner.

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS - BITCHES

CLASS 15 - JUNIOR

1st Mr. P. Atkinson's ROTTZRIDGE CELTIC PRINCESS - Very attractive in head this young lady has the qualities, great overall shape and balance, good muscle tone in rear quarters, has the strength front and rear, a good neck and level topline, but today both standing and on the move showed the excess of weight over the loin to spoil the outline, and affect her action, such a shame as I loved her stamp, power and quality. RCC.

CLASS 16 - OPEN

1st Mrs. S. Hamilton-Outcalt's CH. BROANI CHICKU AT CROWNRIDGE C.D. - Well built through head, neck, front, chest and body, she has the substance, power and activity required, she carries herself well on the move, just would prefer a better croup to give that symmetry in outline required. CC & RBOB.

GROUP to the young Rhodesian with his flowing action, Reserve Group to the Beagle Dog.

GROUP V - UTILITY

AKITAS - DOGS

CLASS 17 - OPEN

1st Mr. R. White's TONDAR TALISMAN - Has the power and substance needed with heavy bone, not quite the blunt head or ear set, but strong muscled neck, good front body and chest, good width and level back with muscled loin, but needs more work in rear quarters, hampered on the move as not using hock to drive, due to injury.

AKITAS - BITCHES

CLASS 18 - LIMIT

1st Mr. A. Taylor's ELTHOR DREAM GIRL - Not the biggest, would like more of her in all respects but is good in front, shoulder and rear, she moves easily, has the neck, head and ear set to please.

CLASS 19 - OPEN

1st Mr. A. Taylor's CH. TOPAZ TABOO - Attracts in head shape and type, good erect carried forward ear set, she has the neck, power in her body, chest and rear quarters, could do with strengthening in topline and loin area to tighten her outline up, was moving well at this stage to take BOB, but not quite on the same form in the group. CC & BOB.

BOSTON TERRIERS - BITCHES

CLASS 21 - JUNIOR

1st Mr. S. & Mrs. P. Scott's WILDAX ROMANTIC ROSETTI OF SPREA - Good animation and style, loved her shape, attraction in head coming through, at 12 months she has more growing to do, she has the front, neck and easy action required front and rear, handler needs to settle her, to get a more balanced picture but all the goods are there to work with. CC & Reserve in Group.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER - DOGS

CLASS 22 - OPEN

1st Mr. R. & Mrs. J. Anderson's CH. RISEPARK PRETTY SMART GUY AT JAMROCK - Excellent quality in head and shape, loved the balance and sturdiness of the frame and muscle, good flow of neck, well laid shoulder, back and topline strong, good rear quarters well muscled and giving him the drive required behind, could be a little tighter in elbow, but has the harsh coat needed. CC, BOB and Group winner.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER - BITCHES

CLASS 23 - JUNIOR

1st Mr. R. & Mrs. J. Anderson's RISEPARK HIGH HOPES AT JAMROCK - Good youngster settling into the role with a nice balance in head and skull, has the shape in outline, and type, moves with the style and action, carries a good type coat, just needs to show off the attitude to push herself further.

GROUP to the Schnauzer pushing hard in the final challenge to nearly reach the RBIS slot, and Reserve in the Group to the young Boston who was more sound than the Akita at this stage.

GROUP VI - WORKING

BOUVIERS DES FLANDRES - DOGS

CLASS 24 - LIMIT

1st Mrs. W. Kirton's CALLIOPE RUPERT - Liked the dog under the coat, has good balance in head with strength in bone muscle and body, good chest and topline, he just loses the plot in coat, but can move to cover the ground.

BOUVIERS DES FLANDRES - BITCHES

CLASS 25 - LIMIT

1st Miss M. Ashby's CALLIOPE RITA - Good overall size and power, she has the balance, head width and length, muscled neck and is well proportioned in body, chest, topline and rear quarters. She has the strength on the move, with that powerful free and easy action and went BOB on a better front action. CC & BOB.

CLASS 26 - OPEN

1st Miss M. Ashby's CH. CALLIOPE RHAPSODY C.D. -

Strong with the structure and power, she has the balance of overall muscle, good in head, type, neck and topline, probably a better coat than her sister, she has good muscle and moves well at the rear, but not quite the front action today. RCC & RBB.

DOBERMANNS - DOGS

CLASS 27 - JUNIOR

1st Mr. J. Haynes' MARKET HILL MUSKETEER - Pleasing youngster with a good wedge developing in head, good balance through neck, body and topline, he is well built in shoulder and back end, his handler just needs to get the action together with the dog to bring him more appeal as he has lots of promise. CC & BOB.

BULLMASTIFFS - DOGS

CLASS 28 - PUPPY

1st Mr. R. Gibson's FORTESQUE BARGUNNER - This young man just needs some confidence to bring him forward, he has a lovely balance through head, neck and body, has the growth in overall shape expected at this age, with work should come through.

CLASS 29 - MAIDEN

1st Mr. B. Bascome's FORTESQUE TIGER BLACKOUT - Nice head and expression, good power in body, not quite the co-ordination on the move yet, but has the reach in front, with developing chest and muscle.

CLASS 30 - OPEN

1st Mr. P.R.P. Evelyn Q.C. - BRAEAARON WALLACE AT ARDHUB TO HOTHERSALL - Good class won by a powerfully built brindle boy with the squareness in skull required, good circumference in skull, strong muzzle and jaw, would prefer darker eye but other qualities in this boy far outweigh that, wide and deep chest, short straight back, strongly muscled rear quarters and he has the sense of purpose on the move. CC & BOB.

2nd Mr. P. Ashby's FLANDERS COMMORAWY WOOD AT ZAHARA BULLS - Red dog again with a quality head, square and well balanced body, he has good strength and power, in body, chest and rear quarters, was moving ok but just not holding topline on the move or standing, maybe could strengthen in loin to improve. Good quality of colour and coat condition to finish picture. RCC.

BULLMASTIFFS - BITCHES

CLASS 31 - NOVICE

1st Mr. H. Leacock's FORTESQUE AQUARIUS - Lighter in bones and structure she attracts in head features, has good topline and rear quarters, not quite the power and substance at present, maybe will improve as she matures, covers the ground on the move.

CLASS 32 - OPEN

- 1st Mr. P.R.P. Evelyn Q.C. - HOTHERSALL'S LADY GODIVA** - Loved the power and strength through her frame, she has the attraction in head, skull, ear and eye set, well muscled in neck she has front, chest and rib length, good topline, loin and rear quarters give her power and action on the move, close in end decision but just preferred the dogs overall musculature. CC & RBOB.

DOGUES DE BORDEAUX - DOGS

CLASS 33 - OPEN

- 1st Mr. R. White's WOLFRAM BEEZLEBUB SLUG VON BOLDHEART AT RICHELLE** - Nice overall power and balance, powerful and stocky he has the bone, carries a typical head, strength in neck, chest, body and rear end, tends to lose his shape standing, but ok on the move. CC & BOB

DOGUES DE BORDEAUX - BITCHES

CLASS 41 - JUNIOR

- 1st Mr. R. White's BOLDHEART'S FLASH FIRE AT RICHELLE** - Loved the overall power and aspects, she has a typical but feminine head, good jaw, skin and folds, she has the balance of one still young so more development to come in body and muscle tone but unfortunately not moving as well in the rear today due to injury.

ROTTWEILERS - DOGS

CLASS 37 - NOVICE

- 1st Mr. R. Alleyne's GUNI THE HEAT IS ON** - Well balanced and powerful with good skull and muzzle proportions, he is good through topline, neck and rear quarters, he is ok on the move, but needs work with the handler to create that steady calm gaze and settled appearance needed.

CLASS 39 - OPEN

- 1st Dr. W. Welch's JUFFTHER DREAM LOVER** - CC, BOB, WORKING GROUP & BEST IN SHOW . Competitive class won by a quality and impressive dog who built from this class to go BIS, he possesses good attributes in head, skull to muzzle proportions, skull and jaw balance strong teeth, eye and ear set, he has a strong neck, good front and shoulder, chest and body will mature and develop even more, he is powerful in body, topline and loin, but his finest quality is the propulsion from a well built and strong rear end, he holds his topline on the move and got better each time he moved around to eventually take BEST IN SHOW.
- 2nd Mr. N. Braginton's ELTHOR DARK BARRY** Another of good quality in head, balance of outline and shape, he is carrying a good front chest and bone, not quite the topline of 1 but has the muscle power and goes well in profile. RCC & RBOB.
- 3rd Mr. S. Howell's ELTHOR DARK CARL** - Nice head proportions, good eye and jaw, has the body balance and holds the muscle in chest front and rear angles, not quite the rib length and topline needs to strengthen to hold on the move, front and rear action was ok.

ROTTWEILERS - BITCHES

CLASS 40 - PUPPY

- 1st Mr. S. Howell's KEMROROCKS KASHMIR** - Loved the easy action on the move, she has the balance and shape in outline, good neck, topline and is developing well in body at this stage, head has some growth to come in skull width, but she has a strong jaw and bite, she has good front bone and rear angles.

CLASS 41 - JUNIOR

- 1st Mr. L. Lavine's ELTHOR DARK HELEN** - 3 youngsters at a growing stage with lots of size and strength hopefully to develop yet, the winner had the best side action, with an attractive outline, type coming through in head, neck and front, balanced body and rear quarters, just needs to muscle and strengthen in frame.
- 2nd Dr. W. Welch's ELTHOR DARK HEDY** - Liked the side profile but loses topline on the move, she has head coming through, nice in neck, and rear quarters with good drive action. She carries good coat cover in good condition but again needs to mature and size up.
- 3rd Mr. S. Howell's ELTHOR DARK HILMA** - I felt the best of the 3 standing with a good head, shape and style, she has body, chest and topline coming through, just lacks the action in front and rear, more work in the handling department please.

CLASS 42 - LIMIT

- 1st Mr. D. Saddler's ELTHOR DARK MAGNA** - Although carrying extra weight she is typical in head, front, chest, bone and balance. She has the structure, rear angles and drive but this is hindered by the body and cost her in any further consideration.

CLASS 43 - OPEN

1st Dr. W. Welch's DEE DEE ROTTI KINGDOM - With her strength, power and balance she impresses standing and on the move, carrying good type in head, jaw, muzzle and teeth set on a strong round neck, she has the chest body and topline, good front angles, just tends to drop in rear, but has the power in her quarters to drive her round the ring. Close but not quite the action of the young dog today. CC & RBOB.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS - DOGS

CLASS 44 – PUPPY

1st Mr. O. Holder's MONIFA CHADOO - Nice young pup with good bone, rangy at this stage but has substance coming through, needs to develop in shape, he is good over the ground with balance of action.

CLASS 45 – MAIDEN

1st Miss R. Johnson's DANAMAN PURE TEMPTATION - Longer stronger and eventually a pleasing shape when he started working with his handler in the show stance, pleases in head, neck and body muscle, not quite the balance in outline but can be worked on, good action when he got into his stride but again needs to develop to pace with his handler, could be quite promising.

BOXERS - DOGS

CLASS 46 - JUNIOR

1st Miss J. Wilson's WORTHINGTONS WISH ME LUCK - What a special young man this lad is. Head to break fully in skull yet, but he has the balance and width in jaw and muzzle, good underjaw, dark eye and alert ear set, good through neck, topline, loin and quarters, handles well in front, chest developing and he has a strong easy action. CC & BOB

CLASS 47 - OPEN

1st Miss J. Wilson's STILLWELLS PRINCE OF FIRE - Attractive, strongly muscled honest dog with pleasing outlook and balance, good in profile with lots of power in his frame, has balance in head, eye and muzzle, not quite the underjaw of youngster, but moves with the required action and drive, he is alert and on his toes. RCC.

BOXERS - BITCHES

CLASS 48 - OPEN

1st Miss G. Leach's CH. SEEFELD SEA GODDESS OF WORTHINGTON - 'Quality' and impressive she has the balance and shape, good overall size, substance and power, attracts in head, skull, jaw, eye and ear set, but just not quite bringing out the enthusiastic attitude to showing today, she has the front, rear and action on the move, worthy Champion, and good to go over. CC.

WORKING GROUP gave me some of the hardest decisions of the day but in the end the more I moved them the better the Rotty got so he got the nod. RESERVE eventually to the Bouvier with Bullmastiff, Boxer and Dobermann all pushing hard.

CLASS 50 – VETERAN

BEST VETERAN: Miss S. Blandford's SH.CH. HOTHERSALL MALVOLIO C.D.X – Golden Retriever – 12.02.2003 – won over **Miss A. Blanchard's SH.CH. EASTONWOOD HIGHLAND LADDIE** - Golden Retriever – 15.05.1999.

Interesting choice between the two Golden Retrievers, both of good quality shape, balance and style, they had moved well around the ring but in the end just felt 1 had the better balance, head and carriage, he was moving with purpose and action.

2: Impressive overall but not quite the tail carriage of 1 on the move but still holding the qualities in body, topline and muscle condition. Well done both.

**Jeff Luscott
Judge**