

The 40th Anniversary Association of Bloodhound Breeders Championship show.

Sunday 4th September

It was an absolute honour to be invited to judge my first Championship appointment for the ABB and I finally made it ! The dreaded Covid pandemic had put my appointment back two years so it an unplanne double honour to be judging on the 40th Anniversary Championship show.

Thank you everyone who entered, it was a lovely selection of hounds, though I will be needing a new M key on my laptop, with the all Moorlander's, Marksbury's and Maplemead's !

It is difficult to judge your own breed, when it is a numerically small one and you find that your life does revolve around your dogs. When standing in the ring though I put aside all the things I knew about hounds and handlers and judged what was in front of me on the day. I did have a lovely day and I thought the atmosphere was very relaxed and friendly.

Class 1 Puppy Dog

0 entries

Class 2 Junior Dog

0 entries

Class 3 Novice Dog 1 entry

1st -Davis Maplemead Marquis - 3 year old Liver and tan

Needed time to settle in the ring, but handled well with understanding and patience, though with more practise and getting out and about at shows, this hound could really make something of itself. Lovely clear eyes and good bite. Coat in good condition, good reach of neck and length to the back, with good muscle tone, giving the power to his movement. Strong boned Although being a little bit heavy, which did hinder the overall picture slightly . Once settled stood well projecting a good profile. He moved with drive covering a good amount of ground, both hound and handler gaining confidence with every step in the ring, which fantastic to see. It's not about the top prizes but seeing someone and their hound gain understanding and confidence.

Class 4 Post Graduate Dog

0 entries

Class 5 Limit Dog 2 entries

1st - Pennington Moorlander Guy Laroche 2.5 year old Black and tan

Good eyes, and bite, Lovely strong confident looking hound, Everything seemed to be correct for this hound today. The overall profile was excellent, good length to neck and back, well sprung ribs, strong bone with a covering of muscle, which yes, he needs to develop further, and time and maturity will bring that, but that does not detract from the picture he projected today.

Strong in stance, with well knuckled feet and moved with ease, confidence and power, making it all look effortlessly, as a working hound breed should. Handled well with the care and sensitivity that a young aspiring hound needs. A pleasure to have him in the ring today and award DCC & RBIS ,

2nd -McKenzie Moorlander Dior. 2.5 year old Blanket Black.

Litter brother to 1st - Good eyes and correct bite, a big substantial hound, who stood over a lot of ground, giving a good profile. Good coat and condition, good length to back and neck, an extremely masculine looking hound, needs to gain muscle definition, but with a large chap it will take longer to get there. Well knuckled feet Moved well with drive and power, but then he was unsettled making movement stutter, and ruining his easy gait , making him look less confident than 1. Again another one who needs time to develop, find his rhythm and settle into himself.

Class 6 Open dog 2 entries

1st Howie and Emrys Jones Marksbury Malfoy 3 year old black and tan

Good eyes and correct bite. Coat in good condition, Projecting a good overall profile, when standing. Good length to back and reach of neck, good bone, well sprung ribs, and well knuckled feet. All the things a working hound should have. Movement was just not right today, did not flow with confidence and ease. Appeared to lose that lovely profile when on the move, seemed unsettled by something making him look tucked up, and lacking confidence when in motion, and the overall picture of this hound - RDCC

2nd McKenzie Tessidez Bullen of Moorlander(IMP SWE)

Good eyes and correct bite. Well bodied up with lovely strong bone. I have always liked this hound, he is extremely strong and masculine, looks like he could really hunt all day. Well sprung ribs well knuckled feet, excellent bone Good overall condition projecting a strong masculine outline, Movement was hindered by him being unsettled and slightly too interested in the sights and smell around him. Pushed hard for 1st but he was just too unsettled in both stance and on the move.

Class 7 Veteran Dog no entries

Class 8 WT dog no entries

Champion Dog no entries

Class 10 Puppy Bitch 2 entries

1st Watts Maplemead Miss Melba 8months old black and tan

Lovely vibrant puppy, came into the ring full of the joys of being a youngster. Lovely eyes and a feminine head, nice length to the back. Feet coming along nicely. After the initial boisterous bounce into the ring settle down, Good overall profile in standing, with everything coming on nicely for a puppy of this age. Movement with a lovely confident happy bounce to her gait. Looking good for the future. BP

2nd Davis Maplemead Marguerite 8months old black and tan

Litter sister to 1- and again as for her sister lovely vibrant puppy, came into the ring full of the joys of being a youngster. Lovely eyes and a feminine head, nice length to the back. Feet coming along nicely. Not as confident in the ring as her sister Good overall profile in standing, with everything coming on nicely for a puppy of this age. Movement not as confident as 1, it was lovely to see her confidence growing even in the short time she was in the ring. With more ring experience could be a good prospect for the future., keep going with her. RBP

Class 11 1 entry AB

Class 12 Novice bitch. 3 entries.

1st Watts and Lewis Maplemead Miss Melba 8months old black and tan

As for 1st Puppy Bitch.

2nd Watts Maplemead Doris Liver and tan 5 years old.

Good eyes bite and feet, slightly heavy with hinder the overall profile. In Good condition. Moved with reluctance, not her happy place in the ring. Although the movement was slow and somewhat unwilling, still managed to have a good gait, and cover the ground around the ring. Handled with a sympathetic hand.

3rd Watson Marksbury Nightingale Liver and tan 18 months old.

Good eyes bite and feet. I am not being unkind to say a work in progress. Not happy in the ring, needed a lot of time to settle, but with some care and understanding, the handler and I got an improvement whilst she was in the ring. Nice length to back. Movement hindered by her general uncertainty, and not being confident to do what was asked of her. I hope the handler keeps going with this bitch and get her to be a confident little lady.

Class 13 Post graduate Bitch. 1 entry.

- 1st Watson and Lewis Kenynten Cinnamon Whiskey. 2 year old black and tan.

Feminine bitch with good eyes and correct bite, nice length to back. Needs time to grow into being a show dog and settle in the ring. Not settled in standing. Movement not confident or flowing, but did move better once the handler had given her a loose lead and let her have some room to do her thing.

Class 14 Limit Bitch 3 entries 1 AB

1st Howie and Emrys Jones Marksbury Mimosa 3year old black and tan .

Nice feminine outline, good eyes, and correct bite. Nicely proportioned, Good condition well boned and muscled, Well knuckled feet, good length to neck and back and all this was still keeping a femininity to her. Stood with confidence, giving a good profile. Again like litter brother seemed to drop on the move, losing the confidence that there was during standing, letting down the overall picture. RBCC

2nd Alford Maplemead Mosaic Liver and tan 5 years old.

Compact feminine bitch, good eyes, bite and feet. Another hound that needs to settle and grow into their showing self, to gain confidence to achieve what is asked for a show hound. Handled well as she was not making the task easy, I applaud the handler for the care taken to get the best out of the hound under the circumstances. Stood well giving a good outline. Movement was hindered by the lack of confidence in what was required to be done, but was getting there by the end of the time in the ring.

Class 15 Open Bitch 1 entry AB

Class 16 Veteran Bitch 1 entry

1st Sutcliffe Sanft Jade 7.5 years liver and tan

A very calm quiet hound. Looking good for her age. Good eyes and bite, stood rock solid not unsettled in the slightest in standing. Well knuckled feet, well boned. Moved with a balanced but slow sure footed gait, covering ground. Feminine in outline, and movement BV

Class 17 Working Trial bitch 2 entries.

1st Harrington Moorlander Cacharel 2 year old black and tan.

Good eyes, correct bite, Feminine hound, creating a really entrance when she walks into the ring. Took up her stance with ease, giving a lovely outline strong but not overly powerful to remain ladylike, nice length to neck and depth to rib cage, good bone well knuckled feet. Giving the impression that she could do a day's work with no issues and still look feminine. Confident in standing projecting a fantastic profile. Moved with ease, confidence, effortlessly flowing around the ring area, covering a lot of ground, for me she could have gone a bit quicker round the ring, but there was a sense of precision to the movement. A pleasure to watch. BCC & BIS

2nd Sutcliffe Sanft Jade 7.5 years liver and tan

As of Veteran bitch

Class 18 Champion Bitch 0 entries

Class 19 Brace 2 entries

1st Howie and Emrys Jones Marksbury Mimosa & Marksbury Malfoy

2nd Watts Maplemead Doris & Maplemead Miss Melba

Class 20 Stud dog 1 entry

1st Teesidez Bullen of Moorlander (Imp Swe)

Aa 2nd in open dog.

Lovely to see him in the ring with his children. They all went round together. A splendid sight.

Lorraine Priestley - Quikotic.

