

MASTIFF - Crufts 2010

This was a difficult task, in that some exhibits which on first sight looked ideal, sadly on examination, and moving them, caused a change of mind! Some caused me to wonder as to how they had qualified. There were several with unacceptable lower jaws in that they were far too long, or the positioning of the teeth was not good. Action, as always, caused some deep thought, as to placing in that whilst they covered the ground, the actual action was not always that desired in the Mastiff.

VD (3, 1)

1 Williams' Orkadis Aberdeen Angus Of Tariya.

In excellent condition and pleasing construction, nice on head and expression with good eye, clean front, good firm body and strong loin, well muscled rear, gave easy and sound action.

2 Green's Ch Jengais Gunslinger At Barbaro.

Pleasing condition for eight and a half years, good expression, nice quarters, moved well but topline was a little slack

PD (5, 1) Difficult class due to age and development.

1 Simister's Cadermist Earl Of Igor.

Brindle of good overall construction and soundness, pleased in head and neck, good neck and well placed shoulder, good feet, body coming on well for age with good loin, well muscled rear, very strong overall, moved soundly and will surely settle a little more in maturity.

2 Baxter's Maharajah Shera By Nobleheart.

Very raw but promised quite well, head developing, good forehead and feet, pleasing body, can settle a little more at rear but moved quite well.

3 Clarke's Cyberus Berlington Bertie.

Brindle of nice overall form but unsettled on the move, strong head, nice dark eye, good forehead and feet, can now come to firm up on loin but still so young.

Sp JD(5, 1) Variety here in both type and heads and forehands.

1 Bowdery's Sherwood's Okie Dokie At Morganlefay (Imp USA).

Quite strong and balanced overall, nicely headed, good on forehead and feet, well developed body, strongly muscled overall, moved easily and quite well.

2 Strazzeri's Ionesco Du Domaine De Straz. Little longer in head and narrower in muzzle, quite good in forehead, was tending to single track on hind action, now needs to settle and mature on.

3 Dickinson's Mullak Sparta Sempacus. Well constructed overall, but plenty of wrinkle on skull at present, good quarters and nice body with good ribbing, strong topline, moved with easy action and promises quite well with further maturity.

PGD(12, 1) Disappointing class for variety in heads, construction and action.

1 Hazlewood's Kranstaveen Atlas. Stood out here for soundness and balance, good head and eye, nice forehead and feet, firm body with strong loin, well muscled rear, gave easy and sound action.

2 Smith's Dobunni Revolution.

Nice overall with good skull and expression, nice on forehead, well ribbed and good topline, sound rear, easy and quite sound mover.

3 Bellotto & Fracassi's Exsto Del Francasso

. Strong head, good pigment, little close on hind action, quite good on overall construction but action put him in this place.

LD(10, 2)

1 Baxter's Labaryth Boy Mackenzie For Nobleheart.

Well grown and balanced with pleasing strong head, good forehead and feet, well developed body with strong topline, in good muscle, moved easily and well.

2 Pennie's Fearnought George Formby.

Strong head, good forehead and feet, good loin, sound rear, easy action.

3 Strazzeri's Finston Du Domaine De Straz.

Not so happy to be handled at the rear, pleasing skull, good eye, nice forehead, moved quite well.

OD(15, 3) This class contained the greatest depth in the males!

1 Svetlana's Ch/Hun/Rus Ch Mastif Hill Wurrel Cross.

Such a pleasing fellow to view from all angles and so well balanced, good on head, eye, pigment and dentition, well placed forehead, good body development with pleasing rib and brisket, strong loin, well formed and muscled rear, gave easy and very sound action. **DCC.**

2 Proudfoot's Ch Salforda Sable.

Another pleasing fellow with powerful head atop a strong neck and nice clean front, pleasing feet, well formed body with strong topline, good rear with most excellent firm muscle, moved with ease and soundness. **Res CC.**

3 Tunncliffe's Cwmtyswg Agustus.

Little more wrinkled on head but quite nice skull, good quarters and feet, well ribbed body with strong loin, gave easy and sound action;

Good Citizen D (2, 1)

1 Miller's Cyberus The Phantom.

Of good size with pleasing skull, good forehead and feet, well formed body with good topline, fraction straight at stifle, moved easily though a little close behind.

VB (1)

1 Yemm's Santmichal Diva Avec Dibest.

At eight and a half years, she still behaved like a puppy! Good overall proportions and strong quarters, firm body and very strong rear, moved with great ease and animation.

Sp PB(4, 2)

1 Gittins & Baker's Cwmtyswg Destinys Delight.

Still very much the puppy in her behaviour but settled to move soundly and well, pleasing head with good eye, good forehead, body coming on well, very pleasing muscle and good sound rear, good mover.

2 Baxter's Chevelu Honey Bea By Nobleheart. Fraction longer cast and not so collected on action, head coming on well, nice clean front and good ribbing, sound rear, gave easy action.

Sp JB(1)

1 Bellotto Laubrait's Ingentia Du Domaine De Straz.

Coming on quite well for just one year old, pleased on head, eye and dentition, good forehead and feet, body developing well with nice ribbing and topline, sound rear, easy mover.

PGB(6)

1 Edwards' Kumormai Platinum.

Of good construction and balance, head developing nicely, good forehead and feet, pleasing body with good ribbing, well formed rear, gave sound and easy action and can now settle a little more at loin.

2 Swift's Hexnorden Kashmir Of Harting.

Pleasing overall, nice head and expression, good front and feet, body coming on well with nice rib, good rear, easy mover.

3 Hill's Hexnorden Formed From Fragilis.

Good head, nice clean front and pleasing feet, good body development and firm loin, nice rear, easy mover.

LB(11, 2)

1 Knight's Kumormai Atonement.

Of good size and growth, nice head and eye, good forehead and very pleasing feet, good body development with strong topline, very sound rear, moved easily and well. **Res CC.**

2 Fox's Thomaster Runa.

Not quite as developed in skull as winner but still has time to further mature, good eye and expression, nice forehead and feet, pleased on body and topline, sound rear, easy action.

3 Harding's Santmichal Tallulahs Rose.

Powerful head, good quarters and feet, now needs to settle in topline, but promises well.

OB(15, 3)

1 Yemm's Secret Charm Avec Dibest.

Upstanding and very sound, good head and expression, super forehead placement and very good feet, well developed body with excellent ribbing, strong loin, very sound rear, gave easy action, excellent profile. **BCC and BOB.**

2 Payne's Ch Fearnought Little Louise.

Pleasing overall for her good construction and body development, fraction longer on muzzle than winner, has good quarters and muscle, sound and easy mover.

3 Clarke's Suncamo Morella.

Brindle of nice size and soundness, good quarters and body, well held topline, gave easy action.

Good Citizen B (4)

1 Swift's Hexnorden Kashmir Of Harting.

2 Harding's Santmichal Tallulahs Rose.

3 Miller & Miles' Cyberus Sapphirine Of Brindaree.

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