

## **MASTIFF – NW&PBS Scotland 2010**

A very pleasant judging experience at this well run show, all officials and their assistants were efficient and apparently relaxed and a steward who was as efficient as one could wish.; A small entry as ever for this show but some very decent mastiffs present.; In some ways it was a like a trip back to the late 70's/early 80's with two or three mastiffs looking very similar to the progeny of Grangemoor Gilda - good to see.; Some of the entries were not much helped by their handlers (says the self acknowledged worst handler ever!); It should be remembered that dogs are on display the entire time they are in the ring and not just when the judge is going over them.; I know even the most beautiful mastiff is capable of looking like a bag of spanners when relaxed, and they cannot be in show stance the whole time they are in the ring however, it is quite OK to let them sit or lie down when the judge is going over other dogs, or the handler can allow the dog to stand behind him.; Also several of the exhibits were in quite soft condition which is a shame when a half hour walk every day is all it take to firm them up.; Finally I have to assume we have a new problem with some of the breed suffering from hydrophobia!; Some exhibits were not well presented and it is supposed to be a beauty show.; I know the way in to the show was quite muddy in places - but mud was not the problem!

### **JD (1);**

#### **1 Knight's Kumormai Echelon RDCC.**

Big boned dog with both depth and length in the body.; Good tail set.; Excellent pigmentation with nice dark eyes.; A bit loose on the move both front and rear.

### **LD (2)**

#### **1 Weston & Johnson's Cyberus Special Envoy Among Ecotyne DCC**

Very nicely marked brindle with good pigmentation and correct black nails.; Would prefer a darker eye and needs to tighten on the move.;

#### **2 Fearnought Lord Jim of Ranaldine**

Apricot dog with enormous width across the chest but could do with a little more height to balance the picture.

### **OD (3);**

#### **1 Clarke's Burlington Bertie for Askuwheateau.**

Well marked brindle good length of body with plenty of bone.; Good pigmentation and dark eye.; Good width across the chest.; Another that needs to tighten on the move.;

#### **2 Baxter's Labaryth Boy Mackenzie for Nobleheart;**

very tall fawn dog. Well balanced.; Good pigmentation with a well set eye.; Good width.; Plaited in front when on the move.

#### **3 Pennie's Ch Fearnought George Formby.;**

### **LB (3)**

#### **1; Harding's Santmichal Tallulah's Rose RBCC**

Apricot bitch with good bone and width.; Superb fit condition really driving from her hocks.; Would prefer a tighter eye and less flews.;;

#### **2 Baxter's Chevelu Honey Bea by Nobleheart,**

#### **3 Edward's Platinum.**

Light fawn needing more pigmentation on her ears.; Still a bit high at the rear.

### **OB (2);**

#### **1 Knight's Kumormai Atonement; BCC BOB;;**

Fawn bitch with a most typical mastiff expression.; Good bone width throughout.; Hocks strong and lowset.; She seems to love the show ring.;

#### **2 Yemm's Ch Secret Charm Avec Dibest;**

Another fawn good; bone and wide throughout, would prefer a tighter eye.; Another good mover.

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