

Old English Mastiff Club - 1.8.10

It was an honour to be asked to judge the Championship show and I would like to thank the committee for inviting me and the exhibitors for their good sportsmanship in accepting my placements. Overall I was very impressed with the size and substance of the dogs as well as their movement. I thought the dogs were on the whole very impressive. My two concerns would be that a fair few dogs were showing haw and although it was a hot day so could be due to tiredness, this is something for breeders to keep an eye on. Also some exhibits were overly wrinkled. I know that our Mastiff breeders work hard to breed healthy dogs that adhere to the standard and mostly these exhibits are an example of that. I am proud to be associated with such a beautiful, magnificent breed.

VD (4, 2a, 1w/d)

Blaxter's Namous Naturally Curious.

Brindle. Broad skull, now going grey in muzzle. Deep chest and nice turn of stifle. Didn't move very enthusiastically though!

MPD (3,1a)

1 Dodd-Utting, Herring & Dodd's Cedwalla Country Boy by Heffalump Best Puppy.

6 month old Fawn. Attractive head with lots of promise. Well grown with big bone and good construction. Moved well.

2 Williams & Wilkes' Cwmtyswg Gallant Hero.

Lost to 1 as narrower in head at the moment but had lovely expression. Only a baby, also 6 months, so has plenty of time.

JD (4,1a)

1 Simister's Cadermist Earl of Igor.

Brindle. Broad head and muzzle in proportion, with kind expression. Well grown with deep chest and good spring of ribs.

2 Baxter's Maharajah Shera by Nobleheart

Fawn. Also a broad head but plainer in expression than 1. Broad chest and nice body.

3 Chadwick's Chevulu Clasic Bronze for Pearlian.

Fawn, too much wrinkle in head for me. Good bone and nicely constructed body.

ND (1)

1 Withheld.

2 Smith's Dobunni Mean Mr Mustard.

I withheld first place due to not being able to go over him properly as he was nervous of me and didn't want me to touch him except for after the class when it didn't matter! Hopefully the owner will persevere with socialising him to give him more confidence. Otherwise a nice large dog with a broad head, big bone and a well constructed body.

PGD (6,2a)

1 Weston & Johnson's Cyberus Special Envoy Among Ecotyne.

Brindle. Attractive broad head in proportion but light in eye colour. Good bone, deep chest and nicely constructed. Strong back-end.

2 Smith's Dobunni Revolution.

Fawn. Slightly longer in muzzle to 1 but well grown with a deep body and good bone. Would like a better turn of stifle.

3 Jephcott's Stedonkings Haruko.

A big dog but with too much wrinkle. Good bone and a strong back end.

LD (10,3a)

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

Fawn. Attractive head and expression. Good bone with good spring of ribs and strong back-end.

2 McKeivitt's Cwmtyswg Caradog.

Apricot. Large dog with big square head. Lovely deep chest and deep body although I would say his weight needs watching. Good bone.

3 Pennie's Fearnought George Formby.

Also a big dog but had a lot of jowl and too much wrinkle for me.

OD (6,2a)

1 Herring & Clarke's Suncamo Richards Ace. Dog CC and BOS.

Fawn. Another big dog with attractive broad head and lovely expression. Big bone, well grown and mature in body, nicely angulated. Moved well.

2 Dickinson's Mullak Sparta Sempacus – Res CC.

Had a difficult task choosing between these two but in the end lost to 1 as was slightly smaller.

Nevertheless attractive head with broad skull and dark pigment giving attractive expression. Deep chest and good spring of ribs. Moved well.

3 Baxter's Labaryth Boy Mackenzie for Nobleheart.

Shame he met the above two in the class. Also a big dog with a broad head and well constructed but slower on the move.

VB (2)

1 Yemm's Santmichal Diva Avec Dibest.

Apricot, showed well – was very sprightly and happy on the move, broad head with dark pigment, excellent body and good turn of stifle.

2 Baxter's Fractious Female at Farnaby. Brindle.

Lost to 1 as longer in the muzzle and did not show herself off as well. Nevertheless nice body and bone.

MPB (1) (mistake in catalogue).

1 Gittins & Baker Cwmtyswg Georgia's Glory.

Fawn, 7 months old, well grown baby with good bone. Broad head and hopefully muzzle will broaden out later, nice dark pigment. Good body and nice turn of stifle. Moved well.

JB (8,1a) (mistake in catalogue)

1 Gittins & Baker's Cwmtyswg Destiny's Delight. Res CC.

Apricot. Broad skull and muzzle in proportion. Nicely grown, good bone and spring of ribs with good turn of stifle. Moved well.

2 McCulloch & Williams' Alonzobar And All That Jazz At Damaco.

Fawn. Nice head and good dark pigment, but not as broad as 1 but with lots of promise and plenty of time to mature. Good sized bone and body.

3 Clarke's Camahieu Mabelina.

A good sized bitch, would prefer more pigment. Hopefully body will mature with age.

NB (3,1a)

1 Weston & Johnson's Carmahieu Truly Truffle Among Ecotype.

Apricot. Nice pigment but ears rather long, muzzle needs to broaden out but kind expression. Nice body and good sized bone.

2 Shephard's Dobunni Dear Prudence.

Brindle. Narrower in head than 1 with a lighter eye but had good bone.

PGB (3,2a)

1 Swift's Hexnorden Kashmir of Harting.

Fawn. Very attractive bitch with broad head and good pigment. Good sized bone and deep chest, nice spring of ribs and turn of stifle. Moved well.

LB (5,2a)

1 Edwards' Kumormai Platinum.

Fawn. An attractive head with lovely expression, could do with more breadth of muzzle. Good chest and bone, a deep body and strong back-end.

2 White's Swainsi Mayhem Madness.

Fawn. Also an attractive bitch with nice head but slightly less pigment than 1. Good bone and body with strong back end.

3 Harding's Santmichal Tallulahs Rose.

Apricot. A big bitch but had too much jowl and wrinkle for me. A good body and backend.

OB (8,6a)

1 Yemm's Ch Secret Charm Avec Dibest. BOB, Bitch CC.

Fawn, lovely head with dark pigment, broad skull and muzzle in proportion, attractive expression. Deep chest, big bone and strong back-end. Moved well. Can't ask for much more - a worthy winner.

2 Rischmiller's Santmichal Lena.

Fawn. Overshadowed by 1 but a nice bitch. Well constucted with a deep chest and good spring of ribs, strong back-end. Moved well.

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