

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF QUEENSLAND
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 16th JUNE 2001-07-11
JUDGE: Mrs Stephanie Rickard

What a thrill it was for me to judge your show! The weather perfect, the show so wonderfully organised and conducted, super hospitality, great dogs and efficient stewarding! What more could any judge want? I was delighted with the overall quality of the exhibits however there are a couple of things breeders might like to consider. There seemed to be a tendency in the younger classes for dogs to lack angulation and have a long midpiece, giving the appearance of a table top on four legs. This brought about a swampy topline and high tail carriage. I would attempt to rectify this if possible. The other thing that drew my attention was the lack of length to the ridges. I began the day looking at each ridge and attempting to incorporate it into the outcome of the placings. However, as the day went on, this required too many compromises. No doubt, the fact that the ridge “**must** be clearly defined, symmetrical and tapering towards the haunch, it **must** start immediately behind the shoulders and continue to the hip (haunches) bones and **must** contain only two crowns, identical and opposite each other,” makes it difficult for both breeders and judges alike. It is always interesting to judge from an outsider’s perspective, because one obtains a general overview of strengths and weaknesses in a breed at that particular time. Outsiders are not so much bogged down with particular features, for which you, the breeders are searching. They are more concerned with the overall picture, which necessarily incorporates condition, temperament and movement. My comments are from this angle and are designed to be constructive. They are my opinion on the day as so many things can change with a dog in a short space of time, especially in the developmental stages. Thank you once again for a most enjoyable day, and I wish your club every success for the coming years.

Baby Puppy Dog:

- 1 Mrs L Dick’s STARRIDGE WUNDURRA. Upstanding puppy, beautifully balanced. Correct headpiece and ear set. Well-filled chest. Strong body with very good front, hindquarters and tail. Excellent legs and feet, which he used so well on the move. Ridge? **BABY IN SHOW**
- 2 C. Burton’s STARRIDGE COS I CAN. Slightly heavier than No 1. but nevertheless, well balanced. Slightly heavy in muzzle, dark eye. Good front, great bone and feet. Moved well. Good ridge.
- 3 W&D Eger’s RIGINAL SAUL KIMBO. Well shaped puppy with a beautiful head. Strong body, bone and feet. Hopped on the move.

Minor Puppy Dog:

- 1 J. Holland’s LASIMBA GOT THE LOOK. 6 month old, free moving pup with pleasing head and expression. Strong body, good bone and feet. Balanced, although lacks the correct angles front and rear. Well-sprung ribs and good ridge. Showed well. **BEST MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW**
- 2 C. Burton’s STARRIDGE SUMMER SON. Going through the gawky stage at the moment causing him to be out of balance. Good head with dark eye, well-filled chest with strong bone and feet; falls off a little over the croup. Good ridge.

Puppy Dog:

- 1 D&S Storrie’s STARRIDGE SABOLA. Seven and a half month old athletic puppy, so well muscled. Pleasing head and expression, well ribbed back with strong quarters. A little unruly on the day. Ridge O.K.
- 2 T Kennedy’s MUFUDZI HASANI. Another well-muscled pup. Upstanding with pleasing head and expression. Strong body and well boned although lacked the fill in chest of No.1. Good length of ridge.

Junior Dog

- 1 D. Wood's ODINSTAR NOMAD ZIMCHUKA. Upstanding, strong, muscular dog, well ribbed back with strong bone. Very good feet. Needs to fill in the chest. Lovely head and expression. Easy mover.
- 2 A&M Izzard's MARMATIA DONALA YODA. Slightly smaller dog overall. Pleasing head and expression with dark eye. Good neck. Needs to fill in the chest. Muscular, strong rear with good ridge. Free moving dog, his temperament let him down on the day.
- 3 S.L. Ryan's ILLBEBAK AS THE BOSS. Rather thick set dog, although strong and well muscled. Well-ribbed back, weak pasterns and feet. Fell away over the croup and hindquarter lacked shape.

Intermediate Dog:

- 1 Ozrhode Knls' CH OZRHODE ARI MYSTIC FATE ET. Beautifully balanced, muscular dog, well boned. Excellent length of head with lovely expression. Ears a little low and carried back. Very good angles front and rear. Strong body with chest well filled, well ribbed back. Good ridge. Moved soundly. Won this class on his super conformation, unfortunately, he gave me nothing in the challenge line up.
- 2 R Charters-Smith & A Smith's CH RIGINAL LIGHTNIN JACK. Another well balanced dog in hard, muscular condition. Not quite the front of No 1. Pleasing head and expression. Body well ribbed back with strong loin and hindquarter. Ridge well shaped but slightly short. Good bone and feet. Moved and showed well.
- 3 S&D Boardman's MUFUDZI MOMBASA. Well-conditioned dog with pleasing head and expression. Body displaying good proportions with strong loin and hindquarter, but lacked the maturity of those above. Moved well.

Australian Bred Dog:

- 1 Ms L Lewis's GD CH SKISKA SOLITAIRE JEST. Majestic dog of excellent proportions although a little larger than I prefer. Lovely head of good length with dark eye. Powerful neck into well laid shoulders. Well-sprung ribs, well ribbed back. Strong loin and hindquarter. Feet need to be tighter. In excellent condition and beautifully handled. **RESERVE CC & AUST. BRED IN SHOW**
- 2 S&K Lambley's GD CH STARRIDGE AFRICAN KNIGHT. ET. Smaller framed dog of good proportions. Pleasing head and expression, dark eye. Not quite the front of No 1 with slightly weak pasterns. Strong powerful rear used to advantage on the move. Excellent ridge.
- 3 G&N Clark's CH STARRIDGE AFRICAN NOMAD (AI). Balanced dog although lacks the angulation of the two above. Pleasing expression but slightly narrow in head. Excellent bone and feet. Slightly long in loin. Easy mover.

Open dog:

- 1 M Goulding & D Blinco's GD CH BEARSTAR DOULEN KO ET. Upstanding dog so beautifully balanced. Lovely head and expression with dark eye. Strong neck into well laid shoulders. Muscular body, well conditioned, standing on excellent legs and feet. Very good ridge. Movement exhibited wonderful extension with powerful thrust to the rear. **DOG CC & RUNNER-UP IN SHOW.**
- 2 C Burton's GD CH BEARSTAR KO. A lovely dog! So beautifully balanced with great headpiece exhibiting strength. Good neck. Well-ribbed back with strong loin and hindquarter. Well boned. Moved well, covering ground although lacked the power of No 1.
- 3 Mrs F Clark's CH LIONKOP DUKE. Different style of dog. Thicker through and slightly lower on leg. Good head and expression. Strong body with well-muscled, powerful hindquarter. Was a little too proud of his tail on the move. Very good ridge.

Baby Puppy Bitch

- 1 Mrs W Lam's RIGINAL ANGEL DUST. Pretty pup, well balanced with lovely head and dark eye. Well-placed shoulders, good ribs and hindquarters. Excellent bone and feet. Well-shaped ridge, a little short. Lost to the Baby Dog on movement.

Minor Puppy Bitch

- 1 F. Hayes' STARRIDGE GABLE. Strong, upstanding puppy with pleasing head and expression. Good bone and feet, well placed shoulders with strong spring of rib. Good depth of chest, just needs to fill. Free mover.
- 2 Brennan and Munro's HUNTINGRIDGE SUMMER RAIN. Liver nosed bitch. Well balanced although slightly long in the loin. Good length of head. Well-placed neck into shoulder with excellent legs and feet.
- 3 S. Gillies' STARRIDGE CATCHME IFYOU CAN. Pleasing head, but lacked the body shape of the two ahead. Forward placed shoulder and dipped topline affected the tail carriage. Excellent ridge.

Puppy Bitch

- 1 Craig Pethybridge's KAZENIAH EMERALD. Upstanding pup well proportioned with excellent legs and feet. Lovely head and expression with strong foreface. Very good ridge. Hindquarters well muscled with hocks well let down, Ground covering gait, which won her **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**.
- 2 Mrs D Armstrong's LASIMBA MADE YOU LOOK. Only six months. Another well-balanced pup with strong bone and very good head for age. Slightly long in the loin, however, balanced on the move. Ridge O.K.
- 3 E White's KAMANIA DESERT MOONSTRUK. Gave the appearance of being slightly low on leg. Pleasing expression and dark eye. Well-muscled hindquarters with hocks well let down. Very good ridge. Movement slightly busy.

Junior Bitch

- 1 Mrs L Fejer's MARMATIA DONALA MILIKA. What a lovely shape! Great angles front and rear. Lovely head and expression. Good neck placed well into shoulders and well ribbed back. Would prefer slightly better feet. Excellent hindquarter, which propelled her around the ring. So close in the challenge, her topline letting her down. No doubt her day will come! **BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW**
- 2 Miss S Wheatley's MARMATIA DONALA HONNY. Taller bitch of similar quality but not the same style. Good length of head with lovely dark eye, good legs and feet. Chest slightly shallow at this stage and needs to fill. Good ridge. Not the movement of No 1.
- 3 Mrs N Munro's SIXEMM LITLBITO MISCHIEF. This well conditioned bitch has a good length of head, however, she needs a lot of maturing as she lacks the required spring of rib. I would prefer more angles front and rear to balance the body. Well boned but feet could be tighter.

Intermediate Bitch:

- 1 M Goulding & D Blinco's CH RIGINAL PATIENCE. Stunning bitch! So beautifully balanced with wonderful strength, yet still feminine. Lovely head and expression. Strong body well ribbed back. In fantastic condition, her angles front and rear enabled her to powerfully cover the ground. Not yet mature, she has a great future. It gave me great pleasure to award her the **BITCH CC AND BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW**.

- 2 Mrs D Brennan's CH HUNTINGRIDGE JUNGLE RAIN. Another well balanced bitch, not quite the angles of No 1. Good head and expression, good neck. Well filled in the chest, strong body with good legs and feet. Not the coat or condition of No 1.
- 3 S Clark's CH BULAWAYO TEMBISA. Powerful bitch with pleasing head and expression. Good chest. Strong body and hindquarter. Gave nothing on the move.

Australian bred Bitch:

- 1 M&J Hutchinson's CH TANYANIKA JEDDA. Feminine bitch with lovely head and eye. Strong bone and excellent feet. Body well ribbed back with strong loin and hindquarter. In excellent condition, she covered the ground with ease. **RESERVE CC.**
- 2 S Wakeman's CH ASSAGI ZUMBA. Loved the head on this bitch too. Good neck into well laid shoulder with strong ribcage. Good legs and feet with well let down hocks. Not the topline or the movement of No 1.
- 3 Craig Pethybridge's KAZENIAH JASPER. Who knows what the outcome of this class would have been if this bitch had not been spooked? Just a baby in this company, but so beautifully balanced with strong body and quarters standing on excellent legs and feet. Well-shaped head with strong muzzle. Covered the ground well, although not confident on the day. Has a bright future!

Open Bitch:

- 1 M Goulding and D Blinco's CH RIGINAL GOLD DUST WOMAN. Well-constructed bitch in excellent condition. Great coat! Strong, yet feminine head. Well boned legs and feet. Topline let her down in the challenge.
- 2 Ms S Baker's GD CH BEARSTAR CHILEAN WILLOW. Another quality bitch although showing her age on the day. Slightly longer overall than No 1. Great headpiece! Well-filled chest and well ribbed back. Super ridge! Moved gracefully but lacked the condition and musculature of No 1.
- 3 S&K Lambley's CH BEARSTAR SILVER WILLOW. Compact bitch, slightly different style to those above. Pleasing head and expression. Well-filled front and well ribbed back. Strong loin and in good condition. Moved well.