

The Great Dane Club Championship Show

August 4th 2013

Congratulations to the Great Dane Club on their 130th anniversary.

My thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge again after being unable to fulfil my last appointment for them and to my two stewards for their hard work on the day. Having not been about much for the past four years I was seeing the dogs with a fresh eye. There were some very mixed classes but I was pleased with my final line up which included some very promising youngsters. I was delighted with my two principal winners. DCC, RBIS Garsak Sir Findlay at Thornbrae, RDCC and BPIS Joopstar the Viscount.

Special Veteran. 8 (1) 1. Mitchell's Tantallon Antarctic Ice at Elsimba. Young looking 6 and a half year old in good condition presenting a clean outline. Good head with long fore face, well bodied and strong rear end. He moved out well. 2. King & Dolby's Ch Foaldown Secret Love with Eppwood. This boy just showing his age a little more than 1, masculine head, level planes, good eye and square drop of lip. Well angulated and held his top line. 3. Toohey's Ch Jaydania Sun Tan Minor Puppy 7 1. Gough & Gorman's Joopstar the Viscount. Quality big, striking, well marked harle with a masculine head, well set ears and a long clean neck set into well angulated shoulders. His deep chest, good topline and croup give him a balanced outline. Well off for bone and nicely covered he moved out well for one so young. He may be a raw youngster but he came into his own in the big ring, really extending on the move and showing like a star. I could not deny him the RCC. My co judge agreed he should be BPIS. 2. Skinner's Roucandane the Witchdoctor with Socar. Baby fawn with a lovely head, eye and expression. Good front, bone and feet. His correct top line and croup, with good width over his thigh completed a nice balanced picture. 3. Lawton & Sneddon's Selmalda Oh Boy at Thornbrae.

Puppy. 8. (1) This was quite a mixed class. 1. Price's Leamap Chivas Regal. Blue boy, short coupled with a nice overall shape, straight front and tight feet. He is well bodied with strong quarters. 2. Middleton's Leirumdane Mea Fortuna for Dornoir. Strong harle, well angulated and bodied with strong hind quarters. Would prefer a tighter eye. 3. Farr's Eddanes Rule the World.

Junior. 12 (2) 1 Chappell's Selmalda Koochie Rider. This boy stood out in this class with an eye catching and balanced make and shape. He has a beautiful masculine head, not overdone, a lovely eye and good drop of lip. His chest is deep with a good spring of rib. He used his strong hind quarters well on the move with good extension fore and aft. Pressed the winners hard at the end of the day. 2. Thurlby's Devarro Stripe it Lucky. More rangy nicely marked brindle, lovely head and expression. Good angles and held his top line. Just needs to settle on the move. 3. L Mea Fortuna for D.

Yearling. 4 1 Jacobs Vanmore Never Say Never to Kazabbie. Nicely marked brindle coming together well, pleasing head, nicely arched neck set into good shoulders, chest deep and well ribbed. He has a firm topline which he held on the move, moving out at one with his handler. 2. Gifford's Higesteem Loch Song at Danetime. Very dark brindle, big lad with a lovely clean elegant outline. I preferred the tighter front on 1. 3. R Endless Love.

Novice. 5 1 Mackenzie's Akura Final Mission with Carsan. Most promising baby black in beautiful condition, well off for bone, nicely angled front and rear with a correct topline. Quite together on the move. 2. L Chivas Regal. 3. Kingsley's Roshanun Zeus Summum Deum.

Post Graduate. 16 (3) 1. Cranfield's Zefather's Master Mind. Upstanding pale fawn boy. Very elegant in outline, refined head, long arched neck. Good depth of chest and well angulated rear. Just like a bit more of him overall. 2. Mansell Jones Droolakiss Ezze Tiger. Lightly marked brindle with a gentle calm demeanour and melting dark eye. Lovely clean shoulder, deep chest with good width in front, tight elbows, short coupled and well let down hocks. 3. Mirando's Danesvic Corona

Dasher.

Limit. 6 Close decision between 1 and 2. 1. Seddon's Tenaya Comanche War Lord. Substantial fawn with most appealing head and eye, neat well placed ear and good drop of lip. His front legs are straight and true standing on tight feet. Chest deep with well sprung ribs, short coupling and good width across his thigh complete a balanced picture. He moved out well. In the challenge I preferred the reach of neck of my CC winner. 2. Laidlaw's Kantalar My Simple Heart JW. Another quality boy, masculine head, dark eye and alert expression, good overall balanced make and shape, presented in beautiful condition. 3. Le Page's Jaydania Anton du Beke.

Open. 7 I was spoiled for choice in this class of mature quality dogs. 1. Lawton & Sneddon's Garsak Sir Findlay at Thornbrae. This boy managed to combine the size, substance and elegance I was looking for with nothing coarse or overdone He has a beautiful head, refined and well chiselled, good ear carriage and a lovely soft eye and expression but still masculine. He has a well arched neck and so clean over the shoulder with a well filled front and tight feet. A good spring of rib, correct croup and tail set and well let down hocks finished the picture. In a lovely line up I was delighted to award him the CC. 2. Booth's Ch Kemanilo Total Magic. Another boy who really took my eye. Loved his head, expression and eye and length of foreface. Another with depth and substance, just a pity he had his mind on other things! 3. Hurst & Armour's Ch Garsak Sir Fernando. Special Open Fawn. 4. 1. Bishton's Jaydania Fred Astaire JW. Masculine head, dark mask and good drop of lip. Well arched neck, good shoulder and tight elbows. He is well off for bone, a well developed second thigh and good croup and tail set. 2. T Antarctic Ice at E. 3. Harrison's Teeseedane Truly Theodoric by Emaneaz JW.

Special Open Brindle 8 (2) 1. Droolakiss Ezze Tiger. 2. H Loch Song at Danetime. 3. D Strike it Lucky at Justinian.

Special Open Black. 5 (1) This was quite a mixed class. 1. Shadbolt's Akura Hugo the Brave. Strong masculine boy in lovely condition. He is most appealing in profile just standing a little wide in front. 2, Bates Danemoor Black Prince. Finer and more rangy than 1 he is well muscled but a little long cast. He needs to fill out to complete the picture. 3. Walker's Riverdragon got the Tickets.

Special Open Blue. 9 (4) Davies Internos Emperor from Vanderzar. Another boy of substance, slightly overdone in head for me but good body shape, plenty reach of neck and strong hind quarters and well let down hocks which he used on the move. Handled to advantage. 2, Battersby's Internos the Heavyweight. A gentle boy, finer in head than 1, long foreface and kind expression. Lovely shoulder and deep chest, he carried himself well. 3. Pepper & Price's Baron of Skye via Leamap.

Special Open Harlequin. 5 (3) A hard decision between these 2 1. Hitcham's Stagbatch so Smart. Substantial with a strong head he has good depth of brisket, level top line and strong hind quarters. 2. Battersby & Williams Internos Arizona. Again finer than 1 he has an expressive head a well placed ear, good body and croup. Both boys belied their age.

Special Open Mantle. 2 1 Waring's Ravendane Equinox at Elleyenda. This well bodied lad has a lovely shoulder and well filled front and quite an elegant shape over all. Just like to see him stride out more on the move. 2. Stapleford's Madjax the Lothario. Stronger and more stocky than 1 he is in gleaming condition. Slightly loose eye detracted from his expression.

Judge Judith Greig