

The Great Dane Club, Open Show, 24th November 2013.

Dog Judge, Mr Chris Wood (Foxglendanes).

I was pleased to be asked to officiate at the show and there were no serious problems noted with the animals presented, although I was a little concerned with the number of dogs showing loose eyes. In the future if the show's are back to back, there needs to be more control over the timings of the classes, I was made aware that several exhibitors had to leave the show, before showing their dogs, since the classes were so late in the day!

Minor puppy dog, 4, 1 abs.

1) Mahon's, Phoenixdane Jackbauer for Astaldream.

Pleasing mantle puppy of 10 months old, with good markings. Good head shape, with nice crested neck, good firm top-line and well filled front, well muscled overall. Moved out well holding a level top-line and showing good tight feet.

2) Cottam's, Carbaline Born To Run.

Pale brindle boy, taller than 1st and not as mature. The head needs to develop more, good neck and top-line, which was a little soft on the move, but movement was true.

3) Ciosch & Olech's, Phoenixdane Baltic Sun.

Puppy Dog, 5.

1) Barratt's, Rioco Endearing.

Tall pale fawn with dark mask. Good head planes, dark eye and correct balance, with a pleasing expression. Long crested neck into good shoulders, level top-line and good well muscled croup. Good deep chest, needs to fill a little in front, nice tuck-up and presented in good hard condition, which showed as he moved with drive from behind and good reach in front.
RBD, BP.

2) Mckenzie's, Akura Final Mission with Carsan.

Gleaming black dog with strong head and good level planes. Well filled front, good level top-line, straight bone and tight feet, moved out well.

3) Ellis & Khanna's, Roucandane The Illusionist.

Junior Dog, 6, 1 abs.

1) Price's, Leamap Chivas Regal.

Blue dog with strong head, good neck and top-line. Well filled front, good bone and well muscled rear quarters. Moved out well if a little excitedly (no brakes).

2) Middleton's, Lierumdane Mea Fortuna for Dornoir.

Well marked harlequin dog, with average head, a little loose in eye, but nice expression. Well muscled with good rear angulation. Moved out well but needs to stride out more than he was able to on the day.

3) Kingsley & Lunn's, Roshanun Zeus Summum Deum.

Yearling Dog, 4, 1abs.

- 1) Wand's, Ravendane Endless Love.
Well marked mantle, with good correct head. Good neck and shoulders, well filled front, level top-line and good hind quarters. Good muscle tone and tight feet moved well with good drive and reach, could have been presented in a cleaner condition.
- 2) Baker's, Vanmore Superken of Preveli, JW.
Tall fawn with good neck and shoulders. Well filled deep chest, good top-line and croup with good angulation.
Pushed hard for first place but his front movement let him down on the day.
- 3) Kingsley & Lee's, Dainoak Amor Aeternalizer.

Novice Dog, 4.

- 1) Mackenzie's, Aura Final Mission with Carson,
- 2) Pepper's, Leamap Black Sabbath with Sarawen,
Black with strong head and darkest of eyes. Good front and deep well sprung chest, well muscled rear but he has a raised top line over his croup.
- 3) Kingsley & Lunn's, Roshanun Zeus Summum Deum.

Post Graduate, 7, 3abs.

- 1) Wand's, Ravendane Endless Love,
- 2) Tempest's, Sharadanes Tempest Pride for Adoreadane,
Mantle with good head, not the size or quality of markings of 1. Good neck, shoulders and top-line, needs more weight and muscle tone, moved OK.
- 3) Kingsley & Galloway's, Dainoak Vos Liberabit.

Limit Dog, 5, 3abs.

- 1) Akinosho's, RavendaneSgt Pepper
Well marked mantle with correct head, and pleasing expression. Strong neck, good shoulders and deep well filled chest, level top-line and excellent hind quarters. A substantial animal throughout, moved with purpose and drive.
- 2) Smith's, The Sorcerer of Lambrini,
Lightly marked harlequin with good head. Deep chest and well filled front, good top-line but lacks rear angulation, which affected his movement causing a lack of drive.

Open Dog, 1.

- 1) Seddon's, CH Tenaya Comanche War Lord,
Substantial fawn with excellent head and melting expression. Very good strong neck into good shoulders, level top-line, good croup and wonderful muscle tone throughout. Deep chest and well sprung ribs, good brisket and lovely straight bone. Very good movement with drive from behind and reach in front, he meets all the requirements of the standard to the full.BD.

Special Veteran, 2, 1abs.

1) King & Doldy's, CH Foaldown Secret Love with Eppwood,
One of our elder statesmen of the breed, he also has all the requirements of the great dane standard. Excellent head, neck and front assembly, good chest and top-line, unfortunately a little tired on his rear today which showed in his movement.

Special open Brindle, 2,2abs,

Special open Fawn no entries.

Special open Black, 4, 2abs.

1) Scott's, Akura Hugo the Brave,
Substantially built 2 year old, with good head and dark eye. Good front but a little steep in shoulder. Level top-line, good croup and strong well muscled hind quarters with good angulation, moved well with good drive.

2) Kingsley & Lee's, Dainoak Amor Aeternaliter,
Lighter constructed dog than 1, top-line and good croup but needs more substance. Nice head, level top-line. Moved OK.

Special open Blue, 5, 3abs.

1) Price's, Leamap Chivas Regal.

2) Battersby's, Internos the Heavyweight.
Good head, neck and shoulders, strong level top-line, resented in excellent hard condition. Lacks a little drive on the move these days, but moved well for a male of his years.

Special open Harlequin, 7,2abs.

1) Battersby and William's, Internos Arizona, ShCM,
Correct head, good neck and shoulders, level top-line and good croup, well muscled throughout. Moved well covering the ground with ease, another of the 'good' elder statesmen of our breed.

2) Smith's, The Sorcerer of Lambrini,

3) Kingsley & Galloway's, Dainoak Vos Liberabit.

Special open Mantle, 5,1abs.

1) Akinosho's, Ravendane Sgt Pepper.

2) Wand's, Ravendane Endless Love.

3) Stapleford's, Madjax the Lothario.

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