

PMDC of GB Championship Show -15th February 2004

I was honoured to judge the club championship show at very short notice in place of the well-respected, and experienced American judge Mr John Hannum. John unfortunately sustained injuries in a recent fall, which precluded him from making the trip to England. I would like to thank him for the entry of one hundred dogs to be examined. I am sure that we all wish him a swift recovery.

Overall I found the standard of dogs to be of high quality. There were only two dogs with the two tiny teeth in the lower jaw. I am so pleased to see this tendency is no longer so obvious in the breed. I was pleasantly surprised to find that ear set of the dogs were all correct, however, the breed seems to be losing the ear shape, and the ears of many dogs were much too large, and instead of a triangular shape, tended to be rounded off at the bottom. Many of the eyes were light in colour, which spoils that 'special' expression, as did the completely black orbs of a few animals. Some dogs tended to have a very flat crown instead of a gentle curve, which ruins the head profile entirely. The movement as usual in our breed was not very good. It is no use hiding our eyes, and pretending, the majority of Pyreneans in England are not good movers. Most are much too close in the rear action, and with very few exceptions front movement is never true. The best mover of the show was my Best Puppy! I found that 'over-angulation' seems to be creeping into one or two of the lines, a fault which must be recognised by all concerned, and eradicated as soon as possible. My greatest concern is the tendency of the bitches, at the moment, to be leaner in construction than many of the dogs! A lot of the younger bitches will, I have no doubt, go 'over the top' at an early age. All of the dogs were well presented and clean, the handlers were attentive and co-operative. The show was very well organised, and I was very well hosted and looked after by my stewards. Thank you to all that attended, and presented me with an excellent group of dogs for my examination.

Ian Spencer-Brown

Best In Show Ch. Zalute Zalize via Shanlimore JW. Sh Cm. (Bitch)

Reserve BIS Fieldsides Yaffos at Mizeka JW) (Bitch)

Best Opposite Sex Sketrick French Connexion
(Ch. Awaiting KC confirmation)

Best Puppy Zalute Zygophillocus (Bitch)

Reserve Dog CC Ch & Sw. Ch. Viskalys Pegasus Sati

Veteran DorB 8 (4)

1. Haresigns CASELBARN KING OF DIAMONDS (Best Veteran) Impressive profile short strong neck, wonderful level topline, and moved well for his age.

2. Newport PENPRIORY SERENDIPITY (Best Opp Sex Veteran) Super bitch from this well known line, just lost in topline and enthusiasm today.

3. Gaysons COOKALA HARVEST MOUSE AT PYRHANVEN Once again a bitch from a classic kennel, good topline, but putting on a little weight now, which shows in her movement. Very well handled and presented.

MPD No entries

PD 1(0) Woodhouses DARMAROR BERTIE BEAR Good

eat set, moved well, with an enthusiastic tail, age will improve, but for perfections I would prefer just a little less stop. Average bone good angulation, handled well.

JD 4(0)

1. Woodhouses DARMAROR BERTIE BEAR

2. Pollards GILLANDANT BILLY THE KID Larger head than (1) lots of room between the eyes, rear angulation just right, very typical dog medium bone, excellent temperament.

3. Graysons LORD OF THE RING OF CAZWAY Nicely presented all white dog would have preferred a little more angulation in the rear quarters, ears marginally high but good shape crown just a little flat.

SYD 6(2)

1. Waters SKETRICK FINITO Outstanding dog in this class, gentle stop correctly shaped eye and black pigment and tight lips, good angulation and length of tail, coat good quality but just starting to blow.

2 Woodhouses DARMAROR BERTIE BEAR

3, Veales ARANDORA FUDGES GASCINATION AT JOJIMS Good all round dog very unlucky to come against present company. Well marked quite short couple dog with good shoulder placing, strong deep chest and a good level topline on the move, well groomed and handled.

ND 2(0)

1. Woodhouses DARMAROR BERTIE BEAR

2. Burwells LAUDLEY DYLLAN THOMAS Well constructed youngster in good condition rich dark head with correctly banded coat, deep chest and good tail length, well attached dew claws, I should like to see just a little more confidence from his handler to get the best from this dog.

3. Pollards GILLANDANT BILLY THE KID

UG 5(0)

1. Waters SKETRICK FINITO

2. Woodhouses DARMAROR BERTIE BEAR

3. Pollards GILLANDANT BILLY THE KID

GD 6(3)

1. Waters SKETRICK FINITO

2. Bowkers FEBUS REVILLA Very attractive lightly marked, good head proportions, another victim of the mat found him out at the elbows on front movement.

3. Veales ARANDORA FUDGES FASCINATION AT JOJIMS.

PGD 11(2)

1. Darlington LUBENN PRINCE CHARMING Well proportioned dog correct head with great pigment, good shoulder placement and a good rear action, excellent profile on the move. Due to a technicality was not able to progress to unbeaten dog class.

2. Woodhouses ZALUTE ZTATYSQUOALLMACH VIA DARMAROR JW I liked this one, just very unfortunate to come up against my class winner today. Large lightly coloured dog with great head and expression. Good depth of muzzle, and correct stop, moved well, deep chest and good tuck up.

3. Stratton-Baldwins VALCARLOS IVANHOE Well balanced dog good topline, strong neck, and good bone. Should have preferred a tighter mouth.

Remainder missing