

## North Of England Pyrenean Mountain Dog Club

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Thanks to the Officers and Committee of the North Of England PMD Club for the invitation to judge one of my favourite breeds in the Pastoral Group. A reasonable entry numbers wise but, plenty of quality and I had the pleasure of assessing some lovely representatives of the breed.

As is common with most breeds, particularly the large white guarding breeds of Europe, much of breed type comes from the head shape, strength and proportions. I had a number of good ones here but some were a bit too deep in stop. Mouths were good, just one slightly undershot. Nearly all had dark eyes with the correct almond shape giving the desired Pyrenean expression. As with all judging, breed basics have to be balanced with the overall function, conformation and movement of the dog and I was very pleased with all my winners.

PD (1) 1<sup>st</sup> Dickson's Kalkasi Fields Of Gold. Well grown pup of 11 months. Good bone and well bodied for his age. Typical outline. Masculine, shapely head and good eye shape. Pleasing to go over, needs to settle on the move. Excellent temperament. Thick, double coat. BPD.

J (3) 1<sup>st</sup> Robinson's Penelcyc Warrior Of The Goods. Masculine young dog of very good type. Strong head and muzzle. Stop a touch deep but good fill under a pleasing eye. Correct ear set and pigment. Strong neck, well angled front and good bone. Shapely body, short loin and excellent quarters. Moved around the ring with a good stride and plenty of drive from the rear. Should have a good future. RBD.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cubello's Night Owl. Very good head, shapely with minimal stop. Eye and expression ok. Slightly smaller than 1st and not quite as firm in quarters. Overall good conformation and can finish well.

3<sup>rd</sup> K Fields Of G.

ND (1) P Warrior Of The G.

PG (6) Mixed class made up of different types.

1<sup>st</sup> Flounders' Gillandant Spirit Of Xmas At Lakamoni. Medium sized, attractive Blaireau. Lovely head shape, with balance and moderate stop. Good eye shape and colour. Well set, small ears. Medium neck. Good body proportions. Could be better angulated at the rear but good strength of hock. Sound, free mover from side gait. Loved his tail set and carriage, showing desired wheel.

2<sup>nd</sup> Maggs' Viskaly's In The Fast Lane Of Dewyche. Strong, masculine dog of excellent breed type. Super head, eye and expression. Good height to length proportions, deep chest and mature body. Excellent bone and tight feet. Steady mover, sound in all directions. Attractive colour and well presented.

3<sup>rd</sup> N. Owl.

LD (2) 1<sup>st</sup> Reilly's Lisjovia Boris Bear At Darmaror. Impressive dog and a real eye-catcher. Still relatively young at just over 18 months and I am sure the best is yet to come. Strong, masculine head with plenty of fill under eye and good strength of muzzle. Good pigment. Well set ears.

Excellent reach of neck. Well laid shoulder and corresponding upper arm. Excellent bone and feet. Chest still to broaden fully. Firm, shapely topline. Short loins. Excellent hind quarters. Moved very well going away and has such an easy, free stride from side gait. Immaculate double coat. Should easily gain his title and made a worthy BD & BIS.

2<sup>nd</sup> G Spirit Of Xmas At L.

O (1) 1<sup>st</sup> Kenyon & Ward's Charibere Simply Magic At Chezanna. A great favourite of mine. Judged him last year and good to see him again with maturity and looking the part. Very good head, typical eye and expression, good strength and balance with muzzle. Excellent conformation and, as always, presented in good coat. Not moving so well, and his owner sensibly withdrew him from further competition in the challenge.

VB (1) 1<sup>st</sup> Pollard's Ch. Gillandant Sugar And Spice. An honour to judge this well-known star of the breed. 10 years old and losing none of her quality or movement with age. Great type, substance and outline. Excellent head piece and conformation. Moved well, a moderate stride and completely sound. Well presented and took RBB over some quality bitches here today. BVIS.

PB (3) 1<sup>st</sup> Gibson & Bowker's Sajobein Gastons Girl Avec Febus. 11 month old bitch of great potential. Beautiful head, strength to skull and muzzle and a minimal stop. Excellent dark eye, small, well set ears. Reachy neck leading to a well angled front. Firm topline and well ribbed back. Excellent hind angulation and low set hocks. Tail set and carried well. Excellent mover, plenty of drive and covering the ground with ease. Beautifully prepared double coat. Must have a bright future. BPIS.

2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards' Shanlimore Raffela. Another quality pup. Slightly heavier all through but pleasing in most aspects. Good conformation, bone and functional feet. Needs to tighten a bit out and back on the move but good from profile. Good coat.

3<sup>rd</sup> Haley's Kalkasi Lilac Wine At Mistymia.

JB (5) 1<sup>st</sup> S Gastons Girl A F.

2<sup>nd</sup> Flounders' Sketrick Papagena At Lakamoni. Excellent young bitch of good breed type. Good head, excellent eye shape, strong pigment. Feminine but nothing lacking with good bone and enough substance for her size. Excellent outline on the stack. Good conformation. Moved well, just not the drive of 1<sup>st</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> S Raffaella.

NB (3) 1<sup>st</sup> S Gastons Girl A F.

2<sup>nd</sup> S Raffaella.

3<sup>rd</sup> Haley's Kalkasi Blue Moon At Mistymia.

MB (1) 1<sup>st</sup> S Gastons Girl A F.

PGB (4) 1<sup>st</sup> Carlin's Rosemere Yasmina. Strong, well made bitch. Excellent head. Strong, thick, moderate neck, deep chest. Balanced angles front and back. Carrying a bit too much weight which reflected in her movement, sound enough though.

2<sup>nd</sup> S Papagena At Lakamoni.

3<sup>rd</sup> K Lilac Wine At M.

LB (2) 1<sup>st</sup> Pollard's Gillandant Xmas Spice. Standing alone her but a worthy winner with her excellent type and overall outline. Beautiful head, good balance with muzzle, strong but feminine. Medium neck, good depth to chest and strong bone. Well angled front and back and correct tail. Just dips a bit behind the withers. Moved out well with a moderate stride and sound in all directions.

OB (4) Super class, 4 lovely bitches here.

1<sup>st</sup> Bayliss' Ch. Shiresoak She's The One. A really lovely Ch. bitch that fits the standard very well. Ideal size and substance with good bone and mature body. Strong head, stop ok and good fill under eye. Good strength and depth of muzzle. Almond, dark eye and well set ears. Excellent conformation and standing on compact feet. Steady mover, moderate stride with a well set tail carried displaying a wheel. Good coat, coarse texture and plenty of undercoat. Pleased to award her BB.

2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards' Ch. Gillandant Leyla Via Shanlimore. Strong bitch. Similar size and outline to 1<sup>st</sup> but slightly heavier built all through. Excellent head piece. Dark eye and small ears. Sound conformation and movement, just lacked a bit of enthusiasm today. Well prepared, thick coat. Another worthy Ch.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thorne's Belshanmish Pretty In Pink At Pyrajay.

Darren Clarke (Judge)