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Leeds

PYRENEAN MOUNTAIN DOG

Always a pleasure to judge this elegant, yet strongly built breed. Head type varied a little but I had no trouble finding what I wanted! I have been very lucky to have judged this breed seven times with CCs in the UK, plus in Europe, Israel and Japan. The entry was 39 dogs. I had two wonderful stewards that kept everything running like clockwork that deserve my thanks. Not the best weather for showing dogs but everyone made full use of the big ring we were given. How well did this breed do in the Groups? Topping the Pastoral Group, the Veteran Group and the Special Beginners Group, well it does not come any better than that.

PD (3,1) 1 Keiths' Charibere My Sweet Lord At Beverlenn, easy winner, loved the breed type his overall shape and balance, pleasing head excellent bite, correct neck straight front good bone and feet, obviously been well reared. Strong top-line and depth of chest, very pleasing quarters and he moved freely and well, showing lots of promise. 2 Fergus' Gypsinella Murphy Prince, his head appealed, not 100% correct in bite. Good bone and pleasing profile, not the action of winner.

JD (3,1) 1 Dickson's Kalkasi Fields Of Gold, really promising youngster, liked the breed type his size and balance, very attractive masculine head good eye and bite. Correct neck straight front, good bone deep chest tight elbows. Liked his strength behind. In lovely condition he moved freely and well, was delighted to watch him win the S/Beginners Group so well deserved, lots of wins in front of him. 2 Edwards' Shanlimore Lorenzo, Lovely youngster but not totally sound on his right back leg.

PG (5,1) 1 Flounders' Gillandant Spirt Of Xmas At Lakamoni, quality, liked the breed type his profile and sound action, very pleasing head excellent bite, good eye shape and colour. Correct neck straight front good shoulders very nice shape to his body strong backline good quarters and in super condition, like him very much. 2 Dickson's Kalkasi Fields Of Gold (reported). 3 Thorne's Kricarno Konstellation At Pyrajay. LD (4,2) 1, Res CC, Holmes' Lisjovia Estevez (JW) ShCM. One I have judged before and admired, nothing as changed except he is now more mature and finished, shouts quality and breed type. Everything to like and he is so impressive on the move, sure to make-up he has all the qualities the breed standard asks for plus ring presence and attitude shown in wonderful form, his sister won the Res CC and another Brother stood 2nd in Open Dog! Must have been some litter and I congratulate the breeder. 2 Baversstock's Kalkasi Expect Only The Best. Nice for type, a little smaller built all over than winner, still masculine, pleasing head shapely body but not the action back or front of the winner.

OD (5,2) 1, CC + BOB + Group 1st, Nagrecha, Mattisson-Sandstrom's Ch Viskalys My Way Or No Way To Chandlimore (IMP). One of the UKs top dogs and I can fully understand why! From the moment he enters the ring he has such ring presence. A near perfect head, superb outline, real class, not in full jacket a sensible summer coat, his presentation and handling is world class. I have over the years given these Viskalys several BOB around the World such a correct breed type. If you are not sure what a PMD head should look like have a look at this male! Delighted to get my hands on him and

delighted to see the Group judge agreed. 2 Reilly's Lisjovia Boris Bear At Darmaror (JW) ShCM. Yet another high class quality male that should have no trouble taking his title. So much to like and he goes with much freedom and soundness, another shown in superb condition. 3 Wilcock, Penelcy Guard Of Honour.

VD (1) 1, Best Veteran in Group. Baverstock, Ch & Ir Ch Kalkasi In High Spirits JW ShCM. No surprise to find him titled, looked a Champion from entering the ring. All the qualities you would expect. Loved his size, and this boy had the tail carriage I wanted. Sound as a bell, lovely freedom of action and in spotless condition,

SB (1) 1 Dickson's Kalkasi Fields Of Gold. Look what he went onto do today, congratulations.

PB (2) 1, Best Puppy and Group short-listed, Miles' Charibere Secret Charm At Ranacani. Feminine quality girl, liked her size and breed type, lovely head, excellent bite, shapely good bone and very good quarters that freedom of action was always going to appeal to me, she was so well shown by a young man, sure to do very well in her breed thought she had loads of promise.

JB (2) 1 Edwards' Shanlimore Raffaella, now I really liked this girl, loved the breed type her shape and balance, quality head excellent bite, strong neck straight front, excellent bone and lovely body qualities, such easy free action again in lovely condition, she has a future top class. 2 Wilcock's Penelcy Maid Of Honour, smaller very feminine with a lovely profile, not really happy today, may be the weather. PG (4,2) 1 Flounders' Sketrick Papagena At Lakamoni (A1). Loved this girls profile, excellent quality and breed type, elegant yet still has the bone and substance required. Very attractive head, excellent bite, correct neck straight front, lovely feet. She moved freely and well, all round a top quality lady that should continue to win well. 2 Fergus' Daveangel Reddest Ruby, totally different in breed type, quality head, deep chest and totally sound.

LB (5,3) 1, Res CC, Bamford's Lisjovia Keep The Faith For Pafaxen, wrote in my judging book, top class liked everything about her and a real pleasure to watch on the move. Feminine, lovely head, excellent bite so good to go over everything just fitted and flowed, shown to perfection and I will be utterly amazed if she does not finish with her title! I might add it was lovely to see the reaction of her handler who bust into tears, well you are going to have to take a hankie to all the shows, it certainly will not be her last win. 2 Holmes' Lisjovia Emilio, again quality so much to like, totally sound Just like a little more body substance.

OB (6,3) 1, CC, Thorne's Ch Belshanmish Pretty In Pink At Pyrajaj ShCM. New to me! No surprise to find her titled, looked and moved like a Champion, excellent head, eye and bite, straight front excellent bone, good neck and the best of shoulders, correct angles both back and front and that's why she has this lovely eye catching action, deep chest strong backline and the best of quarters, she looked just lovely on the day! The bitch and handler certainly looked the part. 2 Baverstock's Kalkasi

Moonlite Mist, slighter built, loved that profile, nice head, deep chest, different in breed type to the first, lots to like and she was utterly sound. 3 Wilcock's Montimur Sweet Child Of Mine At Penelcy.

VB (1) 1 Bayliss' Gillandant Anastasia At Shiresoak, I thought this lady top class, loved the head excellent pigment, excellent bone straight front, super body deep chest tight elbows, strong top-line and good quarters she moved freely and well in the most super condition, so unlucky to meet the male when it came to Best Veteran.

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