

**2018-10-26**

**Midland Counties**

**PYRENEAN MOUNTAIN DOG**

Thank you to the Committee for the invitation to judge at their anniversary show and to my two very competent ring stewards and to all the exhibitors for a lovely entry, 47 dogs making an entry of 55 with 5 dogs and 1 bitch absent, it was lovely to see the latest crop of puppies. I was very happy when my choice of winners, especially of Best of Breed, Ch Vi'skaly's My Way Or No Way To Chanlimore (Imp Swe) went on to win Pastoral Group 2. I found some of the dogs underweight in my opinion but for the coats there would have been ribs and backbones on show. A few of the young puppies were unsettled by the noise in the hall.

MPD (4, 2) Grady's Kalkasi As Cool As I Am. A real baby, pale blaireau markings, well grown for his age, head still has a lot of developing to do, and pigmentation needs to strengthen round eyes, standing high at rear which effects overall balance which should correct in time, good bone and nice tight feet, moved well, a confident start to his show carrier.

PD 1 Grady's Kalkasi As Cool As I Am.

JD (2, 1) 1 Edwards' Shanlimore Lorenzo. 15 months old, correct head shape with pale blaireau markings, tight lips and nice eye shape gives him a true Pyrenean expression, nice straight top line standing on well bones, medium angulation moved soundly, just at the inbetween stage and a little out of coat.

PGD (8, 2) 1 Carter's Jumicar Ice Warrior. Mature pale blaireu male shown in excellent coat, good pigmentation more substantial than those behind him, pleasing head and expression, straight top line looked good stacked and moved soundly. 2 Flounder's Gillandant Spirit Of Xmas At Lakamoni. Lovely head and expression, nice to see proper blaireu markings, seems to be coming more rare these days, tight mouth, correct shaped eyes, nice strong topline, would have liked a little more turn of stifle, correct cat feet, moved well, just wished there had been a bit more of him. 3 Cubello's Night Owl. Attractive clean head, correct eyes, tight mouth giving a good expression, nice length of neck, good topline, standing on medium boned legs, correct cat feet, moved well.

LD (3) 1 Baverstock's Kalkasi Expect Only The Best. Res CC, quality male, has a real presence, loved his head and gentle expression, well moulded skull with gentle slope connecting his muzzle, excellent pigmentation, good strong neck flowing into well angulated shoulders, good length of back, good turn of stifle, nice shaped feet, moved soundly, still maturing, unlucky to meet the CC winner. 2 Holmes' Lisjovia Estevez JW ShCM. Another impressive boy of top quality, strongly made, straight topline and angulation, gives him an excellent outline, good skull and fill under the eye, would have preferred less depth of muzzle which spoiled the head shape for me when viewed from the side, movement is excellent as he powered round the ring. 3 Flounder's Spirit Of Xmas At Lakamoni.

OD (3, 1) 1 Mattison, Sandstrom & Nagrecha's Ch Vi'skaly's My Way Or No Way To Chanlimore (Imp Swe). CC, BOB, Group 2. A real stunner, loved his head and expression, stands so proudly on strong correct angulated legs, he is so well put together, his coat was sparkling and he didn't put a foot wrong when he moved, presented and shown to perfection pleased to hear he got second in the Group later that day. 2 Reilly's Lisjovia Boris Bear At Darmaror. A young boy with much to like, strongly made, excellent pigmentation, with strong boned legs and good angulation he moved with great power round the ring, would prefer head shape of my winner, especially when viewed from the side, would have liked less depth of muzzle and tighter flues.

MPB (7) 1 Goodwin's Lisjovia Adagio. 6 months old baby, pretty pale blaireau head with good pigmentation, correct almond shaped eyes, excellent construction with good straight back, nice tight feet, moved well, should have a bright future. 2 Baverstock's Kalkasi Super Cool. Another very pretty baby, very feminine expression, not quite so forward as first and a bit unsettled by the noise so didn't perform to her potential, liked her very much another which should do well. 3 Tadd's Kricarno Katchmeifyoukan. 8 months old making up a trio of lovely puppies, she has a lovely head and sweet expression, good straight topline, stepped out well.

PB (5) 1 Garrett's Febus Jumilac (AI). 10 months. Res CC, this was the first time I have seen these two sisters and they are out of the top drawer. I wished I could have given them joint first place as they are so alike, both teeming with quality, good breadth of skull, strong neck, lovely angulation, good bone, nice tight feet and moved so soundly, coat in full bloom, so it came down to the pretty blaireau markings on Jumilac to split them, I'm sure they will change places many times and both should have excellent show careers. 2 Downe's Febus Fleurac (AI). Top quality, same excellent qualities as her sister, sure she will gain her title. 3 Baverstock's Super Cool.

JB (3) 1 Garrett's Febus Jumilac (AI). 2 Shanlimore Raffaella. 3 Salmon's Nellie du Pyrdanti. 10 months old, tall elegant blaireau girl with lovely moulded head, nice reach of neck, good length of leg, not happy with her surroundings so was rather unsettled on the move.

PGB (7, 2) 1 Salmon's Madeleine Du Pyrdanti. Tall, elegant girl with the palest of markings on her ears, feminine head and expression, correct shaped eyes and tight lips, good topline, between coats, good length of leg, medium bone, good feet, moved well. 2 Flounder's Sketrick Papagena At Lakamoni. Similar in type, pretty expression, good pigmentation with well shaped head, eye and mouth, nice topline, moved well. 3 Tadd's Kricarno Kornish Kontessa. Pretty head and expression, nicely shaped eyes, good pigmentation, nice size and bone, a little upright in shoulder at the minute and moved a little close at the front today.

LB (5, 1) 1 Lisjovia Emilio. Lovely domed skull, excellent pigmentation, good strong neck flowing into strong straight topline, nice angulation, good cat feet, a little too deep in muzzle and between coats, moved well. 2 Flounder's Papagena At Lakamoni. 3 Tadd's Kricarno Kornish Kontessa.

OB (4) 1 Pollard's Gillandant Xmas Spice. CC, pleased to give her her first CC. I hope her title comes soon, sweet head and expression, blackest of pigmentation, almond shaped eyes, nice in outline with well boned legs and good feet, shown in sparkling condition and moved soundly. 2 Kalkasi Moonlight Mist. Blaireau girl, looked good in profile, very nice head, good pigmentation, nice length of leg, unfortunately moving close at the back today. 3 Ch Belshanmish Pretty In Pink At Pyrajay ShCM. Another lovely girl, all white, well constructed, good in profile, shown in full coat, lovely almond shaped eyes, correctly placed ears moved well, would prefer more infill under the eyes to create the correct wedge shape, presentation was excellent.

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