

The Large Munsterlander Club Championship Show – 02 June 2024

I would like to thank the Committee of the LMC for the invitation to judge their Champ show, the weather was perfect for us to be outside on the grass with lovely large rings, the addition of very efficient stewards helped make the day run smoothly, my thanks to them. I was asked if I would allow a student judge in the ring and was happy to do so, which was a new experience for both myself and the student, I hope she got as much from the day as I did and wish her well in her future judging career, thank you to the exhibitors who allowed us both to go over your dogs. My thanks especially to the exhibitors for bringing your dogs for my assessment and your sporting acceptance of my decisions, I must note that I was delighted to have the opportunity to judge two baby puppy classes consisting of 7 super pups in total, 6 of which were litter mates, if these are an example of the quality being produced then the future very definitely looks rosy for the breed as any one of them could have taken first in their classes

Baby Puppy D (2): 1. Bates's Crumpsbrook Hendrick 2. Graham's Crumpsbrook Jager litter brothers of just 5 months, so little to choose between them, at this stage 1 was just a little more mature on the day and I preferred him in respect of his head and slightly better forechest but both have good angulation, coats coming on well and although still very loose, as to be expected at this age, both were lovely movers for such babies.

Baby Puppy B (5): 1. Bargman's Crumpsbrook Anki again two litter sisters headed this class but it could have been any one of the 5 who won. I liked the head of 1 at this stage, lovely eye colour, good neck and correct angulation fore and aft, good topline and tailset, enough forechest, well boned legs down to good feet, just pipped her brother on slightly steadier movement to be awarded Best Baby Puppy in Show 2. Darby's Crumpsbrook Anneke to Incadar not surprisingly many of the same comments apply to this girl as to 1, she is slightly longer cast than her sister and at this point her topline wasn't so strong, on the move both were sound happy pups if not a little bouncy at times which all added to the fun and enjoyment of their day, I shall watch the future of all of these pups with interest. 3. O'Connell's Jaudaus Pretty Flamingo 4. Stanford's Crumpsbrook Mariet 5. Cooper's Crumpsbrook Myrthe

PD (1): 1. Logie & Braidwood's Graf Lii Vom Busshof at Albadhu (Imp Deu) 8M who is looking very mature already, he has a lovely balanced head with dark eye, clean, slightly arched neck into well laid shoulder, good in forechest and depth, straight legs of ample bone, strong topline and correct tailset, had a tendency to straighten his stifle at times but when stood correctly he was a balanced picture with good angulation at both ends, on the move he is absolutely lovely in profile as he covers the ground with ease, coming towards me he was toeing in a little but this didn't detract from his soundness, pushed hard for the RCC today, this boy must have a bright future, BPIS

JD (1): 1. Repeat of PD

YD (1,1abs)

ND (1): 1. Bodimeade's Car Z Brumovskeho Udoli (Imp Cze) 22M this boy was a little finer all through but still enough of him, good head but I'd like a slightly darker eye, good length of neck, & strong topline but tailset a little high which means he flies his tail a bit high on the move, I liked his rear angulation but would have preferred slightly more layback of shoulder, good in coat and well feathered, moved soundly.

GD (2): 1. Phillips' Ekkolander Rioja just turned 3 and probably starting to come into his best, pleasant head, strong neck into well laid shoulders, straight front with nice tight elbows, good in forechest, wearing his best jacket, he is well angulated front and rear and well muscled which produced sound movement with drive and was probably the best going away so far on the day 2. Foreman's Crumpsbrook Geum at Toberworry more solid black dog, I preferred his head to 1, good eye in both colour

and giving a gentle expression, another well muscled boy, he is very good in forechest and well off for depth, strong topline which he keeps on the move, tailset a little high, he doesn't have the angulation of 1 and moved wide in front and a little close behind which cost him first place today.

PGD (3,1abs): 1. James's Darkensky Supremacy 4.5Y, another darker dog, I liked his width of head and expression although he has a little too much stop, correct front assembly and straight front, broad chest and better depth than 2, short coupled and good rear angles, well off for coat and feathering but it was tending towards curly, moved soundly 2. Wakefield's Ekkolander Merlot attractively coloured boy of more white with black patches, head ok, not the depth or substance of 1, strong topline, well feathered legs and tail, has a tendency to lose his rear angulation when standing but moved well.

LD (5,1, 1w/d): 1. Waddington & Chick's Albadhu Walk of Life I liked this boy for size and shape, a few months off 4Y and another just coming into his best, his head is masculine without being overdone with dark eyes and a soft, intelligent expression, strong neck into well laid shoulders, strong topline & correct tailset all of which is held correctly on the move once he settled, well angulated all round and well muscled he propels himself round the ring with drive and style, pushed the winner of OD hard but had to settle for RDCC 2. Disney's Kamaze Dance in the Dark slightly shorter coupled, heavier built than one but still elegant, masculine head and correct eye shape & colour, good coat and furnishing, correct layback of shoulder, strong topline to correct tailset, well angulated behind, could be moved faster to advantage, close class but 1 just outmoved everyone else 3. Prowse's Quilesta Simply Invincible

OD (5,1): 1. Webb's Albadhu Counting Stars rising 3Y, not a big dog, I loved his head and expression, strong neck, super front with good depth and forechest, tight elbows, strong topline with correct tailset, all held well on the move which was driving & stylish, in his best jacket which gleamed in the sun, pleased to award him DCC, his first, & BIS, I understand he also has 2 RCCs so won't be surprised to see him made up, well done. 2. Horton's Crumpsbrook Jay many similar comments to 1, preferred the head of 1 but this one has a lot to like about him, good bone, well angulated, lacked enthusiasm on the move which cost him the higher place today 3. Powell & Murrell's Sh Ch Crumpsbrook Woodrush

FTD (1): 1. Davis-Green's Ch Abdecker Dancer 5.5Y, mature, short-coupled dog with a good front and ok rear angulation, enough depth, he had ample coat which was just a touch on the fluffy side, I would have liked a fraction more length of leg to balance him but he was well muscled and moved soundly and with purpose.

SpBBE (1,1)

VD (2): 1. Disney's Sh Ch Wonglepong Will's Faramir 9Y heavier built dog who still retains elegance and is so well balanced, good head with dark expressive eyes, strong neck into well-laid back shoulders and strong topline, tailset a little higher than I would like, excellent front assembly and nicely angulated hindquarters, well boned legs and good feet, moved soundly but would benefit from being moved a little faster 2. James's Darkensky Prometheus JW just 7Y finer built boy, head ok, good front but would like a little more rear angulation, was carrying a little weight, well coated good topline & tailset all held correctly on the move which was sound and ground covering

PB (1,1)

YB (1): 1. McLellan's Raycris Fields of Glory for Saranden 22M very eye catching young lady, you could be taken in by her colour which is an almost white body with the required black head but look past the colour and you find her to be a lovely make and shape all through, pretty head, well constructed with correct angulation fore and aft, she has a good depth of second thigh and is well muscled which all helped to produce sound, driving movement, although she stood alone today she

certainly deserved her place and in the final line-up I couldn't overlook her for the RBCC

PGB (1): 1. Bargman's Crumpsbrook Alchemilla, nearly 3Y, almost solid black girl, head ok but I would have liked a little more depth of flew, good in forechest and depth, nicely angulated and moved soundly but was going a little wide in front coming towards me

LB (7,1): 1. Evans's Tarkanya Sophies Sunflower this was a lovely class of quality bitches but this girl caught my eye on the first look round and on further examination didn't disappoint, not the biggest girl but shouts quality, she has the loveliest of heads with a gentle, kind expression, strong, slightly arched neck into well laid shoulders and a strong topline down to a correctly set and carried tail, her super rear angulation propelled her round the ring with ease and on the out and back she was precise and direct, all finished off with a gleaming coat and good feathering, I couldn't deny her the BCC, RBIS & BOS, another who I later learnt has 2 RCCs so I really hope she gains those other 2 CCs too as she is certainly worthy of her title 2. Foreman's Toberworry Little Lies another nice girl just a few months older than 1, she has a good head and nice eye colour, I just preferred the expression of 1, dense coat with good feathering, straight front and good feet, balanced with a good topline and tailset, all held on the move which was sound and free 3. Powell & Murrell's Tureagh Crystal Cider

OB (3): 1. Logie & Braidwood's Albadhu Final Encounter another good one from this clever breeder who is producing consistent type and quality, substantial but still feminine, she has a lovely head and expression, well angulated all round, wearing a good jacket complete with enough feathering, she was pushed hard by 2 but just pipped her place on her movement 2. Ward's Sh Ch Braccpoint Song of the Wind for Gemlorien last time I judged I gave this girl the RCC, pleased to see she has since gained her title as she is deserving of it, she is a nice size and very feminine, pretty head and dark eye, correct depth and good in forechest, good angles all round, coat and feathering in lovely condition, a little wider in front than 1 but moved soundly and steadily, just not quite the drive of 1 today 3. Evans's Tarkanya Bonnies Beauty

FTB (1): 1. Evans's Tarkanya Hippis Hibiscis 9.5Y lady who has a nice head, well angulated fore & aft, would like a little more length of neck, enough forechest and balanced but carrying a little bit of weight and she was starting to feel the heat of the day on the move

SpBBE (1): 1. Logie & Braidwood's Sh Ch Albadhu Pawsitive Vibes JW another I liked last time I judged and that has since been deservedly made up, almost black except for a little roaning on chest and back legs, she has a lovely feminine head with dark eye, clean neck and throat, strong topline & correct tailset, good front assembly with ample forechest and depth of brisket, well boned legs and correct angulation, she moved well in profile but was toeing in a little coming towards me but another I considered for top honours, dam of my DCC and obviously passing on her quality.

VB (3): 1. Logie & Braidwood's Sh Ch Cindy Vom Hundsfeld at Albadhu (Imp Deu) a lighter coloured roan of almost 9Y, good head, strong neck, retaining a strong topline and correct tailset, excels in forechest and good depth, in lovely coat & condition, her sound, driving movement won her this class and BVIS 2. Horan's Fulaluv Beyond Besotted almost 11 years old and still looking well, darker girl, well coated, good front assembly with balancing rear angles, keeps her topline well on the move and carries her tail correctly, just not the drive of 1 today 3. James's Crumpsbrook Angelica

Progeny (1): 1. Logie & Braidwood's Sh Ch Cindy Vom Hundsfeld at Albadhu (Imp Deu) what a cracking line-up of offspring from this girl, she has reproduced quality and type with substance, all sound movers, she is a credit to her owners and their breeding programme.

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