

Humberside Hound Association - Open Show

Saturday 17th November 2018

Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Thank you to the committee for the invitation to judge at this well respected hound show, and for the excellent management of my appointment. Despite there being two other shows attracting the breed in the region on the same day, I was delighted with the quality of my entry. Thank you to the exhibitors for bringing your hounds to me, I realise you had a choice of show, and I greatly appreciate the experience you gave me on the day.

Puppy (1/1)

Junior (2/0)

1 Parson's Priorpark Pipsicle. A typey 15-month old light-wheaten bitch of excellent construction. Strong but feminine head, with dark expressive eyes, good depth and length of muzzle. Strong neck flowing to a good topline held well at all times. A clean, well placed shoulder and excellent front assembly with plenty of heart and lung room. Correct length of loin, strong croup, her rear angulation perfectly matching her front with beautifully developed first and second thigh, good hock action and excellent feet. She pulled it all together to be the most accurate mover of the day. Excellent ridge, moderate bone, a little more coverage could improve her lovely picture. Delighted to award her BOB and see her make the cut in BIS.

2 Porczynska's Diamondridge Destiny Child. A striking 13-month old bitch in good condition, presenting an impressive picture from the side both standing and on the move. Her head is of good proportion with good ear placement and carriage, and lovely bright, round dark eyes. Strong neck into well placed shoulders, and a pleasing front assembly, matched at rear. Good length to her body and correct depth of chest with well sprung ribs. Correct legs and tight feet, pasterns could be stronger. She's wrapped up in a perfectly sleek and glossy coat.

Post Graduate (2/0)

1 Parson's Priorpark Pipsqueak. A shapely 15-month old well balanced bitch with a strong but feminine head with excellent depth and length of muzzle, and beautiful dark, round expressive eyes which remained focussed on her handler throughout. Strong neck demonstrating excellent crest of neck set on good shoulders. Well angulated front with good front fill, depth of chest, length of ribbing and strong through loin. Overall of firm body and quarters all moving with a good ground covering action. Excellent ridge, coat, bone and feet. RBOB.

2 Porczynska's Diamondridge Destiny Child.

Limit (3/1)

1 Umhlandla Phaphathekilayo. A moderate red wheaten 2-year old bitch shown in hard condition striking a neat, tidy picture. Good feminine head with lovely neck and topline, which she held well on the move demonstrating a pleasing ease and lightness of step which won her the class. Good front assembly well matched to rear, with good bend of stifle and excellent hock action.

2 Priorpark Yakini. A very different stamp to 1 with almost 8 years difference between them, this grand dame showed just as free and active as the youngsters - her beautiful dark round eyes sparkling throughout. A strong body and quarters all demonstrating excellent proportions and despite her advancing years was in applaudable condition. She stood a little high in the rear, but otherwise a very deserving BVIB.

Open (2/0)

1 Priorpark Aphrodite JW. A mature attractive headed wheaten bitch of 5 years. Although carrying a little extra condition, her form and function could not be denied. She tracked truly and freely with careful but good ground covering action throughout. Excellent body proportions, good shoulder placement, excellent depth and length of ribbing and good strength through her loin. Well boned, correct legs, hocks well let down all standing on good feet.

2 Carlincox First Impression JW. A handsome 2 year old hound with an excellent head demonstrating a typical expression. Good strength through his muzzle, lovely ear set, size and carriage, but would prefer a slightly darker eye to complete the picture. Balanced in profile with excellent proportions and bone, he strikes an impressive outline when observed from the side, but his focus on the day detracted him from displaying an accurate front and rear action.

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