# Paignton & District Fanciers Association Working Breeds Critiques 2023

Alaskan Malamute

Bernese Mountain Dog

**Bouvier Des Flandres** 

Boxer

Bullmastiff

Canadian Eskimo Dog

**Dobermann** 

Dogue De Bordeaux

German Pinscher

**Great Dane** 

**Greenland Dog** 

Hovawart

Leonberger

Neapolitan Mastiff

Newfoundland

Portuguese Water Dog

Rottweiler

St Bernard

Siberian Husky

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## Dobermann

## 2023

Many thanks to the society for the invitation and the exhibitors for their entries to award my first set of CC's. As some will know I was in two minds about this appointment however I was surprised on closer inspection at the quality in some exhibits which restored my faith.

The breed in general lacks short and square bodies, as well as that, 'fire' in their bellies, which gave the breed their ring presence and in my opinion is sadly missed. Fronts on a whole are nothing to write home about - with lots of loose elbows, wide fronts, high withers and a lack of return in upper arm. The ring did not help some exhibits when running downhill towards me, so whilst I did give some allowances for this, I did feel that front construction needs to be a focus for the breed to improve. Muscle and condition in some exhibits was a little disappointing, particularly as there is no excuse for this to be lacking. With a smooth coated breed it is even more important to have your dog in the best condition; having the correct muscle tone can only enhance a dogs outline and movement! Needless to say however, I was very pleased with my main winners.

## Puppy Dog

1st, Robertsons Cockneyoka Dire Straits, 10 mth blk/r male. Creates a nice outline. Top size and has gained his height quickly but needs time to drop and develop. Head is a clean wedge. Dark almond shaped eyes, slight stop. Correct length of muzzle and underjaw. Correct bite and dentition. Clean long arched neck into a reasonable lay of shoulder. Topline is firm but tends to sweep a little. Correct tailset and croup. Front movement could be cleaner coming towards but drives from the rear and is parallel. Covers the ground with ease in side profile. If anything the handler could be more attentive to present this dog better to gain full advantage. Feel free to ask and I will advise as best I can. BPD

## **Junior Dog**

1st, Jones & Ushakovas, Korifey Vanquish, The star of the day. 15 mth blk/r standard sized male. I have watched this male from a very young age liking him the whole way through. Short square male nothing overdone in any way. He is put down in excellent condition, rippling muscles on the rear. Head is long, clean and wedge shaped. Slight stop, excellent expression. Dark almond shaped eye with correct dentition and bite. Clean long arched neck into well laid shoulder and correct return of upperarm. Topline is firm and slightly sloping into a correct croup and tailset. Angles are balanced fore and after. Apart from his obvious virtues the one thing that won him the breed was his very true movement coming and going. Nothing is out of place even with a very unfair slope to the ring. He comes into his own when he uses himself and pulls everything together. Creates a pleasing sharp picture of a short square Dobermann. CC BOB and later Group 2 under Ernie Patterson

## Yearling Dog

1st Thorns, Grafmax Sergeant Pepper, 22 mth blk/r male who has that attitude I like. Another I have liked as a youngster. Again he is in great condition. Head is long and a clean wedge. Slight stop with correct dentition and bite. Almond shaped eye which I would prefer slightly darker. Long clean arched neck into a reasonable lay of shoulder. Strong hard slightly sloping topline into a correct croup and tailset. Balanced angles fore and after, but to complete the picture I would like more on each side. Front could be cleaner coming towards and would benefit from a better return of upperarm, but uses himself well going away and in side profile.

#### **Novice Dog**

1st Santoriellos Rafthouse Amulets Child, 13mth blk/r Male, another who has gained his height and needs time to drop and develop. I first saw a picture of this male at a very young age and thought nice! I then saw him in the flesh at an open show recently and still held the same opinion. Head is long and wedge shaped. Dark almond shaped eye with a reasonable slight stop. Correct underjaw, bite and dentition. Lips could be slightly tighter. Long clean arched neck into a reasonable shoulder, topline is firm and hard but slightly higher on the wither at the moment. Front still needs to tighten when coming towards. Good length of upperarm and correct rear angles with a strong second thigh. Uses himself well on the move and covers the ground. Handled superbly, I have no doubt in time these two will be a great team.

2nd Groves Lateagain Big Brown, 21 mths Brwn/R male who is aptly named. All male and of great bone and substance. Carrying a little excess weight in my opinion and still very much in training for the show ring. Head is of correct length, underjaw, bite and dentition (his teeth were in the best condition of all that I saw today), Long arched neck, which I would prefer cleaner. Reasonable shoulder and upperarm, topline is

hard and strong but tends to roach at times. Correct tailset and croup. Movement still needs a bit more training, but practice makes perfect and never give up.

### Post Graduate Dog

1st Robinsons Korifey Ivan, 2 yr blk/r male, who has developed nicely since I first judged him. Head is a clean long wedge. Head planes nearly parallel. Correct dentition and bite. Long arched neck into a reasonable lay of shoulder, firm strong topline. True coming and going with correct tailset and croup. Covers the ground with ease.

2nd Amazon Alcumlow Love is Life, 21 mth Brwn/r standard sized male. Presents a clean sharp outline on the stack. Clean wedge shaped head, almond shaped eyes but I would prefer a darker colour. Correct underjaw, bite and dentition. Clean arched neck into a reasonable lay of shoulder, would prefer a better length of upperarm. Topline is strong and firm. Covers the ground very well but could be cleaner coming towards. Moves parallel behind.

## Limit Dog

1st Jones Eria Pro Hendrix at Korifey, just under 2 yr blk/r male, another who I have seen and watched from young age. Presents a clean sharp outline on the stack. In superb hard condition. Up to size. Head is long clean & wedge shaped. Excellent planes, slight stop. Dark almond shape eye. Correct underjaw, bite and dentition. Long clean arched neck. Shoulder placement a little upright, exaggerating his sloping topline. Correct tailset and croup. Moves true coming and going. I would prefer more width to his chest but this may develop as he gets older. Powerful male that covers the ground. Well handled as one would expect!

#### Open Dog

1st Pilgrims Woodbriar Fix up Look Sharp, 5 yr blk/r standard size male. Won this class on his correct short square body. Same as the CC winner, nothing over done. Head is clean, I would prefer a slightly narrower back skull. Dark almond shaped eye. Correct length of head, underjaw, bite and dentition. Clean arched neck into a reasonable shoulder. Topline is hard and firm. Correct tailset and croup. Could be cleaner coming towards but moves parallel behind. He moves with the correct rotary action and holds himself well in side profile. RCC. Hopefully his title isn't far away.

2nd Santoriellos Ch Korifey Amulet JW ShCM 4 yr brwn/r male. Another who I have liked previously. Sometimes I would like a bit more 'verve' from him, which I know he has as I have seen it at other shows, but unfortunately he doesn't always bring his 'A Game' on the day. Head of correct clean long wedge shape. Slight stop. Correct underjaw, bite and dentition. I would prefer a tighter lip. Long clean neck into a well laid shoulder and correct return of upperarm. Topline is firm but he carries a little excess length to his loin, resulting in a tendency to sweep. Correct tailset and croup. Balanced angles fore and after. Could be cleaner coming towards and I would like more drive from the rear to push him forward in side profile.

## Puppy Bitch

1st Hutchinson's & Mycroft's Supetas Diamonds R Forever with Debison, 10mth blk/r female, this female surprised me today, I have seen her in the ring but not appreciated her quite as much as maybe I should have. Another who is short and square in outline. Head is correct clean wedge shaped. Correct length of muzzle, underjaw, bite and dentition. Lovely feminine expression. Long clean arched neck into a reasonable shoulder. Topline is firm but still needs to settle. Correct croup and tailset. Her movement is what impressed me the most, she is so true coming and going for one so young. Covers the ground well in side profile. Handler and this female are starting to work together more now, and practice will make perfect. Still some tweaks to clean the process up but I'm sure it will come. Considered for top honours. BP & later Group 1 under Ernie Patterson.

2nd Merrett, Grafmax Titania 11 mth blk/r female, who presents a clean shape. Today was favouring her back right leg on the move. Didn't quite have the flow and the build to 1. Head is clean wedge shaped. I would prefer more length of muzzle to complete the picture. Dark almond shaped eyes, slight stop, correct bite and dentition. Long arched neck into a reasonable shoulder. Topline is hard and firm. Balanced angles fore and after. I would prefer a bit more width to her second thigh for ideal.

## Yearling Bitch

This was an interesting class & the first two in this class are both quality bitches

1st McCall & Murray, Diegos Debbie Harry, 18 mth Blk/r female. Another I have seen as a puppy and liked. I still stand by that opinion. She won this class on her beautiful square short clean outline but stepped up another gear in the final stack in the challenge to win the CC. Lovely clean expression. Clean wedge with parallel planes, correct length of muzzle with the correct amount of underjaw. Dark almond shaped eyes.

Correct dentition and bite. Clean arched neck into a well laid shoulder. Firm hard slightly sloping topline. Correct tailset. Balanced angles fore and aft. Can be a handful on the move at times but I saw what I needed to. Strong rear drive going away and clean coming towards. Pasterns do need to tighten. Great attitude, condition and muscle tone. A well deserved CC

2nd Thorns Grafmax Lucy In The Sky, Litter sister to the yearling dog. Black/R female. I have seen this bitch in the ring and liked her on side profile. Put down in hard condition. I thought today she looked a bit frame like and lacked a bit of roundness and body. Clean wedge shaped head with dark almond eye. Long clean arched neck into a reasonable lay of shoulder. Topline is hard and firm. Correct tailset and croup. Moved true going away but could be cleaner coming towards. She used herself well in side profile holding her topline.

#### Novice Bitch

1st Hutchinson's & Mycroft's Supetas Diamonds R Forever with Debison.

#### Post Grad Bitch

1st Bishops Korifey Oksana, 2 yr old blk/r female. This bitch has come on leaps and bounds from when I last judged her as a puppy. She has filled out and got herself together, now flowing much better. Presents a clean sharp outline. Head has a clean wedged shape, dark almond shaped eye and correct length of muzzle. I would like a little more underjaw to complete the picture. Long clean arched neck into a reasonable lay of shoulder. Strong hard topline. Correct tailset. Balanced angles fore and aft. Moves true coming and going, and holds herself well in side profile. I would like more drive behind to push her forward.

2nd Edwards & Molloy, Wintablizard Runnin Deep, 3 yr blk/r female, Different type to 1 but still presents a clean picture on the stack. Longer cast than 1. Head has a different expression to the first but she has very good chiselling to her head. Pararell planes, correct length on muzzle and underjaw. Eyes dark but would prefer more almond shaped. Long arched neck into a reasonable lay of shoulder. Topline is firm and hard, correct tailset and croup. For me she would benefit from a bit more weight to give her some roundness and fill. Moves true going away but could be cleaner coming towards.

#### Limit Bitch

1st Brannan & Mycroft's, Supetas Whole Lotta Rosie with Sharhyste JW, 2 yr brwn/r female, who I gave BPIS last time I judged her and has fulfilled her early promise. Creates a sharp balanced picture on the stack. Wedged shaped head with correct planes, dark almond shaped eye, correct length of muzzle and underjaw. I would prefer a tighter lip. Long arched neck into a decent shoulder. Topline is hard and firm but I would prefer a little more slope. Correct tailset and croup. Balanced angles fore and aft. Moves true coming and going and uses herself well in side profile holding her firm topline.

2nd Murray & McCall Manrio Galataya, 2 yr Brwn/r female who again creates a pleasing sharp outline. Has more leg than one but also needs to settle and drop still in the front area. Long clean wedged shaped head, dark almond shaped eye, correct length of muzzle and underjaw. Pararell planes, long arched neck into a reasonable shoulder, I would prefer a touch better return of upperarm to enable more reach in side profile. Firm hard topline with correct tailset. Balanced angles fore and aft. Moves true going away but could be cleaner coming towards.

## Open Bitch

1st Jones Cara Iz Zoosfey Lux JCh, 3 yr blk/r female, I awarded her RBIS last time I judged when she was still quite young, but she has now filled out and bodied up. Love her schooling and the presentation from her handler, as I do from most of her charges. I also like this bitch's attitude, very focused and has some 'hype'. This bitch, like her kennel mate, is in rock hard condition which makes the difference when showing a smooth coated breed - there is no hair to hide anything, what you see is what you get. Long clean wedge shaped head, correct planes and length of muzzle with the correct amount of underjaw. Dark almond shaped eyes. Feminine expression & flat skull. Long arched neck into a reasonable shoulder. Hard firm straight and slightly sloping topline. Correct tailset and croup. Moves true coming and going, if a little exuberant at times. Holds herself well in side profile, covering enough ground. She is slightly longer than my CC winner, which for me was the deciding factor today, giving her the RCC. However very much a CC winning female.

2nd Pilgrims, Swnydwr Snapchat at Woodbriar JW, 3 yr blk/r female. Different type to 1, shorter in body but not quite the attitude or hardness of 1. Well presented short square female, Clean cut head. Correct planes. Long muzzle and correct amount of underjaw. Dark almond shaped eye. Long clean arched neck into a reasonable shoulder. Topline I would like firmer, it tends to sweep at times. Correct tailset and croup. Moved true going away but could be cleaner coming towards.

Judge: Josh Henderson

## Rottweiler

## 2023

Thank you to the officers and committee for their invitation to judge Rottweilers and Akitas. I thoroughly enjoyed both days judging and was pleased with the overall quality of exhibits.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG: NO ENTRIES

PUPPY DOG: (1, 1ABS)

JUNIOR DOG: NO ENTRIES

YEARLING DOG: (2) 1ST DUNHILL-HALL OZEL OF TORMA HOUSE FANTASA (IMP) ARAF Good sized male of almost 2 years. Strong head, defined stop, correct ear carriage, dark, well shaped eye, correct bite. Pleasing length of neck. Ample width in front. Good front and rear angulations. Deep in body. Liked his rich mahogany markings. Top line held as he moved effortlessly round the ring. Delighted to award him the CC and Best of Breed. Later, he was shortlisted in the group. 2ND GREENER RHODILEA CELTIC WARRIOR Another good young dog, although finer built than first. Liked his head, correct ear carriage, dark eye and correct bite. Decent length of neck leading to a correct top line. Would have liked more forechest. Strong in body. Moved and covered the ground well.

POST GRADUATE DOG: (1, 1ABS)

LIMIT DOG: (2, 1ABS) 1ST CARMICHAEL KAYSHILLBLUEZEUS OF LORAYLA JW Good sized head, ears well placed and correct bite. Clean in neck. Liked his front and rear angulations. Well defined markings and in good coat. Liked him in profile. Moved well.

OPEN DOG: (5) 1ST LEE CH. FANTASA CURVEBALL Large 4 and a half year old male. Strong in head, good skull. He has correct ear set, almond shaped eyes and full correct bite. Good reach of neck flowing in to a good top line. Pleasing front and rear angles. Moved well and with ease. Pleased to award him the RCC. 2ND HUNTER & FINLAYSON VARENKA THE MEDIATOR 4 and a half year old of good size and has a lot to like. Pleasing shaped head. Has clean lines throughout. Masculine head, strong neck. Good in body. Strong in front and rear. Once settled, moved well. Pushed 1st hard. 3RD POWELL VARENKA SILVER ARROW FOR RIVERSROCK JW

VETERAN DOG: (1) 1ST LAMBERT CH SEITTOR WILD FIRE JW Sh. CM Good sized 7 and a half year old who looked good and moved well for his age. Liked his head, good stop, clear eyes and correct bite. Strong neck, good deep chest. Correct top line held well on the move. Covered the ground with reach and drive.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH: (1) 1ST BURNETT NAKOTA NANNA Good 2 year old. Pleasing head, clear eye, correct ear set. Clean through the neck flowing in to a correct top line. Felt she could have carried a little more weight to her advantage. Moved well. Pleased to see she was placed 3rd in the special beginners group.

PUPPY BITCH: (1) 1ST PINKY DARKARMAR WINX Liked this 9 month old puppy very much. Pleasing head developing well, correct ear carriage and bite. Good reach of neck leading to a strong top line. Pleasing front and rear angles allowing her to move with drive around the ring.

JUNIOR BITCH: (2) 1ST JARVIE STAIRVALE GISELE Medium sized girl of 17 months. Liked her head, eyes of good colour and almond shape. Strong neck leading to a correct top line. Good depth to her body. She covered the ground with reach and drive. 2ND FREEZE FANTASA ONE NIGHT IN PARIS Close up to first and her qualities are similar. Pleasing head and body with good depth to her chest. Strong top line held well on the move. Covered the ground with ease.

YEARLING BITCH: (2) 1ST BAILLIE ROTTSWORTH LOVE VON STAIRVALE Medium sized. Feminine head, correct ear set, dark, almond shaped eye, good width to her head, correct bite. Decent length of neck leading on to a decent top line although fell away at the croup a little sharply. Good bone and feet. Moved well 2ND CLARK BOTLIERSKOP CAPELLA Pleasing size to this girl. Clean head, good reach of neck.

She's a little upright in shoulder thus affecting her front movement. Liked her body shape and depth. Strong in rear end allowing her to move with drive.

POST GRADUATE BITCH: (1) 1ST BROADBANK NYANDOR NEVER SAY NEVER 2 year old compact bitch. Pleasing head, eye shape. Strong in muzzle, correct bite. Clean neck, good in top line. Good bone. Pleasing front and rear angulations. Moved well.

LIMIT BITCH: (6, 1ABS) 1ST LAMBERT SEITTOR LOVEBUG JW A pleasing bitch I have admired from the ringside and she did not disappoint when going over her. Lovely shape to her head. Dark eye of correct shape, strong fore face and correct bite. Ample length of neck. Strong front with good depth and width to her chest. Level topline held on the move. Correct tail set. Moved and covered the ground well. Delighted to award her the BCC. 2ND JONES WESTFALEN LOVE A CUPPA Another girl of similar age to first place. She has a feminine head of correct proportions. Strong neck and top line. Would prefer better front angulation. She excelled in rear angulation and moved with drive. 3RD CLARK BOTLIERSKOP TITAN THEIA

OPEN BITCH: (5) 1ST DUNHILL-HALL CH. FANTASA LUCKY SEVEN Medium sized bitch who pushed the CC winner hard. Correct head shape with correct ear carriage, dark almond eye, correct bite. Strong top line, good width and depth to chest. Strong bone and feet. Rich tan markings. Covered the ground with reach and drive. RCC 2ND PINKY CH. DARKAMAR SELENE Liked this girl too and she pushed hard for first place. Similar attributes to first. Good head, strong top line. Pleasing front and rear angulations. Moved well with drive. 3RD VERRAN MEGALMAR CECILIA FOR LOROZAIN

VETERAN BITCH: (1) 1ST HORTON CH. JUFFTHER HAPPY BUNNY JW Sh CM VW 8 year old bitch who looks good for her age. Stood alone but is a pleasing example of the breed. Strong head, correct ears, eyes and bite. Good top line, held on the move. Deep through her body. Strong rear movement. Handled well.