

BASSET FAUVE DE BRETAGNE CLUB 15th CH. SHOW (Sunday 17th Oct 2021)

It is always a privilege to be invited to judge a breed club show and I had a thoroughly enjoyable day with a warm welcome from club officers led by Secretary Barry Jones and Show Manager Colin Russell. It was a pleasure to meet President Lana Johnson at the show. The show had been carefully planned; not to be underestimated in these difficult times.

A sporting atmosphere prevailed with every class being loudly applauded. An entry of 36 hounds brought some quality typy Fauves; but type is mixed which sometimes brings difficult decisions.

Temperament throughout was excellent with just a couple of youngsters needing a touch more confidence on their debut. Many good heads of correct proportions but some short ears and some lacking the inward curl desired. Body proportions are a key to breed type and I found some too long for my interpretation of the standard and there were quite a few fronts where the legs showed too much crook with weak pasterns and feet.

Couldn't understand some handlers stretching out their dogs' necks; long necks not required in this breed!

The two open classes were full of typy exhibits and the lower bitch classes had some very promising youngsters.

Many thanks to my stewards Matthew Gregg and Steve Cole.

Puppy Dog

(1) BLEVWIL APTITUDE 7 months. Looking his age, raw and needing to develop in body and drop into his frame. Well boned and with good coat and carries a level topline with good tail set. Good skull and eyes. His front needs to develop which shows in his front action. Very outgoing in temperament and carried himself well

Junior Dog

(1) SEVERIANO DOCAL LA PADERNA AT BEABASS an import of 6 months. And very promising. I liked his proportions, bone and a very good head of excellent proportions with good eyes and expression. Ears at touch short and need to settle in their carriage. Good ribcage and topline. He needs to drop in his chest which shows in his front action. Good rear and carried himself well. Has a good coat. ***Best Puppy Dog***

Novice Dog

(1) BLEVVIL XTREME 3 year old top sized dog who is strongly made with good bone, straight front legs and good head proportions. Needs a little more upper arm and a higher tailset. Good expression. Slight dentition fault.

Post Graduate Dog

(1) WRATTHEMBRAY TIMMY TIPTOES quality 3 year old full of type. I liked him a lot for size and proportions, head and expression and a very good coat. Head of good proportions and expressive eyes. Could have a little more upper arm. Carries a good topline with a well muscled loin. Rear action a touch close but the overall impression is very good and he should do well in the future.

Limit Dog

Not an easy choice and compromises had to be made

(1) RANGALI JEDI MASTER HE IS 2 year old won this place on topline, coat, tailset and feet. He is a little heavy in body and front has too much crook and at the moment is unfinished in chest and this was evident in his front action. His head is of correct proportions but a little more stop would soften his expression. Carried himself well and looked better in profile.

(2) HIBECK TEDDY BEAR AT KOCALBA lighter coloured dog whose coat texture could be harder. I preferred his leg length to the winner and he is a touch lighter in frame. However, his feet and pasterns were drawbacks and his topline and tailset could not match the winner.

Open Dog

(1) CH SHIROBLAM RUMBA 5 year old top sized handsome masculine dog of lovely proportions. Dark wheaten coat of excellent texture Correct in neck and a perfect topline and tailset. Noble head and expression coming from good proportions and eyes and ears. Good ribcage and forechest. Good on the move. He is a touch heavy in body and lacks a little tuck up in underline for my interpretation but free of coarseness and for me he stood out amongst the males. He has a lot of positive breed qualities to give CC. **CC & RBIS**

(2) CH GAVELKIND CONQUISTADOR BY JAMCHALA 6 years old. Slightly longer for balance but I liked his leg length and slightly lighter body and underline but not the forechest of the winner. Good coat texture. Good head proportions but I would prefer a little more stop. Free active mover who carried himself well. **RCC**

(3) CH RANGALI TIGGER

Veteran Dog

(1) CH HIBECK SCOOBY DOO WTH SOLETRADER remarkable at 10 years and has retained his quality and type, even if he no longer retains many teeth. He has a correctly proportioned head, straight front legs, good proportions in outline, even if his topline is a little soft and one of the best movers of the day striding out and covering the ground. In the challenge was not far from the action. ***Best Veteran Dog & BVIS***

Puppy Bitch

Three promising puppies

(1) SOFIYA DO CAL DE PADERNA AT BEABASS 6 months, scoring in proportions, coat and topline and straighter front legs to win this place. Needs to fill her frame as she develops but has forechest and is well put together. Good rear action. Tailset a little low. Good head proportions but her ears are a touch short and flat. Excellent coat texture. Lovely temperament. ***Best Puppy Bitch & BPIS***

(2) WILDANS TOO DARN HOT 11 months with lovely head and expression. Strong bone and good body proportions. Her topline and tail carriage will look better when she firms up in body. Good rear action

(3) FAUVEAHOY EVER UNDAUNTED unfortunately didn't live up to her name today as she was a touch overawed at her first show. However, I liked her proportions very much and a good size and good bone and coat. Appealing in head. She can do well with some more experience.

Junior Bitch

(1) BLEVWIL MALTEASER top sized bitch needing a little more coat at the moment. Feminine head of proportions but can develop a little more strength in muzzle. Straight front legs but could have a little more upper arm. Well ribbed body with good topline. Tailset a touch low. Sound action and carried herself well.

Novice Bitch

(1) MOCHRAS MARTA 17 months with good proportions and good topline but her underline is too severe in its tuck up. Front legs could be straighter. Rear movement is good and she held her topline on the move.

Post Graduate Bitch

This was a good class of three quality bitches, all with the potential to do well

(1) FAUVEAHOY SEA SHANTY took my eye immediately when she went round the ring. Copybook for shape and proportions and lovely topline and carriage and good tailset. Feminine head of correct proportions. Her ears are a little flat. She has straight front legs and moves well at both ends. Lacking coat on the day after hunting, with little on her legs and face and needing more on top. From this point she was in my mind as a potential ticket winner. Alongside the more mature bitches from the top of the open class she showed her lack of maturity in body and lack of coat; but I think she has the potential to become a champion and hope her owner will campaign her

(2) LASERNA FLEUR DE LYS 19 months with a superb head eye and perhaps the best ears of the day. Correct in length and leather and hanging well. Good proportions and movement In better coat than the winner but not as forward to rib and body and maturity here will balance her up. She can have a good future

(3) SHIROBLAM DREAM COME TRUE a daughter of the dog CC winner and worthy of him.

Limit Bitch

(1) MALRICH FRANKINCENSE 22 months. Appealed in head and expression, excellent coat and ribbing. Tailset a little low. I would like he a little more compact for balance. Straight legs and good bone and feet. She can tighten up in her front action and her carriage would be better if she were not strung up on the move.

Open Bitch

Top four all of CC quality.

(1) MOCHRAS MACUSHLA I liked her standing and she settled the issue when she moved with free reach and drive. Excellent topline and tail carriage Full of type from head to tail, wheaten coat of good texture, straight front legs and well angulated rear which gave her really good action. Well ribbed back and excellent body proportions.

CC (her 3^d) & BIS

(2) CH RANGALI YUM YUM took my eye immediately with her excellent shape and in superb coat of darker shade. Correct neck. Well ribbed body and good topline. Good head type. On the move she was tentative in her carriage and with her tail carriage and whilst she was accurate in her action her carriage let her down on the day. **RCC**

(3) SHIROBLAM SERENDIPITY

Veteran Bitch

(1) BLEVWIL DROP DEAD GORGEOUS AVEC GLOYNBYW 8 year old carrying a lot of weight and very full coat. These two factors detracted from her balance and outline. Feminine head with lovely expression but her movement and topline affected by her body weight.

KC Good Citizen Bitch

(1) BLEVWIL KEPT ME A SECRET FOR GLOYNBYW 5 year old of good proportions and with a good head piece. Straight front legs and a good ribcage and tailset. She would benefit from less weight which affects her movement and topline. She is typy.

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