

Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club Open show 26/03/2022

I was sorry this show was hit with absentees for a variety of reasons, thank you for entering. Eleven hounds is rather too few to make any sweeping statements, the breed being as varied as it is. I had some high quality young bitches in the entry which I would expect to gain their titles, all hounds present had perfect bites and the sort of temperaments we expect, happy and outgoing.

Two males present.

VD Revens and Hyde's Beabass Eddie Alfaro, shown in any other class you would guess this dog were half his age, in super condition. A smaller hound with a lower to ground outline, forelegs could be slightly longer to good effect. Dark eyed beautiful expression, has the desired occiput with a balanced skull to muzzle length and ears thin and set low with good inwards curl. Coat harsh and tight to body. Forechest and ribbing another good feature, prominent sternum, strong neck set well into shoulders, level top line. Feet could be tighter. Has strong pasterns with legs set correctly under himself. Moved briskly, well presented, shown and handled. Best veteran.

PGD Pocklington- Hall's Merlin do Casal dos Choupos (imp) Mature hound dead out of coat, his owner informed me he had just been stripped out. His outline showed plenty of daylight under him, slightly long cast. Strong male head, excellent mouth with a deep strong under jaw. The desired length of ears but they are rather too thick and heavy. Needed more forechest. Strongly boned forelegs, good neck set into shoulders, level top line with good tail carriage. A dog whose best points are displayed on the move, he really drives off those hocks with accuracy and ground coverage, it was this which gave him best dog in a tight decision.

Veteran bitch (3).

- 1) Sercome Rangali Quirky Widget, nearly eight years old. Lovely head, ear set and placement is excellent. Thick wiry coat, well presented. Sound in front with good ribbing back, level top line and correct tail set. Feet could be tighter. Solid accurate movement - although she only just did enough, rather lazy in her older age.
- 2) Ellrich's Ch Blevwil Enchantress over Malrich JW EUW16, WCWEU17, the proportions of this bitch are still as good as in her younger years. Her head is of outstanding quality, she's compact in body with a high tail set, strong bone and good feet. For whatever reason her legs were flying out in all directions on the move today, which cost her a first.
- 3) Russell's Shiroblam Star Struck, again beautiful eyes and expression, low set ears. Muzzle slightly longer than skull, nose could be darker. Very sound and has retained her top line.

Puppy Bitch (2, 1 absent)

- 1) MacKay's Shiroblam Blue Ballerina, 7 months old and what a lovely puppy. I would expect her to gain a title. Beautiful head and ears, of especial note her heavily boned fore legs. Neck arched and of moderate length. Well ribbed back, good bend of stifle, strong straight top line, high tail set. Exceptionally promising, only needs her "puppy- floppy" movement to tighten up.

Post Grad bitch (3, 1 absent)

- 1) Cullen's Shiroblam Dream Come True. This young bitch could do with a darker nose but after saying that, everything else about her is lovely. Balanced, quality head possessing that rare and breed typical roman nose. Her ears are perfect, good fore chest, she has strong bone into tight feet set well under the body. Top line and tail set are lovely, has correct bend of stifle and low set hocks. My notes say "everything fits together", she is such a well balanced little

hound. Excellent movement, the best in the entry for accuracy from all angles. She has a tendency to drop behind her handler and put her nose down, which again is very much her scent hound breed. If her handler will forgive me, all her charge needs is someone who knows how to get the best from her in the ring. Given more “zing” and attention to her head placement at all times she would be hard to beat. Reserve Best in Show.

- 2) Allenby's Rubis du Domain d'Asgard avec Rangali, this yearling has super ear set. Harsh tight fitting jacket, strong bone, excellent forechest. As can sometimes happen with hounds with lots ahead of the front assembly, needs to be longer ribbed back to fill in her middle piece, slightly long in loin at present. Good level top line with high tail set, has bend of stifle and low set hocks.

Limit bitch (2, 1 absent)

- 1) Jones' Laserna Fleur de Lys, one of my three favourite adults here today. Super presentation. Quality head with a dark pigmented nose and low correct ear set. Well padded tight feet. Good neck fits well into shoulders. Strong top line, good tail set. Balanced angulations, active movement with drive off the hocks. Still very young, needs to tighten at pasterns on the move - she has straight forelegs, this should come.

Open bitch (5, 3 absent)

- 1) Ellrich's Malrich Frankincense, two year old bitch who ended BIS. Lovely balanced head, good ears and neck set. She has plenty of fore chest without leaving herself short of ribbing further back. Good broad solid body set on strongly boned legs, excellent feet. Strong loin. I liked her length to height proportions. Profile movement is excellent, she throws herself forward with great enthusiasm and her tail is carried high as she drives around.
- 2) Russell's Shiroblam Serendipity, in an entry of lovely heads this exhibit excelled. She has the desirable roman nose, again excellent proportions to her head, ear set and in curling ears. Another whose nose needs to darken with some sun on it, its on its way. Harsh well fitting jacket. I felt most of her attributes were at the front, she has such good forelegs and neck set. Slightly long in back and not the drive from the rear of the class winner.

Elizabeth Thornton (Judge)