

BASSET FAUVE DE BRETAGNE CLUB OPEN SHOW – 29 MARCH 2025

Firstly, I would like to thank The Basset Fauve De Bretagne Club for inviting me to judge their Open Show and secondly a huge thank you to all who entered under me. This year marks 20 years since our first Fauve arrived here and I can't deny that the breed holds a very special place in my heart. The show was well run and had a friendly atmosphere. I must also thank my two efficient Stewards, Jo Perry and Colin Russell, for keeping the ring moving.

The last time I judged, sternums were lacking and heights/length of legs were on the rise. This time sternums were more prominent but size is still needing to be addressed in breeding plans. Light eyes are creeping in which detracts from the gentle expression of Basset Fauves. Another breed feature worthy of note are the ear pleats and supple leathers which were, I am glad to say, back. Movement close behind is still evident.

If I can mention one personal gripe, it would be the level of baiting of dogs whilst the judge is going over them. The judge should be able to check mouths without fearing the loss of a few fingers. Some baiting was also making the dogs stretch their necks out spoiling the outline of what should be a short muscular neck. Just something to bear in mind during ringcraft training.

VD (3,0)

All three exhibits are Champions and this class was probably the closest decision of the day.

1. Leech's CH/IR CH Gavelkind Conquistador by Jamchala, 9 years old. Of a larger mould but in proportion. Well presented, coarse textured jacket, excellent ear pleat, typical gentle Fauve expression. Strong, short neck flowing down to a level topline. Rear pasterns were vertical and parallel going away, in profile he moved with purpose. Today everything was in his favour. **BD, RBIS, BVIS**

2. Mackay's CH Shiroblam Rumba, 9 years old. One I have given top honours to previously and still admire. Super head, gentle expression, strong neck and correctly textured jacket. Movement was close going away and he didn't appear to have his 'show spark' today.
3. Allenby's CH Rangali Tigger

PD (3,1)

1. Fleming's Blevwil Zuma, 11 months old. Maturing well, super head and excellent pigment. Leathers set on level with the eyes with a good pleat. Short neck, well laid back shoulder. Sternum prominent. Movement going away was a little close. One to watch in the future. **BPIS**
2. Thornton's Mochras Marmion, 9 months old. Another youngster developing well with typical Fauve head with moderate dome. Dark eye and pigment, good textured jacket. Sternum developing, chest just needs to drop. His movement was unsettled in this class but improved in the later Novice class. Another to watch for his ongoing development.

JD (2,1)

1. Blevwil Zuma – as per PD class

ND (1,0)

1. Thornton's Mochras Marmion – 2nd place in PD class and comments re conformation remain the same. However, in this class he moved much better 2nd time around and was more settled.

PGD (1,1)

LD (3,2)

1. Hayes & Hook's Rangali Yum Nut, 2 years old. Sturdy male with excellent pigment. Good short neck, correctly textured jacket. In profile, level topline, moderate turn of stifle. From the rear, strong rear pasterns. Moved ok. **RBD**

OD (4,2)

1. Jones's Laserna's Greatest Showman JW, 3 years old. Balanced outline overall. Excellent pigment and coat texture. In profile, held a level topline but going away was moving close today.
2. Samuel's Shiroblam Blue Javelin, 3 years old. Longer cast than 1 and at the taller end of the scale. Coat texture softer and ready for stripping. Moved ok.

VB (1,0)

1. Mochan's IR/INT CH Basler Wisecrack JCH, 7 years old. Good proportions, strong short neck, level topline. Coarse textured jacket. Typical Fauve head with excellent ear pleat and length of leather. Shoulders well laid back. Good straight front. Moving close behind today. **RBB**

PB (3,1)

1. Allenby's Rangali HeiHei, 8 months old. Ultra feminine bitch with excellent coarse jacket and lovely dark pigment. Good front and rear construction. Topline needs to firm up and movement was unsettled today.

2. Mochan's Wratthembray Bubble, 11 months old. At the taller end of the scale but with proportion. Good ear pleat, ears extending well forward. Moved well. I would prefer a darker eye.

JB (3,1)

1. Sharp & Martin's Shiroblam Step To It Jomaroski, 16 months old, Pretty bitch, kind expression, excellent ear pleat. Good proportions, lively and happy mover – I'm always happy to see a Fauve with a flicking tail on the move. Straight front, tight feet. Well held level topline. One of the best sternums of the day.
2. Wilson's Rangali Mango Rabbit, 11 months old. Longer cast in body, rich red jacket. Another with a good ear pleat. Narrower muzzle. I preferred the front construction and movement of 1 today.

NB (1,1)

PGB (2,1)

1. Sharp & Martin's Shiroblam Step in Time with Jomarowski, 16 months old. A lot to like about this bitch. Compact Fauve in good course jacket. Another good sternum, straight front and excellent ear pleat and length of leather. Moved ok and started to use her tail part way around the ring. Would benefit from carrying a little less weight.

LB (6,3)

1. Evans's Shiroblam Solar Flair for Liandev, 2 years old. Good proportions, feminine head, lovely dark eye, good ear pleat. Short neck flowing through to a well held topline. Parallel movement going away. A lot to like about her.

2. Thornton's Mochras Marionette, 4 years old. Lower set. Gentle expression, dark eye, excellent ear pleat. Moved well but just preferred the proportions of 1 today.
3. House & Horn's Mochras Mahjesty

OB (8,3)

1. Mackay's CH Shiroblam Blue Ballerina, 3 years old. A well deserved champion. Pretty bitch of good balance and proportion. Lovely dark eye, jet black nose pigment, moderately domed head, excellent ear carriage. Super strong short neck, good coarse jacket. Moderate turn of stifle. Her movement today was lively and happy. Everything came together today in presentation, attitude and movement. Pleased to award her **BB** and **BIS**.
2. Leech & Thornton's CH Mochras Mahgaux JW, 2 years old. One that has done well under me as a yearling. Well proportioned bitch, in good coarse red jacket. Topline held level, lively and happy on the move. I preferred the proportions of 1 overall.
3. Allenby's CH Rangali Yum Yum

KC GCDS B (2,1)

1. House & Horn's Mochras Marta, 4 years old. Feminine bitch with good coarse jacket. Gentle expression, good ear pleat. Moved well and happily around the ring.

BABY PUPPY DOG/BITCH CLASS

1. Jones & Gregg's Wratthembray Granville, 4 months old male. I liked his proportions, already developing a good coarse jacket. Jet black nose, ears extending well to nose with required pleat. Given the circumstances of his youth, a large noisy hall with lots of distractions he was happy and moved well for his age and experience. I look forward to seeing how he matures.
2. Shrieves's Xmas Bubbles Del Cuore Di Leonessa (IMP BEL), 5 months old Bitch, Good proportions, finer in head, good , excellent dark pigment, wire texture to jacket coming through. Moved well.
3. Revens & Hyde's Wratthembray Nurse Gladys via Beabass

PAULINE TABRON (JUDGE)

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SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2025 / SPECIAL AWARD CLASSES

Thank you to the BFDB Officers & Committee for the kind invitation to judge the Special Awards. This invitation was accepted over 18 months ago before I took up an Officers role on the committee, this made for a very busy day and kept changing my roles during the day.

I would also like to thank all the exhibitors that entered and very much appreciate your entry and was a privilege and pleasure to go over your lovely Fauves.

CLASS: A Junior Dog or Bitch (6,1)

1st Flemming's – BLEVWIL ZUMA

11-month-old red wheaten Dog in super fit condition. He has lovely dark pigmentation with super ears and scores well in head proportions. Good front, fore chest and well-placed shoulders which flows into a cracking top line. Correct tailset which he also carries correctly on the move. Moves out well on good tight feet with short nails. This lad has plenty of bone but is not overdone in anyway and gives a super outline in stack and on the move. I will follow his progress with interest.

2nd Sharp & Martin's – SHIROBLAM STEP IN TIME WITH JOMAROSKI

16-month-old wheaten Bitch lots to like about this pretty girl, with the darkest of eyes. She has a super forechest with straight legs and a good topline. Moved out well. She is presented in a good harsh coat, I would, however, like to see this young lady carrying a little less weight, but this does not distract from her overall qualities.

CLASS: B Open Dog or Bitch (15,8)

1st MacKay's – CH.SHIROBLAM RUMBA

9-year-old red wheaten Veteran lad who demands your attention. A dog I have admired, and he didn't disappoint. Super head proportions with the darkest of eyes. Excellent fore chest and front legs which are straight. He stands foursquare with a good topline and tailset. He moves out well from all angles. Presented in good condition and coat and is a credit to his owner.

2nd Evans – SHIROBLEM SOLAR FLAIR FOR LIANDEV

I judged this 2-year-old girl over 2 years ago and found her to be very green at the time. Glad to meet her again today and see how lovely she has matured. I will reiterate that she has a lovely feminine head and good expression with a good front and nice topline. Moves out well holding her topline on the move but would prefer a neater tail carriage but does not distract from this sweet girl.

3rd House & Horn – MOCHRAS MARTA

Lovely 4-year-old girl who caught my eye, she has a good forechest and has a slight crook on her front. Great topline which she held on the move with a good tail set and carriage. Nice harsh coat and presented in good condition.

CLASS: C Champion Dog or Bitch (6,3)

1st MacKay's CH.SHIROBLAM BLUE BALLERINA

Super 3-year-old red wheaten bitch whose overall shape & size appealed to me and one I have judged before and not surprised to see she has her crown. Love this girl's expression and pigmentation with the darkest of eyes, super forechest and plenty of bone. Good topline and correct tail set. I will reiterate again that this girl moves freely

with ease and has good rear drive and covers the ground with ease. Presented in tip top condition.

2nd Leech & Thornton's CH.MOCHRAS MAHGAUX JW

Attractive 2 ½ year old red wheaten bitch with the darkest of eyes but she is currently showing a "winter nose" correct ears and is very strong in the head. Good forechest, topline and tailset I would prefer a little more rear angulation and less tuck up. This girl moves well with plenty of drive. Harshness of coats but carrying too much coat. Very well handled.

3rd Mochan's IR/INT CH.BASLER WISECRACK J

Very pretty 7 ½ year old bitch in super condition. Good forechest with a slight crook on front legs. Dark eyes, good ear set and another girl showing a "winter nose". Good lively movement with correct topline which she held on the move. Another well presented.

JO PERRY (JUDGE)