

Critique

Basset Fauve De Bretagne Championship Show – 19th July 2026

Thanks to the Officers and Committee for the kind invitation to judge at this show. Holding this event in Stafford alongside the Hound Association Show makes for a lovely atmosphere. An absolute must in my opinion.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day. I could have had at least 3 Dog & Bitch CC Winners!!

I found all exhibits fit and healthy but breeders must remember the standard asks for a 'short legged' hound with a 'compact body'. Heads should be of 'medium length' and not rectangular....I am not lecturing or preaching from a point of perfection by any means but these are important points for us all to remember.

Puppy Dog (2,2)

1) Stromberg's Whistlewoods Pastiche

10 Month Old Male with a lovely outline, masculine head, dark eye, ears of correct shape and length, straight front legs, prominent forechest, strong neck into well laid shoulders, level topline, correct tailset, moved well covering the ground with ease. BPIS.

2) Allen's Mochras Halloo Hallay

6 Month Old raw baby, slender muzzle with dark pigment, front quite narrow and crooked right now but has a lot of growing and filling out to do, super coat, nice rear angulation, moved erratically and kept his handler working hard throughout.

Junior Dog (1,1)

1) Allenby's Revenite Sergeant Wilson for Rangali

14 Month Old Male, nice size and proportions overall, loved his typical head with the most gorgeous expression, dark pigment, well set eye and ears, nicely constructed in front but just needs time to fill and drop now, well laid shoulders, topline well held and carried, moved well and was in sync with his young handler. RDCC.

Post Graduate Dog (1,1)

1) Godwin's Mochras Mahlbec

2 Year Old Male, long and narrow type, rich red coat of correct texture, nice movement, carried his tail well and thoroughly enjoying his day.

Limit Dog (5,5)

1) Stromberg's Whistlewood's Scout

20 Month Old Impressive Male, super head shape, clean dark eye, well set ears, straight front with decent forechest, strong neck, level topline and strong rear quarters, would have preferred slightly more typical front action coming toward, pushed hard for the RCC...

2) Ellrich's Malrich Firecracker

2 ½ Year Old Male, super rich red coat, typical head and expression, best forechest of the day, strong neck, level topline, moved well. Would prefer a slightly better tailset and more positivity on the move.

Open Dog (7,7)

1) Robertson's Dyfrgis British Hart with Soletrader

2 Year Old Male, in his prime, nice medium sized headpiece, darkest of eye, ears set on well and reached forward to the nose, straight even front, correctly angulated, neck short and muscular, super layback of shoulder, level topline carried well on the move, tail was textbook in size and carriage, when he moved he just blew me away! Super young hound. Dog CC & BIS. His owner told me later this was their 100th UK Champion. I am delighted to award this historic Challenge Certificate! Congratulations.

2) Venn's Mochras Marcellus

6 year old boy of smaller stature, typical head, dark eye and pigment, ultra straight front on well boned legs, super angulation throughout, level topline, moved with ease. My type of fauve, just preferred movement of 1.

Veteran Dog (2,2)

Both owners should be really proud on the condition of these boys, impressive!

1) Leech's Ch/Ir Ch Gavelkind Conquistador by Jamchala VW

I was impressed by the movement of this hound being 11 years old, longer, more narrow headpiece, dark eye, strong neck, ok for sternum, level topline, muscular rear quarters, would prefer him a tad more compact.

2) Wederell's Ch Rangali Salut C'est Moi Remy

Balanced hound in outline, super head, correct ear set and length, dark eye, good forechest, level topline, moved well but could be tidier coming toward.

Puppy Bitch (1,1)

- 1) Allenby's Rangali Cookies and Kreme

6 Month old girl, pretty head with stunning expression, forechest prominent, front legs well boned, level topline, moved well, nice prospect.

Junior Bitch (2,2)

- 1) Horn's Mochras Mahqueen

13 Month Old whose size and shape appealed to me greatly, stunning head in both looks and proportions, well pigmented, super front assembly, well laid shoulders flowing into level topline, nicely carried tail, well set, hocks well let down, moved with ease. RBCC.

- 2) Revens and Hyde's Wratthembray Ruth Jones via Beabass

14 Months Old, pretty, feminine head, dark eye, ears well set but could be longer, front legs straight, forechest adequate, moved ok but lacked enthusiasm, although it was a hot day!

Post Graduate Bitch (6,4)

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- 2) Hills Rangali Anna with Shimmeree

Nicely sized girl with many positive points, unlucky to meet 1 today. Well made front with decent forechest and straight legs, correct coat, moved well.

Limit Bitch (5,4)

- 1) Stromberg's Whistlewoods Plum Pudding

Typical, stylish and eye catching bitch with a super headpiece, well placed eyes, ears well set and reaching forward to tip of her big black nose, super forechest, straight front legs, well boned, coat was one of the best in the entry and so well presented, big hammy bum and super rear angles to complete the picture. Moved true fore and aft. Her only fault was not being owned by me!! Bitch CC & RBIS.

- 2) Sharp and Martin's Shiroblam Step in Time with Jomaroski

Another nice girl with many positive attributes, classic head and eye, lovely expression, well made front, super ribbing flowing well back, correct tailset and carriage, well balanced overall, moved ok but carrying too much weight on the day which lost her the RCC!

Open Bitch (2,0)

Veteran Bitch (1,1)

- 1) Leech & Thornton's Mochras Mahcushla IR JCH

Anyone who knows me well in the breed knows I have admired this lady for her whole career, she is of correct size and shape, super front assembly, typical head qualities, short muscular neck, well laid shoulders, level topline, moved well. Thought she was showing her age a little today and presentation could have been better. BVIS.

Good Citizen Scheme Bitch (1,1)

- 1) Horn's Mochras Mahjesty

This girl stood 4/4 in Limit Class, she has some nice breed points, straight front, level in topline, moves well. However, for me she stands too tall and long which throws away her balance.

Judge

Roy Blevins (Blevwil)