

Thank you for the judging appointment for the great dane club of wales open show on Saturday 15th April 2023 and for the expertise of both of my stewards Pat Patch and Kathleen Haugh. Some Danes are getting a little bit broad in backskull which takes away from the look of the head and some are getting a little bit straight in stifle which affects their movement. Unfortunately a small number of Danes did not like the flooring and this affected them badly. However having said that all of the Danes shown had correct scissor bites and were shown in good condition and a credit to their owners.

#### MPD (3/0)

1/ Bartleys NIKAMI PAPA SMURF ATLIB. A 6 month old brindle puppy. Good head and length of foreface and drop of lip. Dark eyes giving a pleasant expression, tight feet good bone with very good angulation and moved okay for a baby.

2/ Donnelly's PRIMUS ROLL THE DICE. A 6 month old fawn puppy dog. Gorgeous head and expression, a more powerful build than the first with a very good chest for a young puppy. Plenty of bone, darkest of eyes, good ear carriage, short coupled. Being heavier he just needs more time and on the day. I just preferred the movement of the former.

3/ Gardner's RAVENDANE GANDALF. A 6 month blue puppy dog. Pleasing head with dark eyes. Good bone on this boy and good angulation which he will grow into. Good tight feet, and moved okay for a baby.

#### PD (2/0)

1/ Henshall's CALCHAS BRYAN THE BRAVE. An 11 month old Harlequin. Clean white background with good markings. Pleasing head with dark eyes and good ear carriage. His neck flows into a good front assembly and he is well bodied with a good depth of chest. Beautifully angulated with a good turn of stifle. He just needs to grow into his frame but very promising and he will have a bright future. BPD

2/ Hitcham's BELAROSDANE SATCHMO BOWE AT CHAMITH. An 11 month old black dog puppy. Strong head, dark eyes, good length of foreface and good ear carriage. Short coupled, and shown in good condition and well muscled at the rear. Just preferred the movement of my first

#### JD (3/0)

1/ Pockock's TAMZDANES EMPOWER MINT JW. A 17 month old mantle dog. Classical headpiece with a good length of foreface, good ear carriage and correct drop of lip. Darkest of eyes with a clean and powerful neck flowing into a correct front assembly with a good lay of shoulder and a deep chest. Straight bone, tight cat like feet and very good angulation with a good turn of stifle. Hocks set low. Loved him. His construction showed in his movement with a lithe springy stride showing good extension at the front and powerful movement at the rear. Very well muscled with a good second thigh. Gave his handler a hard time after he moved because of his sheer exuberance. Once he settles down mentally he will be a force to be reckoned with. BD and BIS

2/ Donnelly's PRIMUS PROPER JOB. This 15 month old fawn dog oozes breed quality. Stunning head piece with a good length of foreface, correct drop of lip and dark eyes which gives him a melting expression. Very mature for his age, with a deep chest, straight bone, good tight cat like feet. Powerful neck flows into a correct front assembly, with a good lay of shoulder. Well muscled rear end with a good second thigh. Very good angulation, short coupled, with a correct topline. Really liked him just preferred the powerful movement of my first place. RBD

3/ Henshall's CALCHAS ACCORD (AI) (AZ1) 17 month old Harlequin dog. Beautiful head piece, correct drop of lip. Classically marked harlequin, with clear white background. Neck flows into a good body, well angulated which showed on the move. Unlucky to be in the same class as the two above.

#### ND (1/0)

1/ Kingsley's DAINOAK FIT FOR FUNCTION (AI). A blue dog which stood alone in this class. Powerful head with dark eyes. Clean neck, short coupled dog with straight bone. Lovely blue colour and he was very pleased with himself and it showed. He moved well.

GD (2/0)

1/Warreners STORMDANCE LORD OF THE RINGS (IKC) Harlequin dog with a good headpiece, length of foreface and good drop of lip. Clean harlequin colour, brown eyes, straight bone, good feet, neck flows into a good body, good turn of stifle, well angulated and tight cat like feet. He moved well was well handled and will have a bright future.

2/Fergusons ELITEDAIMOS MAGICK MAGO AT CHATEAUDAIN. A blue dog very deceptive to go over. Good head with correct ear carriage, clean neck into a good chest and shoulders. Pleasing topline, well angulated and tight feet. Moved well.

PGD ((2/0)

1/Hitchams DAINOAK TEMPUS VINCIT AT CHAMITH. Very strong head, plenty of bone, well developed. Short coupled, straight bone, good topline. Very well muscled which showed in his movement.

2/Nunns ROSHANUN VOLARE. Well marked harlequin dog, good head with correct drop of lip and good ear carriage. Dark brown eyes, powerful neck flows into a good front assembly with correct topline. Well muscled with a good turn of stifle and tight feet. Moved well.

LD (1/0)

1/Jacques and Kirbys -JACQUKIR NO REGRETS JW. Fawn dog, stood alone but a stunning make and shape. Very good head with correct planes, good drop of lip, darkest of eyes, powerful neck flowing into a correct front assembly with a deep chest. Beautiful topline, well angulated at the rear, good turn of stifle plenty of bone, hocks set low, tight feet. Moved very well with good muscle tone and a well developed second thigh. Well handled and I am sure it will not be long until he gets his third ticket

SP OPEN DOG (2/0)

1/Abbotts NIKAMI LEAP OF ROMANCE. Very similar comments to the limit dog. This is a powerful fawn dog with a very good head piece. Dark eyes, good length of foreface and correct ear carriage. A clean powerful neck flows into a good front assembly with a good lay of shoulder and correct topline. He has a very deep chest. Excellent angulation with correct turn of stifle, well muscled with a well defined second thigh. Tight feet. Moved very well and well handled.

2/Mcguinness DINAHTRON MOTHERS PRIDE. A fawn dog again with a classical head piece. Dark eyes, good drop of lip, clean neck which flows into a correct front assembly. Good bone and a beautiful temperament well muscled. Very good second thigh, good angulations and tight feet. Really liked him. I was splitting hairs between these two, I just preferred the movement of one on the day.

SP O BLUE DOG ((2/0)

1/Kingsleys DAINOAK FIT FOR FUNCTION (AI). This blue dog won the Novice class. Powerful two year old blue dog who has recently come back to his breeder. A very happy outgoing temperament and a credit to his owner breeder. Moved well.

2/Fergusons ELITEDAIMOS MAGICK MAGO AT CHATEAUDAIN. This blue dog got second in graduate dog. Very deceptive to go over. Liked him and again a happy temperament. Just preferred the movement of my first place on the day.

SP O BRINDLE DOG (2/1)

1/Bartleys NIKAMI PAPA SMURF ATELIB. This brindle dog puppy won the MPD class. Good make and shape for a 6 month old and good angulation. Should have a bright future.

SP O BLACK DOG. (1/0)

1/Mcdonalds ZEUS NERO VON ADAMANTIUM OF RANALDANE (IMP DEU). Black dog stood alone but a very good example of this colour. Shown with a glossy black coat. Very good head with correct planes, good length of foreface, with dark eyes, correct drop of lip and correct ear carriage. Clean neck flows into a good front assembly with well laid shoulders and a deep chest. Correct topline, straight bone, well angulated with a good turn of stifle. Well muscled, moved well and handled well.

SP O HARLEQUIN DOG (4/1)

1/Hitchams DAINOAK TEMPUS VINCIT AT CHAMITH. This was my winner from PG dog class.

Very powerful short coupled harlequin dog. Moved well and he was very deceptive to go over.  
2/Henshalls CALCHAS ACCORD(AI) (AZ1). This was my third in junior. Beautifully marked harlequin dog with the cleanest of colours. He just needs more time to grow into his frame and on the day I preferred the movement of my first.

3/Warreners STORMDANCE LORD OF THE RINGS (IKC) This was my winner from the graduate class. Unfortunately he did not move as well in this class.

SP O MANTLE DOG (1/0)

1/Hayters OZZY OZBOURNE DI STELLA ARDENS WITH STEVARAH. Shown in gleaming condition and expertly handled. Lovely mantle dog with a good head, correct drop of lip and good ear carriage. Powerful clean neck flows into a correct depth of chest, short coupled, and straight bone. Correct topline, well angulated with tight feet and moved well.

O DOG (1/0)

1/Martins KEISHANT ZUES. Fawn dog with a powerful head, dark eyes, good ear carriage. Clean neck flows into a powerful front assembly which flows into a correct topline. Well bodied, good bone, well angulated and tight catlike feet. Moved well for his handler.

SP VETERAN DOG (0/0)

MPB (5/1)

1/Hayters TAYSCA STELE MICI WITH STEVARAH. Blue puppy bitch 9 months old today. Correct head planes with good drop of lip, dark eyes and correct ear carriage. A clean neck flows into a correct front assembly. She has an elegant outline for her age with a good topline. Correct bone, well angulated and moved well.

2/Donnelly's PRIMUS TURN BACK TIME. A well marked 6 month old Brindle puppy. Stunning outline with this youngster. Correct headplanes with dark eyes, good drop of lip and correct ear carriage. Very feminine with a lovely topline and angulation. Good bone, tight feet just giving away too much on maturity against the winner.

3/Swains KAYCARO MIDNIGHT MOON. Fawn bitch 8 months old. Lovely clean fawn colour with a correct head planes, good drop of lip and good ear carriage. Clean neck with an excellent front and correct topline. Well angulated for her age with a good turn of stifle. She just needs to settle a bit more on the move but that will come in time.

PB (7/3)

1/Bliss STAGBATCH HI DE HI. I was forcibly reminded by the owner that she was 9 months and two days of age. Harlequin puppy bitch extremely well bodied for her age. Correct head planes with dark eyes, good drop of lip and correct ear carriage. Clean neck flowing into well laid shoulders, with a good depth of chest. Straight bone, good topline, short coupled, with really good angulation and a good turn of stifle. Tight feet and moved very well with her handler. One that I would like to take home. BPB and BPIS.

2/Evans BELAROSDANE BEANY BABYBEL. A black puppy bitch 11 months old again with correct head planes, dark eyes, good drop of lip and correct ear carriage. Lovely outline with this girl who has a good front, correct angulations and tight cat like feet. She moved well but on the day I just preferred the movement of my winner.

3/Evans BELAROSDANE LADY BAYLEIGH. Similar comments apply to the above as they should as they are litter sisters. This is an 11 month old Harlequin puppy bitch. Correct head planes, dark eyes, and a clean neck. Well marked Harlequin with very good bone and an elegant outline. Well angulated. She just needs to settle on the move a bit more. Should have a bright future.

JB (6/4)

1/Donnelly's PRIMUS GO WITH THE FLO. A 15 month old fawn a full litter sister to my RBD. Same quality as her brother. Classical head planes with a good drop of lip, dark eyes and correct ear carriage. Clean neck which flows into a correct front assembly with straight bone, tight feet and a very well developed chest. Very good topline, short coupled, well angulated with a good turn of stifle. Extremely mature for her age and well muscled with a good second thigh. She showed this on the move with good extension and drive. One to watch.

2/Henshalls CALCHAS ADDITION (AI) (AZI) A 17 month old Harlequin beautifully marked. Good head planes with correct drop of lip, and good ear carriage. She has the darkest of eyes which can be hard to get in Harlequins. Clean neck and a well developed chest with a clean front. Whitest of backgrounds which shows off this colour so well. Very good outline with correct angulation and a good turn of stifle. She moved well and another one with a bright future. Just lost out on maturity to my winner on the day.

NB (1/0)

1/ Kingsleys DAINOAK CARPE SCELERISQUE. A Harequin bitch stood alone In this class. Correct head planes with good ear carriage. Plenty of bone, short coupled and nice tight feet. A lot of muscle tone and a good second thigh in her hindquarters. This showed on the move and was a pleasure to watch.

PGB (1/0)

1/Joness JACQUKIR TIME FOR CHANGE. [ATC AY06143801] Stood alone in this class but a beautiful fawn bitch. Similar qualities to her litter brother who won LD. She has a classical head piece, with correct head planes, good drop of lip, dark eyes and excellent ear carriage. A clean neck flows into well laid shoulders, good depth of chest, straight bone and a good topline. Her angulation showed on the move. A very nice example of the breed and she moved well with her handler. Liked her.

LB (2/1)

1Martins KEISHANT ATHENA. Another very nice honest fawn. Stood alone but no detriment to her. A fawn with good head planes, very good length of foreface, correct drop of lip, with good ear carriage and dark eyes. Her clean powerful neck flows into a good front assembly, well laid shoulders, good depth of chest and straight bone. Correct topline with good angulation and she moved well with her owner. Lovely to see examples of this calibre in the breed as a breed specialist.

SP O FAWN B (2/1)

1/Whites JUTLANDERS ARE YOU READY JW. Fully mature bitch. Stood alone in this class but she just oozes quality. A fawn bitch with classic head planes, dark eyes, good ear carriage and correct drop of lip. She has a clean neck which flows into a very powerful front assembly with a good depth of chest and well laid shoulders. Straight bone, well angulated and a good turn of stifle. Hocks set low and she moved correctly coming and going. Loved her. Liked her enough to buy one of her daughters. Seriously considered her for RBB but on the day she got pipped by the younger harlequin.

SP O BLUE B (3/0)

1/Kingsleys DAINOAK AGENT PROVOCATEUR ShCM. Very mature blue bitch with a powerful head, dark eyes and a very powerful chest well filled. Good angulation with correct turn of stifle and tight cat like feet. She is very well muscled and moved well with her handler.

2/Hayters TAYSCA STELE MICI WITH STEVARAH. This 9 month old blue puppy won MPB. Well developed for her age and moved well.

3/ Hayters TAYSCA PEQUENA LUNA WITH STEVARAH. This 9 month old today blue bitch puppy is the litter sister to the one above. Much more powerful in build than her sister and consequently taking more time to mature. She has a powerful head, dark eyes, good ear carriage and a clean powerful neck which flows into a short coupled body. Well angulated. She moved better in this class as more settled. Expertly handled as always and in time she will swop places with her more elegant sister.

SP O BRINDLE B (1/0)

1/Morgans RIMOR ATHENAS KYSS. She stood alone in this class but again no detriment to her. This is one that I have admired from the ringside. She did not disappoint. Classic make and shape. Stunning head with correct planes, good drop of lip, dark eyes and correct ear carriage. Her length of foreface gives a classical look to the head. Stunning length of neck flows into correct lay of shoulder with a well developed front, correct topline, good bone, mature body well angulated at the rear and a good turn of stifle. Hocks low set and tight feet. Unfortunately on the day she did not like the flooring and so did not move as she normally does. However she is full of quality and I am

sure that it will not be long until she gets her 3<sup>rd</sup> ticket.

SP O BLACK B (1/0)

1/Evans BELAROSDANE BEANY BABYBEL. She stood alone in this class and the same comments apply as she got 2<sup>nd</sup> in PB. She is an 11 month old black puppy with a very good make and shape.

SP O HARLEQUIN B (4/0)

1/Pococks TAMZDANE BANANAS ON THE RUM. A mature Harlequin bitch with very good markings. Correct head planes, dark eyes and good ear carriage. Correct drop of lip, clean powerful neck which flows into a good front assembly with correct depth of chest. Very good topline with the cleanest of white backgrounds. Good angulation with correct turn of stifle, hocks set low and very well muscled at the rear which showed on the move. A very good example of this colour and well handled. She flowed around the ring. Pleased to award her RBB.

2/Henshalls CALCHAS ADDITION (AI) (AZ1) My 2<sup>nd</sup> place in junior. Lovely make and shape well angulated and another very good example of this colour. Just giving away too much maturity.  
3/Kingsleys DAINOAK CARPE SCELERISQUE. This harlequin got 1<sup>st</sup> in NB. She is a heavier build than the first two and also more heavily marked. She is another good example of this colour, well muscled and a pleasure to go over.

SP MANTLE B (1/1)

OPEN B (3/1)

1/ Teeses CH NIKAMI LEAP OF FAITH FOR TEESEDANE. This fawn bitch is full of quality and one that I have admired from the ringside and she is even better to go over in the flesh than she looks. Nothing overdone in any way. Stunning headpiece, with correct head planes, dark eyes, good ear carriage and a correct drop of lip. Her length of foreface gives her head that finishing touch. Her neck flows into beautiful lay of shoulder with correct upper arm. Lovely powerful front but she still has that feminine look. Plenty of bone, good topline and outline. Very good angulation with correct turn of stifle and hocks set low. Well muscled with a well developed 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh. She powered around the ring with her handler displaying a free and easy movement. A well deserved CH. Loved her and pleased to award her BB, RBIS and BOS.

2/ Martins KEISHANT VENUS. Very similar make and shape to my winner. A mature fawn with good headplanes, dark eyes and good ear carriage. A powerful neck flows into well laid shoulders, good front and a correct topline and outline. Well angulated with a correct turn of stifle, hocks set low and good tight feet. Well muscled and a well developed second thigh. She powered around the ring with her handler. A lot to like about her.

SP VETERAN B (2/1)

1/ Nunns ROSHANUN SHOW BUSINESS. Stood alone in this class but again no detriment to her. My favourite class. An 8 and a half year old Harlequin bitch. Good head with correct planes, dark eyes and correct ear carriage. Good drop of lip, with a clean neck flowing into a good front assembly. Good topline, short coupled, correct angulation and turn of stifle. Her hocks are low set and she was shown in beautiful condition still well muscled with a well developed 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh which showed as she moved. Loved the been there, done it all before attitude. Her handler was not required as this girl was more than capable of taking herself around the ring and stacking herself. She was a credit to her owners and breeders. Pleased to give her BVB and BVIS.

Judge (Ann Merwick)