

Bath Canine Society 2013

Judge: Mr S W Hall

This show was quite poignant for me as it was 40 years ago I won my first ever, first prize at Bath Championship show (Old English Sheepdog, Puppy bitch class, 37 bitches in this class) Being of the old school and thinking about the way we use to learn more about our chosen breed, when the judge of the day gave in his/her critique a preamble into what they thought of the breed in general on the day, or their concerns at faults that were creeping into a breed, I remember the time the judge came around the benching area and exhibitors and breeders alike clamoured to hear what the judge had to say about the breed, this was the most constructive way to learn more, many of the older breeds will tell you this, that is why they are so successful.

But how do we know how are breed is progressing or declining? Very few if any judges actually do any general comments or highlight any shortcoming within the breed, maybe for fear of upsetting exhibitors? But that does not help the breed; it is the breed you must put first, regardless of anything else.

It is not all about winning prizes; it's about improving the breed or at least maintaining it in good order.

I have concerns for this breed particularly in certain shortcoming and I feel strongly about this, whilst I am a relative new comer to Lhasa's (7 years) I think someone must try to say if they think things aren't quite right with the exhibits they have just judged, to simply bury your head and say nothing is not the answer, it is also a disservice to this lovely breed.

My biggest concern was under jaws and dentition, yes, you might say that this breed doesn't use its mouth to work, and, yes you would be right. But the standard asks for "Incisors in a broad and as straight a line as possible". There were so many with narrow (spoon shape) weak under jaws, dentition in some exhibits were truly unbelievable, teeth dotted all over the place, I don't believe it unreasonable to expect teeth to be in some sort of order. I'm sure I am not alone in thinking this about the under jaws and dentition, this must be a concern for the doyens of this breed.

One of the downfalls of not highlighting a problem in a breed is you can get to the point of no return and then the problem is the norm and has to be accepted as part and parcel of the breed.

Another thing creeping in lately is bad front assembly, from upright shoulder, steep upper arms and short upper arms, obviously most of these invariably have poor hind angulation. when the standard asks for "shoulders to be well laid back and a rear of good angulation" in turn this only creates a short stepping stride which is counterproductive to moving forward, short upper arms cause the feet to lift too far off the ground.

One of the other things that I would like clarified is length of back, whilst the standard asks for length to be greater than height at withers, yet, it says "compact". So are we to assume that it should be just slightly longer than height. After all the definition of compact is compressed, condense. Whilst I have my own interpretation of this part of the standard, but it would be nice to hear what others think on this issue, personally I think the breed in general is a touch too long cast, but I may be wrong, if I am, I'm sure someone will tell me.

This preamble is not aimed at any person or dog it is my thoughts on the breed after what I found judging what I consider a good cross section of this breed.

I do truly feel the less experienced or new comers to the breed need our help in understanding this lovely breed, but where do they go to learn, do the breed clubs have some sort of seminar to help these newer exhibitors ? How do they know if there dog is good enough? if they can't or not sure of the term knowledge of the standard.

Best of Breed : KOPOLA-HIRSIMAKI, Mrs S & HELISTOLA-LAURILA Mrs P Int Fin
Swed Balt Ch Chic Choix Alexander The Great
Dog CC : KOPOLA-HIRSIMAKI, Mrs S & HELISTOLA-LAURILA Mrs P Int Fin Swed
Balt Ch Chic Choix Alexander The Great
Res Dog CC : RAUHUT Mrs K S Chic Choix Five Miles Out
Bitch CC : SCHOLLES Mrs F Rossgilde Touch The Dream JW Sh.CM
Res Bitch CC : PLUMSTEAD, Mrs I & NORRIS Mr J Deelayne Moonlite And Roses
Best Puppy : HARMER Mrs K J Remrah Maybe Baby

Class MPD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 616 JONES Mrs S M Tarendes Tis That Bear. Smart dog of good size, very well balanced when stacked giving him a really good outline that pleased, well balanced head piece with a nicely shaped eye, very productive on the move with a good firm rear action, not oversized, jacket coming through nicely.

2nd: TAYLOR, Miss Y C & GREENWOOD Mrs & Mi M E Magrit Drumbeat. Another very sound puppy a little larger built than winner & slightly longer cast, but nevertheless has a lot of qualities, lovely dentition and strongly made under jaw. Carrying more coat than winner but could be prepared a little better, he also was good on the move with a good forward reach.

Class PD (7 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: CHICHVARKINA, Mrs A A & CHICHVARKIN Mr E A Kutani Alexander. nice dog to go over and holds his shape well, quite a lot of arrogance on the move which puts him above the rest on the day, good to go over on the table, pleasing under jaw that had strength and a full set of large teeth. I thought his proportions gave him very good balance so as nothing looked out of place. Excellent mover with a good forward reach and a firm driving action from the rear. Not the coat of second place at present.

2nd: 6108 BLAKE Miss C E M Fengolas Simply Wonderful. another quality dog that catches your eye and in plenty of coat for his age, not quite the masculine head and under jaw of winner at present but this is a breed that changes like no other breed I know, so be patient as he has so many qualities, good neck and front assembly that produce a creditable performance regards to reach of stride, held his topline well, good rear quarters, presented in pristine condition.

3rd: WATERHOUSE Mrs A Chtaura When Smokey Sings

Res: CAIN Mrs W Kutani Skyfall

VHC: TAYLOR, Miss Y C & GREENWOOD Mrs & Mi M E Magrit Drumbeat

Class JD (7 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: KEENAN Mr E Heneva Raising The Bets. I was impressed with this dog, without doubt this dog had the best dentition and strongest under jaw of the entire entry today, I thought he was a delightful character, lovely head with the best of eyes ample neck, best of shoulders with good upper arms, nicely ribbed and a level topline, good rear quarters that not only compliment his forehead construction but have good muscle tone (so important in any dog) his movement was totally effortless which to the eye was a joy to watch, put down in fabulous coat condition, presented to win.

2nd: BLAKE Mrs A. E. Elleonia Buzzin Around Gallerio. another dog I liked and was unlucky to meet winner today on such form, Grey brindle in colour that is very clear and well prepared, he portrays a very good outline and looks all male of the ideal size, good proportion head piece that was well balanced and masculine, good dark eye of good shape, but not quite the width of jaw of winner, good neck and front assembly, good bone and feet, level topline,

quite compact in body, good rear quarters that compliment, nice tail set and carriage, good rear movement with lots of drive. Prepared and presented in very good order.

3rd: RICHARDSON Mr R G & Mrs D R Belazieth Smarties Ice

Res: BUSHELL Mrs B Jamikasoka's Nigel Gearsley

VHC: QUELCH Mrs D M Deelayne Pharare Ardquin

Class PGD (3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: LANGFORD Mrs V Quaytown Acer. A very honest dog with lots to like and in a very good jacket that was harsh to the touch, pleasing head with a most correct medium stop which gives for better head balance, nice dark eyes of good shape, enough neck, good shoulder placement and good upper arms, balanced body of good length, pleasing rear with good angles, from the construction that I went over on the table, I felt he could have given a little more on the mover, which would have made him more impressive than he already is, coat preparation was first class.

2nd: BARNETT, Mr S & CARTER Mr A Amdo Quiz Master With Alamiks JW. Quite a nice dog that does require more finish, I thought he gave slightly more on the move than winner, strong well-made dog that was masculine throughout, good head qualities with a strong under jaw, pleasing front assembly that produced a good forward reach, nicely ribbed up for age, stout loin, good rear quarters. well handled.

3rd: HOLLAND Miss G Siimline Quest For Glory

Class LD (13 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: RAUHUT Mrs K S Chic Choix Five Miles Out. a very free moving dog that catches your eye for his wonderful front assembly, lovely headed dog that ticks all the right boxes, I thought his head was quite handsome with the correct eye shape, really good neck, good ribbing for age but still to mature more, very good level topline that he kept at all times, good tailset and carriage, well angulated rear quarters which quite clearly complimented the front assembly. Prepared and presented in pristine condition with coat that did not hinder his wonderful movement, in the challenge I thought he had a fraction more reach than the open winner.

2nd: PLUMSTEAD Mrs Damjoo Aurora At Showa. a most beautiful dog with a good expression all male, good under jaw, good eye please in skull. arched neck with proud carriage, good in forehand, nicely boned with good feet, lovely ribbing with a stout loin, level topline, good rear quarters that he used on the move, carrying a good quality jacket of good texture. presented well.

3rd: WALKER Mrs C A Shigatse Alex

Res: BUSHELL Mrs B Shigatse You Can Call Me Al At Jamikasoka

VHC: RICHARDSON Mr R G & Mrs D R Nemmi Impetuous Belazieth

Class OD (5 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: KOPOLA-HIRSIMAKI, Mrs S & HELISTOLA-LAURILA Mrs P Int Fin Swed Balt Ch Chic Choix Alexander The Great . I think the name says it all!! as I thought he was great, just coming into his own at 3 years old reaching full maturity, a most beautiful head piece that was well balanced in the correct proportions giving him such a handsome expression, combining a lovely broad under jaw with straight dentition, ample arched neck, first class front assembly with a good length of upper arms, beautifully ribbed with a short firm loin, excellent rear quarters that drove this male to conquer all before him on the day, the presentation was an object lesson in itself.

2nd: LOCK Mr D & Mrs J Ch Littondale Vallentino JW. another real quality dog that you need to go over, he never gave up on the move and fought all the way, I had him running

third then he started to really reach out in front so he was rewarded and moved up into second place, a lovely outline when gaiting, all male head nicely proportioned with a very kind eye of good colour, good arched neck and plenty of it, good in forehand, nicely ribbed, good tail set, good drive from rear quarters, presented in lovely condition with a jacket that was harsh to the touch.

3rd: WATERHOUSE Mrs A Chtaura Well Did You Ever

Res: ANDERSON Mrs M Ch Zentarr Morgan

VHC: LEWIS Mrs M V Deelayne Dizée Rascal

Class VD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: REYNOLDS Mr J & Mrs A Lisimo Now I'm Here, a very honest dog of seven years old, lots to like about him, I thought he didn't look his age, nice balanced to a good head piece giving a pleasing expression, ample neck, good bone and feet, good in forehand assembly, good spring to ribs, good topline, in good coat, moved out well and gave a good creditable performance, prepared and presented in very good order. I am lead to believe he took second place in the Veteran Stakes Classes, "well done"

Class MPB (9 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: HARMER Mrs K J Remrah Maybe Baby. She really charmed me into giving her the class, so feminine and classy, a real delight to watch her move, so free and easy with a head carriage that was rather snooty, lovely head with all the right qualities, such a kind expression, good neck and front, plenty of bone with tidy feet, good spring to rib with level topline, to be ultra-critical I would have liked her a touch more shorter in body, really good rear quarters so true going away with firm drive coming from good angles. well-kept coat of quality and presented in tip top condition.

2nd: WIEHE Mrs T A & Mr A C Fengolas Frieda At Lisimo another one I liked, but not quite the Finnish of winner, very feminine to view, well-proportioned head piece, good eye and correct stop, ample neck pleased in forehand construction, nicely ribbed, good topline and tail set, good angles behind, positive mover in both directions, presented in very good order.

3rd: JONES Mrs S M Tarendes It's That Bear

Res: PLUMSTEAD, Mrs I & NORRIS Mr J Damjoz Clarice At Showa TAF

VHC: KEEGAN, Mrs G & KEEGAN Miss K Ghiang's Scarlett Grace

Class PB (8 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: BLAKE, Mrs A E, FRANCIS, Mr D & PEARCE Mr G Jenroy Misunderstood With Longsdale. smart in outline that catches your eye for her level topline, good positive mover with a good rear when going away, very feminine in head and a good eye, good jaw, ample neck lovely bone, nicely ribbed with good depth, would like her a touch shorter to give a better balance, good quality coat, had her in mind for best puppy but faltered in the final run off. Presented in very good condition.

2nd: DYE Mrs M Anjesics Kensington. Handled by a very capable young handler, very feminine bitch, quite good balance with lots to like about her, nicely headed, ample neck quite good in front assembly, good bone with tight feet, good bodily condition, positive mover in both directions, needs a little more care with coat management.

3rd: ROACH Mrs M & Mr G Anjesics Beaulieu

Res: LANGFORD Mrs V Quaytown What A Wish

VHC: LAWSON Miss K Modarra Taylor Swift

Class JB (9 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: PLUMSTEAD, Mrs I & NORRIS Mr J Deelayne Moonlite And Roses. loved this bitch, it was her correct balance and wonderful shape that drew me to her, there was nothing I could have changed to make her better for her age, so sweet and feminine in head with no weakness, ample neck first class front that produced an excellent forward reach, compact body with a level topline, lovely rear quarters that propelled her around the ring with ease, covered in glorious jacket so thick and lustrous, presented if tip top order, a bitch that anyone would be proud to own.

2nd: KEENAN, Miss E & STANLEY Mr H Heneva Kate Moss. first saw this bitch at belfast last year and thought her delightful, but today she was lacking the finish of winner, ultra feminine to view, such a sweet expressive head piece, really good balance throughout, firm backline that was level, good ribbing, her angles were just right to give the reach and drive require, presented in very good order.

3rd: HORNE Mr A D Chanceinn's Nutty Tart JW

Res: CURTIN Miss F Chanceinn's Lady Penelope At Larlius

VHC: BUSHELL Mrs B Jamikasoka Holly Shiftwell

Class NB (5 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: CURTIN Miss F Chanceinn's Lady Penelope At Larlius. Well put together, this compact bitch was in good jacket, she portrayed an excellent shape, pleased in head properties, good eye, I would like her a little wider in under jaw, positive mover in both directions, well prepared and presented.

2nd: ROACH Mrs M & Mr G Anjesics Beaulieu. another really feminine bitch, sweet expression, good head balance, level topline, moved with purpose and covered in a quality jacket, I would like a little more of her at this age, presented in excellent order.

3rd: DYE Mrs M Wrenwrox Whos That Lady

Res: DEWAR THORLBY Ms B Narmoak The Gamble For Aarhus

Class PGB (8 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: WALKER Mrs C A Chtaura This Love With Shigatse. I loved this bitch of true quality, she had so much substance it oozed out of her, lovely head qualities so feminine, ample neck with first class fore quarters which she use to clinch the first place, beautiful ribbing with a good topline, true quality rear quarters, covered in a most spectacular jacket with a harsh texture, presented in pristine condition.

2nd: TORRANCE Mrs P Sinyul Love Me For A Reason. you have to go over this one to appreciate the qualities she possesses, not much I would change, very feminine with a delightful expression, good quality jaw, enough neck with lovely angles fore and aft, but today she did not give her full potential on the move, she has got the equipment to really move out in front, but if they choose not to, then there is nothing more the handler can do, presented in good order.

3rd: ALLEN Mrs S Phalassoa Jitterbug

Res: WIEHE Mrs T A & Mr A C Lisimo Mayzi

VHC: HORNE Mr A D Lady Willamena At Chanceinn

Class LB (11 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: SUTCLIFFE, Mrs M & FLEET Ms G Fengola Super Sassy at Newcliffe. Never seen this one before, but I liked what I saw, striking outline that leaves nothing to the imagination, very clean lines and such a good mover, I thought she had good breed type, lovely head piece with the sweetest of expressions, good dark eye, beautiful arched neck, front angulation at the right angles to produce the required reach, good broad forechest, and nicely ribbed, level topline which she kept on the move, well angulated rear quarters giving her complete balance

between fore and aft. good quality flat lying jacket with an excellent texture, prepared and presented in first class order.

2nd: HORNE Miss N J Hopeinns Playing With Fire JW. Another quality bitch quite similar in make and shape as winner, good clean lines and similar also in coat qualities, very feminine in head with a lovely expression, good eye and clean over the skull, ample neck which she used to advantage, good forehead construction, pleasing in rib level top line, quite good rear quarters, good on the move but not quite the style of winner today, prepared & presented in immaculate condition.

3rd: SCARLL, Mrs J & SYKES Ms S Timazinti Liberty

Res: TORRANCE Mrs P Sinyul Close Encounter

VHC: YAXLEY, Mrs B & YAXLEY Miss G Chethang Olesia At Dardanelles

Class OB (8 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: SCHOLES Mrs F Rossgilde Touch The Dream JW Sh.CM. The thing I liked about this bitch was her totally correct proportions that gave supreme balance over all other bitches today, she has the angles fore & aft to deliver the correct movement without exaggeration. really feminine in every respect, I thought her a joy to go over on the table, covered in a good quality coat, however, she needs more head furnishings to be totally complete, presented without hindrance.

2nd: WATERHOUSE Mrs A Chtaura Everybody In Love. this kennel persistently churns out quality after quality Lhasa's, this bitch could arguably be the correct size for this breed, yes she looks small but don't be fooled, on the table she has very thing you need to succeed, ultra feminine to view, really good ribbing with an excellent forechest, good bone and tight feet, good level topline, very good angles combined with good ratio's making the complete picture, covered in a very good jacket and presented in very good order.

3rd: SCARLL, Mrs J & SYKES Ms S Ch Timazinti's Hope And Dreams

Res: JONES Mrs S M Ch Tarendes See That Bear

VHC: SHAND-CLARKE, Mrs M T & SHAND-ROBINSON Mrs M K Zentarr Megan At Shanclar

Class VB (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: PLUMSTEAD Mrs Simark Lucy Lockette Of Showa. a quality black bitch of 9 years but doesn't look it, beautiful head with really deep dark eyes, lovely under jaw, excellent forechest, good bone, excellent spring of rib and well back, good front assembly with a rear to complement, good level topline, really good mover although she could have given a touch more. A delight to judge. Her coat was lustrous and gleamed in the midday sun portraying a lovely picture.