

**Junior Bulldog Club**  
**Open Show 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

It was a pleasure to be invited to judge the open show of this famous Bulldog club and a challenge for a non-specialist as there is a lot to think about in the standard and sometimes compromises have to be made. It was a great learning curve for me-as is every judging experience-and to get my hands on a good number of dogs to go over is a privilege so thank you all exhibitors. The entry of 60 was marred by absentees, especially in the bitch classes but I still had plenty to look at and think about. The breed has great character and they were all a pleasure to handle. However there were too many wry jaws and a lot which were a little narrow in the lower jaw or lacked turn up. I thought that some were shown with too much weight which detracted from their body shape as they lacked waist and tuck up. My thanks to my stewards Ann Water, Dave Mackerel and show manager Ashley Walker and to hard working President Mark Day and special thanks to Sara Lamont and all her team for making me feel so welcome.

**BEST IN SHOW & BEST PUPPY** was the bitch **BRITISHROSE PURE GOLD**  
**RESERVE BEST IN SHOW** the puppy dog **SEEHURST HANDS OF STONE**  
**BEST VETERAN** the bitch **PRINCESS TANITHA**

**VETERAN DOG/BITCH** and perhaps my biggest dilemma of the day.

1. **PRINCESS TANITHA**, 9 year old fawn bitch in wonderful condition, fit and active and sound on the move. She has a firm, shapely body. Her pasterns and feet could be better. Good skull but foreface and lower jaw could be better. Good ears and eye. Score strongly on the move to take this.
2. **LINMIST X FACTOR**, 9.5 year old dog who was my clear winner standing with his excellent head qualities, great width in front and very good body shape. Sadly his movement on the day let him down and hence his placing. Perhaps I was hard on him. What is certain is that I would have liked to have judged him in his prime, as his type and quality is still there to be seen.

**DOGS-Minor Puppy**

1. **NEW SOUL-Z**, 8 months raw puppy but has good proportions, very good legs and feet and a promising shape. He looks a little leggy at the moment and needs to finish in chest. Good skull but foreface needs time to furnish. Sound with typical action.

**PUPPY**

1. **MICHELL V T PATDANA HOME AT TERRALYNDA**, 9 months brindle and he pleased me enormously. Has a beautiful head with good skull and ears, excellent width of jaw and perhaps the best turn up of the day. He has a real sourmug expression. His topline is copybook with correct tail set and very good quarters. Whilst not yet fully mature in body and a touch loose in front action I liked him enormously-he was beaten by a much more mature dog for best male but I shall be interested to see how he progresses.
2. **BAALZEBUL CHIANTI**, 11 months white who has a lot of quality-a little leggy at the moment but has a very good forehead and chest. A good mover. Has an excellent tail which is a little high-set. Good skull but not the muzzle or underjaw of winner.
3. **HILLPLACE AMBUSH**

**JUNIOR**

1. **SEEHURST HANDS OF STONE**, almost 12 months shown in pristine condition. A top sized dog with great chest, excellent skull with width in underjaw, good eyes and ears. Wonderful legs and feet and a very correct mover. Has a great expression. Big ribs with lighter rear but his stifles and hocks are strong. I feel a pound less weight would help his body shape. For me he was a good winner of **BEST DOG** and **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**.
2. **HILLPLACE HARRY**, 14 months brindle/white I liked a lot for his great headpiece-he has more turn up than the winner. However he needs to mature in rib cage and body but the shape is there and with correct movement-he should come on well.

### 3. BIG RED BULL AT ALBERTWOOD

#### NOVICE

1. **BIG RED BULL AT ALBERTWOOD**, won this class on his good chest, ribcage and tuck up. He has good ears and underjaw but at the moment has too much wrinkle on head.
2. **NEW SOUL JAY-Z**
3. **HILLPLACE AMBUSH**

#### POST GRAD

1. **NEWROCK NIGHTWATCHMAN AT ALBERTWOOD**, 22 months white of good body shape and excellent width in front which he holds on the move. Good skull and ears but a little plain in foreface and could have more turn-up. Excellent tail. Coat a little long.
2. **SEALAVILLE HE'S ELVIS QUILATERA** 5 year old in very good condition and moved soundly. His skull ears and eyes are good but his underjaw and dentition could be better. Happy temperament. Tail a little high set.

#### LIMIT

1. **RHOBULL'S SIR ARTHUR AT IMPECCABUL**, easy winner of this class and pressed for a higher award. A very good headed dog with good turn-up and layback. At 22 months he looks unfinished in body but he was in hard and fit condition and skimmed along on the move. I would prefer a little more angulation in the stifle-even for this breed and his feet could be better. Has good ring presence and I would think he will mature well.
2. **NEWROCK NIGHTWATCHMAN AT ALBERTWOOD**
3. **STELLASVILLE RIPLEYS HERO**

#### OPEN

1. **CULVERHAY PATRIOT**, 3 year old white who scores with his rib and quarters and rear action. Excellent legs and feet .A little more turn up of underjaw would help. Good skull, eye and ears. A little more neck would improve his outline
2. **NEWROCK NIGHTWATCHMAN AT ALBERTWOOD**
3. **STELLASVILLE RIPLEYS HERO**

#### BITCHES

**MINOR PUPPY**- all of these three show promise.

1. **BRITANIC LADY LUCK**, at 6 months she is a lovely shape with the correct topline and low tail set. She is very promising in head with best jaw in the class. She was a little diffident on the move but I liked so much about her.
2. **BULLJOZER HOPSCOTCH**, moved better than the winner but couldn't match her in width of underjaw or turn-up. Very good legs and feet. She is a very short bodied bitch and she could shed a little weight to advantage as she did not have the body lines of the winner.
3. **PUREBULLY NEVER FORGET**

#### PUPPY

1. **BAALZEBUL POPPING CANDY**, has an excellent ribcage and chest and a very good tail. Needs time for head to finish.
2. **BAALZEBUL AMARONE**, 10 months who scores in skull over winner but not the finish of lip and jaw. In firm condition to show off her body shape-these two were very close.

#### JUNIOR

1. **BRITISHROSE PURE GOLD**, 11 months with wonderful type and quality. Excellent skull and good turn up and layback. Good eyes and expression but her ears a just a little heavy. Great width of chest with tacked on shoulders. Excellent body shape with some tuck-up. Although she can yet tighten a little in front **I THOUGHT HER A LOVELY BITCH** and was delighted to award her **BEST IN SHOW**.

2. **LILY IN THE PINK AT ALBERTWOOD**, 12 months old whose body shape would be improved by less weight. Good muzzle with turn up but her skull is still little over wrinkled.

#### **NOVICE**

1. **LILY IN THE PINK AT ALBERTWOOD**

#### **POST GRAD**

1. **BAALZEBUL THEAIA THE TITAN**, 3 year old feminine white who was very sound, active and typical on the move, walking her width. Head could be a little bigger to balance her body. Good underjaw and excellent eyes. Ears a little heavy. **RESERVE BEST BITCH.**

#### **OPEN**

1. **DECAN BENET STARMENTA**, 3 year old who did her best to ruin her chances with a rather diffident and stubborn performance on the move. However she scored in quality and type. Good head type but needs more finish of lip, Scored in rib-but I would think that firmer condition would enhance her body shape. Good skull but a little more finish of lip would help her.
2. **KINGROCK CARLA**, 20months brindle/white with a better head than the winner scoring in lip and depth of underjaw. However she needs to fill out in chest and this is evident in her front action. She will look better with maturity of body
3. **JACKHARY'S QUEEN OF HEARTS AT ALBERTWOOD**

Frank Kane