

The Association of Bloodhound Breeders Championship Show

Lower Valley Farm, Lambourn, Berkshire RG17 7XA

Sunday 1st September 2024

I would like to thank the Association for inviting me to judge their Championship Show. My thanks also to Alison Carey, my steward, who ensured that everything ran smoothly and to Hannah Pennington and Evelyn Williams, our hosts at Lower Valley Farm.

I really enjoyed the afternoon judging an entry of 18 high quality bloodhounds, and thank you to all exhibitors. The hounds were all presented in tip top condition and there were no poor eyes or bad mouths or skin problems, all of which the Breed has been criticised for in the past. Temperaments too were good.

Puppy Dog 3 Entries 0 Abs.

1st Miss S. Clark's Farlap Keepsake

Beautifully presented 9 month old puppy dog. Well proportioned, he moved with drive and confidence exhibiting a strong topline, good quarters and stern carriage. Handsome head, clean eyes and soft curling leathers. **Best Puppy**

2nd Mrs S Westron's Farlap Kaleb

Litter brother to 1st. Well presented and with all the same qualities. Moved well but just needed more time to settle. **Reserve Best Puppy**

3rd Mr & Mrs Prior's Houndseeker Falcon

Just 6 months old and only his second outing. Well presented, he moved confidently around the ring. A good start to his Show career.

Junior Dog No Entries

Novice Dog No Entries

Post Graduate Dog No Entries

Limit Dog 2 Entries 0 Abs.

1st Miss F McKenzie's Moorlander Dior

Well constructed dark black and tan 4 years old hound with strong quarters, level topline and good rear angulation. Moved soundly and with drive. He has a classic head with kind expression, good clean eyes, long leathers and deep lip.

2nd Mr & Mrs Prior's Houndseeker Dauntless JW

2 year old red dog, he presents a good outline and is well muscled with strong bone, level topline and good angulation. His rear movement was not sound today.

Open Dog 2 Entries 0 Abs.

1st Mrs T Howie & Mrs s Emrys-Jones' Ch. Marksbury Malfoy

5 years old male, mature and well balanced throughout with strong bone, good reach of neck, level topline and correct rear angulation. He has a good masculine head with pronounced occiput, clean bright eyes, soft curling leathers and deep lip. He moved powerfully and with drive. **Res. DCC**

2nd Miss L Priestley's Marksbury Railway of Quikotic

Well presented young hound with strong bone, good angulation and sound movement. Good masculine head with pronounced occiput and gentle expression. He just needs a bit more time to mature

Veteran Dog 1 Entry 0 Abs.

Miss L Priestley's Ch. Railside Pluto at Quikotic

It was an honour and a pleasure to see this elderly gentleman in the showing. He carries his 11 years well and moves soundly, if a little more slowly. His coat was gleaming, his body is strong and his eyes are still sparkling.

Working Trial Dog 1 Entry 0 Abs.

1st Miss H Pennington's Ch. Moorlander Guy Laroche

Striking 4 year old black and tan hound shown in gleaming condition. Handsome masculine head with pronounced occiput, good eyes and long low set leathers completing the picture. He moved effortlessly and with drive showing a strong topline and good rear angulation. I would have liked to see more depth of body. **Best Movement**

Champion Dog 1 Entry 0 Abs.

1st Miss L Priestley's Ch. Maplemead Malazar of Quikotic

Rich black and tan 5 years old male, beautifully presented in superb condition. He has a handsome head with pronounced occiput, good clean eyes, long folding leathers and deep lip. He moves with drive exhibiting a strong level topline and is every bit a showman.

A well deserved DCC and BOB

Puppy Bitch No Entries

Junior Bitch No entries

Novice Bitch No Entries

Post Graduate Bitch No Entries

Limit Bitch 2 Entries 2 Abs.

Open Bitch 3 Entries 0 Abs.

1st Mrs J Hudson's Ch. Graceminster Ruby Slippers (A.i.)

Eyecatching young black and tan bitch just 18 months old. She has a beautiful outline, is well constructed throughout and moves soundly and with drive. She has a lovely feminine head with pronounced occiput, clean eyes and long, low set leathers. **RBCC**

2nd Miss S Clark's Ch. Farlap Qui Martha (A.I.)

Another lovely bitch, mature and well constructed. She moved soundly showing off her strong level topline. She has a classic head with pronounced occiput, long low set leathers, good eyes and kind expression.

**3rd Mrs T Howie, Mrs S Emrys Jones, Mr C Avery , Mr & Mrs K Miller
Marksbury Regina at Millvery**

Pretty black and tan bitch just 22 months old. Moved with drive and presented a good outline with strong topline and good angulation. Overall she just needs more time to mature.

Veteran Bitch 1 Entry 0 Abs.

1st Mrs T Howie's Ch Marksbury Hessie

At almost 8 years old Hessie shows no sign of slowing down. She strode out around the ring showing a strong and confident outline with level topline and good angulation. She has a lovely feminine head. **Best Veteran**

Working Trial Bitch 1 Entry 0 Abs.

1st Mrs F Watts' Maplemead Miss Melba

Young black and tan bitch shown in gleaming condition, she moved happily and effortlessly around the ring with her stern held high showing a strong topline and good quarters.

Champion Bitch 1 Entry 0 Abs.

1st Miss S Clark's Ch. Farlap Miss Konduct

A mature, 4 years old bitch shown in top condition and moving freely and with drive. She displays a superb outline with strong topline and correct rear angulation. She has a classic feminine head with pronounced occiput, long low set leathers and kind expression. I was pleased to award her BCC and RBOB.

Brace 2 entries 0 Abs.

1st Miss L Priestley's Ch. Maplemead Malazar of Quikotic and Marksbury Railway of Quikotic

Father and Son, expertly handled, moving soundly and in unison around the ring.

Stud Dog No Entries

Brood Bitch No Entries

Mary Fish

Judge