

## **North of England Dobermann Club 26 June 2021**

This was a long time coming, but didn't disappoint. NEDC is always a favourite show and I was honoured to be asked to judge this Open Show with 54/59 entries, although some absentees, especially in bitches, largely due to clashes with the other ring. Many thanks to the Committee for their hospitality and especially to my stewards.

There were a number of beautiful specimens, with enough variety to give me some interesting decisions. Temperaments and behaviour were good, even though some had little or no prior experience of the ring. The heat told on the more substantial dogs as the day progressed. Many of the dogs had short upper arms and a number crabbed on movement. A few needed more muscle.

### **Minor Puppy Dog (1, 1A)**

Puppy Dog (5, 1A) 1, BPD, BPIS Robertson's Cockneyoka Dire Straits, 9 month bl/rust. This is a lovely pup who I'm sure will have a bright future. He is compact and unexaggerated, well-boned but still elegant. Long head with narrow skull, dark almond eye, good ears and underjaw. Presents a good outline, with level topline, good tailset, and nice tuck-up. Well-angulated and proportioned front and back. Moved with clear reach and drive. Will look forward to watching his development. 2, Santoriello's Rafterhouse Amulet's Child, 11 m bl/rust. Slightly longer cast than 1, but still elegant. A pleasing head with good eyes and ear set. Slightly short in upper arm, which pushes the withers up a little, but not enough to spoil a good outline. Good rear angulation. Moved smoothly. 3, Woodhouse's Jojavik Master Cutler.

Junior Dog (2, 0A) 1, BD & BIS. Jones's Korifey Vanquish, 13 month bl/rust, an outstanding dog who should have a bright future ahead. I look first and foremost for a square, compact and unexaggerated dog that has enough substance, but still with elegance. This lad met these criteria, with the added benefit of footfall-perfect movement. The head presents a good wedge with narrow back skull. He has dark almond eyes and well-set ears that are neat in size. Lovely underjaw. He has an elegant outline with good topline and tailset, the right amount of forechest, and good angles front and rear. 2, Dickson's Cockneyoka Status Quo at Dafran, 9 month br/rust. A well-built and substantial male with good colour. Good head with nice fill under the eye and good ears, but a slightly light and round eye. Good bone and straight legs. Not as well-angulated as 1, with slight rise to withers. His movement was unsettled, which cost him in the earlier class.

Yearling Dog (1, 0A) 1, Maitland's Korifey Emperor, 14 month br/rust. Large and masculine male, mid-brown coat of good texture. A good head, but a little throaty. Short-coupled, with a good outline, a bit straight in front, but rear angles fine. It was his first show and he was rather unsettled on the movement, although he looked as though he should move well once he settles down.

Novice Dog (2, 0A) 1, K Vanquish. 2, R Amulet's Child.

### **Graduate Dog (0)**

Postgraduate Dog (4, 0A) 1, Evans & Bloore's Amazon Alcumlow Love is Life, 20 month br/rust. Very good for size and proportions, substantial and masculine, with good colouring. Good set and shape of eyes and good ears. Back skull a little on the broad side, but does not detract from an attractive head overall. Lovely round bone and straight legs. Smooth topline with good tailset, good angles front and rear. 2, Everley's Manzart War Emblem, 2 year bl/rust. Another good specimen, well-proportioned and elegant. Good head with excellent planes, med-dark eye and nice, neat ears. Moved with drive. 3, Taylor's Krieger's Foul Play.

Limit Dog (5, 2A) 1, Lyon's Newfords Xrated, 3 year bl/rust. Overall well put-together dog. Nice expressive head with dark, almond eye and correct well-set ears. Good fill under eye, good underjaw and parallel planes. Could just do with a bit more length of muzzle. Good topline and tailset, forechest and angles, but needs a bit more tuck-up. 2, Grace's Nerak Wot a Dream, 4 year br/rust. A nicely-proportioned dog with a well-filled body. Head has many good features: good eyes and ears, and lovely clean throat, but skull a touch broad and muzzle a touch short. A strong, medium-length neck leads to a good topline and tail. Good bone and straight legs; well-muscled. Hadn't quite the drive of 1, probably due to the heat. 3, Kilgar's Manrio del Dionysos Maelstrom.

Open Dog (4, 0A) 1, Lafford & Groves's Lateagain Satisfaction, 4 year bl/rust. Standard sized and elegant dog. Presents an attractive outline, with correct angles, forechest, topline and tailset. Head has good parallel planes, dark eye with good shape and set, but slightly short muzzle and slightly wide backskull. Moved smoothly despite the heat. 2, Webb's Bih/Int Ch Shalissa's Siriously Costly JW (AI) Bel Jnr Ch, 4 yr bl/rust. A difficult decision between 1 and 2. This male is more substantial and was perhaps affected by the heat, as he paced quite a bit and didn't have the drive of 1. Nonetheless, a fine-looking male, curvaceous and well-boned. Good angles and forechest. He had a better head than 1. Dark eyes, with good colour, shape and set; almost level planes, and good underjaw. 3, Mackintosh-White's Supeta's Witchkraft.

Veteran Dog (1, 0A) 1, BVD and BVIS, Gregson's Amazon Blackpark Louis Vuitton. I was astonished to see that this boy is now 7! Bl/rust substantial male, correct size and still elegant. Good angles, topline and tailset. Moved with enthusiasm despite the heat.

Minor Puppy bitch (1, 0A) 1, Hutchinson & Mycroft's Supeta's Diamonds Rforever with Debison, 8 month bl/rust. Raw and unsettled, with a tendency to roach, but should be a nice bitch once she settles down. Well-proportioned and compact. Head shows promise, with narrow back skull, good fill under dark eyes and good planes. Lovely curve of neck, good angles front and rear, good forechest. Uneven on movement – I gather she had a cut paw – but I'd be interested to see her once she's sound and settled.

Puppy bitch (4, 1A) 1, BPB & RBPIS, Turrell's Jojavik Midnight Mistress, 11 month bl/rust. Compact and neat bitch. Square with an elegant outline. She has a pleasing expression, a narrow back skull and dark eye. Planes not quite parallel, but this will probably correct as she matures. Could do with a little more underjaw. Long, elegant neck into smooth topline. Handled to get the best out of her. 2, Hunt's Jojavik Express Yourself at Virsco, 11 month bl/rust, litter sister to 1, but not as mature. Still looking a bit raw and chest needs to drop, but square and elegant. Similar attributes to 1, but just needs to develop. 3, Halstead's Manrio Havana Maelstrom.

Junior bitch (4, 1A) 1, Wetherall's Kodam Painted Lady., 16 month bl/rust with natural bob tail. She won this class on her front assembly, front legs tucked neatly under withers and good lay back. Elegant narrow head, good fill under dark eyes and parallel planes. Good angulation and forechest; level topline. Moved with drive. 2, Freer & McCall's Diego's Doris Day, 16 month bl/rust. Pretty head with alert expression. Good fill under dark eyes. Planes not quite parallel, but can still change. Compact and square, angulation not quite as good as 1. Unsettled by flies while stacked, but moved well. 3, Robertson's Cockneyoka Gypsy.

Yearling bitch (3, 1A) 1, Barber's Alcumlow So You Win Again, 20 months, br/rust. Good head planes and fill under eyes, but eyes a bit light. Lovely curved neck into level topline that contributed to a beautiful outline, short coupled and with good angulation and forechest. Very good coat and colour. Skipped on movement, but the sections where she moved correctly showed me what she can do. 2,

Bradbury & Sanderson's Jodaseen Bootylicious, 21 month bl/rust, square and compact, another lovely bitch, but not quite such a neat outline as 1. Medium length head; dark eyes with good shape and set. Lovely wedge. Elegant neck leading smoothly to good topline. Slightly short in upper arm. Moved smoothly.

Novice bitch (2, 1A) 1, Supeta's Diamonds Rforever with Debison.

Graduate bitch (4, 2A) 1 & RBB, McCall, Murray & Murray's Diego's Debbie Harry, 16 month bl/rust. Elegant and well-proportioned. Attractive head with narrow back skull, good fill under eyes. Eyes dark and with good shape and set. Lovely head planes and good underjaw. Beautiful curve of neck and clean throat. Level topline, good angles and forechest. Moved with drive. 2, Gregson's Amazon Aronista Amore, 2 years bl/rust. A more substantial bitch, so needs to be trim and well-muscled. She was carrying a bit of extra weight on the day, so she lacked tuck-up, which spoiled her outline. Would like to see her again in better condition. Good angles and plenty of bone.

Postgraduate bitch (2, 1A) 1, Bishop's Korifey Oksana, 2 years bl/rust. Elegant bitch. Appealing face with very good wedge. Dark eyes, good planes and underjaw. Clean throat – always so nice to see. Elegant neck into good topline. Correct angulation front and back and enough forechest. Well-muscled straight rear drove smooth movement.

Limit bitch (4, 1A) 1, Fisher's Jojavik Modesty Blaise, 3 years bl/rust. I judged this bitch as a Minor Puppy and she has matured well. Elegant, curvaceous outline. She has a pretty head, narrow back skull, good wedge and dark eye. Parallel planes. Clean throat and lovely curved neck, but with slight ripple at the base. Moved well. 2, Murray & McCall's Manrio Galataya, 2 years br/rust. More substance than 1, but not quite the elegance. A lovely deep brown. A good head with parallel planes, good eye colour, but slightly round. Plenty of bone and plenty of muscle, especially the hindquarters. My notes say exuberant on the move! 3, Rimmer's Amazon Touch The Breeze in Millwood.

Open bitch (4, 2A) 1, BB & BOS, Groves's Lateagain Gold Dust, 5 years, bl/rust. Standard size, curvaceous, elegant and square. Good head with dark eye and parallel planes. Elegant, curved neck into smooth topline and level tailset. Moved smoothly. 2, Stay In Style Valentina at Dekabohn (Imp), 4 years bl/rust. Taller and more substantial than 1. A very good head with sweet expression. Darkest of eyes, good small ear, super planes and stop. Lovely clean throat and curved neck. A little short in upper arm, so front legs are forward of withers and withers are slightly high, somewhat spoiling an otherwise good topline. Good tailset and good rear angles.

Veteran bitch (3, 3A)

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