

It was an honour for me to judge this wonderful breed at the Championship Show in Blackpool. I would like to thank all the exhibitors for giving me such a good entry as I was told it was the highest entry of the year so far. I am very fond of the breed and found many wonderful specimens during the day. In general I could just say as a comment that I found quite a few rather soft coats, which is not very typical for the breed as the name indicates. I was so delighted that my BOB winner went all the way to the top in afternoon by winning the Gundog Group under the highly respected Mike Gadsby of Afterglow fame.

PD (5) 1. Agnew's Kimmax Fail to Kommunicate, very nice young male of excellent size with correct proportions, beautiful masculine slightly rounded head with correct stop, good length of muzzle, well shaped eyes, very good set of neck, solid topline and correct tailset, excellent frontassembly and hindquarters, good depth in body with excellent spring of ribs, moves with excellent drive and already very settled for his age, lovely bushy eyebrows and beard, a touch soft in coat with enough texture all over, wonderful temperament. 2. Hewins' Xaver IV vom Böckenhagen, good sized young male, but a bit long in general appearance, well shaped masculine head with correct earset, lovely expression, well set neck, good topline and correct tailset, very well angulated both ends, deep in body but needs time to develop in front, a bit too tucked up loins, excellent bone and feet, strong and powerful mover already at this age, keeping a good carriage, lovely tick and harsh coat, lovely temperament. 3. Shepherd's Kimmax Kallin Danny Boy over

JD (1) 1. Shepherd's Kimmax Kallin Danny Boy over, good sized male, nice masculine head with good stop and correct earset, enough neck, good topline with correct tailset, deep enough in body and needs time to develop in front, adequate bone, well angulated both ends, moved with good drive but needs to settle in front action, very nice coat with correct texture, bushy eyebrows and correct beard.

YD (2) 1. McCullough's Kimmax Kort in Action, beautiful young male of excellent type and correct proportions, well shaped masculine head with correct length in skull and muzzle, good stop, a touch light in eye that affects his expression a bit, strong neck, solid topline and correct tailset, very well angulated in both ends, lovely bone and feet, well bodied, moved with power and excellent reach and drive, very nice coat and good texture, lovely bushy eyebrows and maximum amount of beard, wonderful temperament. 2. Simpson's Greendale Ash, medium sized male, head needs time to break and could do with more masculinity at this age, well shaped eyes, good earset, correct stop, lovely neck and topline, adequate frontangulations, good backend, good depth in body but needs to develop in front, adequate bone, moved with good sidegait and good drive but needs to settle coming and going, lovely coat with correct texture, good eyebrows and beard.

PGD (1) 1. Blanco & Osborne's Lux vom Maibrook (Imp Deu), very nice male of excellent type, good size and proportions, well shaped masculine head with correct stop and good length in skull and muzzle, excellent set of neck, good topline, very well angulated both ends but could do with a better filling in front, deep body and good spring of ribs, excellent bone and feet, moves with powerful sidegait but a could be more solid in front, excellent tick and harsh coat with bushy eyebrows and beard, lovely temperament.

LD (4) 1. Jones' Mustwork Uland, such a beautiful well balanced specimen of the breed, loved the look of him, very calm, a leg in each corner without any excessive handling or effort of the owner, he just said "here I am!", beautiful masculine head with correct skull muzzle ratio, excellent stop, strong neck of good length, solid topline and correct tailset, extremely balanced in angulations, deep in body with excellent spring of ribs and well developed, strong bone with good feet, he had such a smooth movement covering plenty of ground, it looked so effortless, he had a fantastic coat of correct texture, lovely bushy eyebrows and excellent amount of beard, nothing overdone, he simply showed such a balanced and breedtypical outline that I had no problems to award him the CC. 2. Chrystie's Bareve Best Done Now, lovely well balanced male of good size and proportions, well shaped masculine head with good length in skull and muzzle, correct stop, lovely expression, excellent neck and topline, very good angulations in front and back, deep in body with enough substance, good bone, moved with good drive and reach in front, a touch soft in coat, good bushy eyebrows and beard. 3. Johnston's Germanus Plot Twist.

OD (3) 1. Donnelly's Sh Ch Kimmax Knock Yourself Out JW ShCM, very well balanced male of excellent typ, beautiful masculine head with correct length in skull and muzzle, excellent stop, lovely eyes and correct ears, good reach of neck, solid topline and correct tailset, lovely

frontassembly, good hindquarters, excellent body and substance, moved with excellent drive, could do with a touch more reach in front, lovely coat of correct harsh texture, excellent bushy eyebrows and maximum amount of beard, he had a lovely general appearance and I awarded him the RCC. 2. Russell's Ft Ch Tickencote One Way Ticket, lovely dog filled with breedtype, nice masculine head, good stop, correct earset and very calm and confident expression, could do with a bit stronger underjaw, lovely neck and topline, balanced angulations both end, correct spring of rib and depth in body, a touch long in loin, lovely bone, strong and powerful mover with good drive, he had a super coat of correct texture, probably the best of the day, fantastic temperament. 3. Mccullough's Sh Ch/Deu/VDH Ch Kimmax Kurious George Bs'17+'18 PB (4,1) 1. Jenkins & Waner's Tickencote Teach Me Tonight, 6 months old puppy that has a lovely frame to grow into, beautiful feminine head with a cheeky expression, good stop, correct earset, lovely neck and topline, very balanced in angulations, good depth in body and substance for her age, lovely bone and feet, very clever mover with good reach and drive, excellent coat of correct harsh texture, excellent bushy eyebrows and beard, really liked her a lot and I am sure we will hear more from her in the future. She was my Best Puppy 2. Kearns' Rudishaw Waltzing Matilda, powerful puppy of very good type, lovely well shaped head with correct proportions, good expression, very good neck and topline, a bit short in croupe and a high tailset, very well angulated both ends, excellent body and substance for her age, one the move she really needs to settle to give a better performance and overall picture but she has time on her side, lovely coat and texture with good eyebrows and beard. 3. Stamp's Tynsil Just One Smile.

JB (2) 1. Geary's Germanus Stands Out A Mile, very nice junior, excellent size and proportions, balanced outline, well shaped feminine head with good expression, correct stop, good reach of neck, strong topline and correct tailset, balanced angulated both ends, good depth in body but could do with more substance, moved out with excellent sidegait, a touch soft in coat but lovely bushy eyebrows and beard. 2. Turnbull's Kimmax Two Kan Play Elagram (ai), very feminine bitch, lovely head with good length in muzzle and skull, excellent expression, good neck and topline, very high tailcarriage which disturbed her outline, a bit upright in shoulder and straight in upperarm, good backend, excellent body and substance, moves with enough reach and drive, very nice coat and texture.

YB (1) 1. Pinkerton's Bareve Burra Burra Lake, beautiful and very typey young bitch with excellent size and proportions, lovely well shaped head with excellent expression and correct skull muzzle ratio, good stop, excellent set of neck, solid topline and correct tailset, very well angulated both ends, deep in body with excellent spring of ribs, strong bone, very strong and powerful on the move with excellent carriage, just a touch wide in front, fantastic tick harsh coat with perfect bushy eyebrows and beard.

PGB (8,1) 1. Johnston's Glenquin Enyo, very sweet and feminine bitch, long head with good proportions, excellent stop, lovely expression, correct set of neck and strong topline, high tailset and carriage, very well angulated both ends, deep body with excellent spring of ribs, lovely bone and feet, moved with excellent sidegait but a bit disturbed by her tail, lovely harsh coat and condition. 2. Jenkins & Warner's Glenquin Artemis for Gerstenfeld, good sized bitch with feminine head that could be a bit more refined, nice expression, good earset, strong jaws, very good set of neck, good topline and tailset, very well angulated both ends, deep in body but a bit long in loin, moved with good stride and lovely drive, excellent coat and texture. 3. Jones' Germany Dutch Delight.

LB (3) 1. Johnston's Glenquin Athena, the moment she came into my ring I knew she was the one to beat, wow, what a stunning bitch oozing breedtype and quality, beautiful head with lovely expression, excellent proportions in skull and muzzle and, the best of necks and strong and solid topline with correct tailset, textbook angulations and good depth in body with correct length, lovely bone and feet, it was the moment she went around the ring I couldn't stop smiling, she had the most smooth and effortless movement with strong drive and great reach in front and carried herself so easily and proud and I could watch her for hours, shown in the best thick and harsh coat with correct amount of bushy eyebrows and beard, I think so far this is the best bitch I have judged in this breed and without having to think about it I awarded her the CC and gladly gave her the BOB card as well, I was told this was her crowning CC and to top it off she also won the Gundog Group! A day not to forget by the owner nor me. 2. Morris & Evans Bareve by Kind Permission TAF, elegant bitch with long feminine head, good expression, correct stop, lovely neck and topline, very well angulated both ends, lovely body and substance with good spring of

ribs, excellent bone and feet, she moved with excellent sidegait, just needs to settle a bit coming and going with good carriage, very nice coat of correct texture, excellent eyebrows and beard. 3. Shepherd's Kimmax Klean Sweep.

OB (4) 1. Johnston's Sh Ch/Bel Ch Canis Fortuna Harda, stunning mature bitch of excellent breedtype and high quality, lovely feminine head with good length and strength in muzzle, excellent stop, strong neck with correct topline and tailset, very balanced in angulations, lovely body and substance and shown with hard muscletone, moved with a fantastic sidegait, lovely thick and harsh coat with correct amount of bushy eyebrows and beard, a pleasure to have her in my ring. 2. Mccullough's Kimmax Maid the Kut, very elegant bitch with lovely outline, well shaped feminine head, just a bit light in eye, good stop, correct length in muzzle, good reach of neck, strong topline and correct tailset, adequate angulations in front, good hindquarters, lovely body and substance, moved with excellent reach and drive, very good coat and condition with maximum amount of bushy eyebrows and beard. 3. Donnelly's Beechillawn Oooh Betty.

VB (2) 1. Jenkins Ch Kimmax Koming Home at Gerstenfeld, there is always a special feeling when we get these lovely veterans in the ring and they still are in the same league as all the younger ones, this bitch really stood out and in my notes it just stated that I loved her, beautiful outline with correct proportions, lovely feminine head with correct length and lovely expression, excellent set of neck, strong and solid topline, very well angulated both ends, lovely body and substance, a touch long in loin, when she moved she stood out and kept her lovely outline and had excellent reach and drive, she has a lovely breed typical thick and harsh coat with correct eyebrows and beard, it is a credit to the owner to keep her in this amazing condition and I was delighted to award her the RCC. 2. Chrystie's Bareve Bela Bela, powerful veteran bitch with a lovely feminine head and expression, ok stop, good length in muzzle and skull, very good neck and topline, balanced angulations, excellent body and substance, just a bit long in loin, lovely bone and feet, on the move she could have been a bit more stable, excellent harsh coat, lovely temperament.

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