Tyne, Wear & Tees Boxer Club - 4th May 2024Dog Judge: HANS ALMGREN [SWEDEN]

DCC Ch Macbarra Kickin Up A Storm at Glenauld JW (Misses. L & S Mair)
RDCC Arkeney Barrister (Ms. T. Nason)
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BP Sulez Striker at Glenauld (Misses. L & S Mair)

I was delighted get the invitation to judge at the Tyne, Wear & Tees Boxer Club 50th Celebration Championship (single breed) Show on Saturday 4th May 2024. The location at Meadowfield Leisure Centre near Durham. is a good place with a bit yellow light that make photographs a bit tricky to take, however the light yellow colour didn't interfere with the judging. Its an ideal place for 2 big rings; there were big doors that gave us a glance of the sun from outside and much needed fresh air aswell, so it made the judging pleasant.

It's a special feeling to judge Special Dog Shows and to judge Boxer especially in the UK is a great pleasure. Last time I judged Boxers was at the Essex and Eastern Counties Boxer Club in 2015.

This time I was asked to judge the Dogs and it was with pleasure I accepted it; with 56 entries and the total number of 113 Boxers, including females, is a good number at this time. My overall impression of the breed is that it keeps a very high level of quality on the top dogs. Breeders from different parts of the UK were showing and it's obvious that there is quality of Boxers spread over the Union.

This day early in the early spring we got sunshine outdoors and it would have been possible to carry out the show outdoor if it was known in advance but of course it was too early in the season to plan for that.

The quality of the Boxers are on a very high level as an average and compared to continental Europe and The Nordic countries. Especially the heads are better with less wide skulls and foreheads better pronounced with higher skulls. What is also different is the balance between front and rear. This gives balance in the movement and the level is reasonably sound. I would like to see less wrinkles on the head and less open eye lids but there were dogs shown with nearly perfect smooth skin and dry necks. Many have correct colouring with distinct strips following the ribs. An issue is, where are the red coloured males & females? - I miss the red colour dogs that gives an extra nice balance to a class when they appear at shows.

Lovely temperament on nearly all that were shown and not too short forefaces that has become a problem within some lines in several countries.

Some faults that were seen among the shown dogs are traditional problems:

erratic front movement and some that were a bit too long in the loin. A few had too much angulation in the rear and not in balance to the front assembly. As I mentioned last time when I judged the Boxers was that these faults could be seen on many other breeds and is not related to Boxers only.

What I liked mostly was when I saw the BOB dog stood by himself showing his short coupled body and well laid shoulders with balance to the rear, good muscles on the thigh and a pronounced forechest just standing and showing and saying: this is me !

I know the breeders are well aware of the faults that appear but what is more important is to continue breeding with the goal to keep this excellent standard that you have on Boxers and show the coming generation of breeders and owner how the breed should look like.

The best Boxers in UK can easily win in any country where quality counts. I cross my fingers that this situation continues and the new Boxer people take notice from the present dogs and breeders. Wish you all the luck.

Veteran - Dog Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1ST Olleyville Stanley Man at Whirlobox (Miss & Mrs M & S Littlewood & Bowler) Attractive 8.5 year "young" male. Nicely balanced when he is standing and moving. Masculine head with good height of skull. Well defined face mask. Well turned up lower jaw. Clean cheeks. Well rounded full dark brown eyes. Broad muzzle, wide jaws. Strong bone. Firm topline. Compact in proportion. Excellent bone with compact tight paws. Sound in construction. Could be better defined separated brindle markings. Typical sloping topline from withers to tailset. Well muscled all around. Can't hardly see his age. He became Best in Show Veteran.

2ND Jimmy Choo at Jinnybrux (Mrs & Miss W & S Brooks)

Another well balanced male (red). Strong body and bone, The age is only visible in his expression. Excellent height on legs. Compact body. Beautiful head wide jaws, deep underjaw. Beautiful outline with balanced bone to body. Deep chest, clean underline. Move with good stride and he is using his angulation and muscles well when moving. Smooth coat on a well muscled body. High quality male.

3RD Farvalley Dark Knight (Miss & Mrs Murfin & Renshaw-Turner)

Minor Puppy - Dog Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

1ST Sulez Striker at Glenauld (Misses. L & S Mair)

Well up on his legs. 7.5 month. He is in nice balance and early developed in size.

Square in proportion. Beautiful head with well defined stop and for his age broad muzzle with good depth. Dark eyes. Smooth skin. Beautiful well arched neckline. Excellent balance between body and bone. Covered ground well when moving. Needs to develop in his top-line. & needs to become deeper in chest. Lovely masculine expression. Well defined brindle markings. Nice white markings. High quality male that can become a winner in the coming years. Lovely temperament.

2ND Lanfrese Cantaro at Chribanna (Mr C Humphries)

6 month. He is very attractive with good height on skull well set ears. Developed forechest. Dark well rounded eyes. Broad muzzle and good depth. Masculine expression with a defined face mask, head need to develop. Love his outline. Compact square body. Firm strong paws. For a puppy quite steady in his movement. Just needs to become more deeper in the body and more substance. Excellent type. Close to no 1

Puppy - Dog Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1ST Surfstone A Few Good Men (Miss V Bell)

10.5 month old. Dark brindle markings - could be better defined. Square. Excellent substance for his age. Nice head with good details. Masculine expression. Well set ears. Correct well open nostrils. Well carried head. Medium strong bone, Firm correct sloping topline from withers to tailset. Smooth dense coat, laying well to body. Strong and deep in body with very nice stable movement. Balanced bone and compact tight paws. Lovely temperament.

2ND Glenauld The Chase (Misses. L & S Mair)

Balanced 6 month red male. Compact body. Good height Could be bit more clean on head. Excellent topline. Masculine head and expression with well rounded dark brown eyes. Excellent, high placed ears beautiful carried. Well defined forechest. Using his rear very well on his move. Needs to become deeper in body. Nice outline and proportion on body with attractive white markings. He is sound in his movement for the age and very nice temperament. Could be the winner on another day.

3RD Jeddhi Throught The Flame to Birleyvale (Mrs D Payne)

Junior - Dog Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1ST Jimbren The Irishman (Mrs & Mr. B & S Hare)

Another nice brindle male. Lovely head with full dark rounded eyes. Eyelids need to become a bit more tight. Well defined stop. Ears well set and carried. Strong correct jaws with good depth. Excellent pigment. Beautiful turn over from neck to withers. Strong neck that need to become a bit more dry. Excellent firm correct sloping topine from withers to tailset. Good substance in body. Wide thigh muscles. Compact in proportion. Well defined forechest, long breastbone. Moves with style and carried himself well. Nice size, attractive masculine dog.

2ND **Sashbob Never Would I Ever from Berwynfa** (Ms & Mrs. C & C. Johnson & Pynegar) Beautiful young male, excellent head that needs to become a bit more dry on the skull. Excellent substance of bone and body. Movement balanced with good reach in the front. Correct dark facemask. Deep chin and wide jaws with correct undershot. Well open nosetrils. Firm in muscles and compact showing his firm topline and correct sloping. Correct short, dense strong coat laying well to body. He uses his angulation well when moving. Strong bone for his age. Lovely temperament.

Yearling - Dog Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1ST Ch Sulez Scorcher at Glenauld JW (Misses. L & S Mair)

Dark brindle male, could be more clean in the basecolour. Must not become any stronger in head. Smooth head, balanced between muzzle and skull. Broad foreface. Broad jaws. Correct bite and big teeth. Good strong long neck with good reach. Deep, quite long chest. Good depth in body, a bit open in angulation in front. Dark eyes, correctly apart placed. Square in proportion with sloping topline from withers to tailset. Smooth well laying coat to body. Firm broad well muscled in loin. Deep chest and well developed forechest. Compact feet. Can improve in his movement. Handled nicely.

2ND Ygogarth Space Oddity (Mr J. Lord)

Light brindle markings. Nice head, could be a stronger in foreface. Eyes of middle brown colour. Well set and carried ears. Enough neck. Good muscles all around. Needs more volume in his chest. Compact tight feet. Could be a bit longer on legs to meet body length. Nice mover. Excellent size. Continue developing in the muscles. Nice temperament.

3RD Boxsanuk Gelso (Mr & Mrs. C & T Foster)

Novice - Dog Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1ST Willow Stardust (Mr. A Payne)

12.5 month male. Well balanced dog. Compact strong bone. Head correct brick like, good proportions. Smooth cheeks & deep chin. Long chest and breastbone. Flexible forehand and compact feet. Needs to become a bit more filled out under eyes but he has the time to complete there. Dark brindle with defined brindle markings. Nice proportions. Beautiful head. Broad foreface. Dark eyes. Correct strong bite. Strong teeth in a straight line. Well muscled. Good reach of a clean neck. Deep chest nicely ribbed just need a bit more width at the bottom of chest. Short strong back. Becomes better and better the more he is moving. Attractive young male.

2ND Boxfrench Janus (Mr. C Alderson)

Brindle male with correct masculine nice head and active expression. Dark eyes. Correct dark pigment. Excellent dark facemask. Well open nostrils. Could have a bit deeper chin. Needs a lot more training for both handler and dog to show all the positive parts of this nice dog.

Debutant - Dog Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1ST Boxfrench Janus (Mr. C Alderson)

Brindle male with correct masculine nice head and active expression. Dark eyes. Correct dark pigment. Excellent dark facemask. Well open nostrils. Could have a bit deeper chin. Dense coat laying tight to body. Nice temperament. Needs a lot more training for both handler and dog to show all the positive parts of this nice dog.

Graduate - Dog Entries: 6 Absentees: 2

1ST Ulverbox Magic And Mayhem (Miss A. Robinson)

2.5 years high quality brindle male. Strong and masculine head. Could be a bit more dry on skull. Dark well apart eyes with attractive correct expression. Excellent length of foreface to skull. Compact and square strong male. Well placed and carried ears. Strong muscles all around and strong bone. Compact tight feet. Excellent mover with parallel stable movement. Smooth well laying coat. Short strong back. Broad thigh muscles. Firm broad and well muscled in loin. Lovely breed type.

2ND Danlow Magic Bullet (Mr & Mrs. J & P. Lowery)

Red male with a clean head and dark pigment. Deep dark facemask covering eyes well. Long breastbone. Well spring of ribs and good depth in the chest. Strong firm topline. Excellent high placed ears kept tight to head and of good size. Really nice front construction correct angulation with excellent length of the shoulders and upper arms. Correct size. Typical sloping topline from wither to tailset. Compact tight feet. Coat is short and dense laying well to body. Sound standing. Can develop in the rear movement with a bit more power. Attractive male, close to no1.

3RD Winuwuk Line Of Duty for Enesha (Mrs & Mr. Peck & Ames)

Post Graduate - Dog Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1ST Yeteb Totally Charming JW (Mrs & Miss. E & V. Mconald)

23 month. Brindle male with an excellent head with good height on skull. Defined stop and clean head. Wide strong jaws, well open nostrils. Broad muzzle. Dark eyes with tight eyelids. Excellent well rounded neck carrying head proudly. Excellent balance between front and rear. Long croup with correct angulation gives good connection for the muscles. Excellent tail placement. Strong muscles on his broad loin and wide thighs. Medium strong bone compact body with nice proportion. Carried himself well standing and moving. Compact tight feet. Low set hocks. Keep topline firm all the time. Dense short, well laying of coat with correct brindle stripes.

Limit - Dog Entries: 14 Absentees: 1

1ST Arkeney Barrister (Ms. T. Nason)

Attractive dark brindle male. Medium brown eyes. Middle size build with good substance. Beautiful head, dark pigment with dark facemask. Beautiful profile with balance in body to bone. Sound construction. Head in balance to body with broad muzzle and excellent well open nostrils. Strong neck with good reach and firm sloping topline. Firm broad muscles over the loin. Short well laying nice coat. He is using his angulation and bone to his advantage when moving. All this together gives him the first place in this class. Nice temperament. **RCC dog**

2ND Danlow Chance To Dream (Mr & Mrs. J & P. Lowery)

3 years old brindle male. Beautiful head, masculine expression, wide muzzle with well open nostrils and good depth in the under jaw, wide strong jaws. Full dark well placed eyes. Excellent height on skull, well defined stop. Nice arched quite long neck, well matured forechest. Well up on his legs and square in proportions. Well constructed and excellent balance between front and rear, with strong bone. Long croup correct angulated. A male full of quality. He improved his movement while he was moving - moved with a good stride. Balanced between bone and body. Lovely temperament.

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Olleyville James Dean at Whirlobox (Miss & Mrs. M & S. Littlewood & Bowler

Open - Dog Entries: 10 Absentees: 1

1ST Ch Macbarra Kickin Up A Storm at Glenauld JW (Misses. L & S Mair)

2 year. Lovely masculine head with clean cheeks Head with good height on skull. Muzzle broad and deep with even strong jaws. Well turned up underjaw. Excellent lipline. Dark well apart placed rounded eyes. Well open nostrils. High set of well carried ears. Deep black facemask cover eyes well. Attractive brindle well constructed strong without being heavy. Short compact and square male, brindle with excellent stripes following the ribs. Carried himself to his advantage. Well defined forechest and long breastbone. Firm topline sloping nicely to tailset. Broad thigh muscles, excellent angulation in rear. Beautiful silhouette square in proportion. Compact tight feet. Shoulders long and nice sloping laying close to chest. Balanced sound mover. Lovely temperament. Firm well developed muscles.

He became my winner with CC and later on also Best In Show. Congratulations to breeder, owner and handler ! CC BOB and BIS

2ND Ch Boxania Romanoff to Jeddhi (Mr & Mr. D & S. McCarthy & Gething)

2 year old brick shape of head. Masculine head with broad, deep and powerful muzzle. Full dark well rounded eyes placed well apart. Excellent height on skull. Attractive brindle male with correct stripes following the ribs. Compact square with a lovely profile. Lower jaw with curving slightly upward to get an excellent depth of the muzzle. Well built with strong bone and well developed muscles. He is very sound in his construction with a lot of Boxer breed type. Well rounded neck elegant arched and good reach. Parallel in his stable movement. Compact high feets. Very sound balanced standing and moving. Keeps his topline steady when moving. Short, glossy and tight coat laying well to body. Lovely temperament. Close to number 1

3RD Ch Cherryforge Galileo (Mrs. Y. Cherry)