

LKA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 9th December 2023

My thanks to exhibitors for the excellent entry, making for an enjoyable day's judging. Quite a variation in size and shape with a few more short tails than last time I judged. Heads were variable, but overall, eye shape and set seems to have improved. Pigmentation was good and only a few with weakish underjaws. All exhibits were beautifully presented, but a some lacked muscletone which showed in their movement as it did on some with straight shoulders.

MPD (5) 1 Miles' Milesend Vintage Gold. Very promising 6 m sh sable who presents a lovely balanced outline. Excellent head shape and proportions. Well set ears with good eye shape and colour. Straight front, well boned. Graceful neck, good shoulders and matching rear angulation. Ribcage OK for age. Good length to tail, coat as one would expect at this age. Moved well when he got his act together. BPD. 2 Arkley's Amethricka Perfect Spirit. 7 m sable with good overall shape and balance. Nicely proportioned head with well shaped eyes of good colour, carried his ears well. Good bone. Complementary front and rear angulation. Coat good for age, moved well. 3 Berry's Smiddyshaw Here I Go Again.

PD (4) 1 Winfield's Oakcroft The Mandalorian. 11 m sable/w. Nicely constructed with good bone. Nice eye and expression, carries his ears well. Straight front, arch to neck, good shoulder angulation and well off for rib. Level topline, nice slope to croup, good tailset and carriage. Well muscled and in good coat for age, moved well. 2 Parker's Edglonian Prime Target With Tolarock. 9 m sh sable. Nice outline with well carried head of good shape and proportions. Well shaped eye, alert expression. Nicely boned, a little narrow in front which should improve with age. Balanced front and rear angulation, ribcage good for age. Nicely coated, moved OK. 3 Miles' Keycharm Music Man Of Milesend.

JD (3,1 abs) 1 Walker's Tooralie Tornado. 17 m black/w. Well balanced all through with good outline. Nice enough head with good eyes for shape, set and colour. Carries his ears well. Well boned with straight front and good ribbing. Level topline, nicely shaped croup, moved true. 2 Mitchell's Valdosta Gracelands JW. 15 m sable/w. Nicely boned and well coated, with good depth to chest. A tad short in back and croup a little steep. Moved steadily, preferred head and eye of 1.

YD (3). 1 Robertson's Afterglow Goldberg At Vidlinvoe. 22 m sh sable. Balanced all through with correct amount of bone. Nicely shaped head with well set and carried ears. Dark eyes of good shape and set. Straight front, adequate shoulder angulation with good depth of chest. Level topline, nicely sloping croup. Well muscled, in good coat, moved well. 2 Norris's Ferngrove's Valentino JW. 23 m sable/w. Nicely boned, stands a little narrow in front. Adequate shoulder angulation and balanced rear angulation, chest to elbow, level topline nice slope to croup. Well coated and presented, moved steadily. Preferred head and eye of 1. 3 Clayson's Lavlika's prince Misha.

GD (5,1) 1 Walker's T Tornado. 2 Varnow's Milesend Black Tartan. 2 y tri. Nice size and balance. Head OK but eye a little round. Well boned, straight front, adequate shoulder angulation and enough depth to rib. Level topline, well shaped croup, in good coat and condition. True, steady mover. 3 Durrant's Borderpride Viva Las Vegas at Lodurr.

PGD (9,4) 1 Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo At Lochkaren JW (Imp Swe). 2 y rich sable of good overall shape and balance. Well shaped head with sufficient stop. Nice eyes for shape, set and colour. Well carried ears. Good bone, straight front, complementary front and rear angulation, plenty of depth to rib. Level topline, nicely angled croup, good tailset and carriage. Well coated, reachy true mover. 2 Brady's Afterglow Sky Miles To Bordercot. 2 y b/m. Slightly longer in body than 1, but nicely boned with straight front, and good ribcage for depth and length. Balanced front and rear angulation, level topline, well coated. Moved a little close behind. Preferred head and eye of 1. 3 Varnow's Milesend Blue Jeans.

LD (13,5) 1 Robinson's Lavika Moonlight Storm JW. 20 m dog of good quality. Well put together all through with correctly proportioned and balanced head with well shaped and set eyes and nicely carried ears. Noticeable forechest, straight front with good shoulders and balanced rear angulation.

Well ribbed, good topline and croup, well muscled, in good coat, outmoved the others. One to watch. 2 Bastiani & John's Auberswell Ghost Rider. 4 y sable/w with much to like. Balanced throughout with good bone. Masculine head without being coarse, nice eyes and good earset. Straight front, adequate shoulders, good depth and spring of rib. Well coated, just not quite the movement of 1. 3 Glover-Guest's Doonlodge The Explorer.

OD (10,5) Quality class. 1 Pearson's Ch Edglonian Golden Graham. Eyecatching 3 y heavily coated rich sable/w. Everything in the right place. Nicely boned. Lovely head proportions, kind expression from well shaped and set eyes. Good earset. Straight front, well angulated front and rear. Chest to elbow. Level topline, good croup and length of tail. Immaculately presented and handled to get the best out of him on the move. CC, BOB, Group 2. 2 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob JW. 5 y sable. Correctly boned with lovely head shape and balance. Kind expression from well shaped and set eyes. Good ear carriage. Excellent front with noticeable forechest, and chest down to elbow. Well angulated front and rear, level topline with nice slope to croup. In lovely coat and condition. RCC. Just more drive on the move than 3 Robinson's Ch Lavika Starlight Salute.

VD (2) 1 Bray's Ch Lianbray Lothario JW. BVD. 7 y sable of good overall shape and balance. Nice head with good eyes for shape, set and colour. Well boned, straight front, with good depth of chest. Complementary front and rear angulation. Level topline, good croup and tailset. Moved well and in better coat than 2 Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream JW. 11 y sh sable. Nicely put together with good bone. Nice head, eyes and ears. Adequate shoulder angulation with good depth to rib. Well bodied, not quite as settled on the move as 1.

GCD (3) 1 Gamble's Solyric Inaugural Gold JW OSW. 6 y sable/w. Nicely put together but a bit out of coat at present. Head OK with nice eyes and good earset. Well boned, straight front with adequate front and rear angulation. Good depth of chest, outmoved the others. 2 Barnett's Dippersmoor Daquiri At Sonspirit. 2 y sh sable. Head a little coarse for me and heavily boned. Good overall body shape, well ribbed and in good coat. Moved OK, but not the drive of 1. 3 Clayson's Lavika's Prince Misha.

MPB (12,4) Some nice youngsters here. 1 Hayhurst's Keycharm Sweet Candy. 8 m sable. Very promising youngster, well balanced all through and nicely boned. Lovely feminine head, sweet expression, well set ears. Straight front, good forechest, well shaped ribcage of good length. Kept her topline well, nice sweep to croup. Well coated for age. BP, PG4. Had the edge on movement over 2 Hateley's Mohnesee's Maliya. Another promising sable youngster of just 6 m with lots to like. Nicely boned, with good head and eyes, straight front, nicely ribbed and in good coat for age. Sympathetically handled, moved true. 3 Robinson's Lavika Sunset Rose.

PB (13,5) 1 Hateley's M Maliya. 2 Barnett & Tunnickliffe's Dippersmoor's In Dreams. 10 m tri of good overall shape and balance. Head proportions on the right lines. Nicely boned. Straight front, adequate shoulder angulation and good depth of chest, well coated, moved OK. 3 Walker's Tooralie's Mossyfox My Trinity.

JB (5,3) 1 Mitchell's Valdosta Goddess JW. 15 m sable/w. Well proportioned and balanced throughout. Feminine head of good shape with sweet expression. Nicely boned with straight front, noticeable forechest and good depth of chest. Balanced front and rear angulation. Level topline, well muscled and in super coat for age. Fluent on the move. 2 Jeavon's Wylwind Designed For Grandgables (Saf). Nicely balanced 12 m tri, with good bone. Well shaped head, nice eyes for shape and set. Good front and shoulders, well ribbed, in good muscular condition, moved well, but not in her best coat.

YB (4,2) 1 Goodwin's Herds Height Of Fashion At Highbrook. 20m sable/w. Well proportioned with good bone. Feminine head with nice eye for shape, colour and expression. Well set and carried ears. Straight front with balanced front and rear angulation. Good depth to chest and level topline. Nicely sloping croup, strong hocks, well muscled and better on the move than 2 Hayhurst's Keycharm Samba. 19 m sable of similar build to 1. Nice head and eye, good neck and shoulders, nicely coated with good topline. Stands narrower in front than 1.

GB (5,2) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee's Maebelle JW. 23 m sable of good type. Feminine head with good eyes and ears. Well boned with nicely arched neck. Straight front with chest down to elbow, balanced front and rear angulation. Strong topline, smooth slope to croup. Strong hocks, in good coat, moved true. 2 Rossiter's Molson More About Me At Cocaro. 2 y sable/w. Finer all through than 1, but balanced overall shape. Good front and shoulders, nicely ribbed, level topline, well coated. Not as good in head as 1 and not as settled on the move.

PGB (8,4) 1 Goodwin's Rannerdale Honey Bee At Highbrook. 3 y sable/w. A well balanced nicely built b with good bone. Well shaped strong head retaining femininity. Eyes well set and of good shape. Well carried ears. Straight front, with good depth of chest and well laid shoulder. Ribcage of good length. Level topline, enough slope to croup. Well coated and presented, good on the move. 2 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reality JW. 2 y sable/w. Well boned with good overall shape. Nice enough head with well shaped eyes and attentive expression. Straight front with chest down to elbow. Nicely angled front and rear. Level topline, in good coat, moved OK. 3 Kennedy's Oakcroft Aurora Dream At Dombely.

LB (10,1) 1 Rowan's Sonymer Illusive Gold At Rowancrest. 2 y sable. Very feminine and nicely constructed. Lovely head and eye with sweet expression. Well boned with good forechest, straight front and good depth to chest. Well angled front and rear. Level topline, good croup and tailset. Well muscled, excellent mover, just needs to coat up to complete the picture. 2 Standlick's Lavika Lagoon Blue Of Macstanryn. 3 y b/m. Another balanced feminine b with similar qualities to 1 Nicely boned, good head and eye, straight front, graceful neck, good shoulders and rear angulation. In hard condition, moved well but not quite the drive of 1. 3 Sutherland's Shelcrest Winter Solstice At Suthesley JW.

OB (8,3) 1 Raaff's Molson Miss Congeniality For Stormraven Ultra feminine 3 y sable. Beautifully balanced all through with lovely head and eye, giving sweet expression. Well set and carried ears. Good bone. Straight front with noticeable forechest, nicely arched neck, good shoulder angulation, well ribbed. Level topline, smooth croup. Strong, straight hocks giving drive to movement. In super coat, well presented and put down to the minute. Elegance personified. BCC. 2 Pearson's Edglonian Starlet. 2 y sable. Another nice one with good overall balance, feminine head, nice eye and expression. Nicely boned, straight front, good neck and shoulders, plenty of depth to ribcage. Level topline on the move. In hard muscular condition and good coat. Moved true. 3 Hardy's Standwick Stage Show.

VB (6,1) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lucky Star JW. 8 y sh sable of nice type with everything in the right place. Balanced feminine head with good eye and ears, calm expression. Nicely boned with straight front and noticeable forechest, well ribbed. Level topline, smooth slope to croup. In hard condition and excellent coat for quality and depth. Well presented, sprightly on the move with drive from strong hocks. RCC, BV. 2 Jeavons & Koenen's Slo Ch Navarram Fortuna Girl (IKC). 7 y b/m. Heavier built than 1 but balanced throughout. Nice head properties, well boned, good front and depth of chest. Super coat condition, well muscled, moved well. 3 Kennedy's Lirren Blue Gamble At Dombeley.

GCB (4,1) 1 Deveson's Milesend Sea Pearl. 7 y sh sable. Nicely boned with good depth of chest. Head a little coarse for me. Straight front, level topline, nice slope to croup, well coated, better on the move than 2 Cheal's Valdosta Galadriel At Faemadra JW. 17 m sable/w whose lack of coat didn't show her at her best. Balanced outline, adequately boned. Nice enough head, kind expression from dark eyes, good earset. Tad straight in shoulder and ribcage could be longer. Moved true.

Judge - Mick Taylor