

5th National Bullmastiff Specialty (2011)

Breed Class Results

Judge - Ms Mary Barbara Walsh - Blackslate Kennels USA

Baby Puppy Dog (11)

1st - Bullsrkool Gift From Above - A Tito - beautiful head, bite, dark eye good masking pattern, broad muzzle good bone and substance, good topline and correct tail set. Happy free moving -best mover of class.

2nd - Bullofglory Copper Loadofthis - J Johnson - good head, bite, lighter eye, slightly higher in rear, good bone and substance moving well probable growth spurt

3rd - Aussienight Dodge in Fame - A. Graveson - pretty fawn. Good head lighter eye, good bone and substance, balanced not using himself as well moving

4th - Nightquest So You Think - M Edwards

5th- Volane Izova Woodroffe - W Bridgewater

6th - Nightquest Danewin - M Edwards

Minor Puppy Dog (6)

1st - Rossotorro Remy Ragazzo - S Sayers - good head, bite, heavy boned puppy, good substance but wouldn't want to see any more weight at this age. High in rear, moving adequately

2nd - Remyk Vandiemens Own - K & J Taylor - good head not as strong as first puppy. High in rear, moving clean

3rd - Onduty Smarterthnthaveragebear - G Manlein & K Higgs - attractive brindle, high in rear needs more bend of stifle in rear and more substance that may come with maturity.

Puppy Dog (5)

1st - Banobrae Duke of Earl - J Karena - pretty red, good head, lighter eye, slightly longer in body but balanced front and rear, nice angles , good topline . Best mover, clean coming and going.

2nd - Nightquest Kingcraft - M Edwards - nice red, not as mature in head as first dog, chest needs to drop, good bone, moved well

3rd - Game Keepers Will If I Want (Imp Nor) - V & S Ellis - young fawn, up on leg, good bone, pleasing head, good bite, lighter eye, good topline, moved freely needs maturity

Junior Dog (5)

1st - Bullvalour Southern Storm - A & M Raftis - Handsome youngster. Soft sweet expression, lovely headpiece good bite, dark eye, good cheek development, broad muzzle that should get better with maturity. Good bone, topline balanced front and rear, correct tail length. Chest needs to drop. Clean coming and going. Can only get better with maturity.

2nd- Valgerd Storm Chaser - K Sands - another pleasing red male. Good headpiece, good bone and substance. High in rear and would like better tail set and length. Moved well

3rd - Bullvalour Lightning Storm - N & S Lofthouse / P & N Spice - litter brother to class winner. Good headpiece, lighter eye, good bone, topline Balanced but straighter in front and rear. Needs maturity. Moved well.

Intermediate Dog (13)

1st - Ch Alegrian The Terminator - D Gilby - Beautiful headpiece. Good bite, good bone and substance. Correct length. Would have liked a better topline. Clean coming and going.

2nd - Kugel Burly Bruno (Imp NZ) - J Bradley - pleasing male but would like more substance at this age. Needs more definite stop and fill under eyes. Good bone for size. Balanced front and rear with good topline. Free moving and beautifully presented.

3rd - Gameguard The Govenor - G Sparham - pretty fawn with good masking, good muzzle. Balanced front and rear with good substance.

4th - Kimbullad Bullwinkle - K Rogers

5th - Ch Onduty Hellboy - A Crane & G Malein

6th - Bullsrkool Kodas Blazin Trail - B Henry

Aust Bred Dog (16)

1st - Bullmaster US Marshall - Bullmaster Kennels - Beautiful headpiece, broad underjaw, good bite. Rich red color with excellent masking. Good bone and substance, short coupled. Up on leg Moderate angles. Good topline Moved freely

2nd - Ch Onduty Lockstocknbarrel - G Manlein & K Higgs - Pretty fawn. Good headpiece. Good bone and substance Moderate angulation slightly higher in rear with higher tail set Moved well

3rd - Bullbadean Attitude Plus - A Thomson & C Tate - Pleasing fawn good bone and substance would like to see more length of leg. Clean coming and going.

4th - Ch Bullsrkool Happy Feet - G & P Barber

5th - Gr Ch Brinkybull Wilfy's Lad - S Brinkworth

6th - Bullalryl Dark Lancer - A Graveson

Open Dog (12)

1st - Gr Ch Anmenta Blonde Ambition - A & M Smith - Handsome fawn. Lovely headpiece - Broad skull with good ear set good cheek, broad muzzle with strong underjaw but undershot. Eyes lighter. Beautiful dark masking set against a clear fawn coat. Excellent bone and substance. Level topline with correct tail set and carriage. Nice arch of neck .Compact body Moderate angulation front and rear. Good feet. Dog was in rock hard condition. Effortlessly covered ground .

2nd - Ch Grizzmuffley Get Wild - B & S Wehmeier - Pleasing red male with a lovely headpiece. Broad skull with dark eye, sweet expression. Good bite and underjaw. Would have liked to see him use his ears more to complement the symmetry of his head. Good bone and substance. Level topline Moderate angulation, moved freely

3rd - Ch Treebrook Ilex - B & K Marion - Clear fawn with good headpiece. Good bone and substance Good topline with nice arch of neck. Lower tail set. Moved well.

4th Ch Gameguard Yukon - G Sparham

5th - Ch Soloshel Midnite Nitros - B Dawson

6th - Ch Bullmaster Texas Ranger - Bullmaster Kennels

CHALLENGE DOG - GR CH ANMENTA BLONDE AMBITION

RES CHALLENGE DOG - CH GRIZZMUFFLEY GET WILD

Baby Puppy Bitch (18)

1st - Bullofglory Perfect Platinum - W Geatches & C Somerville - Lovely sweet expression, excellent headpiece, broad muzzle, dark masking, good bone and substance for age, nice arch of neck, balanced front and rear, good topline best mover in class- clean coming and going, free and happy.

2nd - Anmenta Silver Fern - A & M Smith - pretty fawn, sweet expression, good topkull and ear set, broad muzzle, good dark masking pattern, good bone and substance for age, balanced front and rear, slightly higher in rear probably age related. Moved well.

3rd - Aussienight Paris In Show - A Graveson - another pretty young lady, sweet expression, good topkull and ear set, dark masking pattern, good bone and substance for age, slightly higher in rear probably age related, less rear angulation. Moved well.

4th - Nightking Bitter Tears - A & N Wallis

5th - Grizzmuffley Baby I Dont Care - B & S Wehmeier

6th - Grizzmuffley If Looks Could Kill - B & S Wehmeier

Minor Puppy Bitch (6)

1st - Bullalryll Shes A Pearler - C Jenkins - young brindle chosen for overall balance. Good side gate moved freely with level topline. Good topkull but needs to use ears more for expression, need better underjaw and fill, undershot. nice angles She will hopefully grow into body with maturity.

2nd - Costog Killertons Storm Rising - R Oma -Short coupled fawn with pleasing head, nice masking pattern, good substance and bone. Balanced with slightly straighter angles, higher in rear, moved well

3rd - Bullmighty Ugly Betty - B Dawson - Good brindle, nice topkull with good ear set and using them well. Good muzzle and underjaw. Good bone and substance. Higher in rear, balanced with straighter angles.

4th - Bullmighty Uptown Girl - B Dawson

5th - Japhtabull Forever Young - W & E Fiddling

6th - Nightbringer Twisted Impact - R & R Jackson

Puppy Bitch (8)

1st - Nightquest Rose of England - M Edwards - Lovely young red bitch with an excellent headpiece. Broad topskull, good ear set and carriage, broad muzzle with good bite, lovely masking pattern showing off sweet, alert expression. Good bone and substance. Balanced and front and rear. Level topline with good tail set and length. Lovely arch of neck. Moved freely on a loose lead. My eye was drawn to her immediately- a standout.

2nd - Brinkybull Sugar Mountain - S Brinkworth - Pretty fawn with good head, good bone and substance. Slightly higher in rear, moved well

3rd - Brinkybull Cinnamon Girl - M McDermott - litter sister to 2nd place. Good head, bone and substance. Balanced, moving well

4th - Brinkybull Cowgirl In Time - M O'Callaghan

Junior Bitch (9)

1st - Gameguard Dora The Explorer - G Sparham - Pretty fawn with lovely headpiece. Good bone and substance balanced front and rear, good topline, moved well.

2nd - Ch Bullsrkool Sweet Child O Mine - A Tito - Also pretty red with lovely typey headpiece, nice expression. Good bone and substance, good topline, less rear angulation, moved well

3rd - Bullalryll Rohza - C Jenkins - Nice brindle, pleasing head, good bone and substance, topline level, lower tail set

4th - Nightquest Airs and Graces - H Hillam & M Edwards

Intermediate Bitch (20)

1st - Ch Bulavista Mississippi Girl - V & S Ellis - Stunning red with coal black mask and ears. Excellent headpiece.- broad topskull with correct ear set, dark eye, good cheek development, good muzzle with broad underjaw with tight reverse scissor bite. Lovely arch of neck set on correctly angulated shoulders balancing with correct rear angulation. Level topline with correct tail set and length. Chest well let down, tight feet. Substantial yet feminine. Clean coming and going. Side gait – smooth, powerful. She just floated.

2nd - Ch Allegrian Lil Red Corvette - D Gilby - another pretty red with a lovely headpiece. Broad topskull with good ear set, good muzzle and bite, nice masking pattern. Good bone and substance. Level topline moved well

3rd - Ch Bulavista Tennessee Lass - W Geatches & C Somerville - Litter sister to class winner. Pretty red with lovely headpiece. Good bone and substance, level topline. Straighter in layback in front and rear. Moving well

4th - Volane Izova Cherokee - W Bridgewater

5th - Grizzmuffley Valentina - R Crilly / B & S Wehmeier

6th - Ch Robangie Roberta - A Pearson & A Whitaker

Aust Bred Bitch (23)

1st - Costog Ernies Little Treasure - G Sparham - Lovely typey fawn with excellent headpiece. Good topskull with correct ear set, good cheek development, broad muzzle with good fill under eye. Good underjaw and bite. Nice arch of neck. Good bone and substance. Level topline. Clean coming and going. Good mover

2nd - Ch Bullmaster Fifth Avenue - Bullmaster Kennels - Pretty fawn with good headpiece. Nice masking pattern. Good substance and bone, balanced front and rear. Correct tail set and length. Moved well

3rd - Ch Nightquest Belle Du Jour - M Edwards - Pretty red with typey headpiece. Good bone and substance. Balanced front and rear. Good topline. Slightly longer in body. Moving well.

4th - Ch Anmenta Grand By Design - A & M Smith

5th - Ch Bulavista Deltablue Mill - C Mutton & B Wright

6th - Ch Bulavista Millsweet Sari - S & V Ellis

Open Bitch (17)

1st - Ch Bulavista Downunder Diva - V & S Ellis - Lovely substantial red with excellent headpiece. Broad top skull with correct ear set. Nice dark eye, good cheek development. Broad muzzle with good fill under the eyes, broad underjaw, undershot, desirable coal black masking pattern. Good bone and substance, nice arch of neck, level topline with correct tail set and length. Moved well

2nd - Ch Japhtabull Mehni - M O'Callaghan - Pretty substantial girl with typey head, good bone and substance, nice arch of neck, good topline. Would like more angulation in rear.

3rd - Ch Anmenta Grand Seduction - A & M Smith - Typey brindle girl with good headpiece. Good bone and substance good topline, less angulated in rear.

4th - Ch Costogs Hidcotes Treasure - R Oma

5th - Ch Brinkybull New Era - S Brinkworth

6th - Ch Nightquest Scarlet - M Edwards

CHALLENGE BITCH - CH BULAVISTA MISSISSIPPI GIRL

RES CHALLENGE BITCH - NIGHTQUEST ROSE OF ENGLAND

BEST IN SHOW - GR CH ANMENTA BLONDE AMBITION - Outstanding fawn with a beautiful headpiece, overall balance and outstanding condition. He personified "high spirited" as he went around the ring obviously enjoying the crowd. He is quite the showman and I was floored to find out that he was eight years old. He looked and acted like a dog half his age!

RUNNER UP IN SHOW - CH BULAVISTA MISSISSIPPI GIRL - Stunning beautifully balanced red bitch, substantial yet feminine – a lovely complement to BIS dog. She moved with power and grace.

BABY IN SHOW - BULLSRKOOL GIFT FROM ABOVE

MINOR IN SHOW - BULLALYRLL SHES A PEARLER

PUPPY IN SHOW - NIGHTQUEST ROSE OF ENGLAND

JUNIOR IN SHOW - BULLVALOUR SOUTHERN STORM

INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW - CH BULAVISTA MISSISSIPPI GIRL

AUST BRED IN SHOW - COSTOG ERNIES LITTLE TREASURE

OPEN IN SHOW - GR CH ANMENTA BLONDE AMBITION

Australian National Specialty 2011 Critique

Little did I know that when my husband and I purchased our first Bullmastiff some 30 odd years ago, my obsession with the breed would take me half way around the world to Australia. As a breeder, it is an honor and privilege to judge Bullmastiffs at a National level and this show was no exception. The show grounds at Cranbourne are a dog lovers dream come true. It is the perfect venue for such an endeavor .It allows the dogs to be exhibited under the best possible conditions and at the same time is very user friendly for both exhibitors and general public. It was readily evident how much thoughtful planning and attention to detail was taken by the show committee to make the Nationals such a success. A special thanks to Mr. Kevin Collicutt. Kevin has been a lifesaver these past weeks helping me with my travel concerns and providing me with a wealth of information regarding standard comparison and procedure. With an entry this size, it would have been impossible to judge in a timely manner without the help of Mr. Peter Harrison, ring steward and Mr. Anthony Price my assembly steward. They were so well organized and worked so efficiently together that I was totally able to concentrate on the dogs knowing that ring procedure was being correctly followed.

Since this was my first time in Australia, I had no idea what to expect regarding the state of the breed. It was such a pleasant surprise to find such quality throughout the classes. Quality in the bitch classes was exceptional and the dogs when they were good were outstanding. It was a pleasure to judge such well trained dogs and I so appreciated the courtesy show to me by the exhibitors. I have always considered myself somewhat of a “head “person and you can’t imagine what a wonderful time I had feeling so many broad muzzles with the correct fill under the eyes. This feature is so necessary for the correct muzzle to skull ratio. It isn’t just padding on the muzzle but rather correct skeletal structure (canine teeth set wide apart, broad underjaw) underneath that makes the desired square on square appearance. This is such a key type point and I found it in abundance. Bites on the whole were very good. I saw perhaps one or two slightly wry bites. The majority of underjaws were broad and not tapered at the end. On the other hand, several exhibits had lower incisors that were misplaced rather than in a straight line with the canines. Eye color was an issue as far too many exhibits had light eyes. Several also had in this author’s opinion, a tendency toward entropion and ectropion. These are two health conditions that we as breeders should zealously guard against. Ear carriage was another area of concern. Many of the youngsters needed their ears taped as soon as possible as they were already starting to “crinkle” or fold improperly. Just as padding on the muzzle is” frosting on the cake”, ears laying close to the skull complete the picture. No matter how good the muzzle, how well developed the cheek, without v shaped ears properly folded, lying close against the skull the overall symmetry of the head is lost. Tails length was also an area of concern. Many were noticeably short. A strong tail broad at the root and tapering to the hock serves a rudder helping balancing rear movement.

Breeders should be complimented on the fitness of their exhibits. The vast majority of the dogs were carrying the proper bone and substance for their age and coats overall were in excellent condition. Movement on the whole was very good and usually age related. It was a pleasant surprise to see so many of the younger classes of both sexes moving so well. Straightness in shoulders and hindquarters continues to haunt the breed and we as breeders must work to correct this imbalance. Temperament was excellent throughout. It was very apparent to me that exhibitors had taken great care in socializing their dogs’ .I hope that my delight in judging all of the dogs was self-evident. It was such a joy to have so many wonderful specimens to choose from. Once again, it was a pleasure and honor to judge your dogs and I truly feel that our wonderful breed is in good hands here in Australia.

Best in Show/Challenge Dog- Gr Ch. Anmenta Blond Ambition- Outstanding fawn with a beautiful headpiece, overall balance and outstanding condition. He personified “high spirited” as he went around the ring obviously enjoying the

crowd. He is quite the showman and I was floored to find out that he was eight years old. He looked and acted like a dog half his age!

Runner Up In Show/Challenge Bitch- Ch. Bullavista Mississippi Girl-Stunning beautifully balanced red bitch, substantial yet feminine – a lovely complement to BIS dog. She moved with power and grace.

Reserve Challenge Dog- Ch. Grizzmuffley Get Wild- Typey balanced dog with good movement over the Junior Dog because of overall maturity.

Reserve Challenge Bitch/Best Puppy-Beautiful young red bitch, outgoing, balanced and free moving.

I was also impressed with the Australian Bred Bitch- typey fawn with an excellent headpiece

Mary Barbara Walsh