The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Vic (Pm show)

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the club for the invitation, and the exhibitors who came from far and wide. I was completely blown away. Thank you for accepting my decisions so gracefully. I thoroughly enjoyed my day.

My overview of the dogs in general -

A few things that concerned me a little and wanted to point them out:

I was astonished to see so many level bites and also a few undershot mouths this was a great concern to me. A few kinked tails.

Ridges: while there were some lovely ridges, there was an abundance of very small ridges – when choosing a stud for your dog’s take this into account as small ridges produce more small ridges same for offset.

As you will see that my critiques focussed on top lines and croups even though our standard does not mention this, the way I was taught by my mentors over many years, the top line and tail should more or less be one flowing line. I saw many where the croup was long and tail therefore a lot lower than I like.

What you do very well overall was temperament with very few reluctant to let me handle them. Also movement, this was such a delight to see that you have all done a great job on getting some very sound moving dogs. Well done!!!

Fronts overall a huge improvement here too and again well done it was a pleasure to see so many with decent sternum and fill in front without exaggeration.

**Minor Puppy dog**

1st  Otesha Jafari Jaxon

Lovely breed type with excellent head and correct bite. He had lovely flow from his neck into top line. He moved well. Very promising young boy.

2nd Juzrival Phunk Q Up

Good breed type, head good with correct bite. Moved well however, a bit wide in front. Ridge excellent. Very sweet natured boy.

3rd Khanysha King of Hearts

Good breed type with strong head, great top line, moved wide behind when he wasn’t playing. Lovely temperament, good ridge.

**Puppy Dog**

1st Otesha Kuda

Very good breed type. Pleasant head, unfortunately the bite was not desirable. Great top line with good croup and moved well. Lovely temperament.

**Junior dog**

1st Kipsigis Yechuma

Excellent breed type, good head would like more angles in front, great top line, moved very true with a beautiful ridge.

**Intermediate Dog**

1st Khanysha Edge of Darkness (AI)

Excellent breed type. Beautiful nature, excellent head with good top line and strong movement, very good ridge. He is definitely a showman and I enjoyed watching him move.

2nd Shakuru Boston Me Around

Lovely breed type, a good head lovely flow on the move with a great top line with lovely angles a bit sluggish on the final move. Good ridge

3rd Matalko Don’t Hate the Player

Strong head with a good neck into shoulders, strong topline and lovely hind quarters. Moved well with good ridge.

**Australian Bred Dog**

1st CH Kusini Pacer Bay (AI)

Excellent breed type, strong head strong top line on the move and moved well, although lifting his feet a little high behind. I like the whole flow from neck to croup however top line slopes on the stack.

2nd CH Chilolo BM Gold on the Moon (AI)

Lovely breed type with good balance front and back would like a stronger head and a teeny bit more size. Still a pleasant boy. Would like more angles behind. Good ridge

3rd Sup Gr CH Juzrival Arkan Up

Older boy. Handled well, strong head, neck and top line would like a bit less croup length, moves well on side but coming is a bit wide in front. Long ridge.

**Bred by Exhibitor Dog**

1st Ch Kinshasa Lonesome Warrior

Beautiful breed type. 5 year old with a pleasant head, flow down neck into shoulders, top line and croup. A little on the larger side but still OK. Moved well .

2nd Matalko Shut the Front Door

A little immature still, good breed type with good top line and croup. A teeny bit long in the loin, I would like better movement coming and going.

**Open Dog**

1st Chilolo BM Gold Rush **(Reserve CC**)

Lovely breed type, strong bone and moved beautifully, with excellent top line good head with strong jaw and correct ridge. Again moves effortlessly with gentle temperament. A lot to like about this boy.

2nd Ch Marmatia Zimba Sonata (AI)

Strong boy with beautiful flow throughout would have loved to see more reach and drive. Head ok everything else very pleasing.

3rd CH Koruridge Watch me Shine at Kimbisha (AI) (Imp NZ)

Smaller boy with good breed type, strong head, top line a little soft on the move. Would have loved to see him move with more attitude. Pleasing outline on the stack.

**Veteran Dog**

1st Ch Isilwane Hunwick Hallam (**Dog CC RUBIS**)

What a pleasure to judge this dog! Handsome Brown nose boy aged 9 1/2. Moved like a 2 year old. Beautiful outline with a super head, with correct eye colour harmonising with coat, Great top line with good front and hindquarters. Excellent ridge.

2nd Gr CH Ballahond Oceans Bilu ET

Again in excellent condition, well-muscled with good head with correct eye colour, neck and top line. Moved beautifully with lovely ridge.

3rd Ch Shakuru Beat it

Lovely boy with a strong head, long neck good top line and moved well. Good ridge.

**Baby Puppy Bitch**

1st Amashutu The Force Awakens (AI)

What a little character! Very sweet natured with lovely ring presence, good head with correct eye colour, good ridge. Very promising young lady. A pleasure to judge.

**Minor Puppy Bitch**

1st Riginal Lay Lady Lay

Lovely girl with so much promise, good size a teeny bit bum high but she’s a puppy. Excellent top line on the stack with good croup and moved well once she settled.

2nd Juzrival Poppin Kandy

Pleasant puppy with good breed type. Long neck, top line on the move a bit soft. Good angles - Unfortunately her temperament let her down.

3rd Marmatia Simplythebest Breanna(AI)

Taller puppy who is going through the ganglies, would like more layback of shoulder and upper arm, strong top line. Head a bit narrow as is her front. Will hopefully improve with maturity.

**Puppy Bitch**

1st Marmatia Simplythebest Sierra(AI)

Lovely breed type with stable temperament, excellent top line with a good front and rear. Very pleasing on the move. Correct ridge.

2nd Sanyati All Eyez on Me (AI)

I loved this girl unfortunately she let herself down in not allowing me to handle her fully. Beautiful head and top line, lovely hindquarters and excellent mover with correct ridge.

3rd Ridgestone Galaxy of the Stars (AI)

Pretty head with good flow into top line, moved well with great hind quarters and croup. Just a lot of her and coat a bit too dark for me.

**Junior Bitch**

1st Ch Jomeja Angel Of fire (**Bitch CC, BIS**)

Beautiful bitch that caught my eye on entering the ring. Very pleasing on the eye. Moved well, good strong head and topline with beautiful sweeping hind quarters. Matured beautifully and so sound on the move. Excellent ridge, elegant and upstanding girl a delight to judge.

2nd Ujamaa Aurora(AI)

Pretty outline and moved very well. Beautiful head with strong top line and good croup. Very pleasant overall.

3rd Marandela Take the Money n Run

Very similar in type to previous bitch, moved well. Good head with deep muzzle very pleasing overall. Lovely nature.

**Intermediate Bitch**

1st Dual Ch (LC) Marandela Marengo (AI)

Pleasant bitch, so sound on the move – so effortless. Strong head, correct eye colour, with lovely flow on the top line. Movement is beautiful.

2nd Matalko Let her rip

Very similar to previous bitch, moved beautifully with correct ridge. Her ears let her down.

3rd Ujamaa Allegro

Lovely head, correct eye colour with good neck into shoulders correct top line and good movement A bit long in croup.

**Australian Bred Bitch**

1st Ch Khanysha Pheo Nix Rising (Reserve CC)

Strong bitch moved well with strong head and excellent eye colour, strong topline with lovely angles behind. Loved her temperament. Well handled

2nd Shakuru Sultry Siren of Marandela

Finer girl but very sound. Moved well with strong top line and excellent rear.

3rd Juzrival Daddys Disco Diva

Smaller girl, moved well. Good head with good lay of shoulder, dropped her top line on the move. Would like less length of croup. Otherwise moved well.

4th Ch Matalko Karmas CominAtcha

Pretty girl moved well, very fit with a pretty head with good eye colour, good front strong top line moved well.

5th Gr CH Ballahond Sager Lakes ET

Pretty girl moved well and a great top line. Would like a bit more under jaw, otherwise very pretty. Loved her eye colour, Lovely ridge

**Bred by exhibitor Bitch**

1st Ch Amashutu A Star is Born JC

Another very strong bitch with lovely movement, strong head, top line strong with excellent hind quarters. Good ridge

2nd Ballahond Tura Sunlock(AI)

Pretty Brown nose, moved very soundly, lovely front and rear. Ridge ok I wish she had more attitude in the ring to finish off the picture. Very pretty bitch.

3rd Ch Mzilikazi Celtic Spellcaster

Pretty Brown nose lady balanced bitch with lovely movement. Pretty head with soft eyes, Good ridge. Beautiful pigment for a brown nose.

4th Chilolo BM Gold Moon Rising

Pretty girl with lovely head, good movement lovely rear and good ridge. Just did not have the pizazz I was looking for.

**Open Bitch**

1st Ch Amashutu the girl has no name

Pretty girl, moved well. I would like a little more lay in shoulder yet she moves effortlessly. Good head lovely eye colour and flow into top line with lovely rear. Correct ridge and coat texture. I particularly noticed it on her. Super fit!

2nd Juzrival Eye Kandy (AI)

Smaller girl with pretty head with good front and moved well. She lost her top line on the move but still covered the ground. Correct ridge.

3rd CH Shakuru Let Yr Hair Hang Down

Sound girl good head lovely eye colour with correct ridge, moved well.

4th Otesha Kikisa

Smaller girl with good head, lovely neck into shoulder with correct ridge. Moved well

5th Marandela Phantom Chance ET

Good head, would like more under jaw, good top line, moved well until the last lap that she became rather sluggish. Correct ridge.

**Veteran Bitch**

1st Ch Shelridge Dangerous Moonlite

7 year old with beautiful head, correct eye colour with excellent neck into shoulders top line solid moved very well with good ridge. Still has a good top line on the move.

2nd Ch Shakuru Here I go Again

Very pretty bitch slightly less depth of muzzle, beautiful neck into shoulders, and great top line for 8 1/2 years old, moved well.

**Neuter bitch**

I’m so sorry I did not write critiques for your girls. They are both lovely ladies.

Some of these critiques are very brief and I apologise for that as time constraints meant I had to be brief.