Critiques - RRCV Championship Show – Saturday 14th March 2020

Judge: Diane Stratton (Kushika RR’s)

Baby Puppy Dog

1st – Mikozi Out Of Aces (D Redman)

Substantial boned liver baby. Balanced in outline, well proportioned front, ribs well back, with good strength in hindquarters. Standing on lovely tight feet. Pleasing head with good pigment. Moved well.

2nd – Sahwira Zulu Simba (Miss K Witchell & Mrs E Witchell)

Lighter boned elegant baby displaying classic ridgeback headpiece and expression. Moderately angled but well balanced. Slightly steep in croup. Movement clean coming and going.

3rd - Magombe Talk To Me (Mrs J Baker)

Another lovely liver baby, not quite as good pigment as first place getter. Was a little uncertain in the ring today and not moving quite as well as my first two place getters.

Junior Dog

1st – Ujamaa Symphony Red (AI) (Mrs F Parsons) **CHALLENGE DOG & RUNNER UP BEST IN SHOW**

Handsome male with balanced outline, all aspects blending and harmonizing. Classic ridgeback head with soft expressive dark round eye and well set ears. Well filled in front, ribbing well back and standing on good feet. Well developed hindquarters, shown in fit condition. Correct ridge. Moved cleanly with good reach and drive.

2nd – Kipsigis Chungwa (G Jane)

Handsome dark liver male who has plenty of maturing to do. Starting to come into himself but still a little raw at this stage. Strong male head, slightly light in eye compared to his dark pigment and a little heavy in back skull. Moderately angled with good ribbing, moderate front with good prosternum. Excellent ridge. Light, effortless, ground covering mover.

3rd – Koruridge Watch Me Shine At Kimbisha (AI – IMP NZ) (Ms S Miles)

Compact style of dog, elegant in outline. Strong, well-proportioned head with soft gentle expression. Moderately angled front and aft, balanced outline. Would like to see tighter feet. Topline was a little soft on the move.

Intermediate Dog

1st – Schlau Realta Shruikan (Dr M Sung)

Moderate male in proportions and bone. Classic style ridgeback head. Correct depth of chest and ribbing well back. Would perhaps like to see a little more strength in the hindquarter. Moved cleanly.

2nd - Otesha Kellan (Miss M Howell)

Long bodied dog of solid build. Slightly upright in shoulder and a tad short in upper arm. Strong head bout would prefer more strength through the muzzle to better balance back skull. Pleasing dark eye and good ear set. Movement a little wide behind.

3rd – Otesha Rutendo (Mr C McInnes)

A heavier style, solid built male, compact in body. Strong head, but again would prefer a little more strength in muzzle to balance back skull. Would prefer to see more strength through the hindquarters and unfortunately steep croup affects the overall balance. Moved well.

Australian Bred Dog

1st – Matalko Back In The Game (Mrs K Allen, Miss J Allen & Ms M Boyle) **RESERVE CHALLENGE DOG**

Handsome upstanding male, well up on size. Pleasing head, well balanced, lovely round eye. Moderately filled in front, neck transitioning well into moderate shoulder and return of upper arm. Good angulation in the rear. Slightly steep in croup. Moved well.

2nd – Uberidge Django Unchained (Mr S Crook)

Large liver male. Good pigment and lovely round eye, but a little heavy in head for my liking and a little thick through the neck. Slightly upright in shoulder. Moved cleanly but tended to drop his topline on the move.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog

1st – Ch Isilwane Hunwick Hallam (Ms L Barrenger)

Moderate sized, well-proportioned liver male. Good feet, good pigment. Lovely transition of neck into shoulder. Correct ridge. Strong hindquarters with good width of thigh and well let down hocks. Moved cleanly with good reach and drive.

2nd – Uberidge Bobby Dazzler (Mr S Crook)

Heavier style of dog, well up on size. Pleasing head, lovely round eye. Strong neck into well laid shoulder. Ribs well back, slightly steep in croup. Good feet. Excellent ridge. Moved cleanly and efficiently.

3rd – Ch Shelridge Courage Under Fire (Mrs D Redman)

Dark red wheaten male. Lovely headpiece with beautiful dark eye and black masking. Transition of neck into straighter shoulder affects the overall picture. A little soft in topline on the move and high tail carriage again affected the overall outline.

Open Dog

1st – Gr Ch Etosha Uatu Of The Asgard (Ms A J Lane) **OPEN IN SHOW**

Handsome upstanding male. Beautiful well-balanced head, slightly lippy, lovely dark eye with gentle expression. Elegant neck transitioning into well laid back shoulder. Good return of upper arm. Long in body, but ribs back well. Correct croup and well-developed hindquarters. Clean coming and going. Excellent ridge.

2nd – Sup Ch Nambala Acopie ET (IMP NZ) (Mr B & Mrs G Stanyon)

Another handsome male, with pleasing typical head although would prefer a little more strength in muzzle. Good neck into shoulder. Correct depth of chest and ribbing well back. Moved with excellent reach and drive. Ridge slightly offset.

3rd – Kipsigus Kuza (G Jane)

Elegant style of dog, pleasing head and expression with eye colour harmonizing with coat. Balanced outline, well developed hindquarter but a little steep in croup. Moved cleanly with good reach and drive.

Baby Puppy Bitch

1st – Sahwira Zuri Malkia (Miss K Witchell & Mrs E Witchell) **BABY PUPPY IN SHOW**

Lovely feminine baby showing good proportions. Feminine head, a little lacking in stop but with lovely dark eye and expression. Well angled front assembly, body ribbing well back and hindquarter showing good width of thigh. A very happy baby.

2nd – Chilolo DBT African Gold (AI) (Miss H Mosslar)

Lighter boned liver baby with good pigment. Balanced proportions, good oval bone but tending to rib up a little quickly. Lovely tight feet. Moved nicely.

3rd – Sahwira Binti Mrembo (Ms K Smith)

Another nice baby. Pleasing head with dark round eye, again a little lacking in stop. Moderately angled front, chest to elbow and moderately ribbed back. Correct ridge.

Puppy Bitch

1st – Kusini Voodoo Vixen (Mr B & Mrs G Stanyon) **PUPPY IN SHOW**

Longer style bitch. Balanced head with deep, strong muzzle and lovely dark eye. Would like to see a smoother transition of neck into shoulder. Standing a little east west. Ribs well back. Good hindquarter with strong upper thigh. Moved nicely.

Junior Bitch

1st – Shelridge Star Of Africa (Mrs D Redman) **CHALLENGE BITCH & BEST IN SHOW**

Beautiful bitch showing strength and elegance. Well balanced head, strong muzzle, lovely dark eye. Good neck into well laid back shoulder. Well filled in front. Displaying good strong bone and excellent feet. Ribbing back well into strong loin and well angled hindquarter with correct croup. Correct ridge. Well-muscled and shown in fit hard condition. Moved out well with ground covering reach and drive. Show attitude completing the picture.

2nd – Ujamaa Carmen Miranda (AI) (Mrs V Moritz)

Pretty head with lovely dark eye. Not quite as well filled in front as my first place getter. Good topline, well balanced outline. Moved cleanly with good reach and drive.

3rd – Mzilakazi Supernova (Mr G & Mrs L Fairhall)

Slightly more feminine bitch. Classic head with lovely dark eye. Balanced body proportions. Moved clearly.

Intermediate Bitch

1st – Ch Kysaridge Aurelias Gaia (Miss H Mosslar) **INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW**

Moderately sized bitch. Beautiful head and expression with lovely round eye. Balanced in outline ribbing well back with correct croup Moderately boned. Good feet. Correct ridge. Movement clean, efficient and ground covering.

2nd – Ch Etosha Freyja Of The Asgard (Ms A J Lane)

Slightly taller than my first place getter. A little heavier through the head. Lovely elegant neck transitioning into well placed shoulder. Well boned, nice compact body with correct croup. Moved cleanly and effortlessly. Excellent ridge.

3rd – Matalko Reality Bites (Mrs K Allen, Miss J Allen & Ms M Boyle)

Another lovely classic style bitch. Classic style headpiece, beautiful neck into well laid shoulder. Correct croup. Again, light and effortless on the move. Topline on the move not quite as strong as my first two place getters.

Australian Bred Bitch

1st – Mzilakazi Celtic Spellcaster (Mr G & Mrs L Fairhall) **AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW**

Taller liver bitch. Very elegant in outline. Clean head, beautiful pigment, lovely neck into shoulder. Correct boning and ribbing well back. Very light and effortless on the move, clean coming and going. Topline a little lazy but otherwise a lovely bitch.

2nd – Ujamaa Hot Flamingo (AI) (Mrs F Parsons)

More compact style bitch, lovely headpiece. Good neck into shoulder. Well proportioned body. Showy attitude. Movement clean and ground covering.

3rd – Kipsigis Chokozi (G Jane)

Liver bitch. Slightly stronger in head but I would prefer a little more stop to balance the proportions. Ribbing well back, strong loin and hindquarter. Moved with good reach and drive.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

1st - Uberidge Razzle Dazzle (Mr S Crook) **BRED BY IN SHOW**

 Strong yet elegant bitch, lovely balanced outline. Beautiful head balanced in all aspects with dark eye and soft expression. Well up on size but light on her feet, covered the ground cleanly and efficiently. Excellent ridge.

2nd – Ch Ozrhode Because Im Worth It (Ozrhode Kennels)

Another lovely bitch. Pleasing head with lovely dark round eye. Little less forechest than first place getter, but lovely neck into well laid shoulder. Ribs well back. Strong topline. Moved cleanly with good reach and drive.

3rd – Ch Kysaridge Gold Aurelia ET (Miss H Mosslar)

More compact style of bitch. Correct head. A little shorter on leg and tad long in body affects the overall balance. Moved out well but a little wide behind.

Open Bitch

1st – Ujamma Winx (Mrs V Moritz) **RESERVE CHALLENGE BITCH**

Lovely balanced bitch. Pleasing head with dark round eye, balanced muzzle to back skull. Well boned. Well laid back shoulder, ribs well back and strong balanced hindquarters. Correct ridge. Lovely efficient mover.

2nd – Otesha Kya (Miss M Howell)

Slightly finer boned, elegant bitch. Pleasing head but would prefer a tad more strength through the muzzle. Covered ground effortlessly with good reach and drive.

3rd – Ch Isilwane The Mindy Project (Ms L Barrenger)

Pleasing outline. Head of balanced proportions and hound expression with lovely round eye. Correct front assembly. Good feet. Strong topline. Moved cleanly but not covering ground quite as well as my first two place getters. Another lovely bitch.

Neuter Bitch

1st – Ch Ozrhode Sexy And I Know It (Ozrhode Kennels) **BEST NEUTER IN SHOW**

Beautiful balanced bitch. Lovely head harmonizing strength and femininity. Neck transitions into well laid back shoulder with good return of upper arm. Beautiful forechest, ribs well back and strong hindquarter and correct croup complete a lovely picture. Correct ridge. Moved cleanly and efficiently.

2nd – Etosha Adella (Ms A J Lane)

Heavier style of bitch. Beautiful headpiece with lovely dark eye. Strong long neck into well laid shoulder. Balanced hindquarters with hocks well let down. Slightly soft in the topline and perhaps a tad long in body.

3rd – Ch Otesha Johari (Miss M Howell)

Finer style bitch, balanced head but would prefer a little more strength through the muzzle. Slightly straight in upper arm. Correct ridge. Light on feet. Moved cleanly.