

CRITIQUES – RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

2 NOVEMBER 2024 (PM)

JUDGE – MRS SHARRON TAYLOR (QLD) “USAKOSE”

MINOR PUPPY DOG – 2 entries

1<sup>st</sup> RIJSTONE FORTUNE HUNTER (AI) – 6 month old, correct size for age, super temperament, certainly enjoying himself! Correct head and bite, correct body length to height ratio, moderately angled front and rear, ridge ok, feet ok, clean coat colour, moved well for this age and just a little higher behind on the move which will settle as he matures.

2<sup>nd</sup> JUZRIVAL RAVE REVIEW (AI) – Nearly 9 months old, smaller puppy for his age. A little anxious. He is much longer than his height and topline is soft. Head lacks a little in stop (this may improve with maturity) and his eyes are a bit small, good bite. Good front and rear angles but a bit wide between the elbows when viewed from the front, very good ridge, croup is steep which affects his topline on the move. Clean coat colour.

PUPPY DOG – 1 entry

1<sup>st</sup> UJAMAA XMAS STAR (AI) – 10.5 month old brown nose, super temperament, well grown. Good pigment, eyes could be a little darker, correct head and bite, correct topline and croup. Moderate angles front and rear and correct depth of chest. Another puppy having a great time in the ring. Moved true and straight and with adequate side gate. Well presented.

JUNIOR DOG – 2 entries

1<sup>st</sup> ISILWANE BACK TO THE FUTURE (AI) – 13.5 month old, well grown. A little anxious. Correct head and bite, lacking a little in depth of chest but still a young raw dog ATM. Correct topline, croup a little rounded but acceptable, ridge ok, moved straight and true.

2<sup>nd</sup> AZANA IKENNA RADAR - 12.5 month old, smaller dog than the first placegetter. A tad short in body with moderate angles front and rear. Correct head and bite, didn't move out as well as the first placegetter. Good temperament. Ridge ok. White up the underside of his neck.

#### INTERMEDIATE DOG – 5 entries, 1 absent

1<sup>st</sup> SUP.CH. KHANYSHA EDGE OF DARKNESS JC – nearly 3 yr old moderate sized red wheaten dog. Pleasing head with correct dark eye and correct bite, good topline both stacked and moving, very easy moving dog long free and true. Adequate angles front and back. Ridge ok. For me just a tad long in body but otherwise a very good male.

2<sup>nd</sup> CH JUZRIVAL PHUNK Q UP – 19.5 month old, smaller dog. Not as good a mover as 1<sup>st</sup> placegetter but he went around the ring ok. Correct head and bite. Good depth of chest, good topline. Lacks a little in front angulation but correct behind. Unfortunately his croup is steeper than I would like to see which restricts his movement behind.

3<sup>rd</sup> CH KIPSIGIS YECHUMA – 28.5 month old brown nose. A little anxious. Pigment was ok, eyes could be darker. Head lacked stop and underjaw which gives him a “down faced” appearance. He was unsure on the move today but topline and croup were good. Well presented.

#### AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG – 4 entries

1<sup>st</sup> CH MIKOZI OUT OF ACES – 5 yr old brown nose. Excellent pigment. Correct head, with correct eye colour, size and placement, correct bite. Adequate angles front and back, good ridge. Correct topline stacked and on the move, croup acceptable. Moved straight and true with good extension and drive another easy moving dog around the ring. Good feet and tail. Over all a very typey well made up RR. Good temperament.

2<sup>nd</sup> CH KUSINI PACER BAY (AI) – nearly 4 yr old. Good proportions throughout his body. Adequate angles front and back. Good topline. Head was a tad cheeky for me and eyes could be a little darker, correct bite. His croup is a little flatter than I would like to see. Front movement was good, rear was a bit close and a slightly higher hock affects his movement having a lot of expended energy with “rotary” type movement. Good temperament.

3<sup>rd</sup> CH UJAMAA DARK SIDE OF THE MOON (AI) – nearly 4 yr old. Smaller dog than previous 2. Adequate angles front and rear. Ridge ok. Correct head and bite. Correct topline. Runs up behind when gaiting. Good temperament.

OPEN DOG – 2 entries

1<sup>st</sup> AM DUAL CH AM FT CH AM GR CH SL JUBA LEE'S PHANTOM FIGHTER AM, BN, AM, MC, AM, NAP, AM, RA – 8.5 yr old. Moderate dog in size and bone. Good angles front and rear. Correct topline and croup. Pleasing head matching his more moderate size. Ridge ok. His movement is free, easy, straight and true. Very easy moving dog around the ring, no expended unnecessary energy wasted. Super temperament. Lovely dog for his age.

2<sup>nd</sup> CH OTESHA NEO (AI) – 3 yr old. A substantial dog with a lot of substance. Correct head and eye colour. Correct bite. Adequate angles front and rear hocks are a little high, good topline. He moved wide in front and from behind. Ridge ok. Well presented.

Dog CC CH MIKOZI OUT OF ACES

Res Dog CC SUP CH KHANYSHA EDGE OF DARKNESS JC

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1<sup>st</sup> JUZRIVAL RIPPER RITA (AI) – nearly 9 months old. A little anxious. Moderate size, correct height to body length ratio. Head needs slightly more stop, good underjaw, dark eyes, bite ok. Topline is a little soft ATM. Correct angles in front but is a bit wide between the elbows and a little straighter in the rear. Topline is ok. Croup is ok. Movement is ok when viewed from the side. Coat is going through a change. Ridge ok.

2<sup>nd</sup> BARTESS DARK PINK – nearly 9 months old. Shy, cautious and anxious. Moderate bitch, topline ok, moved well. Head ok eyes could be a bit darker. Ridge ok. Bite ok.

PUPPY BITCH – 1 entry

1<sup>st</sup> SHAKURU BLING IS MY THING – 9.5 month old. Moderate for her age. Sweet temperament. Needs more angles front and back. Croup is a little steep and her topline has a perceptible rise over the loin which is more evident when she gaits. Head is ok and eye colour ok. Tail has a noticeable curl. Bite ok.

JUNIOR BITCH – 1 entry

N/A AZANA IKENNA RAMANA – 12.5 month old. Untouchable therefore was unable to award a placing today.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH – 3 entries

1<sup>st</sup> ODYSSEYRIDGE STAR GIRL (AI) – 19 months old. Smaller bitch but very good type. Good angles front and rear, good topline and croup, very good ridge. Movement was true and straight and effortless. Feminine correct head with dark eye colour. Very nice young bitch. Well presented. Bite OK. Very good breed type.

2<sup>nd</sup> CH ADBESARE DEFYING GRAVITY (AI) – 2.5 yr old. Smaller bitch with good head and sweet expression. Topline is ok, good angles front and rear. Ridge ok. A little restricted in movement. A little steep in croup. Well presented. Bite ok.

3<sup>rd</sup> RIGINAL LAY LADY LAY (AI) – 18 months old. Well grown bitch with a decent amount of bone. Head and bite ok. Lacks angles front and rear with high hocks. Topline has a slight dip and runs up to her rear both on the stack and gaing. Croup is steep. Clean colour.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH – 7 entries, 1 absent

1<sup>st</sup> BARTESS PINK FLOYD – nearly 5.5 yrs old. Moderate bitch. Head and bite ok. Front and rear angulation moderate. Topline ok. Movement was straight and true. Ridge ok. Croup ok.

2<sup>nd</sup> UJAMAA REDS SWANSONG – nearly 4 yrs old. Little cautious with her handler today. A slightly bigger bitch than the first placegetter. Good bone. Good angles in front but a little straighter behind. Height to length ratio correct. Movement is ok just spoilt by running downhill.

3<sup>rd</sup> CH MZILAKAZI CELTIC SPELLCASTER (AI) – just over 7 yrs old brown nosed. Good pigment but eyes could be darker. Needs more angles front and rear and topline a little soft. Little steeper in croup. Movement was true and straight.

OPEN BITCH – 5 entries

1<sup>st</sup> CH ISILWANE QUATерVOIS JC – 6 yr old. Good angles front and rear with correct topline and croup. Ridge OK. Pleasing head, bite and eye colour. Movement was true and straight, effortless with extension and drive. A very easy effortless moving bitch. A full height bitch who oozes correct breed type.

2<sup>nd</sup> GR.CH JUZRIVAL EYE KANDY (AI) – 5.5 yr old. Smaller type of bitch. Good angles front and rear with correct topline and croup. Ridge ok. Good head with correct bite and eye colour. Movement was true and straight with good extension and drive. Correct colour and coat. Looking rather matronly today as going through a false pregnancy. Very good breed type.

3<sup>rd</sup> CH UJAMAA AURORA (AI) – nearly 2 yr old. Moderate sized bitch and another with very good breed type. Head, eye colour and bite ok. Ridge ok. Good angles front and rear. Topline good. Movement was true and straight with good extension and drive.

Bitch CC Ch Isilwane Quatervois JC

Res Bitch CC Grand Ch Juzrival Eye Kandy (AI)

Best in Show CH MIKOZI OUT OF ACES

RU Best in Show CH ISILWANE QUATерVOIS JC

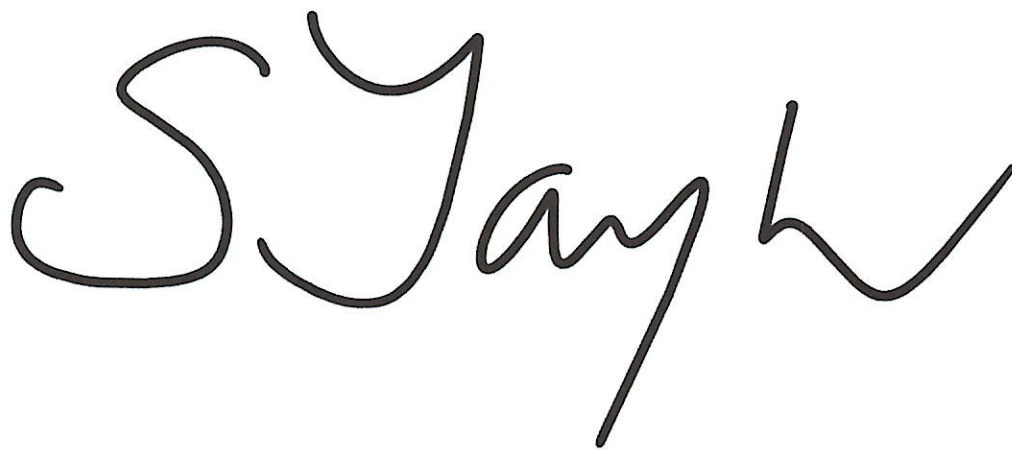
NEUTER BITCH – 1 entry

1<sup>st</sup> CH UJAMAA HOT FLAMINGO (AI) – 5.5 yr old. Moderate sized bitch. Correct colour and coat. Ridge ok. Movement was true and straight will adequate reach and drive. Head was correct with dark eyes and correct bite. Adequate angles front and rear and correct topline.

Neuter in Show CH UJAMAA HOT FLAMINGO (AI)

Thank you to the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria for the invitation to judge your PM Breed Specialty show November 2024. The weather was lovely and I was very happy to judge the Rhodesian Ridgebacks presented.

Over all I found ridges to be good. No issues with bites. Coat colour was good with very few even having a black hair or two through their coats. Feet were on a whole very good. I found no kinks (or even fused vertebrae) in tails. Brown noses still need to watch eye colour – some where ok but could be darker. Attention needs to be paid to toplines and croups. Too many very steep croups with lower tail sets and toplines that are longer and weak. Also front angulation and matching rear angulation (and likewise correct angulation) is a must for this hunting breed. Matching correct angulation front and back leads to correct neck placement and length thereby giving the “upstanding” appearance required by the breed standard.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S. Jay L." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The "S" is large and loops around. The "Jay" is written in a similar cursive style, and the "L" is a simple, vertical stroke with a small hook at the top.