

The Northern Great Dane Club Championship Show 2022

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Mrs Sheila Richens – Dog Critiques



Firstly, before I give my opinion of the dogs that were kindly entered under me, I would like to say that to be asked to judge any show, especially a championship show, is a great honour, therefore you should be honest enough to give an unbiased opinion. I was pleased with my top winners, but movement, loose eyes and harsh expressions are seemingly the norm now. I found mouths, on the whole were good.

Class 1. Minor Puppy Dog. 5 entries 1 Abs

1st Henshall's CALCHAS ACCORD (AI)

Beautiful marked harlequin puppy, who, I understand is his first show. Well grown puppy with substance. Head still developing, would prefer a tighter eye. Good clean chest with width, leading to good length of neck, with depth of brisket. Firm topline, slightly low in croup and tail set. Needs to tighten at the rear, but this did not effect his excellent driving movement from behind, from a well angulated rear. BPD. Well done.

2nd Morgan's RIMOR BEAUMARIS

Well grown substantial fawn puppy with masculine head and dark eye, and inquisitive expression. Strong lengthy neck into good lay of shoulder. This puppy still needs to tighten up in front as yet, but has good topline and angulation, but did not have the drive, or movement of 1.

Class 2. Puppy Dog. 2 entries 0 Abs

1st Donnelly's PRIMUS LAW MAN

Fawn puppy with typical head shape, with correct proportions, if a little loose in eye. Excellent width of chest and shoulder placement. Slightly long cast in body, and out of coat today. Well muscled rear with good angulation. Certainly moved with drive and precision.

2nd Price's DEVORIN WASHINGTON VIA LEAMAP

Black who I have admired from the ringside, going over this puppy, I was slightly disappointed. Head broad in backscull and short in muzzle. Pleased he had dark eyes, which I find blacks and blues mostly lacking, if a little small. Correct shoulder placement, but would like more width of chest. Correct length of topline, which was held on the move, with very well muscled rear, and good angulation. Croup a tad low, but moved well around the ring.

Class 3 Junior Dog. 4 entries 0 Abs

1st Jacques & Kirby's JACQUKIR NO REGRETS JW

Very impressive, well grown, rich fawn dog, shown in immaculate condition. He is certainly all male. Well worked head, with correct plains, perhaps a softer expression. Strong neck with good length and correct shoulder placement, and width of chest, along with spring of rib. Strong topline kept on the

move. Lovely angulation and length of stride, which would have benefited him, with a larger ring. This dog is yet immature, but what a prospect when he reaches maturity. I have no doubt whatsoever, that he is a champion in the making.

2nd Lipman & Booth's RIMOR AURELIUS

Dark brindle, lovely headed dog with correct plains and dark eye with expression. Not the width of chest as 1, but has spring of rib and firm topline. Well angulated rear with good croup and tail set, with muscle tone. Rear movement was a little erratic, could be more precise.

Class 4 Yearling Dog, 1 entries 0 Abs

1st Allison & Liddell's LORETOSMOORIKIN BY GRETADANE (IMP PRT)

Another well grown fawn with classic head and dark eye. Ample front with good shoulder placement and length of neck. Straight legs with strong bone and firm topline with correct tail set and croup. Well angulated, but another erratic rear movement.

Class 5 Maiden Dog, 2 entries 0 Abs

1st Kingsley's DAINOAK EXPECTO PETRONUM

Black baby, pleasant head with dark eye. Front assembly slightly overdone. Short coupled dog, with firm topline, and good angulation behind, but another erratic movement.

2nd Draysey's JAEMLUK'S REMY OF CLUNTON

Heavy black, overdone in head with broad backscull and loose eye. Wide forechest and could be better in shoulder placement. Topline ok, good angulation.

Class 6 Novice Dog 2 entries 0 Abs

1st Kingsley's DAINOAK EXPECTO PETRONUM

See Class 5 Maiden Dog 1st

2nd Tempest's ADOREADANE THE WAY YOU ARE

Mantle puppy with plenty of bone. Heavy head which could benefit with lighter eye. Nice front, but would prefer better shoulder placement. Another with strong topline and good angulation, but again, erratic on the move.

Class 7 Graduate Dog, 1 entry 0 Abs

1st Walton's RAVENDANE BIONIC BERT

Tall blue of good colour. Strong head onto good length of neck. Long straight legs. Well held topline, but low in croup. Moved ok.

Class 8, Post Graduate Dog, 2 entries 0 Abs

1st Smith's CHANOZ TAILOR MADE FOR LAMBRINI (IMP USA)

Short coupled mantle with good bone. Strong head, but loose in eye. Good length to neck with well formed front and ample width. Firm topline, slightly low in croup but has width. Another who needs to tighten in rear movement.

2nd Walton's RAVENDANE BIONIC BERT

See Class 7 Graduate Dog 1st

Class 9 Limit Dog, 4 entries 1 Abs

1st Hogarth's FENDANESYLCREST AMERICAN OUTLAW AT SUNLIND (AI) (IMP USA)

Fawn with a classic head, not overdone in any way. Dark eye and soft expression. Long length of neck, leading to well set shoulders. Good width to chest with depth. Nice hard topline and well let down hocks. Moved rather loose behind.

2nd Abbott's NIKAMI LEAP OF ROMANCE

Fawn dog shown in excellent hard condition. Slightly broad in head and light in eye, however this is a nice Great Dane. Not as showy as 1, but overall an honest male. Good shoulder placement, firm topline with hard muscled rear with correct angulation. Moved with drive both coming and going. Was the best mover on the day. Just lost out to 1 on headpiece.

Class 10 Special Open Fawn Dog, 0 entries 0 Abs

Class 11 Special Open Brindle Dog, 1 entry 0 Abs

1st Dyson's CH SAMDICE NOBODY DOES IT BETTA (AI)

This dog surprised me when going over him. Dark brindle of size and substance. Well presented with good condition. Head not overdone in any way. Kind expression with dark eye. Correct head plains, leading to a lovely length of neck. Width to chest, with correct lay of shoulder, and good brisket and loin. Well angulated rear, would like more positive front movement, but I was impressed by this dogs hard condition and classic looks.

Class 12 Special Open Blue Dog, 4 entries 0 Abs

1st MacKenzie's CARSAN VINCENT

An honest dog who has compact body shape and substance. Clean head, if a tad wide in backscull, and light in eye. Not a fault in the standard, but I, personally find that light eyes distract from that kind expression that danes should have. I am now seeing too many light eyes in blues and blacks. Correct shoulders and strength of topline, well held on the move. This dog moved with purpose around the ring, but didn't have that classic head I was looking for.

2nd Lawson's CREEK DANES OUT OF THE DARKNESS AT DROOLAKISS (IMP USA)

Class 13 Special Open Black Dog, 2 entries 0 Abs

1st Simpson's RENESCENT CAUGHT IN A SPELL (AI)

Have seen this dog from the ringside on many occasions, but I did not expect to find such a nice dog, who is maturing nicely. Shown in gleaming condition, with short tight coat, this dog, for me, was classy and elegant, but still very much a male. Tall body with classic head, not overdone, with tight dark eye and correct length to muzzle. Ears were a little over large, but could not let that distract me. Nice width and depth of front, long arched neck which flows into correct lay of shoulder and depth of brisket. Firm topline, held on the move, and correct rear angulation. Shown in hard condition. Moved around the ring, but was distracted by owners wife standing by the ringside, which made him veer to the right, but

when he settled, he moved positively. It takes the colours to mature later than other Danes, but he is now at the age of nearly three, and is coming into his own. I have never given a black a ticket before, but I hope he goes on to realise his potential. CC and BOB. Well done.

2nd MacDonald's ZEUS NERO VON ADAMANTIUM OF RANALDANE (IMP DEU)

Class 14 Special Open Harlequin Dog, 0 entries 0 Abs

Class 15 Special open Mantle Dog, 2 entries 1 Abs

1st Smith's CHANOZ TAILOR MADE FOR LAMBRINI (IMP USA)

See Class 8 Post Graduate Dog 2nd

Class 16 Open Dog, 4 entries 2 Abs

1st Chappell's CH SELMALDA JEALOUS GUY (AI)

Very well known winner, and I can understand why. Well marked, dark brindle, with super classic head. Dark eye and melting expression. Strong crested neck with good shoulder placement, and straight bone. Not as wide in front as some, which can effect feet placement, but has excellent spring of rib and depth to chest. Correct topline with hard well angulated rear, and good width across croup, which enabled him to travel around the ring with ease, with a lithe springy action with precision. This dog, when standing, cannot be ignored. His outline, condition, and presentation is second to none. A worthy champion, and happy to give him RCC today. Well done.

2nd Burns, McGuinness & Nelson-McGuinness' CH GARSAK SIR BRODDICK DINAHTRON

Class 17 Special Open Veteran Dog, 2 entry 1 Abs

1st Robinson's DAINWOOD CHERRY PIE

An old favourite of mine, now 7 years old black who defies his age. Shown in lovely condition. Overall, lovely make and shape with good head and front. Moved with purpose around the ring.