

THE NORTHERN SBT CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS – SATURDAY, 16 MARCH 2013

It was a pleasure and a privilege to judge the Club's Championship shows. The entry was disappointingly low and our sympathy goes out to the Club who make a considerable effort to invite breed specialists from the UK, only to find exhibitors do not support the Club. Nevertheless, what the Club lacked in entries was more than made up for by the overall quality of the entry and the warm, friendly atmosphere.

We must thank all the committee for being so attentive and thank the President – Gordon Muir and Wayne Holt for meeting us at the airport and making us most welcome. Special thanks to Mark and Cathy Anderson for accommodating us after the show and making us feel so much at home, and to Bill and Margaret Meredith for taking the time out to show us around, and finally to Alan and Margaret Walker for looking after us and taking us to the airport for the return trip.

With respect to the show, we must mention Dennis Rowlands who did a splendid job as our Steward, and to all the exhibitors who accepted our decisions in such a sporting manner and made the day such an enjoyable one. The quality of the dogs/bitches was good and we were pleased with our principle winners. Head type was excellent and there was little evidence of exaggeration. Our preference errs towards a more athletic animal, but our only main issue was the general lack of fitness. In conclusion: the Stafford in New Zealand is in good hands and as long as breeders avoid exaggeration and strive for sound, athletic animals the future looks bright.

MORNING SHOW: JUDGE – JENNY SMITH (WILLOWSTAFF, UK)

Class 1 – Baby Puppy Dog – 1 Entry

1st Marett's Takoda Mastermind – Black/brindle of 4 months. A very smart young puppy with a lovely head type which is enhanced by dark eyes, neat ear carriage and correct dentition. Clean in muzzle with good strength of under jaw. Nice amount of bone, straight front, balanced, with level topline. Well angulated rear quarters. Very promising – liked him very much indeed. **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**

Class 5 – Junior Dog – 1 Entry

1st Chase's Regalcross Sunga – A Standard Skewbald dog of 13½ months who has a nice head type of good proportions with typical expression. He has good width to muzzle - although a little fleshier than I would prefer - correct bite, dark enough eyes and neat ears. His front has good width and is well boned with a level top line, good bend of stifle and neat tail carriage. Moved out ok.

Class 6 – Intermediate Dog – 2 Entries

1st Marett's Ch Oakstaff Masterpiece CGC Gold. Black/brindle of 2 years 10 months. A quality dog exhibiting the virtues I look for. He has superb head properties including a great expression, dark enough eyes, neat ears, correct mouth with big canines and strong under jaw. He is clean fronted with a nice amount of lift and is well balanced. Sufficient angulation in rear quarters, level backline and positive movement. A stylish dog that I liked very much. Delighted to award DOG CC & BEST IN SHOW – Congratulations and well done.

2nd Inglis-Topp's Regalcross Baretta Boy – brindle with predominantly white forequarters of 2 years 8 months. Another handsome looking dog with correct dentition and lovely head of correct proportions, having good underjaw, clean muzzle, nice eyes and neat ears. Short in neck, well balanced. Prefer slightly more upper arm to give more fluid forehand movement. Good rear quarters, very nice standard dog - unlucky to come up against 1.

Class 8 – New Zealand Bred Dog – 3 Entries (1 Absent)

1st Baars & Nicol-Baars Ch Dacaho About To Rock – Brindle with white markings – 2 years. A nice type of dog that had a straight front when stood properly. He has sufficient bone, good depth of brisket and a well proportioned head of good strength with a dark enough eye. Teeth ok. A dog that was well balanced, had correctly angulated rear quarters and moved with plenty of drive. In the challenge for RBIS I preferred his level of fitness and more positive movement over that of the bitch. DOG RCC & RESERVE BEST IN SHOW - WELL DONE

2nd Anderson's Challenger Necromancer. 4 years old brindle with flashy white markings. Another with a lovely head and expression of correct proportions with good strength of underjaw. Bite ok with nice big canines. Straight front, well boned but prefer a shade more upper arm and more reach of neck for better overall balance. A short coupled, compact, standard dog of good type.

Class 10 – Veteran Dog – 3 Entries

1st Wood's NZ & Aust Ch Belleden Golden Prince CGCS (Imp Aust) - 9½ years red with dark mask and white front. A top size dog that is well off for bone with a straight front, lovely head and expression, dark eyes and correct ear carriage. Good muzzle strength and depth of underjaw. Bite correct although teeth showing fair amount of wear and tear consistent with age. Good rear quarters and very positive movement

2nd Baars Ch Rojeme Tarbuck. 9 years' Black/brindle/white front – A lighter framed dog than 1 and perhaps more my type of dog as regards size. He is clean off the front, has an attractive head of correct proportions, good canines and underjaw, clean muzzle, neat ears, correct amount of bone. He is slightly straight in the stifle which affected his rear end movement. Well balanced with a decent topline.

3rd Anderson's Ch Stoneheart Walkawyteline (Imp Aust) – 7½ years predominantly white dog with left eye patch. Lovely head and expression, neat ears, correct eye placement, good mouth. A Standard dog who was short coupled, well off for bone and with sound rear quarters. The youngest of this trio and not quite as fit. A nice trio of 'oldies' who were all on good form; thanks for bringing them.

Class 11 – Open Dog – 5 Entries (2 Absent)

1st Walker's Challenger Ceasar Rex – 13 months' mahogany brindle dog. A quality, top sized dog that is well boned but not overdone. He has a super head and expression complemented by neat ears and dark eyes. Good strength of underjaw and perfect bite. Straight front, plenty of upper arm, neat feet, well balanced, level topline and well angulated rear quarters when stood properly. Very much a youngster and desired fitness will come with maturity. I am sure he has a very bright future – good luck and enjoy!

2nd Phillips' Rockard The God Of War – 3 years old Black/brindle with white front. He has a head of good definition and proportions with a super expression complemented by good eye shade and neat, thin ears. He has a clean, straight front, is short coupled and has well angulated rear quarters but tail a bit untidy. A well balanced dog with just the right amount of lift that moved ok.

3rd Baars Ch Rojeme Rockafella – 5 years' Black/brindle. A standard dog with a head of good strength, although preferred the expression of 1 & 2. He is also slightly longer cast than I prefer, and lacks upper arm to give desired balance. However he has straight, well boned forequarters, good depth of brisket, good strength of underjaw and decent rear quarters with level backline and moved out ok.

BITCHES**Class 1a – Baby Puppy Bitch – 4 Entries (2 Absent)**

1st Marett's Takoda Superminx. 4 months' black/brindle and litter sister to the baby puppy dog winner. Well presented by good handler. Good width to front – teeth looked ok but gums raw as teething. Well proportioned head, dark eyes and neat ears. Liked her style: straight front, just enough depth to brisket, nice amount of upper arm. Well balanced, rear quarters ok. Promising youngster that moved out well.

2nd Didovich's Bluestaff Hidden Blue Treasure. Blue of 5½ months. Nice style of pup that I also liked and a close decision. More mature than 1, slightly longer cast and therefore not quite as compact. Clean front, level topline and good rear quarters. Perfect bite, good length of muzzle and correctly proportioned head. Slightly flighty ears. Moved well once handler stopped using bait.

Class 3a – Puppy Bitch – 3 Entries

1st Wood's Oakstaff Brandy-Snap. 7 months' standard red with white front and black mask. This youngster is nice and clean off the front with good pigmentation and well boned. Sufficient head for age with attractive expression, correct mouth, ear carriage ok. Would prefer a more level topline. Moved out ok although seemed to lack a little sparkle and could be a shade fitter.

2nd Bailey's Pagan Storm. White/pied of 9 months and a bigger package than 1. A flashy puppy that was fit and had plenty of confidence and personality. Prefer slightly darker eye shade, but head of good shape and definition with appealing expression, mouth ok. Good bone and well enough balanced. Tail could do with a trim to improve overall presentation.

3rd Wood's Oakstaff Delilah – 11 months' Standard black/brindle with white front. Pleasing head of correct proportions with dark, round eyes and neat ear carriage. Good bone and sufficient rear angulation. Unfortunately lacked 'lift' and did not therefore have the balance I look for, and could be a whole lot fitter.

Class 5a – Junior Bitch – 1 Entry

1st Byers' Pitshaft Stellar Eclipse. Brindle with white toes & front of 18 months. In good, fit condition with a strong head and pleasing expression. She has neat ears, dark eyes, correct bite and a strong under jaw but muzzle a little fleshy. Front straight but prefer cleaner shoulder line and less depth of brisket, which slightly unbalances her in profile. Level backline with good spring of rib and light in loins. Rear quarters well angulated rear quarters moved out well enough.

Class 6a – Intermediate – 1 Entry

1st Nicol-Baars & Baars Ch Dacaho Praise The Shadow - Mahogany brindle of 2 years 3 months. She is clean off the front with just the right amount of depth of brisket for balance. Not overboned or overdone in any way. She has a lovely expression and head of correct proportions and in balance with body. Eyes dark enough, good dentition and neat, well placed ears. Topline level, good bend of stifle and moved very positively. Would prefer to see her fitter, but overall a very nice bitch of the make and shape I look for. **BITCH CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE/BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW – WELL DONE**

Class 8a – New Zealand Bred – 5 Entries (1 Absent)

1st Wood's Oakstaff Tar Baby. 7 months' black/brindle. A puppy that I considered to be very promising. She has a lovely front when stood properly, a very attractive head which is well shaped and defined with good muzzle to head ratio, the darkest of eyes and neat ears. She has just the right amount of lift off the front to give excellent overall balance when viewed from any angle. Correct rear quarters, good topline and moved out well enough. Overall she is a really tidy little youngster at this very early stage with everything in the right place. Sure she has a promising future – good luck; wish she were mine!

RESERVE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE - WELL DONE.

2nd Aldous' Ch Aldoushire Burlesque Babe – Brindle/white front of 2½ years. She has a punishing head with good expression, complemented by dark enough eyes and neat ears. Carrying too much weight for me and a little bossy on the shoulderline. Moved well enough, holding a level topline and had sound rear quarters. Just pipped at the post by a very good puppy.

3rd Baars' Dacaho House of Jazz – 5 years brindle that leans more to the terrier type. Straight enough off the front and with good rear quarters. Has a clean muzzle, although longer than some would like, and correct teeth. Moved out ok but fore action could be better.

Class 10a – Veteran Bitch – 2 Entries

1st Lookers' Hellfyre Foreign Affair (Imp Aust) (D) – Mahogany brindle/white front and markings of 7½ years. Well proportioned head, clean muzzle, strong underjaw with correct dentition, although has a broken canine. Straight off the front with a clean shoulderline and good rear quarters, but lacks rear end drive through lack of muscle tone. Later found out she was my baby puppy winner in Australia 7 years previously and had she been fitter, she would have challenged for top honours. Thank you for the opportunity to see her again and for turning out to support the show.

2nd Byers' Ch Pitshaft Mystic Miss – Brindle of 9 years'. Another nice type of bitch with a good head and neat ears. She has lovely dark eye, clean muzzle and good depth of underjaw. A well boned bitch that has a deep brisket which slightly unbalanced her outline, particularly in profile, and is a shade too powerful off the shoulderline for my preference. Moved out well enough.

Class 11a – Open – 4 Entries (2 Absent)

1st Baars' Ch Dimon Been Behavin – Red bitch of almost 7 years. A tough decision between 1 & 2. Just preferred the outline and movement of 1. She has a lovely, straight front and clean shoulderline with decent rear quarters and topline. Losing her head shape and a little flighty in the ears, but is more my type and moved out very well.

2nd Aldous' NZ Ch Pepstaff Makem Cry (Imp Aust) – 4 years 9 months' Black/brindle with white front. A somewhat younger bitch that has a very attractive head of good proportions. She has a decent underjaw, good mouth, neat ear carriage and dark enough eye shade. Well boned front, just carrying far too much weight, which in particular hampered her front movement.

Judge: Jenny Smith (Willowstaff)

AFTERNOON SHOW: JUDGE – MICK SMITH (WILLOWSTAFF, UK)

Class 1 – Baby Puppy Dog – 1 Entry

1st Marett's Takoda Mastermind – 4 months' Black/brindle. Nice neat ears, good length of muzzle, dark eye, clean front, good feet and well boned legs. Held a level topline on the move. Balanced and with plenty of promise. Stood alone but a quality puppy that would do well in any company.

Class 5 – Junior Dog – 1 Entry

1st Chase's Regalcross Sunga – Skewbald dog, 14 months. Attractive head, dark eye, well set ears and correct dentition. A little stronger than my personal preference, but a well boned dog that was short coupled and had positive movement. Reasonable bend of stifle and constructionally sound. Could be somewhat fitter.

Class 6 – Intermediate Dog – 2 Entries

1st Marett's Ch Oakstaff Masterpiece CGC Gold. 2 years 10 months' black/brindle dog in fit condition. Very good head and expression, with neat ears and dark eyes. Excellent dentition with correct length of muzzle. Level backline and correctly set on tail. Well boned, straight front. Good feet and well angulated rear. Moved out very well. A top size dog that commanded my attention. **DOG CC & BEST IN SHOW.** Well done.

2nd Inglis-Topp's Regalcross Baretta Boy. 2 years 8 months' brindle dog with white toes, neck and face. Somewhat heavier than my personal preference and not as fit as my winner. Moved out ok, has adequate bend of stifle and a well boned, straight front. A good headed dog with a dark eye and correct bite. Just preferred the overall make and shape of winner.

Class 8 – New Zealand Bred Dog – 3 Entries (1 Absent)

1st Baars & Nicol-Baars' Ch Dacaho About To Rock – 2 years' 4 months. A brindle dog with white on front. Straight front, well boned, decent bend of stifle. A good headed dog with good dentition and dark eyes. Standard sized and short coupled, who held his top line on the move. Shown in good condition and won this class on general outline.

2nd Anderson's Challenger Necromancer – 4 years. Brindle dog that was just a shade heavier off the front than first and a tad shorter in the neck which spoilt his outline. Very similar in type to 1 and comparable comments apply. A difficult choice between 1 & 2 who on another occasion could change places.

Class 10 – Veteran Dog – 3 Entries

1st Wood's NZ & Aust Ch Belleden Golden Prince CGCS (Imp Aust) - 9½ years' red with black mask and excellent pigmentation. A top size dog in good condition that moved out extremely well. Lovely head and good length of muzzle, housing well set, big teeth. Well put together with correct angulations front and rear with a level topline. A pleasure to assess.

2nd Anderson's Ch Stoneheart Walkawyteline (Imp Aust) – 8 years old. White dog with black eye patch. Lovely head with dark eyes, neat ears and good mouth. Possessed a nice, straight front – well boned. Short coupled and adequate rear angulation. A nice type of dog that lost out on movement and overall condition.

3rd Baars' Ch Rojeme Tarbuck. 9 years old black/brindle/white front. Attractive head, correct ear set, decent length of muzzle, correct dentition and dark eye. Moved out ok with level topline; would prefer a straighter front which was the deciding factor. Three nice veterans – thanks for bringing them.

Class 11 – Open Dog – 5 Entries (3 Absent)

1st Walker's Challenger Ceasar Rex – 13 months. Top size brindle dog with a lovely head and expression. Nicely balanced and very similar to the dog Challenge winner. Has a level topline, correct tail set and sufficient angulation front and rear. Could have been fitter but undoubtedly this will improve with maturity. A dog that I am sure has a bright future. Dog RESERVE CC. Well done and good luck.

2nd Phillips' Rockard The God Of War – 3 years old. A short coupled, Standard dog in good condition with sufficient bend of stifle. Possesses a good head with correct ear set, dark enough eyes, moved out well. Unfortunately has a minor mouth fault although this was not the deciding factor; just preferred the overall type of the winner.

BITCHES

Class 1a – Baby Puppy Bitch – 4 Entries (2 Absent)

1st Didovich's Bluestaff Hidden Blue Treasure – 5 months old blue. Appealing head, dark eye for a blue, good length and strength to muzzle and excellent dentition. Ears a little flighty but within the Standard. Athletic in profile and maintained a level topline on the move with positive drive. My style of bitch.

2nd Marett's Takoda Superminx. 4 months. Attractive, standard black/brindle bitch. Lovely head shape with piercing dark eyes. Well put together but would prefer a shade more height to length. Moved out positively holding a level topline. Little to choose between 1 and 2; just preferred the athleticism and balance of 1.

Class 3a – Puppy Bitch – 3 Entries

1st Wood's Oakstaff Brandy-Snap – 7 months. Standard red bitch with black mask. Not entirely my type but of good make and shape. Straight, well boned front, decent bend of stifle, level topline. Pleasing head shape, good length of muzzle and tidy ears. All in all a quality little bitch – BEST PUPPY IN SHOW – well done.

2nd Bailey's Pagan Storm – 9 months old pied bitch. Well boned, substantial pup. Decent head, dark eyes, ears a little flighty. A heavier type than my personal preference but moved ok and would benefit from a little less weight.

3rd Wood's Oakstaff Delilah – 11 months. Black/brindle carrying too much weight. A good headed pup with neat enough ears, dark eyes and good dentition. Correct angulations front and rear but just a little long cast. Just lacks the balance I look for.

Class 5a – Junior Bitch – 1 Entry

1st Byers' Pitshaft Stellar Eclipse – 18 months. Substantial brindle with white socks & front. Strong headed bitch with correct ear set, dark eyes and good length of muzzle. Has a straight front but could have a cleaner shoulder line. Shown in fit condition, is balanced but topline tends to 'roach'.

Class 6a – Intermediate – 1 Entry

1st Nicol-Baars & Baars Ch Dacaho Praise The Shadow. Just over 2 years' brindle bitch. Not overdone in the head, neat enough ears, correct dentition, dark eyes. Nice and clean off the front with enough lift and bone. Level topline which she held on the move. Has a good back end and moved out very well. Could be somewhat fitter but overall a bitch of quality. **BITCH CC & RESERVE BEST IN SHOW – WELL DONE.**

Class 8a – New Zealand Bred – 5 Entries (1 Absent)

1st Wood's Oakstaff Tar Baby – 7½ months' old. Black/brindle bitch of the make and shape I look for. Lovely head, dark eyes, good mouth, well set ears. Stood four-square on good feet and looks balanced from any angle. A bitch I would gladly take home. Just lost out on maturity to the Bitch CC. **WELL DONE – BITCH RESERVE CC.**

2nd Aldous' Ch Aldoushire Burlesque Babe – Black/brindle bitch of 2½ years. Could be substantially fitter, otherwise a typy bitch with a good head, dark eye, correct bite and well set ears. Has a straight front with acceptable shoulderline and holds a level topline with good rear quarters. Would like to see this bitch in fit condition.

3rd Baars Dacaho House of Jazz – 5 years' brindle bitch of the old style. Terrier type head, good length of muzzle, correct teeth and dark enough eye. A topline bitch who is a little long cast and could be cleaner fronted and somewhat fitter. Structurally sound and moved out ok.

Class 10a – Veteran Bitch – 2 Entries

1st Lookers' Hellfyre Foreign Affair (Imp Aust) (D) – 7½ years. Brindle bitch with half white face and white feet. A lovely balanced bitch of the type I prefer. Clean in outline and short coupled. Pleasing head with good length to muzzle, dark eyes and good mouth. Lacked muscle tone and consequently movement was not positive, otherwise would have contended for top honours.

2nd Byers' Ch Pitshaft Mystic Miss – 9 years' brindle in good condition for age. A shade strong all over for my personal preference. Nice head type, decent dentition, dark eye, correct ear set and good length of muzzle. Well proportioned, short coupled, good bend of stifle. Moved ok. Topline could be better.

Class 11a – Open – 4 Entries (2 Absent)

1st Baars' Ch Dimon Been Behavin. Red – nicely balanced, 7 years old. Held a level topline on the move. Decent bend of stifle. Enough bone, pleasing head shape, good muzzle strength and length with correct bite and neat enough ears. Moved out very well.

2nd Aldous' NZ Ch Pepstaff Makem Cry (Imp Aust) – Almost 5 years' black/brindle with white front. Good quarters, level topline but could be cleaner off the front. Excellent head, good teeth, dark eye, correct ear set. Would benefit greatly by being substantially fitter.

Judge: Mick Smith (Willowstaff)