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Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria Inc.

50th Championship Show

Unicorn Show.

29th September 2024

I would like to thank the Offices Bearers and the Committee for the kind invitation to judge the 50th Championship Show. I found this a great honour and had been looking forward to it for some time. I would also like to thank Kathy Grass for the super gifts we received and for all her help and to Stephen my steward for keeping the ring flowing.

I would like to thank the Exhibitors for the lovely entry and the sporting way they accepted their awards. It is the first time I have judged in Australia and I found the Griffons to be of a very high quality, maybe not in numbers but def in depth of quality. On the downside I was surprised to find so much product on coats. Something that is NOT allowed in the UK.

Baby Puppy Dog (4 1abs) A nice way to start the day, all three puppies are very promising

1. Egan's Krusayd Knock Ya Socks Off, this 4½ month B/t rough is very smart in shape and size. Lovely head with a rounded skull, nose is large with open nostrils, dark round eyes, giving a mischievous expression, nice cobby body, and correct tailset. Good bone. Tan is clear and bright. Moved very well around the ring.
2. Mitchell's Griffonsburg Francis Barlow, a 4mth old r/s. Not as forward in body as 1. But loved his head with ex width to jaw and turnup, correct ear set. Level topline and correct tail set. Ok for bone and substance. Moved freely around the ring.
3. Mitchell's Griffonsburg Josh Chamberlain.

Puppy Dog (2).

1. Egan's Krusayd Know Your Worth, a super head to this B/r, lovely large nose with open nostrils, ex width of jaw and turnup, dark expressive eyes. Ok for neck

and shoulders. Straight front, ex ribcage and depth of chest. Nice hindquarters with well let down hocks. Coat is shown in ex condition. Moved well up and down.

2.Kurban's Armorgrif The Heart Throb, a rangier R/r that was paler in colour than what I would like, head is large with lovely dark eyes and good nose pad, ears slighty heavy. I would also like more neck. Level topline and correct hindquarters. Still to fill into his frame.

Jun Dog (3).

1.Beavis's Ch Shigriff Spy Who Loved Me, a very nice R/r that at nearly 18mths is very nice to go over. Well balanced body shape with ex front and hind assembly. Good ribcage with depth of chest. Ex bone and substance. Lovely head with rounded skull, black nose with ex open nostrils. Coat is a lovely clear red and harsh to the touch. Tail is carried over the back. Moved freely around the ring. Close up for top awards.

2.Stewart's Troubadour Dudley Do Right, a r/r that was rather overshadowed by 1. Shown in his under clothes so not in the best of coats. What he does have is a clear red. Pleasing head with lovely expression, could have smaller ears. Nice neck and shoulders, level topline. Good bone and correct feet.

3.Brown's Frenchgriff Malibu Surferboy.

Intermed Dog (1).

1.Bell & Olsson's Grand Ch A20 Ch Swedndreams Firfox at Lochtay, a very cobby R/r that was shown in ex coat and condition. Coat is a clear red. He has a lovely cobby body with ex ribcage and depth of chest. Ex bone. Head is large with lovely dark eyes. Level topline and carried tail correctly on the move.

Limit Dog (2 1abs).

1. Gurney & Elder's Shigriff Sounds Like a Plan, a pleasing R/r that requires to settle in the front. Again a lovely clear red coat that is harsh. Head is fairly large with ex turn up and width of jaw, nice ears and dark eyes.

State Bred Dog (3)

1. Clark's Ch Armogrif Ruffled Feathers, wow loved this 2year old R/r that just shouts Griffon to me. Love everything about him and he was so close to getting Best Dog. Fantastic head with super nose pad with open nostrils, ex width of jaw with good turn up and those eyes just sparkled. Well carried ears and a cracking beard. Ex body shape. Correct front and hind assembly and correctly carried tail. Coat is a clear red and is harsh to the touch. Pushed hard for best dog but I just loved the ribcage and depth of chest of the winner. Res Best Dog. When I called him back in for Res Bis he was very unsettled and his tail was down. I just kept him moving and he soon got his act together to take Res BIS. Well done.
2. Mitchell's Ch Griffonsburg Ulysses S Grant, another very smart R/r that has a lovely shape standing and holds himself well on the move. Ex bone and substance. Ex head shape with good jaw and turn up. Moved around the ring soundly.
3. Wilde's Elwick Too Darn Handsome.

Australian Bred Dog (4. 2abs).

1. Lawrence's Majomarc Firefli Kazari, for me here was the star of the day. Very much the old-fashioned style of Griffon that I come to look for and what brought me into Griffons in the early 90s. Loved him. Fantastic make and shape. Everything fits so well together. Fantastic large head, super round dark eyes, nose pad, width of jaw and turn up, small semi erect ears. Ex front and hind assembly. Ex balanced body with plenty of width and depth giving plenty heart room. Neat Feet. S hown in super coat and condition which was very well presented. Moved around the ring if he owned it Best Dog and then BIS. Congratulations.
2. Stewart's Ch Troubadour Volt E Morte, a well-marked B/t /r that requires to fill into his frame as lacked depth of chest at present. Coat is jet back with clear tan markings. Ex head shape with lovely dark round eyes. Good bone and neat catlike feet.

Open Dog (3).

- 1.Canavan & Waghorn's Ch Azande Little Red Wagon, very smart R/r that was very nice to go over on the table. Very well presented coat which was clear and harsh to the touch. Pleasing head with expressive eyes and ex nose pad and width of jaw. Nice body shape with well let down hocks. Moved freely and soundly around the ring. Pleasing exhibit.

2. Elder & Gurney's Aust Ch Shigriff Sam I am, a heavier made B/t/r than 1. Just carrying too much weight over the shoulder today and didn't have the drive of 1. Very nice head with large dark eyes, and good turn up. Level topline and depth of chest. Coat is jet black with clear tan marking and was well presented.

3. Morse's Ch Armorgrif Rise Of The Pheonix (ai).

Veteran Dog (2. 1abs)

1. Grass & Canavan's Ch Beauview Branch Office (imp Uk). Well, this 11-year-old B/t/s can certainly show many a younger dog how to move. Very much personality plus. Still has all the essentials that you would expect and wasn't surprised to see in the catalogue that he came from the UK. A kennel that did so much for B/t's. Lovely head with frosting now but lovely eyes and large nose pad with open nostrils. Ex body shape and bone. Carried his tail well. Best Veteran in Show

Minor Puppy Bitch (1)

1. Egan's Krusayd Keeping Up Appearances, very smart 7 mth old B/t /r, loved her shape and size with a lovely body and depth of chest, nice bone and neat feet. Lovely head and dark eyes, enough turnup. Nice clear tan markings and black was harsh to the touch.

Puppy Bitch (2)

1. Wilde's Elwick Burning Love, a very soundly made R/R. Her coat is a clear red. Ex neck and shoulders, straight front. Still to drop into her frame. Level topline and correctly carried tail. Moved soundly around the ring.

2. Brown's Frenchgriff Malibu Beach Bunny, like 1 a very pleasing R/s who has the correct coat which is short and tight, and a clear red. Head is a decent size with nice dark eyes and good nose pad. She holds herself well on the move. Just like more of her all round.

Jun Bitch (2)

1. Gurney & Elder's Shigriff Sweet Little Lies, I loved this 14mth old B/t /r bitch. Super head with ex width, large nose pad with open nostrils, nose colour slightly off. Ex width to jaw and turn up, smart balanced outline, correct carried ears, ex neck, shoulders and front. Nicely angulated hind quarters with well let down

hocks. Moved freely and soundly around the ring. Pushed for top awards. Nice exhibit.

2. Stewart's Troubadour Pop Do Wah Do Wah, an overall pleasing R/R that is longer in body and rangier than 1. Coat is a clear red and is well presented, head is large with good dark eyes and short nose with open nostrils and neat lips. Just requires time to come together.

Inter Med Bitch (2)

1. Marshall's Ch Griffloji I Am A OK, I loved the overall shape and size of this lovely R/s bitch. She is balanced in profile with her ex body shape and conformation. Her coat is short and tight and a clear red. Super head with a rounded skull, lovely dark round eyes, ex nose pad and width of jaw and turn up. Her chest is wide and deep. Giving a lovely overall shape. Ex bone and substance. Moved soundly at all times. Lovely bitch. Res Best Bitch.

2. Stewart's Ch Troubadour Mirto Lamentosa, another very nice B/t/r that couldn't match 1 on the move today, very well-presented coat with lovely clear tan. Ex head with lovely large dark round eyes, plenty width to jaw and ex turn up. Lovely broad chest and depth. Level topline and correctly carried tail.

Limit Bitch (3.1abs)

1. Simpson's Woodover Flick The Switch, carried herself better on the move than 2. and has a very nice body shape, good sized head with lovely dark eyes, some frosting on muzzle. Large nose pad. Short black coat with good tan markings. Good bone and substance.

2. Haan's Texanco Sass N Spin, this bitch didn't do herself any favours on the day. She requires more ringcraft to relax her. She has a nice sized head with enough turn up. Black nose pad and dark round eyes. Her coat is short and clear tan markings. It was a shame her tail was down all the time in the ring.

State Bred Bitch (2)

1. Wilde's Ch Elwick Too Darn Hot, loved the head on this R/R bitch. Large head with rounded skull. Correctly carried ears, dark round eyes, ex nose pad with open nostrils good turn up. Carried herself well on the move and sound at all times. Ex body with plenty heart room. Coat was a lovely colour but a shade soft on the furnishings which did distract.

2. Kurban Armogrif Smooth Talker, a very nice R/s that looked much younger in body than 1. Good bone and substance. Level topline and well carried tail. Ok

for body. Coat is a nice clear red. Pleasing in head with lovely eyes, turn up and width of jaw. Moved true coming and going.

Australian Bred Bitch (4)

1. Mitchell's Grand Ch Griffonsburg Scarlett Vivien, a lovely headed bitch this R/R has. Ex rounded skull, sparkling eyes, large nose pad, width of jaw and turn up, ok ears. Ex front and hind assembly, super chest and level topline. Moved well at all times. Coat is very well presented and is a clear red.

2. Brown's Aus Ch Tenayshus Doras Gidget, another very soundly constructed R/s from this exhibitor. Ex front and hind assembly, good ribcage and depth of chest. Pleasing head with lovely dark eyes and turn up, good bone and substance. Didn't move out as freely as 1 on the day.

3. Kurban's Ch Armogrif Laylah.

Open Bitch(4.1abs) Nice class.

1. Lawrence's Majomarc Donatella Del Norte, I loved this R/R bitch, she is 4 yrs old and is lovely to go over on the table. Large head with super facial features. From her round dark eyes, large nose pad and open nostrils. Super turn up and width of jaw. Ex neck, shoulders and front, loved her ribcage and depth of chest, level topline and her sound hind quarters which were well muscled. Coat is very well presented as were all this owners' dogs. Best Bitch with room to spare. On the day couldn't match both the dogs in front action for Bis. None the less a fabulous bitch. Well done

2. Mitchell's Gr Ch Griffonsburg Venus Victorious, a very nice R/r that you would never know was 6yrs old. She is a super shape and size from her very cobby body and ex bone and substance, her coat is a lovely clear red and harsh to the touch. Large head with lovely dark eyes, large nose pad and ex jaw line. Moved out freely and soundly around the ring.

3. Stewat's Aus Ch Troubadour Thistle Do.

Neuter Bitch (2) Two very nice bitches where it was won on overall shape and size and movement.

1. Haan's Alwood Mosaic, loved the head on this R/r, lovely dark round eyes, ex nose pad and turn up. Good body shape and bone. At 7yrs old can still move soundly around the ring.

2. Stewart's Aus Ch Neuter Ch Troubadour Holly Golightly, 9yr old R/s carried herself well on the move. Level topline and correct tail set. Ok for bone and substance. Appealing head with correct facial features.

Owner Bred Handled (3)

1. Mitchell's Grand Ch Griffonsburg Scarlett Vivien,

Best Team (1)

1. Troubadour a well-matched Team and even down to the Exhibitors Tartan outfits.

Best Brace (2)

1. Stewart's Ch Troubadour Volte E Morte & Ch Troubadour Mito Lamentosa ,

Dam & Progeny Bitch (2)

1. Mitchell's Gr Ch Griffonsburg Venus Victorious,

Sire & Progeny Dog (1)

1. Gurney & Elder's Ch Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man (imp Esp)

Judge Mr James W Finlay- Kirkwood

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