Lhasa Apso Association of Wales & South West Championship Show - 19th November 2017

Judge Melanie Shand-Clark

Firstly, I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge this excellent Breed Club Show. It was a very successful and happy show, and I would like to thank them for all their hard work, well done. Many thanks for the lovely silver engraved picture book, I loved it.

I would like to thank all the exhibitors for their support shown.

I know a number of you have traveled a long way and I very much appreciate you being there. I must also say the turnout and quality was exceptional, thank you. There were a number of quality exhibits in the classes that had to leave the ring, and I was very impressed with the Limit and Open classes of the day, they were a delight to judge.

I was impressed to see the overall quality of the breed has definitely improved, and was very pleasantly surprised, more being of skeletal soundness, heads and eye.

Although there were a couple of examples of far too narrow bottom jaws with missing incisors and dirty teeth, no excuse here!! roundness of eye, all of this not giving the expression required for the breed.

Poor upper arm, upright shoulders and length of loin. I do feel we need to watch the strength in the hindquarters, turn of stifle and angulation, in the instances I found the hocks were very weak. However, I was pleased these were in fewer circumstances than my previous appointment, but something that really needs addressing.

Class 1 - Minor Puppy Dog (2)

1st - Kutani Shockwave - Mrs V. Clutterbuck & Mrs W. Cain

Gold, A lovely well balanced puppy who caught me eye straight away. He has a lovely head and expression with correct bite and dentition, good shoulder into straight front, nice layback of rib with well angled hind quarters. He holds his shape well on the move and has a lovely fluid movement for such a young chap.

2nd - Sifrason's Military Hero - Mr S. Taylor & Mr J. Johnson

Red gold, I loved the head and expression of this young man, who has the darkest of eye. For me he is still quite raw but once he comes into himself I believe will be quite a contender. He has a good mouth, good front, good hind quarters with lovely coat, moved soundly.

Class 2 - Puppy Dog (5)

1st - Shenedene Trade Secret - Miss M.D. Hall

Gold Parti, A lovely puppy of quality, lovely head, dark eye, excellent coat, nice shoulders into good front, good topline with good length of rib, good tailset. He moved well in the class with style, and I was very pleased to award him **Best Puppy Dog and Best Puppy in Show**.

2nd - Wrenwrox Buffhalo Soldier - Ms A.M. Birch

Another lovely little chap, lovely head and expression, good eye, good mouth, good front, good coat, moved soundly

3rd - Nickanda Special Delivery - Miss N. Crummy

Class 3 - Junior Dog (6,1)

1st - Fengola Sassy Boy - Mr A.C. Baxter

Dark Gold boy, lovely shape and quality, well proportioned throughout, lovely head, good mouth and expression, very good furnishings, strong well arched neck which is set into good shoulders, level topline, well angulated, moved well and held himself well.

2nd - Deelayne Cue Card - Mrs M.V. Lewis

Red chap with good balance. Nice head with good pigment, good mouth, well arched neck into good shoulder with good coat, moved soundly and freely.

3rd - Quaytown Brunel - Mr M.J.Wood

Class 4 - Yearling Dog (3,2)

1st - Archirondel Nasa At Saksfifth - Mrs A.J. Hayes Sound little chap, good mouth, dark eye, good coat, moved soundly.

Class 5 - Novice Dog (2)

1st - Deelayne Cue Card - Mrs M.V. Lewis 2nd - Quaytown Brunel - Mr M.J. Wood Nicley made gold boy, good head and mouth, level topline, well angulated, lovely free moment, just needs more confidence, but this will come he a young boy.

Class 6 - Graduate Dog - No Entries

Class 7 - Post Graduate Dog (2,1)

Carribae's Austin Tacious - Ms E. Carrick Gold, a little sensitive chap on the table but sound to go over, nice expression and moved well.

Class 8 - Mid Limit Dog (1)

1st - Zanamop Trader Jack At Vowchurch - Mrs S.L. Carter Gold Parti, nice sound chap, good expression with good pigment, good lay of shoulder and front, good top line, moved well.

Class 9 - Limit Dog (7)

1st - Timazinti Britskii At Kenida - Mrs I. Watts

This cream dog is of the highest quality, he was such a delight to go over. Excellent head and expression, good pigmentation, in fabulous coat, good topline both when stood & on the move, well laid back shoulders, moved with style today, for me he fits the Standard. I was very happy to award him the **Dog CC and Reserve Best In Show**, I understand this giving him his crown.

2nd - Hopeinns Beyond Limits With Kelankin - Miss K.A. Kindness

This is a lovely boy of good balance, lovely head and with good dark eye, good mouth, good lay of shoulder and front with good length of rib, good angulation, lovely coat texture, moved well and looked good today, pushing for 1st place.

3rd - Telshotbriar Leonardo With Littondale - Mrs T. Lightfoot / Mr D. & Mrs J. Lock Another very sound Gold boy, loved his balance, lovely head and arrogant expression, excellent pigmentation, very good furnishings, strong well arched neck set into good shoulders, level topline, well angulated. Another boy being considered for top placing.

Class 10 - Open Dog (8)

1st - Ch Sandauri Show Stopper For Kutani - Mrs W. Cain

I have watched this cream dog for a while and I was definitely not disappointed. He is of excellent quality, lovely head and expression, with super mouth, good pigmentation, excellent coat, good topline both when stood and on the move, well laid back shoulders, moved soundly. It was a close decision for the CC, and very happy to award him **Reserve Dog CC.**

2nd - Ch Shenedene Don Carlos - Miss M.D. Hall

Gold boy with good expression and pigmentation, good front and shoulder placement, good topline, lovely coat of the correct texture, he moved very soundly and holds his shape well. 3rd - Longsdale Lets Rock Gallerio JW - Mrs A.E. Blake

I did like this young man seems to get better with age, he's very sound and has excellent qualities with lovely expression and dark eye. Good lay of shoulder and front, well angled and balances well, but needs to be stacked more together. I have seen him move more freely than today.

Class 11 - Veteran Dog - (1,1)

Class 12 - Minor Puppy Bitch (5,1)

1st - Kutani Material Girl - Mrs V. Clutterbuck & V. Jackson

Nice head and expression, dark eye, good front, with good coat, good topline, correct tailset, moved very soundly with great style, happy to award her **Best Puppy Bitch and Reserve Best Puppy In Show.**

2nd - Longsdale's One Last Time - Mr D. Francis & Mr G. Pearce

Such a sweet baby, pretty head, good mouth, dark eye, good front, excellent coat, moved soundly

3rd - Newcliffe Luisa-Lace - Mrs M. Sutcliffe

Class 13 - Puppy Bitch (10,2)

1st - Shenedene Reckless Secret - Miss M.D. Hall

Gold, I loved the arrogance of this young lady, lovely head and bite, with good pigment, good shoulder and lay of rib, and good angulation and moved with grace for someone so young. 2nd - Quaytown Daffidil - Mrs V. Langford

Sound girl with good head, well arched neck, good mouth, good topline, moved soundly. 3rd - Kutani Rumour Has It - Mrs W. Cain

Class 14 - Junior Bitch (6,2)

1st - Cossy's Star Attraction Via Mytilene - Mrs T. Gillman Gold, lovely head and expression, dark eye, nice shoulder placement and front, good coat, nice topline, correct tailset, moved very soundly.

2nd - Zanamop Don't Ask me Why At Vowchurch - Mrs S.L. Carter

Gold Parti, Sweet young girl, nicely made and with time will be a nice bitch, moved well. 3rd - Tarendes She's My Bear - Mrs S.M. Jones

Class 15 - Yearling Bitch (4,1)

1st - Damjoz Moon Lady At Claelamir JW - Miss C.E.M. Blake

Dark Gold, Lovley quality young lady who is maturing nicely, lovely pretty head with dark eye and good mouth, well arched neck, good lay of shoulder and front, good lay of rib and well angled hind, moved very well today, better than I have seen her holder her balance well. 2nd - Cossy's Star Attraction Via Mytilene - Mrs T. Gillman 3rd - Zanamop Wild Honey of Vowchurch - Mrs S.L. Carter

Class 16 - Novice Bitch (4,1)

1st - Zanamop Don't Ask me Why At Vowchurch - Mrs S.L. Carter 2nd - Quaytown Primrose - Mrs V. Longford Gold, Another nice young girl, with a nice balance, good head and mouth, correct bite and dentition, nice dark eyes, pleasing expression, well made body, good tailset, moved well. 3rd - Taemarus Epernay - Ms M. L. Hemsley

Class 17 - Graduate Bitch (2)

1st - Cossy's Star Attraction Via Mytilene - Mrs T. Gillman 2nd - Zanamop Wild Honey of Vowchurch - Mrs S.L. Carter

Class 18 - Post Graduate Bitch (2,1)

1st - Timazinti's Millie Mae At Narmoak - Mr R. A. & Mrs L. J. Davis Cream gold of lovely quality, good expression with dark eye, good mouth, nice lay of shoulder and front, level topline with good angulation, moved well holding balance. In super coat and condition.

Class 19 - Mid Limit Bitch (1)

1st - Shiawandi What If - Ms G. Holland

Red Gold, good head and expression, dark eye, good mouth, good front, correct tailset, good coat, moved very soundly.

Class 20 - Limit Bitch (9)

1st - Askja Diamond In The Dust - Miss R. Revillas / Mr & Mrs Church

Gold bitch of outstanding quality, this girl took my breath away as soon as I saw her. Beautiful head and expression with good pigmentation, lovely coat, with good layback of shoulder, excellent topline with good turn of stifle and angulation with made her move with great style and elegance, holding her shape at all times. She fits the Standard in every way for me. Very happy to award the **Bitch CC & Best Of Breed**

2nd - Remrah Babooshka At Marpori JW Sh CM - Mrs G. Free

I have loved this bitch for some time and she didn't disappoint, she has matured beautiful and looked stunning today making it harder choice. Lovely head and expression with good mouth, good shoulder and lay of rib with good angulation, moved well holding a lovely shape.

3rd - Littondale Gisella - Mr & Mrs D.J. Lock

Another quality bitch, lovely balance and moved out to give 1 and 2 a run for their money. Lovely head and expression with lovley dark eye, good mouth, lovely arch neck into good lay shoulders and front, good top line and length of rib, holding her balance beautify on the move. Another definitely improving with age.

Class 21 - Open Bitch (5,1)

1st - Ch Shenedene Miss World JW - Miss M.D. Hall

I have admired this lady for a while now and she did not disappoint me at all today. Gold bitch of outstanding quality, lovely head and expression with good pigmentation, lovely lay of shoulder and front, excellent topline, turn of stifle and angulation, lovely coat texture, moved with great style, another that fits the Standard for me, she really pushed for the CC today and made it a harder decision. Very happy to award her the **Reserve Bitch CC**. 2nd - Deelayne Demerara - Mrs M.V. Lewis

Red Gold - lovley balance and moved with delight today, lovely head with the loveliest of dark eye and good mouth, lovely arched neck into good lay of shoulder, good front, good topline holding on the move with elegance.

3rd - Ch Tarendes It's That Bear - Mrs S.M. Jones.

Class 22 - Veteran Bitch - (2)

1st - Ch Timazinti Liberty - Mrs J Scarll & Ms S. Sykes

This lady was in excellent condition, lovely head, dark eye, good mouth and expression, well laid back shoulders, and level topline, good angulation, good coat of the correct texture, good tailset, moved very soundly holder herself well. Very much deserved **Best Veteran In Show.**

2nd - Ch Deelayne Illustrious - Ms E. Carrick

Grey lady, nice head, good mouth, arched neck, good coat, good topline and moved soundly and freely.

Class 23 - Brace (2)

- 1st Timazinti's Kienke Mrs J. Scarll & Ms S. Sykes Timazinti Liberty
- 2nd Zanamop Don't Ask Me Why At Vowchurch Mrs S.L. Carter Zanamop Wild Honey Of Vowchurch