Midland & Northen Counties French Bulldog Club (2/3/2025) – Judges Critique

It was an honour to judge for M&NCFBC, made extra special being voted for by the club’s members.  After making such wonderful memories at the Peace Hall in Penkridge over the years, it felt very special to be stood in the ring and announced as judge for the day.  Thank you to the club and committee for your hospitality and looking after myself and the exhibitors so well all day.  It’s been noted by many that the atmosphere was fantastic, with a lot of support for fellow exhibitors ringside. Special thank you goes to my super-efficient stewards who kept the ring running smoothly. I found all the dogs to be in good visible health and temperaments were as wonderful as the breeds should be. Thank you to each and everyone of you for allowing me to go over your beloved dogs.

Judge: Lynsey Roach (Roalice)

Class A – Baby Puppy Dog (5)

1st – Timm’s Olijah Going In Deep, 4 month old brindle, I think he has been here before, he walked in the ring like he owned the place and I couldn’t take my eyes off him!  I really loved this dogs type, shape and silhouette in profile, so well balanced throughout at this stage. Square head developing nicely, really good ear shape and carriage.  He has a well defined muzzle in profile and lovely dark pigmentation throughout. Very well schooled already and moved steadily for one so young.  I am sure he will have a bright future ahead of him and I would have took him home. Best Baby Puppy in Show.

2nd – Walton’s Ravendane Paddington Bear, 4 month old brindle, another with a lovely outline for a baby and I liked his overall type and shape at this stage. He has such a lovely head, with a very sweet handsome expression and lovely dark round eye.  I noted he had tight feet and a tail.  Free movement as a baby should move.

Class B – Baby Puppy Bitch (6:3)

1st Timm’s Olijah Coming For You, 6 months old litter sister to BBPIS, well-schooled like her brother, another sweet baby, really feminine soft expression with dark round eyes, correctly set ears that were carried to give her a really alert expression, foreface developing well, liked her shape and size, nice topline and tail set. Forward moving happy baby

2nd Hucker’s Oschalben Olissa at Bevanray, darkest of brindles, another sweet baby who is very clean and moderate in her shape and outline, excellent dark pigmentation, lovely dark expressive round eyes with a good upsweep, straight in front with tight feet, rear developing and a good tail, handled well and moved as a baby should

Class 1 Minor Puppy Dog (5:3)

1st Hutchinson’s Oschalben Olympus, 6 month old brindle who is full of himself with a ring presence! Compact cobby boy that stands four square, I liked his square head, good nostrils and his muzzle is developing well with good width and depth. Strong straight front assembly, short coupled, would prefer a little more tuck up, good size tail, moved out soundly on a loose lead. Best Puppy Dog

2nd Wood’s Zimblistic Spooky Charm Delightbull, 6 month brindle pied with coat I would have preferred clearer. He is of good shape and size stood, broad square head, flat between the ears which were set a little wide apart, good underjaw and well padded muzzle, nice body proportions and correct top line with tail covering, moved freely.

Class 2 Puppy Dog (4:1)

1st Plominska & Kil, Mrs D P, Mr S K, Miss K P & Mr E K, Narcyz z Liokowego Rancza at Bestfrenchie (IMP POL), 10 month old brindle pied, attractive male, beautifully marked head with fine wrinkling, dark round eyes and correct ear set and carriage giving him an alert expression.  Compact in profile with good bone and depth of chest, shot coupled and strong loin, moved free and flowing

2nd Hickin & Rankin’s Wildax Mr Bojangles 11 month old brindle of a bigger scale covering more ground, but still retains balance.  Attractive cleanness to his head and he has a really soft expression,  with lovely dark round eyes and open nostrils.  He has a broad muzzle with good upturn and detention, his ears are a little larger than I would prefer and could be stronger in carriage. Nice to run your hands over as he flows.  Presented in good condition and moved soundly

Class 3 Junior Dog (3)

1st Bonsall’s Bestfrenchie Pirat at Muggshotts, 14 month clear coated brindle pied, small and compact, with superb bone and substance.  He is cobby and well-conditioned stood. Square masculine head, with such a kind and gentle expression.  Good ear shape and carriage, dark eye and well padded checks. Well barrelled with good front but could be tighter in pasterns. Tucks up well and correct topline and tail. Shows himself off, handled to advantage and is at one with handler on the move

2nd Smith’s Membully Razzmataz at Ellouab JW 12 month old brindle who was playing up a little today.  A little finer that 1st but nice shape and size with nothing overdone. I like his clean head with typical expression and good underjaw. Straight front with strong pasterns and good feet, nice balance to his body and good angles to the rear, moved soundly when settled

Class 4 Yearling Dog (0)

Class 5 Post Graduate Dog (1)

1st Vearncombe’s Ruption Knightcott Back to Black, 3 year old brindle another covering more ground but still balanced in profile.   Square masculine head, with a nice dome and ear set and carriage.  Firm to the touch and flows, good rib with strong loin, good tail size and set.  Moved at ease and presented in firm body condition

Class 6 Mid Limit Dog (3:2)

1st Lovell & Stones Pinedown Glory Boy, 3 year old dark brindle, I liked his shape in profile which was unexaggerated and balanced throughout. Square head with excellent ear carriage giving him a switched on alert expression, well set dark round eye .  Shapley neck and correct shoulder placement, strong straight front and pasterns, Good depth and spring of rib and strong loin, good rear angulation.  He was in hard body condition and firm to the touch with visible second thigh. Moved with rear drive . He was on high alert and on his toes all day. Reserve Best Dog

Class 7 Limit Dog (3:2)

1st Hutchinson’s Zorro of Shine Treasure for Oschalben JW 2 ½ year old clear coated brindle pied, short, compact and full of substance. Masculine well marked head, soft wrinkling, dark round eye with well cushioned muzzle. I like his front assembly and depth of chest, short strong loin. Presented in hard body condition and free mover. Another little showman, handled to advantage and pushed hard in the challenge

Class 8 Open Dog (2:1)

1st Hucker’s Ch Bevanray Terrypendry JW, 2 year old brindle pied, such a moderate, clean balanced profile, displaying a good length of neck and gentle topline. He has a very handsome head, with a sweet alert expression with the darkest of eyes which are melting.  His head is soft with lovely fine wrinkling.  He has a broad muzzle with good underjaw with clean flews. His shoulder placement is correct and front straight with tight feet. Hands flowed over him on the table. Forward free moving, this dog is such a showman and handles to his advantage at one with his handler. Best Dog

Class 9 Veteran Dog (2:1)

1st Timm’s Ch Eastonite Maui JW ShCM OSW, 7 year old clear coated fawn, covered more ground stood and although higher on the leg, he remains in balanced throughout. Super square head with nice pigmentation, with only the slightest of grey dusting giving away he’s a veteran.  Dark roundest of eyes and good depth and width of muzzle with open nostrils.  Strong underjaw with clean lips. Lovely length of neck and a wide straight front assembly on tight feet. Good tuck up and rear angles with a tail covering.  He was in super fit body condition and firm to the touch. It is lovely to watch how he is at one with his handler and he moves like a youngster. Best Veteran In Show

Class 10 Special Open Pied Dog (1)

1st 1st Hutchinson’s Zorro of Shine Treasure for Oschalben JW – as per Limit dog

Class 11 Special Open Brindle Dog (1:1)

Class 12 Special Open Fawn Dog (1:1)

Class 13 Minor Puppy Bitch

1st Vearncombe’s Puption Knightcott Hells Bells (7:2) 8 month old brindle, such an ultra-feminine baby, the prettiest of heads with dark round eyes that would melt you. Correct ear shape and carriage. Lovely developing depth and width of muzzle and scored in her strong underjaw and lip placement. Elegant, clean lines in profile with good length of neck. Straight front but would like more width to chest and bit more covering on her. Correct topline and tucks up nicely.  I liked her rear lines and she moved out flowingly.

2nd Goddard’s Kianspuchi Hedy Lamarr, 6 month old brindle, cobby and nicely covered. Head developing well for her young age and scored in an excellent depth to her stop and well defined muzzle in profile. Strong ear carriage and dark round eye.  Straight front with tight feet and good dark pigmentation. Body developing well and in balance, tail set covers. Moved like a baby should

Class 14 Puppy Bitch (6:3)

1st Goddard’s Kinspuchi Audrey Hepburn, 6 month old brindle, this baby really took my eye as she entered, such a lovely balanced cobby baby stood. Loved her pretty head, as per her litter sister, open nostrils, excellent depth and width to foreface and lovely lip placement and correct underjaw. Correct neck and shoulder placement, well barrelled for her age and shapely to go over. Rear angles developing nicely and rolled from the rear moving. I wish you a bright future with her. Best Puppy in Show

2nd Hucker’s Bevanray Asparagus, 10 month old fawn, pretty feminine square head with lovely dark mask pigmentation. Flat between the skull with correct ear carriage. Dark round eye and nice wide muzzle. Good front and rear assembly, a little longer through the loin. Fit body condition with visible second thigh, handled well and moved with purpose and soundly all ways.

Class 15 Junior Bitch (5:3)

1st Smith & Watt Rischale Esmeralda 13 month old brindle with a lot to like. Lovely type, shape and size. I loved her head and its proportions. Very pretty melting expression and a super foreface featuring open nostrils, deep stop, well padded cheeks, wide muzzle and super upturn. Flat between the ears and ears of correct shape and size. Straight front with tight feet, good width and dept to chest, a little longer on loin and moderate rear angulation.  Handled well and sound on the move all ways.

2nd Hutchinson’s Gailbulls Miss Gabrielle for Oschalben, 14 month old brindle pied, small and compact in profile, pretty feminine head with well defined stop and strong upturn.  Correct shoulder and straight front, would prefer more fore chest, short in loin, moderate rear, moved well

Class 16 Yearling Bitch (3:2\_

1st Massey’s Chareve Xtraspecial, 12 month old brindle, well balanced clean lines. Her head is square well domed, with dark round eye, good width to muzzle and good dentition, another with good nostrils (I note she was stress panting due to arriving late and but was settled in the challenge). Good spring of rib and tuck up. Moved well

Class 17 Post Graduate Bitch (5:3)

1st Bonsall’s Muggshotts Pillow Talk, 2 year old clear coated brindle pied. Elegant shapely body in profile, lovely square head with fine wrinkling, dark round eyes set well, clean muzzle with good stop. Lovely shapely neck, nicely barrelled and short coupled, strong loin and rear which assisted her sound movement all ways, one of the best movers of the day.

2nd Westmorland’s Gailbulls Its Edith, 14 month old brindle pied, short and compact stood, square head of good proportions but not willing to use her ears today, good nostrils and under jaw. Short coupled and nice topline. Moved ok

Class 18 Mid Limit Bitch (4:1)

1st Vearncombe’s Ruption Knightcott Back in Black JW, 3 year old brindle, lovely type shape and size but again I would prefer a bit more covering to finish her off. Square classic feminine head, well domed and flat between the ears which are well set and carried. Soft round eyes that look into you, well developed foreface and neat flews. Nice to put your hands on, sound rear with good tail.  Free and sound on the move

2nd Wood’s Zimblistic Paris, 3 year old brindle of decent shape and size, square head but not using her ears today. Good length of neck and spring or rib but would prefer more tuck up. Nice rear angles and tail present.  Moved ok

Class 19 Limit Bitch (3:1)

1st Hickin’s Boule & Onuba Dreamgirl (IMP ESP) 2 year old brindle, couldn’t take my eyes off her! Such a flashy bitch that commands your attention. So elegant in outline and profile which was clean and balanced throughout.  Such a pretty head with soft fine head wrinkling and ears of ideal shape and size. She has melting kind eyes, dark and round, another bitch that looks into you.  Well padded muzzle with good mouth and dentition.  Good width to underjaw. Lovely length of neck, nicely tacked on shoulders with good depth of chest, correct front angles, strong pasterns and neat feet. Strong loin, gentle topline and nice rear assembly.  Hands flowed over her on the table.  Her movement was free and surefooted, she floated.  Handler gets the best out of her.  Pushed hard for BB/BIS just pipped on body maturity. Reserve Best In Show

2nd Brown’s Winuwuk Smart Cookie, 3 year old brindle, lean in profile with good overall shape, square head with dark round eye, defined stop and good underjaw, not using her ears today. Correct topline and nice tuck up. Good tail set, moved well

Class 20 Open Bitch

1st Smith’s Ch Rischale Henrietta at Ellouba JW, 3 year old brindle, ‘Stunning’ headed my notes.  For me she is a classical French Bulldog with such a balanced silhouette . Classic square feminine head, doomed forehead, flat between lovely ear set and carriage. Round darkest of eyes, set well giving her such a melting soft expression.  She has a defined stop and correct nose placement, wide muzzle which is well padded.  Correct dentition, strong underjaw and tidy flews.  She has such an unexaggerated balanced outline which is shapely, and my hands just flowed over her from head to tail.  Well arched neck, strong shoulders with a wide straight front assembly with strong patterns and neat feet with excellent dark pigmentation.  She has well sprung rib, good depth of chest with a nice tuck up. Moderate rear angulation and small tail.  Presented in lovely body condition.  Moved soundly all ways holding her shape profile.  Best In Show

2nd Timm’s Ch Budbulls Maximum Impact for Olijah JW (IMP SRB), 2 year old brindle, liked her shape and size in profile, I would never have guessed she had recently returned to the ring following maternal duties! Such an alert switched on showgirl, lovely feminine head with a super ear carriage and placement, round melting eyes and well defined muzzle. Straight front assembly with strong patterns and tight feet, lovely neck and shoulder placement. She tucks up well with good rear angles and a good tail.  Free flowing movement and drives from the rear, she would have moved all day.

Class 21 Veteran Bitch (7:2)

1st Timm’s Eastonite Moana JW OSW AWS, 7 year old tiger brindle. I need to start by staying I could not believe the body condition of this veteran bitch .. she was the firmest dog to the touch today in rock hard body condition… my notes read ‘fit as a fiddle’, she is a credit to her owner! Clean square head with no coarseness, shapely balanced body proportions with deep chest and well sprung rib. Strong loin and muscled rear helped her motor around the ring like a youngster.  She looked like she was loving every minute in the ring

2nd Walton’s Ravendane Bagpuss, 10 year old darker tiger brindle, she has a lovely head with a soft sweet expression wearing her grey sprinkles well. Dark melting eyes and good width to foreface.  Good bone and substance with a deep chest and well sprung rib. Moved steady for her age.

Class 22 Special Open Pied Bitch (2)

1st Hutchinson’s Gailbulls Miss Gabrielle for Oschalben, see 2nd Junior Bitch

2nd Westmorland’s Gailbulls Its Edith, see 2nd Post Graduate Bitch

Class 23 Special Open Brindle Bitch (3:2)

1st Westmorland’s Ravensdane Indian Summer at Gailbulls, 5 year old brindle, small and compact, square head with good broad underjaw sporting her grey sprinkles, reluctant to use her ears but moved steady for her handler

Class 24 Special Open Fawn Bitch (1:1)