

Critiques for the Pennine & Scottish French Bulldog Association's 10th Anniversary Open Show held at Gretna on Sunday 17th July with judge Mrs Michelle Smith (Khanin).

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I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge their 10th Anniversary Open show. I was made to feel very welcome, and I thoroughly enjoyed my day. A special thank you to Richard Mavro-Michaelis who made lunch for me and Richard (the better half), also to Mick and Christine Gordon for their stewarding & hospitality. And of course, not forgetting the other stewards Diane Garret and Keith Morgan who kept things running smoothly.

Although the weather had been extremely hot, the day started cool and with some drizzle. But the committee had pulled out all the stops to make sure the dogs were kept cool and comfortable as the day grew warmer, fans had been placed around the hall and paddling pools outside. I didn't have one dog during the day that even raised a pant in the ring. Thank you to all the exhibitors who had entered under me it was very much appreciated and a joy.

Minor Puppy Dog 1

1st Raglenary Tucker Bear. 7-month-old brindle, good square head with nice dome to front dark round eyes. Correct ear placement, open nostrils. Right amount of upturn and broad lower jaw. Good reach of neck on nice shoulders and straight front. Top line was a little over roached but moved well, overall, a nice puppy.

Puppy Dog 3 (1)

1st Tartanpride Black Magic. 11-month-old brindle who had a beautiful head, square flat between the ears and domed front with a very appealing gently expression. A lovely dark expressive eye and correct ear placement, he just needed a bit of encouragement to use them. Good dentition with broad lower jaw, nice upturn. lovely reach of neck into correct shoulder and straight legs and tight feet. Deep chest with good spring of rib, correct top line with gently roach. This boy is a little gangly still but could body up as he matures, lots to like about him. Once settled he moved with drive and purpose. Happy to award him BPIS.

2nd Chelmbull Over the Moon for Vandamere. A dark brindle boy who has a lovely square head of similar qualities to one just a little lighter in eye. He was always alert and showed well. Great front on straight legs with tight feet. Well sprung rib with good tuck up, moved well. It was a very close call between first and second but preferred the top line of one.

Junior Dog 1

1st Chelmbull Over the Moon for Vandamere. As before.

Yearling Dog 1

1st Franstelgo's Let Em Ride. A fawn dog with a dark mask who in honesty didn't immediately catch my eye, but once on the table I could see lots to like. He has a great masculine square head but not at all course or exaggerated. Open Nostrils, well defined stop and enough upturn of wide lower jaw, his dentition was fantastic, perfectly straight. A lovely dark eye who gave me the Frenchie look that made me smile. He used his ears well and was very attentive to his handler. He has a strong neck with the right amount of length into well-muscled shoulders. Straight front of good substance and tight feet with well-proportioned body and good spring of rib, nice cut up. Correct top line held on what was sound and free movement. BD and RBIS Post Graduate Dog 3 (1) 1st Chelmbull Over the Moon for Vandamere. As Before 2nd Play the Ace. Brindle of smaller proportions than 1, a good head gentle wrinkling defined stop, round dark eye with correct ear placement when he chose to use them. Good front with straight legs, decent spring of rib and correct top line into small tail. Would like to see more angulation in the rear but moved well.

Limit Dog 2 (1)

1st Gizyo Sting Like A Bee. I liked this brindle boy, strong all male head but with a soft expression, lovely upsweep with broad lower jaw, dark eyes, and correct ears but he didn't want to use them today. A nicely compact body, good for rib narrowing to a good rear with gently correct roach and low tail set. He moved well and with purpose. He just didn't want to give his best which cost him higher awards later.

Open Dog 1

1st Qui Tacet Consentire. A clear coated fawn pied almost 7-years-old but certainly didn't seem it. A nice square head with round eyes, a good stop, and open nostrils. Nice up sweep and good dentition. A Strong straight front with plenty of substance and depth of chest, into tight feet. slightly longer cast but correct top line ending with a good length of tail. He was easily distracted but we did get some good movement once he settled.

Veteran Dog 5 (3)

1st CH Xentique Pandemonium for Baclaudi JW. I have seen this brindle pied boy many times and appreciated he qualities but was pleased to be able to put my hands on him for the first time, and at 7 ½ years old now, he still scores highly. He is in lovely condition, a typical Frenchie head square well-developed cheeks dark round eyes, a nice turn up, good ear set and used to his advantage. Compact sturdy body with gently roached top line. His movement was good. A very sweet natured dog. Happy to award him RBD and BVIS.

2nd Pol CH Daniello Easter Power Live JW ShCM. 7-year-old clear coated Fawn boy with a very sweet expression, his head is square with well set ears and dark eyes, defined stop open nostrils and good upsweep of jaw. Straight front down to tight feet, deep chest. Low set tail and good rear angles. This boy moved well; I could see his qualities but unfortunately there was just too much of him to really appreciate those qualities.

Special Open Pied Dog 3 (1)

1st Qui Tacet Consentire. As before in Open Dog.

2nd The Viking Gizyo. This almost 7-year-old male made me smile, he wanted to suck my hand while on the table, a small compact pied dog who had a nice head but for me was a little narrow in muzzle. A strong neck into wide shoulders, tight feet. He has a pleasing top line and good hind quarters. He moved ok, but found it hard to settle, his owner later told me that he hadn't been out to a show since he was a puppy.

Special Open Fawn 0

Special Open Brindle 2

1st Chelmbull Over the Moon for Vandamere. As before.

2nd Play the Ace. As before.

Minor Puppy Bitch 2

1st Princess Warrior Mulan at Halloxwishes. Dark Brindle of just 6 months old, a very pretty bitch with a nice length of muzzle, open nostrils, and dark eyes. Straight in front down to tight compact feet, a nice body which still has time to mature and fill out. Top line was ok down to low set tail. Once settled she moved well.

2nd Hanway What a Carry On. Another dark Brindle girl 7 months old. She was finer than one, and a little long in leg but this could even out as she matures. She has a very sweet expression; her head is square with a dark eye and good turnout of lower jaw. Moved ok but preferred the shape of one.

Puppy Bitch 4 (2)

1st Zimblistic Paris. Brindle bitch of 9 months. Pretty head, flat between the ears and a nice dome, defined stop. Good upsweep of lower jaw. Plenty of depth in chest, straight legs, good spring in rib. Gently tuck up and low set small tail. Moved well in front, a little close behind.

2nd Hanaway Don't Stop Believing. Lovely clear coated brindle pied, litter sister to 2nd in MPB. A feminine head with a dark eye, ears well placed and used well. Straight in front but not quite the depth in chest. Gently roach and nice tail, could swap places just preferred the movement of one today.

Junior Bitch 2 (1)

1st Gizyjo Honey Bee. A very feminine clear coated little fawn girl, good square head with dark round eyes, well-padded cheeks and defined stop, used her nicely placed ears well. Nice length of neck on sound shoulders and straight front to tight feet. good spring in rib and the correct top line with a good little tail. There is a lot to like about this girl. Moved well around the ring although a bit exuberant at times. She pushed me hard for best bitch, just didn't quite have the sparkle on the day that the Best Bitch had. But very happy to award her RBB.

Yearling Bitch 5 (1)

1st Tazamo's Rebooted. A tidy well proportioned brindle girl, with a feminine head. Dark eyes, defined stop, broad muzzle, and slightly undershot, nicely placed lips. Sturdy neck of good length sat on well-placed shoulders. Straight legs into good feet. Cobby body, nice, rounded brisket. Held her top line when moving after she settled.

2nd Ashstaff Secret Whisper for Baclaudi. Dark Brindle girl who could easily swap places with one, I liked her square head, well-muscled cheeks correctly placed lips. A slightly longer muzzle but still very much a French Bulldog expression. Well placed ears used all the time, very attentive to her handler. Tidy shape, compact and firm. For me her slightly untidy feet distracted me in her overall appeal. Moved well once she stopped rushing.

Post Graduate Bitch 8 (1)

1st Braylah Jiggery Pokery. A nicely put together girl without exaggeration. Feminine head with dark eyes, square flat between the ears and a domed forehead. Good upsweep of jaw and well-placed lips. Straight legs with plenty of substance into tight feet. ribs well sprung tapering nicely to a strong rump. Enough rear angulation. Showed and moved well.

2nd Franstelgo's Illuminations. Slightly larger female who had very similar qualities to one. She was slightly longer cast than one and was just pipped at the post on the movement of one.

Limit Bitch 5 (1)

1st Braylah Bit A Rumpy Pumpy. A very nice Brindle who immediately took my eye for her typical Frenchie type. A lovely head that is square with darkest of eyes, flat between ears and domed forehead, a defined stop with a wide nose and open nostrils, plenty of padding on the cheeks, nice upsweep although being over critical would like a bit more. Gentle wrinkling giving a soft but alert expression. She had enough length of neck that was strong, her shoulder placement was correct with straight legs well off for bone, and tight well knuckled feet. A deep chest and well-rounded brisket tapered down to a low set tail on a well-muscled rump. She strutted round the ring with ease. Very pleased to award her BIS.

2nd Marchamnor Pandemonium. Brindle girl, with a good head just a little narrow in muzzle, well put together with a cobby body spring of rib and good top line, nice tight feet. she showed well and moved round the ring with drive.

Open Bitch 5 (1)

1st Braylah Tempest Storm. Another nice girl from this kennel, brindle who had an appealing head with a lovely dark eye and the right proportions, well set ears. Good depth of chest between straight legs on good feet. well sprung ribs and a slight roach reaching a small low set tail. Moderate rear angulation. Moved well with a spring in her step.

2nd Bountiful Bess. A brindle with some nice qualities, good square head, didn't use her ears as well as she could. Nice front which was straight but not the depth of chest that one has. She has a well sprung rib, and her top line has the required roach, leading to a low set small tail. Enough angulation and let down hocks. Moved well.

Veteran Bitch 2 (1)

1st Boremyln Heart of Glass at Zilnor. This 7 ½ year old brindle girl has such a sweet face, a lovely dark eye with a good upsweep and great teeth. Still strong and straight in her front, and rear angulation was good. She was presented in great condition with a gleaming coat and moved with drive.

Special Open Pied Bitch 0

Special Open Fawn Bitch 6 (2)

1st Marchmanor Hot or Wot. A nice little clear fawn girl, with a dark appealing round eye and a typical Frenchie expression. Square head with soft wrinkling broad muzzle and lower jaw with nice upsweep. Cobby body that has the correct proportions. Good rear angles with well let down hocks. Moved out well.

2nd Zimblistic Ice Ice Baby. Smaller than one but of similar type, good head, dark eye, well placed ears. Nice rounded outline to her body shape just not quite the movement of one.

Special Open Brindle Bitch 7 (1)

1st Marchmanor Pandemonium. 2nd in Limit 2nd Zimblistic Paris .1st Puppy Bitch