

I was so delighted to be invited to judge the RR Club of Ireland Championship Show. I still have good (but very rainy...) memories from my first judging appointment with the club, at Clonmel Show during the RRWC in 2008. I always felt close to the Irish people and its history and, coming from a very dry and yellow country, I'm in love with the landscapes of the green island. So I couldn't wait to arrive once more to Ireland.

The location of the show at the famous Naas Racecourse was great, and we were much luckier with weather than we have been 9 years ago.

The show was perfectly organized no doubt the organizer did a great job. It seemed also that the atmosphere outside the ring was warm and friendly.

I would like to thank the RRCI committee, the show organizers, the club members and everyone that put an effort to register his Ridgeback to this show.

### **Puppy Dog**

Only one exhibitor DRUIMDERG OLYMPIC STAR - 1 year old medium size typical and athletic male. Handsome masculine head, with typical expression; good hind angulation, and very nice ridge. This young dog, as well as his owner, show a lovely potential but they both need some ring practice to show their abilities. VP1

### **Junior Dog**

ROTTZRIDGE NEMESIS was the only dog at junior class but it didn't stud on his way, showing a very nice quality. This young dog entered the ring full of confidence and seemed to enjoy the ring. On the small size and could be a bit bigger, carrying a bit of extra weight for his age and size, but very well muscled. Good bone and body proportions. Very masculine head with maximum wrinkles and skin but excellent and typical expression. Very good forechest. Would like to see more front angulations, excellent hind angulations. Good feet. Excellent ridge. Powerful movement all of that gave him his Excellent 1<sup>st</sup> in the class and then the Green Star male and Best Opposite Sex.

### **Open Dog**

GONDWANA DIA SA OF MUNA YA KUSINI AT ROCKSHAM a very nice dog of good size, bone, balance and body proportions. Masculine with good substance but still athletic. Masculine head, with some extra dewlap. Very good and steady top line, ok front angulations and good back angulations. When he wants, this dog can show a nice and balanced movement. All of that gave him his Excellent 1<sup>st</sup>.

KANI AKILAH ENCANE HASANI FOR JENGACHENGA a medium size and medium bone dog. Masculine head, with strong skull and some extra cheeks, medium length muzzle and some extra dewlap. Very good depth of rib cage, very good forechest. Could have more front angulations, good hind angulations, top line could be more level both standing and moving. Good ridge. Excellent 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Champion Dog**

VILLAGEDOGS O'RED OCTOBER a very impressive dog of good size and great bone. Lovely typical head, with correct proportions and typical expression, excellent eyes' color. Very parallel in front. Vert good front angulations, excellent hind angulations, excellent top line, at present is a bit slim and could have a bit more body mass to make the proportions perfect. Correct ridge. Excellent mover, moves with great reach, good drive and excellent balance. He got Excellent 1<sup>st</sup> and Res. Green Star.

WALAMADENGIE BROOKLYN BEAR A dog of medium size and good bone and body proportions. The head could be a bit more masculine and the muzzle a bit stronger, lovely eyes. Very nice forechest, just enough front angulations, maximum back angulations. Excellent rib cage that goes all the way back. Top line could be stronger and croup is sloping. Correct ridge. He was Excellent 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Altogether the 4 winners of the male classes showed a correct picture of Ridgebacks, with correct type, none was over sized, all showed the correct body silhouette. Some could have been in a better show conditions, some could be a bit dryer in head and neck.

### **Puppy Bitch**

JENGACHENGA DESPICABLE ME a lovely type and proportions. Lovely head and expression, and lovely eyes. Excellent forechest. Front legs could be more parallel and the pasterns are a bit soft at the moment. OK front angulations, good back angulations. Top line is still soft and not firm enough standing and moving. Tail carriage could be better. She was VP first.

JENGACHENGA DERRIERE MOI AT ROZELRIDGE full size for her age and still needs to develop to get into her mature proportions. Strong head with good expression, some extra lips and dewlap. Excellent forechest, good front angulations, a bit narrow in front at the moment, pasterns could be stronger. Good back angulations, top line is still soft. She was VP second.

HOOZ Z ZALA one of the two youngest we saw at the day. A lovely bitch with lovely type and potential, but still, as some young inexperienced Ridgebacks tend to be, unsure of herself at the ring and need more ring exercise. Lovely bone. Strong head and expression, good eyes. Good front angulations and good width of the chest. Good back angulations. Good top line but a bit long at the loins at the moment and tend to roach her back as part of her ring insecurity. Good ridge. She got VP third.

### **Junior Bitch**

MSINGI MAARIKA FOR JENGACHENGA young bitch that could have a bit more bone. Good body proportions. Feminine head with correct skull-muzzle proportions, but the muzzle could be stronger. Lovely eyes. Ear carriage could be better. Needs a bit more front angulations and the pasterns are a bit soft. Good depth of chest, good top line and back angulations. Croup sloping. She needs more ring training to feel more secure in the ring. Ex 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Open Bitch**

From this lovely class of 4 typical bitches came my BOB.

WALAMADENGIE MILADY LUCK a feminine bitch of good type size and bone. Excellent body proportions and good balance, strong and athletic. Feminine head and typical expression. Good forechest, front angulations and hind angulations. Good rib cage. Croup too steep. Correct ridge. Moves in balance but top line could be stronger at the move. She was Excellent 1<sup>st</sup>, Green Star bitch and made it all the way to BISS.

ROTTZRIDGE DONE THAT was another very impressive bitch. Feminine, with good bone, but too small, at the very minimum size. Correct head proportions and expression. Good forechest. Could do with a bit more front angulations. OK back angulations. Good length of rib cage and strong back. Excellent physical condition. Correct ridge. Moved very well with good drive and balance. She got Excellent 2<sup>nd</sup>.

SIKULUBANI ANNAKIYA a bitch at the very maximum size but still feminine. A bit long in body. Feminine head and expression and good eye color. Nice neck. Good forechest, enough front and back angulations. Top line correct at standing but could be more firm at the move. Movement could be more flaunt. Correct ridge. She was Excellent 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Champion Bitch**

EILACK KIMWERI'S BINTI BY ROCKSHAM a bitch of excellent size, body proportions and substance, with good bone and athletic body. Correct proportions between skull and muzzle. Eye a bit open. Ear carriage could be better. Lovely neck. Just enough forechest and front angulations. Enough hind angulations. Excellent long rib cage. Top line could be a bit stronger and the croup is a bit sloping. Excellent ridge. Movement could be more parallel both coming and going and elbows could be better at the move. She got Excellent 1<sup>st</sup> and Res. Green Star Bitch.

#### **Veteran Bitch**

DIAMONDRIDGE DAWNLIGHT a lovely old lady 12 and half years old with sweet and charming character and an excellent breed type. Good size and excellent bone. Good body proportions. Strong but feminine head with correct proportions between skull and muzzle and wonderful dark eyes. Very good front and back angulations, good forechest, excellent rib cage, top line is soft and has a deep. Moves according to her age.

The line up of the winner bitches was, again, of typical Ridgebacks, athletic, with typical heads and good back angulations. Altogether the final line up was very pleasing.