**The Midland & West of England Dane Club**

**Colour Format Open Show 05/02/2017**

I would like to thank the Midland & West Great Dane Club Committee for inviting me to judge today and for running such a professional and well organised show. I am very grateful to all the exhibitors who gave me some lovely classes of quality exhibits to go over.

Fawn Puppy Dog 3

1st Dyson’s Samdice My Hero (AI).

10 months old boy who shows great promise for the future. Dark mask, kind alert expression, good well proportioned head with correct length of foreface carried on arched neck. Good body which is well covered, correct topline and tail set he is so balanced for his age. Good flat bone, strong pasterns and cat like feet. Moved with ease and really enjoyed his day.

2nd Bishton’s Jaydania Bjorn Borg.

 Another very promising boy who is only 7 months of age. He certainly is another one to watch for the future and lost out on the day to the 1st on maturity. Such a pleasing overall picture. Well filled front with correct shoulder placement forelegs straight good strong flat bone strong pasterns and cat like feet. Well covered body with belly well drawn up, excellent topline and tail set that he held on the move.

3rd Donnelly’s Primus Keeper

Fawn Post Graduate Dog 3

1st Dyson & Chappell’s Selmalda Journey To The Line.

Strong, masculine fawn boy with plenty of substance and presence. Balanced head with good expression held high on strong neck. Well filled forechest, correct angulation front and rear with plenty of muscle. Moved well once settled.

2nd Ingram’s Dainmajik The Wizard.

2 year old Fawn of more elegant type. Correct head on long, clean, well arched neck. Good depth of brisket, well drawn up belly and strong loin. Balanced fore and aft with good muscle. Moved well.

3rd Roninson’s Preveli Be Yourself

Fawn open Dog 4 (1A)

1st Chappell & William’s Selmalda The Journey JW.

Strong Masculine dog who is so well balanced throughout. His friendly, outgoing attitude so apparent as he owned the ring from the moment he entered. Good head planes without excess flews or loose skin, correct high set ears really enhancing his kind but alert expression. Well arched neck flowing into correct set shoulders and good topline which he held on the move. Strong flat bone, deep well filled chest, belly well drawn up to good strong loin. Well muscled rear with low set hocks which he used to his advantage to drive him around the ring. **Best Fawn Dog** who went on to be awarded **BIS**

2nd Donnelly’s Primus Breakin News.

At only 18 months he was very much the baby of this class but has much promise. Well balanced head, parallel in planes, well chiselled with deep set eyes and alert expression. Good lay of shoulder with well muscled deep filled chest. Front legs straight with flat bone. Good depth of brisket and belly well drawn up. Moved well.

3rd Seddon’s Tenaya Cherokee Lone Wolf

Fawn Puppy Bitch 8

1st Bishton’s Staffi Graff.

Only 7 months old but this bitch took my eye from the moment she entered the ring. This girl certainly has Dash and Dare her alert but kind expression just shone through. Stood she was so balanced with both strength and elegance making a complete picture. Head with correct parallel planes, well chiselled with good length of foreface, triangular ears high set and medium in size. Good reach of neck into correct shoulders, topline and tail set. Good depth of brisket, well filled chest and good spring of ribs for her age. Correct angulation front and rear good turn of stifle hocks set low. She was a little unsettled on the move at first but once settled moved with ease, a pleasure to watch. **Best Fawn Puppy**

2nd Bourton’s Zefather Crazy Diamond.

Another quality puppy who was unlucky to meet 1st on the day. Feminine puppy 10 months of age slightly lighter in bone. Good length of foreface, square lip, head parallel throughout, carried high on well arched neck. Correct lay of shoulder which was well muscled. Correct topline and tail set, good length of second thigh and turn of stifle. Covered the ground well on the move.

3rd Dyson’s Samdice Best of You (AI)

Fawn Junior Bitch 1

1st Cole’s Toponurs Asteria.

12 month old bitch of more elegant type. Feminine head with pleasing expression with good length of foreface. Well angulated front and rear with good muscle that showed as she moved so effortlessly around the ring.

Fawn Post Graduate Bitch 5 (1A)

1st Shadbolt’s Akura Inside A Dream.

22 month old bitch with dark mask feminine alert expression. Beautiful head with correct length of foreface, parallel planes, lips square in profile and without any coarseness. Good well filled forechest with correct shoulders that allowed her to really reach out on the move. Front legs straight with flat bone and strong pasterns into cat like feet. Good depth of brisket, well sprung ribs and strong loin. Correct tail set and well angulated rear. Moved well.

2nd Everett Dainmajik Witch’s Brew.

2 ½ year old bitch with kind expression. Feminine head with good planes, well defined stop and medium sized triangular ears placed high on her head. Well muscled front, filled chest with good depth of brisket and belly well drawn up. Correct topline and tail set which she held on the move.

3rd Haynes Dainmajik Bewitched At Carerra

Fawn Open Bitch 6

1st Dyson’s Ch Selmalda Journey To Melody at Samdice.

Top quality Bitch who I have admired for a long time. Litter sister to Best Fawn Dog but as much as he is all dog this bitch is very much all girl. Strong but feminine and in my eyes truly fit for function. Beautifully proportioned, parallel, well chiselled head, good length of foreface with square lips. Head carried high on well arched neck. Well filled fore chest, ribs well sprung with correct depth of brisket. Cat like feet, strong pasterns and good turn of stifle. Both front and rear showing excellent angulation, well muscled allowing her to power around the ring with ease. **Best Fawn Bitch** and later awarded **RBIS**

2nd Ingram’s Dainmajik The Sorceress ShCm.

Another quality bitch who despite being nearly 6 years old really doesn’t show her years. Lighter in mask but this does not detract from her alert kind expression which shines through. Well chiselled head with good drop of lip, well defined stop and correct parallel planes. Well arched neck into well muscled, correctly laid shoulder. Good depth of brisket, well sprung ribs and forechest well filled. Correct angulation with low set hocks. Good topline and croup which she held as she moved around the ring with ease.

3rd Chappell’s Selmalda Zizi’s Journey JW

Brindle Open Dog 1

1st Flanagan’s Dainmajik The Enchanter For Soupury.

Brindle dog of nearly 6 years with kind expression who took the day in his stride. Good bone and substance throughout, deep well filled chest and good depth of brisket. Well laid back shoulder with good angulation front and rear. A little unsettled on the move possibly in part due to change of handlers. **Best Brindle Dog**

Brindle Junior Bitch 1

1st Drew’s Lindeefay The Sweetest Love JW.

 17 month old bitch of great elegance. Feminine head of good length held high on well arched neck showing great expression. Good balance and overall shape just needs to body up as she matures. Level topline and good croup which she held on the move. **Best Brindle Bitch**

Brindle Post Graduate Bitch 2 (1A)

1st Lawson and Hunter’s Droolakiss Stripe A Pose.

 Feminine brindle bitch with clean balanced outline. Good length of foreface, square lips and parallel planes. Shoulder well laid back good angulation and well filled front. Strong flat bone, good pasterns and tight feet. Well muscled rear with good second thigh. Correct topline and tail set. Sadly this girl was not herself on the day and was a little nervous but I really think she shows a lot of promise for the future.

**David Simpson (Renescent)**