

Bath Championship Show. Critique

Borzoi

Thank you for all who came and made my appointment such a pleasure. My observations are thus;

Too much unsound front movement. Too many “gay” tails carried to high (elegance killer). And too many obscure imported dogs (fifteen in total out of an entry of 44 dogs) that will make very little contribution to the British Borzoi going forward. On a positive note I thought my entry was of a highest quality that can be expected.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1st - Roth Brown's - Yegorov Cloudberry. Lovely well balanced 8 month old puppy and of a very nice type. Correct head, great top line for his age and in decent puppy coat. He is rather narrow in front so we live in hope. Otherwise a very nice puppy with lots of potential. Happy to give him BEST PUPPY.

2nd - Harvey's Lynx Shades of Autumn at Albaneiler. - A nice puppy with a very appealing head and lovely angles. I loved his hind quarters and overall construction but I thought although in a puppy it's forgivable but his pasterns could have done with more spring in them. Alas he blew his chances by not liking me enough to go over him.

PUPPY DOG - no entries.

JUNIOR DOG (1)

1st - Clare's Ryazan Firestorm. I never saw a mature looking junior than this boy ever! In full coat and condition his overall appearance was one of quality indeed. He has a great fore chest, and depth of body for his age and a proper top line. I do however think with regards to his head he could be more filled in under the eye to give it more type and balance. He moved OK.

NOVICE DOG (1)

Clare's Ryazan Firestorm.

POST GRADUATE DOG (4)

1ST - Barret Williams's Go Go Bolshoi Tango over tysgol. Very unassuming sable and white with lots of qualities. His Eye was a little on the light side and his head could have been a little more elegant. However he has a lovely balanced shape and top line and great depth and spring of rib. A little bit more angulation in the rear would have set him apart but none the less a very nice dog all the same.

2nd - Graham's Dashava Calgary. Self-red of a very nice type with super sound movement. I rather liked his head type and overall construction but we are a topline breed and like many sound moving Borzois he could do with a more Borzoi like topline.

LIMIT DOG (5)

1ST - Pinkerton's Korsakov Roust Power of love Menigma. Super elegant gold and white boy that stood out with his charisma. Lovely front and good all round angulation which showed in his movement. Happy to award him RCC.

2nd - Ridge Reeve's Sukeshi masta Jaba. Black and White three year old which frankly is difficult to fault. He has a very nice head and proper borzoi topline and he moved very well too. Unfortunately today he didn't have the ring presence and the Charisma of the winner.

OPEN DOG (9)

1st Borodino Balanchine Beautiful red and white six year old of the true British Borzoi type and winner of a very strong class indeed. I loved him. His head is deceptively correct and his front, body and rear were all in keeping with the true borzoi type. He is thoroughly sound both in construction and movement. It's a mystery to me how this dog hasn't been part of the breeding plans if those breeders that are known to breed this type of Borzoi. A lovely dog indeed. Worthy champion and delighted to award him Dog CC and BOB.

2nd - Abraham's CH Go Go Bolshoi Sundance kid to Jamarqui. Substantial fawn and white dog of great substance. Everything about him is large but I have to say all in proportion and well balanced, especially his topline. He moved very well too.

VETERAN DOG (2)

1st - Spencer's Ryazan Andre'. A lovely tall 7 year old upstanding dog with great angles all round and great balance. Moved really well for a veteran.

2nd Ridge Reeves's CH Donskoi Tallin. A dog with a great career under his belt and easy to tell why. He has no exaggerations and he is rather compact. Good sound movement as well.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG OR BITCH (1)

1st - Lynden's Thrill seeker Cosmos. Black and white two year old that is waiting to take shape and become a proper Borzoi. He was all over the place but I'm sure as time passes he'll settle down and give a much better account of himself.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (2)

1st - Page's Lynx Autumn Mist. What a lovely puppy we have here. Only 8 months but already showing ring presence and charisma. All her angles are in the right position and she has a great swan like length of neck which always looks elegant in our breed. Not a brindle fan but I loved this one for sure.

2nd - Lee Brown's Russkiy Azart Laguna Florence Fantasy Granada of Palamedes. Blimey if only the dog could match the name!! Generally speaking a decent young fawn and white rather long cast bitch that needs maturity and to settle down when moving. I see some potential.

PUPPY BITCH (3)

1ST - Lee Brown's Russkiy Azart Laguna Florence Fantasy Granada of Palamedes.

2ND - Holt's Meeuka Gardevior. A very finely built young bitch throughout but displaying some qualities. She rather lost her topline when moving as well.

JUNIOR BITCH (1)

1ST Lee Brown's Russkiy Azart Kayera Fleurde Gardeneaiof Palamedes. Another monumental name that overshadows the actual quality of the dog. A sixteen month old fawn and white bitch with a very feminine head but rather narrow throughout. She's a tad to fine for my liking but despite this she did gait well around the ring.

POST GRAD BITCH (4)

1ST Codling & Jones' Mischran Siggy at Jansams. Self-red bitch with few real qualities. Her head was Ok but I thought she was rather narrow throughout and lacked a bit of substance. She's a little upright in front but her topline is acceptable. Her movement was generally good when gating but she does plait in front.

2nd Lee Brown's Idea Majova Frajanka of Palamedes. Not my kind I'm afraid a pure black bitch of unusual type and rather narrow throughout. Her movement needs to settle down as well.

LIMIT BITCH (3)

1ST Trinick's Ulanova Kalinow. A really really nice three year old fawn and white bitch with lots of qualities. She has a lovely head neck and topline with great rear angulation. She did however not come fully clothed which was a great shame indeed and would have challenged hard if she was in full coat.

OPEN BITCH (5)

1st Clare's CH Ryazan Juliet. Very very type and mature bitch right up my street whilst not the tallest of bitches she has a lovely balance, topline and good angles all round. A worthy champion and really pleased to award her the bitch CC today.

2nd. Carter's Sotheby Palate De Rose. This is a bitch I have always admired for her overall shape and ring presence. Unfortunately today she kept her head down whilst moving which kind of killed her elegance. None the less a fine bitch that deserves to go all the way.

VETERAN BITCH (1)

1st Wilenczyc's Ch. Kashiba Oh No Not My Baby. A lovely type of bitch and in great shape for her age and especially her movement. She could however do with a little more width and substance throughout but none the less a very nice 9 year old bitch indeed.

Thank you

ROGER HEAP - JUDGE

