

CRUFTS 2015

BOB – Ch Balthazar Roxanne JW ShCM

I would like to thank the Crufts Committee for inviting me to judge and also my two very efficient stewards. Many thanks to the exhibitors for such an outstanding numerical entry which I very much appreciated, some travelled thousands of miles to exhibit their Griffons.

I did have to compromise but that is what judging is about. We have lost a lot in substance giving way to a more tubular shape which is not a Griffon but I was able to find enough of the correct type to please me. Hindquarters need to be a focus as rear movement is a problem with many having little or no drive. I personally am a great advocate of exercise which is good for muscle building but also good for the animal's mentally and feel that several would benefit greatly if this was introduced or increased into their daily routine. Front movement continues to be difficult as a true Griffon will always appear broad in front but must not be out at elbow when moving. Presentation was good in places but could improve across the board, this is a very important element when competing at a higher level and gives the breed a much better chance in group competition.

VETERAN D (5)

1st **CH ROAMAYCEE DOUBLE TAKE**. It is no secret that I appreciate the qualities of this red smooth as I awarded him a CC some years back. As a veteran I am so pleased to see he had retained his super short cobby outline with a well set and used tail. Compact over the neck and shoulder, lovely well sprung rib. Good quality bone for his size. On the move he was spritely and alert carrying himself very well and gave a good picture in profile.

2nd **SWE CH BRAIDS TRICK AND TREAT** - 8 yrs black rough with a super coat texture, dark expressive eye which was set correctly. Nice size, front ok, good rib, topline ok. Well set and used tail. On the move not as positive as the winner in rear movement, ok coming towards.

3rd **ASTIROK A TALE TO TELL OF OKAMI SHCM**. 8 yrs red rough, nice size & type. Good head properties with well set and placed ears. Cobby body with a good rib, level topline and well set tail. His balanced appearance won him this place but his coat was past its best on the day.

PUPPY D (5)

1st **BEAUVIEW COLOUR SQUADRON**. 11 mths Black & Tan smooth, a lovely short cobby dog with a well sprung rib and carrying a good body. Dark eye and well placed ears, well boned but a touch loaded in shoulder which was evident as he came towards you. Good profile movement, short tight smooth coat, well set and carried tail. He retained his outline in profile giving a good picture. Pleased to award him **BPIB**.

2nd **BEAUBORNE BET IT'S PRESLEY**. Black & Tan rough who needs to thicken all through, expressive head, mouth ok. Straight front, good legs and feet. Needs to develop in rib and body, I would prefer a better topline and more angulation front and back, tail carriage ok but falls away to the croup, adequate bone for size. On the move he does not drive from the rear.

3rd **BRUNEAVER FAITH IN ME OF OKAMI**. This red rough is still lacking in body and substance needing to mature all through. A happy little chap who showed very well. Good mouth, well placed ears, front ok, needs more bone, topline ok, adequate rear angulation but needs to tighten on the move going away. On the move he retained his outline at all times.

JUNIOR D (5,2)

1st **CHANDLING CHAMBERTIN AT CILLEINE**. This 14 mths red rough has developed well in body over the last few months, expressive head with a large nose pad. Good bone and substance, well ribbed body, front ok but still needs to tighten a touch, good legs and feet. Well muscled hindquarters

which he used to advantage. Well presented red rough coat of good texture. All in all a quality boy who moved and showed with purpose and style giving a very good profile picture.

2nd **MARQUANT MEDIA STORM TAF.** 15 mths Black smooth who again carried a good body for his age. Balanced head with well placed ears. His bone is adequate for his size, well ribbed body, smooth coat of good texture. Could have a shade better topline as standing he can lose his outline falling away towards the tail. On the move he was not as collected as the winner and he too was careless coming towards, ok going away, not the outline in profile of the winner.

3rd. **RUS KORNELS RUTSAR UDACHI** (Russia). Red Rough who was rangier than the first two. Not the bone or substance of the two above, coat of good texture that was well presented. I would prefer more spring of rib and like him heavier all through. He showed well displaying a good temperament, untidy coming towards and lacking drive from behind. Kept a good outline when standing and in profile movement.

POST GRAD D (10, 1)

1st **BEAUVIEW RAINING MEN.** 18 months smooth black and tan, well bodied young man who had great carriage. Front straight but on the move he was rather proud of it and came towards untidy. Good legs and feet, good coat that was well presented. Keen alert expression with well placed ears but I would prefer a larger head. Retained his topline at all times, tailset ok, adequate rear angulation. He was ok going away but had super profile movement giving a good picture and displaying character and style.

2nd **SHARNESE SIGN OF THE TIMES.** Larger Red smooth who has a super topline, good bone, large head, dark eye, super bone and feet, front ok but he too was proud on the move and careless in front. Lovely well developed rib, strong topline and tailset, adequate rear angulation, nice tight smooth coat of good texture. He gave a very good account of himself in the final run off and this secured his place.

3rd **ADREEM BLACK MAGIC.** Black rough, not the largest head but has a lovely expression. Developing ok in body, could do with a touch more bone. Good coat texture, ok coming towards but not the drive going away of the two above. He showed well giving a good account of himself, a typical happy Griffon.

LIMIT D (10,1)

1st **MENWINNION SUNBURST SHCM.** A 3yrs red rough of superb quality very much a typical griffon and what I was looking for. Large head which has total balance and is not exaggerated. Lovely skull, small well set ears which he carries so well. Nice dark eye, correct nose placement which gives the desired expression. Good neck onto well placed shoulders. Deep short cobby body with super ribs, short loin. Lovely quality bone, good feet. Adequate angulation front & rear, on the move he was true coming and going. Lovely clear, red, harsh coat which was in super condition and just right on the day. He can be a touch stubborn at times and this has a tendency to spoil his outline in profile but, his many qualities carried him through and I was delighted to award him the CC. In the challenge for BOB the bitch put on a more steady and polished performance, never the less he is a super Griffon and it was privilege to judge him.

2nd **APTRICK ITHIL.** 4 yrs Black Rough, large head, good skull and good stop, well placed nose. True front with adequate width. Well sprung rib but could do with a touch more body to shorten him up. His black coat is of the correct texture and was well presented. Ok for angulation front and back but a touch more would improve the picture on the move as he is sound but could have more drive. He retained his firm topline at all times and this secured him this placing.

3rd **SHEVILAN VOYAGER AT STORMJAC.** Black rough, balanced head with well placed eyes and ears, strong neck. Good legs and feet, coat of good texture. He gave a good picture standing but was untidy in front on the move and could have had more drive from the rear. Lovely temperament and well handled to get the best from him.

OPEN D (14)

1st **CH MARQUANT THE HEART THROB.** A mature red rough who appealed greatly for breed type, large head, good strong neck with a slight arch to it which gave him the advantage over the second. Deep well ribbed body & good topline, slightly longer in loin than I would prefer, tailset ok. His coat is of good colour, today he could have carried a touch more on the back but what he had was of a good texture and well presented. Slightly overangulated in the rear but that did not peg him back

on the move. In this class he showed well but in the challenge he was at times a little reluctant with his tail but did enough to win the **res CC** in good company.

2nd CH MILLBONE GINGERBREAD. Another red rough who was presented in super coat and condition. The overall picture is good but for me he has a touch more tuck up than the winner and could do with more angulation front and back, having said that he will always be a strong contender. He is typical in head with a large nosepad, lovely small neat ears. Front construction ok wide deep body, I would prefer a little more neck which is an area that spoils the picture. Well muscled hindquarters with adequate angulation but he could have a touch more drive from the rear. All in all he gave a good account of himself

3rd CH BALTHAZAR DEVIL IN DISGUISE SHCM. This boy has done well under me in the past but today he had to be content with 3rd as he was not in his best coat. A very typical Griffon, large broad head, well placed eye with lovely expression, framed by lots of furnishings & a large beard, broad front, good body, bone & feet, well angulated front & back, good topline & tailset. lovely in profile but can be a touch careless with his front, good going away, quality boy

GOOD CIT D (3)

1st ASTIROK A TALE TO TELL OF OKAMI SHCM

2nd GRAJENCO ROYAL MALE. Red smooth who still needs lots of time, good skull, but at present would prefer more turn up which may come with age. Straight front, short body still requires more weight across loin, topline falls away slightly towards croup, showed well making the best of himself on the move, but did not retain his outline like the winner.

3rd KLANSTED HARVEST MOON. This red smooth does not make the most of himself standing or on the move. Balanced in head, good bone and feet, carried a very good body but let himself down on the move both coming and going

VETERAN B (5,1)

1st CH CILLEINE IMAGINE STERNROC. This red smooth is of lovely breed type and very appealing for her attitude and showmanship. Well ribbed and carrying a super body, good topline and tails set. Moved well showing some youngsters how it should be done.

2nd MENWINNION MOLINIA. Another delightful red smooth who also looked well for her age. A touch heavier all through than the winner. Good bone and feet, short compact body, tends to fall away towards the croup, but never the less a good type who enjoyed her day.

3rd HODON REGINA. This 10yrs old completed a trio of red smooth's, she too is of a good type. Well ribbed short compact body, balanced head. On the move she was not as active as the first two but she put on a good performance and appeared to enjoy it.

PUPPY B (2,1)

1st CHECAR COZ SHE'S THE STAR. This 9 mths red girl still needs a lot of time, very immature all through. Adequate size of head for body, front ok, needs more rib and could carry more body. Coat light in colour, topline ok but tends to fall away to the croup. On the move she was ok coming towards but a touch unsettled going away.

JUNIOR B (8,1)

1st BEAUVIEW EMBRACABLE YOU. This 12mths red rough is of good breed type, of a nice size, lovely head and eye, good over the neckline, front ok, adequate bone for size. Short compact body with enough rib, hindquarters ok. Good coat that was well presented. Good legs and feet, standing she presented a good picture. On the move once settled she displayed typical movement front and back.

2nd VENDETTAS TANGERINE BALTHAZAR (IMP). This Red rough is also of good breed type but not as together as the winner and still needing to develop all through. Balanced head, ok over the neck and shoulder, good bone for size, coat coming along nicely, topline ok but falls away slightly to the croup. On the move she was sound coming and going.

3rd RUS KORNELS ROSKOSHNAYA BRUNETKA (Russia). Black rough, dark eye, well placed ears. Front ok standing but she was untidy coming towards and unsettled going away. Coat texture ok but she needed a touch more. On the move she tended to lose her outline and this is where the two above scored over her.

POST GRAD B (9,1)

1st SHEVILAN ZOE'S PARTY DRESS. Red Rough who appealed for her size, balanced head with a keen alert expression, cobby well ribbed body, true front. Good bone for size, coat texture ok and

well presented. Good outline standing but does tend to fall away towards the croup. On the move she made the very best of herself coming and going which gave her the advantage today and carried her on to win this class.

2nd **RHODON MAID TO MEASURE**. This red smooth was handled very well, she is small and compact super topline & tailset, expressive head but it could be a touch larger. Nice short tight jacket, gave a good account of herself in profile holding her outline but a touch proud of her front coming towards and this pegged her back.

3rd **GRAJENCO DOTCOM AT TANTORI**. This red smooth is such a great character, happy, keen and alert. Good legs and feet, adequate head for her size but it could be a touch larger. True front, not the rear angulation of the two above. For me she still needs to develop all through which I am sure she will. Retained her outline in profile and was shown and handled to advantage.

LIMIT B (11,4)

1st **MARQUANT SWEET DREAMS**. Red rough, head large enough but could be neater in ear, I don't quite make her a square shape as I feel she is on the tall side. Adequate front angulation but she is a touch careless with her front on the move, good topline but falls away towards the croup, tailset ok, super body and rib. Well prepared coat of good texture. She gave a good account of herself in profile giving a good picture. Pleased to award her this class.

2nd **BALTHAZAR ANGEL EYES**. I have judged this girl before and my appraisal of her has not changed, r/s, good body shape, attractive head with a well turned up nose. Would prefer smaller ears. Front OK but a touch careless coming towards. Good body, well sprung ribs, good bone & coat, moved with style making the best of herself. Just beaten by the winner on the more compact picture going round.

3rd **BEAUBORNE BIBA**. Black and tan smooth who was typical but has too much tuck up for me. Good legs and feet, topline ok, fine smooth coat, she too is careless coming towards ok behind but could have more drive. Well sprung rib but they could go back a touch more for me. Gave a good account of herself in profile to secure this placing.

OPEN B (20,2)

1st **CH BALTHAZAR ROXANNE JW SHCM**. Talk about 3rd time lucky! This lady has previously won 2 reserve CCs under me but today was her day. A quality lady who gave of her best at all times. Nice sized red rough of undoubted quality. A very good head with good width all through and a good size in proportion to her body. Strong neck, straight front, short strong compact body with a good spring of rib. well set tail which she carries to advantage at all times giving the impression that she is having a great time. She is not the brightest of reds but has good pigmentation, today her coat was just coming through and for perfection she could have had a touch more but for me this suited her well. She made the most of herself on the move being steady both ways and retaining her outline in profile. All in all a quality lady and I was pleased to award her the **CC and Best Of Breed**. I was proud to see she put on a good performance to represent the breed in the group. Well done.

2nd **CILLEINE ANOTHER DAY**. A mature red rough of true breed type and very much my cup of tea, she does not always give of her best but today she did enough to earn this placing and the **res CC**. Nice headed with a well set eye and good expression. Good bone and feet, sound front, good rib and topline, tailset ok, good well muscled hindquarters. On the move she is true but as the time went on she lacked a touch extension from the front and in profile this is the area in which the winner scored over her. All in all a quality girl who I was pleased to judge.

3rd **CH MARQUANT IN YOUR DREAMS**. Another Red Rough of top quality who for me is up to size, large head with good proportions, good eye & nose placement. Her shoulders are well laid back, good rib which is well sprung, cuts up slightly in underline. Coat of good texture which was well presented. She gave a good account of herself on the move but the overall picture is not as compact as the two above, never the less a quality girl.

Judge: MR DAVID GUY