

Midland & Northern Counties French Bulldog Club – Open Show November 5th 2017
Judge – Mr David Tilley (Mossport French Bulldogs)

Thank you to the officers and committee for inviting me to judge and to the members who voted for me. It's almost 19 years ago that we attended our first M&NCFBC show at Penkrudge where our first Frenchie Zoe won a prize for the furthest travelled (and we are still travelling!!) The Peace Memorial Hall is a lovely venue and the M&NCFBC always puts on a great show.

It was an honour to be asked to judge and I thank the exhibitors for their sporting attitude to my decisions. So, what do I look for in a Frenchie? Well for me conformation without any part exaggerated is most important, this is confirmed firstly by hands on examination and then shown by correct movement. 40 years ago we were told if it's made right, it'll move right and this is so true. Equally for a French Bulldog has to be attitude (clown like behaviour), I look for the cheekiness in the eyes and alert ears always on the lookout for mischief, I will always give high regard to those dogs who have their own mind, without a doubt handlers need to be able to present their dogs, but I am not a fan of stacking and statuesque profiles, I prefer a natural stance.

Today, type and quality in Frenchies is so variable and so you will get many differing opinions by judges on which dog is preferred over another, eg for me, I believe we have too many dogs which are too short in back with little or no roach and lacking in length of loin, this gives rise to weaker back ends and scissor movement behind. This is just my interpretation of our Standard and if I did not place your dog highly I'm sure other judges will. All Frenchies are special, all individual and for me the most complete canine breed of all.

There were several dogs today who when I put my hands on them I knew they were special and the quality shone out. Most won their respective classes however a couple were unfortunate to come up against similar quality and were either placed second or in one case third in their class.

There were no dogs presented today showing respiratory problems and the majority had good nostrils and showed no signs of exertion.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

5 entries 1 absent

1st 19 CHELMBULL MOON WALKER (CUND & HARROP, MR D & MISS A, MR A & MRS L,)

Dark brindle young man of almost 9 months. He has a lovely broad head for his age, balanced features of dark round eyes, well padded cheeks, good wide muzzle in proportion to head and perfectly placed ears, using these assets to the very best. Good dentition and sweep of underjaw. A cobby body, good front and straight forelegs, good bone and nice cat like feet, rear angulation ok and moved well.

2nd 15 CHINASKYS TOBIS (CASSIDY, MRS R)

7 month old fawn baby with a lovely black mask, dark round eyes giving pleasing expression, would have liked his ears a little higher set, however still very young. Plenty of forechest, good bone, good straight forelegs and nice dark nails. Moved collectively.

3rd 31 CHAREVE'S DAVY CROCKETT (MASSEY, MR D P & MRS T A)

Res 58 RAVENDANE BATMAN (WALTON, MISS J R,)

PUPPY DOG

4 entries 1 absent

1st 10 KUREDEUX DON DADA (BROWN, MRS J,)

9 month old pied boy of outstanding quality, broad head with well placed good sized ears, alert expression with dark eyes giving a mischievous look. Broad muzzle and excellent dentition presenting a very pleasing picture. He has a body to die for, mature beyond his age. Straight front with deep chest, very good bone and cat like feet, balance rib to loin with excellent rear angulation contributing to one of the best movers today. Giving his handler a hard time, but I like spirit. BPD & BPIS

These 2 will change places many times I am sure and both must be destined for highest honours.

2nd 65 MIAMOU MARVEL (WORRELL, MRS S J & MR S W)

How unfortunate to come up against 1st, on another day these placings may have been reversed. Handsome boy with a glorious head, beautiful balance of head features, alert expressive ears, darkest of round eyes with most pleasing expression. Balanced width to muzzle with plenty of cheek and good dentition. Slightly longer in body than 1st however still presented a balanced profile, good forechest, rib to loin ratio and excellent rear angulation. A very nice puppy who showed quality by his purposeful movement.

3rd 31 CHAREVE'S DAVY CROCKETT (MASSEY, MR D P & MRS T A)

JUNIOR DOG

4 entries 1 absent

This class was outstanding, all of the exhibits were of excellent quality.

1st 2 COCO VIALATTE SATISFACTION ZANDAPLATZ (IMP JPN) (ASH TD, MS C)

12 month old fawn young man with a beautiful padded black mask. Maturing nicely with a balanced square head, good ear placement with dark eyes giving a kind expression, good dentition. Well developed forechest with straight forelegs and cat like feet. In profile he has a good depth of chest with good tuck up, a gentle roach to the topline which is held nicely on the move. Well handled. RBD.

2nd 17 CHELMBULL THE AVIATOR (CUND & HARROP, MR D & MISS A, MR A & MRS L)

15 month old dark brindle boy who is very mature for his age. Broad head with good ear placement used well, would have preferred darker eyes but that did not detract from a pleasing overall look. Well padded muzzle and cheeks. Shorter in profile than 1st with deep chest and good tuck up, good rear angulation. Would have preferred more of a tail but what there was was mobile. Moved and handled well.

3rd 27 GIZYJO STING LIKE A BEE (HOWARTH, MISS J)

YEARLING DOG 1 entry 0 absent

1st 46 MUGGSHOTS ROMPER STOMPER(SEFTON, MR M & MRS G)

18 month old brindle dog with a short coupled cobby body. Pleasing head with well placed ears and dark round eyes. Good width of muzzle. Straight front with good forechest. In profile a little short, however showing good rear angulation.

POST GRADUATE DOG 5 entries. 2 absent

1st 2 COCO VIALATTE SATISFACTION ZANDAPLATZ (IMP JPN) (ASH TD, MS C),
1st in Junior.

2nd 47 BOREMLYN GLADIATOR (SEYMOUR & MELLOR, MISS & MR)

3 year old dark brindle presenting a handsome head, dark eyes and well placed ears giving a kind expression, nice reach of neck flowing into defined withers, well sprung ribcage and correct proportion of rib to loin. I liked this dog a lot, moved collectedly confirming correct construction, unfortunate to meet the class winner today.

3rd 7 THE BOYDNEGOD FOR KAYBULL(BREARLEY, MRS M K)

MID LIMIT DOG 1 entry 1 absent

LIMIT DOG 4 entries. 1 absent

1st 11 KUREDEUX SPICEBOMB(BROWN, MRS J)

For me, this dog epitomises everything I like in a French Bulldog, for me he fits the standard, no part exaggerated above the other, presenting the perfect picture. Dark brindle with the most handsome head, correctly placed ears and dark mischevious eyes. Using all of his assets and keeping his handler on her toes. Perfect proportion of muzzle to head with ample padding, good teeth and sweep of underjaw. A show dog and he knows it, ample chest with good straight forelegs with plenty of bone and cat like feet. In profile well sprung rib with good tuck up and showing gentle roach, a well set tail, good rear angulation completed the picture. On the move he confirmed his correct construction and owned the ring. Well handled. BD & BIS.

2nd 1 ZANDAPLATZ UZI UMBERTO JW(ASH TD, MS C)

Another good example of this wonderful breed. Brindle dog with the most handsome head, good ear placement on broad skull, ample muzzle with good padding and dentition. Muscular forechest and straight forelegs with ample bone. In profile presenting well sprung ribs, showing a gentle roach with good tail set. Moving well confirming his construction.

3rd 56 EASTONITE DOMINO DANDY(THOMAS, MRS C)

OPEN DOG 3 entries. 2 absent

1st 1 ZANDAPLATZ UZI UMBERTO JW(ASH TD, MS C)

2nd in Limit

VETERAN DOG 1 entry 0 absent

1st 43 BRANDOUX VALENTINOX AT PATCHDOWN JW(POULSON, MR B & MRS L)

A darker fawn gentleman of 8 and a half years young enjoying his day out. Handsome head showing good proportions with well placed ears. A good width to muzzle with well padded cheeks. Nice reach of neck, strong forechest with good ribcage. In profile shows ample loin, good rear angulation and gentle roach with good tailset. Unfortunately today not moving at his best. BVD.

SPECIAL OPEN PIED DOG 0 entries 0 absent

SPECIAL OPEN BRINDLE DOG 6 entries 3 absent

1st 47 BOREMLYN GLADIATOR (SEYMOUR & MELLOR, MISS & MR)

2nd in Post Graduate.

2nd 31 CHAREVE'S DAVY CROCKETT (MASSEY, MR D P & MRS T A)

Reverse brindle dog of 8 months of age, therefore plenty of time for development. He has sweet features to his head with dark eyes, good bone and well sprung ribs. Presenting nice tailset and rear angulation.

3rd 46 MUGGSHOTS ROMPER STOMPER(SEFTON, MR M & MRS G)

SPECIAL OPEN FAWN DOG 2 entries 2 absent

MINOR PUPPY BITCH 8 entries 3 absent

1st 3 LADY SANSA MOTOBULE(BOJARSKA, MISS A)

Very feminine 7 month old double hooded pied baby. Good proportions to head which needs to grow on, good ear placement and nice dark eyes. Correct muzzle to skull properties, nicely padded cheeks with good teeth. Still very much a baby and her body needs to develop but she presented a pleasing profile, good rear angulation, held her topline on the move. She won this class on movement which was free flowing.

2nd 50 CHELMBULL SOLITAIRE FOR RISCHALE (SMITH & WATT, MISS Z & MISS K.)

Brindle baby, shorter coupled than 1st. Sweet facial features with well placed ears and dark eyes. Well padded muzzle and good teeth. In profile she presents good rib, perhaps for me a little short in back, however that is just my preference.

3rd 34 AVCOTT SKYLARK (MAYNARD, MR C)

Res 30 CHAREVE'S POLAR QUEEN (MASSEY, MR D P & MRS T A)

VHC 13 AVCOTT SERENA (BUTLER, MR C & MRS I A)

PUPPY BITCH 4 entries. 1 absent

1st 51 EASTONITE XMAS HOLLY (SMITH, MRS D)

10 month old pied girl with good proportions to head, ears were well placed and alert. Agreeable width of muzzle with sufficient padding. A developing body, good chest and rib, presenting a gentle roach and tailset.

2nd 34 AVCOTT SKYLARK (MAYNARD, MR C)

Just 6 months pied baby with a pretty head, dark eyes and well placed ears. Good straight front, a little long in loin with good tailset. Moved well.

3rd 30 CHAREVE'S POLAR QUEEN (MASSEY, MR D P & MRS T A)

JUNIOR BITCH 4 entries. 1 absent

1st 41 BUSER PLJUS NENETTE VANILLE (IMP RUS)(PLOMINSKA & KIL, MRS D P, MR S K & MR E K)

A quality pied girl who has overall balance and proportion. Pleasing head shape with well placed ears, dark eyes and a broad padded muzzle. She has a straight front and nice tight feet. In profile she presents a deep chest, correct tuck up, gentle roach and bang on tail set. Good rear angulation and moved very well. I like this girl a lot and considered her in the line up.

2nd 18 CHELMBULL TWO MOONS (CUND & HARROP, MR D & MISS A, MR A & MRS L)

Brindle bitch who stood square, pleasing head with good ear placement, dark eyes and well padded muzzle, short cobby body but preferred the front of 1st.

3rd 6 KAYBULL IAMZONE (BREARLEY, MRS M K)

YEARLING BITCH 8 entries. 4 absent

1st 9 CORURSUS LIFE CAN BE SO NICE (BROOKS & CAIRNS, MESSRS J R & R J)

14 month old darker brindle girl who presents a pleasing balanced picture overall without exaggerated features. Pretty feminine head with good ear carriage, darkest of eyes and a balanced well padded muzzle, correct layback to nose with open nostrils. She has a straight front with tight feet. Good depth of chest and length of loin, gentle roach and pleasing tailset. She moved collectedly round the ring, well handled.

2nd 63 KENTIXEN BOOMING SYSTEM (WOOD, MISS L)

17 month old brindle with a lovely head, dark eyes and well placed ears. Well padded muzzle with good dentition. In profile she is shorter coupled than 1st but has balance to rib and loin, correct roach and tailset. Moved well.

3rd 42 LULU LUCYNKA Z LIPKOWEGO RANCZA (IMP POL)(PLOMINSKA & KIL, MRS D P, MR S K & MR E K)

Res 52 FINLEWVAS TINYTOTS (SMITH, MRS D)

POST GRADUATE BITCH 6 entries. 4 absent

1st 36 ESSENCEERA KALEIDO AT TAHJEM (MCFADDEN, MR J)

Almost 2 year old dark brindle, feminine head with round dark eyes, used her well placed ears to good effect. Plenty of width to muzzle. Good front with nice straight forelegs, tight feet with lovely dark nails. Unexaggerated in profile, good rear angulation. Moved well.

2nd 24 RAYVONLEY ANYTHING GOES (EDWARDS, MRS A)

3 year old brindle girl, longer in body than 1st. Pretty feminine head with dark eyes and lovely ear placement. Straight forelegs and ample rear angulation.

MID LIMIT BITCH 5 entries. 3 absent

1st 8 CORURSUS THE GLAMOROUS LIFE (BROOKS & CAIRNS, MESSRS J R & R J)

I gave this girl BP & BOB at her very first show at 6 months of age. She is maturing beautifully, hands on I had a WOW moment, everything that I like, beautiful head and expression, superb front, balanced profile, just perfection, all confirmed by her purposeful movement and still so young at 14 months of age. She must be destined for top honours. RBB today only because she was piped to BB by her older half sister.

2nd 16 TIANA AMORE ANASHELL (CONWAY, MR M & MRS K)

Another top quality girl, dark brindle in beautiful condition. Firm mature body, well muscled and correct in every way. Very feminine head with lovely dark eyes, was up against one of the best today. Straight forelegs, tight feet with lovely dark nails. Unexaggerated profile with ample rear angulation. Moved well.

LIMIT BITCH

3 entries.

2 absent

1st 66 KUREDEUX FLOWERBOMB AT MIAMOU (WORRELL, MRS S J & MR S W)

Outstanding quality dark brindle, one of the best I have had the pleasure to go over, nothing exaggerated but everything just right for me. I must mention her teeth – outstanding, for me she fits the standard in every way, I can say no more, top drawer quality, must be destined for top honours. BB and RBIS to her litter brother.

OPEN BITCH

2 entries 2 absent

VETERAN BITCH

2 entries 1 absent

1st 28 GIZYJO MISS FREDRIQUE (HOWARTH, MISS J)

Beautiful brindle of 8 and a half years young. Sweet head with well placed ears and dark eyes giving a kind expression. Lovely reach of neck flowing into withers, good forechest with straight legs and tight feet. Nice spring of rib and correct length of loin, very good rear angulation allowing her to move around the ring like a youngster today. Well handled. BVB & BVIS.

SPECIAL OPEN PIED BITCH

4 entries

3 absent

1st 51 EASTONITE XMAS HOLLY (SMITH, MRS D)1st in Puppy**SPECIAL OPEN BRINDLE BITCH**

2 entries 1 absent

1st 24 RAYVONLEY ANYTHING GOES (EDWARDS, MRS A)2nd in Post Graduate**SPECIAL OPEN FAWN BITCH**

3 entries 2 absent

1st 52 FINLEWVAS TINYTOTS (SMITH, MRS D)

Fawn bitch with black mask, dark eyes and good padding to muzzle. I would have preferred a little more bone, however she has a balanced body, gentle roach and good tailset.