Stafford Roulette - Area 5 Supported Entry
Primm, NV
Sunday, December 14, 2025
Show Chair: Terri Keetch
Judge: Damon Folmar (Cornerstone USA)

I'd like to thank the committee for asking me to judge this supported entry show at this unique venue as part of the Stafford Roulette Specialty shows. A word about how I judge the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. It's always my goal to fairly and honestly evaluate Staffords in an unbiased way to identify those dogs who are both typey and sound – balanced in as complete a way as possible. There are always dogs who have outstanding "parts" (i.e. an incredible headpiece with excellent bone) but if all the parts don't work and blend harmoniously together then there is not balance within the dog, therefore the dog cannot himself/herself be considered balanced and complete. A word about the breed as I see it today. When I started in the breed a bit over 2 decades ago we saw both a lot of different styles of headpieces and a lot of weak headpieces and a lot that were stuffy and overdone. Breed type was sorely lacking in many dogs. Good toplines were rare to see. Currently I see an abundance of strong headpieces and excellent bone and type is much more prevalent today than in years gone by. We have many – MANY – excellent breeders today who have built their foundations on excellent breeding stock, importing semen and exceptional dogs to build foundations for all of us. You are to be commended. The things I see that we, as breeders need to concentrate on now are proper structure and proper temperament. We are still seeing too many unbalanced dogs whose "parts" don't work together to produce a harmonious blending and working together for that "complete" dog that we all strive to produce. Good movement can and should be produced with every beautiful typey dog with that exceptional head, great bone, and correct proportions. Correct rear movement as viewed from the rear is a rare commodity in the ring and I think it needs to come into conversations about breeding more. It starts with a well-constructed front, a strong and level topline, short coupling, and correctly angulated rear with a croup and tail set and carriage. Our standard calls for movement that is "free, powerful, agile with economy of effort" – I believe this is a vital virtue that we all must strive to have in our dogs and it entails far more than those 7 words or a few outstanding features that look impressive while a dog is standing still. We are continuing to see too many dogs with less than exemplary temperaments. I encourage all of us to make that a priority in coming years. Following are critiques of our main winners on the day.

Winners Dog/Best of Winners/Best of Opposite Sex
Van Niekerk's FOUNTAINHEED'S YANKEE DOODLE DANDY (12-18 month Dog)
A single entry dog in his class he immediately called for your attention with his power, width, short coupling and overall balance. Black brindle dog with a clean and powerful headpiece with proper proportions of skull, excellent expression. Proper depth of chest and spring of rib and as mentioned before excellent coupling and a powerful rear. A dog who showed off a proper topline while standing and on the move. Excellent ears and tail carriage. Presented in top shelf fashion and well deserving of the awards bestowed upon him today.

Reserve Winners Dog
Mathieson, Mathieson & Rownd's STAR'Z JOHNNY GOT A BOOM BOOM (6-9 month puppy dog)
This nifty red pup was happy and full of life and even as a youngster moved with purpose and carried his tail beautifully- both of which combined to carry him to 1st in his class. A clean head that will continue to develop and mature with age this puppy exhibited proper structure particularly at his age that will carry him to more wins in the future. Lovely proportion and balance to him. Handled well.

Winners Bitch/Award of Merit
Holmen & Diza's BLACK COUNTRY'S LITTLE RED COREVETTE AT K8'SK9S (American-Bred) Lovely red bitch that caught your eye immediately when she came in the ring. Moved with purpose and economy as she displayed her proper topline, tail carriage and proper blend of bull and terrier. Feminine headpiece that could have used a smidge more width of muzzle but displaying a beautiful expression with correct ears, eyes, dentition and pigment. Would have loved her to have been a nick more fit today and she could have possibly pushed for higher honors but was an easy choice for Winners Bitch and well deserved and additional Award of Merit.

Reserve Winners Bitch
Brown's THEATRIC COVER OF NIGHT (9-12 month Puppy Bitch)
Black brindle bitch who won the 9-12 month class showcasing her lovely temperament and stunning headpiece. Never ill-at ease and fully exhibiting what an "all-purpose" attitude can bring to the ring this lovely girl had a beautiful headpiece with round, well-placed eye, ears providing excellent expression with a keen terrier attitude. Good topline, nice movement, and handled very well. Maturity will only bring this lovely lady more accolades in the future.

Best of Breed
Best-Olds and Best Olds' KNOT KNOT KARMA
Striking black brindle bitch who demands your rapt attention and keeps it. Proper blend of bull and terrier with plenty of width and strength throughout for her size while showing off femininity and a stunning well-proportioned headpiece, beautiful expression, tidy ears, level topline, and ease/economy of movement with well-padded correct feet. Chest, rib cage and overall picture was just what I am looking for. Adequate bone for size. Every bit the Stafford in a proper feminine package. Presented beautifully by her owner/handler.

Select Dog
Jacob & Caswell's GCH VARIANT'S CANNONBALL
Handsome brindle dog presented exceptionally well by his owner/handler. Well proportioned dog with proper blend of bull and terrier throughout. Headpiece exhibited proper stop, depth of skull, cheek bumps and round eye with correct placement and tidy enough ears. Short, proper neck flowing into a strong shoulder. He possesses good forechest, beautiful feet, level topline, well sprung ribcage and strong rear assembly. Proper balance of bone to body volume. Carried himself with purpose and economy and with eye catching presentation.

Select Bitch
Carter, Bryant & McPhall's GCH SHORTYROCKS SAND N SHELLS
Stunning black brindle bitch who pushed within a whisker of being awarded top honors today. Excellent headpiece and expression – clean, strong and full of a proper blend of bull and terrier. Front assembly, topline and rear all exemplary and hard to take your eyes off her. Excellent bone. Movement was good and her short coupling, proper head with excellent muzzle and overall proportions could serve as a blueprint for many a breeder today. Shown well.

Award of Merit
Vickrey's CH KEEPASTAFF FIRE TO THE RAIN, BCAT
White bitch with brindle eye patch. This bitch could write the book on proper Stafford temperament and attitude. Always smiling and trying to get your attention and when she moved, Oh My! Excellent side gait and a well constructed bitch through the front end, proper spring of rib, good topline and depth of chest. Good turn of stifle and excellent feet. Lovely round bone. Strong headpiece, excellent teeth (size and bite) proper ears. I would have liked a rounder eye and shorter coupling. Presented well by her handler today.

Congratulations to all the winners throughout the weekend. My thanks to everyone who brought their dog to my ring