

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America
Stafford Roulette Specialty
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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

From today's evidence, the breed is in very good shape with respect to head quality. Heads are blocky and well contoured, with excellent bites, and for the most part small, neat well-placed ears. Shortness, and weakness, of muzzle remains an issue with several dogs lacking that essential element.

Construction is more of a concern with too many dogs lacking forechest. While forechest is not mentioned in the AKC standard, it is an important component both visually and functionally. In addition, too many had more curvature over the loin than is desirable. This latter fault was particularly noticeable in many of the dogs on the move. As regards movement, I see a tendency to more generic movement, drifting away from the desired thrust from the rear. Something breeders will want to keep an eye on.

I sought to reward virtues in the areas of front construction and strength of muzzle, seeking dogs with these components allied to breed virtues in other areas such as head quality, strongly constructed bodies, and good muscling in the rear.

Here then are my choices on the day.

WINNERS DOG, RESERVE WINNERS DOG

WD & BOW #115 Sandra Mendoza's **FOUNTAINHEED'S BLACK DOG ZEPPELIN** by GCHS Devils and Fairies Flash For Fantasy – Fountainheed's Clockwork Brindle (Breeder: Rossi Lavonda)

RWD #123 Dayna Lemke's **CRUDHA REILTIN AISTEACH TKN** by Crudha Nordic Attitude – Rioghail Jumping Jelly Bean (Breeder: Agneta Wihlborg)

Both WD and RWD are black brindles, very similar in outline and style. Both have strong rears; correct outlines and proportions and moved well in typical Staffy fashion holding their toplines well. They have excellent heads, with lovely expressions enhanced by neat ears. In a close decision, my placement was decided by the 12-18 month dog having the stronger, less lippy muzzle, and more correct front construction.

WINNERS BITCH, RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

WB #136 Choy Palo and Rossi LaVonda's **FOUNTAINHEED'S MS BREEZEBLOCKS** by Bultery Rollen Thunder – GCH Fountainheed's Electric Body (Breeder: Rossi Lavonda)

Black brindle. She is the essence of femininity while exhibiting good breed type. Her side gait is exemplary, showing correct head carriage while holding her excellent topline. Sound in front construction with very good layback of shoulder and visible forechest. Front on, she has enough width with feet turning out as desired. Added to the picture is a head of great type with lovely proportion and

expression, and a strong muzzle. Small, well-placed ears complete the picture. While strongly muscled in the rear, she could have a tiny bit more angulation.

RWB #132 Kimberly Washington and Rossi LaVonda's **FOUNTAINHEED'S DRIPPIN WITH FINESSE AT CHAVIER**. by CH Bultery Rollen Thunder -- GCH Fountainheed's Electric Body (Breeder: Rossi LaVonda)

I found similar type in the RWD as with the WB. She presents a very nice picture front on, showing excellent head definition including a strong muzzle; good width of body, and feet slightly turned out correctly. Very nice breed outline in profile. In choosing who would be WB, she lost out because she is slightly longer in proportion and less clean in rear movement.

MAJOR PLACEMENTS

BEST OF BREED #162 Ray Lebedeff, Larry Peterson & Jon Hopkins's **GCH JUGGERNAUT X RUFFHAUS BLACK PEARL ANAMARIA** by GCHS Devil and Fairies Flesh For Fantasy -- GCHB Juggernauts Celeste The Stars Align. (Breeders: Charles Walrafen, Ray Lebedeff. & Larry Petersen)

BOB is a bitch at the top end of the recommended height but with lovely conformation, good forechest, nice feet, good bone for her size, lovely balance and topline, and a well set and carried tail. Strongly built in the rear. Very typey head with good length to the foreface and tight lips, nice ears – an attractive picture.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX #149 Robyn Gubler's **DYNASTAFFS JUST MY IMAGINATION** by GCH Samross American Dream DCAT -- GCHB Dynastaffs Don't Leave Home Without it (Breeder: Alexa Keetch)

BOS is a very square dog with good tuckup, well within the recommended size. Good bone for his size, strong rear, showing good conformation with a well-set tail which he carried correctly. Well-proportioned head from the side (1 to 2) with pleasing expression. Nicely proportioned dog overall.

SELECT DOG #145 Ray Lebedeff, Larry Petersen & Jaren & Jon Hopkins's **CH JUGGERNAUT'S SIR LANCELOT THE BRAVE**. By GCH FountainHeed's Lord Pretty Flacko -- GCH Juggernaut's Charmer Celtic Warrior Princess. (Breeders: Ray Lebedeff & Larry Pettersen)

SD is at the top end of the size range. Has very good breed type, with excellent bone, and exhibited sound movement. Very nice expression. Lost to the BOS dog through being not as wide in proportion and having a little too much loading in shoulder.

SELECT BITCH #156 Jodie West & Dion Berry's **CH WILLABY'S SOUTHERN CROSS** by GCHB Pinnacle's You Can't Take Command CGC -- GCHG Ciera HomeBrewed Born Free CGCA RATN (Breeders: Jodie West & Dion Berry)

SB was very competitive with the BOB being similar in outline. She is strongly built and has good breed type throughout. Her head combines muscular outline, good ears, correctly placed and shaped eyes, all of which contribute to a lovely expression. She has good bone for her size and is pleasing front on, with feet turning slightly out. Did not hold her structure as well on the go around.

AWARD OF MERIT & BEST VETERAN #127 Sandra Carter & Michelle Bryant's **GCHS SHORTYROCKS THE VINDICATOR** by CH Yorkhouse Marksman -- CH Shortyrocks Fiona Fairestothemal (Breeders: Sandra Carter & Michelle Bryant)

While losing a little on the go around these days, this dog still possesses a lot of breed virtue. He is at the high end of the desired size, strongly built with good bone. Excellent breed type in the head with a noticeably strong muzzle and good underjaw; neat ears and well-placed eyes contribute to the expression. Strongly muscled, and well angulated in the rear, he is however a bit loaded in shoulder.

AWARD OF MERIT #135 Jim & Lynn Caswell's **CH WAVEMAKER NONESUCH TKN MHMA CGC** by UK Slov SK World Multi Intl Ch Stormbull Solo JW -- CH Wavemaker Briny Breezes BCAT DM DSA AJ CGCA CGCU TKN VHM (Breeders: Jim & Lynn Caswell)

Shows good width and head proportions front on. His head is well contoured with well-placed ears but a bit short in muzzle; good expression nonetheless. He is well-proportioned overall with good strength in the rear.

AWARD OF MERIT #164 Alexa Keetch's **GCHB DYNASTAFF'S DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT** by GCHS Devils And Fairies Flesh For Fantasy – CH Dynastaff's Can't Buy Me Love (Breeder: Alexa Keetch)

Very pleasing, feminine outline in profile with excellent proportions and lovely topline. Front construction could be improved with better set shoulders and more forechest however. Her head is typey and strong but retains its feminine quality. Strongly muscled in the rear.