Black Mountain Kennel Club Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America Specialty show 11th October 2024 Judge: Debbie Saunt (UK)

I would like to offer a big thank you to the clubs for inviting myself and Co judge Terri Morrell to Boulder City. It was extremely warm and I felt we had to keep dogs and exhibitors out of the direct sun as much as possible. Not an easy task but I think we managed relatively well. Thank you for the patience shown when we did the BOB and all the other placings, I hadn't got a clue about these classes as totally different to ours in the UK.

I would like to thank the guidance given by the Steward and Teri Keetch for supplying liquid refreshment and the rather tasty Dorito mixture, and to Kevin for keeping us entertained and fed during our stay. My reputation for being frank and will hopefully taken in good grace is as follows, in general, I found quite a few of the exhibits lacking the correct fronts, with a mixture of A-frames, tight fronts and lack of depth. But I believe this can be improved on in the future with select breeding.

Sadly, a couple with mouth faults but I wouldn't discard for future breeding. Most were well-presented and so well behaved in the heat, and all the exhibitors handled impeccably. I found some Stars for the final lineups and it was a pleasure to hear the applause given. I am starting my critique with the main winners

Best Of Breed Janice Snyder Ch Nevada's My Spirit Awakened Stunning Pied girl, 2 years old, she has a beautiful headpiece, fabulous ear set, dark eye and the right amount of muzzle with clean tight lips, her dentition is also correct. Her head flows into a short strong neck leading to a lovely front and depth of brisket. she has the right amount of bone and nice tight feet. In profile, she has a great shoulder line and shows a good rib cage and top-line, her rear is spot on as she is beautifully balanced throughout, I wrote I would take her in my suitcase.

Best Of Winners Susan/Nancy Best-Olds Knot Knot Karma Black Brindle girl, 16 months of age, she's a very neat package with a lovely head, nice ear set and correct muzzle and correct dentition, lovely dark eyes. Excellent front and depth, good bone and tight feet, and in-profile so well balanced for a youngster. I wrote very smart girl.

Best Opposite Sex Yee Xiong Ch Yeestaff I Came I Saw I Conquered. Skewbald boy, 2 years old. Very standard handsome boy, with a fabulous head. Lovely neat ears, clean muzzle and great dentition. Best of fronts with correct bone and tight feet. He's compact but so well-balanced. I would take just a tad of weight off him to give him more definition. But all in all, I wrote one pleasing boy.

Select Dog Sandra Mendoza & Janice Snyder Ch Felizstaff Nevada Started From The Bottom Black Brindle boy with a white front, 2 and half years of age. Another handsome boy who I very much liked. Nice head and expression, correct muzzle strength and dentition, lovely dark eye. Good front and depth, nice bone and feet. In profile, he has a great shoulder and top-line leading to good rear angulations, I wrote smashing boy.

Select Bitch Dayna S Lemke Ch DayDream Thieves Like Us Black Brindle Girl, Nearly 2 and half years of age. Bang on standard, lovely head with nice ear carriage, dark eye and correct muzzle with good dentition, great front and depth. Ample bone and nice tight feet, she has a great shoulder line and a perfect top line, strong rear angulations and moves out great. I wrote smart girl.

Award Of Merit

Susan/Nancy Best-Olds & Teri Keetch/ Janice Snyder Dynastaffs Legends Never Die Black Brindle Boy, 8 months of age, already 1st in Puppy Dogs 6-9 months. And deserved his class and this one. He has the makings of a very nice boy, lovely head developing, ears carrying well, good strength of muzzle with big teeth. Front and depth really nice, good bone and feet. He holds an excellent top line and has already a good rib, and correct strength throughout, I really liked him.

Sandra Mendoza & Robert Brazier Felizstaff Consider me gone Reba Tiana Keetch Dynastaffs Waiting For A Girl Like You Sadly I didn't get a chance to critique these two as they were from the Best Of Breed Competition.

Owner Handled Best Of Breed Ch Nevada's My Spirit Awakened Best Puppy Tina Vickrey Keepastaff Fire To The Rain White with Black eye patch and ear girl. 11 months of age, I hadn't realised till after that I know this affix and her breeder. Compact and very standard young girl, nice head developing, good strong muzzle and correct dentition, excellent front and bone with tight feet. She has plenty of depth and rib and is correct on the top line and rear angulations, I wrote nice baby.

Best Bred By Exhibitor

1st. Janice Snyder & Terri Keetch Dynastaffs Nevada's Don't Go Breaking My Heart Black Brindle girl, 27 months of age. Compact in stature, lovely head and ear carriage, dark eye, good strength of muzzle and correct dentition. Excellent front and depth good bone and feet, would prefer a tad more rib but she was hard to the touch, with strong rear angulations.

Puppy Dogs 6 - 9 months

1st. Dynastaffs Legends Never Die Won award Of Merit above

Dogs 12 - 18 months

1st. Janice Snyder Lead Me To You Of Eilatan Skewbald boy, 14 months of age. Compact young boy, a nice head and good muzzle sadly has one bottom canine missing and the other is rather tight. Good front and sufficient depth, plenty of bone, good rib and top-line, and nice rear angulations, traditional looking boy.

Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs

1st. Angel Diaz Stockyard's Play At Your Own Risk Red with white chest boy, 6 months of age. Nice head developing and good ear carriage, lovely dark eye, strong muzzle, correct dentition. Good front for age, plenty of depth and good bone and feet. In profile he is already balanced and has a nice rear angulation, very promising baby.

Open Dog

1st Ramos & Carly Martinez/ Calvin Murphy Blackwater's Covid 19 Antiserum Brindle and White boy, nearly 4 and half years of age, smart boy, lovely head and good ear carriage. Has a correct strong muzzle, his teeth appear like he carries sticks but are good enough, he has an excellent front and good depth, good strong bone. Lovely shoulder and rib. Level top line and excellent rear angulations, I liked him.

2nd Rosalie Ball & Dayna Lemke DayDream Running Down A Dream Black Brindle boy of 11 months of age. He has a lovely head developing, nice ear carriage, lovely dark eye and good strength of muzzle, excellent dentition. Liked his front and depth, good bone and feet. Fabulous rib and top line and strong rear angulations. Only lost out as a bit unsettled on the move. But very promising.

Puppy Bitches 6 - 9 months

1st Alexa Keetch Dynastaffs Pretty In Plaid Dark Brindle girl, 8 months of age, such a pretty baby, lovely head shape, good ear carriage and dark eye. Strong muzzle and a wee bit too much underjaw. She is correct and compact throughout and is very well-balanced for her age.

Puppy Bitches 9 - 12 months

1st Tina Vickery Keepastaff Fire To The Rain See Best Puppy

2nd Cristina Grant & Dayna S Lemke DayDream Kissy Kiss In The Rearview Black Brindle girl 11 months of age, standard size, still developing, nice head and lovely dark eye. Good strength of muzzle with correct dentition. Good front and depth, nice bone and feet, great shoulder but rib needs to come more. Held her top line, and very nice rear angulations. Still very much a baby.

Bitches 12 - 18 months

1st Susan/Nancy Best-Olds Knot Knot Karma See Best Of Winners

2nd and Reserve Winner Patrick Zulfer Dynastaffs All Or Nothing Black Brindle girl, 15 months of age, what a beauty she is. She has a beautiful head, lovely ear carriage, darkest eyes, clean, correct muzzle, and good dentition. She has enough depth and bone and has tight lovely feet. I thought she was slightly short in the sternum, but her overall balance outweighed that slight fault. She's a classy girl.

Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches

1st Sandra Mendoza Felizstaffs I Got A New Attitude Dark Red girl, 6 months of age, very pretty head, lovely little ears, darkest of eyes and correct muzzle strength. Dentition correct, her front is narrow and may develop as she matures. In profile she looks balanced and has enough rib and rear angulations. Time is on her side.

Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches

1st Janice Snyder & Teri Keetch Dynastaffs Nevada's Don't Go Breaking My Heart See Best Bred By Exhibitor Class

2nd Jon Hopkins Juggernauts X Desert Rocks Black Label Brandy Black Brindle girl, 17 and half months of age, substance girl with a lovely head, nice ear carriage, dark eye and strong muzzle, sadly she has a reverse scissor bite. She has good depth and bone, is compact throughout and has good rear angulations.

Open Bitches

1st Alexa Keetch Dynastaff Made You Look Dark Brindle girl, nearly 2 years of age, She's a lovely well balanced girl, pretty head with nice ear carriage, dark eye and strong correct muzzle, good dentition. Liked her front and depth, good bone and feet. In profile, she has a great shoulder and rib, and excellent rear angulations. She won her class based on her good outline.

2nd Starlee Rownd Star'z Crimson And Clover Skewbald girl, 17 months of age, what a pretty girl she is, good ear carriage, another with gorgeous dark eyes with black eyeliner to boot. Correct strength of muzzle and good dentition. Her front is a tad narrow and think it will come as she matures. She has a nice shoulder line and level top line, and lovely rear angulation. Only lost out on maturity. Liked her a lot.