

CRUFTS - 2019 - ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOG

I always take great pleasure in judging this lovely breed and today I was greeted with a lovely entry of quality dogs. I feel that this breed is more than ready for CC status having judged them a number of times and seen them improve over the years in quality.

VD (1) 1 BV, BD & BOB Dean Asterel Deeago. 7 yr old looking great for his age and in tip top condition. Excels in head with lovely broad skull and the correct lines. Well shaped eye and excellent expression. Well sized ear on this dog of the correct set. Correct front and feet and excellent topline. Good depth of brisket and correct rib cage. Powerful on the move both front and rear.

JD (2) 1 Godderidge Essanelle Dartagnan. Large dog with correct sized head and good neck. Lovely gentle expression. Correct front and feet. Correct topline. He was just a touch close behind for me and would have liked him better on the move. 2. Serra da Silva Norte li. Still very much a youngster. Lovely head and expression. Good eye shape and ear carriage. Prefer better in front with slightly more bone. Like better in topline and at present he is weak in the hind quarters. He still needs to mature and develop.

PGD (3) 1. Godderidge Essanelle The Red Musketeer. Lovely young 15 mths old dog of the correct size and shape. Pleasing head and neck, good front and feet. Correct topline, bone and feet. Lovely depth of brisket and correct hind quarters. At this early stage he just needs to tighten up in rear movement. 2. Serra da Silva Alvor Da Casa Thuyas. Up and coming youngster. Good head and eye shape. Correct front and feet. Stronger in topline and depth of brisket. Good in hind quarters would like to see him tighten up on the move. 3. Bailey Bamcwt Firth Knight. Would have like to see more of this dog around. Pleasing head, front and feet. Would like more body. Good in hind quarters. Just needs to develop and mature.

OD (4) 1 & Res BD/ Vidal Zuki Da Casa Das Thuyas. Mature 7 year old of the correct size and shape. Pleasing head, neck and topline. Excellent front and feet. Good depth of brisket and correct hind quarters. Pleasing on the move and sound. 2. Bermingham Multi Ch. Odi Da Casa De Loas Em Bamcwt. Smaller than winner but all in proportion. Good size and shape with pleasing head and expression, Good neck and shoulder placement. Good front, bone, front and topline. Moving close behind on the day but good hind quarters. Excellent condition. 3. Dean Asterel Baloo. I liked this 3 yr old dog. Quite a bit smaller than the other two. Excellent head. Neck, front and feet. Good topline. He wasn't moving well behind on the day.

VB (2). 1 Bermingham. Multi Ch. Haia Da Casa De Loas Em Bamcwt ShCM. 8 ½ yr old and a favourite of mine in the past. Excels in head with gentle expression. Good short neck running into correct front. Correct bone and feet. Best of toplines and hind quarters. Free flowing on the move and expertly handled as normal. 2. Baker Asterel Sheer Heart Attack. Larger than winner. Very lethargic on the day. Good front, bone and feet. Correct topline and shoulder. Good tail set. Like slightly better on the move.

JB (1) 1 & BB. Dean Asterel A Bit Of Magic. I just loved this 14 mth old bitch. A quality bitch at her tender age and an exiting career in front of her I feel. Best of heads with well shaped eye and ear. Good front and topline. Excellent on the move. One to watch for the future. She just couldn't be deigned top spot in bitches on the day.

PGB (3). 1. Roberts Asterel Kaa At Garregddu. This bitch is rising 3 years of age and at the top of her maturity. Good head, neck, front and body. Good depth of brisket and correct in hind quarters. Pleasing on the move. 2. Baker Asterel Heart Attack. 3. Chisholm Bellalua Nushaba At Belezaocao. Liked this bitch but she was not happy on the day in the ring. Good in head. Prefer better in front. Good bone and body. Prefer better on the move.

OB (8,1). Quality class of mature bitches. 1 Dean Asterel Xiquita. Lovely bitch from this well known kennel. Very typy. Best of heads and correct neck. Correct size and shape. Good front and feet excellent depth of brisket and good rib cage. Correct topline and excellent on the move. 2. Bermingham NI Ch. Rainha Da Casa De Loas Em Bamcwt. Another lovely quality bitch with pleasing head, neck and front. Prefer slightly better in foot. Good topline and hind quarters. Pleasing on the move. 3. Chisholm Essanelle Mad As A Hatter At Belezaocao. 4 ½ yr old and greying quickly in the muzzle. Prefer better in front on this girl. Good body and hind quarters.

GCB (1) 1. Bermingham & Kendric. Bamcwt First Edition. 2 yr old and long in body. Excellent expression. Lacking in jacket on the day. Good topline, prefer better on the move.

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