**Leonberger Club of Great Britain, Results from Open Show – 20th July 2014**

***Dog Judge – Mr Gary Pitchford Bitch Judge – Mrs Tracy Morgan Referee – Mr Bill Crawley***

**Best In Show Landgrebes’ -** Seaxa Fire and Ice at Euphrosin

**Reserve Best In Show Hurren’s -** CH Vannroy Double Bluff at Dacfolke

**Best Opposite Sex In Show Hurren’s -** CH Vannroy Double Bluff at Dacfolke

**Best Dog Hurren’s -** CH Vannroy Double Bluff at Dacfolke

**Reserve Best Dog Holliday’s -** Oldholbans Terpsichore for Lionslord

**Best Bitch Landgrebe’s -** Seaxa Fire and Ice at Euphrosin

**Reserve Best Bitch Holliday’s -** Unikum Tigra is Galkina Gnezda for Lionslord (imp)

**Best Puppy In Show Jump & Cole’s -** Simden Gros Bisous to Lowenhole

**Best Opposite Sex Puppy In Show Cole’s -** Simden Guardian Angel

**Best Veteran Thomas’s -** CH Didleo Starry nights

**DOGS:**

First of thank you for inviting me to judge the dogs at this year’s event. As a judge it’s not only a pleasure but also a privilege to be asked to a club event.

I was delighted to see not only a good entry but also great facilities and weather to match. All the dogs were well turned out and it was lovely to see not only the more experienced show goer but also those for which this year was a first time event and I hope they will continue and be spurred on.

Looking at the dogs this year provided a large degree of variance of size and type, more than I had seen in the past, overall, the standard was very good with a few dogs I really enjoyed and will watch as they develop and mature. The influence of foreign bloodlines is compelling these days and this is no doubt providing the variety I saw on the day.

Thank you for entering the show, I enjoyed my day immensely.

Gary Pitchford

**Veteran Dog 3,0**

1. Saljay Poker Playing Picalo 8yr old with lovely outline and masculine. Slow mover but all there, lovely angulation, good head, pigmentation and tail carriage. Has youth on his side compared to the others in the class and that paid off today
2. Alfross Grizina’s Wetland 11yrs old and going strong, good proportions, tight feet, movement not as good as 1st but has 3 yrs. on him. Good example and still showing, bravo.
3. Bavaruki Dreams of Gold for Wolfen 9ys old lovely strong masculine head less angulation than others and a little heavy. Moved OK

**Minor Puppy Dog 3,0**

1. Simden Gros Bisous to Lowenhole Really liked this lad, moved well with good balance and proportions for one so young, lovely eye and head, good tail carriage and ear set. One to watch (BPD / BPIS)
2. Simden Frost Bite This chap not quite the balance of 1st and a little low in the pasterns, pleasing head, tight mouth, These 3 all with lovely expressions and moved well
3. Simden French Connection The third lad in this trio of litter mates, liked him on first look, lovely head and good substance for a youngster, pleasing color for me, movement not as good as others when running all together

**Puppy Dog 7, 1 WD, 1A**

1. Bavaruki Broncho Luchi Strong masculine male, good substance, good tail, moved well, good dentition, a little heavy, lips could be tighter, should come together nicely as he matures
2. Simden Frost Bite (see mpd)
3. Condalf Trick or Treat Nice masculine pup good substance, good mouth, strong pigment, tail carriage and hook let him down.
4. Rossnick Vicki’s Boy
5. Simden French Connection

**Junior Dog 4,1**

1. Midnight for Locksfield du Plateau Bavarois Large 16 month old, strong in type, excellent body, pleasing colour for me, profuse coat and tight feet, strong head and ample bone, a little 10 to 2 and a little loose in the lips. but a great example at such a young age. Could be a cracking adult
2. Rossnick Vicki’s boy 11 months good height but lacking a little angulation, good proportions and moved well, good bone, lacked type compared to 1st , more to type and masculine than 3rd
3. Rossnick Uber Bear Pleasing dog nicely balanced and moved the best of the class by a mile, tight mouth, not the type or proportions of the first 2 but could probably run all day. Nicely presented.

**Yearling Dog - 0 Entries**

**Novice Dog 1,1**

**Graduate Dog – 0 entries**

**Post-graduate Dog 4,0**

1. Oldholbans Terpsichore for Lionslord Really liked this lad, 2yrs old, excellent balance and proportions, moved beautifully, strong head, tight mouth and good pigment, nice tight feet, well-muscled and very pleasing colour. Ear size could be better for me. At 2 years old one to watch as he matures, deserved his RBD and came close to Best Dog
2. Amandalone Regulus Nice 4yr old masculine lad, good angulation good ear set, well balanced, moved well, mouth a little pink and tail carriage OK. Strong competition on the day
3. Condalf Gobstopper 4yr old large very masculine boy, broad and strong head, well developed chest and shoulder , lovely expression, good mouth, good bone, but movement not as strong as others. Enjoyed this class a lot
4. Duke of Earl

**Limit Dog 3, 1**

1. Sancholees Monte Carlo Nice 5yr old lad lovely feet, strong type, good angulation, very pleasing colour, good shoulder and strong thick neck, tail carriage and movement ok 1st and 2nd pretty equal but 1st offered a little better overall balance
2. Debbollinby Angel or Demon at locksfield Good masculine example at 4.5 yrs. old, moved well, good type and well balanced, not much to separate these two, a pleasing dog in what can be a tough class.

**Open Dog 3, 2**

1. CH Vannroy Double Bluff at Dacfolke A nice big strong masculine mature male, large proportions, great bone and feet, good balance, good type well covered, strong head with pleasing expression. Stood solid and square and knew what he was there for. Moves well when motivated, but lovely overall (BD/RBIS/BOS)

**BITCHES**

**The Leonberger Club of Great Britain 20/7/2014**

**Judge - Ms Tracy Morgan (Rossimon)**

My sincere thanks for a wonderful warm welcome from the Officers and Committee and for the support of each and every exhibitor. A lovely venue and well organised event made for a most enjoyable day in wonderful sportsmanlike company. My thanks also to my co-judge, it appears we agree on each others interpretation of the standard as i truly appreciated and admired the gorgeous males he sent through.

**VETERAN BITCH 4-(1)**

1st- THOMAS’ - CH DIDLEO STARRY NIGHTS

A beautiful mature lady still very much in her prime. Correct mouth, mid/dark eye of good shape. Thick ear leather, well placed and carried. Crested neck into good shoulders. Good width of front propped up on solid bone and tight feet. Lovely topline, tailset and carriage. Angles are spot on fore and aft. She stood clean and foursquare naturally as expected after seeing her move so very well around the ring. She set a benchmark for the bitches that was enviable.

**MINOR PUPPY BITCH 3-(2)**

1st- COLE’S - SIMDEN GUARDIAN ANGEL

A pretty baby girl at her first show and enjoying every minute of it as indeed she should. Correct mouth, dark eye of good shape. Well placed and carried ears of thick leather. Sparse in dressings as is often the case with some babies but this served to highlight her clean construction. Good shoulder assembly and width of front. Good bone and tight feet. Angles good fore and aft, strong topline and good tailset and carriage. Moved soundly if a wee bit close on the rear (prob due to a growth spurt), she stood herself nice and squarely when asked. BPB

2nd –THOMAS’ – SIMDEN LOST IN FRANCE

 Another pretty baby girl, not surprised to find she is sister to first. Same notes apply to mouth, ears, eyes. Again for shoulders, front and feet too, just giving her sister the edge on overall balance of outline today as a recent growth spurt has saw her topline rise to her rear. I’m sure these two could change places on a weekly basis.

**PUPPY BITCH 3-(3)**

1st – SHIRES – DAVENHEATH EXTRA SPECIAL

A very soundly constructed young lady who is very mature in body and typey, just awaiting more finish in headpiece. Correct mouth, dark eye and thick ear leather, strong neck and good shoulder assembly propped up on good bone and excellent feet. Strong topline, correct tailset and carriage. With very minimal handling she stood correctly at all times and moved soundly and effortlessly, sometimes too slowly, but this was to make allowances for her handler.

2nd –BAILEY’S – CONDALF CANDY CANE

A beautiful young lady of lovely type all through, her headpiece appealed to me greatly. Correct in mouth, eyes, ears. She is at a phase in her development/growth where her angulation, tightness of foot and bend of stifle are all off kilter. This is certainly to be expected in any large breed baby at some point so i would hazard a guess her balance could look very different in a day, a week or a month.

3rd – REEVES – GOLDEN MARZENA

Another appealing young lady of good type but at a very awkward phase of development where her angles, tightness of foot, topline and overall balance was lost. This again is just an observation on the day, it could change daily, weekly and monthly until maturity.

**JUNIOR BITCH 3-(3)**

1st – HOLLIDAY’S – UNIKUMTIGRA IS GALKINA GNEZDA FOR LIONSLORD (imp)

A truly beautiful young lady plucked out of the top drawer. Lovely headpiece with correct mouth, dark eyes, good ear placement and carriage and thick ear leather. Crested neck flowing into a lovely shoulder assembly. Correct width of front propped up on solid timber and lovely tight feet. Correct and strong topline to a well set and correctly carried tail. Angulation spot on fore and aft. She stood bang on, just as her movement had promised. A super bitch i shall watch with great interest. Immaculately presented and handled to perfection with minimal interference. **RBB**

2nd THOMAS’ – JANDIKA BLUE LADY VON DER AIGNER-OBERMUHLE (imp)

Another very nice young lady with beautiful headpiece. Correct mouth, dark eye and well placed, carried ears of thick leather. Good shoulder lay and bone, not quite as tight in foot as 1st and developing at a slower rate so understandably her topline is not quite settled yet.

3rd – GRAY’S- FIRE FROM HEAVEN OF NEW WIN FOR MADDIEMUS

Completing a very nice class of 3 ladies. Correct in mouth, eye, ears, front, bone and feet. Lost some of her rear angulation at the moment.

**Yearling bitch 2-(1)**

1st – HAY’S – WOLFEN NOW OR NEVER

Well up to size young lady, nice head proportions, correct mouth, mid brown eye of good shape. Good ear placement, carriage and thick leather. Nice front assembly, good bone and feet. Good topline and carrying a wealth of jacket. Moves very well considering a steep stifle. Handled very well and certainly enjoying her day.

**NOVICE BITCH 2-(2)**

1ST - GRAY’S - FIRE FROM HEAVEN OF NEW WIN FOR MADDIEMUS

Third in Junior class, A nice typey girl with pleasing head, Correct in mouth, eye, ears, front, bone and feet. She is of good height but has lost some of her rear angulation at the moment.

2nd – SHIRE’S – ARCANINE DELLIOUS

6 year old lady who is of nice type. Correct in mouth, eye, ear, front and feet. Nice angles and sound enough despite her being oh so very sluggish. She really didn’t want to be bothered with the whole ‘ring thing’ . I swear she sighed real loud a few times as i wrote these notes

**POST GRADUATE BITCH 2 –(2)**

1st – LANDGREBE’S – SEAXA ICE AND FIRE AT EUPHROSIN

I shall start with the first line i wrote in my notes. “OMG I found her” This truly stunning lady is straight out of the top drawer. She is super typey and oh so super sound too. She captured my eyes instantly when walking into the ring and stole the rest of me after i had laid hands on her. A beautiful headpiece, sculpted by a master artist. Correct in mouth, eye colour, shape and set (her expression bore into my soul). Ear placement and carriage were correct and of thick leather. Strong crested neck and a naturally proud carriage to her even on a loose lead. Lovely shoulder assembly and excellent width of front propped up on solid timber and tightest of feet. Topline was exceptionally good and retained on the move. Tail set and carriage were excellent. Her rear assembly is simply to die for, real text book perfection and she could not stand wrong for a moment. I would safely assume she could move for hours and hours without faulter and with total ease, such is her construction and effortless gait. Hard to believe this is only her second show and even harder to believe she has puppies almost a year old. I would happily take her home, just hope her owners get her out into the show ring ASAP and give other Leo judges the real treat I had. I did not hesitate to award her BB and without hesitation my co-judge also gave her the nod for BIS against his beautiful BD, such is her quality.

**LIMIT BITCH 5-(1)**

1st – LIND & WALKER’S – CONDALF BUBBILICIOUS

A lovely girl with good head proportions, correct mouth, dark eye, correct ear placement and carriage and thick leather. Nice width of front, good bone and tight feet. Moderate angle to her rear. Moves well and stood nicely of her own accord. A little bum high in outline which affected her balance to the eye.

**OPEN BITCH 3-(1)**

1st – RAYNOR’S – ROSSNICK MASERATI

A soundly constructed lady with nice head proportions. Correct mouth, dark eye and thick ear leather, strong neck and good shoulder assembly propped up on good bone and excellent feet. Strong topline and good angles all through. She stood correctly of her own accord and moved very soundly when viewed from any direction. Well handled and presented.