CRUFTS, 10/03/16 - Schipperkes

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Many thanks for giving me such a good entry, I thoroughly enjoyed my day. Also thank you to my two stewards for keeping things running smoothly. Movement was still a problem in some cases & some of them had too finer bone but I was extremely pleased with my winners especially my BB & BOB dog. **VD** (3,1a) 1 Fludder's Aradet Shot In The Dark, 9½ years dog, good shaped head with a dark oval eye & correct ear shape, nice cobby body, rounded rump & in good coat, moved well; 2 Manners' Komargo's Crazy Diamond at Roopec, another nice dog, just a little rounded in head shape but good eye & earset, correct pear shaped body & shown in a good coat, just preferred movement of 1. PD (0). JD (5,2) 1 Whales' Aradet Ballroom Dancer at Roshaana, just a little bit taller than I like but saying that he has plenty of bone, lovely head, with a dark oval eye, neat ears, good coat & tailset, movement was enough to win him the class; 2 Massey's Ristine Jack Black, nice honest dog, good head, dark oval eye, ears set well on, pear shaped body, in good coat, tail set over back, just preferred movement of 1; 3 Reed-Peck & Buggs' Leonard Nimoy Du Dragon Rouge De Jupiter, he was not too happy about showing which let him down, nice head & eye, ears were in correct position when he used them, in a very profuse coat, movement a bit erratic. PGD (7,2) 1 Moore & Nocks' Chadbower Finlay for Blitzstan, gold dog, lovely cobby shape, good head, dark eye & good pigmentation, neat ears, in a correct jacket, bobtail but correctly set, moved very well; 2 R Jack Black; 3 Butters' Roopec Admire Me, similar dog to 2 but his movement was all over the place, needs to settle a bit more. LD (5) 1 Cheatham's Aradet Action Man, have watched this dog from a puppy & he is maturing very well. He maybe a tad on the small side but he is the complete package. Lovely head, dark oval eye, neat ears, in excellent coat, correct tail carriage, pear shaped cobby body & moved very well. Pity he came up against the open dog. RCC; 2 Delaportes' Bel/Gib Ch Icaro Du Dragon Rouge De Jupiter, another nice dog, not a lot to choose between 1 & 2 although I did prefer the movement of 1 & also 1 was more

settled. One thing I will say about this dog is he did have the old style 'true' Schip coat, which is missing a lot today; 3 Muggleton's Aradet Wizard Of Oz amongst Mywulf, gold dog who loved the big ring a bit too much & decided not to walk correctly, good strong head, dark eye & pigmentation, in good coat, tail set well over back, movement let him down today. **OD** 1 Jalomeri's Fandal's Uno Momento, oh wow! When this dog entered the ring I couldn't tear my eyes away. He screams Schipperke. At just 20 months old he has the perfect shaped, cobby body with just the right amount of coat, nice level topline which he held on the move, his movement was short, brisk strides both fore & aft, he has a head to die for with neat ears set on top, dark oval eyes, a true foxy expression. He nearly blew it for BOB as he decided he would rather have the girls. But he did enough for me to win the CC & BOB. Was delighted to see he was pulled out in the final 8 in the group; 2 Fludder's Aradet Xtra Addition, nice dog, good cobby body, nice head, earset, dark eye, moved well enough & showed well; 3 Reed-Peck's Byquy Cabbage, haven't seen this dog in a while & he seems to have matured very well, nice head, eye, earset, slightly longer in body than 1 & 2 & in profuse coat. Movement was OK, just slightly unhappy in the ring when standing. GCD 1 Whales' Aradet Zeus at Roshaana, nice compact dog, lovely head with a dark oval eye & neat set ears, very good coat, carried tail well over back & moved very well; 2 Philpott's Aradet Expert Timing, not a lot to choose between these two dogs, so I went for the eye & 2's was slightly rounder than 1; 3 Jones' Roopec Dinky Demon, smaller sized dog, neat head & a nice dark eye, would not use his ears, movement a bit erratic. **VB** (4) 1 West's Ch/Am Ch Shalako's The Last Rose at Bahram. lovely bitch who at 10 is still looking her best. She has a really good looking foxy expression, typically cheeky look on her face, nice cobby body, in the right amount of coat, good neat feet & legs & moved very well; 2 Wearing's Aradet Party Politics, another really nice bitch, our breed age really well, couldn't fault her movement or looks so went on topline which she very slightly dropped when standing; 3 Forknall's Ch Avidore Hot Gossip, another really nice bitch I admire but today I had to 'nit pick' & she could have had a little more coat to finish the picture. PB (1) 1 Fegan's Wagaman Black Raven, very nice 11 months puppy. lovely gentle expression, good dark eye, correct set of ears, nice cobby body with the right amount of coat, tail set over the back,

moved & showed very well, beat her litter sister for BP. JB (3) 1 Davis' Ristine Gold Pandora, gold bitch & very naughty, not listening to her handler, she has a very good head, dark eye, correct ears, lovely cobby body, in good coat, tail over back when moving & moved well. She just needs more confidence; 2 Moore & Nock's Daksfina Raven at Blitzstan, slightly taller bitch than 1 & not as cobby, but has a good head with a dark eye & correct earset, movement was OK; 3 Fegan's Wagaman Black Opium, litter sister to puppy winner & not as confident as she was, not a lot to choose between the two but I do prefer the other ones more cobbier body & temperament. PGB (6) 1 Massey's Carozza Black Lace at Ristine, very nice bitch, carried herself well, lovely gentle head, foxy expression, dark oval eye, ears set well, good body & enough coat for a bitch, moved very well which won her the class & RCC; 2 Robjohn's Aradet Amelia Pond for Qwontox, very similar to 1, just a tad smaller in size but she has come on in leaps & bounds; 3 Muggleton's Mywulf Ruby Red, finer looking bitch but that could be through lack of coat, but nice dark eyes, good body, moved & showed well. LB (11,2a) Extremely difficult class to judge, my first three were so alike & could swap places at any time. 1 Fegan's Wagaman Black Magic, when I last judged this bitch she was a raw youngster, she has matured into a fine young lady, such a pretty head, lovely dark oval eye, ears set on top which she never stopped using, cobby body with a good jacket, tail set over back, neat legs & feet & moved with confidence round the ring, fully deserved the CC; 2 Manners' Roopec Birthday Treasure, another bitch who has come into her own, similar critique to 1, very well handled to get the best out of her; 3 Donaldson's Zorbaloo The Black Ice, another difficult decision to make & on the day she could have done with a little more coat. **OB** (6,3) 1 Bugg's Ch Byquy Black Carat, I don't think she was at her best today I have seen her show much better but having said that she still retains her qualities, good head with a dark eye & neat ears, cobby body with plenty of coat, moved out well; 2 Donaldson's Zorbaloo Concrete Blonde, cream bitch, very pretty, very good pigmentation, dark eye, ears set well on top, good body & coat but kept dropping her tail which cost her the class; 3 Jalomeri's Int/Fin/Lv/Lt Ch Fandal's Rififi, lovely bitch to look at & moved extremely well, but was taller in the leg & would have preferred a more level back. GCB (0).

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