

Midwest Futurity/Maturity Critique

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A huge thank you to the GSDC of Greater Kansas City for selecting me to judge this year's Midwest Futurity. I also appreciate your kindness and hospitality during a very stressful week for me. As always, I took this assignment very seriously and even though I was presented with some tough choices, I did my best to stay true to myself and the standard, selecting the most effortless ground covering side-gaiters with overall soundness and with no regard to any outside factors or influences. The quality of the entry was good, especially in bitches. Several dogs could have placed higher had they displayed more correct temperament on this day. I had one off bite, but no missing teeth.

Futurity Males

Best Opp Sex in Futurity (Teenage Dog)

Kiedrow's Total Eclipse Of The Heart

This male is all legs right now, but has all the right components and even in his teenage awkward stage maneuvered around the ring, often on a loose lead, showing nice suspension. He presented a good temperament, nice pigment & type, a good back, and an eagerness to please. Very nice, promising young dog.

Reserve Futurity Dog (Senior Dog)

Kiedrow's Makin Plans

Great mover, iron back, nice type This dog just didn't have a great performance day, but showed much promise.

Futurity Bitches

Best in Futurity (Teenage Bitch)

Kubistraum's Flair

This girl came in like gangbusters and I had no idea what we were dealing with. But once she settled in a bit, I started seeing more and more greatness on a loose lead at a medium speed. When she gets it right, she is exceptional in motion. Additionally, she displayed great temperament, TYPE, gorgeous pigment & coat, good back, and was clean coming & going. I would prefer a little longer, elegant neck.. This is a very good bitch and I look forward to seeing what's in store for her future.

Reserve Futurity Bitch (Senior Bitch)

Tazzman's Mercedes Benz

This powerful moving traditional black & tan bitch was a machine. She was a very good mover, with an iron back, high wither, and good proportions. She was drier in type and I'd prefer a slightly richer pigment. She was confident on approach multiple times, but due to being in season did not want me near her rear. It was my determination on this day that her temperament was fine.

Maturity Dogs

Best Opp Sex in Maturity (Junior Maturity Dog)

Ch Ferlin's Armstrong

This is a Wow dog. Absolutely beautiful and sound in every way. It is not often to have a masculine stallion male, like this, who can also move. He's a hunk with a beautiful coat and pigment, who moves with such suspension. He is an excellent dog.

Reserve Maturity Male (Senior Maturity Dog)

Ch Frankhenhaus Afterburner CGC

Half brother to the Best Maturity Dog. This dog is a different type, as he is drier & not as substantial. He is, however, exceptionally athletic and masculine. Black & Red in color, all male, with a shorter coat, iron back, very sound and clean in every way.

A very nice, solid, deserving male.

Maturity Bitches

Best in Maturity (Junior Maturity Bitch)

Ch Timberline's Leia v Elite Design

I judged this bitch as a 6-9 puppy and awarded her Winner's and Best of Breed over specials. I was happy to see she is the same exceptional quality she was as a puppy. Excellent mover, iron back, clean coming & going, displayed great temperament. Very high quality bitch. Exceptional.

Reserve Maturity Bitch (Senior Maturity Bitch)

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Medium to large black & tan, good back, good coming & going, and in good condition. She seemed to like to run with her head down, but after numerous laps I was able to see a nice balanced suspension on a loose lead. She isn't extreme in any way, but her athleticism helped her use everything she had to cover more ground than those she beat.