**Critique of the regular classes**

**North Central Illinois Pekingese Club Seventy-Third Specialty
Joliet, Illinois
June 13, 2009**

I would like to thank the North Central Illinois Pekingese Club for inviting me judge their Specialty for the second time.  It is a real honor to do so as this is the area where I started out showing and breeding my own dogs with Barbara Maske.

This was a wonderful entry with the quality and depth of the entry for the most part excellent.  I was delighted to find that most of the exhibits had good depth of chest as well as spring of rib – this is great because many times breeders think that spring of rib is all that is needed.  Without that depth of chest you won’t have the proper balance that is needed.  My major winners all had that depth of chest and also good bone for their size.

When it came time to pick out my Best of Breed, I found myself wishing that I could have given out a couple of Awards of Merit as there were a couple of other dogs that stood out and could have taken the top spot.

A couple of things still need to be watched – I found a few exhibits with light eyes.  Pekingese should have the darkest eyes possible.  I also found a few top lines that weren’t what they should be.  For the most part presentation was wonderful, but for some a little more conditioning (not necessarily coat) and grooming would have been a good thing!

**Puppy Dog 6-9 Mos.** – **Prima TeriPing Loren**, Breeder/Owner – Barbara Streemke – A lovely reddish fawn puppy with a beautiful head and large, dark, wide set apart eyes, nice ear set, good front, deep chest and short coupled body with a good tail set.

**Puppy Dog 9-12 Mos.** – **Lion Dog’s Mr. Tuxedo**, Breeder - Sandy Mueller, Owners - Sandy Mueller & Diane K. Smothers – Nice black puppy, good bone, top line, & tail set.  A bit shy and didn’t use himself well.  Once he gets himself together he will be just fine.

**Dog 12-18 Mos.** – **Mack Island’s Made By Mark**, Breeder - Mark Warren, Owner - Diana K. Smothers – Nice fawn dog, large dark eye, good width to the muzzle, nice ear set and good top line.  When he matures he should be quite a nice dog.

**Bred by Exhibitor Dog** – **Qazara The Bon Vivant**, Breeder/Owner – Diane Burvee – Wonderful silver dog, huge head with the blackest of faces, moved very well, good top line, great depth of chest and spring of rib, excellent bone and very well put together. Moved well coming and going.   Very much “of a piece”.

**American Bred Dog** – **LeGem’s Dark Vador**, Breeder/Owner – Lisa Logsdon (Agent: Dale Milder) – Nice black dog, good top line and substance, moved well but didn’t want to help himself today – was rather shy and didn’t want to put his tail up.

**Open Dog 8 lbs. & Over, Fawn, Biscuit, Gray, Red & Sable** – **Dreamville Ezra**, Breeder – Dr. Christine Lo, Owner – Karen Reid – Excellent exhibit in good coat and condition, great coat texture, excellent bone and depth of chest with good spring of rib, very good proportions and tail set. Moved well coming and going.  Also, very much “of a piece”.

**Open Dogs 8 lbs & Over, Parti-color, Black & Any Other Color** – **Lon-Du Rhythm** **Of the Night**, Breeder/Owner – Arlon D. Duit – Very good dog with large, dark eyes, good head, very good bone.  Another quality exhibit from this kennel.

**WD – Dreamville Ezra** (his maturity won the day).
**RWD – Qazara The Bon Vivant**

**Puppy Bitch 6-9 Mos.** – **Qazara The Femme Fatale**, Breeder/Owner – Diane Burvee – Another lovely silver puppy from the same kennel and littermate of my Bred By Exhibitor winner.  Lovely large head with a very, very black face.  Good top line, depth of chest and spring of rib, excellent bone, good movement and like her littermate, very well put together.  Very much “of a piece”.

**Bred by Exhibitor Bitch** – **Lon-Du Daddy’s Girl**, Breeder/Owner – Arlon D. Duit – Lovely fawn girl with great depth of chest and spring of rib. Excellent bone, good top line and tail set, wonderful head with large dark eyes.  Good movement. Good coat texture. In good coat and condition. Over all great proportions. Again, “of a piece”

**Open Bitch Under 8 lbs**. – **Fourwinds Prime Time Nichole**, Breeder/Owner – Mrs. Robert Jackson – Lovely dark brindle bitch with wonderful coat texture.  Huge dark eyes, well set apart, moved well both coming and going.

**Open Bitch 8 lbs. & Over, Fawn, Biscuit, Gray, Red & Sable** – **Lion Dog’s Shez** **Delightful**, Breeder – Sandy Mueller, Owner – Diana K. Smothers & Sandy Mueller – Very good clear fawn bitch with huge dark, dark eyes and a self colored mask.  Wonderful depth of chest, good topline and bone.  Moved well coming and going.

**Open Bitch 8 lbs. & Over, Parti-color, Black & Any Other Color** – **Degray’s** **Legendary Parti**, Breeder/Owner – Mrs. Heather L. Hiller (Agent:  Arlon D. Duit) – Nice bitch with good top line, depth of chest, moved well coming and going.

**WB – Lon-Du Daddy’s Girl** (again, her maturity made the difference for me)
**RWB – Qazara The Femme Fatale**

**BB – Ch. Lon-Du Don Quixote,** Breeder/Owner – Arlon D. Duit (Agent:  Barbara Streemke) – Huge spring of rib, great depth of chest, wonderful, wonderful bone, huge head, dark, dark eye.  Good top line and tail set.  Moved well coming and going.  Great coat texture.  Not a small dog, but of correct proportions.  A stunning dog!

**BW, Best Bred by Exhibitor – Lon-Du Daddy’s Girl**

 **BOS – Ch Fourwinds Honey Bunny**, Breeder/Owner – Mrs. Robert M. Jackson – A teeny bitch, but had everything she needed to compete with the big boys including a good spring of rib, depth of chest, good bone, large head with dark eyes.  Good top line and tail set.  Moved well coming and going, only in a diminutive package.

 **Best Puppy in Regular Classes – Qazara The Femme Fatale**

Thank you again,
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