CRUFTS 2013 King Charles Spaniels Judge: Mr Neal Beck

It was a pleasure to judge such a good entry and I thank all of the exhibitors for this.

There has been a definite improvement in body with the majority having well rounded rib, muscular hind quarters and a good length of neck. I saw no light eyes which were evident a few years ago.

Hind movement in the bitches was better than in the dogs.

These are all improvements in the quality of the dogs, however on the negative side there were few dogs with the wealth of coat required by the standard and so lack glamour. On a more serious note many of the Blenheims had off colour noses where the standard requires black.

Veteran - Dog, Entries:1, Abs: 0

1st Rushton's Tiflin Tudor Royal JW. Tricolour dog who is almost 8 years old. Good length of coat with well broken markings and a rich tan. Good bone with a wide deep chest and cobby body Nice dome, dark eyes and soft expression.

Special Puppy - Dog, Entries:7, Abs 0

1st Coupland's Tucherish High Treason A 12 months old lightly marked Tri with well domed head, dark eyes and long good ear featherings for his age. Good bone, well rounded rib and strong hindquarters. Moves freely with a nice level top line. BP. 2nd Smith's Headra's Truly Magic is Justacharma Another 12 months old old Tri, lighly marked with rich tan. Short back with level top line, good bone with rounded rib. Moved soundly. 3rd Mochrie's Downsbank Montgomery Lightly marked Blenheim with rich tan markings. Good bone and rounded rib. Moves well and with drive.

Special Junior - Dog, Entries:10, Abs:1

1st Mochrie's Bonitas Companeros Deluxe High Society Nicely marked tri with well broken markings. Lovely head, dark eyes with low set ears. Good bone and rounded rib. Moves nicely.

2nd Southam's Marjaniemen Ivory's Legacy(FIN IMP)

Richly coloured ruby. Mature for age with a nice head, dark eyes and long ears.

Good bone with well rounded rib. Nice temperament.

3rd Sproul & Coburn's Baldragon Berkely for Khandro.

Very lightly marked Tri with rich tan. Nicely marked well domed head with long low set ears. Moved well with a level top line and some drive. Lovely temperament.

Yearling - Dog, Entries:6, Abs:0

1st Bailey's Aldoricka the Maverick. Lightly marked Tri with nice dark eyes and long ears. Good strong bone, well rounded rib and strong rear end. Moves well with drive, keeping a level top line.

2nd Askins & Kendall's Headra's Wedgewood JW. Heavily marked Tri. Nice head with dark eyes and well turned up muzzle. Good bone, wide chest and strong rear end. Moves well.

3rd Austin's Dragonheart of Winter. Lightly marked Tri with good tan markings. Good reach of neck, nice head and dark eyes. Tan could be a little darker. Moved and showed well.

Post Graduate - Dog, Entries:12, Abs:2

1st Lunt,s Beechglen Summertime. JW. Handsome Blenheim with long coat. Strong bone and rounded rib. Good head and dark eyes set off by her ear fringes. Moves freely and with some drive. RCC 2nd Dawson & Jones' Pomelo Triple Chance. Lightly marked Tri with rich tan. Good head with wide blaze, dark eyes and long ear fringes. Well up to size but with excellent bone, rib and hind quarters. Moved with drive.

3rd Hopkins' Rexlands Brimstone. Lightly marked Tri with deep tan. Good head, long low set ears and dark eye. Pleasing expression. Good bone and rounded rib cage. Strong hindquarters that enabled him to move with drive.

Limit - Dog, Entries:16, Abs:2

1st Goodwin's Tucherish Stanley Diggle. Compact, lightly marked Tri. Well domed head with large dark eyes set wide apart and square to face. Short turned up black nose. Well defined stop, square muzzle well turned up, cushioned cheeks. Good temperament. Strong bone with rounded rib, level back and strong hindquarters. Shows himself to his best when on the move.

2nd Austin's Baldragon Hooray Henley. Well marked Blenheim with a good head, dark eye and low set ears, Nice temperament. Strong bone with well rounded rib and strong hindquarters. Moves with drive keeping a level top line.

3rd Anderson & Watt's Maibee Lucas. Small, lightly marked Tri with rich tan. Good reach of neck. Good bone, rounded rib.

Open - Dog, Entries:10, Abs:0

1st Moffat & Robins' Ch Maibee Theo Lightly marked tri in first class condition. Well domed head full over the eyes, short turned up black nose with wide open nostrils. Well defined stop, wide deep square muzzle well turned up. Large dark eyes set wide apart, squre to the face. Pleasing expression. Long well feathered low set ears. In all a head which fully meets the breed standard. His neck is of medium length which gives him a good head carriage. Good solid bone with well laid back shoulders, well rounded rib. On the move he is a joy to behold. He moves with elegance and drive showing a level top line and flowing coat. When standing he is rock solid never losing concentration. The only thing moving is his tail which never stops. In all he is a perfect Charlie with an outstanding presence. CC and BOB and also Best Toy in show. Congratulations!

2nd Pennington's Tudorhurst Diamond. Tri. Well domed head with large dark eyes set square to the face giving a pleasing expression. Good bone with well laid back shoulders, wide deep chest and short level back. Well muscled hindquarters enabling him to move straight and with plenty of drive.

3rd Sidgwick's FIN/SW/EST Ch Paulian Paddington JW. Lightly marked Blenheim with chestnut markings and the desired spot. Well domed head with long low set ears. Dark eyes. Long silky coat with plenty of feathering. Good bone and wide chest. Moved well.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Dog, Entries:3, Abs:0

1st Austin's Dragonheart of Winter. Tri with a well domed head. Nice dark eyes and low set ears. Well rounded rib and strong rear end. Moves actively around the ring. 2nd Randle's Othmese Arnaud to Lisran. Another Tri with a nice head dark eyes and low set ears. A little overawed by the show ring. Nice head ,dark eye and good ear fringes. Good rib and bone. Moves well.

3rd Austin's Oh Dandy Boy Hero. Blenheim with well distributed red patches. Good head with low set ears and dark eyes. Upturned nose and well defined stop. Good bone with rounded rib and level back. Moves nicely with some drive.

Veteran - Bitch, Entries: 5, Abs: 1

1st Coupland's Tucherish Michaela. Small, heavily marked, 8 year old Black & Tan. In good coat. Well domed head, dark eye set square to the face. Black nose with well defined stop. Cobby body with good bone and well rounded rib. Moves nicely. 2nd Williams' Kasamanda My Sweet Charity. An 8 year old Tri with a nice head. Large dark eyes, muzle square and well turned up, black nose. Well boned with good front. Good coat. Moved soundly and showed well.

3rd Baker's Cofton I Dreamed A Dream. A 7 year old Tri with a good head and nice coat. Good bone and rounded rib. Nice straight front and well muscled rear. Moved well around the ring.

Special Puppy - Bitch, Entries:7, Abs 1

1st Moffat & Robins' Maibee Jessica. A glamorous small Blenheim. Good coat for her age which has the required pearly white background with well distributed chestnut red patches. Well domed head, dark eyes and low set fringed ears. Short cobby body, with good bone. Legs short and straight to the front and well muscled at the rear and a short level back. Wide deep chest. Free flowing movement around the ring. Good temperament which enabled her to show herself at her best. I look forward to seeing her when she matures.

2nd Robinson's Baldragon She Demands. A pretty lightly marked Tri. Well domed head with low set ears and dark eyes set square to the face. Short turned up black nose and well defined stop. Wide deep chest with short level back and good bone. Well muscled hindquarters. Moved straight and with drive.

3rd Wallhead's Baldragon Becuz I'm Worth it to Merida. Litter sister to the second in this class. She is a little heavier marked but in all other respects there is little difference between the two.

Special Junior - Bitch, Entries:7, Abs:1

1st Goodwin's Phydeaux Royal Rose for Diggle. Small, lightly marked Blenheim. A well domed head with dark eyes. Good reach of neck, well laid back shoulders and deep chest. Well muscled in the hindquarters. Moves well, freely and with drive.

2nd Greenwell's Cavella Cupcake for Patzpetz. A medium sized Black and Tan with a rich glossy black coat and deep tan. At this age a Black & Tan is still far from mature and more coat will come as she gets older. Well rounde rib, short straight front legs and well muscled rear. Moves well around the ring and maintains her level back.

3rd Lewis' Carleeto Sweet Melody. A good type rather heavily marked Tri with a narrow blaze. A nicely domed head with dark eyes, short black turned up nose with a well defined stop. Good movement.

Yearling - Bitch, Entries:10, Abs:3

1st Sidgwick's Paulian Amazing Grace JW. Small lightly marked tri with rich tan markings. Well domed head, dark eyes and low set ears with long fringes. Good bone and rounded rib, level topline with strong hind quarters. Very sound on the move keeping her level top line. A pleasure to watch.

2nd Askins & Kendall's Headra's Caverswall JW. Blenheim with a well domed head and dark eyes. The ears are low set and give a lovely finish to the face. Good strong body with excellent bone. Well rounded rib, well laid back shoulders and well muscled hindquarters. Moves around the ring with drive and maintains her top line. 3rd Mochrie's Downsbank Evensong. Nicely marked Tri with rich tan markings. Good outline with short level back. Good bone, well rounded rib and well muscled rear end. Moved and showed well.

Post Graduate - Bitch, Entries:9, Abs:1

1st Hardiman's Othmese Tiffany Tovarich. Nice sized Ruby with flowing coat of good texture. Lovely head, good dome and dark eyes. Good reach of neck. Wide deep chest, back short and level. Good temperament and enjoys showing.

2nd Keane & Thorn's Danyas Twinkle of Daddy's Eye. A nice refined, compact and cobby Tri. Well domed head, dark eye and long ears. Good body with wide deep chest, straight front legs and well muscled rear. Moves freely.

3rd Crossley's Amantra Summer Chorus. Lightly marked Blenheim with the cherished spot. Good temperament, happy to be handled and very affectionate. Good bone with well rounded rib level top

line and strong rear end. Moves soundly and with drive.

Limit - Bitch, Entries:10, Abs:4

1st Robinson's Baldragons All About Me JW. Compact, lightly marked Tri. Well domed head with large dark eyes, set wide apart and square to the face. Short turned up black nose. Well defined stop, wide muzzle well turned up. Long feathered low set ears. Pleasing expression. Good bone with well rounded rib, level back and strong back end. Moves strongly around the ring. RCC

2nd Coupland's Tucherish Clemency. Lightly marked tri similar to the first. Well domed head with well feathered ears and large dark eyes set square to the face. Good body and bone wide rib and level back. Strong back end enables her to move freely around the ring.

3rd Lewis'Vashdown My Fair Lady ShCM. Lightly marked Tri with rich tan. Well domed head with long ear fringes and a sweet expression. Good bone, shoulders well laid back, rounded rib and well muscled rear end. Moves straight when viewed from behind and with energy.

Open - Bitch, Entries:11, Abs:1

1st Peterson's AM GR/INT/RUSS/EST/FINN Ch Flivverway The Emmy (ATC APO1189USA). A most glamorous Black and Tan who came over from Texas for her first show in England. A well domed head over large dark eyes, well turned up short black nose, stop well defined and cushioned cheeks. All enhanced by long low set

well feathered ears. Good reach of neck. Well laid back shoulders, chest wide and deep, short level back. Strongly muscled hind quarters enabling her to move with grace and elegance. A long silky rich glossy black coat with rich mahogany tan. . She has a gentle temperament and is fully at ease in the show ring. A real show girl and an excellent example of a Charlie. CC. I loved her!

2nd Robinson's Baldragon Heaven Scent. Tricolor of quality. A well domed head with nice dark eyes, black nose. Good reach of neck with chest wide and deep. Well muscled hind quarters enabling her to move freely and true. Good coat with well broken patches of black.

3rd Moffat & Robins' Ch Maibee Olivia. Lightly marked Blenheim with a well domed head and dark eyes. Good reach of neck, wide chest and level back. Well muscled hind quarters which she showed off in her good movement moving round the ring with drive.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Bitch, Entries:2, Abs 0

1st Austin's Baldragon May Bea Baby. Tri with a good head, nice dark eyes set square to the face and low set ears with good fringes. Well boned with rounded rib and nice level topline. Well muscled rear end which enables her to move freely. 2nd Austin's Baldragon Grace And Favour. Blen with the required pearly white coat and well distributed chestnut red patches. Well domed with dark eyes and low set ears. Good bone, well rounded rib and strong back end. Moves well around the ring.