King Charles Spaniel Association Championship Show November 2013

Thank you to all the exhibitors, my very able efficient steward Mr M Rowley and the secretary Mrs Moss and her team of helpers for a very enjoyable day and a marvellous lunch,

It was a pleasure to go over so many obviously much loved King Charles and to see the adoration in both the exhibitors and dogs eyes. Temperaments were excellent, all the dogs enjoying their day out. King Charles with their independant spirit are not always the easiest dog to show, but many were not helped by their handlers and general lack of showmanship.

A King Charles Spaniel should have a deep well rounded rib cage unfortunately many lacked this desirable attribute being shelly and too thin. The crowning glory of a King Charles is the head, the dome should be full over the eyes and the muzzle should be well cushioned not falling away under the eyes giving a pinched untypical finish to the face, all should have a soft chubby melting and generous expression. The original breed standard of 1885 was far more explicit on the desirable qualities of the head than the revised version of 1985, where we were required to condense and drastically reduce the original. What a shame if we lost the inherent qualities our older breeders sought to preserve. Veteran Dog (2 entries)

- 1, Sellen Cofton Armino At Gmacrystals Blenheim good shape and size with plenty of bone and well bodied, looking good and moving well.
- 2, Salguero Chalcombe Lorcan A Ruby I have admired in the past. Good head neck and topline plenty of bone and Substance.

Minor Puppy Dog (5 entries)

- 1 Gillhespy Yakee Royal Treasure At just six months of age he is an extremely promising baby. A well marked Blenheim he has a nice head with a good dome and deep well filled muzzle giving that soft sweet expression, level topline and excellent hind angulation also good front and shoulder placement. He has all the essentials of a great future.
- 2, Boyer's Cavella Cutie Pie. Lovely headed B/T with a good body shape and outline but he needs to mature and muscle up.
- 3, Salguero Maynorth Gift From Heaven

Puppy Dog (2 entries)

- 1, Boyer's Gmacrystals Hint Of Jet Lovely headed Tri with a good dome. Good shape and neck and shoulders and promising a good quality coat. Promising puppy with maturity should do well. Best Puppy.
- 2, Salguero Maynorth Gift From Heaven Very mature B/T lovely out going temperament level topline and plenty of substance.

Yearling Dog (4 entries)

- 1, Austin Dragonheart Of Winter Smart Tri. Well marked. Good head in good coat and condition, nice level topline and he moved well. Outline rather spoilt by his gay tail carriage but never the less he is a typical King Charles.
- 2, Mansfield Baldragon Winchester Tricolour with a nice head and expression in lovely coat of good quality. He needs to settle on the move as he is inclined to pace. Needs to carry a little more weight.
- 3, House Stonepit Earl Spencer Of Triciaville

Novice Dog (2 entries)

- 1, Austin Oh Dandy Boy Hero 3 year old Blen good body and topline, plenty of bone, good neck and shoulder.
- 2, Boyer Gmacrystal Hint Of Garnet Very pretty immature Blenheim of nice size and shape needs time to body up and finish in face.

Graduate Dog (4 entries)

Southam – Marjaniemen Ivory's legacy (Imp Fin) – Richly coloured quality Ruby of nice size and shape. Lovely head and expression. At the moment he lacks body and I would prefer a little more bone.

- 2, Hunter & Brice Hooebarton Iolo Amantra Nice Tri., with good temperament. Nice size and shape and good topline
- 3, Austin Oh Dandy Boy Hero

Post Graduate Dog (6 entries)

- 1,Baker Cofton Here Comes The Sun Beautiful massive head, good dome and well filled muzzle, A truly masculine dog with plenty of bone and substance, well made throughout, He has much to offer the breed.
- 2, Southam Apollo Twee Z Valledemose Pretty Blenheim, very nice for size and shape, moved well.
- 3, Austin Baldragon Horray Henley

Limit Dog (8 entries)

All the first three in this class were of excellent type and could have easily changed places.

- 1, Moffatt & Robins Maibee Lowrie Very handsome smart Tri., Lovely head and expression, excellent body shape with correct ribbing, Good topline. Moved and showed well.
- 2, Wallhead Sleepyhollow Trikki Dilli At Merida Very well presented well marked Tri., in sparkling condition, lovely head good reach of neck and correct shoulder placement, moved well.
- 3 Mallows & Gillhespy Binglui Berlington Bertie very lovely ruby.

Open Dog (3 entries)

- 1st Austin Dragonheart Of Winter See Yearling Dog
- 2, Sellen Manaking Jamie Of Cavella Blenheim of good make and shape. Not in his best bib and tucker. Special Open B/T or Ruby (1 entries)
- 1, Gillhespy CH Tucherish Sundance What a dream of a Black and Tan, He has a lovely head with sweet soft expression. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulders, level topline. Very well balanced all through, in beautiful coat and condition Res CC

Special Open Blen or Tri Dog (5 entries)

- 1, Moffat & Robins CH Maibee Theo Truly outstanding Tri in superb condition and combined with his excellent unflagging showmanship, it is hard to fault him. Never the less he had to fight to wrestle the C.C from the lovely black and tan. Two very lovely dogs. It was a very close decision.
- 2, Austin Baldragon Horray Henley
- 3, Austin Baldragon Big It Up

Veteran Bitch (5 entries)

- 1, Williams Kasamanda My Sweet Charity Very well made nice Tricolour of excellent type, good bone and a sweet head and expression, moved well. Best Veteran
- 2, Baker Cofton I Dreamed A Dream Pretty Tricolour of nice size and shape.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2 entries)

1, Stone – Maynorth Back To Black – Well made B/T with excellent body, good topline, Moved very well with confidence excellent temperament. Good head.

Puppy Bitch (2 entries)

- 1, Baker Cofton Fields Of Gold Very well bodied Blenheim, good topline, good coat for her age
- 2, Dix Beewye Precious Perdita Very pretty headed Tricolour and well bodied. A hooligan in the making! Movement impossible to assess

Junior Bitch (5 entries)

- 1st Robinson _ Baldragon Tantruman Tieras Beautiful balanced smart Tricolour. Lovely head with the desired soft sweet expression. Good topline and well laid shoulders, strong hindquaters which she used to advantage. She has all the attributes to hit the big time.
- 2, Carter Davison Lorphil Lady Megginsch Petite Tricolour, well balanced, lovely head and nice shape, just needs time to mature in body.
- 3, Gillhespy Lorphil Lady Godiva

Yearling Bitch (4 entries)

- 1, Randle Randle Amantra Melrose Amelia Int Deu Nice headed Tricolour with good width of muzzle. Good body, level topline. Moved and showed well.
- 2, Austin Baldragon Grace and Favour Blenheim with a good body and short level back. Movement impossible to ascess in need of a little more training.

Novice Bitch (6 entries)

- 1, Robinson Baldragon Tantruman Tiaras
- 2, Wallhead Baldragon Becuz I'm Worth It To Merida Very Pretty Tricoulour. Sweet head and expression. Level topline, moved and showed well
- 3, Dix Beewye Penelope Pitstop

Graduate Bitch (3 entries)

- 1, Wallhead Baldragon Becuz I'm Worth It To Merida
- 2, Juniper Lewiscarol Lady In Red Nice Ruby of good colours, Well made body and nice head.

Post Graduate Bitch (5 entries)

- 1, Stone Maynorth Lovesong Beautifully made Tricolour. Nice head, well filled muzzle excellent shoulder placement, good reach of neck and level topline, moved and showed well
- 2, Meek Julchrisgor Jazine Another very good typical bitch, lovely head and expression, good level topline and wellmade body, but movement difficult to assess as in her exuberance she seldom had more than two legs on the ground at the same time.
- 3, Williams Kasamanda Miss Sunshine.

Limit Bitch (9 entries)

1, Robinson – Baldragon She Demands JW – Beautifully balanced Tri bitch, excellent upreach of neck and well laid shoulder placement, short deep body. Showed well

- 2, Gillhespy & McNally Braemarra Gossip Girl Very pretty headed Tri colour good topline, Moved and showed well. Has a lovely outline standing but needs time to mature in body.
- 3, Searle Stonepit Lily Mae

Open Bitch (6 entries)

- 1, Dix Paulian Prudence For Beewye Really lovely quality bitch, short cobby body well sprung deep chest. Sweet head with melting expression. Showed and moved really well to win the C.C.
- 2, Sellen Vashdown Diminendo Mit Sombur
- 3, Juniper Lewiscarol Lady Divine

Special Open B/T or Ruby Bitch (4 entries)

- 1, Stone Maynorth Fallen From Heaven Very sound typical Ruby excellent body, good topline, moved very well
- 2, Gillhespy Lorphil Black Beauty Very pretty B/T. Short level back, good head and expression. Rather lively on move.
- 3, Mallows Binglui Ruby Junella

Special Open Blen Or Tri (5 entries)

- 1, Gurtner Fleur De Lys De Melcourt Another outstanding quality bitch. Recently obtaining her well decerved crown. Lovely head and expression. Good neck shoulders and topline with lovely coat and condition, moved and showed well.
- 2, Robinson Baldragon Heaven Scent Tricolour of lovely quality, good head, level topline, good body, strong hindquarters, Not shown to advantage in this class
- 3, Gillhespy Downsbank Designed For Lorphill

Brace (2 entries)

- 1, Austin's Two well matched Tricolours who showed and moved well in unison.
- 2, Dix Two well matched but reluctant debutantes giving their owner a hard time.

Mabel Gristwood Memorial Stakes (1 entries)

1, Robinson – Baldragon Heaven Scent – Stood alone at the end of the day but she is a lovely King Charles with all the attributes. She showed really well without all the distractions in her previous class, she is so well balanced and sound.

Judge – Alicia Pennington