National Dog Show King Charles Spaniels

You will be well aware that the world of pedigree dogs has changed significantly during the past 5 years. Gone are the days when breed type took priority over all else. The K.C.'s directive to all judges is a clear one:-

Health, fitness for purpose, soundness, temperament, the ability to move without restriction, each exhibit showing no signs of exaggeration or respiratory problems, these are the criteria that must be put before all else. Then, and only then, can you get down to breed type. I know that this is abhorrent to the purists of the breed but it is a fact that we must all accept.

You don't need me to tell you where the breed's problems are; you are a group of committed individuals whose love of the breed is unquestionable. What I would ask you to do is take a long and constructive look at your stock and ask yourself how you believe you can improve it.

The K.C.S. Is one of the most beautiful of the toy breeds and I wish it well with its further progress.

Minor Puppy - Dog

Entries: 6 Absentees: 2

1ST ALABAMA HERE IS MAGIC FOR JUSTACHARMA (MR & MRS S C SMITH)

Just 6 months, and this Ruby is naturally raw and immature, but he conforms to the basic criteria and is of a generally pleasing type.

2ND KERIZMA KOMMANDER (MRS J HINSON)

This 8 month old Ruby is amazingly finished for his age and I was greatly impressed by his head size, perfect topline, body, and excellent bone. A small cosmetic hitch resulted in him being placed 2nd.

3RD TOVARICH TAKE IT TO THE LIMIT (MISS C MELVILLE) RES POMELO THE LAST JUAN (MS M R DAWSON)

Puppy - Dog

Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1ST STONEPIT SUPER SYDNEY FOR POLTOMIC (MRS P CLARKE)

Now here's an impressive chap! A smart 9 month old Tri, compactly built, of a perfect size and generally pleasing throughout. Confident, outgoing temperament. Best Puppy.

2ND CASPIN'S CALICO FOR POMELO (MS M R & MRS C M DAWSON & JONES) Another Tri, cleanly presented and possessing the most expressive eyes. Needs to settle to the job in hand.

3RD AMANTRA SUMMER SWITHIN (MRS S & MRS T LEACH & JACKSON)

Junior - Dog

Entries: 5 Absentees: 0

1ST DOWNSBANK GUTHRIE (MRS R MOCHRIE)

This exhibit is particularly impressive, his overall size, shape and balance are spot on; his head and facial features are truly lovely and he possesses a superb body. A bit of a handful, but he has all the attributes to become a Champion. Reserve C.C.

2ND BALDRAGON STRIDING EDGE TO FOCHAI (MISS J MATCHES)

This is the most beautiful Blenheim, superbly built, so compact and moving soundly with style and confidence. He was very close up to the winner, a shade richer in pigment and it could have been a different story.

3RD HEADRA'S TRULY MAGIC IS JUSTACHARMA (MR & MRS S C SMITH)

Undergraduate - Dog

Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

1ST BALDRAGON STRIDING EDGE TO FOCHAI (MISS J MATCHES)

Repeat from previous class.

2ND STONEPIT BRAVE BERTIE AT POLTOMIC (MRS P CLARKE)

An attractive, lightly marked Tri of correct build, being short and compact and an excellent showman. Today he couldn't match the superb movement of the winner.

3RD BONITOS COMPANEROS DELUXE HIGH SOCIETY (MRS R MOCHRIE)

Post Graduate - Dog

Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

1ST TUDORHURST CORSAIR (MRS A M PENNINGTON)

Another Tudorhurst "star in the making". I simply loved him. He meets with all the priorities identified in my preamble, plus he has exquisite breed type. A little short on coat but what he's got is of a perfect texture. Definitely one for the upper house.

2ND HEADRA'S WEDGWOOD JW (MRS I M & MRS M E ASKINS & KENDALL)
Almost 2 years old, this smart Tri has much to recommend him and his impressive achievements to date confirm the fact. Beaten by a dog I believe to be extra special.

3RD AMANTRA SUMMER POET (MRS T M JACKSON)RESPOMELO TRIPLE CHANCE (MS M R & MRS C M DAWSON & JONES)

Limit - Dog

Entries: 9 Absentees: 1

1ST JUSTACHARMA OH SO MAGIC JW (MR & MRS S C SMITH)

A small, lightly marked Tri colour that continues to impress me. I particularly adore his head and facial properties; he is compact and beautifully built. Whilst composed and steady, today he seemed sluggish. Nevertheless, an outstanding example of the breed.

2ND TUDORHURST PIRATE KING (MRS A & MRS J PENNINGTON & PORTINGALE)
A smart B/T that has much to recommend him. What an attentive showman, with the determination to win. Today I just made the winner slightly firmer in topline.

3RD POMELO TRIPLE CHANCE (MS M R & MRS C M DAWSON & JONES)

Open - Dog

Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1ST TUDORHURST DIAMOND (MISS J PENNINGTON)

Possesses a style and a presence all of his own, and can be described as truly regal, he's so very confident and outgoing. The crowning glory is his exquisite head; for me it is simply perfection. Delighted to award him a well deserved 3rd C.C.

2ND BEECHGLEN SUMMERTIME JW (MS H M & MISS G D LUNT)

A lovely Blenheim that I have admired previously. A good, honest dog that's difficult to pass over, but the head of Diamond was the deciding factor.

3RD DOWNSBANK BILBO BAGGINS (MR R SALGUERO)

Veteran - Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1ST CH AMANTRA CHEERS (MRS D & MRS T M FRY & JACKSON)

A magnificent Champion who at seven years of age is still capable of winning C.C.s.

2ND TEWHIT TORNADO (MISS D M PEARCE)

Lightly marked Tri of a good type. Has an attractive headpiece and possesses an excellent body and topline.

Minor Puppy - Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1ST BALDRAGON TANTRUM AN TIARAS (C ROBINSON)

What a lovely puppy who at 6 months shows outstanding promise, even at this stage of her development. Her body, topline, front and bone are simply excellent. Special times lie ahead.

2ND KERIZMA KAROUSEL (MRS J HINSON)

A very useful B/T with a headpiece that particularly pleased me. Excellent body development. I would give much thought in selecting a mate, and think she is an excellent foundation on which to build.

3RD BONITOS COMPANEROS DELUXE KISS ME KATE (MRS R MOCHRIE)

Junior - Bitch

Entries: 5 Absentees: 2

1STBALDRAGON SHE DEMANDS JW (C ROBINSON)

At times she behaves like a delinquent teenager but when reprimanded conforms to levels of acceptable behaviour. To assess her is a thrilling experience. For me she's above all else healthy, fit and sound. In addition to perfect breed type she is completely free from any form of exaggeration. She can only get better, and quickly attain her title. However, the owner must ensure she is not allowed to throw away her chances. C.C. & B.O.B.

2ND BALDRAGON BECUZ I'M WORTH IT TO MERIDA (MRS J WALLHEAD)

Litter sister to the above and the same lovely type she's the quieter and more reserved of the sisters and an exceptionally good example of the breed.

3RD REXLANDS CAMOMILE IS JUSTACHARMA (MR & MRS S C & G A J SMITH)

Undergraduate - Bitch Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

1ST CARLEETO SWEET MELODY (MISS J LEWIS)

Now here is a bitch that at first glance is not particularly eye-catching, but go over her and she is totally satisfying. She has an excellent temperament, and she also has a lovely head that needs to be looked into to be fully appreciated. She also possesses an excellent body. Put this bitch to good use – you could be pleasantly surprised.

2ND BALDRAGON BECUZ I'M WORTH IT TO MERIDA (MRS J WALLHEAD) Repeat previous class.

Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

1ST DOWNSBANK DESIGNED FOR LORPHIL (MRS L M GILLHESPY)

What a deliciously feminine bitch, an absolute delight! A most beautifully coloured Blenheim that was presented in spotless condition.

2ND HEADRA'S CAVERSWALL JW (MRS I M & MRS M E ASKINS & KENDALL)

Another Blenheim that won B.P.D. The last time I judged the breed, she continues to please me.

3RD DOWNSBANK EVENSONG (MRS R MOCHRIE)RESOTHMESE TIFANNY TOVARICH (MR T W & MRS C A HARDIMAN

Limit - Bitch

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1ST NISYROS INDIANA FOR KHANDRO (MR R & MR J SPROUL & COBURN)

Stood alone, she was definitely not in the best of coat and what she had appeared to be dull and lifeless. However, she had sufficient attributes to be awarded 1st prize.

Open - Bitch

Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

1ST CH MAIBEE CLEMENTINE OF LANOLA SHCM (MR S R GOODWIN)

An extremely lovely bitch. A show girl par excellence, of exquisite breed type and so beautifully turned out. She is worthy of the many accolades that have been bestowed upon her. However, in the challenge there were aspects of the Junior Bitch that I just preferred. Reserve CC.

2ND FOLLE DAMOUR POUR TROIS DE LA MONTAGNE ENSOLEILEE OF TUDORHURST (MRS A & MRS J PENNINGTON & PORTINGALE)

An extremely good B/T bitch, perfect temperament and an outstanding show girl. I just preferred the more compact build of the winner.

3RD BALDRAGON ALL ABOUT ME JW (C ROBINSON) RESVASHDOWN MY FAIR LADY SHCM (MISS J LEWIS)

Geoffrey Davies Judge