RICHMOND CHAMP SHOW 2008

CRITIQUE: KING CHARLES SPANIELS

As this was my first time judging at a Championship Show I wish to thank Richmond Committee for the appointment. I felt I was like thousands of others this past week, who were starting a new school. There was the same anticipation, apprehension, expectation and butterflies. Ultimately there was a sense of achievement at the end of the day. Although the King Charles is regarded as a "head" breed it is a dog, with requirements on construction and movement. Some were doing things with their legs that were well beyond the simple needs of the Breed Standard.

DOGS

<u>Veteran (1.1 abs)</u>

Puppy (4.2)

1.Randle's FRANS FERDINAND.11mth tri. Well domed head with good upturn.Wide blaze, broad face squarely finished.Good pigmentation. Soundly constructed with well sprung ribs, deep chest. Showed impressive outline when standing.Moved confidently and well. Sound temperament.Lost out to bitch counterpart on her more compact shape.

2. Gimenes CORRINWOOD CALYPSO. A young ruby of independent mind. Wanted to show his way which did not help. Head nicely developed but ears too high set. Needs to body up and fill out, which will come. Soundly constructed standing but not prepared to demonstrateit on the move.

Jun (4.2)

- 1.Askins HEADRA'S CHOCOLATE D LITE.Lightly marked tri of 13 mths. Pleasingly developed head, broad blaze.Dark eyes and pigmentation. Soft expression finished by rich ear featherings. Well bodied with square outline and depth all round. Sound, clean movement.
- 2.Sellen's MANAKING JAMIE OF CAVELLA15 mth lightly marked blen.. Good head and body comparable to 1, but a closer in rear movement.

Post Grad (6.1)

1.Sellen's LEVICOS GEORGE. 2 1/2 yr. tri who bowled his way into the ring! Soundly constructed little dog with well sprung ribs, impressive topline, deep chest and well boned legs.Lovely round skull with impressive upturn, broad muzzle, large dark eyes, well feathered ears. Pushed hard competing for ResCC.

2.Goodwin's TUCHERISH STANLEY DIGGLE. Well made tri of almost 2 yrs. Square outline, soundly built. Rich coat. Moved well. Well constructed head with fullsome ears. Preferred head and expression of 1.

3.Austin's BALDRAGON BIG IT UP.

Limit(6.1)

1.Smith's JUSTACHARMA HE IS OUR MAGIC JW. Almost 3 yr old blen in full coat of correct texture. Outline picture showed coat to the floor, full chest, level topline and well domed head. Head in full bloom with good dome, large dark eyes, wide nostrils well placed I square full muzzle, strong lower jaw.. All fringed by luxuios ear feathering. Head on balancedlength of neck leading onto well constructed body. Round ribcage, deep chest. Sound rear construction. Moved with power and grace. A class act .CC & BOB.

2.Sidgwick's PAULIAN JEROME. Eye catching lightly marked 3 1/2 yr tri. Another in ful coat, and of good texture. Lovely head. Dark eyes. Pleasing soft expression. Good tan markings. Well constructed with level topline and good ribcage. Moved with enthusiasm. Beautifully presented. Just not quite the body of 1.

3.Schilizzi'sa ROSSPENN FUDGE BROWNIE OF CHACOMBE

Open (4)

1.Healy's CHACOMBE JACKSON. Mature 5 yr old tri. Beautiful, well domed head, and face. Well placed, abundant ears. Eyes well set of darkest colour. Pigmentation as black as coal. Well cushioned cheeks and wide muzzle with mouth well outlined. Good neck into wel placed shoulders. Level topline. Well constructed rear end. Moved well and cleanly. Out of coat which cost him option of higher honour. Res CC.

2.Moss' AMANTRA DICKENS WITH SOMBUR. Another 5 yr old tri, but in much richer coat, heavily marked, and more heavily constructed. Very strong ribcage but offset by his inability to sustain a level topline. Moved less than convincingly from yje rear. Strong head with imopressive skull, good turnup, broad muzzle and well filled cheeks.

3.Baker's CH.COFTON NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN

BITCHES

Veteran(2)

1. Williams' KASAMANDA MY LITTLE MADAM. Slightly the younger of two half sisters, but the larger. Lovely head with good dome, dark eyes, and full face. Well bodied with abundant tri coat. Level topline. Moved with drive and moved correctly. Best Veteran.

2. Baker's COFTON LILY THE PINK. A 7 yr old going on 7 mths. Full of life. Small built tri. Well proportioned all over. Lovely pigmentation. A little erratic in movement and out of coat.

Puppy (4)

- 1. Harvey's LANKCOMBE GABRIELLA AT RIVERMOOR. Beautifuul bodied 8 mth tri. Strong rib, deep chest, compact frame, well proportioned. Lovely domed head, already with lovely ears. Darkest eyes and pigment. Good turnup. Sound movement. Beautiful coat. Well presented. Loads of personality. Held off strong dog challenge to be BP.
- 2.White's CAVELLA COPPER GLOW AT JOONALUP. 11 mth ruby, albeit with slight mismarkings which were redeemed by her other qualities. Nicely sized, well constructed. Level topline.Moved soundly.Lovely head with good dome, dark eyes, good pigment, soft expression, all fringed by plush rar fringing.

3.Naylor's MAENAN MOON ANGEL

Junior(8.1)

1.Smith's JUSTACHARMA SOMTHING MAGIC. Cobby, lightly marked blen of 15 mths.Well headed with nice dome.Dark eyes, god pigment. Full faced with well placed lips. Well bodied with round ribcage, level topline, good turn of stifle. Lively young lady who moved with verve and obvious enjoyment.

2.Austin's COFTON BOP TO THE TOP. Tri clearly in adolescent stage. Nicely formed body, with good legs. Pleasing domed head with dark eyes. Good cushionong. Overall a weel balanced exhibit, moved well, but not as finished as 1 yet.

3.Scovell's MANAKING MISS KITTY OF LEVICOS.

Post Graduate (6.2)

1.Essex & Jackson's AMANTRA CHANEL .Almost 3 yr old tri. Chocolate box gorgeous !!Very cobby, lovely head with wide blaze accentuating that, curtained by effusive, rich ear featherings. Dark eyeys, weel filled cheeks, lovely lip line. Compact body, good ribs and chest. Well balanced in dimensions. Well broken, pleasing markings. Soft expression. Res CC.

2. Stone's MAYNORTH IRRESISTIBLE JW. Very pleasing lightly marked tri. Good head with large dome. Wide blaze. Strong pigment showing off well placed, wide nostrils. Dark eyes. A little long in foreface. Moved with vitality. Good construction with level topline, but not quite as square as 1.

3. Branch's AMANTRA EXPRESSO

Limit (3.2)

1. Williams' KASAMANDA MY SWEET CHARITY . 3 yr old tri. Beautifully domed head, dark eyes, good pigment . Plush cheeks. Traditional, luxurious ear feathering . but lacking coat elsewhere. Well ribed body with level topline, well defined hocks. Moved convincingly.

Open (6.1)

- 1. Southam's CAVELLA CALLULA. B/T coming to full maturity at 5 yrs. Cobby with strong rib, deep chest, good topline, good angulation which produced powerful drive. Large domed head with dark eyes, accentuated by rich tan in all the right places. Wide, square jawline, below full cheeks. Ears well set. Expression regal. Held herself with elegance and drive on the move. CC.
- 2. Fry's CH.AMANTRA WINTERBERRY. Cobby, well broken tri with good tanning. Nicely domed head, full faced with required finish. Compact body. Good build with compact outline. Not quite the verve and drive of 1.
- 3.Askins' AMANTRA CHOCOLATE DIVINE WITH HEADRA.

Judge: Ron Stewart