

Crufts 2018

King Charles Spaniel

I was really honoured to be invited to Judge my Breed at Crufts this year and would like to thank Crufts Committee for inviting me and you the exhibitors for the honour of evaluating your dogs. I was pleased with the overall condition of the Breed, with a few exceptions. There were a few exhibits I would describe as pets and it makes you wonder how they qualified for Crufts? In my opinion the Breed would benefit if judges withheld awards at Championship Shows to exhibits of insufficient merit. I fear the wrong message is being sent to Breeders and Exhibitors. There were some dogs with very fine bone and the movement of a few of the dogs left a lot to be desired. Thankfully, they were in the minority.

I found some beautiful dogs who to my mind conformed as close to the Breed Standard as possible.

Dog CC & Best of Breed **Dzhentelmen Nevskiy Hobbit Iz Doma Ha Barishehe**

Res Dog CC **Kasamanda Just A Dream For Marchog**

Bitch CC **Hello Dolly De La Montagne Ensoleillee of Tudourhurst.**

Res Bitch CC **Rivermoor Lady Martha.**

Best Puppy **Chacombe Phoenix for Pomelo**

Veteran Dog (4)

1st Lunt's Beechglen Gabriel. 8 ½ yr old Tri Dog with dark pigment. Unexaggerated dome. Good strong muzzle of adequate width and depth and desired bite. Well laid back shoulder ample spring of rib and depth of brisket. Strong bone, nice straight front. Level topline and correct tailset. Good hindquarters, muscular upper thigh and good

angulation. Well let down straight hocks leading to good tight feet. Nicely presented.

2nd Austin's Baldragon Hooray Henry. 9 ½ yr old Blenheim Dog. Nice dark pigment. Well cushioned muzzle and desired bite. Good level topline, spring of rib and depth of brisket. Strong bone, straight front. Muscular upper thigh. Coat thick but still shining and well presented.

3rd Maddison's Mitapip Midnight Marauder. 7 yr old B/T Dog with wonderful pigment, strong wide, deep muzzle. Ample dome. Ample spring of rib and depth of brisket. Good strong bone, level topline leading to correct tailset. Coat in good condition. Did not move as well as 2

Puppy Dog (2)

1st Schilizzi & Healey's Chacombe Phoenix for Pomelo. 10 month old Blenheim Dog. Sweet expression with nice pigment, adequate dome, muzzle in proportion and flared open nostrils. Acute stop and gentle rise of skull. Correct ear placement, arched neck leading to well laid back shoulders. Good strong bone, generous deep chest and ample spring of rib. Nice straight front. Level topline with correct tailset. Well angulated, strong hindquarters, straight hocks, supportive pasterns and tight feet, naughty on the move.. Needs more training on the table and on the lead. **BEST PUPPY**

2nd Baker's Coften Stars and the Moon. 10 month old tri Dog. Acceptable dome. Appealing expression with lovely dark pigment. Deep wide muzzle and correct bite. Nicely set on ears, good neck with crest continuing to well laid back shoulders. Straight front. Level topline and correct tailset. Well angulated sound hindquarters. Moved well. Smaller and finer boned than 1

Junior Dog (5)

1st Nevskaya's Dzhentelmen Nevskiy Hobbit Iz Doma Ha Barishehe. 16 month old youngster, as sound as a bell with excellent bone. Such a lovely specimen of the Breed. Aristocratic, aloof, gentle, yet masculine expression. Nice dome. Dark pigment with eyes like black pools. Well cushioned muzzle with tilted nose, wide flared nostrils, deep stop and required bite. Refined rise of skull and desired unexaggerated dome on a head framed by nicely set on ears. Classical arched medium length neck leading into correctly angulated shoulders. Chunky spring of rib, required deep brisket behind a lovely straight front. Topline level, a tad long in the loin. tail set on well, Strong, hammy, well angulated upper thigh with straight let down hocks, supportive pasterns and nice, tight feet. Coat, with pearly white background, coming in nicely. Presented to perfection. Moved elegantly with drive and tenacity. Little hesitation in awarding him the Dog CC & BOB

2nd Matches' Baldragon Earl Leicester at Fochai. 16 month old Tri. Unexaggerated dome. Nice dark pigment. Correct bite in wide deep muzzle. Correctly placed ears. Well rounded spring of rib, good depth of brisket. Strong bone, straight front, level topline. Sound hind quarters, moved steadily with intention.

3rd French & Traynor's Mitapip Elusive. Blenheim. One year old dog. Nice dark pigment, well furnished ears set on correctly. Ample spring of rib and deep brisket. Sound well angulated upper thigh. Coat coming in.

Yearling Dog (2)

1st French & Traynor's Celxo Vermouth on Ice 17 month old Blenheim. Acceptable dome. Lovely dark mask with wide, deep muzzle. Nice dark eyes. Correctly placed ears with fine arched neck travelling into correctly angled shoulders and level topline. Dense bone, good depth of brisket and spring of rib. Nice straight front strong hindquarters with well angulated upper thigh, straight hocks, supportive pasterns and tight feet. Moved with confidence.

2nd Sidgwick's Paulian Where's Wally JW. 20 month old Tri Dog. An overall a very nice Charlie. Unexaggerated dome. Lovely expression with strong pigment especially dark, dark eyes. Typey head shape with good enough dome, full wide, deep muzzle and correct bite. Body of good conformation, square with strong bone. Moved correctly with ease. Difficult to decide between 1 and 2

Post Graduate Dog (13 Abs 1)

1st Singleton's Marchog Mactartan Celxo 2 yr old B&T Dog. Good unexaggerated dome. Sweet gentle expression, dark eyes and nose. Muzzle of ample width and depth with correct bite. Ears set on correctly. Gentle crest to the neck leading to correctly angulated, laid back shoulders. Square cobby body with level topline and good tailset. Straight front, strong pasterns with tight feet. Dense bone. Moved correctly with confidence and ease.

2nd Schillitzi & Healey's Chacombe Arizona. 3 yr old Blenheim Dog of nice type. Acceptable dome. Kind expression, adequate dome and good pigment. Gently arched neck, correct shoulder placement. Strong bone, defined spring of rib with deep brisket. Level topline. Well angulated

hindquarters with straight hocks and tight feet. Moved well with determination.

3rd Smith's Justacharma One So Magic. 2 yr old Tri Dog. Deep pigment with nice dark eyes. Ears set on correctly. Strong bone. Medium length neck with desired arch. Good spring of rib and depth of brisket. Strong quarters and very nice straight hocks, strong pasterns and tight feet.

Limit Dog (7)

1st Stewart's Kasamanda Just A Dream For Marchog. 3 yr old Tri Dog. Flattering dome. Gentle, pleasing expression created by nice dark pigmented eye and nose, adequate dome, good strong jaw with well cushioned deep wide muzzle in proportion to head and correct bite. Nicely flared, open, nostrils and deep stop. Ears set on correctly. Good strong bone. Medium length nicely crested neck, with correctly angled shoulders. Straight front, supportive pasterns and tight feet. Level topline. Well angulated hind quarters with straight hocks. Sure footed on the move which he displayed with confidence. **Res Dog CC**

2nd Goodwin's Diggle Dandilion JW. 2 ½ yr old Blenheim Dog. Pleasing expression and good pigment. Generous width and depth of muzzle with deep stop and desired bite. Very strong bone. Good medium length neck with crest. Accurate lay back of shoulder, excellent spring of rib and depth of brisket. Level topline, good straight front and well angulated, hammy hind quarters. Moved correctly

3rd Austin's Dragonheart of Winter. 7 yr old Tri Dog. Nice dark nose, muzzle wide and deep. Ears well set on. Strong

bone. Good spring of rib and depth of brisket, level topline. Hocks well let down and tight feet.

Open Dog (7)

1st Morozova's Rus/Cypr/Ger/Nor Ch Marchog Mr Maldini 6 yr old B&T Dog. Flattering dome. Soft but masculine expression, desired dome with correct ear set, deep stop. Strong dense bone. Desirable neck with crest entering correctly angulated shoulders onto a level topline. Nice cobby body with straight front and well angulated hindquarter. Well let down hocks, strong pasterns and tight feet. Moved well with grace.

2nd Clarke's Stonepit Super Sydney for Poltomic. 5 ½ yr old Tri Dog. Unexaggerated dome. Very pleasing expression, required dome, good pigment, muzzle in proportion to head. Ears placed correctly. Good cobby body, straight front and nicely angulated rear legs. Moved faultlessly.

3rd Smith's Headra's Truly Magic is Justacharma. 6 yr old Dog. Overall good deep pigment, muzzle in proportion with head. Well feathered ears set on correctly. Nicely rounded spring of rib with deep brisket. Level topline. Correct straight front.

Veteran Bitch (4)

1st Gurtner's Ch/Lux/Bel//Int Ch Fluer De Lys De Melcourt . 7 ½ yr old Tri Bitch. Appealing expression, adequate dome. Dark pigment, wide, deep muzzle and correct bite. Medium length of neck, shoulders laid back correctly. Rounded spring of rib, deep brisket and strong hindquarters. Moved soundly for her age.

2nd Dix's Ch Paulian Prudence For Beewye JW. 8 yr old Tri Bitch. Correct dome. Dark pigmented eyes and nose, adequate dome. Wide deep muzzle and stop. Ears set on correctly. Desirable strong bone. Nice spring of rib and depth of brisket, level topline and tail set on properly. Sturdy hindquarters for her age.

3rd Austin's Baldragon May Bea Baby 7 yr old. Good pigment, nicely set on ears. Medium length neck and nice shoulder placement. Straight front. Angulated upper thigh, straight hocks and tight feet.

Puppy Bitch (5 1 Abs)

1st Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon My Exotic World Demands. 10 month old Tri Bitch. Adequate dome. Refined gentle expression, enough dome, much desired dark pigment. Well cushioned square muzzle of sufficient depth and width. Correctly placed ears. Strong bone, straight front. Level topline with correct tailset. Very sound hindquarters, angulated upper thigh, straight hocks, proficient pasterns and tight feet. Moved with purpose once she got going.

2nd Abbott's Cofton Reach For The Stars. 10 month old bitch. Soft very appealing expression formed by dark pigmented eyes and nose. Width and depth of muzzle in proportion with overall head level size, correct bite. Nicely set ears. Good neck and shoulder with level topline. Coat still coming in. Presented with over all lovely shaped hindquarters. Moved with ambition.

3rd Chapman & Ireland's Elemich Quizzical 10 month old Tri Bitch. Soft, kind expression. Lovely pigmentation of eyes

and nose. Wise, deep muzzle, correct bite. Nice medium length neck. Cobby body with level topline and good tailset. Coat yet to come in. Sound, well angulated hindquarters. Moved gracefully.

Junior Bitch (6 2 Abs)

1st Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Hold That Thought. 16 month old Blenheim Bitch. Gentle, soft expression. Adequate dome. Correct wide deep muzzle and stop with desirable bite. Good bone. Nice crested neck complimented by well placed shoulders. Steady, level topline. Enough spring of rib for now, generous, deep brisket. Straight front, level topline. Good strong hindquarters, straight hocks and tight feet. Moved with purpose.

2nd Cridland's Pomelo Fondant Fancy Avec Monleon. 13 month old Blenheim Bitch. Adequate dome. Gentle, appealing expression. Wide, deep muzzle with good stop and bite. Adequate dome. Lovely arched, medium length neck joining nicely laid back shoulders. Level topline and desired tailset. Coat coming in. Deep brisket with well rounded ribs. Good bone, straight front. Strong, well angulated hindquarters, straight hocks, proficient pasterns and tight feet. Moved with intention. Difficult choice between 1 & 2

3rd Nevskaya's Wales Version Ot Nevskogo Hobbit. 15 month old B&T Bitch. Nice dome. Wonderful expression, kind and gentle. Dark pigmented eyes and nose. Muzzle in proportion to head size with correct bite. Lovely arched neck, well laid back shoulders. Coat coming in. Hindquarters are strong with good angulation and tight feet. Moved well.

Yearling Bitch (4)

1st See 2nd in Junior Bitch

2nd Blewett & Smith's Othmese Sapphire. 22 month old Tri Bitch. Adequate dome. Sweet expression. Nice deep pigment to eyes and nose, wide, deep muzzle and correct bite. Ears set on well. Medium length crested neck, shoulders laid back accurately. Strong bone, cobby body and well angulated hindquarters.

3rd Austin's Cofton Dancing Through Life. 19 month old Tri Sadly she seemed to off form. Head acceptable with unexaggerated dome., good pigment, straight front, deep brisket, tight feet. Appeared tired and bored on the move.

Post Graduate Bitch (8 2 Abs)

1st Singleton's Celxo Theodora. Almost 5 yr old Tri Bitch with pretty, feminine expression, good pigment, deep and wide muzzle, desirable bite and lip placement. Ears set on nicely, appropriate dome. Good bone. Broad chest and deep brisket. Level topline with tail set straight off. Robust hindquarters, straight hocks and tight feet. Moved with ambition.

2nd Celxo In My Craft 5 yr old B&T Bitch. Typical head, flattering dome with deep pigment, wide, deep muzzle. Dense bone. Strong neck with a nice crest. Shoulders well laid back, level topline with correct tailset. Straight front, sound rear quarters with well let down hocks and tight feet. Moved with determination.

3rd Blewett & Smith's Cofton Tallisker with Othmese. Pleasant feminine expression, dark eyes and nose. Desirable width and depth of muzzle. Sturdy bone. Level topline with correct tailset. Nicely angulated upper thigh, straight hocks, supportive pasterns and tight feet.

Limit Bitch (9 2 Abs)

1st Harvey's Lady Martha. So pleased to have found this robust quality bitch. Sound and solid 4 year old Blenheim. Seemed out of coat, so nothing to hide. Sweet, kind feminine expression. Adequate dome. Impressive pigment, powerful deep, wide muzzle and correct bite. Strong bone. Medium length neck with refined crest, nicely placed shoulders. Level topline, good, sound, straight front. True cobby body. Well defined angulation of upper thigh, straight hocks, supportive pasterns and tight feet. Moved efficiently with ambition. Pleased to award her the Res Bitch CC

2nd Askin's and Kendall's Coften Winter Time Tale at Headra JW. 2 ½ yr old Blenheim Bitch. Nice sound bitch. Refined feminine expression with dark pigment. Wide, deep muzzle with desired bite. Dense bone. Good refined neck and lay back of shoulders. Level topline, a tad long in loin, correct tailset. Straight front and well angulated hind quarters with straight hocks and tight feet. Moved well.

3rd Stewart's Marchog McFlannelette. 3 yr old B&T Bitch. Soft appealing expression. Nice dome. Wide, deep muzzle, good bite and lip placement. Pleasing neck with nice arch well laid back shoulders complimented by level topline. Good straight front, tight feet. Moved steadfastly.

Open Bitch (8)

1st Pennington's Hello Dolly De La Montagne Ensoleille of Tudourhurst. 5 yr old quality, eye catching Tri Bitch. Unexaggerated dome. Genteel, feminine, aloof expression. Lovely dark pigment to eyes and nose. Wide, deep muzzle and stop and impressive mouth with square wide bottom jaw, whole impression completed by lips, which meet. Refined rise of skull. Ears set low, close to side of head and well furnished. Profuse coat with pearly white background. Crested neck and accurate shoulder placement, level topline though a tad long in the loin. Desired tailset Impressive hindquarters, with lovely angulation, straight hocks, supportive pasterns and cat like feet providing strong drive when moving. Put down to perfection. **Bitch CC**

2nd Baker's Cofton Walking on Sunshine. 5 yr old Tri bitch. Ticking on face could detract from her very appealing, kind expression. Nice dome. Very good pigment was a given. Defined wide, deep muzzle. Correct bite. Nicely crested neck, correct angle of shoulders and level topline. Strong hindquarters. Moved soundly with determination.

3rd Bowles-Robinson's Ch Baldragon She Demands. 6 yr old Tri Bitch. Sweet, soft expression. Deep pigment, good muzzle in relation to head, correct bite. Fine arched neck, good layback of shoulder. Level topline and desired tailset. Nice deep brisket. Well defined angulation of upper thigh, straight hocks and tight feet. Strode out on the move.

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