

City of Birmingham Championship Show 2023

King Charles Spaniel

SBD (2,0)

1. Abbott's Helmajon Rhapsody in Blue. 2 yr old tricolour who won this class with some room to spare. Neck of moderate length, firm topline, pleasing rib, a little longer in loin and tail carried a fraction higher. Domed skull, dark expressive eyes which are set wide apart, ears set on low, wide open nostrils and good width to underjaw. Please angles front and rear and he stands straight in front. Moves freely with good carriage. Best Special Beginners.

2. Abbott's Helmajon Sibelius. 2 yr old blenheim who wasn't as co-operative as he might have been. I felt he was somewhat lacking in rib and also he wasn't quite as cobby as the ideal. Neck of medium length, firm topline and tail good for both set and carriage. Fair dome to skull but not quite breadth of that of winner, eyes of good colour and placement, ears set a little higher and wide open nostrils. Unable to fully assess movement but somewhat closer behind.

VD (1,0)

1. Austin's Dragonheart Winter Morning. 9 yr old blenheim who wasn't making as much of himself as he could. He could be a fraction shorter but he pleased for neck and topline, has a good spring of rib and tail is correct for both set and carriage. Pleasing dome to skull, eyes of good colour and placed wide apart and good nostrils but just felt he is a little lacking in expression. Pleasing angles both ends, standing straight in front with good width to forechest and moves well enough all through. Best Veteran.

JD (3,0)

1. Bowles-Robinson's Tom des Trois Maillets Baldragon (Imp Fra) NAF. 12 mth old blenheim who won here on overall outline. Arched neck of good length to balance, short level back, rib developing well, nice short loin and feathered tail which pleased for set and carriage. Attractive head with good dome to skull, dark eyes of good colour and set wide apart, wide open nostrils and well turned up underjaw of good width. Well laid shoulders, elbows close to the chest and firm hindquarters with good turn of stifle. Moves out well on the go around with good carriage, true when going away but front not quite as good as 2.

2. Smith's Justacharma Just Magical. This 12 mth old blenheim is very different to the winner. He carries good bone and is nice and compact but I would just like to see a tad more length of neck. Masculine head and expression but could use a little more dome to skull, dark expressive eyes, square muzzle, wide open nostrils and good width to underjaw. He has well laid shoulders and stands nice and straight in front with good width of forechest. Gaitting true when coming towards and goes pretty well when viewed in profile but not quite as well as winner.

3. Austin's Baldragon Blinkin Hell TAF

PGD (4,1)

1. Rushton's Tiflin We All Love Jack. Just coming up to 5 yrs this tricolour presented a compact outline, carries nice bone and was good to go over. Arched neck of moderate length, short level back, nice spring of rib with ribbing extending well back and short muscular loin. Pleasing head and expression with nice dome to skull, dark expressive eyes, wide open nostrils, decent cushioning and well turned up lower jaw. Soundly built and moving freely all through, just carrying his tail somewhat higher than preferred.

2. Abbott's Helmajon Rhapsody in Blue

3. Abbott's Helmajon Sibelius

LD (5,2)

1. Smith's Justacharma So Magic JW. 19 mth old tricolour who was so good to go over given his correct construction. He has enough neck, is nice and short in back with firm topline, excellent ribbing, deep chest, nice short loin and tail correct for set and carriage. Attractive head with good dome to skull, dark expressive eyes which are set wide apart, square muzzle, wide open nostrils, good cushioning and wide lower jaw. Soundly constructed and stands well naturally with lovely forechest.

Moving freely all through with good carriage. RCC.

2. Stewart's Monleon Made By Magic for Marchog. This 3 yr old blenheim pleased for overall type and presented a compact outline with moderate length of neck, nice level topline and correct tail for both set and carriage. Ribs are well sprung but I would like to see them extend a little further back. Nicely proportioned head with well domed skull, correct eye placement, ears set on low, wide open nostrils, square muzzle and good upturn to underjaw. Stands somewhat untidy in front and is not as good as 1 when coming at you but he moves well on the go around and is true when going away.

3. Abbott's Helmajon Rhapsody in Blue

OD (5,1)

1. Triesley & Swaine's Am Ch Marsward My Masterpiece. This 6 yr old ruby was a standout in today's entry for me. Just as the standard asks, he is compact and cobby and he was so good to go over. Arched neck of moderate length, firm level topline, excellent ribbing, deep brisket and short muscular loin. Quality head with masculine expression; well domed skull, feathered ears set on low, eyes of good colour and set wide apart, good width and depth to muzzle, well cushioned under the eyes and excellent underjaw. Soundly constructed all through and stands straight in front with well developed forechest. Moves well all through and makes the most of himself as he goes. CC & BOB.

2. Smith's Ch Justacharma Magic Goes On. 4 yr old tricolour who also presented the outline and cobbiness that I was looking for. Neck of medium length, short back with firm topline, good length to ribcage which is well sprung, nice short loin and correct tail for set and carriage. Quality head with lovely expression; well domed skull and full over his dark round eyes which are placed wide apart, well feathered ears set on low, good nostrils and cushioning. Shoulders well laid back, straight forelegs and standing with good width of forechest.

3. Bowles-Robinson's Ch Baldragon Shoots He Scores

SBB (2,0)

1. Abbott's Helmajon Clara's Romance. 2 yr old blenheim you actually looks much younger and perhaps needs a litter to assist with maturity. She pleased in outline with arched neck of moderate length, level topline and good tail for both set and carriage. Feminine headpiece with good dome to skull, correct eye placement and wide open nostrils. Ribcage extends well back but would like to see more rib development. Standing nice and straight in front and goes ok on the go around.

2. Abbott's Cofton Reach For The Stars. 6 yr old tricolour who I see is the dam to the class winner. Arched neck of correct length to balance, topline could be firmer, short loin and pleasing tail carriage but I would like a little more of her all through. Domed skull, nice dark eyes, ears set on low and wide open nostrils but could use more width to muzzle. Standing somewhat untidy in front but she moved out nicely on the go around and is true when going away.

PB (3,0)

1. Kendall's Headra Edith. 9 mth old tricolour who is very much a baby but she presented a pleasing outline with moderate length of neck, short back with firm topline, good length to ribcage which is yet to fully develop, nice short loin and tail correct for both set and carriage. Attractive head which also needs to develop but she is extremely feminine with lovely eye and ear, wide open nostrils and good upturn to lower jaw. She stands well naturally and her tail just doesn't stop wagging such is her joy for life. When gaiting, she goes so well when viewed in profile and makes the most of herself at all times. Best Puppy.

2. Baker's Cofton Part Of Your World. 8 mth old tricolour who pleased for overall type and carries nice bone. Neck of good length to balance, level topline and tail pleasing for both set and carriage but would like to see a touch more length to ribcage. Feminine headpiece with nice dome to skull, dark expressive eyes which are set wide apart, ears set on low, good width to muzzle with pleasing cushioning for age and good underjaw. She goes so well on the go around and ok fore and aft. Super temperament.

3. Wells & Brown's Cavella Check Me Out at Metamorphic

JB (5,2)

1. Austin's Tess Des Trois Mallets Baldragon (Imp Fra) TAF. Confident blenheim of 17 mths and one who was so good to go over. Feminine all through and presenting a nicely balanced outline with

arched neck of medium length, level topline, super rib development for age, short in the couplings and tail of correct carriage. Attractive headpiece with nicely domed skull, correct eye placement, feathered ears set on low, square muzzle, wide open nostrils and well turned up underjaw. Good angles front and rear and good forechest. Moving freely and using herself to advantage. Best Junior.

2. Baker's Headra Ethel. 9 mth old tricolour who is very much a baby but she is one with lots to like and she appealed for type and pleased in outline with medium length of neck, nice short back with good length to ribcage, firm loin and tail carried well. Promising head with domed skull, lovely eye and ear, square muzzle of good width and good upturn to underjaw. She stands well in front and moved freely all through.

3. Stewart's Marchog Muffins for Tea

PGB (7,4)

1. Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Forever Unique. This 19 mth old tricolour won this class with some room to spare and she is one who very much appealed and was so good to go over. She presented a cobby outline with super neck, short back with firm topline, excellent ribbing, short loin and tail good for both set and carriage. Quality headpiece with feminine expression; well domed skull which is full over the eyes, well feathered ears set on low, dark eyes of correct placement, good width and depth to muzzle, lovely cushioning and well turned up lower jaw. Standing straight in front with well developed forechest and firm, muscular hindquarters. Goes so well when viewed in profile, very good when coming towards but just a tad closer in the rear. Good quality coat and presentation. RCC.

2. Austin's Baldragon Gots Hattitude TAF. 2 yr old tricolour who pleased for bone and substance but she was not making the best of herself on the day. Neck of moderate length and firm topline but she is a little longer cast than preferred. Skull of good breadth with pretty good dome, dark eyes which are set wide apart, ears set on low, wide open nostrils and good upturn. Difficult to assess movement but from what I could tell, she looks sound enough.

3. Abbott's Helmajon Clara's Romance

LB (4,1)

1. Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Worth Russian For. 2 yr old tricolour who has lots to like and a super outgoing temperament. She could be a little shorter in back but she pleased for overall type. Feminine head and expression with well domed skull, relatively large dark eyes which are placed wide apart, feathered ears set on low, good width and depth to muzzle, wide open nostrils and well turned up underjaw. When viewed in profile she moved out well with confident carriage, is true when going away and good enough when coming at you. Good quality coat.

2. Abbott's Cofton Reach For The Stars

3. Abbott's Helmajon Smyth's Cadenza

OB (6,4)

1. Whitman & Tarabad's Ch Baldragon Centre Stage with Khatibi JW. Two very different bitches competed in this class and my winner was this 2 yr old tricolour. Feminine all through she pleased in outline with nicely arched neck of medium length, firm topline, ribs carried well back and well sprung, short in the couplings and tail correct for both set and carriage. Quality head with delightful expression; well domed skull, eyes correct for size, colour and placement, well feathered ears set on low, square muzzle, wide open nostrils and underjaw well turned up. Good angles front and rear and she stands nice and straight in front. She goes so well on the go around with excellent self carriage and pleased on the down and back too. CC.

2. Tuesley & Swaine's Am Ch Marsward Black Magic Woman. 8 yr old black/tan. Fully mature girl who really did appeal. I thought her such a good type and she presented a compact outline and certainly can be described as cobby. Moderate length of neck which is nicely arched, short back, excellent ribbing, firm loin and tail good for both set and carriage. Attractive head with well domed skull, excellent eye and ear, good width and depth to muzzle, super cushioning and good width to underjaw which is well turned up. She moved out so well when viewed in profile but wasn't quite as good as winner on the down and back. Profuse coat.

Judge: Tim Ball