

## Richmond Championship Show 9.9.23

### King Charles Spaniel

Many thanks to the officers and committee for inviting me to judge at this superbly organised show. It is twenty five years since I first awarded CCs and coincidentally that appointment was also at Richmond in 1998.

I thoroughly enjoyed judging the Charlies and must compliment the exhibitors for bringing a lovely selection of top quality dogs and bitches for me to assess. I have to say that I found no health or temperament issues with this breed, and on this incredibly hot day they showed and moved with no signs of stress. Unlike myself. I think this was the hottest day on which I have ever judged. Congratulations to the Charlies and their handlers for keeping so cool despite the near tropical conditions.

#### VD (1, 0 abs)

1. Austin's Dragonheart Winter Morning, nice quality, well broken blenheim dog of ten years; large head with low set ears, dark round eyes, good open nostrils, neat lips; strong bone to front, topline level but could have been a little shorter; well sprung ribcage, excellent tail carriage and movement. Best Veteran in Breed.

#### JD (3, 0 abs)

1. Bowles-Robinson's Tom Des Trois Maillets Baldragon (NAF) (Imp) Fra, what a gorgeous young dog; won this class on his outline, really good length of neck, short cobby body, low set well carried tail; perfect size for me; large dark round eyes, low set ears, super dome, open well pigmented nostrils, wide muzzle with well padded lips and correct turnout; straight front with legs of medium length; level topline, well sprung ribcage; super coat with nice depth of rich chestnut to his markings; excellent rear angulation; real ring presence; I pulled him out into my last three and believe he will trouble the best very soon; only sixteen months old so has plenty of time on his side.

2. Smith's Justacharma Just Magical, lightly marked thirteen month old blenheim dog; very different in style to the winner, heavier type with super round straight front, legs not too long; large head, dark round eyes, open nostrils, low set ears, neat well padded muzzle; enough neck to support the head; super topline with excellent ribcage; pleasing straight silky coat; moved freely.

3. Austin's Baldragon Blinkin Hell (TAF).

#### YD (1, 0 abs)

1. Smith's Justacharma So Magic JW, superb young dog; I loved his ring presence and movement; a lightly marked tri dog of immense quality; lovely head with such dark expressive eyes, good skull, low set ears with good fringing; large open nostrils, wide well padded muzzle with excellent neat lips; strong round boned front, enough neck, super cobby body, level topline, tail carried nicely, never above the topline; just a total joy to watch him move powerfully but with elegance around the ring; all finished with a lovely silky straight coat, and plenty of it; presented and handled so well. Pleased to award him the Dog CC and later Best Of Breed.

#### PGD (1, 0 abs)

1. Rhodes & Bowles' Baldragon What Else, a more heavily marked tri dog, very much liked his outline and movement; pleasing head with dark round eyes, low set ears, open nostrils, neat lips, reasonable

turnup; good reach of neck, short cobby body, well placed and set tail; showed really well, nicely presented.

LD (2, 0 abs)

1. Schemel & Nemeth's Bentwood Angelico Primo, nice rounded skull on this four year old blenheim boy; I would have preferred deeper chestnut markings to his coat; typical round skull, wide blaze, dark round eyes, nose well placed and open nostrils; lowish set ears; moved well but sadly out of coat on the day.

OD (7, 3 abs)

1. Whitman & Tarabad's Champion Cofton All I Hav To Do Is Dream with Khatibi, from an amazing class all of whom were Champions, I picked this exquisite tricolour male; he has a superb shape and outline; glorious ear fringes, both straight and long; correct dome to skull, wide blaze, darkest of eyes, open nostrils, well padded muzzle, neat lips and good turnup; straight moderate length legs, short level topline, well sprung ribcage; low set tail, carried well on the move; beautifully presented and handled; would have preferred a touch more body coat. Pleased to award him the Res Dog CC

2. Smith's Ch Justacharma Magic Goes On, top quality tricolour dog, excellent silky coat and plenty of it; well placed ears with superb fringing; dark round eyes, large open nostrils, neat lips, well padded muzzle; moderately short front legs with plenty of bone; strong neck leading to level topline with well sprung ribcage; good rear angulation, well muscled; a joy to watch as he moved freely and elegantly around the ring.

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

MPB (1, 0 abs)

1. Baker's Cofton Part Of Your World, pleasing and mature tricolour bitch coming close to nine months of age; very good head with dark forward facing eyes, low ear carriage, neat muzzle and good turnup; compact bitch with well sprung ribcage, level topline, low set tail; good turn of stifle; super silky coat texture; moved accurately; pleased to award her Best Puppy in Breed.

PB (2, 1 abs)

1. Baker's Headra Ethel, really nice tricolour puppy with a lovely head; super ear placement, neat bright tan over the eyes, narrow clean blaze, open nostrils, well padded lips with good turnup; straight front, cobby body; moved with elegance; not as mature as the Minor Puppy bitch but she must have a very bright future as she grows on.

JB (1, 0 abs)

1. Austin's Tess Des Trois Mallets Baldragon TAF (Imp Fra), lovely young blenheim bitch; eyecatching in outline, excellent head, well domed with low ear placement; super cushioning to muzzle, correct turnup, dark forward facing eyes; large open nostrils; good length of neck that carried her head so proudly; coat soft straight silky with excellent depth of chestnut colour in her markings; short cobby body with good spring of rib, level topline, tail set low and carried nicely on the move; beautifully presented and handled; a super Toy Spaniel. I was pleased to award her the Res Bitch CC.

PGB (5 Entries) Abs: 0

1. Boyer's Evropa Ot Nevskogo Hobbita (Imp Rus), a very appealing black & tan, the only wholecolour on display today; superb raven black straight glossy coat with correctly positioned bright tan spots

over the eyes; pleasing head, well set and carried ears, round dark eyes, large open nostrils, wide well padded muzzle; good dome; no trimming to the feet; moved elegantly and was presented to perfection.

2. Baker's Cofton Ballet Dancer, very pleasing tricolour bitch; good head with enough dome, correct ear carriage; large dark eyes, open nostrils; well padded lips, good turnup; medium length of neck; well broken colour to body; short enough with well sprung ribcage; tail carried low; moved very soundly.

3. Melville's Baldragon Russian Forward

LB (1, 0 abs)

1. Boyer's Ellinghurst Kiki Dee, glorious lightly marked tricolour bitch out of the top drawer; head of perfect size, super dome; eyes well spaced, round and dark giving a really gentle expression; nice wide blaze, well filled under the eyes, correctly padded lips and turnup; moderate strongly arched neck, straight well boned front; short deep cobby body with level topline and well sprung ribcage; superb fringes to ears and profuse straight silky coat; movement accurate and elegant; she was beautifully presented and handled. Very pleased to award her the Bitch CC.

OB (5, 0 abs)

1. Nemeth's Arrowbien The Sphinx, this is another beautiful Toy Spaniel with a lovely head; super ears with plenty of feathering, nice large forward facing eyes; good open nostrils; excellent dome, well padded lips with turnup; loved the symmetry of her head markings, not essential but enhances the softness of the expression; pleasing outline with short level topline; really good tail set and carriage on the move; an elegant accurate mover; beautifully presented and handled, I would love to judge her again when she matures in body and comes back in coat.

2. Boyer's Ellinghurst Miss Saigon, an excellent tricolour bitch with a more finished coat and more mature body than the class winner; another pleasing head, superb length to ear fringes; dark round eyes; correct dome with wide blaze; strong clean neck; straight well boned front, deep ribcage, level topline; well placed tail; moved, handled and presented really nicely.

3. Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Worth Russian For.

Terry Purse

Judge