

LKA – 2023 KING CHARLES SPANIEL

Not too bad an entry, mid-week and some otherwise engaged, of 34 actual exhibits but maybe the weather resulted in several absentees so just 25 made it, albeit a pretty ‘select’ bunch with plenty of quality and evidence of international bloodlines, the category 2 issues of ‘prominent eyes’ and ‘weak hindquarters’ were entirely absent.

JD (2) 1. Smith’s Justacharma Just Magical. Rising 16 months, blenheim with spot, prefer a little more dome and ears were set a little high, excellent eye, good open nose pad, excellent muzzle with width and turn up, nicely boned, cobby in build, secure in structure, silky, well marked coat, sound and free moving with enviable hindquarters providing drive, is developing well through this teenage phase to look a real future prospect.

PGD 3(1) 1. Mochrie’s Downsbank Indian Ink. 2 years b/t, beautifully coated and richly coloured, full of breed type, some excellent facial features, albeit a touch flat in skull, so as to give such a pleasing expression, his shape defines ‘cobbiness’ active on the move albeit playing up his owner with an unsettling ‘itch’. 2. Rushton’s Tiflin We All Love Jack. 5 years, tri with an excellent headpiece scoring in it being well domed and full over the eyes with a well defined stop and squared off muzzle, compact and level, well broken markings, just lacked some body condition so as to make him that bit longer and narrower, moved true and active.

LD 4(1) 1. Bowles-Robinson’s Tom Des Trois Maillets Baldragon NAF (imp FRA). 20 months, blenheim of instant appeal with that ‘wow’ factor, glorious headpiece scoring in skull, eye and muzzle, cobby body scoring in rib, bone and feet, had that touch of refinement, well angulated and sound mover with notable drive but can still firm at elbow, clearly a wise investment with the best of future as he matures on. 2. Boyer’s Ot Nevskogo Hobbita at Ellinghurst (imp RUS). 4 years tri of breeding I am very familiar with having visited, beautifully marked, excellent headpiece scoring in skull, eye and muzzle with low set ear, good bone and feet, sound structure, just too heavy in build. 3. Maddison’s Justacharma Northern Magic.

OD 7(1) 1. Bowles-Robinson's Ch. Baldragon Shoots He Scores. Bang on 3 years tricolour who was sufficiently cobby with a head 'to die for' and faultless Charlie construction, superior, immaculate, silky coat and feathering, body had width and depth as well as neck arch and angles, good bone and feet, but then he took it all up a notch when he moved that was unmatched for its foot perfect soundness with such rear drive and activity combined with elegance that looked even better in the spacious Group ring where shortlisted, DCC & BOB. 2. Smith's Ch. Justacharma Magic Goes On. Tri just turned 4 years who was so close up, being the essence of breed type and so compact so as to define the meaning of 'cobby', yet with that touch of refinement that prevents any coarseness, prefer a little more dome but had wide open nostrils, long low ears and width of jaw with turn up, well marked, arch to neck plus well angulated and bodied, handled to advantage by Liz Morley to annex worthy RDCC. 3. Stewart's Monleon Made By Magic for Marchog.

VD/B 1(0) 1. Bowles-Robinson's Ch. Baldragon Hold That Thought. Just turned 7 years, blenheim bitch, I may not understand the 'world' bit but I do understand her outstanding looks being a dream combination of Maibee and Cofton breeding, beautifully marked and feathered with the loveliest of faces and features, so cobby, level, hard width and depth, so sound with a muscled rear that provided drive, clearly still able to take on her peers for top honours, BV.

PB (1) 1. Gurtner's Una De Melcourt. 8 months, tricolour, shown under a French ATC number, instantly appealed being so well constructed, compact and typical, excelled in skull, eye, ear and muzzle, well marked and coated, level, so remarkably sound for a baby and confident, certainly should be making her presence felt if she simply continues to mature along these same lines, BP.

JB 3(1) 1. Stewart's Marchog Muffins For Tea. 15 months, b/t that was so good to go over and had an excellent coat that was both richly coloured and correctly marked, excelled in skull and in facial features that were open and well placed, still to fill in front with added maturity, level, well angulated, showed elegance on the move that was sound and free, should surely be up amongst them once past this teenage phase. 2. Kendall's Headra Edith. Tri, just turned

12 months and quite the diva, richly coloured with well broken markings in her straight, silky coat, well domed skull, excellent ear, compact and level, 'reserved and gentle' she is not I am happy to say, giving age away, so confident and true once in a settled stride, she will be charming many more this next show season.

PGB 1(0) 1. Pfeiffer-Lunt's Simannie Carys Bach. 3½ years, tri with big, open and well spaced facial features, cobby with a clean front, plus depth and width, and she came on well as opposed to being that bit cow hocked moving away, the problem was her carrying way too much body condition, learned subsequently had only been with her owner 'four months' and was described as a 'rescue', a perfectly decent and showable bitch once slimmed down so as to progress up the ranks.

LB 5(2) 1. Kendall's Cofton Jive Dancer at Headra. 2½ years tri colour, so feminine, pretty and shapely that the catalogue explains, given that she combines Amantra and Cofton breeding, well domed skull, lovely eyes set wide, long low ears, excellent turn up of jaw, well broken markings, level and cobby with some width, just needed to settle on the move being so enthusiastic and confident as she is perfectly sound and looks ready to challenge for a title. 2. Boyer's Ellinghurst Miss Saigon. 5 years, tricolour, as per the catalogue notwithstanding written '3½ years' in my notes, surprisingly was relatively raw and that bit light in loin, tended to stand 'east/west' in front, textbook ears, well broken markings, level, good angulation so as to move out well with elegance and active freedom. 3. Pfeiffer-Lunt's Simmanie Sunshine State.

OB 7(2) Quality class and line up. 1. Rix's Ch. Baldragon Fame Game at Ricksbury JW. 2½ years, tricolour of breathtaking quality, half-sister to the BOB sharing the same Russian sire out of a German bred dam, arguably the best domed skull of the day, excellent eye and ear, well cushioned cheeks, large open nostrils turned up to meet her skull, cobby with width and depth, level, good bone and feet, her angulation aided her sound, elegant and free action whilst her arched neck gave her a proud head carriage as she circuited, did I subsequently hear that she's on 21 CCs? handler and dog worked well as a team, BCC. 2. Bowles-Robinson's Ch. Chacombe

Marana Baldragon. 6½ years tricolour rolling back the years now I can see her heritage, that in turn explained her glorious breed specific type with well domed skull, with well spaced large eyes, with long low ears, so cobby yet with refinement, super well marked coat with profuse feathering, wide, deep chest, muscled rear, gave quite the performance that I have complimentary noted as ‘a bit crazy’ referring to her absolute joy in the ring, combining soundness with rear drive and elegance, RBCC. 3. Boyer’s Ellinghurst In For A Penny.

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