

King Charles Spaniel Association Championship Show

I would like to thank the officers and committee of the King Charles Spaniel Association for a truly memorable day, also my Steward Barbara Gentleman for her efficiency and help. The numbers of dogs may be smaller than in the past but the quality of the exhibits was excellent. This a companion breed so temperament is a crucial requirement and all those present had delightful happy and friendly dispositions. King Charles have strong intelligent characters, all individuals in their own way which is why we all love them. Soundness has improved over the years but we must never lose the beautiful heads this breed is renowned for, also the deep barrelled shaped ribs and short level back. I sometimes think All Rounders just see the head as the only difference from the Cavalier which is not so the Cavalier has an oval rib cage. Some of the youngsters present I am sure will have an exciting future and the Open Dog class was a revelation! How many judges have the choice of seven champions, six present, all worthy of their titles, all presented in immaculate condition. It was a pleasure to have the chance to see such a line-up. I was delighted with my final winners and their outstanding qualities made my day.

Class 1. Minor Puppy Dog. 1st Chacombe Just Magical for Justacharma. Very promising 7 month old tricolour. Super bone, well made throughout, good angulation. Showed and moved well with confidence.

2nd Downsbank Jus Call Me Ginger. Six month old Ruby, another promising youngster with a lovely temperament. Sweet head and expression has all the essentials to mature into a lovely boy.

Class 2. Puppy Dog. 1 Enrice Noire Entrouge Dark Dracula.(ImpUKR), An outstanding Black and Tan who eventually was Best Puppy in Show. He has a lovely head, with good dome and finish of face, excellent body shape and moved with drive. His rich tan markings and shiny jet black coat finished the picture.

Class 3. Junior Dog. 1 Wizzard Harry Fapella Gray (ATCBB73182CZE) Very well constructed Ruby. Good head and correct body shape. Rich Ruby with good dark pigment, another lovely dog who showed and moved well.

Class 4 Yearling Dog 1 Tom Des Trois Maillets Bldragon (imp FRA) NAF An outstanding Blenheim dog who fulfilled the Standard for me. He has a beautiful head, dark eyes set wide apart in line with the top of his nostrils. The muzzle is well cushioned up either side of the nose which gives that soft puffed expression. He has the deep barrelled rib and short level back and the arched neck flows into the spine. His tail is carried correctly. His happy temperament showed in his movement which was sound and correct. I was delighted to give him the Dog challenge and Best in Show.

2, Lorphil Labrynth, A well marked tricolour with a really lovely head that won him the place, he still needs to body up but has all the essentials and he moved correctly.

Class 5 Novice Dog . 1 Helmajohn Sibelius A very happy Blenheim who moved well but just needs time to mature.

Class 6 Graduate Dog. 1 Helmajohn Rhapsody in Blue. Well marked Tricolour, with nice head, good body assured happy mover. He made a nice outline when moving. Once again all from this litter of four shown had charming friendly temperaments.

2. Helmajohn Sibelius. Repeat.

Class 7 Post Graduate Dog. 1 Aldoricka The Hustler. A well marked Blenheim sweet head and expression with good body. He has a lovely outline on the move and he showed well.
2. Downsbank Indian Ink. A truly lovely Black and Tan, with a beautiful head short level back rich mahogany tan and jet black silky coat. He is so well constructed but he loses top honours he so richly deserves by just not co-operating with his owner.

Class 8 Limit Dog. 1 Abbema Somerset's Secret Amantra A quality Blenheim of classic type. Lovely very typical Amantra head with soft sweet expression, excellent body shape in good coat and condition. Moved well.

2. Valentino Mermoz Fapella Gray (ATCBB99212CZE) This was one of my hardest decisions of the day, if only I had two red cards. A beautifully and correctly marked tricolour. Sweetest head and expression well shaped body with correct ribbing showed and moved well.

Class 9 Open Dog. A wonderful class of six champions all very worthy Champions. 1 . Harry Potter Favorite King (ATC BB65311POL). A very beautiful Black and Tan in lovely coat and condition. He has a very lovely head and short level back, a sound steady mover. Reserve CC

2 CH. Baldragon Shoots he Scores Very sound moving dog, excellent showmanship he has so much to give the breed.

Class 10 Veteran Dog.. 1 Lorphil Treasure Island JW A beautiful headed well marked Tricolour of ten years and thoroughly enjoying his day out.

Class 11 Minor Puppy Bitch. All three puppies are from the same litter and all are very promising. Bitches are the backbone of any breed and with their qualities of super temperaments soundness and type the breed cannot fail to prosper.

1 Chacombe Gladys Deacon at Cavallibrook a very striking well marked tricolour, excellent bone and conformation. Her showmanship and confidence for one so young is a credit to her owners. With maturity she is going to be a star.

2 Chacombe Just Charming. Another very promising tricolour not as confident as her sister but she has a lovely head, well domed and good finish of face. She is also well constructed and another little lady who I am sure will mature into a lovely King Charles.

Class 12 Puppy Bitch. 1 Una de Melcourt(ATCBA21571FRA) Very confident mature young madam. She is a nicely marked with a good head and when she matures in body she will finish a good example of the breed.

Class 13 Junior Bitch. 1 Headra Edith. A tricolour who really sparkled with personality, she enjoyed every moment in the spotlight, She has a very pretty head and sweet expression, short level back and moved with verve.

2. Cofton Part Of Your World. A Tricolour of excellent quality, she has a lovely head and good body but was determined to play her owner up in this class but later on she decided to behave and showed off her excellent movement.

Class 14 Yearling Bitch. 1 Tovarich Take Me As I Am. Very happy pretty tricolour with a sweet head and expression, she just needs time to mature but she moved nicely.

Class 15 Novice Bitch. Two litter sisters both with charming personalities.

1 Helmajohn Clara's Romance. Very pretty Blenheim with rich tan markings, she has a pretty

head with a soft expression and has a nice shape she moved well. She is very appealing little person and I am sure she will mature well.

2. Helmajohn Smyth's Cadenza. 1 A lightly marked tricolour who gives me the impression that she is a bit of a diva and likes to be noticed, again a lovely friendly little dog, she has a good dome but her head markings detract from the overall appearance.

Class 16 Graduate Bitch. 1 Cofton Part Of Your World. The little Madam pulled out all the stops in this class and showed really well to win a well deserved first.

2. Amantra Perla. A Blenheim of quality, with a good domed skull and correct body shape just needs a little more confidence to show off her charms.

Class 17 Post Graduate Bitch. 1 Baldragon Russian Around with Khatibi A really beautiful bitch. She has a lovely feminine head with a sweet melting expression with the required well cushioned muzzle. A really lovely cobby body and excellent topline, good tailset and she moves with drive and purpose. I really admired her and was delighted to award her the Bitch Challenge and Reserve Best in Show

2. Aldoricka Sweet Victoria. A very nice Tricolour with a very pretty head, a good dome and short back she moved well.

Class 18 Limit Bitch. 1 Aldoricka Sweet Victoria. Repeat .

2. Cofton Reach For The Stars. An exceptionally pretty tricolour, sweet head and expression she has passed on her charming temperament to her four children all shown here today.

Class 19 Open Bitch. 1 CH. Baldragon Fair Game At Ricksbury. A spectacular tricolour , she is an excellent showman, as always presented in immaculate condition and well deserves her many honours.

2. Rachel Henriette Fapella Gray (ATC BB61382CZE) Another stunning King Charles from this kennel, this time a Ruby of great quality. Good head and expression excellent dark pigment and good rich ruby colour. Very good ribbing and level topline in good coat and condition, moved well.

Class 20 Veteran Bitch. 1 Lorphil Lady's Mantle (Re-Imp) At ten years of age this very lovely tricolour was enjoying her day out. She has a really lovely head and the correct short backed cobby body and her happy demeanour and movement was a joy to behold.

2. Toyswood Counting Stars. A very pretty 8 year old tricolour in lovely condition and also enjoying her day out.

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