

Driffield Championship show Sunday 1st October 2017

My thanks to the officers and committee for inviting me to judge at Driffield Championship show where the hospitality was first class. Thanks also to my steward who kept the ring moving. It was such a shame that bad weather affected the ground so badly, however apart from every dog ending up muddy and wet the dogs coped admirably, so a huge thank you to the exhibitors for coming. The winning dogs were of lovely breed type. Movement was affected by the ground conditions on quite a few, however the presentation of the dogs on the table before the dogs moved was a credit to everyone.

There were a few classes where the eventual winner stood out but in the upper classes there were some difficult decisions to be made, especially between the first three placed. My CC winners shone through due to both being of wonderful breed type, mature in body and excelling in free, elegant movement with particularly strong, sound rear movement.

Minor Puppy Dog (3, 1abs)

1st Stewart KASAMANDA WALK IN SUNSHINE WITH MARCHOG

A ruby pup at his first show but one which was so well schooled. Pleasing head with dark eyes and ears set on low. He is short in the back, possesses a good length of neck, level topline and well bent stifles. For his very young age he had a good depth of chest and ribcage. His very pleasing construction allowed him to move freely .

2nd French & Traynor MITAPIP ELUSIVE RUBY

Another ruby boy that still needs to fill in body, he has a pleasing head and dark eye, just needs to co-operate more with his handler. as he was out to enjoy himself and play the fool. Not as balanced as the first.

Puppy Dog (6, 1abs) Two totally different types in the class

1st Singleton BLIND DATE VON SAMT UND SEIDE VON CELXO

An attractive headed tricolour with a short level back but one who still needs to learn the ropes when it comes to moving. Large, dark eyes, long, well feathered ears and a better overall size than second.

2nd Matches BALDRAGON EARL LEICESTER

Wonderful temperament on this tricolour pup. So happy both standing and on the move. Strong movement, straight front and excellent drive from the rear.

Junior dog (1, 1abs)

Yearling dog (2, 0 abs)

1st Smith JUSTACHARMA ONE SO MAGIC

Well marked tricolour in lovely coat, short and cobby, level back with deep, wide chest and good ribcage. Ample neck and shoulder placement. with well turned stifles. Broad skull, large, dark eyes and long well feathered ears. His coat was in beautiful condition and his movement first class.

2nd Rushton JUSTACHARMA HE IS SO MAGIC AT TIFLIN

Litter brother to first in a slightly larger mould. Well broken, stylish blenheim, who also excelled in movement Broad skull, well domed and full over the eyes. Excellent neck and shoulder placement leading into level topline and well set tail. Again presentation was immaculate on the table.

Post Graduate Dog (9, 1abs)

1st Singleton MARCHOG MACTARTAN CELXO

Most attractive, mature B/T boy whose real strength is his head. Rich tan markings, broad skull with good rise of dome. Large, dark eyes and well feathered, low set ears. Wide and deep muzzle and with plenty of turn up. He has an arched neck, well laid shoulders a firm body with very good spring of rib. Long, silky coat, with plenty of feathering. Strong movement both ways.

2nd Coupland TUCHERISH GUILTY VERDICT

Wonderful breed type on this tricolour dog, however not the body of first. He is a lovely size, has a well marked coat, short in back with an excellent neck and shoulders and level topline. Good turn of stifles. Straight front and ample bone for his size.

3rd Stewart KASAMANDA JUST A DREAM FOR MARCHOG

Limit Dog (8, 1abs)

1st Mochrie DOWNSBANK KISMET

A lovely tri. boy who could easily make a Champion.; He already displays excellent breed type, sound construction, a compact and cobby body, delightful head, with

large dark eyes, He fulfils my ideal size in a King Charles Spaniel. He has a correctly marked coat, free, sound movement and well set on tail. Reserve CC

2nd Bailey ALDORICKA SMOKEY ROBINSON

A B/T with rich tan markings, giving a kind and gentle expression. He has matured well since I last judged him. Very pleasing expression, dark eyes and long, well feathered ears. He scores highly in possessing an arched neck, well laid shoulders and level topline. He moved soundly round the ring with strong rear driving movement.

3rd Byers LANOLA GEORGIO ARMARNI WITH SIMANNIE

A quality tri. dog who behaved impeccably on the table.

Open Dog (6, 0abs)

1st Jackson AMANTRA TREASURY

Here, in this richly coloured, well broken blenheim dog, we have an example of exceptional quality, correct size and super breed type. He has a classic head, distinctive dome and rise to his skull, long well set and feathered ears, true nose placement and very good turn up of muzzle. His virtues are an extremely proud head carriage, excellent lay of shoulder and level topline, well turned stifles and correctly carried tail. When standing he displays the reserved side of the Charlie nature but on the move it is a joy to watch his sound movement. I had no hesitation in awarding him the CC, (his 3rd) and BOB Thank you for bringing him.

2nd Essex CH. CHACOMBE ROYAL GIFT TO BRENDEK

A worthy Champion, so immaculately presented, just a size larger than the first. Attractive, masculine well domed head large dark eyes and long well feathered ears. He carries his topline well, moves with arched neck and proud head carriage. He cooperates really well with his handler.

3RD Maddison CELXO CHARLES DICKENS

Good Citizens Dog (1, 0abs)

1st Melville AMANTRA CHORALE

Well marked tricolour dog of the correct size for a toy spaniel. Large, dark eyes giving a pleasing expression. Good neck and shoulder placement, level topline and beautifully presented.

Minor Puppy Bitch (5, 0abs)

1st Coupland MITAPIP RENAISSANCE BY TUCHERISH

A 6mth old B/T bitch that was presented in excellent condition, she is such a lovely shape, short in back, cobby body with level topline, and looks quite stunning in profile Most pleasing head and expression, large, dark eyes and the making of long, well set ears. She was so at one with her owner, beautifully schooled and with sound movement at the front. I found it difficult to resist her charms. Best puppy in breed. I am sure that a rosy future is assured.

2nd Sutherland MITAPIP RAINDANCE

A slightly finer boned B/T. but again she has a pretty head, dark eyes, arched neck and well placed shoulders. Moved well enough to secure her this placing, just needs to strengthen in rear movement..

3rd Constable MITAPIP KALLATHEA

Puppy Bitch (3, 1abs)

1st Bowles Robinson BALDRAGON HOLD THAT THOUGHT

A lightly marked blenheim who is such a natural showgirl, standing on a loose lead wagging her tail. Presentation was excellent.

She has a firm body, good depth of chest and level topline both standing and on the move. Her pretty head, with lozenge, is well domed, full over the eyes and has excellent rise to her skull. Her front construction on the table is good but she appeared to dislike the wet, muddy grass when moving towards me.

2nd Singleton CELXO TARTAN STOCKINGS

Another lightly marked blenheim, a lot less mature puppy that needed more ring training. Just preferred the rise skull of the first and the firmness of body.

Junior Bitch (4, 2abs)

1st Bowles Robinson BALDRAGON HOLD THAT THOUGHT

2nd Champion & Harvey LANKCOMBE CLARA BOW

A pretty tricolour with a typical expression, full of breed type, long low set, well feathered ears and well domed head. Her coat was beautifully prepared. She carried herself well on the move holding a level topline, but she too didn't appear to like the damp, wet conditions.

Yearling Bitch (5, 1abs)

1st Jackson AMANTRA TRUFFLE

An extrovert showgirl, certainly not reserved. Short, cobby body, enough neck leading well laid back shoulder placement. Good bone and well turned stifles. The prettiest of heads with gorgeous dark eyes. Extremely sound rear movement and coped admirably with the wet conditions. Coat just coming back in.

2nd Smith JUSTACHARMA SHE IS SO MAGIC AT TIFLIN.

This well marked blen. was carrying more body weight than the winner, however I just preferred the eyes on the first. She has good nose placement but her pigment could be stronger.

3rd Coupland WINNIE OD DVOU ORECHI AND TUCHERISH

Post Graduate Bitch (7,4abs)

1st Dix BEEWYE PENELOPE PITSTOP

What a well constructed bitch this lightly marked tri. is, so full of breed type, attractive head and when stacked on the table you can see her cobby body with

deep, well ribbed chest, shortness of back and level topline. She can move soundly when she puts her mind to it however her sound movement could improve even more.

2nd Hunter TOVARICH THOMASINA AT HOOBARTON

A well broken tricolour bitch that has a very pleasing expression, mature body shape and very good to watch on the move.

3rd Sproul & Coburn KHANDRO UR MY WORLD

Limit Bitch (7, 3abs)

1st Mochrie DOWNSBANK TIGER LILLY J.W.

The prettiest of tricolour bitches here today with bright tan markings and gorgeous eyes. She has a well domed head and good rise to skull. Compact and cobby body, with level topline, excellent turn of stifle and a most pleasing overall shape showing very good construction. She moved effortlessly around the ring to win not only this class but the Reserve CC as well.

2nd Byers SIMANNIE SWEET ANNEKA

At first glance I thought this very pretty well marked tri. to be my class winner, she excels in breed type, is ultra short with the most stunning topline. She lost out to the winner on front movement.

3rd Matches KHANDRO LA VIE EN ROSE FROM FOCHAI

Open Bitch (3, 0abs) This class was the most difficult class of the day for me to judge as I had two older mature bitches in it, the beautiful tricolour breed record holder and an equally beautiful B/T that was a compact, cobby bitch a true toy spaniel. As all in the breed would know I recently gave the breed record holder 4th in the Toy Group at Border Union. However that was another day.

1st Essex TUDORHURST BEATRICE AT BRENDEK

This mature bitch possesses a large skull, well domed and full over large, dark eyes with well defined stop and plenty of width to her muzzle. Her coat was groomed to perfection. She is such a happy, gentle girl who stands four square on a loose lead, gently wagging her tail to please not only her owner but also myself. Her long, well feathered ears are low set. She has the correct length of neck, well arched to show off her proud head carriage, well laid back shoulders and level topline. Again it was her overall balanced profile, her free, elegant front movement and such positive drive from behind that won her this placing and the CC

2nd Bowles Robinson Ch. BALDRAGON SHE DEMANDS

A truly lovely tricolour bitch that not only have I judged and placed first before but one that has demanded to be looked at and admired, at the majority of shows for the last few years. Her chest is wide and deep, her back short and level. She has good muscle tone and well bent stifles. Her owner presented her in immaculate condition and stacked her accordingly. She moved well in profile and going away from me. Her owner agreed with me that she was carrying a tad too much weight on her

shoulders which today, with the dreadful weather conditions, affected her front movement.

3rd Singleton CELXO THEODORA

Good Citizen Bitch (1, 0abs)

1st Melville AMANTRA SUMMER SHOWGIRL

A well marked blenheim bitch, attractive head and expression, good nose placement and long well feathered ears. Good bone but needed more spring of rib.

Lorraine Gillhespy