King Charles Spaniel Association Open Show: 14 February 2016

I was honoured to be invited to judge this show and I would like to thank the Officers and Committee of the King Charles Spaniel Association for inviting me to judge and also for the wonderful hospitality shown to me during my day with you. It was a great pleasure and privilege to go over so many beautiful Charlies. In several classes I was spoilt for choice and could have done with more than one first place at times. Finally, thank you to all exhibitors who entered dogs. I was very pleased with the overall quality of the exhibits.

Best in Show CH Baldragon She Demands JW
Reserve Best in Show Headra's Truly Magic Is Justacharma
Best Puppy in Show Diggle Dandelion
Best Veteran in Show Lanola Moreneta

Veteran Dog (1)

1. Austin's Baldragon Hooray Henry

Well broken Blenheim with pleasing head and eye, giving a lovely expression. Well bodied and nicely boned, moved well. Clearly enjoys being in the show ring as he was so happy snd showed himself off to his best advantage.

Minor Puppy Dog (2, 1)

1. Goodwin's Diggle Dandelion

I believe this was his first show, but at only 6 months old, he walked into the ring like a seasoned show dog. Very pretty head and expression with enough dome, framed by an excellent ear set. He is well boned and cobby in body and moved in a confident, precise manner for one so young. He has an excellent temperament and nothing phased him. Blenheim coat, which is coming in nicely. If he continues to develop as he is, he should have a bright future. Delighted to award him Best Puppy Dog & Best Puppy in Show.

Puppy Dog (4, 1)

1. Goodwin's Diggle Dandelion

As per Minor Puppy

2. Jones', Johnston & Lloyd's Cwmhaf Flash Bang Wallop TAF

Blenheim puppy, who was unfortunate to come across the winner of the Minor Puppy Class. Pleasing head and expression. Not as settled on the move as 1, but time is on his side and has lots of potential.

3. Austin's Dragonheart Winter Morning

Junior Dog (5)

1. Schilizzi & Healy-Gates Chacombe Arizona

Lovely, lightly marked Blenheim dog, who oozes personality which he shows in abundance!! Very nice domed head with low set ears. Good width of muzzle and lovely expression. Very balanced looking in profile, maintaining his top line which flows into his lovely tail set. Another who should have a great career ahead of him.

2. Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Brecon

Well marked tricoloured young male, who was not happy today and unfortunately paid the price in this class. Nevertheless, Pretty head with a lovely rise to skull creating a good dome, with the most expressive eyes, framed by low set ears with good feathering, creating the most appealing headpiece. Movement was hard to assess as he was not happy, but once settled, he moves well.

3. Mochrie's Downsbank Razle Dazle 'Em

Yearling Dog (3, 1)

1. Jackson's Amantra Regal Prince

Very nice, heavily marked tricolour male, of typical type from this kennel, with a very nice, domed head and dark eye, giving a classic Charlie expression. Good nostrils and ear set. Excellent body with good spring of rib and level topline, which

he holds on the move. Moved well in both directions with drive and purpose. This young man took my eye and I am sure he will progress to greater things as he matures. Reserve Best Dog.

2. Smith's Justacharma Magic Is Here

Lightly marked tricolour, who is slightly finer in bone and substance. Pleasing head and expression with enough dome. Moved well in both directions, full of enthusiasm with a happy disposition.

Novice Dog (4, 1)

1. Boyer's Pomelo Never Ending Story

Tricolour, with pleasing frame and good spring of rib. Pretty head, square muzzle, low set ears with good fringing and lovely eyes, creating a pleasing expression Moved out well when settled. Credit to his handler as she gets the best out of him. Needs time to mature.

2. Austin's Dragonheart Fall Breeze

Tricolour, heavier set male, with pleasing head. Movement ok once settled. Just preferred the overall balance and front action of 1.

3. Melville's Amantra Chorale

Graduate Dog (3, 1)

1. Mochrie's Downsbank Kismet

Tricolour with excellent tan markings, very typy, pleasing head with lovely width of muzzle and nice dark eyes framed by low set ears, creating a lovely expression. He has lovely bone, excellent topline and correct, compact feet. He has a lot to offer, just needs to be a bit more confident on the move.

Post Graduate Dog (3, 1)

1. Austin's Dragonheart Of Winter

Well broken tricolour. Pleasing type and shape, well ribbed with good angles. Lovely head with excellent eyes, good width of underjaw and low set ears. Good neck for regal carriage. Moved freely but likes to carry his tail a little too proudly.

2. Melville's Amantra Tiberius

Blenheim who has a lovely head and expression. In very good condition, he is good for size & type. Unfortunately, he was not happy on the table. Moved alright, but would prefer more front reach and rear drive.

Limit Dog (3)

1. Wallhead's Sleepyhollow Trikki Dikki At Merida

Well presented masculine tricolour dog with a lovely domed head, Lovely width of underjaw, dark eyes giving a melting expression, framed by low set, well fringed ears, which completed the picture. Cobby in body, he moves around with style in profile. Front action could be tidier.

2. Mochrie's Downsbank Montgomery

Blenheim male with nicely broken coat. Nicely bodied. Pleasing, well cushioned head with large dark eyes giving a lovely expression. Although he covered the ground well, he was not happy today

3. Austin's Oh Dandy Boy Hero

Open Dog (2)

1. Smith's Headra's Truly Magic Is Justacharma

This beautifully coated tricolour dog walked into the ring as if he owned it and today, for me, he did! He has a lovely head and despite being all male, he still has that softness of expression that can melt your heart. In the most wonderful condition, he is well bodied with excellent muscle tone. He did not disappoint on the move, as he confidently went around the ring with front, rear and profile movement a joy to watch. I believe he has 2 CCs, I hope his crowning CC is not too far away, as he deserves to gain his title!

2. Rushton's Amantra Mr Brownlow

Lovely rich Ruby of good size & type, pleasing head, good expression, well presented. Just not as settled on the move due to his over enthusiasm Special Open (B/T & Ruby) Dog (2, 1absent)

1. Smith's Alambra Here Is Magic For Justacharma

Nice size ruby of rich colour, who has a good head with dark eyes, lovely black nose, giving an overall pleasing expression. Moved very well in both directions maintaining a level topline at all times. Excellent condition.

Special Open (Tri & Blenheim) Dog (2)

1. Mochrie's CH Downsbak Guthrie JW

Well marked tricolour with rich tan markings with a lovely head and expression. Lovely shoulders and good bone and once settled moved truly in both directions. He is every bit a champion and a credit to his breeder

2. Austin's Baldragon Hooray Henry

As per Veteran Dog Veteran Bitch (1)

1. Goodwin's Lanola Moreneta

Black & Tan bitch who oozes breed type, well-domed skull, clear large dark eyes and wide nostrils, Moved well for her age, whilst maintaining her topline. Best Veteran in Show

MInor Puppy Bitch (2)

1. Dawson & Jones' Pomelo Buttons And Bows

Lightly marked tricolour, with a very pretty head and beautiful expression framed by a lovely ear set. Moved well in both directions. Very promising!

2. Stone's Maynorth Look Of Love

Heavier marked tricolour with a pretty head and lovely expression and ear set. Moved well, but not as settled as class winner, but again, has time on her side and should gain confidence as she matures.

Puppy Bitch (2, 1 absent)

1. Mochrie's Downsbank Tiger Lily

Tri bitch. Well domed head with nice cushioning. Large dark expressive eyes giving a melting expression. Nicely marked coat. Moved well once once she settled. Just needs to fill out her body, which I am sure will come as she matures.

Junior Bitch (3)

1. Goodwin's Lanola Mademoiselle JW

Very pretty tricolour. Lovely head with nice dome, dark eye and lovely cushioning to muzzle. Good depth and width of rib and level topline, which she maintains on the move. Well laid shoulders and good rear angulation, moved very well. Should have a bright future.

2. Smith's Justacharma One More Magic

Tricoloured bitch who has a nice head, dark eyes, good pigment. Cobby body with good spring of rib. Moved well, but just seemed to a lack drive today.

3. Rushton's Justacharma Magic Made For Tiflin

Yearling Bitch (2)

1. Jackson's Amantra Regalia

Tri-coloured bitch with lovely head, with good finish to foreface, correct dome and large round dark expressive eyes. Cobby body, with lovely rib and level level topline, which she held on the move. Excellent movement. Lovely condition as is expected from this kennel. Should have a very bright future and one I will watch with interest. Reserve Best Bitch.

2. Mochrie's Downsbank Betsy Trotwood

Nicely broken coated Blenheim bitch with the most feminine head with large round dark expressive eyes and nice dome, framed by well-set ears. She has some very nice qualities but today, she decided that she was not in a happy mood and this affected her movement.

Novice Bitch (0)
Graduate Bitch (1, 1 absent)
Post Graduate Bitch (2, 1 absent)

1. Dix Beewye Precious Perdita

Very bubbly tricolour with well broken markings, who proved to be quite a handful for her owner. Lovely head and eye, framed by well feathered ears. Short cobby body, for her nice size. Hopefully her enthusiasm will be able to be controlled as she has some excellent breed type qualities.

Limit Bitch (5, 2 absent)

1. Dawson & Jones' Cwmhaf Te Kanawa

Tricolour who is nicely marked. Beautiful full feminine headpiece, dark eye and pigmentation creating a lovely expression which cannot be denied. Good, cobby body and excellent rib. Moved very well in both directions. Another quality bitch.

2. Goodwin's Phydeaux Royal Rose For Diggle

Blenheim with a heavily marked coat. Well domed skull, dark eyes creating an attractive head piece with appealing expression. She moves well in profile but just not as strong in hind action today.

3. Dix Beewye Penelope Pitstop

Open Bitch (2, 1 absent)

1. Bowles-Robinson's CH Baldragon She Demands JW

Tricolour bitch, who walked into the ring and I was mesmerized. A realpleasure to go over on the table she did not disappoint my expectations. She has everything I look for in a Charlie. Well domed skull, dark eyes, wide well cushioned muzzle and the most beautiful expression framed by well feathered, low set ears. Beautifully balanced shape and outline. She moves truly in both directions and for me, captured my heart in profile as she drives around the ring with panache and style. Today, she had left her jacket at home, but she has nothing to hide and still filled my eye. Could not resist awarding her Best Bitch and Best in Show.

Special Open (B/T & Ruby) Bitch (3, 2 absent)

1. Stone's Maynorth Back To Black JW

Black and Tan. Pretty head with a lovely, feminine, regal expression with high dome, good, open nostrils, well – cushioned muzzle and good ears. Mature cobby body. Maintained a level top line on the move.

Special Open (B/T & Ruby) Bitch (0)

Mabel Gristwood Memorial Dog or Bitch (0)

Madeline Harwood Memorial Brace Dog or Bitch (1)

1. Dawson & Jones' Brace

Ian Watt Judge