

MIDLAND COUNTIES - 2017 - KING CHARLES SPANIEL

I was privileged to pass judgement on 72 entered exhibits with just 12 absent, and pretty evenly split between the sexes. The breed is blessed to have such fiercely dedicated breeder-exhibitors over many generations. The only bug-bear was fronts that were too consistently weak to ignore and not drawn to your attention, it being three and a half yrs since I last awarded CCs.

MPD (4) 1 Harvey's Rivermoor Alberto. 8 mth tri, typy, compact shape, good skull, balanced by width of muzzle, good eye and nose pad, prefer more chin, good bone and feet, good quarters, just needs to relax and to firm in front, very promising.

2 Mochrie's Downsbank King Of Jazz. 6 mth b/t, lovely head and eye, cobby shape, balanced but less well angulated fore and aft, richly marked, weak front as yet, good rear.

3 Stewart's Kasamanda Walk In Sunshine With Marchog.

PD (1) 1 Matches' Baldragon Earl Leicester TAF. 11 mths tri, beautifully headed, well ribbed, compact and cobby, scores heavily for breed type, just needs a tad more confidence, as to how good he is, so as to keep his topline as he circuits, good quarters, must tighten in elbow.

JD (3) 1 Sidgwick's Paulian Where's Wally. 17 mths tri, super headed, well domed skull, excellent eye, correct ear set, wide muzzle, a refined, cobby youngster albeit still with that teenage rawness, was rather hesitant behind but absolutely the best front so far.

2 Hardiman's Tovarich The One And Only. 13 mth Blenheim, quality and refined, good skull and eye, well broken markings, ideal size, compact feet, rather raw over the loin, not comparable in front.

3 Singleton's Blind Date Von Sampt Und Seide Von Celxo.

PGD (11) 1 Coupland's Tucherish Guilty Verdict. 2 yr old tri, classy d who is so correct in breed specifics, super head in size and breadth with well spaced open features, has breadth too through his short, cobby body, good bone and feet, well coated, soundly balanced on the move. Worth a title as marked by Res DCC.

2 Schlizzi & Healy-Gates' Chacombe Arizona. Two and a half yrs Blenheim of ideal size and balance, fabulous head with big open nose pad, short, level back, well angulated, can still fill out more to advantage, happily active on the move.

3 Melville's Amantra Chorale.

LD (11, 2) 1 Truly competitive to make me work. 1 Clarke's Stonepit Super Sydney For Poltomic. Super head and eye with open features, low set ears, silky coated, wide

chest, well coupled, good bone and feet, absolutely true moving with freedom and drive, the more I asked of him the better he went. CC quality.

2 Stewart's Kasamanda Just A Dream For Marchog. Two and a half yrs tri, arch to neck gave a proud head carriage, good in skull, eye and ears, well ribbed, level, well angulated, well broken, silky coat, free moving, longer cast as against a dog twice his age.

Mochrie's Downsbank Kismet.

OD (8, 2) The three champions surfaced to the top. 1 Essex's Ch Chacombe Royal Gift To Brendek. 4 yrs old tri, so handsome and so blessed with breed specifics that kept him just ahead, gloriously rounded, well domed head with equal width through skull and muzzle, beautifully made and bodied, compact, well broken quality coat, securely sound and elegant, set off by his arched neck as he circuited the ring. DCC.

2 Miller & Ryan's Ch Amantra Regius Of Feorlig ShCM. 2 yr old Blenheim with spot, the essence of elegance and refinement, lovely eye and ear set, lacks dome, cobby, well constructed, can still mature on to advantage, used himself to full advantage on the move, aided by skilled handling.

3 Smith's Ch Headra's Truly Magic Is Justacharma.

MPB (5, 1) 1 Cridland's Pomelo Fondant Fancy Avec Monleon. 8 mths Blenheim with spot, bred in the purple and daughter of the BOB, so pretty and ultra feminine, here was

an excellent front, arch to neck, well angulated, well broken, sound and free moving, just needs the addition of maturity to fulfil her baby potential.

2 Baker's Cofton Dusty Blue. 8 mths tri, very tppy, pretty head and eye, well angulated, well constructed, good front, just a little narrow all through and needs to settle to the job in hand, maturity will sort all that out, another promising baby.

3 Coupland's Mitapip Renaissance By Tucherish.

PB (2, 1) 1 Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Hold That Thought. 11 mth old Blenheim, showy with a touch of class as befits a Ch Theo daughter, super headed, arch to neck, short, level and compact, well marked, glorious outline as she flows round the ring with drive from behind, but even she must firm in front as in all other respects she is title bound. BPIB.

JB (3) 1 B Hold That Thought.

2 Champion & Harvey's Lankcombe Clara Bow. 15 mths tri, pretty headed with an excellent skull, arch to neck, good shape, balanced angles, can still fill out to advantage, clean fronted but needs to firm in rear.

3 Melville & Jackson's Amantra Regal Star.

PGB (10, 1) Good class. 1 Mochrie's Downsbank Tiger Lilly JW. 2 yr old tri, head is large, round, short and broad, short level cobby body, good outline set off by an arched neck, soundly active on the move, should readily move up the ranks into limit and beyond.

2 Hardiman's Tovarich Teanna. Two and a half yrs b/t, ideal size, lovely face with expressive eye, arched neck into clean, well angulated front, free active mover, another due to progress beyond post grad.

3 Singleton's Celxo In My Craft.

LB (4, 1) 1 Matches' Khandro La Vie En Rose From Fochai. 4 yrs old tri, excels in skull and large open nose pad, has width through muzzle to balance her skull, so cobby and well bodied with depth and width in chest, well coated, moved positively with drive, had a 2 yr advantage in maturity. CC quality.

2 Askins & Kendall's Cofton Winter Time Tale At Headra JW. 2 yr old Blenheim with spot, gloriously feminine and of ideal size, excellent head type, well ribbed and cobby, soundly active on the move, well marked, if nude! CC quality.

3 Gurtner's Josephine De Melcourt (ATC AS00083FRA).

OB (10, 3) 1 Dawson & Jones' Ch Cwmhaf Te Kanawa. 4 yr old tri, took my eye and held it from the moment she entered the ring. The essence of cobby breed type and balance, glorious head in relative size and breadth through both skull and muzzle,

excellent eye and ear leathers, arch to neck, short and level, long, silky, well broken coat, elegant and soundly balanced on the move. BCC and BOB.

2 Baker's Cofton Fairy Tale JW. 2 yr old tri, also good in skull, large, dark eye, long low set ears, arch to neck, short and level, quality coat, good quarters to give positive rear drive giving 2 yrs away in age, narrower in muzzle and less clean in front, litter sister to second in limit bitch and also of CC quality.

3 Boyer's Downsbank Topsy On Fizz.

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