

I really enjoyed my good entry, and thank exhibitors for their entries, and for making the very long journey for some. I was particularly pleased with my dog!

The bitches, unfortunately, were not so even. One fault I found a lot in line up, which I thought were all quite typical.

was the absence of large, round, dark eyes. They are vital, giving the dog that lovely, soft expression a Charlie should have. Narrow jaws do not help either, and whilst lots of dogs had good, highish domes, they were not correct. They either sloped backwards, or were completely upright. It is not correct, and if not careful we will end up with Cavalier heads. Indeed, a few of the dogs here, when entering the ring, resembled Cavaliers in body, not a look to be fostered. Short, cobby bodies - a lot were too long, and finally presentation. Exhibitors owe it to their dogs, themselves, and the judge, to present the dog in gleaming condition, which, let's face it, is not difficult. I'm sorry for being negative, but I feel the breed is in a state of flux, and huge efforts from us all are needed to remedy the situation. We constantly read critiques of Charlies, with every placing being absolutely wonderful, with no faults. If we are truthful with ourselves we would admit the breed needs help. Finally, a sincere thank you to my wonderful steward, and his sister who joined us later, for making my job so much easier.

DOGS

Puppy (4.1)

1. Moffat & Robins' MAIBEE HORATIO - Short, cobby tri with well broken markings, on a straight, silky, well conditioned coat. Lovely head with dark, expressive eyes, giving a soft expression- something lacking in quite a few dogs today. Moved happily round the ring confidently. BPD.
2. Sproul & Coburn's KHANDRO NO REGRETS - Lightly marked tri who was longer in body than 1. Level topline, with good hind angulation. Moved rather erratically at first but settled to move soundly. He has a beautifully domed skull, dark eyes and wide, open nostrils. Needs time to body up but he's only a baby. That will come.
3. Maddison's PENEMMA RAPHAEL

Junior (3)

1. Champion's STONEPIT BUSTER KEATON AT LANKHOLME - Really lovely cobby tri, with good bone and substance. He has a level top line, moved freely and positively round the ring with a happy disposition. Appealing head with lovely, soft expression which is an absolute must. With maturity should go to the top. A very promising youngster.
2. Gillhespy's YAKEE ROYAL TREASURE - Longer cast blen. who beat third on his steady temperament. Pleasant head with dark eyes and pigment. Moved freely and steadily unlike 3 who was all over the place. I was amazed that a lot of my winners and placed dogs were either Maibee sired or bred dogs.
3. Crossley's TAMELINE REFERENCE POINT

Novice (3)

1. Champion's STONEPIT BUSTER KEATON AT LANKHOLME
2. Willey & Siddle PENEMMA PICASSO - Beautiful tri who excelled in coat

and conditioning. Lovely round bone, good lay back of shoulder, and bend of stifle, enabling him to move soundly and happily round the ring. Well domed skull, with dark eyes, and good finish to face. He was just slightly longer in body than 1.

3. Crossley's TAMELINE REFERENCE POINT

Post Grad (6)

1. Sidgwick's PAULIAN PATENTED - A short, cobby tri, who had a well marked coat, level topline and good angulation, giving him really good movement as he drove round the ring with panache. Attractive head piece with appealing expression, he was very attentive to his handler. A Teddie son.

2. Coupland's TUCHERISH HIGH TREASON - Slightly longer cast tri with well marked coat, but I wish his facial tans were a wee bit brighter. He has a good finish to fore face, dark eyes, and wide muzzle. He moved and showed well, positive on the move. Yet another who was Maibee sired.

3. Moffat & Robins MAIBEE LOWRIE

Limit (3)

1. Moffat & Robbins' MAIBEE TEDDIE - Couldn't quite understand why a 7 year old was in this class but he certainly belied his years as he really motored round the ring with some style. Really cobby boy with a correct, straight, silky coat, gorgeous long ear fringing and in full body coat. Well domed skull, with dark eyes, though I would prefer them slightly larger ; large, open nostrils, well padded muzzle (a rarity), all giving him a soft, appealing Charlie expression. He stood out on his true type and his absolute joy on going round the ring. A mature dog at his peak, he has passed all his qualities to his puppies, which include Ch. M. Theo, the breed record holder. What more could you ask for ? A very worthy CC & BOB which is his third, I gather. Another wonderful champion for this very consistent kennel. Well done.

2. Baker & Hoenderken' COFTON A TEAM - A well broken tri who is ever so slightly longer in body than Teddie. Again, he moved round the ring with presence, and some style, completely sound on his well made legs. He has gorgeous round bone and substance. An extremely good head with dark, round eyes we should all be striving for. A well padded muzzle with good finish to foreface, wide, open nostrils and the blackest of pigment all combining to give that correct soft expression. Not quite the va va vroom of the winner but a very worthy Res CC. A really typy Charlie destined for the top. I liked him a lot.

3. Mallows & Gillhespy's BINGLUI BERLINGTON BERTIE

Open (1)

1. Gillhespy's TUCHERISH SUNDANCE JW - A mature b/t who stood alone. He moved round the ring soundly, showing a level top line, but was very reluctant to show off his charms, which was a shame as I really love this dog., but he was determined to do just the bare minimum and not a jot more! If only he had been in a better frame of mind the outcome may have been different. He has a well domed skull, with nice bright tans, large expressive eyes, nicely padded muzzle, and good, square jawline, all giving that lovely gentle expression which is so important. He was in full coat, which was a bit flyaway today, and fringings. A well

deserved champion dog in his prime, well deserving of his place.

Veteran(0)

BITCHES

Puppy (6)

1. Willey & Siddle's PENEMMA MISTY FOR ME - What a beautiful puppy. Immediately caught the eye entering the ring. A beautifully marked blen. of 9 months. She is in fantastic coat and condition, her coat being totally straight and silky soft. Lovely round bone, and well reared body. Gorgeous head with large, dark eyes, dark pigment, so important most especially in blens., wide black nostrils, correctly set on ears, wide jaw, and a lovely rounded skull. I am nit picking in saying I wish she were a tad shorter in body, but she is just a baby, and that should change with maturity. I loved her and wish her all the luck in the world. Should gain her crown. Yet another Maibee sired puppy. Best Puppy Bitch, BP and Res CC.

2. Sidgwick's CORRINWOOD CHLOE AT PAULIAN - Small, compact, lightly marked tri. Extremely pretty head with a wide blaze, which I think helps enormously, in giving a softer expression. She was in good coat and condition, and moved extremely well and happily, with her constant wagging tail, and will to please. A nice prospect.

3. Goodwin's DIGGLE EXTRAVAGANZA

Junior (2)

1. Champion's STONEPIT LILLIAN GIST AT LANKCOMBE - Lightly marked tri, with very pretty head and expression. She has a well domed skull, dark, round eyes and black pigment, with bright tans in all the right places. She moved well round the ring with some style. A very nice bitch who should do well.

2. Dix's BEEWYE PRECIOUS PERDITA - Another lightly marked tri, who was hell bent on completely not co-operating one little bit for her handler, making her very difficult to assess. Her presentation could be bettered. Some training needed here I think !!

Novice (3)

1. Coupland's TUCHERISH JULIE CHRISTIE - Small, very compact bitch with a heavier marked body. She has a level top line and moved energetically, if a little close behind. Pretty head with lovely bright tans, framed by long, well feathered ears. Scored over 2 in this class by having a more compact body.

2. Champion's STONEPIT LILLIAN GIST AT LANKCOMBE.

3. Matches' KHANDRO LA VIE EN ROSE FROM FOCHAI

Post Grad(2)

1. Goodwin's PHYDEAUX ROYAL ROSE FOR DIGGLE - Smart, cobby blen. with a heavily marked coat. Good bone and substance, level top line, she moved out well, but not going so well behind. Well domed skull, dark eyes and pigment giving pretty feminine expression.

2. Dix's BEEWYE PENELOPE PITSTOP - Litter sister to second in Junior, with many of the comments applying here. Lightly marked with a pretty head she has a good domed head, dark eyes, nose and pigment. Like her sister her movement was all over the place, unfortunately. It does seem

a shame not to have them trained better, as it is so expensive nowadays to enter, especially with a dog who refuses to walk or co-operate with its handler. Again, her presentation needs attention. What a pity.

Limit (4.1)

1. Gillhespy & McNally's BRAEMARRA GOSSIP GIRL - Extremely smart, classy tri girl, with the most beautiful head and expression and outline I was searching for. Typical of her breeding she stood out for her clean outline, beautiful head and expression.

Level topline, good angulation, good bone and substance, she moved well with some style to win CC - her second. She has since been made up, which is well deserved. We need more bitches of this calibre in the ring. Well done, a gorgeous girl.

2. Goodwin's AMANTRA QUEEN OF CLUBS AT DIGGLE - Small, cobby b/t whose top line is not her fortune. Appealing in size she has good round bone and substance. Pretty head, but I would prefer slightly larger eyes, but hers were dark and correctly spaced. She also has lovely bright tans which are important to this colouring. Coat is slightly wooly, and she moved o.k.

3. Cox's HEADRA'S CHOCOLATE BROWNIE AT CHURCHCHIS

Open (6.1)

1. Gillhespy's DOWNSBANK DESIGNED FOR LORPHIL - Very pretty, well broken blen. who has a level top line and good bone and substance. She has good hind angulation enabling her to move soundly and jauntily round the ring. Attractive head with eyes, ears and nose all level, helping give her a well domed skull. Lovely dark eyes and strong pigment. Nice bitch.

2. Mallows' BINGLUI RUBY JUNELLA - Cobby, well coated ruby of good, rich colour. Her nose pigment was a bit off, but did not detract too much from her pretty face and expression. She has a level top line, good bone, and has been well reared. Lovely temperament, especially once she started moving, which was strictly on her terms! Really nice little bitch, and I loved her attitude.

3. Greenwell's CAVELLA CUP CAKE FOR PATZPETZ

Veteran (0)

Judge : Kate Stewart