

**The King Charles Spaniel Club Championship Show
Sunday 11th May 2014**

My thanks to the officers and committee for inviting me to judge at this extremely well organised, friendly show where the hospitality was first class. Thanks to my most efficient steward, Mike Rowley. Thank you to all the exhibitors for the super entry of 139, with very few absentees, The atmosphere, I felt, around the ring all day was warm and friendly. In the entry today there were many Charlies of really lovely breed type but sadly not enough have the beautiful domed heads that the breed is well known for and is asked for in the breed standard. Many are beginning to resemble the Cavalier, with a flatter skull and more length in the back. Again the breed standard ask for “back short and level”. Movement, on many, has improved since the last time I judged, a credit to the small band of dedicated breeders.

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

Veteran Dog (4, 1abs)

1st Goodwin TUCHERISH STANLEY DIGGLE

7 yr old cobby tri. dog with a pleasing head, black nose and wide open nostrils. Well cushioned muzzle. Large, dark eyes. His well marked coat was silky with a slight wave.; this dog moved out freely with excellent drive from behind.

2nd Salguero CHACOMBE LORCAN

Similar age Ruby dog with good depth of chest, short, level back and level topline both standing and on the move. Just preferred the showmanship and rear driving movement of the winner.

Minor Puppy Dog (5, 1abs)

1st Moffat & Robins MAIBEE HORATIO

The first impression you get when you look at this 8 mth old tri pup is of a smart moving youngster , that is full of breed type, with an excellent topline and tail set. His well marked, silky coat, with sufficient length for his age, is in fabulous condition. His head is well domed, full over the eyes and with the correct nose placement. He is short in the back, possesses ample length of neck, with well bent stifles. His construction allowed him to move freely although I would hope, with age he tightens in front. Beautifully balanced overall profile gave him Best Puppy Dog.

2nd Schemel TUDORHURST EMPEROR

A B/T of great quality, most attractive outline and certainly gives the impression of a youngster full of confidence and his own self importance. Classic wholecolour head, with rich tan markings and well domed. Short, cobby body with good depth of chest, even at this early stage of his development.

**3rd Pennington & Ashburn CHACOMBE WHATS WANTED AT
TUDORHURST**

Puppy Dog (5, 2abs)

1st Willey & Siddle PENEMMA PICASSO

An enthusiastic well marked tricolour and another that is full of breed type. His many positive features include his most appealing head, large dark eyes, a skull that is well domed and full over the eyes and sound movement. I particularly liked his depth of chest, arched neck, that gives a proud head carriage, level topline both standing and on the move and well muscled hindquarters. Best mover in the class. His well broken coat was very well conditioned. A most promising pup for the future.

2nd Robinson BALDRAGON LINFORD

A very nice tri. boy who seemed a little tense on the day perhaps with age he will become more confident. His clever handler knows exactly how to get the very best out of him, showing off his sound movement in all directions. He, too, has an attractive head, large, dark eyes and low set ears. Lovely, straight coat.

3rd House STONEPIT BRADLEY AT TRICIAVILLE

Junior Dog (6, 0abs)

1st Schemel TUDORHURST COMMODORE

Heavily marked tri. boy whose real strength is his head and movement. He has an excellent rise to his skull, arched neck and well laid back shoulders. Spirit level topline both standing and on the move, Long well feathered ears set on low and quite flat to his cheeks. He could be a touch shorter in the back.

2nd Crossley TAMELINE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Richly coloured blenheim, with excellent dark pigment, who won his place on such sound movement. He has a cobby body, with again a spirit level topline, excellent spring of rib and great depth to his chest.

3rd Robinson BALDRAGON LINFORD

Novice Dog (5, 1abs)

1st Crossley TAMELINE REFERENCE POINT

This is certainly a tricolour dog for the future. He has ample time to mature even more into what is already a cobby body, a delightful head and gain even more admirers. He fulfils my ideal size in a King Charles Spaniel with a well marked coat, free, extremely active, sound movement, level topline and well set on tail. His sheer exuberance made me smile.

2nd Bailey ALDORICKA SMOKEY ROBINSON

Another lovely B/T full of breed type. Very pleasing expression, good rise to his well domed head with long, well feathered ears. He scores highly in possessing an arched neck, well laid shoulders and level topline. He must be so frustrating to show, when you have a lovely dog like this he is worth persevering with.

3rd Robinson BALDRAGON LINFORD

Graduate Dog (11, 1abs)

1st Coupland TUCHERISH HIGH TREASON

A tri dog of an ideal size and excellent breed type. When he enters the ring you certainly do sit up and take notice due to his superb outline and extremely proud head carriage .He has a pleasing expression, large skull that is well domed and full over the eyes. Excellent reach of neck leading into very good shoulder placement and level topline both standing and on the move. Perhaps more body weight would enhance what is already there so that as he matures we will see more depth to his chest and a well rounded ribcage. He has an excellent front assembly with well turned stifles.

Reserve C.C.

2nd Hunter HOOEBARTON IDRIS

The more I looked at this richly marked blenheim, the more I liked him. Short cobby body, with ample depth of chest, level topline and well carried tail. He did everything asked of him and moved soundly.

3rd Maddison CELXO CHARLES DICKENS

Post Graduate Dog (12, 1abs)

1st Constable MITAPIP BLACK SATIN

Here, in this B/T dog we have another example of exceptional quality, correct size and true Charlie shape. His virtues are an excellent lay of shoulder, short cobby body, level topline, well turned stifles and correctly carried tail. He has a large skull, it is well domed and has wide open nostrils. Beautiful, long well feathered ears set flat against his cheeks. His coat was in immaculate condition and a pleasure to handle. Tan markings are a little muddy and could be richer in colour. His owner must get quite frustrated at his lack of co-operation at times when standing, but keep persevering as he is worth it.

2nd Clarke STONEPIT BRAVE BERTIE AT POLTOMIC

This tri. boy is so well constructed, and similar in breed type to the winner He was extremely well handled today. On the move is where he really excels as both in profile and moving towards you he is so sound. He has a lovely head, well placed neck and shoulders, very good spring of rib and correctly set tail.

3rd Salguero DOWNSBANK FLETCHER

Limit Dog (9, 1abs)

1st Pennington TUDORHURST CORSAIR

An immaculately presented mature B/T boy. Attractive masculine head, arched neck and well laid back shoulders. He portrays a level topline both standing and on the move. He co-operates really well with his handler.

2nd Bailey ALDORICKA THE MAVERICK

A very nice tricolour dog that I have admired from the ringside. Deep chest, level topline strong front movement and rear driving action. A typical head with good dome, rise of skull and well placed ears. This boy just needs more time to fully develop.

3rd Baker & Hoenderken COFTON A TEAM DAYDREAM

Open Dog (7, 0abs)

1st Moffat & Robins MAIBEE TEDDIE

Mature tricolour that epitomises breed type. A truly outstanding tri. boy who could so easily have been my CC winner today; he makes an instant

impression when he first enters the ring, with his well marked, silky coat, classic head, large dark eyes, long well feathered ears and short cobby body. He fulfils my ideal size in a King Charles Spaniel. He has great strength of character and a superb, showing temperament to match. A dog that I have well admired in the past, however today my CC winner had more body weight and co-operated well with his handler. This dog has already more than proven his worth as a sire and I still consider that this dog, who is almost a Veteran, could attain Champion status.

2nd Salguero DOWNSBANK BILBO BAGGINS

Another very nice tri. that is very well constructed, of an ideal size, has a short and cobby body, level topline and excellent tail set and carriage. Today he put every effort into moving so well for his handler.

3rd Fasora PEPINO KARAJ

Special Open (B/T) Dog (1, 0abs)

1st Pennington & Portingale TUDORHURST PIRATE KING

As everyone in the breed will know two years ago when I judged this dog as a puppy, he was rewarded with the Reserve CC. He has fulfilled his early promise and has now matured into an excellent type of B/T of the highest quality. Today I saw a well balanced boy in full coat with a most appealing, broad head, that has a well cushioned muzzle; a compact body shape with deep chest, short in the back and really strong, steady movement. His owner handles his exuberance with great skill and he filled my eye so much so that I could not find any other to beat him for the CC and B.I S.

His owners deserve to feel proud of how they presented and showed him on the day.

Special Open (Ruby) Dog (4, 1abs)

1st Maddison ALAMBRA RICH RUBY

A mature boy of 7 years of age, in good body coat and of very pleasing breed type.

2nd Salguero CHACOMBE LORCAN.

3rd Hunter MAYNORTH SHADES OF HEAVEN AT
HOOEBARTON

Special Open (Tri) Dog (6, 2abs)

1st Clarke STONEPIT BRAVE BERTIE AT POLTOMIC

2nd Bailey ALDORICKA THE MAVERICK

3d Austin DRAGONHEART OF WINTER

Special Open (Blen) Dog (4, 1abs)

1st Matches BALDRAGON STRIDING EDGE TO FOCHAI

This well marked blenheim improves with age and was in decent coat and condition. He has an attractive broad head, cobby body that would look even better with more body weight. He strides out well for his handler.

2nd Austin BALDRAGON HOORAY HENLEY

A six year old blenheim that is longer in back than the first, he has a similar well marked coat and is okay for breed type.

3rd Austin O DANDY BOY HERO

Veteran Bitch (5,1abs) It was such an honour to judge three Champions in this class.

1st Robinson CH. NASTANE MISS DIOR AVEC
BLDRGON J.W.

What a wonderful tricolour bitch, so full of breed type, to start the afternoon off with. She certainly is a toy spaniel in size; compact and cobby, holding a level topline on the move. Her long, straight beautifully marked coat was very well prepared and she so obviously enjoyed her day out. The prettiest of heads, with a correct skull, large dark eyes and best of nose placements. There is nothing to dislike about this bitch. Best Veteran in Show and the Reserve C.C.

2nd Coupland CH. TUCHERISH WKD ANTOINETTE

A more stately bitch that I have done very well in the past and I have to say she is still a beautiful type and has great construction, just a tad shorter in neck than the winner but still well balanced.

3rd Southam CH. CAVELLA CALLULA

Minor Puppy Bitch (6, 0abs)

1st Willey & Siddle PENEMMA MISTY FOR ME

What a star this nicely marked blenheim is, both on the day and will be, I'm sure, in the future. She was presented in excellent coat and condition; is such a lovely shape, enough length of body with level topline and looks quite stunning in profile when on the move. Classic head with an excellent dome and rise of skull. Large, dark eyes that hold your attention, she almost follows you with her eyes as you move around her. The prettiest of expression, and the makings of long, well set ears. Her front construction is of the very best, straight when moving towards you with tightly tucked in elbows. This is where she scored over the very lovely best dog puppy. On the move she drives very well from behind. A rosy future is assured. It was my pleasure to award her Best Puppy in Show.

2nd Chapman PENEMMA DREAM COME TRUE

A slightly finer tri. but again she has the prettiest of heads, dark eyes, arched neck and well placed shoulders. Moved well enough to secure her this placing, just needs the confidence to promote herself. Handled extremely well by her young owner. Litter sister to BP.

3rd Dawson, Jones and Lloyd CWMHAF TE KANAWA

Puppy Bitch (3, 1abs)

1st Singleton CELXO THEODORA

A very attractive tri that needs a lot more confidence in the ring as she was hard work for her handler. She has a firm body, good depth of chest and level topline both standing and on the move. Her pretty head is well domed, full over the eyes and has excellent rise to her skull. A truly lovely bitch that is well worth persevering with. Never easy to show two litter sisters in the same class.

2nd Singleton CELXO CRÉME BRULEE

Another pleasing puppy, gentlest of expressions and well prepared, well marked coat. Just preferred the rise of skull of the winner. However a credit to her breeder.

Junior Bitch (8, 0abs)

1st Stone MAYNORTH BACK TO BLACK

This mature B/T bitch has quality stamped all through, excellent profile which shows how compact and cobby she is, good bone and a well domed head. Her hindquarters are well muscled, she has well bent stifles and moves extremely soundly from behind.

2nd Pennington TUDORHURST PEARL

A charming blenheim with a typical head, full of breed type, long low set, well feathered ears and well domed head. Her coat was beautifully prepared. She carries herself confidently on the move holding a decent topline, moving soundly at the front; just preferred, on the day, the winner's rear driving movement and overall maturity.

3rd Dawson & Jones CELXO CR◊ME DE LA CR◊ME FOR POMELO

Novice Bitch (4, 0abs)

1st Dawson & Jones CELXO CR◊ME DE LA CR◊ME FOR POMELO

A well constructed tri. bitch of good breed type, all she needs is time to body up.

2nd Searle STONEPIT DIZZY MARILYN

Very lightly marked blen of excellent breed type, her head is lovely, well domed and full over the eyes. Her coat is in excellent condition, all she needs now is to become more confident on the move in order to display her sound construction.

3rd Matches KHANDRO LA VIE EN ROSE FROM FOCHAI

Graduate Bitch (6, 2abs) Two lovely bitches headed this class.

1st Eddleston PALANDRO THEA

What a lovely bitch this tri. is, so full of breed type, gorgeous head; she possesses a large skull, well domed and full over her large, dark eyes with well defined stop and plenty of width to her muzzle and when stacked on the table you can see her cobby body with deep, well ribbed chest, shortness of back and level topline. Her sound movement could improve even more if both she and her handler had more confidence in her virtues, however that said I was delighted to be able to award her a first C.C.

2nd Coupland TUCHERISH JULIE CHRISTIE

Glorious headed bitch, of very good breed type. Preferred the rear movement of the first.

3rd Rushton AMANTRA SUMMER CHERUB

Post graduate Bitch (11, 2abs)

1st Pennington HELLO DOLLY DE LA MONTAGNE ENSOLEILEE OF TUDORHURST

Elegant tri bitch that is extremely well constructed. Straight front, excellent shoulders with elbows close to ribcage , level topline, well turned stifles. Strong rear, driving movement. Beautiful full head so typical of her breeding.

2nd Baker COFTON WALKING ON SUNSHINE

Another lovely tri. bitch of excellent construction. Very pretty head, dark eyes and long well feathered ears. Movement was good both ways.

3rd Robinson BALDRAGON TANTRUM AND TIARAS

Limit Bitch (5, 1abs) .

1st Pennington & Portingale TUDORHURST BLACK SWAN

Litter sister to my Dog CC winner, a beautiful bitch, possessing a large skull, well domed and full over her large, dark eyes with well defined stop and plenty of width to her muzzle. 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. I particularly liked her overall balance and her free, elegant movement .

2nd Stone MAYNORTH LOVE SONG

A slightly bigger bitch and a tad longer in back,

3rd Meek SLEEPYHOLLOW INKY PINKY

Open Bitch(9, 3abs)

1st Crossley PAULIAN HATITUDE

I have admired this lightly marked tri. bitch for a while now. She has excellent construction, strong front and rear movement. One needs to look past the uneven head markings to see that her head is so correct, well domed and full over large, dark eyes. Her coat was a decent length and silky in texture. I have seen her many times in the past, through her own exuberance, throw away chances but today she pulled out all the stops to please not only her owner but the judge.

2nd Goodwin CH. MAIBEE CLEMENTINE OF LANOLA Sh. C.M.

Another lovely tri. bitch, so well balanced when standing, and full of breed type, beautiful head, level topline on the move. She, unfortunately, will pull away from her handler when moving back towards the judge and this spoils the outline and balance of such a beautiful bitch. You can see why she is one of the current top winning bitches.

3rd Peterson FLIVVERWAY THE EMMY

Special Open (B/T) Bitch (3, 3abs)

Special Open (Ruby) Bitch (1, 0abs)

1st Stone MAYNORTH FALLEN FROM HEAVEN

Ruby bitch of good overall type, appealing head with adequate dome, dark eyes and long well feathered ears. She is such a happy, showy bitch always ready to please.

Special Open (Tri) Bitch (6, 3abs)

1st Robinson CH. BALDRAGON SHE DEMANDS

A very special tricolour Champion well deserving of her title. This bitch is a true toy spaniel in every sense of the breed standard. Gorgeous head, broad skull and good dome, correctly set long ears. Large, dark sparkling eyes with a hint of mischief. Such a gentle expression. Big ribcage, correct neck and shoulder placement, short in the back, level topline and well turned stifles. Unfortunately she had left her coat at home.

2nd Gurtner CH. / LUX CH. FLEUR DE LYS DE MELCOURT

Another very attractive Champion bitch of a different type to winner, more heavily marked but so well constructed. Unfortunately someone in the hall managed to drop a table, making a loud noise which upset this bitch and she just didn't give her best. Such a shame.

3rd Baker & Van Baaren INT. NED CH. COFTON SHARE MY DREAM

Special Open (Blen.) Bitch (5, 1abs)

1st Willey & Siddle PENEMMA SWEET DREAM

Dam of the Best Puppy and you can certainly see the resemblance. An honest bitch of very good breed type, lightly marked blenheim that is so well constructed. She has good depth of chest, straight front assembly, well placed neck and shoulders, level topline and super sound movement both ways. She gives her all for her owner, and should always be in the cards.

2nd Pennington TUDORHURST CHARMED

A blenheim bitch, almost 6 yrs old, to be proud of. Again so well constructed and of excellent breed type. I just loved her head and expression. She was being shown for the very first time and was just a little hesitant on the move. She is certainly one to persevere with.

3rd Bailey MAIBEE MARGOT AT ALDORICKA

Lorraine Gillhespy