

King Charles Association Championship Show Saturday 7th November 2009.

I would like to thank the officers, committee and my efficient stewards for making my day at this well organised show so enjoyable.

Having deliberately taken a few years break from judging King Charles Spaniels I was really looking forward to judging our breed again, however, I was very disappointed in the direction the breed seems to be moving. Beautiful heads are scarcer than ever while soundness had not improved. We must look at our dogs with unblinkered eyes, King Charles Spaniels are a wonderful breed, but they must be correctly reared, presented and ring trained for them to make any impact on judges, especially non breed judges.

Untypical headed dogs with narrow muzzles, fine bone, slab sides, wavy toplines, and frankly disturbing movement are not the aim. On a more positive note I was delighted with my main winners, and felt that they possessed the breed type and quality I was seeking.

Veteran Dog (4)

1-Fry and Jackson Ch Amantra Character.

8 year old shapely tri .Stunning head with dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle. Good body and correct size and shape. Little reluctant to move on this floor and when it came to B.V.I.S. would not cooperate with his handler.

2- Salguero- Tewhit Thespian.

Well made 7 year old blen with handsome head .Good neck, level topline and ample bone. A lovely dog who moved happily but today his pigment was poor and he was lacking coat.

3- Askins- Ch Headra♠s Chocolate Box

4- Summer- Maynorth Jensen at Kingsleigh

Minor Puppy Dog. (2)

1-Mochrie -Downsbank Spruce.

Shapely 8 month old tri with pretty head and expression, round eye and well cushioned muzzle. Good reach of neck, front and level topline .Moved easily and soundly. Attractive puppy with good attitude.

2- House -Stonepit Mister Adorable at Triciaville

Well marked Blen rising 9 months, handsome head with good reach of neck and level topline.A little high on leg at this moment. Good happy attitude but needs to tighten on move.

Puppy Dog.(2)

1-Gillhespy- Tucherish Sundance.

Most lovely headed Black and Tan of 12 months of age. A quality puppy of great promise with his beautiful head, large dark eyes, well set nose and wide plushy muzzle. A shapely dog who always looked good in profile with his elegant neck ,level topline and good front and rear angulation, Correct size with good bone and a straight silky coat. He moved with elegance and purpose .Best Puppy in Show

2- Salguero- Downsbank Bilbo Baggins

11 month old tri a very attractive dog who is of correct size and shape. Handsome head with good eyes and well cushioned muzzle. Well presented in lovely coat and condition he looked a picture when standing, however on the move everything fell apart, it would be a great pity if a dog of this quality is placed down the line because a judge can not assess his movement when he is misbehaving for his handler.

Junior Dog (3) Not a very good class

1-Askins and Kendall - Amantra Charman for Headra.

Shapely tri with good tan. Well marked and presented. He moved happily and soundly with a showy attitude. I would prefer a better eye, more cushioning to muzzle at this age and a softer expression.

2-Hodges- Marchog Monopoly for Wolverine.

Happy black and tan. I would prefer more rise to skull and softer expression. I felt he is a little lean and could carry more body weight (and I do know how difficult this can be to achieve!). A well presented dog who moved soundly.

3 -Tong- Baldragon Heaven Knows Jakconas.

Yearling Dog (1)

1- Hodges- Marchog Monopoly for Wolverine.

Novice Dog (2)

1- Gillhespy -Tucherish Sundance.

2 - Coupland -Tucherish Johan Sebastian.

At first glance of this dog I thought he was going to be my class winner, he is more mature and has more bone, body than 1. A well presented dog in excellent condition who moved soundly from rear but was a little sloppy in front. Not the crisp outline when standing of 1

Graduate Dog. (1)

1 - Moss -Othmese Cole for Sombur

Handsome headed Black and tan with rich tan markings. Large dark eyes. Shapely 16 month old with good bone and shiny black coat. A little immature as yet and a little skittish on move but when settled he moved soundly, just needs time to mature.

Postgraduate Dog (8)

1 -Askins and Kendall-Headra's Chocolate Delite.

Shapely tri with attractive head and soft expression. well domed skull with well set ears and round dark eyes. A free moving dog sound and happy, always keeping a level topline. Well schooled and presented

2 - Smith -Justacharma Now He Is Magic

Very pretty attractively marked Blen .Lovely head and expression bright eyed with a wonderful temperament. Preferred his overall shape to 1 but he was not as good in front

3 - Gillhespy- Tucherish Jolyon

Limit Dog (13) a lovely class.

1- Fry- Amantra Regalist

Shapely quality tri Beautiful masculine head large dark eyes and soft well cushioned muzzle.

Short coupled body with good depth and bone.Eyecatching dog in good coat and condition

.Sound in rear but pinned a little in front, good level topline with well set tail. A dog who needs to mature and gain body and will then easily win top honours Res CC

2- Portingale Tudorhurst Matador

Fabulous headed, richly coloured, well marked blen.Large skull with well set ears, eyes and nose. A quality dog unlucky to meet 1.I liked his size, shape, and substance but not as positive as 1 on move.

3 - Smith- Ageancourt Magic Once More Is Justacharma

4-East - Nastane Tommy

Open Dog (7)

1-Fry and Jackson -Ch Amantra Cheers

Heavily marked tri with pretty head, round dark eyes good nose placement and well cushioned muzzle. He moved happily and effortlessly. A well presented dog with good bone and rich tan. He needs more weight on loin and I would prefer him more compact.

2-Healy - Chacombe Jackson

6 year old tri with lovely head and expression. Round dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle. A shapely short coupled dog with level topline who always looked good in profile. Moved strongly from rear but I felt his front movement was a little laboured and needs more furnishings.

3- Salguero- Downsbank Fingal

4- Maddison-Tucherish Angelo

Special Open b/t or ruby dog (6) a lovely class first 3 dogs were quality exhibits

1-Portingale- Tudorhurst Brigadier

Shapely masculine Black and tan, all male with no hint of coarseness. Masculine head with round dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle. Strong arched neck, firm level topline with good spring of ribs, well set tail and strong rear movement.

Sharp, crisp outline, a well balanced dog of correct size moving easily and soundly, presented in gleaming condition. I was delighted to award him the CC and Res BIS

2- Gillhespy-Lorphil Copper Sunrise

Lovely headed ruby, the bright rich colour so sadly lacking in many rubies today.

Dark eye good neck and topline he moved soundly and easily A shapely dog who just needs to mature and carry more body weight

3-Steward- Ch Marchog Macflannel.

Lovely champion dog of quality so hard to achieve in this colour, Good bone, size and shape, felt he was not in his best coat today and lacked body.

4- Salguero -Chacombe Lorgan

Special Open Blen or Tri Dog (7)

1-Smith -Justacharma He is Our Magic

Well marked Blen of correct size and shape. A dog who looks every inch a King Charles Spaniel when standing. So well presented in immaculate coat and condition he moves soundly and freely with the showman's attitude we wish all our dogs to have. From the top of his nose to the tip of his tail a lovely dog. A real heartbreaker.

2- Salguero-Downsbank Finegal.

3rd in Open a handsome 5 year old blen. Typy and shapely with attractive head and markings.

Sound both front and rear .Level topline and well set tail

3-Fry and Jackson - Ch Checkmate Amantra

4- Steward- Kasamanda Celtic Connexion to Marchog

Veteran Bitch (4)

1- Williams - Kasamanda My Little Madam

Sound well marked 8 year old tri. Presented in excellent condition, Typy head with dark eyes and sweet expression. Well constructed bitch with elegant neck, level topline and a strong rear, moved effortlessly. I would prefer her to be a size smaller.

Best Veteran in Show

Minor Puppy Bitch (5)

1-Fry and Jackson - Maynorth Chocolate Heaven Amantra.

Pretty headed b/t dark eye and well cushioned muzzle presented in gleaming condition. Short coupled bitch, well reared with good bone. Sound and happy, a lovely picture when standing but must watch her topline on move.

2-Stone- Maynorth Show Me Heaven.

Litter sister to one and of similar type, another with very pretty head but a little too proud of her tail on move and her topline needs to firm.

3-White- Joondalup Orella

4- Stone Maynorth Fallen From Heaven

Puppy Bitch (4) a disappointing class

1-Fry and Jackson Cherry Pie by Amantra.

Tri bitch, pretty expression and dark eye, moved ok, level topline and happy personality.

2-Robinson- Baldragon Heaven Scent.

Larger tri bitch with happy showy temperament and extremely well presented, she needs more body and to be more compact

3-Hunter- Hoobarton Aurora

Junior Bitch (6)

1-Coupland -Tucherish Clemency.

Attractive tri, liked her size and shape. Very pretty head with round dark eyes, good nose placement and well cushioned muzzle. Shapely body with good bone moved soundly from rear but tended to hackney a little on move

2-House- Stonepit Sophie Tucker at Triciaville.

Heavier marked tri ,shapely body and good bone .Sound on move, pleasing temperament and well presented just not the head of 1.

3- Southam- Gayhalo Chiffon Cavella

4- Graves-Pamedna Peggysue

Yearling Bitch (2)

1- Williams- Kasamanda My Lady Fayre.

Shapely tri with dark eyes rich tan. Sound and happy on move needs to grow her coat.

2- Juniper- Othmese Dhu Dorcus.

Immature Black and tan a little rangy in outline moved ok, lacking coat but presented in gleaming condition.

Novice Bitch (7)

1- Searle- Stonepit Penny Royal

Pretty headed shapely tri bitch, round dark eyes, well set nose and soft cushioned muzzle. Good neck and level topline, firm well angulated rear sound and steady on move just needs coat.

Lovely type and selected in final for for consideration for CC

2- Gillhespy -Tucherish Lucretia Borgia

Very pretty headed black and tan puppy a quality bitch who looked a little immature in this company. Shapely bitch of correct size she just needs to gain more body. I felt she was a little lean today. Extrovert and enjoying herself she moved soundly and freely. Best Puppy Bitch in Show

3-Williams- Kasamanda Waltzing Matilda

4- Graves- Pamedna Peggysue

Graduate Bitch (1)

1-Lewis- Vashdown My Fair Lady.

17 month old tri .Pleasing head with sweet expression. Moved freely and happily. well presented.

Postgraduate Bitch (9)

1-Smith- Justacharma Something Magic.

Cheeky, attractively marked blen .Correct size, cobby body and good bone. Pretty head and expression with round dark eyes. Super front with strong straight front legs Sailed around the ring always presenting firm topline so well presented in silky straight coat

2- Askins and Kendall- Amantra Charmful with Headra.

Shapely tri with lovely head and typical expression, dark eyes and rich tan markings. Well sprung ribs and good body. Not enjoying her outing today and was lacking coat. Preferred front of 1.

3- White- Cavalla Copper Glow at Joondalup

4-Schillizzi- Chacombe Maggie Faye

Limit Bitch (10)

1- Stone- Maynorth Irresistable.

Well presented tri in glamorous coat. A shapely quality bitch with very pretty head with soft expression, dark eyes and rich tan. Moved soundly both front and rear with level topline.

Considered her for CC but would prefer her fraction smaller.

2-Coupland- Tucherish Wkd Antionette.

Well marked tri with lovely head, dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle. Shapely body with good bone she moved happily. Not the outline when standing.

3- Goodwin - Lanola Morenta

4-Williams-Kasamanda My Sweet Charity

Open Bitch (6)

1-Goodwin - Lanola Royal Favorita.

Shapely six and half year tri, pretty head and dark eyes. Moved soundly and steadily always holding topline. Well fringed ears but lacking body coat

2-Hardiman - Save the last Dance for Kilbarchan.

Shapely 5 year old black and tan, very pretty head and expression. Another who lacked coat and was slightly longer cast than 1.

3- Byers- Simannie Solitaire.

Quality tri, lovely size, shape and has most beautiful head with dark eyes. Excellent presentation with super coat clarity unfortunately threw class away as would not cooperate with handler so could not assess movement.

Special Open B/t or Ruby (4)

1-Coupland Tucherish Michaela.

Super shapely well balanced feminine bitch. Prettiest of heads with round dark eyes and soft cushioned muzzle. Well set ears, elegant neck flowing into well laid shoulders, level topline and firm well angulated rear. Moved soundly and easily always crisp in profile. I felt her size ,shape and quality totally fits the breed standard. To be critical her tan is a little sooty but I felt this slight cosmetic fault was more than compensated by her overall quality. CC and BIS, dam of B.P.I.S in show.

2-Gillhespy Lorphil Black Sapphire.

Well presented lovely headed black and tan. . Excellent body with good bone and presented in gleaming condition showy bitch with level topline and good front angulation, felt she was not moving as freely as 1

3-Stone- Maynorth Simply Heaven

4- Juniper-Lewis Carol Ameretto

Special Open Blen or Tri Bitch (9)

1-Fry and Jackson Ch Amantra Winterberry.

Lovely headed tri, full skull, and dark eyes and wide well cushioned muzzle. Well marked and presented a quality bitch who moved happily and soundly just preferred overall package of CC winner in final circuit Res CC

2-Champion-Lancombe Miss Money Penny.

2 year old pretty headed well marked blen with lovely expression, Shapely body of correct size she moved happily and steadily but I would prefer a little more drive from rear.

Special Beginners Dog or Bitch (2)

1-Hodges-Marchog Monopoly forWolverine.

See yearling bitch

2-Juniper-Othmese Dorcus.

Black and tan in shiny jacket, high on leg and lacking bone, body and coat. Needs time before she is ready for the ring.

Special Brace (8)

1-Gillhespy- Tucherish Sundance and Tucherish Lucretia Borgia

Well matched pair two peas in the pod.

2-Smith- Justacharma Something Magic and Justacharma Now he is Magic.

A tpy pair of blens steady on move and trotting happily together.

Mabel Gristwood Memorial Stakes (5)

1- Goodwin- Lanola Royal Favorita

Judge

Shealagh Waters