

**King Charles Spaniel Association Open Show
Saturday, 21st February 2009**

Many thanks to the Association for asking me to judge my first breed open show. In these tricky times for pedigree dogs I really feel we must choose the exhibits which show how healthy and fit for life these charming dogs are. Many thanks to all the exhibitors for their entry and sporting friendliness at this show.

Best in Show ♦ Robinson♦s Baldragon Bootylicious

Best Opposite Sex ♦ Smith♦s Justacharma he is our Magic

Best Puppy in Show ♦ Southam♦s Gayhalo Chiffon Cavella

Veteran (6, 2)

- 1. William♦s Kasamanda My Little Madam ♦ ♦Naughty but nice!♦ A real full coated, full of life Charlie. Although of larger size in complete proportion, square and cobby. Good bone, deep chest and muscled to produce a sound driving movement, classic head dome and refined expression. Best Veteran**
- 2. Robertson♦s Lady of Freedom ♦ A charming classic Charlie again with long silky coat. At almost 9 years this well broken Blen was completely sound and straight with level back. Lovely dome, long feathered ears especially good for her colour.**
- 3. Phillips♦ Nastane Henry**

Minor Puppy Dog (3)

- 1. Austin♦s Baldragon Hooray Henley ♦ Only just six months, this puppy was credit to his owners. He was extremely well trained and never put a foot wrong (although he had tired by the puppy challenge!). A well marked Blen with straight front and well laid shoulder and**

good elbow placement. Very level and sound on the move with good driving action. One to watch I feel. Res Best Puppy

2. Moss's Othmese Cole ♦ Sweet B & T with compact, cobby body. He too behaved well and had good bright mahogany tan markings. A pleasing expression with dark eyes

3. White's Cavella Cream Delight at Joondalup

Puppy Dog (2, 1)

1. Austin's Baldragon Hooray Henley

Junior Dog (5, 2)

1. Fry & Jackson's Amantra Oliver Twist ♦ A charming Ruby on his first outing. He stood well and on the table, but did his best to trip his handler up! Refined, compact and cobby fitting the standard exactly! Eyes large and set well apart giving a very pleasing expression. He was well constructed, straight front, well laid back shoulders and tight elbows. Good turn of stifle and level back. Unfortunately although keen to move fast he was little erratic which was a shame, I'm sure when he gets used to showing he will be one to watch.

2. Hardiman's Tovarich Titan ♦ Another lovely dog B & T with again a good compact, cobby body. Good bone with correct well knucked and rounded feet. Moved straight and with drive.

3. Mochrie's Kumbia Jazzmason

Graduate Dog (3, 1)

1. Fry & Jackson's Amantra Oliver Twist

2. Salguero's Charcombe Lorcan - A nice type Ruby with large head and big round eyes.

Well constructed but when he moved was unhappy and slinked which made him look longer!

Post Graduate Dog (7)

1. Mochrie's Downsbank Rupert ♦ Another lovely Ruby. Lovely head with good cushioning and expression. In nice coat and condition with good bone. He moved well, straight and sound.

2. Sellen's Levicos George ♦ A really good Tri boy with large domed head. Flat to face ears, well feathered and large dark eyes. Short compact body with excellent bone. Moved soundly with drive. Very close decision with 1 who won on cushioning of cheeks.

3. Salguero's Charcombe Lorcan

Limit Dog (5, 1)

1. Smith's Ageancourt Magic Once More is Justacharma ♦ Well marked Tri with good bone. Silky coat with good ear feathering. Moved steadily and soundly.

2. Salguero's Downsbank Fingal ♦ Really lovely shaped Blen with large head. Wide square muzzle with lovely cushioning not falling away under the cheeks. Good bone, deep, wide chest only lost out to 1 as movement was not as straight.

3. Rosssonny Harvey

Open Dog (1)

1. Salguero's Tewhit Thespian ♦ Lightly marked Blen with nice silky coat. Unfortunately he was rather unhappy and shy, which made his movement rather erratic and hard to assess.

Minor puppy Bitch (1)

1. Hardiman's Othmese Rooz Helder with Tovarich ♦ A really cute puppy who needs to mature but has promise. Happy, affectionate and full of life. Lovely level back with straight front and good tight elbows. Correct turn of stifle and sound driving movement, when you could see it in the enthusiasm!

Puppy Bitch (5, 1)

1. Southam's Gayhalo Chiffon Cavella ♦ Nice short cobby, compact B & T. Good bone with straight front and elbows correct. Lovely expression with dark eyes and soft cushioning not falling away. Movement was a tad hard to see as she wiggled and wagged so much! When settled appeared sound.

2. Phillip's Kasamanda Waltzing Matilda - Well marked Blen with a lovely square shape. Taller than 1 but very much in proportion. Straight front, well laid shoulders and elbows with

a correct turn of stifle. Very sound straight movement. I think one to watch in the future when she is a bit happier in the ring. Her handler did everything right to show this puppy off to her best and it was a close decision, with 1 winning purely on size and coat.

3. William's Kasamanda My Lady Fayre

Junior Bitch

- 1. Harvey's Lankcombe Gabriella of Rivermoor - A truly lovely, Tri well marked, full of stage presence and I'm sure will go to the top as she matures, nobody has told her she's not a puppy anymore. Short, level back, cobby, compact and good bone. Head large for a bitch with good dome, sweet charming expression. Sound movement driving from behind, full of enthusiasm for life!**
- 2. Goodwin's Maibee Mamma Mia Diggle When this Tri entered the ring I thought she would be one of my top winners. She has the charm and style, size, coat and type I love. Soft melting expression, large dark eyes, straight front, short, cobby and wide deep chest. She just didn't settle on the move in this class, if she had moved as she did in a later class things may have been different!**
- 3. Mochrie's Downsbank Peach Lustre**

Graduate Bitch (7, 1)

This I found a really hard class to judge, several could change places on another day.

- 1. Smith's Justacharma Something Magic A really happy toy spaniel. Lightly marked Blen with a silky coat well feathered. Good bone, short compact body. Sweet expression with eyes set wide apart. Real active movement, straight and sound.**
- 2. Juniper's Kasamanda Luck be a Lady of Lewiscarol a well marked Tri of correct size. She has the classic head with excellent dome and the sweetest expression with square, wide deep muzzle and full cushioning. She moved fairly well and has a level top line, longer body than 1**
- 3. Goodwin's Maibee Mamma Mia Diggle**

Post Graduate (4)

- 1. Essex & Jackson's Amantra Chanel** ♦ A pretty Tri with long feathered ears on a classic domed head with large dark eyes and sweet expression. Good front with deep chest and close set elbows
- 2. Chandler's Bonniroy Butterfly** ♦ A well marked 5 year old Blen in good coat. Good bone and level back, moved very soundly and straight. Preferred head shape of winner.
- 3. Mochrie's Downsbank Clarice Cliff**

Limit (4, 2)

- 1. Stone's Maynorth Irresistable** ♦ A lightly marked refined Tri with silky coat and a lovely outline. She had a straight front and well laid elbows with a deep chest. Nice dome, large eyes, nice reach of neck and compact well feathered feet. Well behaved on the move and straight front and rear. One I considered hard for top honour.
- 2. Williams' Kasamanda My Sweet Charity** ♦ Tri who had long feathered ears but not much other coat! Lovely head and expression with well defined stop. Moved well with drive.

Open Bitch (4)

- 1. Williams' Kasamanda My Fair Lady** ♦ Another larger size Tri flowing in coat and style. Good dome. Was very lively but moved extremely well giving her the win.
- 2. Stone's Maynorth Simply Heavenly** ♦ B & T well constructed. Glossy black with rich tan. Nice expression with large dark eyes and well cushioned face. Moved well
- 3. Stone's Maynorth Twice as Spice**

Special Open ♦ Ruby or B & T (3)

- 1. Southam's Cavella Callula** ♦ A stunning B & T who is well put together. Short, compact, cobby body and bone. Well domed skull and full over the eyes with soft cushioning. Would have gone higher I'm sure if she hadn't pulled her handler around all over the place making movement impossible to assess.
- 2. Salguero's Charcombe Lorcan**

3. Juniper's Lewiscarol Ameratto

Special Open ♦ Blen or Tri (6, 1)

This made for a very tricky decision

1. Robinson's Baldragon Bootylicious - A Tri bitch I have loved since she was a puppy. When I saw her today I felt she had matured to the special Charlie I had expected. She fits the breed standard in almost every respect. Refined, compact, cobby, happy and full of life. Soft cushioned face, eyes to give the sweet melting expression. In movement she excels. Straight front and rear moving with free, active and elegant drive. If I had to criticise hopefully the long silky coat will come.

2. Smith's Justacharma He is our Magic ♦ The most glorious Blen Charlie again almost fitting the breed standard. If his bite was correct I am sure he would be a top winner! Again short, compact, cobby and a really good dome and such a full cushioned face not falling away under the eyes, which are large and dark. Very straight front, correct lay of shoulders and elbows. Very good true movement sound and elegant. Quite the longest silkiest coat on any dog especially a Blen.

3. Juniper's Kasamanda Luck be a Lady of Lewiscarol

Special Beginners (3, 1)

1. Goodwin's Mamma Mia Diggle

2. Lewiscarol Ameratto ♦ Nice Ruby with straight front. Good eye with soft expression. Moved well.

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