

National Dog Show

Friday 6th May

King Charles Spaniel

I thoroughly enjoyed judging one of my favourite breeds and the classes were, in the main, filled with refined toy spaniels of good quality whose enchanting nature was gentle and reserved. I do feel however, that we need to safeguard the required cobbiness, bone and substance. Whilst heads will mature considerably with age, they can only do so if the initial characteristics comprise of roundness of skull and a wide jaw thus allowing fullness of cheeks and muzzle to develop. I was concerned amongst some of the young stock that these were lacking. All the dogs were very tolerant of the gentle inspection of their mouths, something which we now need to expect from judges as the norm.

Along with the head, squareness of body and relative substance distinguish this breed from the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and it is vital that this is maintained in order to preserve the differences illustrated in the breed standard.

Minor Puppy - Dog

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

- 1st Schillizzi's BALDRAGON ROYAL WARWICK NAF TAF Tri 6  months old. Developing nicely with an already impressive headpiece being of a lovely rounded shape and full over those engaging eyes all adding to the appeal. Well balanced throughout in bone and substance. Moved with accuracy when settled, demonstrating strong drive from well bent stifles. A most promising puppy. BPD & BPIB.**
- 2nd Johnson's BALDRAGON ONLY WAY IS ESSEX Tri litter brother to 1 and similarly constructed albeit a shade smaller. Stood four square and in excellent coat for age. Moved extremely well and has lots of appeal.**
- 3rd East's NASTANE GUARANTEED**

Puppy - Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1st Lloyd's **CORRINWOOD MCFARLAND AT CWMHAF** Blenheim of 9 months old excellent texture of coat with patches of the loveliest deep red chestnut. A pleasing size and looked beautifully balanced when standing. Head of good shape with the most appealing dark eyes giving such an enduring expression. Moved straight and true.

Junior - Dog

Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1st Smith's **JUSTACHARMA OH SO MAGIC** Blenheim that has such a presence and moves with an air of confidence and purpose. Head very much appealed being of good size with dark expressive eyes and particularly well set nose with wide open nostrils. Neck of sufficient length and spirit level topline. Excellent bone throughout. A really happy character. Just a tad more masculine than

2nd Sidgwick's **PAULIAN PATENTED** A lovely size being well balanced in profile having the correct length of leg and a lot to like. Moved really well in all directions and clearly a confident showman.

3rd Dawson & Jones's **POMELO TRIPLE CHANCE**

Post Graduate - Dog

Entries: 9 Absentees: 0

1st Rushton's **NISYROS DONNIE DARKO B/T** headed a nice class and head being the pertinent word - I simply loved it! Those illustrious eyes

depicting such a sweet expression so characteristic of this breed. Super width of jaw with that soft full muzzle, well placed nose and the richest of tan points to enhance. Lovely body having wide deep chest and strong sturdy legs well set under. Moved accurately in the class but returned to the ring for the challenge not appearing so confident lowering his overall deportment which was disappointing. A lovely dog.

2nd Tarabad's **LILLIJAY PERCY CUTE KHATIBI** Blenheim who excels in head qualities, balance and coat all demonstrating a most attractive profile. Sufficient bone, well muscled and conditioned. Moved with distinctive gait holding a level topline and a lovely length of stride. Just lost out on the fabulous headpiece of 1.

3rd Mochrie's **DOWNSBANK SPRUCE**

Limit - Dog

Entries: 10 Absentees: 2

1st Anderson & Watts **NISYROS COOL HAND LUKE** Tri of very similar stamp to the OD class winner. Head of superior quality with turn up being correct and the overlay of those well cushioned black lips, fullness to the cheeks finishing the gentlest of expressions. Ears set well being a little above the eye line and heavily fringed. Moved rather briskly and occasionally became a tad untidy in front but settled at a slightly steadier pace in the challenge. Well marked throughout, in good body and coat well presented. Seriously considered for further honours.

- Portingale's TUDORHURST BRIGADIER Fabulous B/T of the perfect balance and shape gives that lovely breed outline when standing. Has substance and bone throughout being a really masculine dog but void of any form of coarseness. Super body to examine having a fabulous deep wide chest, rounded rib and short level back. Lovely colour combination. Just preferred the overall movement and showmanship of 1 in this close decision.**
- 2nd**
- 3rd Moss's OTHMESE COLE FOR SOMBUR**

Open - Dog

Entries: 8 Absentees: 0

- Waters & Robins's CH MAIBEE THEO. A lovely sized Tri toy spaniel of exceptional quality that fills my interpretation of the breed standard. Relatively large head, the dome of such rises sufficiently between perfectly set profusely feathered ears which are set on just above those dark round alluring eyes, full cheeks finishing the face with such soft cushioning. Arched neck, super lay of shoulder, sturdy straight front legs and well muscled hindquarters, tail set correctly and held beautifully. Has an abundant straight silky coat and complimentary furnishings. Moves with proud determination and an easy length of stride all complimented by great elegance. Most charismatic. CC, BOB and delighted to see him awarded G4.**
- 1st**
- 2nd Fry's AMANTRA REGALIST Another super tri now reaching the zenith of maturity so well constructed having such a short broad level back,**

deep brisket and strong sturdy short legs all combining to render a cobby neat dog of lovely size. Masculine head with well cushioned finish to foreface. He excels in body condition. Abundant coat with slight wave as permitted. Moved so accurately and never put a foot wrong closely challenging 1. He really deserved the RCC.

3rd Smith's AGEANCOURT MAGIC ONCE MORE IS JUSTACHARMA

Minor Puppy - Bitch

Entries: 8 Absentees: 0

1st Robinson's BALDRAGON ALL ABOUT ME Litter sister to BPIB and a very feminine version of him. Small and compact with lovely straight front legs, lay of shoulder and reach of neck. Head progressing. Short coupled and with good tail setting. Well schooled and moved really well. BPB

2nd East's NASTANE DOROTHY Attractive Blenheim that excelled in bone and substance. Slightly larger mould than 1. Lovely head sufficient under jaw already with super cushioning, expressive dark eyes and lovely set ears. Moved steadily. In great coat and condition and extremely pleasing to examine. Just not quite as confident as 1 but progressing very nicely.

3rd Bill's LICHENS ISABELLA

Puppy - Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1st Robinson's BALDRAGON ALL ABOUT ME

Moss's VASHDOWN DIMINUENDO MIT SOMBUR Lovely breed type.

2nd

Well distributed tri colour and in super coat and condition. Excels in bone and substance. Moved very soundly and with accuracy. Not yet the coat of 1.

3rd Robinson' & Austin's BALDRAGON MAY BEA BABY NAF TAF

Junior - Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

1st

Dix's PAULIAN PRUDENCE FOR BEEWYE A charming tri teenager who just knows how to attract. Beautifully proportioned having the most feminine head, alluring dark round eyes, good stop and well placed open nostrils. She uses her ample reach of neck to advantage, impressive lay of shoulder, short level back and well set tail carried correctly. In lovely coat which was well broken with ideal colour combinations all very well presented. Her movement is a most special feature being absolutely accurate, light and elegant. Her length of stride is extensive and has good rear drive. In the challenge her proud graceful demeanour could not be overlooked. **CC (her 2nd)**

2nd

Pennington's FOLLE DAMOUR POUR TOI DE LA MONTAGNE ENSOLEILLE OF TUDORHURST (Imp Fr) Another super Junior of ideal size who appealed greatly. There is nothing finer in a B/T with a raven black body colour complimented by the richest mahogany tan and this young lady certainly had that. Her super head illustrates the softest of

expressions and she uses those large round gentle eyes to advantage. She screams breed type in her balance exemplifying the word 'cobby'. Most impressive to examine being of fabulous construction. She moves regally holding her proud head set on a lovely arched neck demonstrating such a superior attitude. She greatly appealed RCC.

Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 7 Absentees: 0

1st Searle's STONEPIT DOLLY DAYDREAM Quite an exceptionally attractive lightly marked Blenheim that excels in balanced outline and head qualities. Short level back, straight forequarters of good bone and substance. Elbows were right under well laid shoulders. Strong rear assembly. Domed head supports the most exquisite expression especially those wonderful eyes, soft cushioning and well feathered ears perfectly set produces a perfect frame. Moved steadily in the class and then in the challenge really asserted herself and was a serious contender.

2nd Johnson's ALAMBRA RUBIES N EMERALDS Glorious rich Ruby coat which shone and was presented in shimmering condition. Impressive construction having the most beautiful depth of chest and width throughout. Super cushioning giving correct finish to the foreface. Moved smartly.

3rd Schillizzi's KERIZMA KALPURNIA OF CHACOMBE

Limit - Bitch

Entries: 9 Absentees: 1

- 1st Anderson & Watt's MAIBEE DOMINIQUE** Striking head well balanced with sufficient dome and wide cushioned muzzle. Not a large bitch put well put together having enough bone and substance, deep chest and strong rear angulation. Moved with some style. Her overall balanced profile just influence the decision over
- 2nd Smith's JUSTACHARMA SOMTHING MAGIC JW** Full of fun and a lot to like about this extremely cheeky Blenheim who can never fail to attract with her well set dark eyes that adds to the attraction. Her bone and substance are exemplary. Lovely body, level top line and impressive strong rear drive produced free accurate movement.
- 3rd Pennington's DRACENA DE LA MONTAGNE ENSOLEILEE OF TUDORHURST**

Open - Bitch

Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

- 1st Waters & Robins's MAIBEE OLIVIA** A gorgeous Blenheim bitch that excels in head and cushioning. Lovely dome screaming breed type but not exaggerated in any way. Has the loveliest fullness of cheeks giving the softest of expression. In lovely coat. Ample bone and substance throughout. Stood 'four square in profile' and moved steadily, front OK. Attentive to handler at all times and pressed hard in the challenge.

- 2nd** Askins & Kendall's AMANTRA CHARMFUL AT HEADRA Compact and cobby tri with short sturdy front straight legs, short level back producing the typical build and stance of the breed. Whilst her blaze is not symmetrical this is a minor consideration when assessing her lovely head qualities. Moved soundly on the move and at one with her handler. In good coat and excellent condition.
- 3rd** Robinson's NASTANE MISS DIOR AVEC BALDRAGON JW

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