

The King Charles Spaniel Club Open Show
Judge Michelle Chapman (ellemich)
29th September 2018

I would like to start by thanking the King Charles spaniel club for inviting me to judge the open show for them, and continue to say, that I know the club has been through a turbulent time. But what I saw at the show was a committee working together, running a happy, well organised show, and people there doing what they should be. Which is having fun, supporting each other and enjoying our breed and our hobby. Overall the quality and presentation was good, but this year for me the veteran stole the day.

Veteran (3 entries, 1 absent)

1st Mrs J Wallhead, Sleepyhollow Trikki Dikki at Merida. A 9 year old who was clearly not going to show his age. Lovely head with correct dome, good fill to muzzle and correct ear, nose and eye placement. In beautiful condition. Presented a nice picture on the stand and moved with drive from his front and read end.

2nd Miss S Maddison, Mitapip Midnight Marauder. 7 year old Black and Tan, who is surely going to settle when he matures, as no one has told him he is a veteran. Nice head with, jet black pigment. Good front and rear angulation. Good body and bone, Level top line.

Minor Puppy Dog (3 entries/ 1 absent)

1st Miss C Melville, Serosota Chenin Blanc. What a lovely minor puppy who never put a foot wrong for his owner, lovely condition. Well marked quality coat. Correct head with plenty of fill. Lovely reach of neck. Well sprung rib. Lots to offer, only lost out on maturity today. Moved well, with plenty of drive for age.

2nd Miss S Maddison, Downsbank No Strings. Another lovely puppy who is just gonna need a little time to settle. Correct head, with correct dome, and well placed eyes. Good finish to muzzle. Good reach of neck and level top line. Moved well, with drive when settled.

Puppy dog (3 entries, 2 absent)

1st Mess D Schillizzi, P Healy-Gates, Chacombe Albert. Beautiful tri boy of just 9 months. He is just beautiful. In fantastic condition, with a well marked quality coat. As he got the hang of what he was doing he moved and showed beautifully. Moving with drive from his well turned stifle. Beautiful head with correct dome. Well placed ears, eyes and nose. Well filled muzzle for his age with a neat finish to his lips. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulder. Good spring of rib. Correct bone. Was more than happy to award him best puppy dog and later BPIS.

Junior dog (2 entries, 1 absent)

1st Mrs J Pennington, Mr T Ashburn, Nobel des Troy Maillets. This Black and Tan boy of just 12 months old was in gleaming condition and his coat shone in the sun like glass. Correct rich tan. He is of the correct size and shape. Has a lovely head that with maturity will get better and better. Correct bone and compact, cobby shape. Good reach of neck, level top line. Moved with drive and showed beautifully.

Novice dog (1 entry/ 0 absent)

1st Mrs Constable, Mitapip Rich Ruby. This ruby dog presents a lovely picture when standing. Lovely head with, well placed eyes. Nice finish to muzzle and dark black pigment. Shown in beautiful condition, with a quality coat. Moved and showed well. Holding his top line. Good spring of rib and well boned.

Graduate dog (5 entries, 2 absent)

1st Miss V Harvey, Rivermoor Alberto. This dog has the most beautiful head, correct dome, well placed eye, well turned nose and good fill to his muzzle. Good bone. Level top line, and moved with drive. Shown beautifully. Just needs body to trouble the rest.

2nd Mr P D & Mrs S Boyer, Pomelo Never Ending Story at Ellinghurst. Another smart little dog who clearly enjoys the task in hand. Shown in lovely condition and beautifully schooled. Smaller dog, with correct head. Good pigment. Good bone and cobby body. Moved well holding his top line.

Post Graduate Dog (6 entries/3 absent)

1st Mr A K & Mrs S M Tonner, Headra's Inspirational at Halbinsel. 3 year old tri. Who has nice nice head. With correctly places eyes, well turned nose, and good fill to muzzle and good finish to lips. Shown in beautiful condition. With a beautiful coat. Well laid shoulder. Well sprung rib. Holds a level top line on the move. Shown well.

2nd. Mr & Mrs Smith, Justacharma One So Magic. Tri boy with a more heavily marked coat. Nice head with beautiful rich tan. Good reach of neck, with a top line that never faltered. Good bone and cobby body. Well laid shoulder. Moved with drive from his well muscled rear. Shown in gleaming condition.

Limit dog (7 entries, 4 absent)

1st Mrs M Dawson, Chacombe Arizona for Pomelo. Well this boy just entered the ring like it was his to own. Shown in tip top condition, with a coat that was gleaming. When he settled he moves with drive from his well turned, well muscled rear. Nice head with well spaced eye, well turned nose. Good fill to muzzle and good pigment. Good reach of neck, well laid shoulder. Level top line. Was more than happy to award him Best dog. And later Res Best in show. And I'm sure with him the best is yet to come.

2nd Mesds D Schillizzi, & Mrs P Gates, Chacombe Iggle Piggie. Another quality exhibit from this kennel. A more heavily marked coat. Correct size and bone, cobby body. Nice head with good rise to dome. Well placed eyes, jet black nose and good fill to muzzle. Moved and showed well when he settled.

Open dog (3 entries/1 absent)

1st Mrs J Pennington & Mr T Ashburn, Chacombe What's Wanted. This boy has just got better and better with age. A smaller dog, but so well balanced. He is has the correct shape and good bone for his size. Well sprung rib. Lovely head with correct dome, well cushioned muzzle, good pigment. Correct ear set. Moves with drive from his well muscled, rear end. Level top line. Just played up a little in the challenge but a absolute contender.

2nd Miss S Maddison, Celxo Charles Dickens. Bigger than the winner, but still of the correct shape. Level top line. Well sprung rib. Correct bone. Rich ruby coat that was in good condition. Nice head with good rise to dome. Large nose with good pigment. Moved and showed well when settled.

Special Open B/T and ruby (2 entries/ 0 absent)

1st see Junior winner

2nd Mr & Mrs Smith, Alhambra Here Is Magic For Justacharma. Ruby boy, who was the most beautiful rich ruby colour. Nice head with correct dome. Well spaced eyes, large nose with good pigment. Well filled muzzle. Good reach of neck, well laid shoulder. Moved with drive. Shown in lovely condition.

Special Open Tri & Blenheim (3 entries/ 1 absent)

1st Mr I Willey & Miss C Siddle, Penemma Picasso, 5 year old tri boy, who has a well marked quality coat. Bigger in size but still all the correct proportions. Good bone, cobby body. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulder. Holds a level top line on the move. Moves with drive. Lovely head with good rise to dome. Large dark well placed eyes. Good fill to muzzle. Moves well, in lovely condition.

2nd Mr R Salguero, Rivermoor Minstrel, Smaller tri dog, who is also of the correct shape. Good bone. Cobby body. Nice head, good pigment, correct dome. With well turned nose and good fill to muzzle. Good reach of neck. Level top line. Moved and showed well. Good spring of rib.

Veteran Bitch (3 entries, 0 absent)

This class was the strongest of the days 3 beautiful bitches and 1 first prize. A credit to the breed. All oozing quality. But my winner today was

1st Mr R W & Mrs C A Dix, Ch Paulina Prudence For Beewye JW. This little girl was shown in tip top condition and is not showing her age at all. She is of the correct size and shape, with good bone and cobby body. She has a feminine head with a good rise to dome, lovely large dark eyes, that are well spaced. Large nose with a which is well turned. Large wide open nostrils. Good fill to muzzle with a lovely finish to her lips. Good reach of neck, well laid shoulder. Level top line, and her well muscled rear allows her to move with drive. Presented in gleaming order. Was honoured to get to judge her and happy to award her best bitch and later, best in show and automatically best veteran in show.

2nd Mrs L Gillhespy, Ch Downsbank Designed For Lorphil. Another bitch straight from the top drawer, who cant move wrong as she is so beautifully made. Correct head, with good dome, well placed ears. Well filled muzzle. Cobby with correct bone and good spring to ribs. Good reach of neck, level top line. Good front and rear angulation. Moved and showed well, and today took Res Best Bitch.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4 entries/0 absent)

1st Miss C Gurtner, Oprah De Melcourt. Just six months old and already showing huge amounts of promise. Lovely head with good dome, well placed ears, and nose, with good pigment. Well spaced eyes. Good body and spring of ribs. Good reach of neck, well laid shoulders. Moved and showed well. Just needs to come up on her legs to complete the picture. Best Puppy Bitch.

2nd Mrs T Potter, Toyswood Starlight Express. Tri bitch who also has huge amounts of potential. Beautiful head, with good dome. Good reach of neck, level top line. Well laid shoulders. Well sprung rib for age. Moved well, with drive. Shown in good coat and condition. Just a little less collected than the winner.

Puppy (3 Entered/0 absent)

1st See 2nd minor puppy

2nd Mrs M Dawson & Mrs C Jones. Chacombe Kennedy Rose For Pomelo, more heavily marked bitch. Who was larger than the winner. Very mature with good spring of rib and good bone. Coat in gleaming condition. Nice head. Good reach of neck, level top line, which she held at all times. Moved with drive. Shown well.

Junior. (4 entries/0 absent)

1st see 2nd minor puppy

2nd Mrs H Abbott, Cofton Reach For The Stars. Just lacked the maturity of the winner. Pretty headed, feminine bitch. Lightly marked coat that was in lovely condition. Good front and rear angulation. Level top line, which she held when moving. Lovely head with good dome. Just needs to body up, which I'm sure will come with age.

Novice Bitch. (5 entries, 2 absent)

1st Mrs M Constable, Mitapip Kallathea. Ruby with the most feminine head and gentle expression. Lovely, large dark well spaced eyes. Jet black nose, which was well turned. Good fill to muzzle with nice finish to lips. Good reach of neck. Level top line. Moved and showed well. Just needs time to mature and I sure the finished picture is going to be beautiful.

2nd Miss C Gurtner, Madeleine De Melcourt. Tri bitch who also needs time to mature. Beautiful head with well placed ears. Good rise to dome. Good reach of neck and level top line. Well angulated front and rear. Showed well.

Graduate Bitch, (6 entries, 2 absent)

1st Mr P D Boyer, & Mrs S Boyer, Downsbank Topsy on Fizz to Ellinghurst. Tri bitch, with the correct bone and compact, cobby body. Well marked coat that was shown in good condition. Nice head with correct dome. Well placed, eye, ears and nose. Moved well with her well angulated front and rear. Shown well.

2nd Mr J Blewett & Mr R Smith. Othmese Celtic Purdita. Black and Tan of the correct size. Ultra feminine head with correct ear set. Large nose with wide open nostrils, and jet black pigment. Good reach of neck. Well laid shoulder. Moved with drive, just lost her top line on the move today. Shown in gleaming condition and well handled.

Post Graduate (3 entries, 2 Absent)

1st Mr R W Dix & MRS C A Dix, Beewye Precious Perdita. This little girl oozes all the qualities the breed standard requires. She just makes it so very hard for you to assess them. Beautiful head. Correct shape. Cobby body with good bone. Presented in gleaming order. Moves well when settles.

Limit Bitch (8 entries/ 5 absent)

1st Miss C Gurtner, Josephine De Melcourt. Another beautifully headed bitch from this kennel. Correct ear set, well placed nose. Good pigment. Good fill to muzzle and neat lips. Good reach of neck. Level top line which she held on the move. Shown in lovely condition.

2nd Mrs J Wallhead, Baldragon Becuz I'm worth it to Merida. Tri bitch with the most beautiful head. Good rise to dome and well placed ears. Good fill to muzzle and nice finish to lips. Shown in good coat that was in lovely condition. Moved and shown well.

Open Bitch (1 entry/1 absent)

Special Open B&T and Ruby (2 entries/1 absent)

1st Mrs J Hinson, Kerizma Krocus, just a baby at only 12 months. Was a little unsettled today. But still presented a nice picture when stood and on the move. Rich ruby coat that was in good condition. Nice head with jet black pigment. Well laid shoulder and well angulated front and rear. Moved and shown well.

Special Open Tri and Blenheim Bitch (entries 3 absent 0)

1st Mr J Blewett & Mr R Smith. Othmese Sapphire Another very feminine bitch from this kennel who was shown in tip top condition. And fought hard for the top spot. I loved her feminine head and correct dome, lovely, large dark eyes that were well spaced. Well set ear. Large nose that was jet black. Well filled muzzle and nice finish to lips. Presented a nice picture when stood and on the move. Cobby body with good bone, moved with drive. Shown well.

2nd Mrs J Wallhead Baldragon Becuz I'm Worth It To Merida See 2nd Limit Bitch

The Rita Evans Memorial Class (entries 1 absent 0)

1st Miss C Gurtner Multi Ch Fleur De Lys De Melcourt

Brace (entries 1 absent 0)

Miss C Gurtner's Brace of Tricolours