

Manchester Dog Show 18th January 2020

King Charles Spaniels

Judge: Miss L Tarabad (Khatibi)

I was delighted to have the chance to award CC's in King Charles Spaniels for the first time at this show. A breed I have had the pleasure of living with and showing in the past and will always have a soft spot for. From a numerically good entry I found the quality overall fairly good with most having happy temperaments and being sound enough on the move. I found several males who would have been worthy of top awards whilst in the bitch entry I sadly found very few that were of champion quality. I do wonder if enough is being done to encourage new people into the breed and the recent negativity surrounding the breed club certainly doesn't help. It is not a breed that attracts new exhibitors easily unlike chihuahuas, pugs, cavaliers etc, therefore a concerted effort needs to be made by the clubs and exhibitors to help promote the breed to anyone who may be interested as I can't help but feel we are in danger of the breed heading towards an all time low in terms of registrations and show entries which will be very hard to come back from. Without younger and newer exhibitors and breeders we lose the chance at fresh ideas and different points of view, things all breeds need to thrive and improve. This is such an endearing breed, after spending this time surrounded by them again it's certainly made me think there might be something missing in my house.....!

Puppy Dog (5,1) A lovely start to the day with 4 nice babies.

- 1. Coupland's Mitapip Royal Diplomat with Tucherish. 10 month b/t who immediately caught my eye being more forward in development than the rest of the class and ever so confident in the ring. Beautiful head with delightful expression, dark round eyes, plenty of fill beneath, short wide muzzle with good turn up and nicely finished lips. Nicely arched neck allowing for a proud head carriage, super topline, sound front and rear assembly and good chest and ribbing for age. Moving freely with a particularly nice side gait, little untidy out and back but hopefully will improve with maturity. The start of a nice coat, well presented as always from this exhibitor. Delightful temperament and eager showman, should mature well. BP.**
- 2. Blewett's Othmese Regal Dandy. 6 month old well marked tri of a lovely size and type. Sweetest of heads with large dark eyes, well cushioned muzzle, good dome and low set ears. Neat shape with ample neck, good bone and feet, short loin and level topline. A little apprehensive on the stack but moved with confidence holding a nice outline.**
- 3. Southam's Cavella Oliver Twist.**

Junior Dog (4,1)

- 1. Mochrie's Downsbank Jeffrey. Well balanced 12 month tri of lovely quality. Compact and cobby with ample reach of neck, good chest and ribbing, firm topline and sound rear. Very nice head and expression with good**

dome, short well cushioned muzzle and dark correctly placed eyes. Moved with an elegant gait maintaining his outline well. In plenty of attractively marked coat. Still has some maturing to do but was in my consideration for higher award.

2. Smith's Justacharma Magic Goes On. Another nice young tri in good coat presented in sparkling condition and with a delightful temperament. 14 months old, small and compact with body developing as I'd expect for his age, short legs, level back, good bone and feet. Sweet face with good turnup, defined stop and dark eyes. Close decision and should do well as he continues to mature.

3. Clarke's Poltomic Black Magic.

Post Grad Dog (6,4)

1. Cox's Petitpaws Black Prince. Small, short coupled b/t nearing 4 years. Not as cobby as I'd like but decent enough substance and bone. Nicely domed head with ample cushioning, dark expressive eyes, would like more turnup. Moved happily, looking particularly good in profile.

2. Austin's Dragonheart Fall Breeze. Small, well marked tri with nice substance, good spring of rib, short loin and good bone. Decent head shape with good width of underjaw, adequate fill to face and dark eyes that could be a little larger. Moved happily but tended to lose his topline.

Limit Dog (9, 3)

- 1. Kendall, Askins & Wileman's Chocolate Moonlight at Headra. Not the obvious winner at first glance but the more I saw the more I liked! Not in the best of coats but had nothing to hide with the best outline in the class. Small, compact and cobby with ample reach of neck, decent shoulders, firm topline and well set and carried tail. Large, masculine head with dark round eyes, wide muzzle, good dome, low set ears and a pleasant expression. Moved very smartly maintaining his outline perfectly at all times. Has a super attitude in the ring and easily one of the best males in the entry.**
- 2. Tonner's Headra's Inspiration at Halbinsel. This one caught my eye initially having such a beautifully presented, well marked tri coat and attractive head. Correct size and substance, just needs a touch more neck for balance. Super head qualities with beautiful eyes and ample fill beneath, good turnup, short wide muzzle, defined stop and low set well furnished ears. Moved happily holding his outline well. Another with a lovely temperament, lovely type and interesting to see comes from the same kennel as 1.**
- 3. Clarke's Stonepit Wilfred for Poltomic.**

Open Dog (7,3)

- 1. Bowles-Robinson's Rus CH. Descartes of Nevskogo Hobbita. This 3 year old well marked tri was a little too much for me but overall I thought him a worthy winner of this class. Very masculine head, large and well cushioned with dark eyes and defined stop. Would prefer a stronger underjaw but still has a nice**

expression. Very nice front and rear angulation with firm level topline between, ample neck and well set and carried tail. As always from this kennel, presented in super coat and condition. Moved well just felt he didn't have the elegance I was looking for in the challenge being a heavier type than I prefer.

2. Kirschbaum & Gillhespy's Ger CH. Bonitos Companeros Deluxe Chardonnay. Another nice tri (it seems tri's are by far the strongest for quality) more the type I like but at just 2 years old he still has some maturing to do. Liked his size and compact shape, good front and rear assembly with firm topline and good tail carriage. Lovely head shape with good dome and turnup, well placed eyes, low ears and good width to jaw. Very happy showman moving with attitude, head held high and tail wagging. I imagine he'll appeal to many in the coming year.

3. Mallows's Ch. X-Jewel Od Dvou Orechu Binglui.

Veteren Dog (5,1) What a super class, I never thought veteran would be the class worth waiting for!!

1. Schemel's Ch. Tudorhurst Commodore. This dog just owned the ring today, his type, immaculate coat, condition and absolutely typical charlie attitude could not be ignored. His head is beautiful; Large and masculine with good dome, full over eyes and well filled beneath, short wide muzzle with good turnup, large dark eyes, low set well furnished ears all giving such a

typical expression. His conformation is equally as impressive from his arched neck, well laid shoulders, straight front, deep chest, cobby body and well angulated rear. He moved with such an elegant, effortless gait, accurate in all directions and so obviously full of his own self importance! Presented in the most fabulous coat and condition, you could never guess he was a veteran. An absolute credit to his owners and a fabulous example of this lovely breed. I just loved him and he won the CC with some to spare. CC, BOB.

- 2. Clarke's Stonepit Super Sydney For Poltomic. Another veteran that hides his years well. This one another tri, less of him all through than 1 but still well balanced and with super substance. Compact frame with short legs, good chest and ribbing, good angulation fore and aft, level topline and well set and carried tail. Beautiful head and expression with well domed skull, good width of jaw, dark expressive eyes and plenty of fill beneath. Such a purposeful action on the move reflecting his sound conformation and happy temperament. One that would be more than worthy of his title and so unlucky to meet 1 today. RCC.**
- 3. Smith's Ch. Headra's Truly Magic is Justacharma. I just had to mention yet another superb champion who I've always liked, almost 8 years old now and as with 1 & 2 in quite fabulous condition and a credit to his owners. Just wasn't making as much of himself on the move on**

the day which gave the others the edge but certainly one of the best males in the entry.

Puppy Bitch (2)

- 1. Blewett's Othmese Gyselle. Beautiful headed 6 month b/t who didn't make the most of herself on the stand but really made a nice picture on the move. Nice size and super substance, chest and rib for her age. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, level topline and correctly set and carried tail. Such a pretty feminine head with beautiful large dark eyes, good turnup and width of jaw, low set ears and good dome. Confident on the move holding herself well with head carried proudly, covering the ground well with an accurate gait. Has the start of a quality coat with lovely bright tan markings. Should do well as she grows in confidence. Lovely baby. BPB.**
- 2. Constable's Mitapip Russian Romance. This 9 month old ruby certainly had no problem with confidence! Litter sister to my BP and much further behind in development at present. Small and compact, shoulders could be better but has decent topline and good bone for her size. Her exuberance affected her movement but I'd much rather see a puppy happy than nervous!**

Junior Bitch (3)

- 1. Mochrie's Downsbank Snowdrop. Litter sister to the junior dog class winner and very similar in size and shape. She was the most typical here with nicely shaped head, turnup and cushioning. Lovely reach of**

neck, short loin, compact and well balanced in profile with good bone and feet. Let herself down on the move being rather unsettled. Still only young so hopefully with time and maturity she'll settle as she is a nice type.

2. Stanbury's Cofton To the Moon and Back to Inixia. Very petite well marked tri. Loved her pretty face with good dome, turnup and beautiful eyes. Neat little shape but really lacking in body and substance at present so will need a lot of time. Delightful temperament and sound on the move.

3. Lunt's Simannie Sunshine State.

Post Grad Bitch (5,3)

1. Mallows' Grace Od Dvou Orechu Binglui (imp). B/t nearing 2 years old still needs to finish maturing in body but is an attractive type with plenty to like. Feminine, well domed head with lovely big dark eyes, short muzzle with good width of jaw and turnup. Nice neck and shoulders, level topline and well turned stifles. In decent coat with lovely bright markings, moving freely maintaining her outline well.

2. Baker's Cofton Fly Me to the Moon. Tri litter sister to 2nd in junior and again very petite and raw at present. Her head is delightful with pretty eyes and the sweetest expression. As with her sister she is very narrow all through and will need plenty of time to mature in body. Moved soundly but rather proud of her tail.

Limit Bitch (6,2)

- 1. Coupland's Mitapip Renaissance By Tucherish. 2 year b/t in superb condition and in beautiful quality coat. Pretty head with large dark eyes with plenty of fill beneath, long ears set correctly, short wide muzzle with decent underjaw. Soundly constructed with good neck and shoulders, firm topline, good chest and ribbing, short loin and well angulated rear. Moved with confidence as always from this exhibitor, looking particularly good in profile. Lovely temperament and handled to an advantage.**
- 2. Gurtner's Oprah De Melcourt. This 21 month tri has the most beautiful head and if I were judging on that alone she would have been the winner here no question! Large and well cushioned with super dome, full over her beautiful eyes, defined stop, short muzzle, super turnup and width of jaw and beautiful well furnished ears set perfectly. Lovely substance, cobby with short legs and good feet. Rather long in body which didn't give the outline I was looking for and tended to lose her topline on the move. A real shame as there is much to like.**
- 3. Rushton's Justacharma She Is so Magic at Tiflin.**

Open Bitch (5,2) A small open class but all 3 were of lovely quality.

- 1. Miller & Ryan's Ch. Clussexx Reign It In Cavallibrook (imp). Well marked tri nearing 5 years who was totally out of coat but couldn't be denied a win here. Super sound to go over with such a well conditioned body it's obvious she is well exercised. Ample reach of arched neck, correct front assembly, good depth of chest and**

spring of rib, short strong loin and well angulated rear. Topline absolutely perfect with tail set straight off her back and carried perfectly. Pretty head with ample cushioning, short wide muzzle with good turnup, nice dome and low set ears. Moved with precision and purpose holding and elegant outline with head held proudly and tail wagging happily. A more than worthy Champion who was the only other bitch I considered for the cc in the challenge, just missing out to the veteran who was in full bloom. RCC.

2. Austin & Baker's Ch. Cofton Dancing Through Life JW. Quality tri with a fabulous temperament (as did most from this breeder). Very similar in size and shape to 1 with a nice cobby body, deep chest, short legs and good feet. Pretty, correctly shaped head with lovely dark round eyes, good cushioning beneath, wide, neatly finished muzzle and pleasing expression. Sound on the move but didn't have the outline of 1 in profile so had to settle for 2nd here. Presented in beautiful coat and condition.

3. Blewett's Cofton Tallisker with Othmese.

Veteran Bitch (2) Yet again I had to wait until veteran to find my winner!

1. Bowles-Robinson's Ch. Baldragon She Demands JW. Well known beautifully marked tri bitch nearing 8 years old who never seems to age! I first judged her as a junior before she gained her title and remember how exciting she was back then so I was delighted to see her step into the ring now as a veteran. Her size and

type is just what I was looking for, small, compact, so soundly constructed with plenty of substance, deep chest, short legs and compact feet. Her outline is so well balanced, add to that a wealth of beautifully presented straight coat and she can't fail to fill the eye. Her head is just a delight. Correctly shaped with lovely dome, full over her gorgeous large dark eyes, fabulous turnup, width of jaw and neatly finished lips and long ears set low to finish the picture. She seemed to be having a stubborn charlie day and wasn't as happy on the move as I've seen her but was sound enough, held her outline well and at 8yrs can be forgiven for not feeling as spritely as the youngsters. In the challenge she only had competition from the open bitch but ultimately I couldn't resist her beautiful head and overall finish. BCC.

2. Austin's Baldragon May Bea Baby. Ultra happy 9 year old tri, small and compact with good substance and bone. Pretty face with dark round eyes, good dome and short muzzle. Moved with verve around the ring like a dog half her age! In nice coat and lovely condition.