Welsh KC Championship Show 2022 KING CHARLES SPANIEL Judge: Tony Allcock OBE

I was pleasantly surprised at the overall quality of the entry since last judging the breed over two years ago. Having bred and exhibited this endearing breed, I am fully aware of the challenges which currently face breeders. From a health prospective, all dogs presented were in great condition and despite one or two being unforthcoming, movement, on the whole, has greatly improved. My entry contained some very promising youngsters which bodes well for the future.

VD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Tonner & Tonner's Headra's Inspiration At Halbinsel. A good start to the day. Balanced head with low set ears and well domed head. Good for nostrils and finish to foreface. Perhaps could be a little more secure in topline. In great condition and moved well. A happy character! **BV**

MPD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Smith & Smith's Justacharma So Magic. Tri. 7 months. Absolutely raw baby but full of promise. Lovely bone and substance for age. Typical head containing beautiful eyes. Well bodied. When moving produces an excellent rear drive. Naturally, will gain more confidence. Super coat and colour combination. An exciting prospect and I seriously considered him for the RCC. **PBD & BPIB** 2nd: Bailey & Bailey's Aldoricka The Hustler Naf. Blenheim. 6 months attending his first show. Naturally coming to terms with it all. Lovely shaped head with dark round attractive eyes. Good neck and shoulders. Super for coat and is nicely put together. A hesitant mover today as a little overwhelmed.

PD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Tonner & Tonner's Headra's Inspiration At Halbinsel. 9 months old Blenheim. Head developing, good for neck and shoulders. Ok for body, chest yet to fully develop. He is a very true and sound mover and maintains a level backline at all times.

2nd: Smith & Smith's Cavella Comrade Is Justacharma. 11 months old. He is impressive to examine being of good bone and substance. Liked his balance and finish of head. Good for neck and shoulders. I could not assess his

movement so this just made the difference in the placing. With maturity and more confidence I feel he has a promising show career.

JD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Kendall & Baker's Cofton Tap Dance. 16 months old. Tri He really comes into his own on the move making full use of his excellent hindquarters. Perhaps a tad enthusiastic with his forehand at present. Holds a super topline at all times. Liked his head qualities and expression.

2nd: Mochrie's Downsbank Indian Ink. B/T Tricolour, 13 months. Really super to examine and I really admired his bone and substance. Chest wide and deep. Quality, masculine head, well domed with square of muzzle and neat lips. He just did not want to move so I could not examine which added to my dilemma in placing this class. With time and confidence he will trouble the best.

PGD (4 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: Kendall's Headra's Irresistible. Blenheim, 20 months and I thought him a little slow in development so time will be kind. He is however, well-constructed with good ribbing, has well laid shoulders, level topline and impressive rear assembly. Moved soundly.

2nd: Cox's Petitpaws Black Knight. 4 year old B/T and possesses a fabulous body. He is well boned and with substance. Lovely for head qualities having super eyes and low set ears, as required. Steady mover. OK for topline.

LD (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Cox's Petitpaws Black Prince. 6 years old B/T and nicely matured. He is impressive to examine, being compact and cobby. Head contains super eyes and wide open nostrils. Well set lengthy ears frame the picture. Free true mover.

2nd: Hunter's Kasamanda Hamilton Of Hooebarton. Another nicely matured male and many of the same comments apply. Not quite the body substance of 1. Super for size and shape. Moved very well.

3rd: Tonner & Tonner's Headra Tigger At Halbinsel

OD (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Bowles-Robinson's Ch Baldragon Shoots He Scores. Tri. The standard requires the King Charles Spaniel to be 'refined, compact and cobby' and I have

always thought that this requirement is somewhat hard to achieve having shown Cob horses at County level, I question 'refined' and 'cobby' being compatible. Notwithstanding, if there is a balance to achieve then this mature tri colour all male pretty well meets it. He's well-constructed, has a glamorous coat and really comes into his own on the move where he does have a refined gait and uses it to advantage. Admired his head qualities, coat and condition. CC & BOB – Group Shortlist

2nd: Mochrie's Downsbank Jeffrey. Here is a dog epitomising the KCS of yesteryear. He is square, compact and decidedly cobby. Great depth and width of chest, short loin and well boned legs. Super for head qualities and finish. Dark well set expressive eyes. Steady, accurate mover. Pushed 1 all the way so

no hesitation in awarding him the RCC. 3rd: Whitman & Tarabad's Cofton All I Have To Do Is Dream With Khatibi

Class VB (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Hunter's Tovarich Thomasina At Hooebarton. 7 years old and in fine fettle. He is well made, of strong bone and substance. Head contains lovely eyes, well filled thereunder. Neat finish to lips. Square muzzle, deep and wide. Enough neck, well laid shoulders. A steady, sound and happy mover.

MPB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Forever Unique Naf Taf. This 6 month old Tri baby is clearly going to be something special. She is so beautifully balanced being decidedly square in profile. Super for depth of chest and bone. Feminine head with lovely eyes. Super combination of tri colours. Champion quality. **PBB & RCC**

2nd: Bailey & Bailey's Aldoricka Victoria, NAF. Another pretty baby but giving a lot away in maturity. I have no doubt she will gain confidence going forward which will enhance the many qualities she possesses. Liked her overall shape when standing (with encouragement!), and saw glimpses of very accurate movement when she cooperated!

JB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Whitman & Tarabad's Ch Baldragon Centre Stage With Khatibi. Heads you win! Just felt her head and expression was so feminine it was worth several looks. Well-made throughout supporting plenty of substance. Good for ribbing and loins. On the move she produces a very impressive profile and despite her

young age, it is hardly surprising she already carries her title. **BCC** 2nd: McFarlane & Gracie's Maradeco King. B/T 16 months. Presented in fabulous condition. Clearly has a mind of her own. Super head qualities and front assembly. Slightly long in loin. She played her handler up but from what I saw she moved soundly.

LB (3 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: Lovel's Cofton Dreamed A Dream At Lovetrac. Beautifully marked tricolour. Very feminine. She presents a square outline when standing. Impressive head qualities and neck. Level backline. Clean forehand, OK going away. Currently out of coat which makes her look rather immature but at 2 years has time on her hands.

Class 1778 OB (4 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: Bowles-Robinson's Chacombe Marana Baldragon. Mature, well-made tri who is beautiful to examine. Abundant bone and substance whilst maintaining femininity. Excellent forequarters and topline. Clearly a happy lady! 2nd: Mochrie's Downsbank Snowdrop. Impressive to examine – everything in the right place. Super depth of chest, well ribbed, short loin. Sturdy bone all adds to the typical requirement. She really did herself no favours today and appeared rather uncooperative, which was a pity.

Tony Allcock OBE (Judge)