

KING CHARLES SPANIELS

MIDLAND COUNTIES 30TH OCTOBER 2022

My thanks to the committee of Midland Counties for their kind invitation to judge at this popular show. Although my appointment was for 2023 I was quite happy to stand in for this year.

I appreciate the entry was for Mr Tom Mather and I am sure he would be proud to have drawn one of the biggest entries of the year. There were quite a few absentees as I expected there to be for a stand in judge but nevertheless I was more than happy with my final winners . I do hope the exhibitors that did attend were as pleased with my placings.

I was so glad to see all exhibits were well presented and showed well , the hall can be daunting especially to the younger exhibits. Light eyes seem to be a thing of past which I am pleased about as it does alter the expression of a Charlie's face.

There was a distinct lack of coat with several of the exhibits which I found a little disconcerting and something that I feel could be addressed. It seems that the breed as a whole is losing some substance, to me although a toy dog, a Charlie should surprise you with its substance and body. Any breed should be judged by its own standard which I attempted to do but as with any decisions there are always compromises but I was happy with my choices.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (2 Entries, 0 Absent)

A close decision as there was a lot to like about both exhibits

1st Bailey's Aldoricka The Hustler

8 month old well marked bleheim, good dome and ear placement with dark eyes and nose pad Has a deep chest and rib developing nicely, adequate length of neck .well muscled legs with enough bone, I am sure that when he gets his act together and gains

confidence he will look a different dog as he seemed to be overawed by the venue

2nd Austin's Baldragon Blinking Hell Taf

6 month old heavier marked tricolour dog, just a baby in arms but everything in place .good dome with dark eyes and nose all in line as should be A little strong in jaw but that will settle Plenty of body and a good stifle but shorter on the leg than 1 ,he moved quite well considering it was his first show , just preferred head properties of 1 at this time

PUPPY DOG (5, 3)

I learnt that these are litter brothers and both had attributes that could cause them to change places in the future

1st Baker &Kendall's Headra's Jim Beam

Almost 12 months old well presented black and tan with coat glossy, good tan markings presented a pleasing look to his domed head ,dark round eyes and nose . When standing a square shape ,a true toy spaniel .A deep chest and rib already present and should turn into a future winner although he is doing well now .Has sturdy legs and good bone ,when moving presents a level topline although a little exhuberent with his handler but still a happy puppy Pleased to award him B P

2nd Tonner's Headra's Leo at Halbinsel

Blenheim dog in excellent condition as all are from this kennel, Slightly larger overall than his brother but plenty to like about him. Rich blenheim with a good rib and chest and good bone . Pleasing head with the necessary dark eyes and pigment , Ears a little high but still young and developing ,strode out round the ring confidently

but just losing his topline a little . Overall two toy dogs just preferred size and shape of 1

JUNIOR DOG (2, 0)

1ST Mochrie's Downsbank Indian Ink

17 month old Black and Tan with such a good coat for his age .Loved his head shape, had a good dome round dark eyes and jet black nose pad. Stood as a square shape with adequate bone ,a deep chest and rib , enough length of neck to give good head carriage , tan markings a little dark at the moment but time to develop into a dog worth watching out for in the future , he moved steadily round the ring but agreed with his owner just needs a bit more training (would have taken him home)

2nd Champion's Rivermoor Stan Laurel at Lankcombe

17month old Tricolour, well presented in good condition, slightly longer cast than one but nevertheless a good looking dog. Well domed head and good ear placement ,dark eyes and well feathered ears but sadly lacking any coat . Chest needs to develop but has good bone and good tail set , moved quite confidently round the ring , just preferred overal picture of 1

POST GRADUATE DOG (6, 4)

1ST Hunter's Kasamanda Hamilton

Four year old tricolour in good condition good shaped head and had dark eyes giving him a soft expression with cushioning, good ear placement but feathering a little short . Straight front legs and deep chest and correct tail set Coat in good condition although a little wavy ,he moved steadily and quietly round the ring giving a pleasing outline

2nd Kendall's Headra's Irrestible

Two year old Blenheim just full of himself on the day, giving his handler a task . Lightly marked, good dome and dark eyes. Had good

**ear placement and feathering ,lacking some coat at the moment
Has good bone and chest developing well and should mature to a
worthy winner, when moving presented a level topline and a strong
driving action ,just not as settled as 1**

LIMIT DOG (6, 1)

1ST Clarke's Poltomic Black magic

**Almost four years old B/Tan in full coat ,so well presented , lovely
shaped head with dark eyes and ear and nose placement with
cushioning which gives the soft expression ,tan could be a little
brighter . Good head carriage and deep chest and well boned legs
front and rear , correct tailset , stood proudly on the table , just
losing his topline slightly but when moving presented a flowing
picture of a King Charles Spaniel**

2nd Jackson's Lankcombe King's Speech Amantra

**Four year old tricolour with large domed head ,dark eyes and nose
pad good ear placement and feathering.Pleasing expression . Good
reach of neck and short back with good tail set good rear
angulation which gave good movement round the ring Sadly lacking
the coat which lost him the place to 1**

3rd Tarabad &Whitman's Cofton All I have To Dream at khatabi

OPEN (8, 6)

**Two worthy champions presenting different attributes and only
personal preferences separated these two**

1st Mochrie's Ch. Downsbank Jeffrey

**Almost four years tricolour well marked coat. The correct head
shape and size for his frame. Correct ear placement with good
feathering, dark round eyes and nose , lips meeting with a good
turn up gives the soft gentle expression lacking at times. He stood
proudly on the table giving a level topline which he kept when
moving steadily round the ring. Has a good rib and good bone and**

movement was sound. Has sufficient coat and when standing is a true picture of a toy spaniel R.C.C

2nd Bowles Robinson Ch Baldragon Shoots He Score

Two year old tricolour well marked. By virtue of his name he certainly does score and has proudly represented the breed many times in the toy group. Presented in his usual excellent condition ,has a good coat and good feathering. Large masculine head with round dark eyes and good nose placement Head carriage good on strong shoulders has lovely bone front and rear ,deep chest and not fully mature yet .flowed round the ring in his usual style with a level topline. When standing with 1 not quite as square a picture , such a hard decision

VETERAN DOG (6, 1)

1ST Essex's Ch Chacombe Royal Gift to Brendek

Nine year old Tricolour lighter marked presented in immaculate condition not really a hint of his age with a profuse feathering and coat of correct texture Has a large head with dark round eyes and large nostrils and good ear placement , soft gentle expression and plenty of cushioning which can be lacking in the breed . Adequate reach of neck giving good head carriage . Deep wide chest he provided good strong movement front and rear keeping a level topline which did not alter when standing So well handled by his stand in handler . Could not deny this dog the C.C and B.O.B. So pleased to learn he was short listed in the Toy Group

2nd Tonner's Headra's Inspiration at Halbinsel

Seven year old tricolour. Built on smaller lines than one but nevertheless has everything in place. Presented in lovely condition , silky coat of correct texture. Domed shaped head with good ear

placement and dark eyes and nose pad. Has good head carriage with adequate neck length. Short level back and good rib , not quite the substance of one but moved and showed as well as usual ,a shame to come against 1

3rd Hunter's Maynorth Shades of Heaven at Hooebarton

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (1, 0)

1ST Bailey's Aldoricka Sweet Victoria

Eight month old tricolour, lighter marked with pretty expression ,nicely domed head and dark eyes . Well placed ear set and good feathering ,just a baby at the moment and some maturing to do, good tail set and topline when moving , just overawed with the surroundings but I feel will turn into a lovely little girl

PUPPY BITCH (3, 1)

1st Bowles-Robinson Baldragon Forever Unique

Nine month old Tricolour , heavier marked with a good coat ,good dome with dark round eyes, plenty of ear feathering, has a good body and deep wide chest for one so young ,cushioning coming on, has nice straight legs and good angulation , moved soundly round the ring with more confidence than I have seen her with before B P B

2nd Baker's Cofton Dancing in the Dark

Ten month old Black/Tan , smaller built than 1 but has a pleasing expression with good dome and dark eyes , good tan markings completes the picture, has sufficient bone and a good body, nice reach of neck , was a little lively on the move but nevertheless a happy girl and I'm sure will improve

JUNIOR (1,0)

POST GRADUATE (6, 3)

1ST Boyer's Ellinghurst Miss Saigon

Four year old Tricolour present in excellent condition, smaller type but nicely put together, has a pretty feminine face with good dome, well placed earset and dark round eyes, has good pigment and well broken coat, good movement front and rear on strong legs, looked to be enjoying her day, had a level topline

2nd Austin's Baldragon Gots Hattitude

Two year old Tricolour, heavier built than 1 and heavier marked but has a good coat, good head shape, has dark eyes and good ear feathering, good cushioning is well ribbed and has a deep chest, held her topline when moving soundly round the ring just preferred the demeanour of 1

3rd Mcfarlane & Johnston Gracie Maradeco King (imp pol)

LIMIT (4,0)

OPEN (7,0)

A strong bitch class which included three champions

1st Rix's Ch. Baldragon Fame Game at Ricksbury JW

Twenty month old Tricolour, well broken slightly out of coat today but nothing to hide, has typical dome and good length of neck, large dark round eyes, has good pigment and dark nose pad, good feathering to ears setting a pleasing picture, has ample depth to her chest but still developing, has good front with strong legs and good bone, when moving was confident and kept a level topline, so attentive to her handler B C C

2nd Hardiman's Tovarich Teanna

Seven year old Black/Tan, have watched this girl grow from a puppy and still is a favourite of mine. Not quite the dome of 1 but can take nothing away from her, has dark round eyes with correct

cushioning and tan markings enough reach of neck which gives her a good head carriage, her legs have good bone with a deep wide chest , kept a level topline when moving not showing her age and obviously enjoying herself R B C C

3rd Tarabad & Whitman's Ch. Baldragon Centre Stage with Khatabi JW

VETERAN (4, 4)

STEPHEN SMITH