DARLINGTON DOG SHOW SOCIETY SEPT 18TH KING CHARLES SPANIELS

Thank you to the Committee for the kind invitation to award CC's in King Charles Spaniels for the first time. Thank you to David & Wendy, my stewards, who were professional and efficient allowing me to concentrate on my judging and enjoy my day with the Charlies.

VD (2,0) Two beautifully headed Veterans to start the day. 1st MELVILLE, Miss C Ch Amantra Chorale. Such a worthy Champion and one I have admired many times before. Love his large well domed head, dark eyes and adoring expression. He is so cobby with a super short level back. Balanced all through. Excels on the move with strength to his well angulated hindquarters and low hocks. In my final short-list for Green cards and one to who I would gladly award a CC. Unlucky to meet the stunning Veteran Bitch in the Challenge for BVIB. 2nd TONNER, MR A.K. & TONNER, MRS S M Headra's Inspiration at Halbinsel. Width all through this dog's large head which was well domed. Such a typical expression. Large dark eye set well apart and open nostril. Compact in body and broad chest. Not quite the drive of the winner going away.

MPD (5,0) 1st SMITH, Mr Stephen & SMITH, Mrs Gillian JUSTACHARMA SO MAGIC. Loved this confident tri-colour puppy who stood out in this class and will undoubtedly gain his title. His silky coat is developing very well for his age and his markings are all well broken. Fabulous head and expression. Low set ears. Slight arch to his neck into well laid shoulders. Compact in body. Very sound away and back. He has fabulous head carriage and short level back in profile. BPIB and so very close to winning the RCC. Has a very bright future I am sure. 2nd: 6316 STEWART, Mrs. Katherine Margaret Sherlock od Dvou orechu NAF TAF. A black and tan with a silky raven black coat and rich tans. His head is well domed with ears set low and large dark eyes set well apart. His body is compact and he holds his top line well. He showed very good strength in his hindguarters with lots of potential and moves with real drive. A little wide coming towards. He does need to lose some weight as this detracted; nonetheless another promising

puppy of very good breed type. 3rd CONSTABLE, Mrs M Mitapip Royal Command

PD (2,0) Two very happy, confident puppies with great temperaments. 1st TONNER, MR A.K. & TONNER, MRS S M HEADRA'S LEO at HALBINSEL. A very well marked Blenheim with a super silky coat and in tip top condition. Liked his chunky, compact body and his short level back. Confirmation is spot on with straight front, well bent stifles and low hocks. His head is well domed with a shiny black nose with large open nostril. Good width to underjaw. Low set ears. Moved very soundly. 2nd BAKER, Mr R & KENDALL, Mrs M Headra's Jim Beam. Jet black and rich tans with a silky coat developing well for age. His head is a little smaller than the winner but he has a super domed skull and a fabulous expression. Straight front and well bent stifles with well let down hocks. Very sound away and back. Not quite as compact in body as the winner and would like a little more cover to his body. Carrying his tail a little higher than ideal today on the move.

JD (1,0) 1st KENDALL, Mrs Mea & BAKER, Miss Emily Cofton Tap Dance. Loved the overall type and balance of this well marked tricolour dog. Breadth all through this large well domed head with square muzzle and neat finish to his turn up. Wonderful expression with large dark eye and low set ears. Slight arch to neck allowing his wonderful head to be carried proudly on the move. Compact in body with short, level back. An absolute picture on the move and very sound. Would like to see him carrying a little more weight but appreciate this can be a challenge with teenage boys. Super silky, gleaming coat.

PGD (4,1) 1st KENDALL, Mrs Mea Headra's Irresistible. An attractive Blenheim built on smaller lines with a super overall shape; compact and cobby. Lovely domed head and adorable expression. Slight arch to neck and well laid shoulders. Well angulated forequarters with a straight front and good forechest. Very sound but would prefer a little more bend of stifle. 2nd COUPLAND, Mrs J Tucherish Andrew Carnegie. A mature looking black and tan in full silky jet black coat and rich tans. Very good width through his head with large dark eye and large open nostril. Would prefer a slightly more domed skull. Short in back and lovely cobby body in fabulous condition. Moved soundly away and back with real drive from his low hocks. 3rd MADDISON, Miss Sarah Justacharma Northern Magic

LD (7,0) A close call between the first two. 1st STEWART, Mrs. Katherine Margaret MONLEON MADE BY MAGIC FOR MARCHOG. Won this large class on his overall shape, soundness and balanced construction. A well marked blenheim with lovely silky straight coat. Domed head and low set ears with large dark lustrous eye. Neat lips and finish of up-turn. Very compact in body with short level back and well set tail carried low on the move. Very sound. 2nd JACKSON, Mrs T M Lankcombe Kings Speech Amantra. A wellmarked tri-colour with an absolutely beautiful head and expression. Excellent domed skull and super low set ears. Width to his square muzzle and well cushioned cheeks. Large dark eyes and clean open nostril. Arched neck. Compact in body with width to his chest. Well bent stifles and very sound behind. Just moving a little wide in front. 3rd GILLHESPY, Mrs Lorraine & KIRSCHBAUM, Mr. Marcus Bonitos Companeros Deluxe Chardonnay

OD (3,0) 1st **BOWLES-ROBINSON**, Mrs C Ch Baldragon Shoots He Scores. A fabulous toy spaniel and a real positive PR ambassador for the breed. A picture of health and vitality. In wonderful condition; muscle tone, skin and sparkling clean coat. His tri-colour markings show good distribution on a pearly white silky coat. His large head has width through and a good domed skull. Large dark eyes set wide apart and giving a gentle expression; such an outstanding temperament. Large open nostril. Good turn up with neat lips and well cushioned cheeks. Slight arch to his neck. Well laid shoulders and straight front. Compact and short in back with a bang level top line at all times. So sound and creates the perfect Charlie silhouette both stood and on the move. A credit to his talented breeder. CC & BOB. 2nd SMITH, Mr Stephen & SMITH, Mrs Gillian CH JUSTACHARMA MAGIC GOES ON. I am sure these two tricolours have had several 'battle royals' as this is another beautiful example of the breed. My notes say 'wonderful head and expression'. Of an ideal size and perfect compact shape. Wellconstructed forequarters and good bed of stile. Just a fraction closer behind going away but looked a picture in side gait showing a very typical outline. I would gladly give this dog a CC but today had to be the RCC. 3rd COUPLAND, Mrs J Ambassador Boy Star of Tucherish (Imp Rus)

VB (2,1) 1st WILLEY, Mr. Ian & SIDDLE, Miss Carol Ch PENEMMA MISTY FOR ME JW. WOW – what a credit to her owners and breeders. An absolutely stunning blenheim Bitch who belies her Veteran 9 years; as worthy and capable of winning CC's today as she ever was. She has the most fantastic temperament and must be a joy to live with. Loves her day out and a total show off; a picture of health. Rich chestnut red well broken markings with a perfect lozenge too. Has the text book Charlie silhouette from her domed skull, square muzzle with turn up, slight arch to her neck and then this short cobby body with level top line and low set tail. Still as sound as ever. A very close decision for the CC and privilege to judge this beautiful lady. RCC.

MPB (5,1) 1st BOWLES-ROBINSON, Mrs C Baldragon Forever unique NAF TAF. Such a baby but showing so much promise. A beautifully marked tri-colour in excellent condition. Beautiful head with domed skull and width to muzzle. Dark eyes and low set ears. Arched neck into well laid shoulders. Compact in body and in lean condition. Moved with drive and parallel away and back. Best Puppy Bitch. 2nd **CONSTABLE, Mrs M Mitapip Bonnie. I really liked these two litter** black and tan sisters but both need to grow in confidence and ring craft training; I thought Bonnie particularly was quite special. Both have raven black shiny coats with the richest tans. Bonnie has a beautiful head which is hard to fault and is compact in body. Her construction is very good with matching angulation fore and aft. Sadly she did not want to show off her virtues on the move. She found her brakes and took a complete dislike to the lead. 3rd **CONSTABLE, Mrs M Mitapip Nightshade. Whilst happier on the lead** and very sound, Nightshade is a fraction longer in body. I preferred the head and expression of her sister.

JB (2,0) 1st BOYER, Mrs Sandra EVROPA OT NEVSKOGO HOBBITA (Imp Rus). Only just out of puppy and lacking a little in coat but loved the overall shape of this bitch. Rich tans and jet black coat. Head developing well with domed skull and dark eyes set wide apart. Compact overall and cobby. Straight front and well laid shoulders. Good bend of stifle and very sound on the move. 2nd MCFARLANE, Miss & Mrs L & J Gracie maradeco king. Another black and tan in super condition and in better coat than the winner. Liked her typical domed head and expression. Not as compact as the winner but another sound bitch that moved with drive and freedom of movement.

PGB (3,2) 1st BOYER, Mr & Mrs P & S Ellinghurst Miss Saigon. This happy tri-colour bitch has a beautiful head and such a pretty expression; her tail never stopped wagging. I imagine her to be so affectionate and a joy to live with. Her coat was straight and silky; her colours well distributed and very attractive. Compact in body with a short level back and low set tail. Makes a typical outline in profile and moves with freedom but not so parallel away and back and a little down on her pasterns today.

LB (5,1) 1st PFEIFFER-LUNT, Mrs Helena Marian & LUNT MRCVS, Dr Simmanie Sunshine State. A larger framed tri-colour bitch who oozes confidence and shows off her many virtues well. She presents a very balanced picture and has a super head. Very typical in outline with a super domed skull, arch to her neck, short back and compact body. She is definitely cobby but carrying a little more weight than ideal. Very sound away and back and moves with purpose driving from her low hocks. 2nd STEWART, Mrs. Katherine Margaret POLTOMIC PEPPERMINT PATTY WITH MARCHOG. A chestnut red ruby bitch with a silky coat who is of ideal size and compact in overall shape. Broad chest with straight front. Head of good size and width to her square muzzle but not quite the domed skull and expressive eyes of the winner. Super temperament. Held her typical overall shape well in side gait. A little closer behind than ideal. 3rd BOYER, Mr & Mrs P & S Ellinghurst Kiki Dee

OB (3,1) 1st RIX, Mr Brian Baldragon Fame Game at Ricksbury. I could quite easily have taken this tri-colour bitch home. What a joy it must be to wake up to this glorious head piece and that gentle expression every day. The arch to her neck allows her to have such proud head carriage. She is only young but there is little I would change. She is compact in body with short back and spirit level top

line. I love her over the croup and that low set tail which creates the perfect breed silhouette stood and in profile on the move. She is so sound. CC and a very close decision for BOB as she has the most exquisite breed typical head which I could not fault. The dog was just on such great form and is the consummate confident showman I could not deny him a place in the Group today. 2nd POTTER, Mrs T Toyswood Starlight Express. A little over-shadowed by the winner and looked so worried on the table. She has a super compact body with short level back and well angled croup giving a low set tail. Her head is well domed with low set ears and an arched neck so she presents a very typical overall Charlie outline. Large dark eye but a more exaggerated turn up detracted and she lacked the sweet expression. Moved with drive just a faction wide coming towards.

Judge – Nick Gourley