

My thanks go to Crufts committee for the invitation to judge a breed that I love and have had for over forty years. Bob Potts and Magda Maganyork were excellent stewards. The King Charles Spaniel is not an easy breed, however all the exhibits had gentle and affectionate temperaments and the majority were happy, toy spaniels with the distinctive domed head. Exhibitors presented their dogs & bitches in wonderful condition. There were some difficult decisions to be made between first and second but I love to see a freestanding dog who wants to please its owner.

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King Charles Spaniel

- DCC 3965 - Abbema Somerset's Secret Amantra (Imp Fra) (Mrs T M Jackson)
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BP 3983 - Chacombe Gladys Deacon at Cavallibrook (Mrs K F Ryan)
BV 3954 - Ch Mitapip Sweet Rosey for Poltomic (Mrs P Clarke)

658. King Charles Spaniel - Veteran Dog

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1ST 3984 - Paulian Where's Wally JW ShCM (Mr I & Mrs P Sidgwick)

A lightly marked tricolour who was such a happy dog enjoying his day in the ring. He has a distinctive domed head and such sound movement. His skull was moderately large and he had well cushioned cheeks. His large dark eyes were like he was constantly smiling at his owner whom he obviously adored. Ears were set on low and hanging flat to his cheeks. He carried his head so proudly. His body was in excellent condition as was his coat and his stifles were well bent. This dog could certainly move soundly around the ring.

2ND 3944 - Dragonheart Winter Morning (Mr M L & Mrs K L Austin)

An 11 year old blenheim with a good body and wide, deep chest, another happy dog who was pleasing to watch as he moved soundly around the ring.

3RD 3980 - Downsbank Troubadour over Ozzymoon (Miss D M Pearce)

A well marked tricolour who moved satisfactorily.

659. King Charles Spaniel - Puppy Dog

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1ST 3989 - Chacombe Just Magical for Justacharma (Mr S C & Mrs G A J Smith)

Although this pup stood alone in this class he well deserved his place.

A well marked tricolour in excellent condition, he is refined. compact and cobby. His head and skull fit the breed standard so well, it is well domed. full over his large, dark eyes which were set wide apart giving an extremely pleasing expression. His front legs were short and straight and with well laid back shoulders. His hindquarters had sufficient muscle to allow positive, sound movement from behind. This pup should have an extremely wonderful future as he gains confidence, which I am sure he will, in the ring.

660. King Charles Spaniel - Junior Dog

Entries: 3 Absentees: 2

1ST 3955 - Enrice Noire Entrouge Dark Drakula (Imp Ukr) (Mrs K & Mr R Greenfield)

A pup, just moving into the junior class who stood alone, He was a black & tan in excellent condition. His head was so appealing, with wide open nostrils and dark, appealing eyes set wide apart. This young dog moved soundly around the ring driving from behind.

661. King Charles Spaniel - Post Graduate Dog

Entries: 9 Absentees: 2

1ST 3953 - Mitapip Special Edition at Poltomic (Mrs P Clarke)

A ruby lad, rich chestnut red in colour who appealed so much to me and one who was in excellent coat and condition. His head was well domed, full over his dark eyes and with wide open nostrils. Movement was first class due to his very good construction. At just over 18 mths old he has plenty of time to continue to improve even more and fulfil his potential. I am sure his owner would be pleased to have won one of the largest classes of the day.

2ND 3947 - Aldoricka The Hustler (Mrs D M Bailey)

A mature, well marked blenheim, who showed off his many good attributes when moving towards me and around in a circle. He also had low set ears, which hung quite flat to his

cheeks and wide open nostrils. His chest was certainly wide and deep with a short back and level topline. He had well cushioned feet.

3RD 3972 - Downsbank Indian Ink (Mrs R Mochrie)

I have often admired this young black & tan dog who likes to be challenging on the move for his owner. He is certainly an intelligent toy spaniel with a distinctive domed head, and a short & level back. His coat is a rich glossy black with bright mahogany tan markings in all the correct places.

RES 3949 - Headra's Jim Beam (Mr R S & Mrs M Baker & Kendall)

VHC 3943 - Baldragon Blinkin Hell TAF (Mr M L & Mrs K L Austin)

662. King Charles Spaniel - Limit Dog

Entries: 5 Absentees: 0

1ST 3965 - Abbema Somerset's Secret Amantra (Imp Fra) (Mrs T M Jackson)

The winner of this class, the dog CC and Best of Breed was a mature, beautifully marked blenheim boy at only his third show. His owner certainly knows how to get the very best from him both moving and free standing. He has a moderately large skull in comparison to size, which was well domed and full over the eyes. These were relatively large, dark and set wide apart. Low set ears, hung flat to his cheeks, were long and well feathered. His arched neck gave him a proud head carriage and his body had plenty of width & depth. His back was short, compact and cobby with a level topline.

The construction of this dog was of the very best and it was on the move that he excelled giving positive driving movement both from the front and at the rear. He carried his tail very well, wagging all the time.

2ND 3951 - Tom Des Trois Maillets Baldragon (Imp Fra) NAF (Mrs C Bowles-Robinson)

A younger, less mature well marked blenheim but one that represents the breed so well. His head and skull were well domed, his nose black with wide-open nostrils. His back was short and level. He moved well both ways but I do wish that his owner would allow him to free stand. A future Champion I am sure.

3RD 3967 - Cofton Tap Dance (Mrs M & Miss E Kendall & Baker)

A lightly marked tricolour, again very sound on the move. Long well feathered ears, hanging low and flat to his cheeks.

RES 3969 - Justacharma Northern Magic (Miss S Maddison)

VHC 3947 - Aldoricka The Hustler (Mrs D M Bailey)

663. King Charles Spaniel - Open Dog

Entries: 9 Absentees: 1

This class consisted of 8 Champion dogs that were a pleasure to judge.

1ST 3973 - Ch Downsbank Jeffrey (Mrs R Mochrie)

A mature five year old tricolour dog, so well marked and one which moved around the ring with style, fitting the breed standard extremely well. His body was compact & cobby. He has the correct head, with the stop between his skull and nose so well defined. His cheeks were well cushioned and eyes large and dark in colour. His movement was free and elegant particularly from behind. He thoroughly deserved the Reserve CC.

2ND 3996 - Ch/am Ch Marsward My Masterpiece (Mrs M & Mr J Tuesley & Swaine)

A lovely ruby champion dog who moved extremely well. He is a rich chestnut red in colour and has a long, silky and straight coat. This boy has the correct body shape keeping a level topline both on the move and freestanding.

3RD 3977 - Multi Ch Cavamirs Assam (Ms S & Mrs E B Nordin)

A four year old tricolour dog that performed so well for his owner. His front movement was a pleasure to watch both standing and on the move. He is an excellent type of dog again fitting the breed standard so well.

RES 3982 - Ch Cavallibrook Blimey O Riley (Mrs K F Ryan)

VHC 3988 - Int/pol Ch Faworite King Fci Krakers (Ms Rs Slowinska)

664 Good Citizen Dog Scheme

No entries

665. King Charles Spaniel - Veteran Bitch

Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

1ST 3954 - Ch Mitapip Sweet Rosey for Poltomic (Mrs P Clarke)

The most lovely ruby bitch that there has been for a long time, in fact the last ruby Champion bitch was bred & owned by myself 20 years ago. Wonderful breed type with outstanding rear movement. She is a lovely colour, in pristine condition and has a correct head and skull.

2ND 3993 - Cavella Camelia (Mrs Y Southam)

A blenheim bitch, again scored well on the move, but was out of coat on the day. This bitch has a very pretty head, good neck and shoulders, large & dark eyes giving such an appealing expression.

3RD 3995 - Ch/am Ch Marsward Black Magic Woman (Mrs M & Mr J Tuesley & Swaine)

A very attractive, mature black & tan bitch, rich glossy black with bright mahogany markings. Her long coat was presented in excellent condition.

RES 3950 - Ch Baldragon Hold That Thought (Mrs C Bowles-Robinson)

VHC 3958 - Tovarich Teanna (Mr T W & Mrs C A Hardiman)

666. King Charles Spaniel - Puppy Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1ST 3983 - Chacombe Gladys Deacon at Cavallibrook (Mrs K F Ryan)

Exciting prospects for the future were the first two in this class and the third, who was litter sister to the first, should be in the cards when she learns to behave.

Best Puppy in breed went to this 9 mth old well marked tricolour who behaved like puppies do, moving very well at times but needed encouragement occasionally. Compact and cobby was this happy toy spaniel with a distinctive domed head. The shoulder placement on this pup was well laid back with her elbows close to her ribcage. Her rear movement was a joy to watch, especially as she had an ever wagging tail which was in overall balance with the rest of her.

2ND 3957 - Una De Melcourt (Miss C Gurtner)

Another exciting, lightly marked tricolour whose tail never stopped wagging. This lovely bitch had an attractive head which was well domed, with large, wide open nostrils. Her eyes were large and dark, set wide apart. Her ears were set on low, hanging flat to her cheeks and well feathered. She moved soundly coming towards me.

3RD 3963 - Chacombe Secret Affair (Mrs M J Hunter)

Litter sister to the first but a little uncooperative when it came to moving.

667. King Charles Spaniel - Junior Bitch

Entries: 6 Absentees: 2

1ST 3966 - Headra Edith JW (Mrs M E Kendall)

A well constructed, extremely happy, tricolour bitch that shows much promise for the future. She has a very pretty head which is well domed and full over the eyes. The stop between the skull and her nose is well defined. She has a level topline and short back. Her movement was sound both at the front and rear.

2ND 3968 - Cavella Carolina (Mrs D Lavelle)

Another very pleasing tricolour bitch almost 18 mths old. Well marked and in good coat. Similar remarks to the first and her movement was active, elegant and sound behind.

3RD 3948 - Cofton Part of Your World (Mr R S & Mrs R K Baker)

A younger bitch, less mature than the two placed above. She had more length in her back but was a happy toy spaniel with a distinctive domed head.

RES 3956 - Romana Kalina Vlastilin (Mrs K & Mr R Greenfield)

668. King Charles Spaniel - Post Graduate Bitch

Entries: 7 Absentees: 3

1ST 3946 - Aldoricka Sweet Victoria (Mrs D M Bailey)

This lovely tricolour bitch won both this and the next class due to her very good conformation and movement. She has a very pleasing head, so typical of her breeding. Her nose is black with wide open nostrils, large dark eyes which are set wide apart. On the move she holds her head so proudly, is compact and cobby and has a level topline. One I considered in the challenge.

2ND 3945 - Tess Des Trois Maillets Baldragon (Imp Fra) TAF (Mr M L & Mrs K L Austin)

A well marked blenheim who appeared a little unsure of herself at first. Again this bitch was well constructed and moved well.

3RD 3948 - Cofton Part of Your World (Mr R S & Mrs R K Baker)

See previous class.

RES 3962 - Kerizma Krocus (Mrs J Hinson)

669. King Charles Spaniel - Limit Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

1ST 3946 - Aldoricka Sweet Victoria (Mrs D M Bailey)

See previous class

2ND 3962 - Kerizma Krocus (Mrs J Hinson)

A matronly ruby bitch, almost a veteran. Attractive head, black nose and large, dark eyes. She moved steadily round the ring.

670. King Charles Spaniel - Open Bitch

Entries: 8 Absentees: 2

1ST 3981 - Ch Baldragon Fame Game at Ricksbury JW (Mr B Rix)

Bitch CC and Reserve B.O.B. This beautiful 3 yr old tricolour bitch was in excellent condition and so well constructed. Her coat was in immaculate condition, her markings had a pearly white background with well distributed black patches and tan markings in all the correct places. She certainly had the best head of the bitches today. Long, well feathered ears hanging flat to her cheeks complimented her large and dark eyes. This bitch carried her head proudly at all times. There were a couple of times when she tested her owner's patience but she soon recovered to being the complete show girl.

2ND 3979 - Multi Ch Tudorhurst Royal Treasure (Ms S & Mrs E B Nordin)

Reserve Bitch CC.

A slightly more heavily marked tricolour but also one that is so well constructed that her movement more than made up for her markings. She has a long, silky and straight coat and her legs, ears and tail were well feathered. Again her movement was one of the best in the bitches.

3RD 3978 - Multi Ch Cavamirs Darjeeling (Ms S & Mrs E B Nordin)

A well marked blenheim daughter of the bitch above. She too is a lovely size, and so sound.

RES 3952 - Ch Chacombe Marana Baldragon (Mrs C & Mrs C Bowles-Robinson & Jones)

VHC 3994 - Ch Baldragon Centre Stage with Khatibi JW (Miss L & Mr J Tarabad & Whitman)

Lorraine Gillhespy