

Birmingham National : King Charles Spaniel

BEST OF BREED : 8074 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Ch Cofton All I Hav To Do Is Dream With Khatibi Sh

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Best Puppy : 8044 BOWLES-ROBINSON, Mrs C Baldragon Remember Me

Best Veteran : 8049 GURTNER, Miss C Ch Int Ch Bel Lux Ch Oprah De Melcourt

Best Special Beginner : 8037 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Rhapsody In Blue

I had the absolute pleasure of judging King Charles Spaniels at the Birmingham National Dog Show and it truly was a fantastic day. My sincere thanks go to my capable and supportive stewards, Joan and Bob, who kept everything running smoothly. I was deeply impressed by the overall quality of the dogs presented — all shown in great condition, a real credit to their breeders and owners.

It was encouraging to see continued improvement in the breed, and I was absolutely thrilled with my main winners, though I must say there were several others who ran them very close and would have been equally deserving of top honours on another day. The puppy class in particular was full of promise — I look forward with great excitement to seeing how these youngsters develop.

Thank you to all the exhibitors who entered under me and took my decisions with such charm and grace. I'm also very grateful for the kind words and patience throughout the day. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

Class 3224 SBD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 8037 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Rhapsody In Blue, Three-year-old tricolour King Charles Spaniel with a lovely, well-balanced head and rich tan markings. Moved and showed well, displaying confidence and breed type. As with all dogs from this owner, he was happy and confident shown in beautiful coat and condition. Thrilled to award best special beginner.

2nd: 8038 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Sibelius, well this young man came into my Ring and made quite a presence, I think he decided to sing the whole class. When settled showed a lovely outline. The owner did a great job trying to keep him settled well done.

Class 3225 MPD (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 8066 SIDGWICK, Mrs P & SIDGWICK, Mr Ian Chacombe Hank At Paulian

Six-month-old tricolour dog of beautiful breed type, slightly larger in frame but well-balanced. Appealing head with rich tan, moved soundly and showed with confidence. Needs time to mature but has all the essentials to mature beautifully. Will enjoy watching his progress.

2nd: 8060 MOCHRIE, Mrs Ruth Chacombe Harry On Downsbank

Six-month-old tricolour litter brother, more compact in size with a similarly pleasing head and beautiful rich tan. Moved steadily when settled, but today, was very interested in the smells of the carpet. Still very much a

baby, but has the foundations to mature well and I will watch both brothers with interest. They were certainly hard to split.

3rd: 8067 SMITH, Mr Stephen & SMITH, Mrs Gillian Chacombe Hendrix At Justacharma

Res: 8057 MADDISON, Miss Sarah Mitapip Macallan

Class 3226 PD NO ENTRIES

Class 3227 JD (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 8061 MORLEY, Miss E Baldragon Dream Chaser At Lizlanmor JW

17-month-old tricolour dog of lovely breed type, more heavily marked but still balanced and elegant. Shown in beautiful condition with a lovely head and soft expression. Moved and showed with style and confidence, moving with drive from his strong rear end. A real eye-catcher — delighted to award him the Reserve CC. Will be thrilled to watch this dog gain his title, which I'm sure he will.

2nd: 8046 CLARKE, Mrs Pauline Headra's Bohemian Rhapsody At Poltomic

Another lovely exhibit with a beautiful head and pleasing expression. He has good reach of neck leading into well laid shoulders, though he is longer in body than the winner. Showed well by his handler. Moved well. And in lovely condition.

3rd: 8058 MATCHES, Miss J Baldragon French Conexion At Fochai

Res: 8073 TONNER, Mr A.k. & TONNER, MRS S M Headra's Don't Stop Me Now At Halbinsel

Class 3228 PGD (5 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: 8077 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Baldragon Living The Dream With Khatibi

Tricolour dog shown in lovely coat and condition, with a beautiful, well-proportioned head and soft expression. Carried his tail a little high today, but overall presented a well-balanced outline with a good topline. Moved with purpose and drive, and was shown to best advantage. As with all from this kennel shown with fantastic temperaments.

2nd: 8045 CLARKE, Mrs Pauline Mitapip Special Edition At Poltomic

2½-year-old Ruby dog with a lovely head, showing lovely ear and nose placement, A little laid-back today and more in the mood for a nap, but handled well by his owner. A gentle character with potential when fully engaged. Moved with drive coming and going.

3rd: 8038 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Sibelius

Class 3229 LD (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8059 MOCHRIE, Mrs Ruth Downsbank Indian Ink

Black and tan dog of beautiful breed type, with a stunning head that meets the standard, enhanced by rich, well-placed tan markings. Shown in a lovely coat and well-presented. Balanced throughout, showing correct Charlie shape, with good proportions and a pleasing outline. Moved with drive and purpose, showing confidently.

2nd: 8037 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Rhapsody In Blue, see special beginners dog

3rd: 8056 MADDISON, Miss Sarah Justacharma Northern Magic

Class 3230 OD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8074 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Ch Cofton All I Hav To Do Is Dream With Khatibi Sh

Tricolour dog who was my star of the day — he entered the ring and owned it with style and confidence. A lovely size, with a classic, correct Charlie head, well domed and perfectly proportioned. Beautifully marked with excellent breed type and a very showy presence. Correct eye, ear, and nose placement contribute to a soft, expressive look. Held a strong topline and moved soundly front and rear. An honour to award him the CC and, later, Best of Breed.

2nd: 8043 BOWLES-ROBINSON, Mrs C Ch Baldragon Shoots He Scores

A quality King Charles Spaniel I have previously awarded top honours, and still a pleasure to judge. Beautifully marked with a lovely head and soft expression. Shown in excellent condition, moving soundly and with purpose. Presented with confidence and style. Just had to give way today to my smaller star, but remains a fine example of the breed.

3rd: 8055 KENDALL, Mrs M & BAKER, Miss Emily Cofton Tap Dance

Class 3231 VD (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8069 TONNER, Mr A.k. & TONNER, MRS S M Headra's Inspiration At Halbinsel

Nine-and-a-half-year-old tricolour dog of lovely type, lightly marked with a pleasing head and soft expression. Shown in good coat and condition, moving steadily and showing well for his age. A credit to his owner, who presented him beautifully — he certainly didn't let them down.

Class 3232 SBB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 8039 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Clara's Romance

Winner of Special Beginner Bitch was a Blenheim of lovely type, with a very correct head and good dome. Lightly marked, presenting a clean and elegant outline. Shown beautifully by her handler, whose dogs all displayed excellent temperaments. Moved well, holding a firm topline throughout.

2nd: 8040 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Smyth's Cadenza, sadly this little girl presented a challenge for her handler who did a great job trying to get her to walk nicely, sadly making it harder for me to assess her. But good job, keep trying you're gonna get there in the end.

Class 3233 MPB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 8044 BOWLES-ROBINSON, Mrs C Baldragon Remember Me

Six-month-old tricolour bitch who, quite simply, is stunning. Everything I would hope to see at this age — a beautiful head with a correct dome and perfect eye, nose, and ear placement. She moved and showed with confidence and style beyond her age. Everything is in the right place, and she has all the makings of a future star. It was an honour to award her Best Puppy today.

Class 3234 PB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 8044 BOWLES-ROBINSON, Mrs C Baldragon Remember Me see above

2nd: 8068 SPALL, Mr M & CLARK, MR MATTHEW Agnes Graceful Melody At Llapsttam Imp Ukr

Nine-month-old black and tan bitch with a pleasing head and soft expression. Slightly taller on the leg, but well balanced and shown in a gleaming coat with rich tan in all the correct places. Moved and showed beautifully, maintaining a correct topline and tail set. Just needs time to fill out and mature to compete confidently with the older puppies — one with promise.

Class 3235 JB (6 Entries) Abs: 0

This was a beautiful class and I am very sure they will

1st: 80 places over and over. I could've handed out many first places.

54 KENDALL, Mrs M Headra's Killer Queen

Tricolour junior bitch, larger in size but carrying lovely overall balance and breed type. She has a beautiful head with correctly placed eye, nose, and ears, giving a soft, typical expression. Nice reach of neck flowing into well-laid shoulders and a strong topline. Moved well and was shown to advantage by her young handler. Just lost a little of her sparkle in the challenge under a different handler, but a quality bitch with much to like.

2nd: 8063 PARADISE, Mrs J L Yeshalomi Jam And Jerusalem With Shardlow

Beautifully marked Blenheim junior bitch, full of presence and incredibly showy. Shown beautifully by her handler. She has a lovely head with correctly placed eye, nose, and ears, and her expressive eyes add to her charm. Moved with drive and enthusiasm, showing strong front and rear angulation. A very nice bitch who could easily swap places on another day.

3rd: 8078 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Yeshalomi Day To Remember For Khatibi JW

Res: 8051 HAYWARD, Mr D & WALKER, Ms S Justacharma Magic Dance Dalshareon

VHC: 8062 MORLEY, Miss E & HITCHCOCK, Mr R Justacharma Magic Trix For Lizlanmor

Class 3236 PGB (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 8064 RATTER, Mrs Loraine Chacombe Catch A Star For Seafar

A beautifully made postgraduate bitch who truly caught my eye — I absolutely loved her for type, shape, balance, and her exquisite head, all so true to the breed standard. Lightly marked, with a soft, feminine expression and lovely overall quality. Sadly, she just didn't want to perform today, which was such a shame, as she could have pushed hard for top honours had she chosen to walk in the challenge. Full credit to her dedicated owner who tried everything to encourage her — one to watch when she's in the mood.

2nd: 8039 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Clara's Romance see special beginners

3rd: 8040 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Smyth's Cadenza

Class 3237 LB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8053 KENDALL, Mrs M Headra Edith JW

My star of the girls today — a beautiful small tricolour bitch full of charm and presence. She has an exquisite head with a soft, melting expression, and everything in the right place: correctly set eyes, ears, nose, and a

beautiful dome. In good coat and condition, she was full of attitude and gave her all every moment in the ring. Moves with drive and purpose. Just needs a little more body to challenge the dog for Best of Breed, but I absolutely loved her.

2nd: 8050 GURTNER, Miss C Una De Melcourt

Tricolour bitch placed second in a nice class , presenting a pleasing overall picture. She has a nice head with a gentle expression, a good reach of neck flowing into well-laid shoulders, and held a strong topline with a well-set tail. Lovely bone and body, with good angulation front and rear, which showed in her sound, confident movement. Shown in beautiful condition by her capable handler. A quality bitch with much to admire.

Class 3238 OB (4 Entries) Abs: 3

1st: 8041 BAILEY, Mrs Dorothy May Aldoricka Sweet Victoria

My Open Bitch winner was a smaller tricolour who caught my eye the moment she entered the ring. She has a stunning head with everything exactly where it should be — correct eye, nose, and ear placement giving a truly classic expression. Shown in beautiful coat and condition, she moved with strength and drive from both front and rear, holding her shape effortlessly. Very pretty and full of breed type, she pushed hard for top honours today, and I was delighted to award her the Reserve CC.

Class 3239 VB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 8049 GURTNER, Miss C Ch Int Ch Bel Lux Ch Oprah De Melcourt

Seven-year-old tricolour bitch who impressed with her lovely breed type and overall quality. Shown in excellent condition, she belied her age, moving with drive and purpose around the ring. She has a lovely head with a soft expression, and rich tan in all the right places. A credit to her owner, she showed with enthusiasm and style. Very happy to award her Best Veteran in Breed.

2nd: 8036 ABBOTT, Mrs H Cofton Reach For The Stars

Second in a strong veteran class was a smaller tricolour bitch, very pretty and full of charm. As expected from this kennel, she was beautifully presented and incredibly showy, never putting a foot wrong. She has a sweet, well-proportioned head and shone in the ring with confidence and style. Quite the little charmer — I really loved her. She held her own admirably among strong competition.