

KING CHARLES SPANIELS

WEST OF ENGLAND LADIES KENNEL SOCIETY 2025

My thanks to the committee for their kind invitation judge at this popular show.

Unfortunately, I had suffered with extremely agonising back pain for a few weeks and am at present, seeing a chiropractor. My apologies to the exhibitors as I had to keep sitting down but my stewards were excellent and helped me in every way they could by moving my chair and table. I kept the breed standard in my head at all times and tried to judge to breed type.

VETERAN DOG (2 entries, 1 absent)

1st HEADRA'S INSPIRATION AT HALBINSEL

This nearly ten year old boy was present in superb coat and today was the best I have seen him. He was enjoying his day even though it was so hot. He has really dark round eyes under a good dome and plenty of cushioning completed the picture. Good bone and ribcage. So pleased to award him Best Veteran, so thoroughly deserved.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (2 Entries, 0 Absent)

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

1st MOCHRIE'S CHACOMBE HARRY ON DOWNSBANK,

Pleasing head with good dome and ear placement with dark eyes and nose pad Compact and short, he Has a deep chest and rib developing nicely . I am sure that when he gets his act together and gains confidence and gets used to showing on grass he will come into his own.

2nd MADDISON'S MITAPIP MACALLAN

A very nice black and tan with gleaming coat. He walked very well with a level topline held on the move. Very pleasing head with correct round dark eye. Very little to choose between these two young boys but just preferred the compactness of (1) and sure they will change places.

PUPPY DOG (2, 0)

1st CLARKE'S HEADRA'S BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY AT POLTOMIC

Classic domed head, which I have come to expect from this kennel, Dark eyes, correct nose and ear placement. Good bone and ribcage maturing well. Full under the eye giving a soft , pleasing expression, Moved well with level topline, BPD and BP

2nd TONNER'S HEADRA'S DON'T STOP ME NOW AT HALBINSEL

Litter brother to 1st but not as mature and will need time.. Pleasing head with the necessary dark eyes and pigment , Ears a little high but still young and developing. He is a nice size but was on a mission to keep his nose to the grass but in time should get his act together.

JUNIOR DOG (4, 1)

1ST JACKSON'S AMANTRA SOMERSET GOLD

This lovely ruby boy with a large head, large dark round eyes just caught my attention. He stood square, good bone and a deep chest with good width. Jet black nose. good length of neck to give good head carriage. Developing into a dog with a very promising future. He moved steadily round the ring holding his topline and presented such a pleasing shape (would have taken him home) RCC

2nd Morley's BALDRAGON DREAM CHASER AT LIZLANMOR

17month old Tricolour, so well presented in good condition. Such a different type from (1) but could easily change positions with (1) Well domed head and good ear placement ,dark eyes and well feathered ears and in good coat. He had very good bone with a deep chest and excellent ribcage. Correct front. He moved confidently round the ring with drive and one of the best movers., Unlucky to meet my first.

3rd RIGNALL'S RIGNOLLA BABY REINDEER

YEARLING DOG (5, 1)

1ST MATCHES ' BALDRAGON FRENCH CONNEXION AT FOCHAI

Well bodied mature tri with a very good ribcage. He has a wide blaze, large round dark eyes and large wide nostrils set under a good dome. Good width of chest and good bone. Kept a level top line on the move

2nd RIGNALL's RIGNOLIA BABY REINDEER

One year old well marked trij, good dome and dark eyes. Had good ear placement and feathering. Not as mature as (1) Has good bone and chest and when moving presented a level topline just not as settled as 1

3rd JACKSON & CHAMPION'S AMANTRA KINGS OAK

POST GRADUATE DOG (1, 0)

1ST TONNER'S HEADRA'S LEO AT HALBINSEL

Three year old lightly marked Blenheim with good coat of rich colour. Large round dark eyes Correctly placed nose and ears with such a soft expression. Giving his handler a hard time today.

LIMIT DOG (6, 1)

Two lovely black and tans headed this class, both different in their own way but both good examples of the breed.

1st MOCHRIE'S DOWNSBANK INDIANINK

This superb black and tan pulled all the stops out today. He is such a short square dog and not overdone in any way. He is my ideal of a king Charles spaniel. Such a good head with correct nose, ear and eye placement with low set ears. He has ears of good length. Good deep chest and legs with good bone. A super rib cage completed the picture and I absolutely loved him. He decided that today he was going to move round the ring with style. Pleased to award DCC and BOB

2nd Baker &Kendall's HEADRA'S JIM BEAN

Three year old well presented black and tan with a good coat glossy, good tan markings . Very pleasing expression with a nicely domed head ,dark round eyes and nose. Short and square he presented as a true toy spaniel . He has a deep chest and a good ribcage set on sturdy legs with good bone ,when moving presentsd a level topline.

3RD CLARKE'S MITAPIP SPECIAL EDITION AT POLTOMIC

OPEN (2, 0)

1st BOWLES-ROBINSON CH SHOOT HE SCORES

Well known tri who has proudly represented the breed many times in the toy group. Excellent coat and good feathering. Large masculine head with round dark eyes and good nose placement. Good bone front and rear with a very deep chest . He moved round the ring with drive and kept a level topline at all times.

2nd KENDALL & BAKER'S COFTON TAP DANCE

Lightly marked tri with good dome, large black eyes, good cushioning, full under the eyes which completed the picture of softness. Presented in lovely condition , silky coat of correct texture. Short level back, compact with a level topline which he kept on the move.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (1, 0)

1ST SPALL & CLARK'S AGNESGRACEFUL MELODY AT LLAPSTTAM

Eight month old b/t with a gleaming coat with good rich tan markings of very good length for one so young. Nice round dark eyes. Immature at the moment as wholecolours can be. She kept a level topline and moved soundly.

PUPPY BITCH (2,0)

1st KENDALL'S HEADRA'S KILLER QUEEN

Lovely domed head with dark round eyes, lots of cushioning and full under the eyes completed the picture of a pleasing head. Good ear feathering. Has a good body and deep chest. moved soundly round the ring with confidence. BPB

2nd RIGNALL'S HEADRA'S LOVE OF MY LIFE

Litter sister to the first. They are so very similar, with the good dome, dark round eyes and cushioning that I have come to expect from this kennel.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 and I was splitting hairs between the two.

JUNIOR (2,0)

1.PARADISE'S YESHALOMI JAM AND JERUSALEM WITH SHARDLOW

Eighteen month old mature Blenheim girl with well broken rich chestnut markings. She has a large appealing head with correct nose and eye placement which were dark and round. Good width of chest and a good ribcage. Moved soundly round the ring . So pleased to award her the RBCC

2nd RIGNALL'S HEADRA'S LOVE OF MY LIFE (see puppy)

YEARLING (3,0)

1.PARADISE'S YESHALOMI JAM AND JERUSALEM WITH SHARDLOW (SEE Junior)

2.RYAN'S CHACOME GLADYS DEACON AT CAVILIBROOK

Compact short coupled tri girl of correct size with absolutely no coat whatsoever. Good ribcage with deep chest of good width and good reach of neck Lovely head shape with good pigmentation and good nose placement. Moving well keeping a level topline at all times.

3rd BOWLES-ROBINSON'S LOVETRAC KATRINI BALDRAGON

POST GRADUATE (6, 3)

1ST HUNTER'S CHACOMBE SECRET AFFAIR

Almost two year old tri with loads of coat. Good dome and ear set which were well feathered. Black nose pad with good open nostrils. Good cushioning. Very good ribcage and width of chest. Unfortunately she was really playing her owner up today so could not assess her movement.

LIMIT (2,1)

1st KENDALL'S HEADRA'S EDITH

Surprised at how much this lightly marked tri girl has come on. She is of the size and shape that I like. Square and cobby with good width of chest and well ribbed. Very good domed head with round dark eyes. Correct eye and nose placement. Ears set low which were long and well feathered. She moved so well in the challenge with animation and I was pleased to award her the BCC which (subject to KC approval) was her third, challenging hard for BOB

OPEN (7,0)

1st BAILEY'S ALDORICKA SWEET VICTORIA

Have always liked this three year old tri well marked tri and she certainly lives up to her name. She has a good dome and good length of neck, large dark round eyes , good pigment and dark nose pad good feathering to ears setting a pleasing picture , Good depth to her chest with strong legs and good bone. when moving was confident and kept a level topline . Close decision for the RCC

2nd BOWLES-ROBINSONS' BALDRAGON DIPPITY DO DAH

Three year old heavily marked tri and good tan marking. Large head with round dark eyes and nose placement. Well feathered ears. Good bone and good width of chest on strong legs. Shown in good coat. Moved steadily round the ring.

Gillian Smith