

The Northern King Charles Spaniel Club Championship Show, 4th July 2025 – Special Awards Classes

It was an honour, a privilege and a joy to judge the King Charles Special Awards Classes at their Championship Show. Truly a charming and gentle breed. Thank you to the committee for giving me this very special opportunity.

Special Award Junior (8,4) 1st Smith's Justacharma Magic Retained. 15 month old tri colour dog of good breed type, size, and balance. Nicely domed head from ear to ear developing well. Wide set round dark eye giving a pleasing expression, nicely cushioned under eye, short nose with wide open nostrils upturned into a prominent stop. Square muzzle of good depth, nice finish to top lip meeting jaw line. Side profile displaying well laid back shoulders, good width and depth of chest. Short straight well boned front legs giving good forward movement. Good depth of body, compact and cobby as is expected in this breed. Moderate bend of stifle, straight hocks giving a nicely balanced conformation and rear movement. Well balanced all round. Hands on, felt him to be very relaxed. Shown in excellent silky coat, feathering coming through. His overall movement and energy gave him 1st place.

2nd Smith's Chacombe Hendrix at Justacharma. 8 month old tri colour dog. Difficult decision between 1 and 2. Similar points apply for this youngster, I felt that the older dog just took 1st on his overall energy on the day. Such a lovely young very sweet puppy dog. Nicely balanced in side profile. Correct domed head shape of good proportions displaying good width of white blaze up and over the skull. Round dark eye giving a gentle expression. Typical short turned up nose for this breed with good clear open nostrils, top lip perfectly meeting bottom lip giving a King Charles pleasing expression. Long well feathered low set ears. Good depth of body developing well. Moderate bend of stifle, short straight hocks giving a good rear movement. Shown in good coat and condition. Lots to like about this young dog.

3rd Maddison's Mitapip Macallan

Res. Rutherford's Rignolla Devon Dreamer With Potbelli

Special Award Post Graduate (6,3) 1st Matches Baldragon French Connexion at Fochai. 18 month old tri colour dog. Young dog of quality and type. Side profile showing good size, proportions, and balance. Strong KC head of good dimensions, nicely domed skull, not exaggerated in size, developing well. Wide set round dark eye, good depth of muzzle, lips meeting perfectly into a strong jawline. Black pigment to nose with good clear open nostrils, low set ears well feathered. Lean muscular neck set into angulated sloping shoulders, strong straight front legs with good depth and width of chest all of which gave a sound forward movement. Level topline held correctly on the move, nicely muscled good width of loin. Moderate bend of stifle and short straight hocks with nicely padded feet carried him actively round the ring. Carried his tail well in line with his body, not flying high. A nicely balanced dog all round. Shown in good silky coat and condition. I liked his style.

2nd Newman's Baldragon French Kisses. 18 month old tri colour dog, litter brother to 1st place and similar points apply here too. Of good breed type and quality. Side profile showing good size and balance. Pleasing head and expression of good dimensions. Clean dark attractive eye, black pigment to wide open nostrils. Good length of neck into well placed angulated shoulders. Short straight front legs, good width of chest, elbows close in body giving a good forward movement. Short in back with a level topline held well on the move. Nicely muscled rear quarters with good bend of stifle and straight hocks gave him a nicely balanced rear movement. Nicely presented for the showing, shown in lovely silky coat, lots of flowing feathering. A very nice young dog, I felt that 1st place

just had the edge on maturity in body on the day.

3rd Smith's Chamcombe Just Charming at Justacharmer

Special Awards Open (8,7) 1st Rushton's Tiflin We All Love Jack. 6 year old mature tri colour dog of typical King Charles qualities, size and character. Compact, cobby and sturdy in appearance, he stood alone, but very worthy of a 1st place. Handsome masculine head of good balanced profile displaying a nicely domed skull. Clear dark round eye set wide giving a kind gentle expression. Muscular neck set into well angulated sloping shoulders. Good depth and width of chest. Strong straight bone to front legs, elbows close to body giving a free forward movement, nicely carried topline. Muscular width of loin, good muscle and bone to rear quarters, good bend of stifle and straight short hocks giving a free and energetic rear movement of good conformation. Correct tail set carried level with the back. Well balanced all round. Shown in excellent silky coat with ample feathering. He carried himself happily round the ring.

Thank you to all the exhibitors for your support.

Judge – Sue Graves