

THREE COUNTIES – 2025 KING CHARLES SPANIEL

Thanks to Three Counties Society for inviting me to judge the breed, and to the exhibitors for bringing their lovely Charlies for my opinion. As it was rainy, judging was completed inside, possibly because of this some of the Charlies did not give of their best, but it is not always easy to decide whether this was an objection to the indoor ring or whether it would have happened anyway!

PD (2) 1. Chacombe Hendrix at Justacharma (Smith), lightly marked tricolour puppy with very bright tan markings, wide blaze on head; low ear set, good dome, well turned up jaw, large dark eyes giving a lovely expression; silky coat texture; medium length arched neck; good bone; lively temperament, steady mover. 2. Chacombe Harry On Downsbank (Mochrie), another lovely dog puppy, a little less inclined to show off his undoubted qualities than the class winner, with a nice arch of neck leading to a level topline, and well set and carried tail; very attractive good sized head with lovely dome, wide blaze, low set ears, dark eyes and excellent turn up; determined to do his own thing.

JD (4,1) 1. Baldragon Pardon My French (Austin), beautifully presented young tricolour dog; level topline, low set tail, nice neck carriage carrying his head well, making a very pleasing picture standing and moving; heavily marked body, even head markings with bright tan markings; very attractive head with large dark eyes, excellent dome, low set ears, appealing expression; good strong bone for his size; straight front with good ribcage; balanced throughout. 2. Justacharma Magic Retained (Smith), less mature than the class winner, with a nice arch of neck leading to a short level topline, and low set and well carried tail; very attractive good sized head with lovely dome, even markings, wide blaze, low set ears, dark eyes and excellent turn up enhancing his expression; moved elegantly round the ring showing well on the move. 3. Headra's Don't Stop Me Now at Halbinsel (Tonner).

PGD (6,4) 1. Olaf Ot Nevskogo Hobbit at Ellinghurst (Imp Grc) (Boyer), black & tan dog with lovely bone and substance for his size; super head with full dome, low set ears, large dark eyes, open nostrils and wide muzzle, well filled under the eyes; good ribcage, level topline; rich bright tan markings in all the right places to contrast and complement the black glossy jacket; looked good in profile and on the move. 2. Amantra Somerset Gold (Jackson), ruby youngster giving away some age and maturity in this class, a top quality dog coming together well; deep chestnut colour all through with silky coat texture; nice size with heavy bone; good skull and dome, large dark well spaced eyes, well placed nose pad and wide muzzle, nice turn up of jaw; good substance throughout with strong neck, good chest and ribcage; level topline, well carried low set tail; showed confidently and moved well.

LD (6,1) 1. Baldragon Blinkin Hell (Austin), tricolour dog, ideal size combined with lovely substance, and retaining the look of a Toy Spaniel; good sized head with excellent dome, well filled under the eyes and lovely width of muzzle, nice turn up of jaw, large nose pad with open nostrils, large dark forward facing eyes, wide blaze, low set well fringed ears; nice arch of neck with proud head carriage leading to strongly made body with straight front, level topline, low set tail, excellent chest, ribcage and bone for size; moved well, holding his outline at all times; picture completed by well presented and well marked silky coat and furnishings. Dog CC. 2. Baldragon Dream Chaser at Lizlanmor JW (Morley), nicely balanced young tricolour dog with heavily marked jacket and bright tan markings; attractive head and good dome; large dark eyes, good turnup; nicely arched neck leading to a level topline, good chest and ribcage, straight

front; good bone for size; low set tail, coat of silky texture with long ear fringes; moved freely and lightly round the ring. 3. Amantra Kings Oak (Jackson & Champion).

OD (5,1) 1. Champion Monleon Made by Magic for Marchog (Stewart), beautifully marked blenheim, rich chestnut markings on a pearly white background, excellent shape, with a nice arch of neck leading to a short level topline, and well set and carried tail; wide deep chest, compact body; beautiful good sized head with full dome, wide blaze, low set ears and dark eyes, well cushioned, giving a lovely expression; good bone for his size; moved soundly with typical free movement with drive. RCC. 2. Champion Cofton All I Hav to Do Is Dream with Khatibi ShCEx (Tarabad & Whitman), quality tricolour dog with a lovely full dome, low set ears, large dark eyes, wide muzzle; correctly placed bright tan markings, silky coat with well broken clear markings on a well made compact body with excellent bone and substance; straight front, good rear angulation; kept a level topline and good outline as he moved lightly and freely round the ring. 3. Cofton Tap Dance (Kendall & Baker).

VD (2) 1. Headra's Inspiration at Halbinsel (Tonner), lightly marked tricolour with bright tan markings, wide blaze on head; low ear set, good dome, well turned up jaw, dark eyes; silky coat texture; medium length arched neck; good overall outline, could be a little more positive on the move, but going round well considering his age. 2. Downsbank Troubadour over Ozzymoon (Pearce), handsome tricolour dog, nice size with heavy bone; good skull and dome, large dark well spaced eyes, well placed nose pad and wide muzzle, nice turn up of jaw; good substance throughout with strong neck, good chest and ribcage; not holding himself together on the move.

PB (3) 1. Baldragon Remember Me (Bowles-Robinson), nice size tricolour bitch with correct tan markings; well broken body markings; appealing expression with breed typical skull and dome, good turnup, large dark eyes; even head markings with a wide blaze; nicely arched neck leading to level topline and well set and carried tail giving a very pleasing outline that she kept on the move; compact body, good ribcage and bone; nice substance throughout; moved soundly and well; happy personality. Best Puppy in Breed. 2. Mitapip Tatianna Tovarich (Hardiman), beautifully presented feminine black & tan in an excellent glossy silky black jacket with bright tan markings in all the right places; lovely head and skull with good dome, nice width and turn up of muzzle; nice length of neck; strong bone on straight front legs, low set tail. 3. Agnes Graceful Melody at Llapsttam (Imp Ukr) (Spall & Clark).

JB (4) 1. Yeshalomi Day to Remember for Khatibi JW (Tarabad & Whitman), quality feminine blenheim bitch; appealing evenly marked head with wide blaze; soft expression; lovely dome, large dark eyes, nice width of muzzle and turnup; long silky feathering on low set ears; rich clearly defined chestnut markings on head and lightly marked pearly white body; nice arch of neck, level topline, low set tail; nicely balanced cobby body and outline with good neck carrying her glorious head so well; well off for bone and substance for size; an exuberant personality who moved confidently and well. 2. Justacharma Magic Trix for Lizlanmor (Morley & Hitchcock), nice size very feminine tricolour, dark eyes and good turnup, long low set well fringed ears; enough neck leading to level topline and well set tail; straight well boned front; good depth of chest, feminine but with substance throughout; nicely broken markings with bright tan in the right places; moved well. 3. Headra's Killer Queen (Kendall).

PGB (3) 1. Chacombe Just Charming at Justacharma (Smith), lightly marked nice size tricolour young bitch with attractive head and expression; good dome and skull, large dark eyes, wide muzzle; lightly marked body with wide blaze on head; lovely low set ears; level topline, low set tail; a balanced exhibit who moved well. 2. Tovarich Take Me Higher (Hardiman), beautifully

feminine black & tan in excellent coat of good silky texture; attractive face with well domed skull, large dark eyes; medium neck leading to level topline and well set tail; straight front; good ribcage and substance for her size; tan markings in all the right places, which if a little brighter would have enhanced her expression; moved well holding her outline. 3. Chacombe Secret Affair (Hunter).

LB (5) 1. Ellinghurst Miss Saigon (Boyer), beautiful bitch with desired breed qualities, so well balanced throughout; lightly marked tricolour with a lovely expression, large dark eyes, excellent width of muzzle; well domed good sized head with wide blaze; low set ears with long silky fringing; lovely size, wide deep chest, good bone and substance throughout; bright tan markings; excellent coat of correct silky texture; a balanced exhibit, she kept a good outline standing and on the move; moved well. Bitch RCC. 2. Headra Edith JW (Kendall), tricolour with a very pretty head, large dark eyes, excellent dome, low set ears, wide muzzle with good turn up; bright tan markings; straight front, level topline, good neck proportions; well set tail; moved and showed with enthusiasm. 3. Cofton Part of Your World (Baker)

OB (3) 1 Champion Lovetrac Kamilla (Lovel), tricolour bitch with a beautiful silky coat presented in excellent condition; nicely broken clearly defined body markings with tan markings in the right places; enchanting head with an excellent dome and low set ears with long fringes; large dark forward facing eyes and lovely width of muzzle with good turn up; well made frame, depth of ribcage and good bone for her size; moved freely and steadily, showing off her attributes so well for her handler, coming to a stand four square and displaying her stunning outline to full advantage; lovely head carriage on nicely arched neck leading to short level topline, well set low tail carriage. Bitch CC & Best of Breed. 2. Ellinghurst Kiki Dee (Boyer), tricolour with a good size domed head, low set ears, lovely width of muzzle and large dark eyes combining to produce a delightful expression; good body construction with excellent ribcage and chest, strong bone; good neck, short level topline, good rear end; well balanced throughout. 3. Baldragon Gots Hattitude (Austin).

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