

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM - 2025

Appreciated the modernday turnout of some 40 actual exhibits, with just 6 absent, on what was in fact my 9th CC appointment having been around the tracks longer than most! Whilst I felt the breed is at a challenging phase there is one thing that is so special, namely all of you as guardians that have been so consistent with your breeding over the decades as the catalogue evidenced & as continues with you working together. I had re-studied the Category 2 issues & there were inevitably some individual examples but none of such regularity across the entry so as to concern me enough to report. Plenty of promising youngsters so it's onwards to get back up upwards!

SBD (1) 1 Rignall, Rignolla Baby Reindeer, quality 16m tri with so many positives, lovely head scoring in skull, in eye, & in muzzle that had the desired width & finish, nicely made in structure & gaited so soundly, well feathered & well coloured silky coat, a teenager now ready to mature on & to fill out some more in his body. Best SBIB

PD (3) 1 Smith & Smith Chacombe Hendrix At Justacharma, 10m tri, what a lovely face with its large, healthy, open nose pad & well domed skull, arched neck gave a proud head carriage & added to his air of quality, v gd overall structure, one that should mature on to winning advantage. 2 Mochrie Chacombe Harry On Downsbank, tricolour sibling sharing those wide-open nostrils plus a gd turn up, soundly structured, that touch more raw & less together as yet but plenty of time to make up ground, such a promising duo.

JD (4) 1 Clarke, Headra's Bohemian Rhapsody At Poltomic, 16m well broken tri, built on ex lines, loved his head & eye with well defined stop & wide-open nose pad, so well turned up across his width of muzzle, well cushioned cheeks, compact & short, sound & showy on ex feet, one to watch out for, BJIB 2 R Baby Reindeer 3 Maddison, Mitapip Macallan

PGD (7) 1 Champion & Jackson, Amantra Kings Oak, 22m tri of undeniable quality & sheer breed type, well domed skull full over his expressive eye & ears with due width of muzzle, he is bodying up well & just needs to finish filling out, soundly elegant on the move, will surely be readily moving up the ranks. 2 Abbott, Helmajon Sibelius, 4yrs blenheim with an inexperienced handler & it was great to watch them come together as a team, he benefited from relative maturity, lovely head & lovely shape, well broken silky coat with nice feathering, he was somewhat excitable today. 3 Austin & Austin, Baldragon Pardon My French

LD (7) 1 Morley Baldragon Dream Chaser At Lizlanmor JW, 22m tri & coming together nicely aided by his conditioning, presentation & handling, well domed skull, eyes set wide apart, long, lowset, ears, could use a little more finish of face but still so expressive, relatively heavily marked coat of a quality texture & feathering, he went so consistently well on ex bone & feet, undoubtedly of Ch quality as duly acknowledged by awarding him the Reserve Dog CC 2 Austin & Austin, Baldragon Blinkin Hell, 3.5yrs tri, just that bit longer but with such quality, level, bodylines & he moved out so well on the best of feet, impressed in both skull & muzzle as separated by a large open nose pad, he proved here that he is well able to hold his own against his peers. 3 Mochrie, Downsbank Indian Ink

OD (3) 1 Ryan, Ch Cavallibrook Blimey O Riley, 3yrs tri who just made it into the ring in time yet was unfazed & immediately impressed me with his character & elegant style, pretty cobby with width through his chest, well placed, & open, facial features with a well domed skull & well cushioned cheeks, straight silky coat with feathering, highly desirable rear that was well angulated with drive on well padded feet, Dog CC & BOB, looked gd in the Group where he was

shortlisted. 2 Maddison, Justacharma Northern Magic, 5yrs tri who seemed somewhat up against it in comparison, he notably failed in front & was carrying significantly less body condition, but he did score in his lovely head with its expressive, open, features commensurate with his well proven breeding.

SBB (1) 1 Rignall Headra's Love Of My Life, 16m tri, clearly immature, being but a junior, but is developing well nonetheless, well domed skull plus wide-open nostrils & gd width of muzzle with turnup, he went really well combining elegance with sound rear drive, such a promising youngster.

VB (3) 1 Bowles-Robinson, Ch Chacombe Marana Baldragon, cracking 8.5yrs tri, looking fabulous & the essence of shapely breed type, well broken markings, expressive large eyes set wide apart & block square to face line, large, wide-open nostrils, muzzle gave nice finish of face, came on soundly elegant on cat shaped feet if moving away a tad close, BVIB, VG3 2 Boyer Ellinghurst Kiki Dee, 7.5yrs tri with spot, textbook domed skull, glorious, healthy, nose pad, relatively short in back, combines refinement with cobbiness, coat was straight & silky with feathering, just couldn't quite match the style of the winner that was, in all fairness, a hard ask. 3 Abbott Cofton Reach For The Stars

PB (4,1) 1 Selby Baldragon Pride Of Place At Zilcan, 9m tri to steal your heart, so immaculate, so compact & cobby yet displaying elegance & refinement, distinctive domed head with width between eyes, width of nostril, width of muzzle & ex turnup, long low ears flat to cheeks, nicely broken rich markings against a ground of pearly white, one that took her prospects up a notch when she moved that was so desirably sound free & active with drive & she was absolutely in tune with her owner/handler who, like me, had no idea what was to follow! Bitch CC & an undoubted future title holder 2 Bowles-Robinson Baldragon Remember Me, 9m tri litter sister, glorious headpiece that drew you in with its textbook features that were so expressive, so well made & with a short level back, beautifully coated, marked & feathered, just not so well bodied as against her sibling & moved away with her hocks touching, her breeder/owner felt it appropriate to tell me, as I was writing my notes, that she was on 2 CCs yet by the end of the day also, evidently, was her sibling that is indeed the mark of a great breeder & to take pride in 3 Rutherford & Rutherford Rignolla Devon Dreamer With Potbelli, this baby blenheim deserves a mention as ridiculously tough to come up against 2 dual CC winners in a PB class, she is beautifully headed, beautifully marked & was beautifully turned out & handled, she was simply "raw" by way of comparison but her future so obviously promising

JB (1) 1 H Love Of My L

PGB (4,1) 1 H Love Of My L 2 Abbott Helmajon Clara's Romance, blen rising 4yrs, v gd on the table for going "hands on", gd in head that was full over her eyes with well cushioned cheeks & width of muzzle plus turnup so as to give a really nice finish of face, gd bodylines with well broken markings & cobbing up nicely, went well being sound & elegant. 3 Abbott Helmajon Smyth's Cadenza

LB (4,1) 1 Baker & Baker Cofton Part Of Your World, 2.5yrs tri of utmost quality as befits the Cofton name & being a daughter of Ch B Shoots He Scores, ticked so many breed specific boxes, relatively large well domed skull with wide-open nostrils turned up to meet it as also with her wide muzzle, relatively large eyes set wide & darkly expressive, long lowset ears, well broken markings with rich tan & plenty of feathering, short level back, she went well with elegance on

cat feet & firm pasterns, surely pushing for a Ch title 2 H Clara's Romance 3 Austin & Austin, Baldragon Gots Hattitude

OB (3) Felt privileged to have this trio to end on being Charlie's to raise the spirits & such worthy, old school type, Ch title holders. 1 Lovel Ch Lovetrac Kamilla, 2yrs tri with looks attributable to her having that Ch B Shoots He Scores/ Cofton dam combination, so feminine with well broken markings & profuse feathering, well domed skull with large open features, well cushioned cheeks & a wide turned up jaw, excelled in eye & ear that were so well set, she is so well put together with a short back & was shown to advantage moving sound & free, with rear drive, that was as consistent as it was secure so as to deservedly annex the Reserve Bitch CC 2 Ryan Ch Chacombe Gladys Deacon At Cavallibrook, feminine 2yrs tri so beautifully bodied & conditioned being compact & cobby with a short level back, well domed skull & well cushioned cheeks, would just prefer a little more width of muzzle, chest has the desired width & depth, well angulated, firm hocks & a muscled rear gave sound positivity on the move with drive. 3 Whitman & Tarabad Ch Baldragon Centre Stage With Khatibi JW

Howard Ogden