

Leeds Championship show 2026

KING CHARLES SPANIEL

Judge: Mr Bob Rushton

Firstly I'd like to thank all those exhibitors that travelled so many miles to have their dogs judged by me. The wind on the site was quite frightening for me and for some of the dogs.

So much has changed since I first began exhibiting and judging pedigree dogs. My first judging appointment was in 1985 just over 40 years ago.

The King Charles Spaniel is a head breed but it has to be the correct head and if the body and movement are not right then where do we go.

I try not to put negative things and faults in my critique. One Lady asked me afterwards to critique her dog on a one to one basis, and that's good to have that discussion. I hope she took my comments as they were meant to be constructive and to draw attention to the correct type, now rare and not often seen. In Sweden critiques are dictated to the steward and only shared with the judge and the exhibitor thus leaving you able to give a full and frank account of the dog for the benefit of the breed and the breeder.

**BEST OF BREED : 5933 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Ch
Baldragon Russian Around With Khatibi**

**Dog CC : 5916 CLARKE, Mrs Pauline Mitapip Special Edition At Poltomic
Res Dog CC : 5934 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Khatibi's Night
Howl**

**Bitch CC : 5933 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Ch Baldragon
Russian Around With Khatibi**

**Res Bitch CC : 5919 JENKINSON, Miss Eva & BOWLES-ROBINSON, Mrs
Caroline Baldragon French Fancy**

**Best Puppy : 5934 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Khatibi's Night
Howl**

Best Veteran : 5914 BOYER, Mr & Mrs P & S Ellinghurst Miss Saigon

Best Special Beginner :

Class 2520 SBD/B NO ENTRIES

Class 2521 PD (1 Entries) Abs: 1

Class 2522 JD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 5934 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Khatibi's Night Howl
This tri dog moved well on a loose lead avoiding the long grass spikes.
He has the makings of a good dog in the future, nice rise above the eye,
flat face with short stop and tilted back nose. He has dark eye, set
across the line of his face, strong wide jaw and lips meeting cleanly.
He has a wide deep chest, short and cobby, straight front , correct
square croup with correct tail set.
RDog CC.

2nd: 5915 BOYER, Mr & Mrs P & S Marchog Make Way For Ellinghurst
Ruby dog today struggling with the long spikey grass. He also seemed
somewhat concerned about the excessive noise from the ring tapes and
roof. Rich colouring, level back, dark eye.

Class 2523 PGD (4 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: 5917 CLARKE, Mrs Pauline Headra's Bohemian Rhapsody At Poltomic
Tricolour dog with a good front, deep wide chest , short in loin, level back with
correct square croup and tail set. Good on the move even and driving action.
Could do with better cushioning under eye and a better rise

Dog

2nd: 5921 MADDISON, Miss Sarah Mitapip Macallan
Black and tan dog of top size, difficult to assess as he was a bit all over
the place

Class 2524 LD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 5916 CLARKE, Mrs Pauline Mitapip Special Edition At Poltomic
I have always liked this dog and think he is a "proper Charlie" ie good type.
He is well constructed, level back, correct square croup and tail set on correctly. Correct 45
degree angulation at the front, balanced by a good turn of stifle at the rear. He has a wide
deep chest correct for the KCS. His front assembly is set on his ribcage set back. He has
straight parallel front legs and from this construction he has flowing workman-like movement.
Ruby coat in good condition. Examine carefully this head, this is how they should be. Firstly
noticeably large in proportion to the body, the head is characterised by a good rise over the
stop, which is well set back, jaw wide, lips meeting exactly, cleanly with no exaggeration, lots
of under eye cushioning(missing in so many) his dark eyes perfectly in line with his nose.
Well set back nose, good head shape, rounded from side and front.

Dog CC

2nd: 5928 SMITH, Mr Stephen Chacombe Hendrix At Justacharma

Today this dog was not very happy and was reluctant to perform, maybe a bit worried by the wind noise. I preferred the overall type and appearance of 1st and the head parameters were better in the 1st placed dog.

Class 2525 OD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 5920 MADDISON, Miss Sarah Justacharma Northern Magic

Tri dog old fashioned type , appealing face. Level back, wide chest, correct angulation front and rear, he moved round the ring very well. If you analyse the head carefully you can see he has all the requirements, good rise over the stop, dark eye, cushioning and dry lips, and appealing face.

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2nd: 5911 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Rhapsody In Blue

[OBJ] Tri dog movement a little lack luster today, again could have been the noise of the wind. Needs more cushioning, somewhat narrow in jaw.

Class 2526 VD (1 Entries) Abs: 1

Class 2527 PB NO ENTRIES

Class 2528 JB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 5923 MORLEY, Miss E & HITCHCOCK, Mr R Baldragon's Shooting Star For Lizlanmor

Pretty tri bitch short cobby body, level back, short in loin, correct square croup and correct tail set. Wide, deep chest. Moved with drive

Good head with good rise clean lips meeting jaw, and dark eye

Class 2529 PGB (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 5925 RUTHERFORD, Miss G & RUTHERFORD, Mrs Catherine & R Rignolla Devon Dreamer With Potbelli

Pretty bitch of good type, deep chest, short in loin, cobby and compact, good angulation front and rear, moved evenly and with endurance around the ring.

Good head , typical blehnm head, correct rounded dome, good rise above nose, clean closely meeting lips, rich tan markings

[OBJ]

2nd: 5918 HAYWARD, Mr D & WALKER, Ms S Justacharma Magic Dance

Tri bitch, attractive face and expression, dark eye, good rise and domed head

Moved around the ring well, little less confident than 1st place

3rd: 5924 POTTER, Mrs T Justacharma Magic Trix

Class 2530 LB (3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 5919 JENKINSON, Miss Eva & BOWLES-ROBINSON, Mrs Caroline Baldragon French Fancy

This was one of the few with a head large in proportion to the body, well domed head without exaggeration, well up-turned nose with good rise. Dark eye set in line with nose placed midway on face, well cushioned under eye, lips clean and not exaggerated. Overall construction good, wide chest, well let down to elbows, straight front, level back, well set square croup, correct tailset moved with drive. Good type.

Bitch reserve CC

2nd: 5912 ABBOTT, Mrs H Helmajon Clara's Romance

[OBJ]

Blenheim bitch well constructed, of good type, compact and cobby moved around the ring with drive.

3rd: 5927 SMITH, Mr Stephen Chacombe Just Charming At Justacharma

Class 2531 OB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 5933 WHITMAN, Mr J & TARABAD, Miss L Ch Baldragon Russian Around With Khatibi

This is a most attractive tri bitch, of good type, with rich dark tan markings and a very well groomed coat. Good white blaze, long well feathered ears. Appealing face with dark eye set in middle of face, plenty of rise leading to well domed head. Lips meeting closely.

Construction sound, level back, broad chest, straight front and correct angulation front and rear. The angle of the croup is paramount, and it should be square with the tail set low in that square. I watched her go round the ring with drive and endurance, quite a showoff.

Bitch CC and BOB

2nd: 5932 TUESLEY, Mrs Marilyn & SWAINE, Mr James Travtana Sound Of Thunder At Marsward (Imp USA)

This was somewhat difficult to separate the two bitches in open, different types and this lovely rich ruby has many characteristics I preferred over the 1st place winner. I have previously seen her more on form and ready to show, today she seemed a little flat. She looked a little tired, it may have been due to the wind on the showground.

So this rich ruby bitch excels in type, the correct features that make a KCS. Head large in proportion to the body, head well rounded from every angle, nose well set back, dark eye wide jawline with lips exactly meeting, plenty of cushioning. Good neck and shoulders at 45 degrees, broad chest straight front legs, deep chest short in loin, croup just right, square and with tail set low down in that square, level back, well boned without coarseness. Moved around the ring very evenly.

Class 2532 VB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 5914 BOYER, Mr & Mrs P & S Ellinghurst Miss Saigon

8yr tri bitch short back, well constructed, straight front, broad chest. Pretty bitch with kind expression , correct head proportions.

Best Veteran

2nd: 5909 ABBOTT, Mrs H Cofton Reach For The Stars

9 year old tri bitch, of good type, well constructed, today a little reluctant.