

BLACKPOOL - 2018

KING CHARLES SPANIEL

Thank you to all exhibitors for such a good entry and have to admit to a great surprise at first sight of the unbeaten bitch line up who all, with the exception of the puppy, were black and tan! I had been looking for the typical Charlie as described in the Standard but certainly with no particular colour in mind. Sadly there were a number amongst the entry rather longer in body to be typical of this wonderful and quite unique breed with one or two even lacking the instantly recognisable domed skull. However, on the plus side, the majority were simply a joy to judge and, when looking back many years, now so very much sounder in every way, perhaps particularly in both movement and temperament.

PD (1) 1 Coupland's Ambassador Boy Star (Imp Rus). Ruby, just 6 months old on the day at his first show. Lovely head, eye, expression and finish to foreface with good wide nostrils. Well made all through with good layback of shoulder, topline and turn of stifle, in excellent coat for his age. Gained his confidence to move extremely well with tail constantly awag. Most exciting. BP &, later PG4 under Bert Easdon.

JD (1) 1 French & Traynor's Mitapip Elusive Ruby. Richly coloured ruby in lovely shiny coat. Well shaped dark eyes, large wide open nostrils and good layback of shoulder. Very happy fellow, who just needs a touch more body to make the best of his potential.

PGD (8,2) 1 Mallows' X-Jewel Od Dvou Orechu Binglui (Imp Cze) Handsome b/t, just 2 years old and, my notes say 'A real Charlie' being so good for size and type, truly compact and cobby. Beautiful head, with a charming expression in his dark sparkling eyes, large open nostrils, well balanced, excellent make and shape with good shoulders and topline, in full mature coat, scoring here on substance. A proud showman, who moved to match his superb conformation. CC & BOB. 2 Coupland's Tucherish Guilty Verdict. Well marked Tri, full of quality with a smart natural dock and beautiful head with dark expressive eyes and good turnup, well balanced with short level topline and good layback of shoulder. 3 Sproul & Coburn's Khandro Liverpool Lullaby.

LD (8,1) 1 Sproul & Coburn's Khandro No Regrets. Tri, a superb showman with a very serious expression, good spring of rib and layback of shoulder. Just scoring on front movement. 2 Smith's Justacharma Magic Is Here . Well balanced Tri, with constantly wagging tail. Dark expressive eyes. He went well, particularly behind. 3 Portingale's Jacrianna King's Ransome JW.

OD (8) 1 Stewart's Kasamanda Just A Dream For Marchog. Well balanced Tri, lovely for size, type, make and shape with the most beautiful head, eye and expression with large open nostrils. Such a handsome fellow who has matured so well since he won the RCC under me as a puppy at Manchester in 2016 but chose to give his albeit patient owner a hard time here, moving somewhat erratically although he did just enough to prove that he can go quite beautifully when he put his mind to the job in hand. RCC. 2 Schemel's Tudorhurst Athos, Masculine Tri, with glorious head, eye and expression, in the best of coat and condition. A happy, well behaved showman, so well conformed all through, this being confirmed by the excellence of his movement. 3 Smith's Ch Headra's Truly Magic Is Justacharma.

PB (3) 1 Gillhespy's Lorphil Hidden Treasure. Tri of 9 months with rich tan markings, well balanced with firm sturdy body. She has a very sweet feminine expression in her

dark eyes with good finish to foreface and layback of shoulder. A very good mover. 2 Hinson's Kerizma Krocus. Richly coloured ruby with silky textured coat coming in well, good shoulders and natural dock. She, too, moved well. 3 Constable's Mitapip High Hopes Holly.

JB (1) 1 Coupland's Mitapip Renaissance by Tucherish BJ. Very smart b/t showgirl with rich tan markings, lovely head, eye and expression. So good for make and shape, she went beautifully with tail constantly awag. A joy to both handle and watch on the move.

PGB (5) 1 Coupland's Winie Od Dvou Orechu and Tucherish (Imp Cze). Impressive b/t showgirl, typically cobby and compact, deep through the heart with good shoulders, topline and sturdiness of body. Lovely head with a very serious expression in her dark eyes. Excellent mover, happy showgirl. RCC It later transpired that she shares her sire with the BOB. 2 Sproul & Coburn's Khandro Ur My World. Tri, simply full of joy and obviously loving every moment. So well conformed with good body. She moved extremely well, if just inclined to fly her non-stop wagging tail with enthusiasm at times. 3 Singleton's Celxo Absolutely Beautiful.

LB (6) 1 Stewart's Marchog Macflannelette. Beautiful b/t, compact and cobby with good rich tan markings. Lovely for size, type, make, shape and balance with excellent topline. Another with a very serious expression and good sturdy body. A well schooled willing showgirl, who moved extremely well to earn the CC which, I was delighted to learn, was her third. She certainly deserves her title. 2 Sproul & Coburn's Sugar Plum Pie for Khandro. Tri, full of fun with non stop wagging tail. Lovely head, eye and expression, so well made all through with good layback of shoulder. She went well. 3 Chapman & Ireland's Ellemich Day Dream.

OB (5,1) 1 Essex's Ch Tudorhurst Beatrice at Brendek. Well balanced, typey b/t, sturdily built and so well conformed all through with good layback of shoulder, turn of stifle and spring of rib. Well shaped head with good wide nostrils, in excellent coat and condition. Very good mover. 2 Matches' Khandro La Vie En Rose from Fochai. Well marked Tri with a clearly defined spot atop her head, decent shoulder and firm level topline with good tailset & carriage. She moved well. 3 Mochrie's Downsbank Betsy Trotwood JW

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