

IRMINGHAM NATIONAL DOG SHOW

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KING CHARLES SPANIELS

I would like to thank the committee for their kind invitation for me to judge my own breed, the stewards were excellent and kept everything running smoothly. My thanks to the exhibitors for their patience as they had to wait for a ring to become available , I was very pleased with my entry especially as the club show was the next day.

All the exhibits were well presented but a few of the younger ones were lacking body and condition, it is most important at this stage of their development to ensure they are properly looked after so they mature in to adulthood as per the breed standard, compact and cobby. It is a coated breed and today sadly there was a definite lack of it, as it does finish off the picture of a Toy Spaniel. I was pleased with my winners and I hope my decisions were taken in good spirit.

Minor Puppy Dog(5 entries) Abs 1

1st Hunter's Kasamanda Henderson At Hoobarton

7 Month old Tricolour , plenty of spirit, nice dome coming , has a good dark eye with good pigment and enough rib at this age , strong legs front and back , a little erratic when moving but just exhuberent and happy to be here

2nd Mochrie's Downsbank Glittering Image

8 Month old Blenheim, pleasing head shape with dark eyes and well placed ears, good shaped rib although a little rangy at the moment but that will all come together in the future, he moved soundly round the ring on well muscled legs, just needs a bit more confidence

3rd Robinson's Baldragon in your Dreams

Puppy Dog (2) 0

1st Goodwin's Diggle Dandelion

9 Month old Blenheim, well marked and a good coat coming, black eyes ,good pigment, good earset on a nice shaped head,good cushioning, liked his body , good rib and bone ,up to

size for his age but moved and showed with such confidence, could not deny him Best Puppy in Breed.

2nd Sproul and Coburn's Khandro Liverpool Lullaby

10 Month old Tricolour, a pleasing head with dark eyes and black nose pad , nice cushioning coming, correct tailset, good movement on strong legs not quite together as 1 but can only improve

Junior Dog (5) 3

1st Gillesphy's Lorphil Red River

16 Month old Ruby , lovely head properties, with good dome earset and dark eyes, very good pigment, good nose placement, coat so well presented and rich ruby. Enough rib and bone , moved steadily, perhaps a little more confidence needed, but one to watch for the future

2nd Mellville's Amantra Chorale

16 Month old Tricolour A lot to like about this boy, shorter than 1, nice dark eye , round , good feathering to his ears, well ribbed , deep chest , good tailset and nice straight legs, moved well but could do with a little more confidence, these two could well change places but today just preferred head of 1

Under Graduate Dog (7) 1

1st Searle's Lanola Massimo Dutti At Stonepit

Nineteen month old Tricolour with a good dome, and good cushioning under his dark eyes, good ear feathering and black nose. Loved his body, which was well ribbed of good proportions and a level topline, sound movement from well muscled legs, today he seemed a little overawed but I am sure one or two more outings and he will be troubling the best

2nd Champion's Lankcombe Ambassador

Twenty one month old Tricolour, happy showman as were all from this kennel , had a pleasing head , enough dome, nice dark eye, good pigment, good body and a level topline when moving, just sadly lacking coat today.

3rd Goodwin's Diggle Dandelion

Post graduate Dog (7) 0

1st Amantra Regal Duke

Two year old Tricolour, So obvious to see the quality in this young boy, loved his full face , plenty of cushioning in the right place , good dome and dark eye , black nose pad, sufficient neck length which carried his proud head , liked his round full rib , so lacking in the breed today, moved smartly and happily round the ring on strong legs with level topline , profuse coat , although a little wavy but thoroughly deserved his first C.C. and B.O.B

2nd Mochrie's Downsbank Kismet

Twenty two month old Tricolour, a lot to like about this boy , good head shape and dark eyes , low set ears which gave a pleasing expression, sufficient rib and level topline , good bone to his legs , he moved steadily round the ring, not putting a foot wrong , just a shame he came up against the 1st, but I feel his time will come

3rd Sproul and Coburn's Khandro No Regrets

Limit Dog (6) 1

1st Downsbank Montgomery

Four year old mature Blenheim with super head qualities, good rise over his round dark eyes and excellent cushioning under them, good ear set , well rounded rib and solid hind quarters , when moving presented a level topline with sound movement, not in full coat today and just felt he could show a little more enthusiasm, but nevertheless fully deserved R.C.C on breed type.

2nd Miller and Ryan's Amantra Regius Of Feorlig

Two year old Blenheim presented in immaculate condition, a lesson for us all, good cushioning ,large dark eyes and good nose placement, lovely body and bone as one expects from this kennel , moved round the ring with ease and confidence, at one with his handler, litter brother to C.C. winner but just losing out in head properties to 1st

Open Dog (3) 1

1st Hunter's Maynorth Shades Of Heaven At Hooebarton

3 year old Ruby just coming in to his own , a rich colour, have always liked this boy and has now settled down from the last time I judged him, has a good shaped head for a ruby, his dark

eyes and black nose pad gives a pleasing expression , has good bone and shoulder placement and a short level back when moving which he did with ease .A lovely example of a ruby I am sure he will soon be gaining top awards

2nd Sproul and Coburn's Baldragon Berkeley for Khandro
Four year old Tricolour pleasing head shape , dark eyes and long ear fringes, sufficient rib but not quite the maturity of 1 but was well presented , lacking a little in coat but nevertheless moved soundly round the ring with a level topline , happy and alert

Veteran Dog (1) 0

1st Gillhesphy's Ch. Tucherish Sundance J.W.

Seven year old black and Tan fully deserving his champion status, in full coat ,he stood proudly alone , lovely shaped head, good cushioning, well placed ears and eyes good reach of neck, well bodied and good topline , moved sufficiently well when asked to ,but felt he was always pleasing himself, attentive to his handler , a role model for some of our younger exhibits in the breed.

Minor Puppy Bitch (5) 0

1st Baker's Cofton Fairy Tale

Six month old Tricolour, another future winner from this kennel , lovely head shape with black eyes and well set ears, quite mature in the face for one so young, good bone and well ribbed, lovely markings , short in the back and level . Not the confidence on the move just yet but improving all the time, B. P. Bitch

2nd William's Kasamanda My Serendipity

Seven month old Tricolour,lighter marked and slightly larger built than 1 but all in proportion , good head with dark eyes, well set ears, giving a nice expression, well shaped body , not quite settled on the move but deserved her second place , two nice minor puppies

Puppy Bitch (2) 0

1st Sproul and Coburn's Khandro Ur are my world

2nd Matches's Khandro Step Inside Love to Fochai

Ten month old litter sisters with both very much the same properties, nice head shape with dark eyes , both have good ear set and feathering , enough rib and bone with level topline when moving , both of good temperament , if anything just preferred cushioning of 1 but no doubt will change places in the future

Junior Bitch (3) 0

1st Hardiman's Tovarich Teanna

Thirteen month old Black and Tan of good temperament , nice head shape with a good dome, rich tan markings with good ear and eye placement, enough cushioning , lips meeting , nice turnup of under jaw, has well shaped rib and solid legs which gave her good movement when going round the ring

2nd Mochrie's Downsbank Tiger Lily

Twelve month old Tricolour, different type to 1 sweet feminine face , good ear set and eye placement , dark eyes , nice dome, good shape when standing, good rib and bone , moved steadily round the ring.

3rd Hunter's Tovarich Thomasina At Hooebarton

Undergrate Bitch (0)

Post Graduate Bitch (9) 4

1st Goodwin's Lanola Mademoiselle JW

Nineteen month old Tricolour . Lightly marked, truly feminine, much like her mother, good head properties , nice dome and good ear feathering, dark eyes , good head carriage with a level topline when moving , has enough bone, happy little show girl, when her coat develops should be there with the best

2nd William's Tovarich Lady Fair for Kasamanda

22 month old Tricolour , slightly more mature than 1 , had a pleasing head shape , nice dark eye good earset, short cobby body with good bone , nice shape when standing and level topline when settled on the move , nice coat coming, just a little unruly today but should trouble the best in the future

3rd Matches's Khandro La Vie En Rose from Fochai

Limit Bitch (5) 1

1st Jackson's Amantra Regalia JW

Two year old Tricolour, litter sister to dog c.c winner , as happy as her brother, feminine face , loved the cushioning she has , so typical of this kennel , pleasing dome, dark eyes with good ear feathering , has good rib, short in the back and well made legs, moved soundly and steadily round the ring , will gain her title I'm sure ,but left all her coat at home today

2nd Hardiman's Othmese Tiffany Tovarich

Six year old Ruby, Larger build than 1 but all in proportion , lovely rich colour showing no signs of her age, lovely body and super rib, pleasing head shape and dark eyes , good coat although a little wavy but well covered , nice straight legs and a level topline when moving round the ring, thoroughly enjoying her day out.

3rd Champion's Stonepit Lillian Gist at Lankcombe

Open Bitch (6) 3

1st Willey and Siddle's Ch. Penemma Misty for Me J.W.

Two and a half Blenheim, gave her Best puppy the last time I judged and now she has fulfilled her potential, true toy spaniel , lovely head, so feminine , loved her eye and ear placement , black nose , well shaped rib and body , good bone to her strong legs and correct tail set, she moved round the ring with ease with a level topline enjoying her day , stood as her handler asked , no stacking here , so pleased to award her the C.C. her twelfth I gather, just preferred the coat on the dog when challenging for B.O.B

2nd Baker's Cofton Walking on Sunshine,

Four year old Tricolour, another girl I have watched come to maturity, similar size to 1 good head properties, nice dome and a dark eye, short back and good rib , liked her head carriage , well presented as always, moved round the ring steadily showing a level topline , has a little more coat than 1 ,will surely gain her title soon, two quality bitches and a very close decision, just preferred the the ring presence of 1 pleased to award her R.C.C

3rd Gurtner's Ch and Lux Ch Int Ch Fleur De Lys De Melcourt

Stephen Smith (judge)