

DARLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW, 17.9.17
KING CHARLES SPANIELS

Thanks to the exhibitors for the super entry which awaited me. I had hoped for a sunny autumn day to enable all judging to take place outdoors, sadly we were faced with heavy showers, meaning the table had to be positioned inside the tent, not favourable to all, but we were able to watch the dogs move outside which worked well and hopefully nobody got too wet on the day. My two stewards did an excellent job keeping my ring running efficiently throughout the day, allowing me to concentrate on the job in hand.

Veteran Dog (1)

1. Pearce's Amantra Reginald, eight year old tri, well bodied with good depth, sturdy yet still able to move well around the ring, happy disposition who really enjoyed his day out. Gently rounded skull, still with lovely clear round dark eyes, well cushioned with wide underjaw and super open nostrils. Best Vet Dog

Minor Puppy Dog (3) All three puppies in this class at different stages of development and I am sure will change places as they mature and gain in confidence. The dog that stood 3rd I feel is stunning, a good size with excellent

bone, so well balanced with classic head and perfect markings. He refused to move on the day and unfortunately had to forfeit his place here. Once he conquers his fears I have no doubt he will become a Champion very quickly.

1. Dawson & Jones Polmelo Fancypants, Confident, youngster, well off for bone, solid well sprung rib and firm loin. He has a large gently domed skull, low set ears, dark round eyes, the desired large open nostrils with just enough nose, he still appears a little prominent in underjaw at present but once he matures and gains cushioning this should improve. On showmanship could not be denied the class.

2. French and Traynor's Mitapip Elusive Ruby, arrived late in class and puppy did not really settle. Pleased to say he stood well on the table and was happy to be handled. He is a well balanced puppy, short coupled with level topline, square outline. Gentle expression to head with well domed skull and low set ears, dark round eyes and ample width of jaw. He is a glorious colour with the promise of a good coat, just needs a lot of time and patience.

3. Harvey's Rivermoor Alberto

Puppy Dog (3)

1. Gillhespy's Lorphil Lost Treasure, very promising youngster, pleasing in size, short coupled with super head, broad well domed skull, gorgeous dark round mischievous eyes, with good rise over and so well cushioned for age, correctly placed nose with wide open nostrils, well cushioned muzzle with excellent width,

giving the most endearing expression. Complete with well broken coat, clear white with rich tan markings, just needs time to gain body and substance to take top honours. BPD

2. Singleton's Blind Date Von Samt Und Seide Von Celxo NAF TAF, quality youngster unlucky to meet winner. Pleasing head with open nostrils, dark round eyes, domed skull and low set ears. Like many charlies of this age just needs a little more body weight, he has a good spring of rib and ample bone for size, quality coat for age clear white with rich tan, moved well coming and going showing driving action

3. Matches Baldragon Earl Leicester TAF

Junior Dog (1)

1. Pearce's Downsbank Troubadour over Ozzymoon, Stood alone, a little nervous on the day, 16month tricolour, with domed skull, correct low set ears, dark round expressive eyes with good rise to skull and nose placement. Correct for size with good bone, well sprung rib and firm body, presents a square outline standing, he has a well broken coat with rich tan markings. Needs to work on his confidence which did improve as he moved outside.

Post Grad Dog (12)

- 1. Portingale's Jacrianna King's Ransome, my star of the day, I have followed him from being a puppy, love his laid back attitude, yet still with a hint of naughtiness expected from a youngster, he happily wags his tail with no hint of nervousness. Broad skull domed yet not overdone, the most gorgeous dark round eyes so well cushioned they melt your heart, well placed nose with open nostrils, padded muzzle of good width and well cushioned giving a desired soft expression. Soundly constructed body, elegant neck set into laid back shoulders, good spring of rib and firm level topline. He is correct for size and bone with strong rear quarters and straight front. To be critical would like him a shade more compact, but overall could not go past him. Beautifully presented silky coat with clear rich tan markings, well furnished tail correctly carried level with topline, he moved out true coming and going to take the Dog CC and BOB**
- 2. Moffat's Maibee an Impression, quality tri who just did not make the most of himself. Love his size balance and type, superb head domed skull with excellent rise over his dark round eyes, good nose placement and well padded muzzle beautifully cushioned. Short coupled with good rib and bone. Moved out steadily, would just like to see more strength and drive to his rear movement, and "look at me" attitude to take higher honours, which I am certain he is capable of.**
- 3. Melville's Amantra Chorale**

Limit Dog (10)

- 1. Singleton's Marchog Mactartan Celxo, lovely to see another quality b&t topping the classes. Well coated 2 year old, with the richest tan markings enhancing his expression. He is so sound on the move, once settled, striding out keeping a level topline and correct tail carriage. Classy head, large yet not overdone, domed with beautiful dark round eyes, so well cushioned, correctly set nose with large open nostrils, wide padded muzzle, just enough turn up of chin, giving glorious soft gentle expression. Pleased to award him Res CC**
- 2. Clarke's Stonepit Super Sydney for Poltomic, a true toy spaniel, so gentle, short coupled, he is a lovely size, square in outline, with good bone and well sprung rib. Gentle expression to his classy head, domed skull with low set ears, dark round eyes all beautifully cushioned to give desired soft expression. Complete with well broken coat and rich tan markings, he moves out well with happy wagging tail**
- 3. Byers Lanola Giorgio Armani with Simannie**

Open Dog (7) What a lovely class, it is true that this breed does not come to its best until over 4 years and this certainly showed in this class, the youngest here being 4 years.

- 1. Essex Ch. Chacombe Royal Gift to Brendek, quality dog, judged him as a youngster, now at his best, all male yet with desired soft gentle expression from his broad, well domed skull, dark round eyes with ample rise to skull and excellent nose placement and correct open nostrils. His fully mature body is well sprung with good depth of chest, firm topline and strong loin, well angulated rear quarters. Quality long silky coat with luxurious feathering, clear white contrasting with the black, enhanced by his rich tan markings. Steady, laid back attitude, a male who I feel has a lot to offer the breed.**
- 2. Hunter's Maynorth Shades of Heaven at Hoebarton, solidly built ruby dog, good bone, well sprung rib, level topline and strong well angulated rear quarters, which he really uses on the move, keeping level topline. Masculine head, dark round eyes, broad domed skull, with good nose placement, large wide open nostrils, well cushioned muzzle. His temperament is steady and confident, and movement true coming and going.**
- 3. Bailey's Aldoricka the Maverick, couldn't go past this 6 year old, so fit for his age, striding round the ring showing real reach and drive. Solid body with well sprung rib he is a lovely size with correct bone, thoroughly enjoying his day and worthy of a mention.**

Veteran Bitch (1)

1. Bailey's Maibee Margot at Aldoricka, a 10year old who certainly belies her years, proving that this breed can certainly "last" Well bodied, with good rib no loss of substance, her well muscled rear quarters used to advantage as she motors round the ring. Best Veteran in Breed

Minor Puppy (5) A lovely class of youngsters, some still very immature and who just need longer to come together.

1. Coupland's Mitapip Renaissance by Tucherish, 6 month b&t A very "together" youngster, well schooled, moved and showed well. Steady temperament, laid back and easy going, she stood four square to be examined. Soundly constructed, with strong neck, well laid back shoulders set into level topline, well sprung ribs leading to strong firm loin. Plenty of substance here without being overweight, excellent bone for size, which is well within the standard. Moderately domed skull with dark round eyes, ample nose, well placed, with open nostrils, wide cushioned muzzle with just enough turn up to give desired expression to her feminine head.

Pleased to award her BPIB

2. Baker's Cofton Dusty Blue, A real clown in the ring today, lovely head with dark eyes and open nostrils, close up to winner, just not the maturity of body or so together on the day, sure they will change places many times in the future.

Pleasing in size with well broken coat, given time sure she will be one to look out for.

3. Cridland's Polmelo Fondant Fancy Avec Monieon

Puppy Bitch (2)

1. Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Hold That Thought, beautifully put together lightly marked blen bitch with rich chestnut markings and excellent pigmentation. She has a firm well sprung body, with good bone for size, which is just right. Gentle feminine expression to her classy head, domed skull with low set ears, dark round eyes and good nose placement, with just enough turn up to give desired look. A close call for best puppy, just lost out as she was unsettled owing to the changeover of handlers on the day. One to be proud of.

1. Singleton's Celxo Tartan Stockings, unlucky to meet winner, another lightly marked blen bitch, she is a good size, well bodied with good rib, not quite the confidence as yet, although once moving she moved out well. Feminine expression to head well domed skull with dark round eyes, would prefer to see better pigmentation which always enhances the expression

Junior Bitch (2)

- 1. Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Hold That Thought**
- 2. Champion's Lankcombe Clara Bow, lovely tri bitch unlucky to meet winner, at 14 months maturing nicely. Pleasing head with domed skull and dark round eyes, correct low set ears and well placed nose with open nostrils. Good width of muzzle with correct turn up of underjaw. Just lacking the maturity at the moment but has all the required essentials for a bright future**

Post Grad Bitch (7)

- 1. Baker's Cofton Fairy Tale JW, tricolour sister to my Res CC winner and equally as exciting, just felt she needed a bit more time to finish. I have no doubt she will become a champion in the future. Lovely to handle on table, she is correct for size, balance, bone and type. Typical in head not overdone, but with correct domed skull low set ears, gorgeous dark round eyes, good nose placement and desired turn up of underjaw she has an endearing expression. Coat and feathering coming in now and once she finishes off, like her sister will be hard to beat.**
- 2. Coupland's Winie Od Dvou Orechu and Tucherish, small b&t bitch who say's "cobby" to you, she has correct bone for size, good width of chest, well sprung rib,**

strong loin, level topline with firm rear quarters, moves out with purpose yet still retaining a feminine quality. Expressive head, moderate skull with dark round eyes and the desired wide open nostrils

3. Sproul & Coupland's Khandro Ur my World

Limit Bitch (8)

1. Kendal & Askins Cofton Winter Time Tale at Headra JW, blen sister to PG winner, just has the edge by demanding attention, but a close call between them both, who I am sure will attain their titles given time. Soundly made with well sprung body ample width of chest, correct bone and well angulated rear quarters, Beautiful expression to her gentle domed skull, low set ears and correctly placed nose with open nostrils, just enough turn up and width of muzzle to give desired expression. A confident bitch who moves freely, demanding attention Res CC

2. Byers Simannie Sweet Anneka, such a steady tri bitch hard to fault, immaculately presented classic tri markings, well broken with rich tan, covering a sturdy well made body, well sprung rib, firm loin and well angulated rear. Gentle expression to head with domed skull, low set ears, dark round eyes, well placed nose with good nostrils, all well cushioned to give soft expression. Moves out steadily coming and going and stands four square.

3. Goodwin's Lanola Mademoiselle JW

Open Bitch (4)

- 1. Bowles-Robinson's Ch. Baldragon She Demands JW, the newly crowned record breaker, there is not much more I could say about her. Delighted to be given the opportunity to judge her again as a mature 5 year old adult having previously judged her as a puppy, awarding her BP & Res CC then, again judging her when out of coat two years ago, today she fitted the bill. Now with mature well sprung body and firm loin, she fits the standard as a "cobby" bitch, correct for size balance and type, her head is now mature with required cushioning and softness of expression, delighted to add another Bitch CC to her toll.**
- 2. Baker's Cofton Walking on Sunshine, another fully mature 5 year old bitch, cobby in body with long fully mature coat and feathering. Gently rounded skull, with dark eyes, correct nose placement and open nostrils, so well cushioned to give the required expression.**
- 3. Essex Tudorhurst Beatrice at Brendek**

Judge: Pauline Sidgwick

