

THE KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB. OPEN SHOW.

23rd September 2017. Baginton

To be given the opportunity to judge a Club show with the chance of handling Charlies in quantity was an exciting prospect and the entry of 89 was very satisfying. The weather started off drizzly so the dog classes were judged indoors but by the time the Dog Challenge came round, the sun had come out and we ventured outside onto the grass and stayed there for the rest of the day. Having attended Charlie shows in the past and watched them being judged at All Breed shows I was delighted to find that the dogs I met went far beyond my expectations. I thought that I would either find dogs who had typical breed traits but disappointed on the move or plainer dogs lacking breed type with good movement. In fact I was pleasantly surprised to find a high percentage of dogs who as well as being typy and could also move accurately. The friendly and outgoing temperaments were a joy. I had no shrinking violets or any that showed any hint of sourness. Fronts and rears still need to be addressed but I think the Breed has moved on from being just "a head breed" and movement is way better than it used to be. I wish you all well in your breeding and showing.

DOGS

Veteran 2

1 Austin's Oh Dandy Boy Hero. Happy 7 year old Blenheim who was lightly marked with deep chestnut markings. Handsome head with dome and large, expressive eyes and long feathered ears. Wide muzzle with deep stop. A competent mover with especially good drive from the rear and top line was firm and level. Liked his demeanour. Silky coat

presented in nice condition. He had style and plenty of swagger just a tad rangy.

2 Austin's Baldragon Hooray Henley

Minor Puppy 1

1 French & Traynor's Mitapip Elusive Ruby. I liked this little guy. He stood alone but was quite taken with him and feel he has lots of potential. Eye catching 6 month ruby whose colouring was a radiant, rich red complimented by dense nose and eye pigment. Felt good on the table with neatly made body, and short couplings. Willing mover who was good in both directions and showed a well-balanced outline in side profile. Ample domed skull and gentle face with nicely placed ears. Liked his size.

Puppy 2 (1)

1 Gillhespy's Lorphil Lost Treasure. Good looking tricolour dog. 11 months old, so nearing the end of his puppy classes, but on today's performance should make the transition into Junior with ease. He was the only one in this class but went on to win Novice and left such a good impression that it stayed with me to the end of the day. Attractive coat markings with black and white well-spaced and rich tan. Good rise to skull, and ears were set low accentuating the required dome. Handsome, open faced features with good cushioning. Large, dark eyes that sparkled. Short backed and cobby. He stood happily displaying a balanced outline with firm top line and attractive tail set. Very composed on the move and had good accuracy both coming and going. Am sure he will rise

to the top. BEST PUPPY IN SHOW and RESERVE BEST DOG

Junior 2 (1)

1 Pennington's Chacombe Royal Monarc. 13 months old Blenheim who has just left the puppy classes behind. A handsome boy with such a soft expression. Domed skull with appropriate nose placement and amiable, dark eyes. Quite mature and was well conditioned with plenty of substance. and well sprung ribs. His well broken coat was rich chestnut and white and in pristine presentation. A size up than I was looking for but he had adequate neck, decent shoulders and well-turned stifles. He could move but decided it was going to be on his terms, so only saw glimpses. Decidedly wilful. Quite an endearing trait but perhaps not for his owner!

Novice 5 (1)

- 1 Lorphil Lost Treasure.**
- 2 Leech's Khandro Something Tells Me**
- 3 Austin's Dragonheart Winter Morning**
- 4 Constable's Mitapip Rich Ruby**

Graduate 5

1 Mallows' X-Jewel Od Dvou Orechu Binglui (Cz Imp). Black/Tan wild child who won despite his attempts not to. A really handsome boy with outgoing personality that needs to be handled to appreciate his qualities. On the table he was satisfying with a well-balanced body, cobby and compact. Broad domed head, masculine yet gentle in outlook. Nice low set ears. Round, dark eyes full of animation. Loved his dense black and bright rich tan colourings and his coat shone

with wellbeing. Such exuberance requires channelling to advantage and he gave his owner a hard time, especially in action, but convinced me he was deserving.

2 Rushton's Justacharma He Is So Magic at Tiflin

3 Smith's Justacharma One So Magic

4 Toner's Headra's Inspiration At Halbinsel

5 Austin's Dragonheart Full Breeze

Post Graduate 7 (2)

1 Coupland's Tucherish Guilty Verdict. Small and neatly made tricolour size was the deciding factor over another appealing tri who stood second. Catches the eye on first glance with his cosmetically appealing markings and on closer inspection has great appeal in head. Round dark eyes, correct dome and good nose placement. Liked the way he went around the ring with proud head carriage and a firm top line. A well balanced dog. A little loose in the rear but his virtues far outweighed this shortcoming.

2 Smith's Justacharma Magic Is Here

3 Salguero's Rivermoor Minstrel

4 Austin's Dragonheart Of Winter

5 Arundel & Brown's Browdel Teddy Edward

Limit 7 (1)

1 Mochrie's Downsbank Kismet. Seriously considered this 3 year old tri boy for one of the major awards. Liked so much about him. Striking to look at and his coat was the correct silky texture with rich tan colouring that complimented his black and white markings. Spot on for size. Head was dreamy with characteristic dome, good nose and ear placement and

gentle, dark eyes. Short backed with good bone and neck, shoulders, top line and tail all combined to give a clean, fluid outline. Could be more convincing going away but thought him a top quality exhibit.

2 Jackson's Amantra Treasury

3 Clark's Stonepit Super Sydney For Poltomic

4 Willey's Pennema Picasso

5 Melville's Amantra Tiberius

Open 4 (1)

1 Jackson's Ch Amantra Regal Duke At three years old this stylish Tricolour was shown in full adult coat and looked quite the pin up. Handsome and glamorous. Nicely domed skull framed by long low set well feathered ears. Nose placement was very good and dark eyes and a neat mouth finish, all added up to a super headpiece. Good legs and feet with wide chest and barrel ribs. Splendid neck he carried proudly creating an elegant silhouette and his top line remained firm and level on the move. Especially admired the way he motored around the ring with a free, unrestricted gait and pleasing tail carriage. He showed a cheeky inquisitive demeanour that appealed and it was a pleasure to award him **BEST DOG and **BEST OPPOSITE SEX****

2 Pennington & Ashburn's Chacombe Whats Wanted

3 Maddison's Celxo Charles Dickens Sh CM

Special Open B/T & Ruby 5 (1)

1 Bailey's Aldoricka Smokey Robinson. Black/tan boy shown in great condition. At 5 years old his straight, black, silky coat shone and his tan points were richly coloured making him very easy on the eye. Not just a pretty face with domed head, dark

expressive eyes, nose well placed and good cushioning, but also scored for size and was satisfying to go over. Good bone and substance. Nice ribcage. Short in back with level top line. Well-turned stifles and muscle tone gave him a tidy rear action. Lots to admire.

2 Smith's Alambra Here Is Magic For Justacharma

3 Mitapip Rich Ruby

4 Maddison's Mitapip Midnight Marauder

Special Open Tri & Blenheim 4 (1)

1 Jackson's It Ch Amantra Regal Prince. Gentle headed Tricolour with good eyes who displayed the best outline as he circled the ring. Liked his size and he had good bone and ample substance. Glamorous and shown in full coat that was soft and silk like. Has well-turned stifles. Friendly and had plenty of confidence. Just going a tad close behind but has plenty of good points that compensate.

2 Bailey's Aldoricka The Maverick

3 Rivermoor Minstrel

BITCHES

Veteran 6 (1)

1 Dix's Ch Paulian Prudence For Beewye

JW. Irresistible tricolour of a high calibre with all the ingredients required. Head had great appeal with feminine expression. Long, well feathered ears framed a lovely face with dark, round eyes and domed skull. Ideal size and substance. Lovely bone matching her size. Well put together which was obvious when she swanked around the ring. Attractively marked with well broken colours and rich tan. No hang ups and she

showed herself off willingly with a tail that wagged throughout. At 7 and a half, she almost stole the show
RESERVE BEST BITCH and BEST VETERAN IN SHOW
2 Goodwin's Ch Maibee Clementine For Lanola ShCM
3 Bailey's Maibee Margot At Aldoricka
4 Stone's Maynorth Fallen From Heaven
5 Leech's Ouzlewell's Carte D'Amour

Minor Puppy 6 (1)

1 Constable's Mitapip Kallathea. A ruby baby of 6 months, litter mate to the Minor puppy dog winner and it looks like the whole litter made it to the show! This was the breeder's choice and I liked what I saw.

Sweet, feminine face and soft expression and head with dome. The richest of red coats with super black pigmentation in nose and eyes. Short and cobby body and bone matched her frame. Level top line. Looked good on the move and was sound.

2 Coupland's Mitapip Renaissance By Tucherish

3 Sutherland's Mitapip Raindance

4 Jaques Mitapip Truly Scrumptious

5 Clarke's Mitapip Sweet Rosey For Poltomic

Puppy 2 (1)

1 Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon Hold That

Thought. Classy Blenheim full of refinement who won this and the next two classes. Has great clarity and her lightly marked coat with rich chestnut markings was presented in spotless condition. Good ring presence and possesses a sweet temperament and enjoys her time in the ring. Handles well on the table with all parts blending well. From her arched neck, well angled shoulders through a firm back line finishing with a well set on tail she looks balanced. Sweet headed with

required dome, dark eyes and gentle expression. Went well going away just a bit untidy coming towards me. Only 10 months but am sure her quality will take her on to greater things.

Junior 5

- 1 Baldragon Hold That Thought**
- 2 Austin & Baker's Cofton Dancing Through Life**
- 3 Mochrie's Downsbank Vesper**
- 4 Champion's Lankcombe Clara-Bow**
- 5 Potter's Toyswood Counting Stars**

Novice 5

- 1 Baldragon Hold That Thought**
- 2 Cofton Dancing Through Life**
- 3 Coupland's Tucherish Adieu Tristesse**
- 4 Constable's Mitapip Sunrise Ruby**
- 5 Lankcombe Clara-Bow**

Graduate 2

1 Cofton Dancing Through Life. After coming a good second in the last two classes I was pleased to be able to reward this delightful tricolour, as the more I saw of her the more I liked. My notes are all positive. Cosmetically pleasing with lovely black and white markings and rich tan points. At 13 months, well off for coat. Compact, cobby body with nice neck and shoulders and balanced outline. Appealing expression coming from dark eyes set in domed head with nose placed correctly and firm under jaw. Super personality that showed in her constantly wagging tail. Hope as

she matures that she has the good fortune to reach the top...as I feel she is deserving

2 Rushton's Justacharma She Is So Magic At Tiflin

Post Graduate 8 (1)

1 Dix's Beewye Penelope Pitstop. 4 year old tricolour with so much to like. Had the pleasure of making her acquaintance two years ago and I see that she is still leading her owner a merry dance. Such a live wire, full of fun with no hang ups. She has her moments of calm when she allows you to enjoy her qualities but you have to be quick. Refined in head with a pretty expression. Ears set low showing off domed skull and her eyes are large, dark and round. Rich tan compliments her markings Scored for size and I liked her reachy neck with well-placed shoulders and firm top line. Has decent construction that affords her the ability to move well, if she chooses. Her charming, serene mother won Best Veteran.

2 Cross' Headra's Pennywise At Alambra

3 Lindley's Justacharma Magic Is For You At Meglind

4 Coupland's Winie Od Dvou Orechu and Tucherish (imp)

5 Rushton's Justacharma Magic Made for Tiflin

Limit 5 Good class

1 Jackson's Amantra Truffle. The star of the day. Smart little Blenheim who looked a picture in her chestnut and pearly white coat. Absolutely no inhibitions and she showed happily making her easy to assess. Felt good on the table. Super size and ultra feminine in head with all the facial features I was looking for. Neatly made cobby body with adequate bone. Neck, shoulders, top line and tail all combined to give a fluid outline with no lumps or bumps. She went around the ring as if she

owned it and covered the ground accurately both coming and going. She looked good and she knew it. **BEST BITCH.** With her kennel mate, who took Best Dog, they made a lovely pair and the decision was close but she had "je ne sais quoi", an undefinable quality that took her to **BEST IN SHOW**

2 Goodwin's Lanola Mademoiselle JW

3 Askins & Kendall's Cofton Winter Time Tale At Headra

4 Austin's Baldragon May Bea Baby

5 Mochrie's Downsbank Tiger Lilly

Open 2

1 Cross' Headra's Delphine At Alambra. Glamorous tricolour shown in full coat which was straight and silky. Heavily marked with bright rich tan but her solid markings worked in her favour and emphasised her clean outline. Neck, shoulders and firm top line blended well. Dark eyes set in a head that had good cushioning but would like a lower ear set and accompanying dome. A very pretty girl with an engaging personality who at 6 was holding her age well. Skipped soundly around the ring

2 Bailey's Aldoricka Savannah At Peakdowns

Special Open B/T & Ruby 1

1 Stone's Maynorth Back To Black. Sweet black/tan with a lovely, affectionate disposition. Such a gentle face with large, dark, mellow eyes. Plenty of soft, silky coat that gleamed and she covered the ground in an accurate fashion. Compact and cobby with excellent spring of ribs. At 4 years old was overweight and would look so much better with a streamlined silhouette when

her construction could be better appreciated. Weight control can be a losing battle, and many will identify.

**Special Open Tri & Blenheim 2
1 Cofton Dancing Through Life
2 Toyswood Counting Stars**

**The Rita Evans Memorial Class 1
1 It Ch Amantra Regal Prince**

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