

King Charles Spaniel Club open show. Shealagh Waters Memorial Special Award Classes.

I'm grateful to the exhibitors for their entries during lunchtime. Many exhibits were severely lacking in body. "The standard describes forequarters also as "Legs short, straight."

JD/B (3,1) 1. Johnson's Headra's Pennywise at Alambra. 15m, nicely marked Blenheim bitch, good cushioning and foreface, would prefer more dome, won on body and general substance, sympathetically handled and moved nicely. 2. Arundel & Brown's Browdel Princess Jasmine, coming up to 12m, petite tri bitch, pretty head with good ear length, again well handled, too narrow and fine all through for me.

PGD/B (8,1) 1. Kendall, Askins & Villila's Sandstrand Merituuli at Headra (Imp Fin), 2yrs, very pretty headed tri bitch, she has matured nicely, well cushioned head with good rise of skull, dark, appealing eyes, well coated, cobby body with a solid back end, charming personality if a bit naughty, but moved soundly, won on maturity over 2. Gillhespy's Yakee Royal Treasure, smart Blenheim dog of 2 yrs, lovely head, pigment and correctly marked body, he stands with a dignified presence with lots of Charlie "reserve". Moved closely at both ends, interested to see him in a couple more years when he is fully mature and filled out. 3. Dix's Beewye Precious Perdita.

OD/B. (4,1) 1. Coupland's Tucherish Julie Christie 3yr tri bitch, small cobby, very pretty bitch who models the standard, lovely headed, with well cushioned, wide foreface and good dome, nicely boned and in full coat. Delighted to hear she was later BIS under the main judge. 2. Dix's Beewye Penelope Pitstop, litter sister to 3rd in previous class, nice head, good body, she does herself no

favours showing but is sound and typey and worth persevering with. 3. Wallhead's Sleep hollow Trikki Dikki at Merida.

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