RICHMOND CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW 2014

KING CHARLES SPANIELS JUDGE MRS SHEILA BYERS (SIMANNIE)

Firstly let me say thank to you to all exhibitors for braving the notorious M25 on a Friday as most know it is a nightmare any day let alone on a Friday late afternoon and early evening.

All though the numbers were not vast I had some really quality dogs

and the placings of the 1st and 2nds in many of the classes were split by a hairs breath. I am pleased to see that the dark eyes and gentle expressions are still with us because a while back I felt we may be loosing this and that is important in a Charlie. I know the expression is not the only thing that makes a good Charlie but is part of the breed.

With regard to movement I found that the vast majority of exhibits had good sound movement which was pleasing, so everyone lets us try to keep it this way.

VETERAN DOG

1ST - JACKSONS - CH AMANTRA CHEERS

9yr old Tri dog moved well with good top line, good masculine head, dark eyes good coat condition, good lay back of shoulder and never stopped showing.

2nd - SELLEN - COFTON ARMINO AT CMACRYSTALS

Nice blenheim with good head moved well good level top line on the move.

3RD - RANDAL - OTHMESE ARMUND TO LISRAM

PUPPY DOG

1ST - MOFFAT & ROBINS - MAIBEE HORATIO

Great example of the breed so true to type this is what we should be aiming for when breeding. Lovely head properties with that soft gentle expression and soft muzzle good dark eye, excellent shape and size. good layback of shoulder. His movement today was a little erratic although I did see enough of what I was looking for in this area which allowed me to place him 1st, unfortunately he had a scare at an earlier show which unsettled him a bit however could not deny him BEST PUPPY as he so true to type.

2ND - JACKSONS AMANTRA SUMMER PROMISE

Unfortunate to meet the 1st again a quality dog with good size and shape. good head properties and top line again a little erratic on the move as he insisted doing the occasional waltz but again I saw enough to know his movement was strong and sound to be able me to place him 2nd we must remember these are still young dogs and I feel small allowances can be made in the puppy class as some Charlies take their time to get used to the show ring.

3RD - AUSTINS - DRAGONHEART FALL BREEZE

JUNIOR DOG

1ST - WATERS - PEAKDOWNS WELLINGTON

A lovely blenheim lightly marked again so true to type he has a good head with nice ear set and good layback of shoulder, strong mover keeping a nice level top line when on the move.

2ND - MADDISONS - PENEMMA RAPHAEL

Nice Blenheim slightly larger that 1st again lightly marked, he has a good scull and nice Charlie characteristics he moves well and shows all the time.

3RD - CHAMPIONS - STONEPIT BUSTER KEATON

POST GRADUATE DOG

1ST JACKSONS - AMANTRA TREASURY

Good strong mover with good top line ,a lovely shape and size he has a good head with dark eye, nice soft muzzle with good marking

2ND - MELVILLES AMANTRA TIBERIUS

It would appear that 1st and 2nd are litter brothers again a nice Charlie with a good head shape and size. Moved well but felt that the 1st had more drive from the rear, however his movement was without doubt sound.

3RD - AUSTINS - DRAGONHEART OF WINTER

LIMIT DOG

1ST - MOCHRIES - DOWNSBANK GUTHRIE

I have loved this dog from the first time I judged him and gave him the Reserve CC out of puppy class, and was pleased to see how well he had matured since then, He has an excellent head with lovely expression with the dark eye that we want and a lovely ear set. His size and shape are correct with lovely bone making him the cobby type we need. His movement is sound and strong if there is a down side to him I would say it is that he does not always seem happy in the ring but there again there are many Charlies like that but you cannot ignore type over that. I was more than happy to give him his 3rd CC and BOB.

2ND - COUPLANDS - TUCHERISH HIGH TREASON

Again a lovely tri with a good masculine head, good body and well in coat, his dark eye and gentle expression complete the picture. Lovely dog to watch on the move it is very strong with load of drive from the rear and I was pleased to be able to award him the RCC, I am sure in time he will gain his crown.

3RD - AUSTINS OH DANDY BOY HERO

OPEN DOG

1ST - MOFFAT & ROBINS - MAIBEE MR KIPLING

Stood alone in this class but more than worthy of his first place. Again another quality dog so true to type , he has the wonderful gentle expression and dark eye that this kennel is known for in addition to the good head , size and shape, he also has good layback of shoulder and excellent movement. Again I am sure that he will also gain his crown.

DOG CC DOWNSBANK GUTHERIE RESERVE DOG CC TUCHERISH HIGH TREASON

VETERAN BITCH - O

PUPPY BITCH

1ST - DAWSON , JONES, AND LLOYD - CWMHAF TE KANAWA

She stood alone in this class but this is a young lady I liked as soon as I saw her she is full of quality of what a Charlie should be. She has a good head with good ear set and dark eye and soft expression with lovely body marking and sound strong movement driving from the rear She has already made her mark in the show ring I am sure she will gain her crown in due course. Unfortunately for Best Puppy Award today she came up against a dog puppy of outstanding quality one of the best youngsters I have ever had the pleasure to judge so she lost out for this award but truly a lady to watch out for in the future.

JUNIOR BITCH

1ST - WILLEY & SIDDLES PENEMMA MISTY FOR ME

I do not even need my notes to remind me of this young lady she made such an impression on me she is one I have watched since she started out in puppy class and this is the one I would love to be able to take home. She is dainty as a toy spaniel should be but has wonderful bone to accompany this.. Her face marking and dark eye make the gentleness of expressions which seem to light up her face she has also lovely ear placing and in good coat This truly made her my girl of the day. BITCH CC. If she had been a little more mature who knows where the BOB would have gone.

2ND - STONE'S - MAYNORTH BACK TO BLACK

A lovely Black and Tan with good dark eye and lovely expression she has a lovely smooth movement driving from the rear and in lovely coat and has excellent bone and shows herself well. Unfortunate to meet up with the 1st place.

3RD - MELVILLE, FRY AND JACKSON. -AMANTRA TURQUOISE

POST GRADUATE BITCH

1ST - DIXS - BEEWYE PRECIOUS PERDITA

She stood alone in this class but a worthy winner she is a lovely tri full of breed type and when she really settles down in the ring I am sure she could make it to the top. She is lightly marked but with lovely facial marking good head and lovely dark eye good nose and ear placement as a Charlie should have.

LIMIT BITCH

1ST - STONES - MAYNORTH LOVE SONG

This is another tri I have watched since she was a puppy I judged her then and gave her a first which I think was also her first show and she did not disappoint me now when going over her again She is both cobby and compact with good bone cobby and a smart mover. I was pleased to award her the Reserve Bitch CC.

2ND - JACKSONS - AMANTRA TREASURY

Lovely size and shape and very happy on the move I enjoyed the twirls in the middle certainly a sound mover .She has the dark eye and lovely expression with a good head.

3RD - MOCHRIES - DOWNSBANK EVENSONG

OPEN BITCH

1ST - WILLEY & SIDDLES - PENEMMA SWEET DREAMS

She stood alone but very worthy of 1st place She is the Mother of my Bitch CC winner and is another lovely bitch that I have watched from the ringside and always felt she was a little hard done by. She is very much true to the type we need and is now a lovely mature lady who still has time on her side to gain more awards. BITCH CC PENEMMA MISTY FOR ME RBCC MAYNORTH LOVE SONG

BOB DOWNSBANK GUTHERIE

BEST PUPPY MAIBEE HORATIO

JUDGE SHEILA BYERS (SIMANNIE)