

WINDSOR CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW – 2012

KING CHARLES SPANIELS.

A lovely day at Windsor which made a pleasant change from the weather we've been experiencing at some Championship Shows this year,

As for the dogs, whereas I was pleased with the overall quality of exhibits in the later classes I was disappointed with the quality of some of the younger ones, ranging from a lack of substance to those which were far too big with flat skulls and flat forefaces. There were also quite a number with narrow jaws and this needs to be watched.

Veteran D/B (3) 1.Fry & Jackson's Ch. Amantra Winterberry. Very sprightly tricolour, now in her eighth year, very good head with rich tan and dark eye, plenty of body with well rounded ribs, short backed, moved very well. 2.Johnson's Marchog Martina Bianco. Another tri made in a larger mould. Nice shape, good angulation, lightly marked but not having the personality of my winner. 3.Juniper's Cavella Cascade of Lewiscarole.

Minor Puppy Dog (3) 1.Fry & Jackson's Regal Image of Amantra. Most attractive tri of correct size, well domed head, rich tan, dark eye, broad foreface, short straight back with good spring of rib, well angulated, moved steadily BP. 2.Austin's Dragonheart of Winter. Another well marked tri, good skull, well bodied, short back, good topline, nicely angulated, moved well. At present, not as all together as my winner but one to watch for the future..

3.Southam's Apollo Twee Z Validemose (Imp)

Puppy Dog (3) 1. Pennington & Portingale's Tudorhurst Pirate King. Black/tan mature for age, rich tan, lovely profuse silky coat coat, well put together with deep brisket, short back and good rear angulation, having a naughty day on the move but saw enough to see that he was sound. 2.Southam's Marganiemen Ivory's Legacy (Imp Fin). Richly coloured ruby, not so mature as my winner but having the makings of a good coat. Good skull, dark eye, good breadth of foreface, short backed, straight

topline, deep chest, needs more body and confidence. 3.Sproul & Coburn's Baldragon Berkeely for Khandro.

Junior Dog (3) 1.Kendall & Askins' Headra's Wedgwood.

.Attractive tricolour with enough dome, dark expressive eye, rich tan, straight silky coat and level topline, pleasing personality and very sound. 2.Byers' Paulian Ernest. Blenheim of similar size, good dark eye, lightly marked on both head and body, very well bodied and moved steadily. 3 Austin's Dragonheart Of Winter.

Yearling Dog (2) 1.Paulian Ernest. 2.Juniper's Lewiscarol Lord Of The Dance. Nice type of tri with lots of exuberance, short body with well broken markings. Movement difficult to assess as he would insist on jumping up. Could do well given time.

Post graduate Dog (4) 1.Wallhead's Sleepyhollow Trikki Dikki at Merida. Nicely marked tri with attractive head, broad skull, rich tan, dark eye, well cushioned muzzle, short back, deep brisket, moved soundly. A smidgeon more confidence would complete the picture. 2 House' Stonepit Mister Adorable at Triciaville. Blenheim, up to size, large head, well broken markings, well rounded ribs and deep chest. Moved soundly. 3 Austin's Oh Dandy Boy Hero.

Limit Dog (4) 1. Kolb, Vorderstrasse & Kirschbaum's Maibee Debonaire. Tricolour. An easy winner for me, oozing with quality, correct size, well broken markings, lovely head with large broad skull and dome, rich tan, dark expressive eye, well cushioned foreface and good width of jaw. Short, level body, deep chest and well rounded ribs. Well angulated quarters . Plenty of coat and shown in immaculate condition. very sound, confident mover. DCC & BOB. 2 Mallows & Gillhespy's Binglui Berlington Bertie. Ruby with lovely head having broad skull and good dome. Loved his size. Good conformation but could do with a little more flesh over the loin. Moved very well but would have liked to see a little more exuberance. 3 Austin's Baldragon Big It Up.

Open Dog. (4) 1. Moffatt & Robins' Ch. Maibee Theo. Top quality tricolour of correct size. Attractive head with broad skull, rich tan, dark eye, good nostrils and good breadth of jaw. Well bodied with good spring of rib and deep chest. Level topline and well angulated rear quarters. Happy temperament, moved well. In the final analysis, just preferred the markings of my CC winner.

RDCC. 2 Gillhespy's Tucherish Sundance Black/tan with lovely head, nice dome, broad jaw and well cushioned foreface, level topline, good rear angulation. Profusely coated, moved and showed well. 3 Maddison's Alambra Rich Ruby.

Minor Puppy Bitch(4.1) 1. Fry & Jackson's Amantra Cheery. Well bodied tri, in very good coat for her age. Attractive head, having plenty of dome, good width of jaw and well cushioned foreface. Very short in body with deep chest and well angulated rear quarters. Moved well. 2 Branch's Phydeaux Royal Gold. Very raw Blenheim but showing lots of promise. Extremely pretty head, good dome, large dark eye, good neck and shoulders, short bodied, good rear angulation. It will be interesting to see her in 12 months time. 3. Lord's Alambra Black Pearl in Homecourt NAF TAF.

Junior Bitch (1) 1. Kendall & Askins' Headra's Caverswall. This Blenheim stood alone, but thoroughly deserved a first. Pretty head with good dome, dark eye and broad muzzle. Nicely marked, in good coat for age. Well constructed frame, well angulated quarters. Strode out well with confidence.

Yearling Bitch (3) 1. Sproul & Coburn's Nisyros Nevada for Khandro. A delightful black/tan, one I've admired from the ringside and was not disappointed on going over her. Lovely size, a real toy spaniel. Pretty head, good dome, large dark eye, rich tan and well cushioned foreface. Short compact body, straight topline and happy temperament. 2 Johnson's Headra's Delphine at Alambra Heavily marked tricolour, good eye, rich tan and rounded dome. Up to size, doesn't need to grow any more. At a distinct disadvantage as she didn't know her handler and although I saw enough to assess her as sound, she wouldn't stand or show. 3. Stone's Maynorth Lovesong.

Post Graduate Bitch (4) 1. Mallow's Binglui Ruby Junella. The clear winner of this class. Pretty feminine head with broad skull and dome, nice width of jaw. Beautifully constructed with well laid shoulders, level back, deep chest and good rear angulation. Looked very good on the move. Very sound. 2 Juniper's Lewiscarol Lady Divine. Black/tan of correct size, bright tan, dark eye, short back and good spring of rib. Well angulated

quarters. Needs to fill out over the loin and today, out of coat. 3

Johnson's Iscalyn's Midnight Rose

Limit Bitch (8.1) 1. Harvey's Rocquencourt Rosetta Royal at Rivermoor Black/tan whom I've long admired and today she looked particularly good. Lovely head with rich tan, good dome and broad, well cushioned foreface. Good neck and shoulders, short body, well rounded ribs and deep chest. Nicely angulated quarters. She moved soundly and steadily. Shown in gleaming condition especially considering that she produced a litter only 5 months ago. BCC. 2 Searle's Stonepit Dolly Daydream Lightly marked Blenheim. Lovely typey head with fabulous dome and skull, well cushioned foreface. Correct neck and shoulders, well rounded ribs and deep brisket. A lovely bitch. I just wish she had more pzazz. Unfortunate to meet my winner today who was more outgoing. 3 Gillhespy's Lorphil Black Beauty.

Open Bitch (4) This was a class teeming with quality and they could change places on another day. The factor which swung it was that my winner was the only one shown in full coat. 1. Dix's Ch. Paulian Prudence for Beewye Pretty feminine girl of correct size, good neck and shoulders, well rounded rib cage and good depth of chest, short body with level topline, well angulated quarters. Beautifully put down in full coat. Showed and moved well RBCC. 2. Binglui Ruby Junella. Won Post graduate easily but lack of furnishings detracted today. 3 Kendall & Askins' Amantra Charmful at Headra.

Judge Ruth Mochrie