

**KING CHARLES ASSOCIATION OPEN SHOW
SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2008**

My sincere thanks to the Officers and Committee of the King Charles Spaniel Association for the invitation to judge their Open Show and to the exhibitors for an excellent entry of 72.

I found the breed in good heart and a number of very exciting prospects in the younger classes and this bodes well for the future. The puppy classes in particular were full of quality and I shall watch with interest as they compete against each other whilst maturing into adulthood. A number of all rounder toy judges have openly stated that when judging King Charles Spaniels it is a compromise. Having been involved with and exhibited in this wonderful breed, compromise is something which was inappropriate today. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and I thank those who graciously accepted my decisions based on my interpretation of the breed standard.

VETERAN Dog/Bitch 3 (1 abs)

Baker♦s COFTON LILY THE PINK 7 yrs Tri B., Lovely size. Dark eyes and lovely muzzle and turn up. Excellent front and rear assembly which produced precise movement. A true showgirl who still maintains her enthusiasm and sparkle. Extremely attentive. BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.

Stubb♦s CAVELLA CHYNA LADY 8 yrs Tri B., a shade larger in size with fabulous head qualities which were most appealing. Reluctant on the move today.

MINOR PUPPY DOG 3

Askins HEADRA CHOCOLATE DUTE 7 months Tri, Skull of large proportions with the darkest of eyes, lovely muzzle and wide jaw. Arch necked above a sloping lay of shoulders and lovely depth of chest and spring of rib. Straight front and elbows close in. Has a lovely tricolour pattern and in great coat for age. Moved with accuracy and a sense of purpose in all directions. A great future assured. BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.

Harvey's RIVERMOOR WALNUT 6 months Ruby. Very immature but a lot to like. Well constructed throughout and has lovely head qualities. Coat of lovely condition and a most glorious colour which is reflected in his name!

Rex-Parks ROCQUENCOURT ROMNEY

PUPPY DOG 3

Askins HEADRA CHOCOLATE DUTE

Mochrie's DOWNSBANK ALGENON 7 months Blenheim. Another really exciting puppy of lovely size and shape. In excellent coat and condition. A very close call between two lovely exhibits.

Southam's MANAKING JAMIE OF CAVELLA

JUNIOR DOG 4

East's NASTANE TOMMY 17 months Tri, large well domed head good stop and lovely wide jaw and full muzzle. Dark eyes and low set ears well featured. Lovely to examine on the table demonstrating straight front, shoulders well laid and good brisket. Tail setting good and strong rear assembly. He moved

with accuracy in every direction. Will mature into a very eye catching dog. RESERVE BEST DOG continuing his winning ways following his successful puppy campaign.

Goodwin's TUCHERISH STANLEY DIGGLE 17 months another very imposing young Tri dog who was close up on 1. Lovely shape and size. Adequate neck, good shoulders, short level back, low set hocks. Showed extremely well and presented to perfection. Just missed out on head qualities of 1 but nevertheless a very impressive young dog who demands attention.

Mocrie's DOWNSBANK RUPERT

GRADUATE DOG 8 (2 abs)

Smith's JUSTACHARMA NOW HE IS MAGIC JW Blenheim 2 yrs. Epitomises a toy spaniel and maintains his appealing balance at all times. Lovely domed head, wide open nostrils and well filled under the eyes. Lovely cushioning and strong wide jaw. Low ear setting which adds to the appeal. In beautiful coat and condition. Moved very well. Headed a quality class.

Sellen's LEVICOS GEORGE Tri almost 2 years. A lot to like. Very well constructed, straight front, short level back and cobby body. Strong rear drive produced impressive movement. Appealing head and in good coat and condition.

Goodwin's TUCHERISH STANLEY DIGGLE

POST GRADUATE DOG 7 (2 abs)

Fry & Jackson's AMANTRA CHEERS Tri 2 yrs. A mature exhibit and striking in appearance. Beautifully domed large head, dark eyes wide set, wide jaw well cushioned cheeks, arched neck. Short strong forequarters with substantial bone but void of any coarseness. In great coat supported by ample furnishings and presented in exemplary condition. Moved soundly in all directions.

East's Tewhit Thumbs Up Tri 2 yrs. slightly smaller than 1 but compact and cobby. Appealing head qualities. Liked the forehand on this exhibit; well supported by strong rear drive.

Southam's CAVELLA CRACKERJACK

LIMIT DOG 5 (2 abs)

Rushton's TIFLIN TUDOR ROYAL Tri almost 3 yrs. Very mature dog with impressive head qualities being well domed with strong wide jaw, well turned up and ample cushioning which influenced. Good nose placement and wide black nostrils. Adequate neck, deep brisket, level top line and well placed undocked tail. Moved with accuracy and well presented.

Smith's JUSTACHARMA HE IS OUR MAGIC 2 yrs Blenheim in glorious coat and condition. A particularly appealing size but with ample bone and substance. Moved extremely well and was very attentive to handler. Close up on 1.

Essex & Jackson's AMANTRA CATRE NOIRE WITH BRENDEK

OPEN 2 (1 abs)

Fry & Jackson ♦s **AMANTRA CHOCOLATIER B/T 3 yrs, Commanding exhibit that stood four square alone in the class but created the singular presence of a certain champion. His raven black coat with rich mahogany tan furnishings gleamed in the afternoon light. Grand domed head and the darkest of eyes, ears low set and well furnished, wide under jaw with generous cushioning. Balanced throughout with great bone. Level short back, tail setting A1. Strong rear assembly gave adequate drive and movement was precise and steady in all directions. From an excellent entry of quality dogs simply demanded BEST DOG & BEST IN SHOW. A consecutive such award at this show and trust he will be now campaigned to his Ch title.**

MINOR PUPPY BITCH 8 (1 abs)

A challenging class to judge and full of promise

Smith ♦s **JUSTACHARMA SOMETHING MAGIC Blenheim 7 months. The cheekiest exhibit in the show. A very appealing head and a particularly mischievous eye. Lovely neck and well placed shoulders, straight front and good deep chest. Refined throughout and well constructed. Moved around the ring as though she owned it and certainly ordered the first prize rosette. BEST PUPPY BITCH. In a very strong challenge for BPIS just had to give way to the substance of the outstanding puppy dog.**

Gimenes ROSSCHILD PEACHES 7 months Blenheim. Lovely domed head with well set ears and eyes set wide apart. Liked the size and makeup throughout

and the square profile. Gave a lot away in maturity but moved well and accurately and is a promising puppy.

Austin♦s COFTON BOP TO THE TOP

PUPPY BITCH 7 (2 abs)

JUSTACHARMA SOMETHING MAGIC

COFTON BOP TO THE TOP Tri 8 months. A very nice puppy that was in close contention in the previous class. Lovely Tri markings, appealing head and expression. Compact and cobby and well balanced for age. With maturity will trouble the best. A steady sound mover which appeared particularly attractive in profile.

Gimenses ROSSCHILD ISABELLA

JUNIOR BITCH 8 (3 abs)

Stone♦s MAYNORTH IRRESISTABLE Tri 15 months. Very impressive head, well domed, low set ears, dark eyes and lovely turn up. Well laid shoulder, deep chest, short level back and excellent tail set. Sound and precise mover. Perhaps a trifle too reserved at times but a quality exhibit throughout who continues to further her successful puppy career. Headed a really quality class right along the line.

Askin♦s AMANTRA CHARMFUL AT HEADRA Tri 17 months. Another one out of the top drawer. Pretty head. Lovely size and shape with adequate bone. Straight front assembly and wide deep chest. Parallel movement. In excellent coat and condition. An extrovert showgirl.

Robinson ♦s BALDRAGON BOOTYLICIOUS

GRADUATE BITCH 5 (1 abs)

NASTANE MISS DIOR AVEC BALDRAGON JW Tri 2 yrs. Produces a most attractive profile. Beautiful coat and attractive tri pattern. Sweet expression. Arched neck, straight front and correct well padded feet. Short level back, great rear angulation and well let down hocks. Movement consummate. Very impressive exhibit but just a little more weight would have gained higher honours today.

Askins AMANTRA CHARMFUL AT HEADRA

Dix ♦s LORPHIL BLACK LACE FOR BEEWYE

POST GRADUATE BITCH 2 (1 abs)

Essex ♦s AMANTRA CHANEL. Tri 2 ♦ yrs. Now reaching maturity. An appealing size, square and cobby. Very feminine throughout but with substance. Well domed large head and full over the eyes. Short nose with defined stop and turned up. Muzzle square and nicely filled beneath large round appealing eyes. Good breadth of chest, straight front and well padded feet. Spirit level top line and short strong loin. Well bent stifles and used these to advantage on the move which was steady and accurate. Handled to perfection. BEST BITCH.

LIMIT BITCH 7 (3 abs)

Harvey ♦ **RIVERMOOR VIOLET Tri 6 yrs.** Very mature but refined and gentle. She has a superior feminine air and tender expression. Profuse ear feathering and in excellent coat throughout. Stood square in profile which was perfectly balanced on the move. Has excellent spring of rib and deep brisket. Level short back and correct tail setting. Was amongst a number of quality bitches in the final line up and her maturity prevailed to attain **RESERVE BEST BITCH**.
East ♦ **NASTANE SWEET FANNY ADAMS Tri 3 yrs.** The hardest decision of the day splitting these two lovely bitches. Both excel in head qualities and are both feminine and enchanting. Alike all dogs from this kennel, moved with flawless accuracy and was particularly impressive on the forehand.
Stone ♦ **MAYNORTH TWICE AS SPICE**

OPEN BITCH 4 (2 abs)

Fry & Jackson ♦ **Amantra Winter Berry Tri 3 ♦ yrs.** Smart appearance and presented a pleasing picture in profile. Compactly built and well balanced. Lovely domed head and kind eye. Level back short loin and well let down hocks. Deep chest. Moved with style.

Stones **MAYNORTH SIMPLY HEAVENLY B/T 3 ♦** Mature bitch. Beautiful coat and condition. Lovely soft expression and good dome, large eye and well cushioned muzzle. Arched neck, short back and sturdy rear angulation. Moved positively. Showmanship of 1 had the edge here.

SPECIAL OPEN BITCH Blenheim/Tri D/B 7 (3 abs)

Moss ♦ **AMANTRA DICKENS WITH SOMBUR Tri D.**, 4 ♦ yrs. Judged him as a puppy and has now grown into a handsome sturdy mature male. In excellent coat and condition. Large masculine head with well defined stop square muzzle and massive cushioning. Arched neck leading to well laid shoulders above a straight front assembly, elbows close to chest. Moved very impressively and was considered seriously in the challenge.

Baker ♦ **COFTON PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Tri D 2** ♦ well proportioned, lovely lay of shoulder and front with correctly padded rounded cat feet. Attractive expression. Exuberant on the move but accurate. Well balanced throughout but a trifle smaller than most.

Austin ♦ **BOP TO THE TOP**

SPECIAL BRACE 2

Austin ♦ **Brace**

Smith ♦ **Brace**

MEMORIAL STAKES

Fry & Jackson ♦ **AMANTRA CHEERS**

Dix ♦ **LORPHIL BLACK LACE FOR BEEWYE**

Tony Allcock MBE