

Northern King Charles Spaniel Club Championship Show
Saturday 18th April 2009

My thanks to the officers and committee for inviting me to judge at this extremely well organised, friendly show where the hospitality was first class. Thanks to my two able stewards Colin Cross and Lee Girling. In a super entry of 127, with very few absentees, I found an abundance of really lovely breed type. Movement, on many, has certainly improved since the last time I judged, a credit to the small band of dedicated breeders. There were several classes where the eventual winner stood out but in a few there were some difficult decisions to be made, especially between the first two placed. My CC winners shone through due to both being of wonderful breed type, mature in body and excelling in free, elegant movement with particularly strong, sound rear movement.

The one disappointment of the day for me was that there were a couple of dogs that needed grooming more carefully to remove knotted areas behind ears and skirts. A final brush and combing through the coat will make a difference.

Veteran Dog (3, 1a)

1st Cox & Mauruer BRYNMAR♦S RED CLIFFORD

7 yr old ruby dog with a pleasing head, black nose and wide open nostrils. Well cushioned muzzle. Large, dark eyes. Coat although short was silky, straight and rich in colour. He moved out freely for his young handler.

2nd Wadsworth DOWNSBANK EDUARD

Similar age cobby B/T dog that possessed a wealth of fine, silky coat that had a fair amount of curl. I preferred the nose placement and movement of the winner.

Veteran Bitch (1)

1st Stewart♦s CH. MARCHOG MARILLA

This smart moving 12 yr old tri bitch belies her age. She certainly is a toy spaniel in size; compact and cobby, holding a level topline on the move. Her long, straight coat was very well prepared and she so obviously enjoyed her day out.

Minor Puppy Dog (3, 1a)

1st Ireland ♦s CINDERLACE RETURN TO CHARNELL

The first impression you get when you look at this immature blen. pup is of a glamorous, well marked coat that is in fabulous condition and his large, dark eyes. His head is well domed with correct nose placement although I would have liked to see stronger nose pigment. He is short in the back, possesses a good length of neck, level topline and well bent stifles. His very pleasing construction allowed him to move freely although I am sure when he gains more confidence we will see even better results of his good construction.

2nd Salugero ♦s CHARNELL CHAPLIN

A taller tri. boy that still needs to come together. Pleasing head and dark eye, rich tan markings, just needs to co-operate more with his handler.

Puppy Dog (6, 1a) Two really attractive blen. dogs headed this class.

1st Fry & Jackson AMANTRA CHIEFTAIN

A more reserved, well broken blen. but one that is of excellent breed type. His many positive features include his most appealing head, large dark eyes and very good nose placement; his skull is well domed and full over the eyes. I particularly liked his depth of chest, arched neck, that gives a proud head carriage, level topline both standing and on the move and well muscled hindquarters. His richly marked, well broken coat was very well conditioned. Beautifully balanced overall picture gave him best Puppy dog.

2nd Sidgwick PAULIAN PADDINGTON

This younger, lightly marked blen. is so full of confidence and sheer exuberance you can see why he will never be overlooked. His clever handler knows exactly how to get the very best out of

him, showing off his sound movement in all directions. He, too, is of lovely breed type with an attractive head, large, dark eyes and low set ears. Lovely, straight coat.

3rd Keane & Thorn SILVERHOLME BASIL

Junior Dog (7, 2a)

1st Naylor MAENAN MOON BLAIZE

Most attractive, beautifully marked tri. boy whose real strength is his head. He has an excellent rise to his skull, arched neck and well laid shoulders. Unfortunately he can, at times, withdraw into himself which can alter his outline. Just needs more encouragement and confidence to display what is already there.

2nd Sidgwick PAULIAN PADDINGTON

3rd Fry & Jackson AMANTRA OLIVER TWIST

Yearling Dog (4, 0a)

1st Waters and Robins MAIBEE TEDDIE

A truly outstanding tri. boy who could easily have been my CC winner if I had allowed my heart to rule my head; however he has ample time to mature even more in what is already a cobby body and delightful head and gain even more admirers. He fulfils my ideal size in a King Charles Spaniel with his correctly marked coat, free, extremely active, sound movement and well set on tail. A future champion in the making. He is also already making his mark as a successful sire when you look at the minor puppy bitch winner.

2nd Fry & Jackson AMANTRA REGALIST

Another lovely tri. Very pleasing expression, good rise to his well domed head with long, well feathered ears. Like his previous kennel mate he scores highly in possessing an arched neck, well laid shoulders and level topline. Although well broken his coat does not quite have the clarity of the winner.

3rd Wilson LICHENS RYANDAN

Novice Dog (3, 2a) This class contained three totally different types with the first winning on his overall soundness.

1st Mochrie KUMBIA JAZZMASON (Nzl Imp)

A pleasing B/T boy whose rich tan markings accentuate his kind and gentle expression.

Attractive head with good nose placement and large, dark eyes. A steady moving dog, short in the back with well turned stifles.

2nd Fry & Jackson AMANTRA OLIVER TWIST

A richly marked ruby whose outstanding features on the day were the colour and condition of his coat, his excellent spring of rib and depth of chest. I am quite sure that, at future shows, his confidence will improve and his movement will steady and become more free. He already has strong, rear driving movement.

3rd Loynd AMANTRA CHEVALIER

Graduate Dog (6, 1a)

1st Matches TUCHERISH THE BLACK KNIGHT AT FOCHAI

A B/T of an ideal size and lovely breed type. However his handler has to work really hard to portray his very good features. Most pleasing expression, large skull that is well domed and full over the eyes. Acceptable reach of neck leading into very good shoulder placement and level topline both standing and on the move. Good depth to his chest and a very well sprung ribcage. When settled he does move soundly.

2nd Fry & Jackson AMANTRA OLIVER TWIST

3rd Smith JUSTACHARMA NOW HE IS MAGIC J.W.

Post Graduate Dog (14, 3a)

1st Plews TEWHIT TRAFALGAR

Here, in this well marked tri. dog, we have another example of exceptional quality and super size. Perhaps more body weight would enhance what is already there. His virtues are an extremely proud head carriage, excellent lay of shoulder and level topline, well turned stifles and

correctly carried tail. He never fails to stand badly, I see he is a full, repeat mating of my bitch CC winner.

2nd Maddison ALAMBRA RICH RUBY

This ruby boy is so well constructed, just in a larger frame to the winner. He was extremely well handled today by his breeder due to his owner's incapacity. On the move is where he really excels as both in profile and moving towards you he is so sound. He has a pleasing head, well placed neck and shoulders and correctly set tail.

3rd Mochrie DOWNSBANK RUPERT

Limit Dog (10, 1a)

1st Stewart KASAMANDA CELTIC CONNEXION TO MARCHOG

Beautifully marked and very well presented mature tri boy. Attractive masculine head, arched neck and well laid back shoulders. He portrays a level topline both standing and on the move. He co-operates really well with his handler.

2nd Plews TEWHIT TEDDY BEAR

A mature ruby boy that I have long admired. Deep chest, level topline and strong front movement and rear driving action.

3rd Anderson & Watt MAIBEE BLUE BAYOO AT NISYROS

Open Dog (7, 0a)

1st Lloyd CWMHAF FORTY SECOND STREET

Mature blen. that makes an instant impression with his well marked richly coloured coat, excellent driving action and very pleasing breed type. He has great strength of character and a temperament to match. His expert handler makes light work of showing him. A dog that I have well admired in the past, today my winners were more finished in coat.

2nd Fry CH. CHECKMATE AMANTRA

Another very nice tri. that has a short and cobby body, level topline. Moved really well, just preferred the length of neck and finish of lips of the winner.

3rd Cox & Maureur BRYNMAR♦S RED CLIFFORD

Special Open (B/T or Ruby) Dog (5, 0a)

1st Stewart MARCHOG McFLANNEL

Two years ago when I last judged this dog I felt that he needed more time to mature both in body and head. This he has certainly done. Today I saw a well balanced ruby in full coat with a most appealing, broad head, that has a well cushioned muzzle; a compact body shape with deep chest, short in the back and really strong, steady movement. He filled my eye and could not find any other to beat him for the CC and B.I S. His owners deserve to feel proud of how they presented and showed him on the day.

2nd Plews TEWHIT TEDDY BEAR

3rd Cox & Maureur BRYNMAR♦S RED CLIFFORD

Special Open (Blen. or Tri) Dog (7,1a)

1st Fry & Jackson AMANTRA CHEERS

This kennel displayed today a consistent team of beautiful dogs of true breed type. They all showed glorious heads, this dog in particular, and sound, driving movement. This dog well deserved his win, he is a real glamour boy carrying a super coat that had been extremely well prepared. Res. CC.

2nd Waters & Robins MAIBEE LOUIX

Exuberant young blen. boy that still has a lot to learn about showing. However he has excellent bone and body, very sound rear movement and coat condition second to none. His well marked coat is rich in colour.

3rd Smith JUSTACHARMA HE IS OUR MAGIC J.W.

Minor Puppy Bitch (6, 0a)

1st Coupland TUCHERISH CLEMENCY

This tri. was presented in excellent condition, she is such a lovely shape, short in back, cobby body with level topline and looks quite stunning in profile when stacked. Pleasing head and

expression, large, dark eyes and the making of long, well set ears. On the move she drives very well from behind. A rosy future is assured.

2nd Baker COFTON EVERLASTING DREAM

A slightly finer tri. but again she has a pretty head, dark eyes, arched neck and well placed shoulders. Moved well enough to secure her this placing, just needs the confidence to promote herself.

3rd Graves PAMEDNA PEGGY SUE

Puppy Bitch (6, 0a)

1st Fox-Shone AMANTRA CHARLENE

An extrovert tri, who is an excellent representative of breed type. B.P.I.S.

She has a firm body, good depth of chest and level topline both standing and on the move. Her pretty head is well domed, full over the eyes and has excellent rise to her skull. Her front construction is really good with very well placed shoulders. A truly lovely bitch that well deserved her B.P.I.S win.

2nd Searle STONEPIT PENNY ROYAL

Another mature puppy with a very good body, gentlest of expressions and beautifully prepared, well marked coat. Just preferred the rise of skull of the winner. However a credit to her breeder.

3rd Keane & Thorn SILVERHOLME SALVIA

Junior Bitch (9, 0a)

1st Harvey LANKCOMBE GABRIELLA AT RIVERMOOR J.W.

This well marked tri bitch has star quality stamped all through, excellent profile which shows how compact and cobby she is, good bone and a well domed head. Her hindquarters are well muscled, she has well bent stifles and moves extremely soundly from behind.

2nd Goodwin MAIBEE MAMMA MIA DIGGLE

A pretty tricolour with a typical head, full of breed type, long low set, well feathered ears and well domed head. Her coat was beautifully prepared. She carries herself confidently on the move

holding a level topline, moving soundly at the front; just preferred, on the day, the winner's rear driving movement and overall maturity.

3rd Leach AMANTRA CHARMETTE

Yearling Bitch (7, 2a)

1st Goodwin MAIBEE MAMMA MIA DIGGLE

2nd Searle STONEPIT DORIS DAY

This well marked blen. was carrying more body weight than winner, however I just preferred the winner's head. She has good nose placement but her pigment could be stronger.

3rd Harvey ROQUENCOURT ROSETTA ROYAL AT RIVERMOOR

Novice Bitch (6, 0a)

1st Fox Shone AMANTRA CHARLENE

2nd Leach AMANTRA CHARMETTE

Tri. with a pretty expression, ample dome and very mature body. Her well marked coat was in good condition. She moved soundly and with drive.

3rd Pearson HEADRA'S CHOC-A-HOLIC

Graduate Bitch (9,2a)

1st Lunt BEECHGLEN DAISY

What a lovely bitch this tri. is, so full of breed type, gorgeous head and when stacked on the table you can see her cobby body with deep, well ribbed chest, shortness of back and level topline. Her sound movement could improve even more if both she and her handler had more confidence in her virtues.

2nd Ireland CHARNELL DIETRICH

A typical bitch with a very pleasing expression, mature body shape and very good to watch on the move.

3rd Goodwin MAIBEE MAMMA MIA DIGGLE

Post graduate Bitch (8, 1a)

1st Mochrie DOWNSBANK CLARICE CLIFF

B/T, rich glossy black coat with bright tan markings. A most pleasing overall shape whose very good construction allowed her to move better than the others in this class.

2nd Willey & Siddle MAIBEE CHARLOTTE ROSE OF PENEMMA

At first glance I thought this very pretty tri. to be my class winner, she excels in breed type, is ultra short with the most stunning topline. She lost out to the winner on front movement.

3rd Plews TEWHIT THUMBELINA

Limit Bitch (8, 2a) This class was most difficult to judge as the first two bitches were worthy winners on the day.

1st Coupland TUCHERISH WKD ANTOINETTE

As all in the breed would know this bitch won the Res. CC as a puppy when I last judged. My opinion of her has not changed, she has matured into a beautiful bitch, possesses a large skull, well domed and full over her large, dark eyes with well defined stop and plenty of width to her muzzle. Her long, well feathered ears are low set. She has the correct length of neck, well arched to show off her proud head carriage, well laid back shoulders and level topline. Again it was her overall balanced profile, her free, elegant movement showing such positive drive from behind and her "joie de vivre" that won her this placing and yet again the Res. CC.

2nd Pearson TEWHIT TALITHA

A slightly bigger bitch and a tad longer in back, but such a sound moving one. A well domed head, with a lovely expression and a younger sister to my CC. winner.

3rd Anderson & Watt MAIBEE LOLA AT NISYROS

Open Bitch(4, 0a)

1st Plews CH. TEWHIT TITANIA

I first admired this well marked tri. bitch 5 years ago when as a youngster I also awarded her a Res, CC. Today she became a veteran on the day and could not be equalled for pure breed type, excellent construction, strong front and rear movement and total showmanship. Her head is so

correct, a model for the breed, well domed and full over large, dark eyes. Her coat was a good length and silky in texture. It is a joy to see her arched neck giving that wonderful, proud head carriage. I have seen her many times in the past, through her own stubbornness, throw away chances of gaining another CC but today she pulled out all the stops to please not only her owner but the judge and ringside audience too. It was my privilege to award her the CC & Res. B. I.S.

2nd Waters & Robins MAIBEE LEAH

Another lovely tri. bitch, so well balanced but giving a lot away in age and maturity. Again full of breed type, beautiful head, level topline on the move.

3rd Gimenes ROSSCHILD LADY MAY

Special Open (B/T or Ruby) Bitch (7, 0a)

1st Waters & Robins MAIBEE LYNETTE

If CC.s were given for pure character this bitch would win every time. She is a vivacious B/T with the richest of tan markings, excellent head, very well placed neck and shoulders, level topline and carrying just the right amount of weight.

2nd Coupland TUCHERISH MICHAELA

Mature B/T, compact and cobby, as desired by the breed standard. She could do with losing just a touch of weight from over her shoulders and I also just preferred the head and expression of the winner.

3rd Johnson JACRIANNA HOLLY BLUE AT ALAMBRA

Special Open (Blen / Tri) Bitch (7, 0a)

1st Smith & Blewett OTHMESE DUE STEREN

Cobby tri. and so sound all round. She has a well marked coat of good texture, pleasing head and expression, long well set ears and dark eyes. Her movement was a real pleasure to watch especially her ultra sound rear drive.

2nd Waters & Robins MAIBEE LAYLA

Another lovely tri. from this kennel; beautiful breed type, gorgeous head, large dark eyes and exceptionally good front. One of the breeds latest well deserved Champions.

3rd Fry & Jackson AMANTRA CHORUS

Lorraine Gillhespy Judge