

CRUFTS 2019

KING CHARLES SPANIEL

Exactly 40 years ago a schoolboy from Austria visited Crufts for the first time. This experience opened a new world for me and has influenced my path of life ever since. A number of very special persons -sadly no longer with us - gave me the essential support and advice to prosper in the breed and these were very much on my mind on the day. With the loss of influential breeders in recent years the halcyon days of the breed are a thing of the past. However there was still a good number of lovely Charlies to go over and temperament in particular was excellent. I was worried to find some dogs with excessively bulging eyes which not only spoils the soft expression but is also a potential health issue. Ditto I found quite a few dogs with unsound hind construction. Both faults might not have been obvious from the ringside but certainly influenced my placings. For the simple reason of numbers some quality exhibits went down the line or even card less. The standard of presentation varied considerably and although I like to see a clean well presented Charlie I would like to point out that trimming and sculpturing is completely outlandish in this breed and should not be encouraged!

Veteran - Dog

Entries: 8 Abs: 0

1st CH TUDORHURST DIAMOND (*MISS J PENNINGTON*)

My BIS winner at the KCSC Championship show a few years ago. On the day he gained his 2nd ticket and he was made up the following day at the National. He simply epitomizes classical Charlie type and there is not much I would like to change on him. Has seasoned gracefully and was shown in wonderful condition and in competing for the green cards he certainly gave the young dogs a good run for their money. BEST VETERAN

CH HEADRA'S TRULY MAGIC IS JUSTACHARMA (MR S C & MRS G A J SMITH), built on slightly larger scale this masculine Tricolour combines stallion attributes with softness. Large well domed head with 2nd plush face and excellent profile. Low-set long ears framing head nicely dark expressive eyes, strong neck excellent ribcage, firm quarters, colour not his strong point but shown in full coat and moved with purpose

3rd CH TUCHERISH HIGH TREASON (MRS J COUPLAND), very nicely balanced Tricolour, scored on his correct size and square outline, sufficiently large head with distinctive dome and well-set dark eyes, ok in cushioning, correctly set long ears, excellent reach of neck, well angulated hindquarters, ok in coat, well presented.

Minor Puppy - Dog

Entries: 2 Abs: 0

MITAPIP BLACK IS MAGIC FOR JUSTACHARMA (MR S C & MRS G A J SMITH), raw black/tan baby with
1st *lots of potential and the right attitude. Head of correct size for age, well domed, classical profile, correctly shaped dark eyes, sufficiently short firm back, correct hind-angulation, coat coming nicely, showed with confidence.*

STONEPIT WILFRED FOR POLTOMIC (MRS P CLARKE), correctly marked Tricolour of excellent shape
2nd *and genuine classical breed-type, nicely balanced head with plush face giving correct soft expression, correct medium bone, well angulated front and behind, most regrettable rather overwhelmed by the occasion and did not give his best but once gained confidence should do well.*

Puppy - Dog

Entries: 4 Abs: 0

LANKCOMBE KINGS SPEECH AMANTRA (MRS T M JACKSON), jolly Tricolour built on sufficiently cobby
1st *lines, large head with undoubtedly masculine but soft expression, excellent dark eyes and good filling, very good raise of skull and dome, excellent ribcage, straight well-boned front, moved and showed with confidence and such a happy Charlie !*

GINO OD DVOU ORECHO DOWNSBANK (IMP CZE)(MRS R MOCHRIE), richly coloured Ruby built on slightly
2nd *longer cast and naturally still needs to drop in body, well-sized head with good dome, correctly shaped*

dark eyes, good filling under the eyes, correct angulations, coat coming nicely, like most whole -coloured just needs time.

SAROSOTA CHENIN BLANC (MISS C MELVILLE), another Tricolour of good overall type and sufficiently 3rd cobby, well-balanced head, very good substance for age, well-broken and excellent coat, did not give his best on the day.

Junior - Dog

Entries: 5 Abs: 1

CHACOMBE ALBERT (MRS D & P SCHILIZZI & HEALY-GATES), glamorous young Tricolour of highest quality. Naturally not fully mature but his classical size, shape and head qualities put him above the rest, 1st was in particular taken by his wonderful reach of neck, correct topline and faultless angulation which enables him to perform with precise action and natural proud head carriage, his attractive markings and natural coat of correct silky texture completed a most pleasing picture, pressed hard for highest allocade and only missed out on maturity, should do well Res. CC.

2nd MASTER OT NEVSKOGO HOBBITA [ATC AV02169RUS] (MR GILEVICH), lightly marked Tricolour built on cobby lines, scored on his excellent bone and substance, ok in head but not the refinement of 1, moved

and showed well.

AMBASSADOR BOY STAR OF TUCHERISH (IMP RUS) (MRS J COUPLAND), Ruby built on larger scale and 3rd still needs to drop in body to fill in his frame. Nicely balanced head with well-filled dome, dark well-shaped eyes, excellent nose-placement, coat coming on nicely, showed well.

Post Graduate - Dog

Entries: 12 Abs: 2

1st CHOCOLATE MOONLIGHT AT HEADRA (MRS M E, MRS I M & MISS R KENDALL, ASKINS & WILEMA), very nicely balanced Black/Tan. Scored on his large well-shaped head with correct raise and dark lustrous eyes, supper turn-up and cushioning. Strong well-arched neck, well rounded ribcage, straight well-kept coat of correct silky texture, moved and showed with confidence.

2nd PAULIAN WHERE'S WALLY JW SHCM (MR & MRS I SIDGWICK), very lightly marked Tricolour, short and compact, head of correct size and shape, dark well-set eyes, correct reach of neck and firm top-line, slightly out of coat on the day and preferred drive of 1 but showed well and lovely temperament

3rd GELLESPOINT OT NEVSKOGO HOBBITA [ATC AV02170RUS] (MR GILEVICH), Blenheim built on larger and

slightly longer lines, large head with typical Blenheim features, strong neck and well angulated front, firm straight back , well-broken rich markings, showed well.

Limit - Dog

Entries: 7 Abs: 1

CHACOMBE ARIZONA FOR POMELO (MS M R & MRS C M DAWSON & JONES), lightly marked Blenheim of excellent shape and correct medium size, large head with equally masculine and soft expression, dark 1st well-shaped eyes, good cushioning and finish of mouth, good reach of neck, firm topline, excellent hind-angulation, attractive well-kept coat, showed in harmony with his owner, very pleasing over all picture.

DIGGLE DANDELION JW (MR J GOODWIN), built on slightly larger scale this ultra-masculine Blenheim combines stallion qualities with correct conformation, large head in proportion with excellent filling, big 2nd nose-pad and expressive eyes giving demanding expression, probably the best coat on the day and presented in excellent condition, thanks to his conformation moved soundly , just would like a little bit less of him.

3rd MARCHOG MACTARTAN CELXO (MRS S C SINGLETON), truly masculine Black/Tan shown in full bloom and scored on his wonderful coat and presentation, large head with full dome and plus facial features, low-set

long ears, excellent neck and top-line, moved and showed well.

Open - Dog

Entries: 11 Abs: 1

CH AMANTRA REGAL DUKE (MRS T M JACKSON), a classical Charlie of correct shape and most appealing head features truly continuing a succession of wonderful breed representatives from the past. Large head with plush face and expressive eyes, non-exaggerated dome looking good from all 1st angles. Beautifully balanced body with excellent substance and moderate bone and strong well-angulated hindquarters. rich colour, correct slightly wavy coat giving attractive fringing but also a challenge in taming it! Effortless on the move and never stopped wagging his tail. Simply could not be denied CC & BOB and represented the breed ever so well in the Group!

2nd CH KASAMANDA JUST A DREAM FOR MARCHOG (MR R & MRS K STEWART), equally masculine and elegant Tricolour of excellent overall breed-type, scored on his typical domed head and plus facial features, correct reach of neck, firm back and short loin, very well presented coat, ably handled but regrettable did not give his best on the day.

3rd DZHENTLMEN NEVSKIY HOBBIT IS DOMA NA BARISHIHE [ATC AU01974RUS] (MR GILEVICH), flashy Tricolour of distinctive type and built on slightly longer cast. Undoubtedly masculine head with sufficiently soft features, plenty of substance, attractive markings, well schooled and moved with purpose.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Dog

Entries: 1 Abs: 0

1st **AMANTRA CHORALE (MISS C MELVILLE)** Quality Tricolour built on square lines and excellent medium size, very pleasing head with correctly shaped dome, excellent filling and finish of mouth, strong well arched neck, level top-line, attractive well-broken markings and shown in excellent coat, moved well but could have shown with a bit more enthusiasm which affected his tail-carriage.

Veteran - Bitch

Entries: 7 Abs: 3

1st **CH BALDRAGON SHE DEMANDS JW (C BOWLES-ROBINSON)**, *the bitch breed record holder and I am pleased that I also could contribute to this outstanding achievement. This Tricolour simply can not be overlooked and pleases the eye with her harmonious lines and equally typical and ultra-feminine head. She showed very well on the day but sadly like many bitches this time of the year she was a bit out of coat and had to give way to the Veteran male who was in full bloom.*

2nd **CH/LUX/BEL/INT CH FLEUR DE LYS DE MELCOURT [ATC AM00637FRA] (MISS C GURTNER)**, *another seasoned Tricolour build on slightly longer cast and a bit heavier marked, nicely balanced head with excellent dome and sufficient cushioning. Good reach of neck and sufficiently firm topline, showed and moved well, not quite the glamour of 1.*

CH COFTON WALKING ON SUNSHINE (MR R S & MRS R K BAKER), completes a nice trio of quality 3rd Tricolor Champion bitches, scored on her pretty head with plush facial features, correct bone and cobby body, attractive well-broken markings, showed well.

Minor Puppy - Bitch

Entries: 2 Abs: 1

1st ELLINGHURST MISS SAIGON (MR P & MRS S BOYER), sweetest Tricolour baby, very pretty head with typical but in no way exaggerated features and just right for age, excellent size for age and already good substance and body-depth is coming nicely, well-broken markings, was not in the slightest fazed to be on her own in the big ring and showed her heart out, very promising youngster and only lost out in maturity.

Puppy - Bitch

Entries: 3 Abs: 0

OPRAH DE MELCOURT [ATC AV01761FRA] (MISS C GURTNER), the surprise of the day for me, although build on slightly longer scale she has a cobby body and correct substance for age, very pleasing head 1st with excellent filling and correctly set dark lustrous eyes, super neck and firm top-line, strong well-angulated quarters, attractive markings and coat is coming nicely, showed and moved well, excellent temperament, not surprised to see that she is sired by the BOB winner BP.

2nd LANKCOMBE BETTE DAVIS (MRS C CHAMPION), attractive Tricolour of cobby appearance and correct

medium size, pleasing sufficiently large head with good filling, already deep body, correct markings, some ticking, showed well.

ELLINGHURST KIKI DEE (MR P & MRS S BOYER), *lightly marked Tricolour built on slightly larger and 3rd longer cast, scored on her pleasing head with expressive eyes and good filling, moved and showed well, very useful for future generations.*

Junior - Bitch

Entries: 6 Abs: 1

MARGARITA OT NEVSKOGO HOBBITA [ATC AV02168RUS] (MR GILEVICH), *glamorous and very mature 1st Tricolour who scored on her equally cobby and elegant outline, quite advanced head features for age with excellent filling, super reach of neck and firm short back, firm well angulated and muscled hindquarters, very attractive markings, coat coming nicely, moved with purpose, one to look out for in the future.*

KERIZMA KROCUS (MRS J HINSON), *very pretty ultra-feminine Ruby built on veyr different lines but 2nd equally attractive but it needs imagination to see the potential in this most difficult colour. Nicely balanced sufficiently large head, cobby body. Correct medium bone, firm back, rich colour tired hard to please , time is on her side.*

TOYSWOOD RISING STAR AT ALDORICKA (MR D & MRS D M BAILEY), *very lightly marked Blenheim of very 3rd decent overall type, typical Blenheim head with good depth and sufficient dome, very good bone and already deep body, showed and moved well.*

Yearling - Bitch

Entries: 8 Abs: 1

LACKY KINGS YUMIRA SANTA MARIYA JW [ATC AV03053RUS] (MISS M MOROZOVA), beautifully
1st *balanced Black and Tan of correct medium size and cobby appearance, head of correct size and typical features, correct filling and finish of mouth, expressive dark eyes, sound quarters, well presented coat, moved with purpose.*

TUDORHURST SORCERESS AT ELFINDOR (MRS D J SKELTON), Blenheim of excellent shape and size,
2nd *sufficiently large head of correct proportions, cobby body with short back, very attractive markings, tired to please and showed well and only lost out on maturity.*

MY EXOTIC WORLD DEMANDS BALDRAGON (C BOWLES-ROBINSON), Tricolour built on stockier lines,
3rd *overall good head features with correct filling, for size still needs to drop in body but nice overall frame, well-broken markings, perhaps not a glamour girl but potentially very useful for the breed.*

Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 8 Abs: 4

CELXO ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL (MRS S C SINGLETON), ambitiously named Tricolour attracts with her
1st *mature cobby body and large head with well cushioned face, well-placed large eyes, excellent profile, beautifully fringed long ears, excellent substance, moved and showed well.*

TUDORHURST PRINCESS (MS S & MRS E B NORDIN) ultra-feminine Blenheim built on slightly longer cast, 2nd pleasing sufficiently large non-exaggerated head with equally pretty and distinct expression, coat and substance coming nicely, showed and moved well.

LANKCOMBE CLARA BOW (MESDAMES C & V CHAMPION & HARVEY), Tricolour of good size and ok in 3rd balance, large head with good dome and filling, a touch longer in cast, slightly unfortunate markings, sound mover.

Limit - Bitch

Entries: 14 Abs: 6

1st TUDORHURST ROYAL TREASURE (MS S & MRS E B NORDIN) Tricolour of outstanding quality, combines classical non-exaggerated breed type with balanced feminine features, most appealing plush face with expression dark eyes, correct stop, raise of skull and well-cushioned underjaw, equally cobby and elegant, sound firm quarters, most attractive markings and well-kept coat of correct texture, moved with purpose and happy disposition, less than 2 years old by far has not reached her zenith yet and once fully mature should trouble the best R.CC

2nd COFTON DANCING THOUGH LIFE JW (MR M L & MRS K L & MISS E AUSTIN & BAKER another quality Tricolour of excellent overall breed type and in particular impresses with her cobby body, very pleasing balanced head with correct filling, good reach of neck, well-muscled and angulated sound hind-quarters,

attractive well-broken coat, well presented and moved well, close decision and should do well.

3rd **ELLEMICH DAY DREAM (MRS M, MR Z & MISS T CHAPMAN & IRELAND)** *ultra-feminine Tricolour of excellent overall type, built on slightly more refined but cobby lines, pretty face with expressive eyes and good filling, well-broken markings, a touch out of coat on the day, very well presented and happy positive mover.*

Open - Bitch

Entries: 13 Abs: 3

1st **CH COFTON WINTER TIME TALE AT HEADRA JW (MRS I M & MRS M E ASKINS & KENDALL)** *now fully mature I have admired this Blenheim since she was a puppy and I have watched her going through various stages but I have never seen her better. Being very lightly marked might be a disadvantage but her sound well-balanced cobby body and excellent conformation do not need markings for camouflaging, to get the head right in a Blenheim is not an easy task but this one certainly can compete sporting a correct dome with gentle raised, dark eyes, , low ear-set and plush round face, standing on four sound legs she moved with ease and she was in hard condition, decent coat and literally showed her socks off which earned her the highest allocade CC*

2nd **DK/SECH/NOCH PENEMMA MILLIE THE MINX (MR C JENSEN)** *mature very lightly marked Tricolour which instantly brought back memories of many of her illustrious Maibee ancestors. Not the biggest head but*

very nicely balanced with truly feminine soft expression, cobby body, good bone, well presented and shown in full coat, certainly could not be overlooked in this star-studded class but in the critical moment not quite as animated as 1, close decision.

3rd ***CH MARCHOG MACFLANNELETTE (MR R & MRS K STEWART), eye-catching Black/Tan simply oozing classical breed type and another one who follows in the foot-steps of outstanding ancestors. Scores on her wonderful expressive head with soft round lines, dark expressive eyes, decent neck, firm bone, round feet, coat of correct soft texture and presented to perfection, moved with dignity.***

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