

Critique King Charles Spaniels Darlington 2019

Veteran Dog (3)

1. Stonepit Super Sydney For Poltomic

A very youthful tricolour veteran and an usually lovely mover, well balanced and proportioned and with a lovely temperament. He has an excellent dome, correct low-set ears and lovely, large and dark eyes, well placed nose of ideal length. Strong neck.

Balanced angulation both ends. Medium sized body. Strong and firm topline. Very well set and carried tail. A brilliant mover from the side, at all times keeping his outline, very pleasing going a way, if turning his feet a little out in front movement. I was wondering if I could find any other dog to beat him on the day, and it turned out I could not. *CC & Best Veteran*

2. Ch. Headra's Truly Magic Is Justacharma

A stronger tricolor dog. Reasonable dome, but higher set ears than the winner. Excellent nose. Strong neck. Solid, compact body. Balanced angulation both ends. Excellent coat. Much heavier footed than the winner.

3. Celxo Charles Dickens Sh.CM

Minor Puppy Dog (2)

1. Poltomic Black Magic

Black and tan, a happy little spaniel, well proportions. Very good dome. Lovely eyes, well placed nose, enough turn-up. Tends to arch his topline a bit on the stack, but evens out on the move. Excellent coat, brilliant colour.

2. Downsbank Jeffrey

Tricolour puppy with an excellent dome and well set ears. Lovely neck. At this time rather long in his body standing and looking even longer on the move.

Excellent bone. Firm topline. Good coat and colour.

Puppy Dog (3)

1. Cofton Soldier Boy

A very attractive dog, but needs to gain more masculinity with age. Excellent dome, big and dark eyes. Could do with some more turn-up. Strong neck. Balanced angulation. Needs more weight. His tricolour body marking could be better broken up. By far the best mover in the class.

2. Justacharma Magic Goes On

Tricolour with a lovely dome, turn-up and expression. Another who could be more masculine. Pleasing reach of neck. Tends to curl up a bit in his topline standing. Good depth and width of body for age. Tail could be higher set. Reasonable mover, well presented.

3. Downsbank The Tin Soldier

Junior Dog (4)

1. Sarasota Chenin Black

A lovely dog, well made and mature for his age, he is very masculine and not small. A very easy winner of the class. Excellent dome and ear-set. Big, expressive, dark eyes. Strong neck, well set into a strong topline. Plenty of body and bone, all in balance. Tail could be somewhat higher set. Well angulated

behind. Moved very well, particularly from the side. A future champion for sure.

2. Stonepit Wilfred For Poltomic

Smaller dog. His head is well developed, but the rest is not yet. Pleasing dome and ear-set. Very short body, rather underdeveloped, he will need time to mature. He looked quite good on the move. Brilliant coat and a clean colour.

3. Mitapip Black Is Magic For Justacharma

Post Graduate Dog (5,1)

1. Ambassador Bly Star of Tucherish

Ruby dog, quite big, but within the acceptable. He has a pleasing dome, but I would not want any more head than this. Well spaced eyes. Strong neck. Excellent topline, if not among the shortest. Beautiful ruby colour. Well angulated both ends. Buy far the best mover in the class from any angle.

2. Indigo Russisch Geist at Nevskogo Hobbita at Celxo

Black and tan dog of very pleasing proportions. Very good ears, well placed nose. Medium sized. Falls away a bit too much over the croup. Needs to stabilize in movement coming and going, but moved quite well from the side. Lovely colour. Brilliant temperament.

3. Rivermoor Alberto

Limit Dog (6,3)

1. Marchog Mactartan Celxo

Strong masculine dog. He is well constructed and sound, but he has an excessive coat which makes him look heavier than he is. Pleasing dome, medium set ears. Excellent dark, well spaced eyes and a good turn-up. Generally well built, he has a strong neck, pleasing topline and tailset. A sound and efficient mover.

2. Rivermoor Minstrel

Tricolour dog with a good dome, medium set ears. He tends to roach his back and fall away too much over the croup, restricting his rear movement. Very pleasing temperament. Good coat and colour.

Open (7)

1. Diggle Dandelion JW

A very eye-catching dog for both the right and the not-so-right reasons, he forces you to have an opinion about him. He is big, strong, very masculine and immaculately sound blenheim. He has a strong head, bordering on course, with a reasonable dome, very attractive head profile, well placed ears, large eyes. Strong neck. Strong topline, excellent tailset and tail carriage. He is immaculately sound and energetic in movement which could not be said for most of his competitors and even used his tail very well on the move. ResCC.

2. Ch. Descartes Ot Nevskogo Hobbita

Another eye-catching dog of generally high quality. Attractive head with quite good dome, lovely dark eyes. Strong neck. Solid body and deep chest. His tail

**is well set, but he could use it more to his advantage.
A pleasing mover, but nothing like the winner.**

3. Ch X-jewel Od Dvou Orechu Binglui

Veteran Bitch (2)

1. Multi Ch Fleur De Iys De Welcourt

Bitch of excellent size, very attractive. She has a good dome, ears are medium set. Expressive dark eyes. Good turn-up. Strong neck. Firm topline, but falls off a bit too much over the croup. Colour could be better broken up. A positive mover including pleasing coming and going.

2. Ch. Tucherish Julie Christie

A most feminine bitch. She has a very beautiful head, probably the best head of the day with lovely dome and turn-up. Rather short neck. Compact body. Falls off too much over the croup contributing to her being wobbly behind. Beautiful coat and colour. Not nearly the movement of the winner.

Minor Puppy Bitches (6)

1. Downsbank Snowdrop

Very attractive blenheim bitch puppy, a comfortable winner of the class. Beautiful dome, medium set ears, well placed nose. Well set neck. Pleasing topline, acceptable croup. Ideal amount of bone. Clearly the best mover in the class from all angles, she ended up as *Best Puppy*

2. Simannie Sarasota

Tricolour bitch with good substance and well developed body. Attractive dome and expression. Medium neck. Deep and capacious chest and body. Needs more strength to her hindquarters and more angulation of stifle and hock which was also reflected in her movement.

3. Simannie Sunshine State

Puppy Bitch (2)

1. Cofton To The Moon and Back to Inixia

Petit, very feminine tricolor bitch with everything in proportion. Excellent dome, expressive. Good length of neck if rather straight in shoulder. Pleasing topline and tailset. Good bone for her size. She moved very well and made good use of her tail. Pleasing coat and colour. Will need to body up with age.

2. Poltomic Peppermint Patty with Marchog

Ruby bitch with a lovely dome and turn-up. Good neck and layback of upper arm. Tended to play up a bit on the table and could be more accessible. Looked her best in movement. Excellent coat and colour.

Junior Bitch (4)

1. Cofton Fly Me To The Moon

Small feminine bitch, well proportioned. Excellent dome and large, expressive eyes. Medium neck. Pleasing outline, but needs more weight on her. Good tailset. Hindquarters could be stronger. Lovely colour. Moved light on her feet.

2. Oprah De Melcourt

Lovely headed tricoloured bitch with excellent dome and turn-up. Too long in body and giving away in topline, but firmed up somewhat on the move. She is a sound and efficient mover.

3. Grace Od Dvou Orechu Binglui

Post Graduate Bitch (3)

1. Celxo Absolutely Beautiful

A tricolor bitch of very proper breed type. Excellent head with dome and turn-up. Strong neck. Short, compact body. Pleasing topline. Tail could be higher set. She did not want to show herself very well today and needed more energy in her movement.

2. Toyswood Rising Star at Aldoricka

More energetic blenheim bitch of pleasing type, but very sloping in her outline. Reasonable dome and turn-up, but a little blank in her expression. Pleasing tailset and coat quality. Excellent temperament.

3. Othmese Emerald

Limit Bitch (3)

1. Baldragon Hold That Thought

Another comfortable winner of her class. Blenheim bitch of excellent type and quality. Pleasing dome, well set ears. Strong neck. Compact and well filled body. Her rear could be stronger when standing, but worked well on the move, she made a very nice picture indeed on the move, at all times retaining her balance. *resCC*

2. Celxo Theodora

Compact tricolor bitch of excellent type. Beautiful dome and eye. Strong neck. Well develop din her body. Excellent front fill. Tended to lower herself on the move.

3. Rivermoor Lady Martha JW

Open Bitch (8,2)

1. Ch. Penemma Misty For Me JW

A grand Blenheim bitch of excellent type and quality. She has a lovely body and silhouette. Very pleasing dome, well placed nose, acceptable turn-up. Strong neck, very well set. A rarely excellent strong front. Deep chest, capacious body, compact and short enough for a bitch. Very happy in her temperament, she looked the part in movement from all angles and truly stood out in the entry. Pleased to see her making the short-cut in the group. *CC & BOB*

2. Winie Od Dvou Orechu And Tucherish

Very attractive compact black and tan bitch. Excellent dome and turn-up. Strong neck. Excellent topline. Reasonable front, but not up to the winner. Excellent coat, but I would like no more of it. Sound mover.

3. Khandro La Vie En Rose From Fochai

Espen Engh (judge), Norway