

## **Windsor Championship Dog Show June 2022**

### **King Charles Spaniels.**

#### **Mr Kevan Berry**

**The breed, I'm sorry to say, is in a poor state; if this entry is anything to go by. Since I've started again in the breed, I've seen a huge drop in the standard of winning dogs in the show ring. Today's exhibits could never have achieved high honours ten or twenty years ago. Today we are seeing some dreadful judging, dogs winning top honours that quite honestly are of pet quality. The biggest problem is lack of head quality. If in doubt take a long hard look at old year books and study carefully what we should be aiming for. The next problem I have is bad hindquarters it's no good having a pretty head, if the construction is wrong. Toplines are also been ignored by judges, that frankly should now be better. Then we come to the question of size, I remember thirty years ago several UK bred dogs that were huge, some of them far too long cast but they won so why is there so much criticism about it today? Yes, it's a problem I accept but some of the imported dogs used sensibly will benefit the breed, goodness knows the breed needs help. I hate using a critique as a place to air my views but something needs to be said, why is there so much resentment and negativity? Try and work together - big ask! Some, not many that I've admired, were not here today but I wish them well.**

#### **VD/B (2, 0)**

**1 Austin Dragonheart Winter Morning a well Brocken richly marked Blenheim with a cobby body, shown in good hard condition. His head is large with a good dark eye, acceptable neck and shoulders. He retained a level topline on the move. BV**

**2 Austin Dragonheart Fall Breeze he was lacking in body and rather unsettled on the move. A well Brocken tricolour of descent size.**

#### **PD (1, 0)**

**1 Smith Cavella Comrade Is Justacharma This nine-month puppy has a lovely head with good ear placement, good dark well set eyes, open nostrils. Very good under jaw, nice neck and shoulders. He shows great promise, at the moment he lacks a little confidence, something I hope his owner will overcome. Best Puppy.**

#### **JD (1, 0)**

**1 Ryan Cavallibrook Blimey O Riley A lightly marked tricolour with a super head, good ear set, eyes set well in skull, correct under jaw, not too heavy in muzzle. Good neck, spirit level topline and he has the best rear movement I've seen in a long time. He really has great drive. He's a little slack in front and I'd like him a tad smaller but he has a lot to offer and he pleased me sufficiently RDCC.**

**LD (3, 1)**

**1 Stewart Monleon Made by Magic for Marchog really lovely Blenheim, so well presented and with a well-proportioned body, pleasing head with good dark eyes. Good neck and shoulders, he retained a level topline on the move and he's a lovely size. He still needs a little more body weight but should gain his title.**

**2 Smith Mitapip Black Is Magic Forjustacharma Black and tan of ideal size. Pleasant head, no exaggeration at all. He has good bone, was in good coat that lacked sheen and a steady**

**moving dog.**

**OD (4, 0) two lovely champions**

**1 Bowles-Robinson Ch Baldragon Shoots He Scores eye catching well broken tricolour, he never lets his owner down. Delightful temperament, he has a large head, everything as it should be and what the standard calls for. Great neck and shoulders, spirit level topline, great rear movement and really does go with drive. Good spring of rib. He is a very worthy Champion and seems to pull the stops out, particularly in the big ring DCC & BOB.**

**2 Smith Justacharma Magic Goes On another beautiful dog, one I've always admired and the breeds latest Champion. A well broken and well-balanced tricolour of ideal size, lovely head excellent neck and shoulders, level topline and moves well. I would like him to have shown a little more enthusiasm.**

**3 Austin Dragonheart Winter Morning**

**PB (4, 2)**

**1 Melville Baldragon Russian Forward well-marked tricolour with a pretty head and a short cobby body. Decent neck and shoulders, level topline and she has good. She just needs to settle on the move, promising.**

**2 Bowles-Robinson Baldragon Worth Russian For very similar to the winner, pleasing head, again needs to settle, otherwise same remarks apply to winner, whose size I also prefer.**

**PGB (1, 0)**

**1 Lovel Cofton Dreamed a Dream at Lovetrac I've often admired this pretty bitch, she's of ideal size, she has a sweet head, lovely eyes, good neck and shoulders. A short compact body with good spring of rib, she retained a good topline both standing and on the move. She was a joy to handle and her presentation was wonderful RBCC.**

**LB (3, 1)**

**1 Bowles-Robinson Chacombe Marana Baldragon another lovely bitch with a perfect topline that she retained on the move. She had good hind action, lovely temperament, sweet head with good dark eyes, correct muzzle, good reach of neck, good shoulders, nice legs and feet. I liked her a lot, lacking coat but I was happy to award her BCC her 3rd.**

**2 Lewis Amantra Tarazed Carleeto tricolour bitch with a very colourful face, a lovely expression, good ear, eye and nose placement, a lovely size that put up a good performance.**

**OB (3, 0)**

**1 Gurtner Lux Ch Oprah De Melcourt tricolour in full coat, pleasing head, good low set ears, correct nose and eye placement. She has a neat muzzle; she has good neck and shoulders and she moves well both ends. Just a tad long in body and she tends to lose her topline at times, a very worthy champion all the same.**

**2 Stewart Marchog Minta Buckle black and tan quite beautiful standing, today she wasn't going well behind, that said she has a lovely head, good low set ears, lovely dark expressive eyes, good under jaw, nice neck and shoulders, compact body with good bone. A good typical example of this wonderful breed.**

**3 Potter Toyswood Starlight Express**

**Kevan Berry Ricksbury**