

## **UK TOY – 2023 - KING CHARLES SPANIEL**

**I'd like to thank The Officers and Committee for inviting me to judge the King Charles Spaniels at their 2023 Championship Show. Thank you also to all of the exhibitors who gave me a wonderful entry and top quality dogs to go over. I was pleasantly and rather joyfully surprised to find the overall soundness of the breed has significantly improved if this snapshot is anything to go by – especially since the last time I judged KCS in 2018. I was honoured to go over so many superb quality dogs, and truly had a most enjoyable day.**

**SBD/B 1 Abbott, Helmajon Rhapsody in Blue (BSB) Well broken up tri boy, with a little more filling out/maturing to do. Good angulation. Nice wide nares, good rise to skull. Moved soundly, pleasing expression with ideal dark eyes. Happy to award Best Special Beginner. Abbott, Cofton Reach For The Stars. Dam to No. 1 in this class – smaller version of above and very feminine tri girl. Moved well, maybe a bit close behind. Fair angulation and good lay of shoulders, prefer No. 1 in this class for conformation overall. Petite, well formed head.**

**VD 1 Goodwin, Ch Diggle Dandelion JW (BV) 7.5 year old Blenheim – Gorgeous George – strikingly handsome dog who owns and dominates the ring as soon as he's in. Moves with such drive, really pushing off the back end – a floating quality to the gait that only comes with soundness and strength. George has a beautiful nose/ear placement, and an expression that makes it look as if he is smiling. Tonner, Headra's Inspiration at Halbinsel. Another quality 7.5 year old tri boy, well broken up markings, well sprung ribs. Moderate rise to the skull, well places eyes and nose. Moved soundly across the ring, but a bit close behind.**

**MPD 1 Smith & Smith, Justacharma Just Magical. This is the younger, repeat mating brother of Justacharma So Magic JW – nice, cobby, well broken up Blenheim boy. So much to like about this puppy, making another lovely boy from this breeder. 2 Skelton, Elfindor Spellbinder. Six month old, longer in body than No. 1 of this class. Lovely expression, moved well when he wasn't playing his owner up!**

**PD 1 Goodwin, Baldragon Tailor Made For Diggle Nine month old Tri boy, well put together. Lovely lay of shoulders and good rear angulation. Dark eye, beautifully shaped eyes set upon a lovely neck. Moved well and true both ways. Thrilled to award Best Puppy of Breed. Jackson, Amantra**

**Tresoro. Ten month old Blenheim boy, with amazingly dark pigmentation for this colour. Moderate dome, good nostrils, lovely deep chest. Good angulation and bone, first time out. Impressive.**

**JD 1 Smith & Smith, Justacharma So Magic JW. Tri boy hard to fault. Needs a little more maturity and he'll hit the golden spot. Soft, gentle expression. Good bone, size, nose/eye/ear placement creates perfect line. Nice medium length neck with small crest, beautiful angulation in the back and well muscled. Baker & Kendall, Headra's Jim Beam. B/T – I love this boy's shape, good bone and lovely turn of stifle. Well sprung rib, nice dark eye and kind expression. A boy to look out for.**

**GD 1 Mochrie, Downsbank Indian Ink. 21 month old B/T – good expression, dark eye and near perfect ear set. Good spring of rib on his very cobby body. When he settles he is a joy to watch. 2 Kendall & Baker, Cofton Tap Dance. Two year old lightly coloured Tri Good bone, well made body – short and cobby. Lacking the masculinity of expression that No.1 has.**

**PGD 1 Hunter, Hoebarton Shades of Joy. Four year old B/T – very nice and well boned. Deep chest. The tan colouring on this dog was rich and lustrous as you could possibly wish for – and beautiful dark expression. He made a lovely picture moving around the ring. 2 Baker, Cofton Daydream Believer JW. Smaller size tricolour – moved true coming towards you, but putting in odd movement in rear motion and gait today.**

**LD 1 Jackson, Lankcombe Kings Speech Amantra. Tricolour from this stalwart kennel that follows their type beautifully. Solid shape, moved well all around. Deep chest and great bone. Soft but masculine expression with lovely lip placement – meeting flush with the jawline as it should. 2 Kendall, Headra's Irresistible. Blenheim boy with such style as produced by this Kennel. Cobby, but a tad on the feminine side. Would like more angulation on rear but overall a lovely boy - a size or two smaller than my picks of the day.**

**OD 1 Bowles-Robinson, Ch Baldragon Shoots He Scores. CC/ BOB. Two and a half year tricolour boy that cannot be denied. Came into the ring with neck extended and head - big, masculine with dark eyes – held high. Good open nostrils. Clear white coat to offset the gloss of the rich black markings. Rich tan points perfectly finished the look. Such drive behind to make the perfect placement for forward propulsion. Poetry in motion as far as movement goes. Honoured to award this well-earned Champion a CC today. 2 Smith & Smith, Ch Justacharma Magic Goes On. Tricolour boy, a champion I love – he is the perfect size in my opinion. Masculine toy spaniel - good bone, upturned aloof look and upturned eyes, soft but**

**masculine. Beautiful silky coat and lovely long ears set on perfect head – dome, ear set – the works. Strode well both ways with purpose and drive. Well deserved winner of the Reserve Dog CC.**

**MPB 1 Skelton, Elfindor Enchantress. Short, just over six month well broken up Blenheim girl. She has a lovely topline, deep chest already and wonderfully angulated rear conformation. Hope the head comes on to match the body. Well presented as always by this owner, dark eye and moved well.**

**PB 1 Jackson, Amantra Perla. Stand out dark Blenheim bitch, already a lovely coat coming in. Nice dome and lovely chest. Good angulation in the back end. Good bone. Moved very well after settling – lovely feminine bitch. 2 Bowles-Robinson, Tess De Trois Maillets Baldragon NAF (Imp Fra) Lovely square Blenheim girl, cobby but feminine, little higher in the leg. Lovely dark eye, good bone. Moved well for age but preferred No.1's head.**

**JB 1 Bowles-Robinson, Baldragon Forever Unique. Wonderful tricolour bitch who has it all – out of coat today but nothing to hide. Fabulous example of the glamorous feminine head from this Kennel. Good bone, lovely reach of neck onto well laid shoulders. Moved soundly and purposefully around the ring. A girl to watch. 2 Bailey & Bailey, Aldoricka Sweet Victoria. Tricolour – beautiful white and black shine in fabulous coat. Deep chest and excellent rise to the skull – her naughty movement let her down today.**

**GB 1 Melville, Baldragon Russian Forward. Well broken up tricolour bitch with whiter than white background. Lovely rich tan points too. She had the kind of feminine expression I love so much: dark eyes, pigmentation, with that aloof air you love to find in a confident Charlie. She moved well when settled but could not be denied 1st place, and absolutely thrilled to award her the Reserve CC. 2 Abbott, Helmajon Clara's Romance. Blenheim bitch, lovely tan, small and typey – great bone for her size. Dark eye and pigmentation, moved well after she settled.**

**PGB 1 Austin & Austin, Baldragon Gots Hattitude. Sweet tricolour, two years, lovely head and expression with good bone. Nice dome. Very good pigmentation, dark eye, a lot to like about this bitch. 2 Hinson, Kerizma Krocus. Five and a half year old bitch. Lovely cobby girl, short and coupled. Beautiful head, dark eye. Not moving her best today.**

**LB 1 Baker, Cofton Fly Me To The Moon. A well formed, small, typey and feminine tri girl with lovely spring of rib and gloriously long ears. Melting expression, well broken up markings with lovely bone. 2 Abbott, Cofton**

**Reach For The Stars. Two of the same type – a tricolour with feminine expression. Preferred movement of No. 1 in this class.**

**OB 1 Whitman & Tarabad, Ch Baldragon Centre Stage with Khatibi JW. Tri bitch in my opinion of the perfect size. Lovely dark pigmentation, beautiful, melting dark eye. Lips met just perfectly. Good bone. As from this Kennel, showed her socks off. More than happy to give this girl the Bitch CC. 2 Mochrie, Downsbank Snowdrop. Blenheim of high quality. Beautiful, feminine head and size again that I look for in a bitch. Well broken up markings, great bone and makes a wonderful outline when she gets moving.**

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