

**Northern King Charles Spaniel Club
Championship Show
Saturday, 15th April 2017**

Many thanks to the committee for giving me my first Championship judging appointment and to Raoul Smith for swapping with me when I injured my leg last year. The show was well run and had a friendly atmosphere and thanks to my efficient steward for keeping me going! Thanks to everyone who entered giving me a lovely number of dogs to assess. I found the temperaments were lovely, most being happy and settled. A general worry is the size, they are toy spaniels and many were well over the standard weight. Clear markings do add to the picture BUT do not in any way affect the health or construction. I guess every judge to some extent has their own priorities. For me I was looking for sound movement, correct size, construction and a happy temperament.

Veteran Dog (2)

1st Moffat Mr & Robins Mrs J CH MAIBEE TEDDIE – almost 10 years old and so full of life. A true toy spaniel in type and size. Domed head with softest expression and dark sparkling eyes! Short, compact, cobby and moves with style and drive. Naughty character who demands attention instantly. **Res CC and Best Veteran.**

2nd Pearce Miss D TEWHIT TORNADO – almost 11-year Tri who also is a lovely size. Well trained and has really dark eyes even at this age. Straight front although has lost his level topline now.

Veteran Bitch (3)

1st Coupland Mrs J CH TUCHERISH CLEMENCY – Amazing clearly marked Tri with lovely dome and compact correct body shape. Level topline standing and on the move which was brisk and with drive from behind. I was really delighted to hear she was the first puppy of Best Veteran.

2nd Bailey Mr & Mrs D MAIBEE MARGOT AT ALDORICKA – Stylish Blenheim who moved with good drive from short body with level topline and well set elbows.

3rd Hunter Mrs M HOOEBARTON TIGER LILLY – Lively dark Ruby with amazing movement but naughty and rather overweight!

All three in this class are a credit to their owners and the breed. To be so lively and healthy as veterans can only be a good thing!

Minor Puppy Dog (4)

1st Hardiman Mr T & Mrs C TOVARICH THE ONE AND ONLY – Small well marked Blenheim, short and compact body with well angulated stifles. Good dome and soft expression with correct finish of lips. Easy to assess due excellent training and behaviour!

2nd Pennington Mrs J CHACOMBE ROYAL MONARC – Lightly marked Blenheim with a delightful temperament. Good dome, finish of face and full cushioning under dark eyes, deep chest. Just not cooperating yet on the move so was difficult to assess. I'm sure he is also one to watch for the future!

3rd Mochrie's DOWNSBANK LITURGY

Puppy Dog (3)

1st Sidgwick Mr I & Mrs P PAULIAN WHERE'S WALLY – Well here he is! His character and flashy ring presence just demands attention! He is so well constructed it enables him to

move freely and with drive from behind. Has a lovely expression, good dome and well set ears. I just wish he would keep his tail down on the move, still definitely **Best Puppy** in Show.

2nd Jackson's AMANTRA ROYAL SALUTE – Tri with good bone. Excellent domed head with dark eyes and lips meeting to give nice finish. Just a little longer in the body than 1st.

3rd Chapman Mrs M & Mr Z, Ireland Miss T ELLEMICH THE PATRIOT

Junior Dog (5)

1st Portingale Mr P & Mrs J JACRIANA KINGS RANSOM – A well-constructed cobby Black & tan full of breed type. Good flowing movement with a nice turn of stifle. Domed head with good wide muzzle full under the eyes.

2nd Smith Mr S & Mrs G JUSTACHARMA ONE SO MAGIC – larger framed Tri flowing in coat where so many are lacking this! Firm, free movement behind and straight front. Lovely dark eye and long silky feathered ears.

3rd Rushton Mr R & Mrs E JUSTACHARMA HE IS SO MAGIC AT TIFLIN

Yearling Dog (6 – 1 abs)

This was one of the classes I found tricky!

1st Goodwin Mr J DIGGLE DANDELION JW – truly one of the best moving Charlies presented in immaculate condition and flowing straight silky coat; so at one with his handler. So well-constructed, good turn of stifle and such a straight true front. Lovely expression and dark eye but would like him a size smaller to complete the picture.

2nd Moffat Mr W & Robins Mrs J MAIBEE AN IMPRESSION – This is every inch a quality toy spaniel with a classic head and such a sweet expression, lovely cushioning under sparkling eyes. He moved well behind but the front movement needed to be tighter.

My 1st and 2nd placings in this class are quite different but both had excellent qualities and I am sure may change places often!

3rd Singleton Mrs S MARCHOG MAC TARTAN CELXO

Novice Dog (3)

1st Singleton Mrs S LICHENS ALL ABOUT CELXO - A Blenheim of pleasing shape, short and cobby and moved well, good reach of neck. Domed head with a large dark eye.

2nd Tonner Mr A & Mrs S HEADRA'S INSPIRATION AT HALBINSEL – a pretty well marked Tri, well feathered coat with a sweet expression and nice finish of face. Moved well behind although a little narrow in front.

3rd Cox Miss V PETITPAWS BLACK KNIGHT

Graduate Dog (5 – 1 abs)

1st Coupland Mrs J TUCHERISH GUILTY VERDICT – Lovely small compact Tri with good turn of stifle and moved with style keeping a level topline. Nice finish of face and cushioning under well placed eyes.

2nd Constable Mrs M MITAPIP TROY BOY – Sweet little Ruby of a correct rich chestnut red. He moved well. Needs to carry a little more weight to enhance body shape.

3rd Parkes Mr J DOWNSBANK GLITTERING IMAGE

Post Graduate Dog (10 – 1 abs)

This was one of the most difficult decisions of the day. I loved both 1st and 2nd placed dogs and wish they had been in different classes!!

1st Stewart Mr R & Mrs K KASAMANDA JUST A DREAM FOR MARCHOG – Stunning small, compact, cobby clearly marked Tri with a deep chest. Flowing flat coat in immaculate condition. Good turn of stifle giving such a positive driving movement. Sound and straight both ways. Good dome with cushioning and lips meeting to give the correct look. I seriously considered this dog for top honours but in the challenge he decided a monster was after him!!

2nd Searle Mrs D LANOLA MASSIMO DUTTI AT STONEPIT – Again a short, compact, cobby clearly marked Tri. Immaculately presented in good condition and silky straight flowing coat. Deep chest with well placed shoulders and elbows giving straight front. Moved soundly. He had the darkest of eyes and the sweetest expression. Today 1st place just showed a little more enthusiasm but both of these two are lovely and could easily have changed places.

3rd Gillespie Mrs L LORPHIL TREASURE ISLAND JW

Limit Dog (10 - 3 abs)

1st Jackson Mrs T AMANTRA TREASURY – Compact, cobby well boned Blenheim. Well coated and marked. Domed head especially good for a Blenheim!! Very sound movement keeping a level topline.

2nd Pennington Mrs J TUDORHURST ARAMIS – Well broken Blenheim with flat silky coat. Good bone and moved freely and soundly at one with his handler at all times, so well trained!

3rd Pearce Miss D CARLEETO LE TROUBADOR UNDER OZZYMOON – I am commenting on this placing as it is from a large class. This clearly marked, well broken Blenheim is a large dog. However, that aside he is in perfect balance, cobby, square, good bone and of excellent construction. His movement is one of the soundest rear and front, good drive and tight elbows. His head is large and he has dark eyes although he needs a better rise of skull; his movement and excellent showmanship won him this 3rd place in a strong class.

Open Dog (6)

1st Essex Mrs B CH CHACOMBE ROYAL GIFT TO BRENDEK – Eye catching lightly marked Tri of correct size with flat silky coat, well set elbows and good turn of stifle giving a positive driving movement. He seemed to glide along which gave him this class.

2nd Jackson Mrs T ITALIAN CH AMANTRA REGAL PRINCE – Another well marked Tri with correct conformation giving sound movement. Slightly longer in body than 1st.

3rd Hunter Mrs M MAYNORTH SHADES OF HEAVEN

Special Open Black & Tan / Ruby Dog (6)

1st Gillespie Mrs L LORPHIL RED RIVER – Correct size ruby of rich chestnut red. Domed head with appealing dark eyes giving lovely expression. Sound movement.

2nd Morris Mrs M KERIZMA KOMMANDER AT RAYTRIX – Again a lovely rich red chestnut ruby although opposite large size! Despite this he was well constructed and moved very soundly keeping a perfect level topline all the way and while standing. Large dark eyes.

3rd Bailey Mr & Mrs D ALDORICKA SMOKEY ROBINSON

Special Open Blenheim / Tricolour Dog (10 – 3 abs)

1st Jackson Mrs T CH AMANTRA REGAL DUKE – Full coated Tri well feathered. Moved very soundly with positive drive. Domed head set on arched neck very full under eyes with lips meeting correctly lovely wide lower jaw giving him a pleasing finish. His movement in the challenge won him the **Dog CC**.

2nd Pennington Mrs J CH TUDORHURST DIAMOND – Well clearly marked Tri in gleaming condition. Very sound giving free flowing movement. Straight front with well-set elbows. Large head with lovely cushioning. Just preferred overall size of **1st**.

3rd Smith Mr S & Mrs G CH HEADRA'S TRULY MAGIC IS JUSTACHARMA

Minor Puppy Bitch (1)

1st Mochrie Mrs R DOWNSBANK VESPER – Small pretty Tri who was a little overawed by being alone in a big space! She coped well and moved around with only a little hesitation. Good dome and dark eyes. Happy to award her **1st**.

Puppy Bitch (5 – 2 abs)

1st Champion Mrs C & Harvey Miss V LANKCOMBE CLARA-BOW – Good type, excellent bone, compact and cobby body. Free flowing movement and straight front. Classic head with good dome, dark eyes and full cushioning just needs coat to complete the picture.

2nd Smith Mr R & Blewitt Mr J OTHMESE SAPHIRE – This was a slighter type to **1st** but I also really liked her. She is very eye catching with a long silky coat already! Lighter framed but still has a compact and square body. Very well shown and trained and moved freely and soundly with one of the most level toplines of the day! I am sure both these puppies have a promising future ahead of them.

3rd Melville Mrs C & Jackson Mrs T AMANTRA REGAL STAR

Junior Bitch (9 – 2 abs)

1st Rushton Mr R & Mrs E JUSTACHARMA SHE IS SO MAGIC AT TIFLIN – Nice size compact Blenheim with good bone. She won on her behaviour as the only one to fully cooperate on the move! Sound and maintained a level topline.

2nd Portingale Mr P & Mrs J JACRIANNA SIMPLY BEWITCHED – ‘Naughty but nice’!! Well-constructed short, cobby Black & Tan with a lovely soft expression. Well laid shoulders and tight elbows with pleasing reach of neck. However, it was only as she made the final walkaway that she clinched this place allowing me to finally see her excellent rear driving movement!! Train, train, train (not that I can really talk)!!!

3rd Jackson Mrs T AMANTRA TRUFFLE

Yearling Bitch (3)

This was a hard class to judge as all three were rather naughty on the move.

1st Sproul Mr R & Coburn Mr J KHANDRO UR MY WORLD – Well-constructed and a pleasing head with level topline on the table. Movement hard to assess as constantly pulling sideways!

2nd Mochrie Mrs R DOWNSBANK TIPSY ON BUBBLY – Again very pretty tri with clear marking. Correct size with domed head well presented. But unsettled moving so hard to assess.

3rd Matches Miss J KHANDRO STEP INSIDE LOVE TO FOCHAI

Novice Bitch (5 – abs 1)

1st Champion Mrs C LANKCOMBE CLARA BOW – See puppy bitch.

2nd Matches Miss J KHANDRO STEP INSIDE LOVE TO FOCHAI- Well marked Tri who decided to cooperate on the move in this class! Pleasing expression on a cushioned face. Nice straight front.

3rd Hunter Mrs M TOVARICH THOMASINA AT HOOEBARTON

Graduate Bitch (4)

1st Rushton Mr R & Mrs E JUSTACHARMA MAGIC MADE FOR TIFLIN – Small, short, square Tri so much a classic toy spaniel. A domed head to admire and the softest expression, full cushioning under the eyes. Happy character who was sound and level on the move when she wasn't dancing!! Really considered her for Res CC.

2nd Sidgwick Mr & Mrs I CORRINWOOD CHLOE AT PAULIAN – Lighter marked Tri full of life and coat. Moved soundly when settled. Lovely soft face with expressive eyes.

3rd Sproul R & Coburn J SUGAR PLUM FOR KHANDRO

Post Graduate Bitch (5)

1st Stewart Mr R & Mrs K MARCHOG MACFLANNELETTE – Short, square and cobby with solid bone. Flat black silky coat with good tan markings. Moved with drive, well-muscled hocks. Won on head shape with good dome and soft finish of face. **Res CC and Res B in S.**

2nd Hardiman Mr T & Mrs C TOVARICH TEANNA – How I wish these two bitches were in different classes! Again lovely body shape and size, glossy glowing black flowing coat with clear tan. Moved soundly with a level topline using her well set tail to advantage. Soft finish to face. Sure she too will go onto great things.

3rd Chapman Mrs M & Mr Z, Ireland Miss T – ELLEMICH DAYDREAM

Limit Bitch (4 – abs 1)

1st Goodwin Mr S LANOLA MADAMOISELLE JW – Lightly marked Tri with a classic domed head and soft expression with dark eyes. Short and compact body of correct size. Just a little hesitant to move today.

2nd Cross Mrs C HEADRA'S DELPHINE AT ALAMBRA – Solid boned Tri in flowing full coat, best of all bitches! Although large she is a correct body shape and kept a level topline throughout. Rear movement sound.

3rd Matches Miss J KHANDRO LA VIE EN ROSE FROM FOCHAI

Open Bitch (4)

1st Bowles-Robinson Mrs C CH BALDRAGON SHE DEMANDS JW - There was in my opinion nothing to touch this bitch! She has correct conformation throughout, small, short, cobby and never loses a perfect topline standing or moving. Clear Tri markings with a flat long silky coat. Stylish free movement both rear and front. Without hesitation **CC & B in S.**

2nd Essex Mrs B TUDORHURST BEATRICE – A lovely compact cobby gleaming Black & Tan. Sound movement and level topline. Very sweet melting expression. Little less weight would enhance body shape!

3rd Coupland Mrs J CH TUCHERISH JULIE CHRISTIE

Special Open Black & Tan / Ruby Bitch (0)

Special Open Blenheim / Tricolour (7 – 1 abs)

1st Champion Mrs C STONEPIT LILIAN GIST AT LANKCOMBE – Correct size and cobby with good bone and coat. Lovely domed head with dark eyes and full cushioning under giving a pleasing expression. Moved out soundly and with drive, correct front.

2nd Willey I & Siddle C CH PENEMMA MISTY FOR ME – Obviously a very worthy Champion. Lovely size cobby Blenheim who moves soundly. Deep, wide chest and arched neck, an unusually good dome for a Blenheim on a classic head. Dark eyes, full cushioning and a melting expression. Today sadly for her and me so out of coat it just detracted from her overall shape and style.

3rd Smith Mr S & Mrs G JUSTACHARMA ONE MORE MAGIC

Brace

1st Goodwin Mr J DIGGLE DANDELION / DIGGLE DUSTY MILLER – Perfectly matched and both moved as one with eye catching style.

2nd Bowles-Robinson Mrs C CH BALDRAGON SHE DEMANDS JW / BALDRAGON BRECON JW – Lovely Tri's also well matched very lively and excited obviously I liked them too!

3rd Champion Mrs C STONEPIT BUSTER KEYTON AT LANKCOMBE / STONEPIT LILIAN GIST AT LANKCOMBE

Ros Baker