

Thank you to the Eastern CKCS Society for the invitation to judge their 40th Anniversary open show it was an honour for me to be asked. Thank you to my two stewards Andy Vella and Peter Towse, who kept everything running smoothly in the ring throughout the day. The show was so well run with a superb committee, and nothing was left to chance. Despite the weather the spirits were not dampened, the entry was good, with nice representatives of each of the four colours I thought. A really lovely day and I appreciated the thoughtful gifts, I was pleased to donate 3 lovely silk coats for the winners of BIS, RBIS and BPIS – prepared for me by the Hunter family (Spennithorne), and they went down a treat! I was most pleased with my final winners who I think were well balanced, moderate Cavaliers, with true active and gay temperaments, and very sporting. With minor exception, each of the class winners had correct dentition. 'Thank you' to everyone for a lovely day.

Veteran Dog (4, 3)

1st) Mangham's Garlouchi Just Magic of Charnavale; 7 year old well broken blen dog of good overall make and shape. Masculine head, with skull flattish, ears well set and well feathered. Good front assembly with well laid shoulders and depth of brisket, reasonably short backed and ribs well sprung. Tail set well and happily used all the time, moved with drive away and returned with good reach in front. Slightly between coats today and not quite the glistening chestnut or quality of coat of the bitch which cost him BVIS, but a very sound honest Cavalier of good breed type.

Minor Puppy Dog (13, 4)

1st) McInally's Braemarra Ruben, 8 month old blen dog and the most together in this class I felt. Whilst he still needs to shed his fluffy puppy coat for the true richness of his chestnut to come through, he has good potential. Lovely head with dark eye and nose pigment, and lovely large eye and ears set well, these framing his beautiful head. Really nice to go over, with everything fitting neatly even at this early age, lovely layback of shoulder and good brisket, good spring of rib and short loin. His tail was just as they should be, non stop wagging and it is lovely to see the youngsters enjoying their day out. Well muscled quarters enabled him to move well away with drive, and good reach when returning in front. Good side profile when going around, I liked him a lot. In the challenge for BPD just felt that the PD winner, as can be expected, was that bit more together on the move.

2nd) Mynott's Honeybet Ricardo, also 8 months old but lacking the fluffy puppy coat and so his lovely outline can be seen. Not as well broken as one, but nonetheless a very nice youngster with good chestnut colouring. Good head and eye, perhaps not the softness of the 1st as yet, but there is time. Another that was nice to go over, good front angles and decent spring of rib, firm in topline and tail well set on. Good rear angulation enabling him to drive well off short hocks, and firm enough in front. Well presented and handled.

3rd) Sedgebeers' Korolevsky Brodsky for Russmic

Puppy Dog (3, 0)

1st) Fox-Shone's Tamyse Theo Avec Pamedna, 11 month old youngster and truly lovely. Instant appeal as his outline is that of a well balanced, happy and naughty Cavalier. Well broken markings, good colouring and presented in first class order. Head with the most melting expression, large dark eyes and coal black nose. To go over him, there is little I felt that I would change. Well angled both front and rear, loved his lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Super brisket and spring of rib, short loin and well muscled hind quarters. His tail is set bang on, and never stops. Moves so truly front and rear, and very eye catching in profile, extending well and full of glamour. BPD, considered further but his time will come. In

the challenge for BPIS was more together than the bitch and so it was his. Shows such promise I think.

2nd) Davies' Salegreen Brecon, another of 11 months and many of the same comments apply. Like 1st, presented in first class order. Beautiful headpiece with a really melting expression. Well constructed throughout, with good angles front and rear, lovely ribbing and short loin. His tail is perhaps not as bang on as the winner and today he was not as settled when moving, but he is another that is a true mover, with good drive from his rear, and reach in front. He did give his handler a hard time, but was very well handled throughout – which was not always easy!

3rd) Ford's Salegreen Periwinkle

Junior Dog (5, 2)

1st) Tarabad's Khatibi Bark Obama, loved the outline on this 14 month old B/T, raven black coat and rich tan, and put down to perfection. So lovely to go over on the table, with a head that would be melting in any colour, large dark eyes, and the blackest of noses. Skull almost flat between his well set ears which he used to frame his beautiful head. Well laid shoulders and reasonable depth to his brisket, even at this teenage stage. Well sprung ribs and short loin, tail set so well and when standing and moving a continuation of his table-top topline. When moving he fits so well together, and drives effortlessly off firm hocks, and returns well in front. He is the picture of balance and a sporting spaniel which took him to the class here. When he returned to the challenge he was still firing on all cylinders, and I was delighted to award him Reserve Best Dog. No doubt more will be heard of him in the coming months.

2nd) Homes' Leogem Renaissance JW, 17 month old blen dog of the richest chestnut colour set on a real pearly white. Generous and typical head, with eyes like orbs! Very good to go over, and very much of a piece. Shoulders giving him a good arch to his neck, and his return of upper arm allowing him to extend well in front when moving. Today however, not making the best of himself, and I felt he didn't have quite the balance of the 1st, he is however, most promising and I am sure he will have many successful days for his sporting owner who handled him so well despite his best efforts to resist!

3rd) Biddle's Luphenex Lick And A Promise by Hearthfriend

Novice Dog (7, 3)

1st) Tarabad's Khatibi Bark Obama, see Junior.

2nd) Latteck's Clopsville Mario of Pascavale, 18 month old well broken blen teenager. Reasonably good head and eye, his pigment could be ever so slightly darker, but a nicely made dog throughout, looking a little 'gangly' today but he has time to mature. Comes to life on the move, with decent hindquarters driving him away and returning with some reach in front. Moved smartly in profile and well handled by his most sporting owner.

3rd) Carman Bowers' Charlottetown Kingman

Graduate Dog (2, 0)

1st) Biddle's Luphenex Lick And A Promise by Hearthfriend, 3rd in a nice junior dog class, this 14 month old youngster is a smart well broken tri-colour. Masculine head, dark eyes and a good expression, very typical and gentle. He is well built and superbly sound, moving well front and rear, and lovely in side profile. He could, I feel do with another inch or so on his

legs for perfect balance, as he does at present look a little long and low which spoils the picture of balance I was looking for today.

2nd) Rolandi's Clopsville Disaronno, almost 2 year old well broken blenheim dog and one I have judged before as a youngster. Good head and eye, his nose pigment could be slightly better. The other end of the spectrum to 1, being rather rangy at present and needing to drop into himself, which I am sure he will in time. Very good outline and well balanced, just slightly too long in hock causing him to not be as firm going away as he could be. Returned well in front and good in side profile. Maturity should sit well with him.

Postgraduate Dog (5, 4)

1st) Godwin's Simpatico Sage, 20 month old dog and very typical, nice outline and also using his tail all the time. A very typical Cavalier, skull almost flat between his well feathered ears, and lovely pigment to his eyes and nose. Reasonably good front angles, and well boned quarters. Quite sound when moving, just could be slightly firmer in hind movement and he is a little straight in stifle, but showed his socks off for his very good handler. Presented in great condition and very well handled.

Special Limit Blenheim or Tricolour Dog (8, 2)

1st) Mangham's Castlewyth Perfection of Charnavale JW, 2.5 year old well marked tri dog, presented in gleaming coat and condition. Heavier built all through, but with a great air of quality. Loved his head and eye, masculine and teeming with quality, large dark eyes, lovely skull and foreface, good shoulders and neck, ribs well sprung and topline firm. Good bone and feet and well angulated rear which has some good musculature. A good mover away and back, and lovely in profile. Not the light footedness or freeness of my BD and RBD, but his qualities kept him into my final 4.

2nd) Wightman's Ellemich Kenzo at Kailyflee JW, coming up 3 year old dog and another of good quality. Very different in head to 1st, perhaps not quite the ultra softness of expression, but a very kind expression nonetheless and a good dark eye. Good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Well bodied but not the spring of rib of the 1st. Presented in first class order, just couldn't match the hind movement today of Perfection, but two lovely boys.

3rd) Biddle's Luphenex Lick And A Promise by Hearthfriend

Special Limit Black and Tan or Ruby (1, 0)

1st) Whitfield's Bevelmount Red Beaujolais JW, almost 4 year old ruby dog, well built and presented a good outline. Good to go over on the table, with correct head and expression, lovely dark eye and nice fill under to muzzle. Good depth of brisket, with nice neat elbows, good spring of rib and short loin. Lovely topline when standing and moving, and his tail is set bang on; and carried well when moving. Good sound chap, nice rear drive off his tidy hocks, and lovely in front. Would like to see him just slightly more animated, but a lovely Ruby and I was delighted to award him Best Ruby Dog.

Open Dog (3, 1)

1st) Khatibi One In Vermillion JW, another superbly presented example of the breed from this kennel that exhibited 3 colours of quality today – no mean feat. This almost 3 year old ruby would look good in any colour, gorgeous head and eye, beautiful expression and very melting. Lovely skull, almost flat between his well feathered ears. Could have slightly more neck to enhance his picture of balance, but has well sprung ribs and a short loin. Tail set just

off his back. Good rear angulation which showed as he moved with good drive away and returned with good reach in front. A willing showman, I would have just liked him to be slightly more animated today to complete the picture. See he is the sire of the RBD, so a great asset no doubt.

2nd) Lock and Thomas' Korolevsky Luka, 2.5 year old blen dog, very smart dog of good overall breed type. Good head and expression, nose pigment could be slightly darker however. Nice neck and shoulder, and firm enough in topline. Tail set a little low and carried rather high when moving, a little over-short in body and he crabbed a little when moving, but used himself well and soundly. Presented and handled in first class order, very happy and enjoying his day out.

Open Dog (4, 1)

1st) Long's Arroline Infinity JW, everything I was looking for in one package. Beautifully marked almost 3 year old blen dog, in a great rich chestnut jacket. So very hard to fault today, head almost flat between his well-feathered ears, good dark nose pad and lovely cushioning to his muzzle. So well made, lovely layback of shoulder and return of upper arm, nice depth of brisket and good spring of rib, short strong loin and as consequence, firm level topline. Tail carried just off his back and wagging non-stop. Just enough coat so as not to detract from his typical Cavalier outline. I have judged him before, and he has matured advantageously. In the challenge he was firing on all cylinders and I really could not deny him BD, and later to a superb ruby bitch, RBIS. He is a lovely well balanced toy spaniel who moves with great fluidity, driving easily away and extending well in front, in profile a real eyecatcher; and I hope he continues to do well.

2nd) Godwin's Cavaleigh Ice Man JW, just 4 months older than 1st, and an equally well marked coat, presented in A1 condition. Good to handle, with glorious dark eye and nose pigment, good angles front and rear and firm in topline standing and on the move. Tail set and carried just off his back, wagging gently when moving. Sound fore and aft. Lovely gentle temperament. Reluctant to use his ears today to frame his face, and as a result of his heavy coat, he did not today have the crisp outline of 1st.

3rd) Biddle's Hearthfriend Bah Humbug JW

Veteran Bitch (6, 1) A lovely class of golden oldies, several of whom have contributed positively to the breed through their progeny and it was an honour for me to see and judge them.

1st) Godwin's Cavaleigh Innocence JW, just over 7 so I think perhaps the 'youngster' here. Lovely head, dark eye and good nose pigment, ears set ok and framing her face when she is alert. Good neck and shoulder, great body covering and ribbing, she could however be slightly further ribbed back as she has a little extra length to her loin which causes a slight dip in her back on occasion. Moved with good style and some drive away, and good extension in front when coming back to me. She out performed 2nd in this class who is also a superb bitch, and I was pleased to award Innocence BVB and later against the nice veteran dog, BVIS.

2nd) Homes' Leogem Musetta, I loved this bitch and she is so typical of her breeding. There is so little to dislike about her, and I wish she had played ball today. Superb head, so refined and pretty, yet full of quality. Beautiful neck and shoulder, leading into a superbly firm topline and tail set bang off her back. Her ribbing was good and her loin firm and short. Good rear angulation chock full of firm muscle. Moved away well and with good drive, and very good in front. For some reason, and I think perhaps it was the flooring, she was a little

reluctant to co-operate with her sporting handler today, which was a shame as she could have gone a lot further. A lovely bitch.

Minor Puppy Bitch (15, 6)

1st) McInally's Braemarra Edina, gorgeous young bitch, 8 months old and full of promise I think. Great presence and overall balance. Superb chestnut colouring, well broken and probably the best depth of colour in the entry. Little to dislike about Edina, ultra-pretty head, large dark round eye and just right for cushioning, pretty yet moderate and not overdone in any way, shoulders well laid and brisket good for age. Well boned forelegs, and lovely feet too. Good spring of rib, short loin and firm in topline. Moved with such style away and back, as she has nice 'hammy' hindquarters, and good forehand to enable her to drive and reach. This was a nice class and she co-operated well with her handler to win it and later BPB. I hope she does well, I thought she was lovely.

2nd) Rennard's Deranmar Evensong, just over 6 month old B/T bitch, and another most promising. Very little to dislike about her, she has a lovely head with good dark eyes and well filled under the muzzle for age. Moderate all through, with good angles front and rear, nice ribs for age and well bodied throughout. Well muscled which showed in her preciseness when moving away and back, and she moved around with head up and tail out – just as she should do. Just not so forward as 1 but two months in babies is a long time and no doubt she will catch up, I liked her a lot and she would look good in any colour. Expertly handled and presented by her clever breeder.

3rd) Towse's Miletree Savannah

Puppy Bitch (7, 3)

1st) Godwin's Pennygown Nuts In May, almost a year old ruby bitch, and of good overall make and shape. She was the best here for outline and balance, reasonably good head, nice dark pigmentation and round eyes. Ears well set and feathering of good colour coming in. Could do with slightly more depth to her chest so that her elbows are firm, but she has time to deepen. Reasonable spring of rib and short loin, good firm topline and nice tailset. Very happy and showy, pretty decent mover with good rear and front action, well muscled throughout and very well handled. Presented in first class condition.

2nd) Glenn's Shelpet Samara at Lilorchard, well broken blen bitch, of similar age to 1st just not so forward in development at this stage, being at rather a teenage stage and needing to drop into her frame. Good head, with flattish skull and ears set well. Reasonable lay of shoulder, though perhaps could have better return of upperarm to enable her to reach that mite further in front for real fluidity when moving. Nice spring of rib even at this early age, and good firm topline and short strong loin. A reasonable mover, with some drive going away though not as firm as 1st when returning. Also well presented and handled very competently.

3rd) Landau's Cascavah Luck Be A Lady

Junior Bitch (7, 2) First four all really lovely bitches that could be a great asset to any kennel.

1st) Hogan's Miletree Ophelia at Stavonga, just out of puppy, well broken blen bitch with one of the best heads of the day. Very pretty, flattish skull, well set ears and eyes so dark and round, when she was first put on the table I paused for about 5 seconds and got lost in her gaze, she has a super head. Shoulders laid well and enough neck, brisket good and ribs well sprung. Short loin and really firm in topline when standing and moving. She is so happy and really enjoys her showing, and this is apparent in her movement, very energetic but yet so free and effortless, perfectly parallel at the rear, and very true in front. In side profile she is

true Cavalier, so happy and gay and such a free mover. She won this nice class after consideration and later Post Graduate and also a good Open class. In the challenge for BB I found myself drawn back to her all the time, and I just loved her qualities and charm, I was delighted to award her RBB in a nice entry of bitches. I hope she does well.

2nd) MacLaine's Pennygown Ticket To Ride, another just over a year old, well broken blen and I would love to own her! Another with a super head, such lovely dark eyes and a truly melting expression. She was so good to go over, very well knit and all of a piece. Super front, lovely shoulders and chest, well boned and nice feet. Lovely ribbing and loin, firm backline and neat underline. Well angulated in rear, and lovely muscle over her quarters which is something I love to see, just her tail could be slightly better set and carried a fraction lower. Like some others today, she didn't like the venue for whatever reason, and insisted on pulling to one side and not making the best of herself. When she gathered herself together she moved with good reach and drive, just had no interest in doing a full circuit. A shame as there is so little to dislike. First class presentation.

3rd) Fox-Shone's Pamedna Cherie Amour

Novice Bitch (7, 3)

1st) Fox-Shone's Pamedna Cherie Amour, not disgraced by being 3rd in what I thought was probably the best class of the day, a typical ruby bitch who is just a month out of puppy and showing lots of promise. Lovely to go over, with everything in moderation. Dark eye, well fringed ears and lovely finish to muzzle. She is shapely and short coupled, and presents a lovely outline. Carries herself well when moving, and she is very smart from all angles. Not yet the glamour of coat as the two blens above her in junior, but with some finish should continue to do well.

2nd) Mynott's Honeybet Pep 'C Kola, very charming B/T of 2.5 years, lovely head with a very expressive eye, good cushioning to muzzle and very pretty. Another very nice to go over, with good forehand and enough neck. Well sprung ribs and short loin, but she could perhaps benefit from shedding a pound or two which would help her outline. Tail well set and carried happily at all times, and she is a super sound mover, and carries her head stylishly going around, just preferred the more refined outline of 1st today.

3rd) Porter-Manning's Wallaroo Gypsy Dancer

Graduate Bitch (4, 2)

1st) Hogan's Miletree Ophelia at Stavonga; see junior.

2nd) Long's Arroline Pheonix, 2.5 year old well marked tri-colour bitch with tan in all the right places, rangier than one but a good picture of balance, with enough daylight underneath her. Good head and dark eye, ears set and used attentively all the time, very good forehand with good crest of neck, lovely ribs but a shade longer in loin than 1st. Superbly handled, she moved with drive and returned well, her neck allowing her to carry herself gracefully when moving, and like all of this exhibitor's dogs she was flawlessly handled, and tail never stopped – something I love to see in a Cavalier.

Special Limit Blen or Tri-Colour Bitch (8, 6)

1st) Edwards' Magic Charm's Witchy Woman To Delhaze, a foreigner in these parts like myself! Not yet two years old, she is ultra pretty with the most melting head and expression, eyes like pools, and so feminine. Good forequarters with neat shoulders and chest, well boned for size and full of substance, loved her ribs and short loin. Lovely to go over and a

smart mover, I would like to have seen her go with a little more 'oomph' and bit tidier at the rear. She is however, most beautiful and I am sure she will have a great career.

2nd) Godwin's Cavaliegh Gabrielle, nice well marked blen bitch from this kennel, and just over three years old. Another with a really pretty head, though 1st had the edge on the 'almost flat' part of the standard. Gabrielle had a lovely forehead and neck, topline firm and tail well set. Very attractive shape and outline, with some daylight under her as they should have. Smart mover, with some drive rear and enough reach in front. Another one to be proud of, and as with all from this kennel she was impeccably presented with not a hair out of place, in sparkling condition.

Special Limit Black and Tan or Ruby Bitch (6, 0)

1st) Kilcoyne's Granasil Freya, I liked this little bitch on the move, just over a year old but very mature and almost the finished article. Gorgeous head and eye, pigment so dark, lovely neck and shoulder, firm in topline and ribs well sprung. Good rear angles with some good muscle, and this showed when she moved, very true both ways and lovely in profile. With some more furnishings will look even smarter, a very nice one.

2nd) Fisk's Simpatico Ginger Nut Avec Rebhann, 2.5 year old ruby and thought she would be my winner. Made more of herself standing than 1, but didn't move with quite the freedom. That said, she is also a very nice bitch with a good head, nice finish to muzzle and a good dark eye. Well handled, she moved with some drive away and reasonably true in front. Not quite the effortless strides of 1st, which put her on the back foot. But another nice one.

Open Bitch (3, 0)

1st) Miletree Ophelia at Stavonga; see junior.

2nd) Tarabad and Maddox's Denham Over The Moon (Imp USA), just over 4 year old B/T bitch. I thought she would be my winner here on shape and outline when I first saw her standing in the class, she really is lovely. So little to dislike, her head is pretty textbook. Would look good in any colour, just paint a blaze and off you go! Huge dark round eyes, and coal black nose. Good front and rear angles, topline firm enough, good ribs and loin nice and compact. Moved with good reach and drive, and nice in profile too, extending and moving fluidly. She just carried her tail a fraction too high today which detracted from the overall picture, and when I sent them round one last time it had to be Ophelia, as I preferred her carriage on the move.

3rd) Vella's Daraste Destiny for Cinderaic

Special Open Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (7, 4)

1st) MacLaine's Lochbuie Ready For Anything, a class of three lovely bitches, any of whom I would be proud to own. This winner, a 3.5 year old ruby rich, of the richest colour. She has instant appeal because she has a super outline and a real 'look of the eagles'. She is so good to handle, such a correct, moderate head with coal black pigment, large round dark eyes, flattish skull and well set ears which she used all the time. Great forehead, good depth of chest and spring of rib, firm backline and good underline, well angulated hindquarters and well set tail. In great nick and put down to perfection, I love nothing more than a happy Cavalier that moves with great alertness and grace, covering the ground with ease, effortless strides on a loose lead and super drive front and rear and she was certainly the complete package today. She is so well made, so moderate and she fulfilled the image I have in my mind of what a Cavalier should look like – pretty, but importantly, moderate, sound and sporting. Best Bitch, and in a close run off with the lovely dog, BIS.

2nd) King-Smith's Isaphan Blue Bunting, lovely well blen broken bitch just a couple of months older than 1st. She too is a lovely bitch, because she is pretty and moderate. Lovely head, dark eye and good cushioning to foreface. Well made throughout, and also put down to advantage. I liked her a lot also, and she moved with good hind action and enough reach in front. Lovely in profile, truly graceful and showing off her superb Cavalier temperament! I edged 1 in front of her on her fluidity of profile movement, and Blue Bunting was firmer in topline than I'm Martha Sleep, who was anything but sleepy and probably the best Tri exhibited today. I enjoyed this class very much.

3rd) Tarabad's Khatibi I'm Martha Sleep JW

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