

COMBINED CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 9th July 2023

Judge's Critique - Bitches

I would like to thank the Eastern Counties Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Society for the invitation to judge this special show. It is the last one of the Combined Clubs Championship Shows to be held. The Eastern Counties Society went out of their way to make this show special for the exhibitors. It was a busy day for everyone. I thank all the exhibitors for the lovely entry, and for being so understanding and flexible as arrangements were changing on the day to suit both this show and the East of England show. Some exhibitors were rushing between three rings when an extra ring was offered to enable the bitch judging to start a little earlier. I would like to thank my stewards who stepped up as things changed on the day, Kate Robertson, Melissa Evans, Andy Vella, and Steve Mynott. The watch-word of the day was 'adaptable'.

There were many lovely bitches for me to judge and decisions were difficult at times. I apologise if my critiques are not as full as they may be. Some winners had to rush to classes in another ring, meaning my notes were brief and sometimes made without the dogs in front of me. I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed their day and felt they were treated appropriately, with fair and equal consideration.

Veteran Bitch (6,1) What a lovely group of veterans making my heart melt.

1st Rees' Embeth Bonny Boat JW I have admired this tricolour girl ever since she appeared as a youngster. She is still looking great at almost 9 years of age, defying her age, and showing her socks off. She is well presented. She has the sweetest expression, lovely temperament, and well-balanced head. She moves out elegantly and steadily, using her well angulated rear for drive. Totally in tune with her handler.

2nd Long's Arroline Phoenix – Another quality tricolour girl, also almost 9 years old. Lovely head properties with warm dark eyes and sweet expression, showing a few wisps of greying hair. Good earset with well feathered ears framing her head. She still has lovely bright tan markings. She moved out very well.

3rd Jones' Charnell Moonshine at Ameldinay

Res Colavecchia's Carolus Miss Liberty VW

VHC Potter's Toyswood Blackstar

Special Veteran(10+ years)(1, 0)

1st Loades' Rosirius Clover – What a sweet 12-year-old blenheim girl. Such a lovely soft expression, so gentle. Super black pigment and large dark eyes. She moved out so steadily with a little swagger like a model on a catwalk. Lovely movement. She still has a good topline and very good front and rear angulation. She is in great condition. My notes say, "loved her". She came up against a very worthy contender from the Veteran Class for Best Veteran Bitch, but I just could not resist her charms. **BVB** and with the agreement of my co-judge Lucy Koster-Tindall, **BVIS**.

Minor Puppy (10, 1) This was a super class of very lovely promising puppies for the future.

1st Ireland's Charnell Songbird – A very attractive young blenheim puppy, 7 months old. Her coat is well-broken with rich tan markings. She has a neat well-balanced shape and all in proportion. She is a lovely size and shows promise as a well-balanced adult within the breed standard for size. She has lovely bone, good spring of ribs, good angulation front and rear, level topline, good tailset and carriage, short firm loin and short rear pasterns. She moves out well and true, with confidence. Happy, outgoing temperament.

2nd Long's **Arroline Eternity** – Another super puppy making it a hard choice between my top two. She has a lovely neck and shoulders. Slightly longer cast across the loin but in balance overall. She has time to settle into herself as she matures. Showing great promise for the future. She moved out very well in profile and coming and going.

3rd Liverton-Ovey's **Chantismere Conchetta for Halosey (IKC)**

Res Li's **Avalcier Adeline**

VHC Spall & Clark's **Llapsttam No Merci**

Puppy (5, 0)

1st Hazeltine's **Juzandia Morgelyn** – This pretty blenheim puppy drew my eye to her over and over again. She is a nice, neat package. Nothing exaggerated, all in moderation. Sweet expression and good temperament. Her overall construction is good with lovely neck and shoulders, good rear angulation. She moved out very well, just needs to tighten a little more on the rear as she matures. Short listed to final 4 for CC. **Best Puppy Bitch**

2nd Robb, Robb, Chapman & Ireland's **Ellemich Good Trouble with Gleniren** – A quality puppy, very well presented in lovely condition. Nice outline from across the ring. Lovely well broken coat of good texture and colour. She moves out well with drive from her rear. My notes are brief for this girl, her owner had to rush to another ring for his class in the East of England show.

3rd Drewett's **Judyland Mischief**

Res Williams' **Granasil Tea House Moon on Sancana**

VHC Biddle's **Hearthfriend Button Moon**

Junior (17, 2)

1st Gibson's **Toraylac Honolulu** – small, neat, well-made blenheim girl. Nice clean outline. Very pretty head with lovely dark, well placed eyes, giving a soft, gentle expression. Lovely neck and shoulders, good front. Good angulation overall. Moved out well, positively in all directions, driving off her well put together rear. Standing four square when viewed from front and rear.

2nd Jaramillo's **Conabec Lady Madonna** – Another very pretty young blenheim girl. Compact and well-balanced in outline. Super pigment. Same comments on neck, shoulders, and overall structure as my class winner. Liked the way that this girl carried herself around the ring when she moved. Very little to split them today.

3rd Ryan's **Cavallibrook Ophelia JW**

Res Spall & Clark's **Llapsttam's Eunice**

VHC Liverton-Ovey's **Kinvaar Sunshine In Pocket for Halosey**

Yearling (16, 4)

1st Williams' **Charnell Gintastic for Sancana JW** – Richly marked well-balanced blenheim bitch, a little up to size for me, but cannot ignore her overall qualities. She is well made throughout, with good angulation front and rear. Nice head properties, lovely large dark eyes, and good pigment. Typical softness to her expression. She moved out well.

2nd Fox-Shone's **Pamedna Sasha Rosa** – Sweet ruby girl. Well made with lovely neck and shoulders. Good rich colour to her coat. Pretty head with lovely expression from her dark eyes. Good black pigment. Well-set ears with plenty of feathering. Good topline, held on the move. She moved out well, I would just like her a little more positive on the rear. My notes say 'naughty, but nice'.

3rd Rhodes' Calonlan Tri Mai Chai

Res Nolan & Bayliss' Castlewytch Las Vegas

VHC Rogerson & Williamson's Rabymar Hot Gossip

Novice (16, 5)

1st Gibson's Toraylac Honolulu – see Junior Class.

2nd Loades Brymarden Primrose Rosirius –A sweet, typical girl with lovely temperament. Well-built, with good bone and good overall construction. Well-set and carried tail. Good topline held on the move. Occasionally dropping her topline when standing. Lovely rich colour to the tan markings on her well-presented coat of correct texture. She has a lovely head with gentle expression. She moved out well with drive.

3rd Sedgbeer's Russmic Elenora

Res Jackson's Fortunamajor Whirlwind

VHC Franks' Cathmead Love Potion No Nine

Special Graduate Blen or Tri(11, 3)

1st Claydon's Brymarden Miss Sophie Short listed to my final 4 for the CC. I really liked this girl. She is very sound and has a lovely soft expression. Nice size and well-balanced overall. She has a lovely outline. When she moves, she does so with style and elegance, she has a strong, steady driving action. Everything from head to tail flows well, with good angulation, strong loin and level topline.

2nd McMurray's Merryoth Mockingbird – Pretty girl. Well-made with lovely balanced outline. Neat size. When moving away and back her parallel movement was true and her movement in profile was elegant and positive. As happens with seasons and time of year, her coat was on the change, with the richer tan colour coming through. Everything was in moderation, nothing was exaggerated about this girl.

3rd Bloomfield's Toraylac Gracious Oaklake

Res Hogan's Stavonga Secret Crush

VHC Spall & Clark's Llapsttam Baskin In the Sun

Special Graduate B & T or Ruby(5, 1)

1st Lee's Conchellia Vivi Velvete by Kelrick – Very elegant black & tan girl. Pretty head, good rich tan points. Dark eyes of good size. Good neck and shoulders. Level topline, standing and moving. She moved out well. For me she could be a little stronger on the rear. She was the best mover in this class.

2nd Bennett's Rishtte I'm Tanisha of Remmya – Sweet ruby girl. Has a good length to neck to give the required elegance of head carriage. She has a lovely level topline standing and moving. She moved out well, but a little close behind.

3rd Rogerson & Williamson's Rabymar Isla Negra

Res Wilson's Peters Cavalier Naomi Black Medgic

Post Graduate (7, 1)

1st Homes' **Leogem Campanula** – Lovely blenheim girl. She is petite, a lovely shape, well balanced and with a level topline, off which flows a very well positioned tail. Sweetest of heads, so pretty and correct, with lots of appeal from her large dark eyes and good black pigment. Her head is framed by long fringing on her well-placed ears. She moved out with drive and elegance. Her coat could be a richer colour. With it being summer I can forgive a little with some coats mid-way between old and new coming in.

2nd Claydon's **Brymarden May Blossom** – It was a very close decision between my 1st and 2nd in this class. We cannot have two 1st so it had to be made. This lovely blenheim girl has a slightly larger well put together, balanced frame. She has a very sweet head, lovely large, dark, appealing eyes, giving a soft expression. She has a good front, well sprung ribs, and good depth to her chest. Her coat is of correct texture with lovely rich chestnut colour to the tan markings. She is well presented and moved out very well.

3rd Willis' **Dinitro's Amber Inferno**

Res Hogan's **Stavonga Skylark**

VHC Bennett's **Rishte I'm Tanisha of Remmya**

Mid Limit (11, 3)

1st Godwin's **Cavaleigh Krista** – Very sound, blenheim girl. Everything in moderation. Good outline, A little up on size for me but everything was in proportion and balanced overall. Well appointed head with large dark eyes giving that much loved gentle, soft expression. She has beautiful long well feathered and set-on ears which she used to good effect, showing off her correct skull. She moved out steadily and well in all aspects, making use of her good front and rear construction.

2nd Kerr's **Kinvaar Away With The Fairys** – Very sweet tricolour girl, very much my type in size and shape. She has a lovely head with good rich tan in the right places. She has a moderate length of neck with good head carriage and a good lay of shoulders. I felt she could be a touch stronger on her front pasterns, she was tending to drop down a little when standing. She moved out very well.

3rd Maddy's **Llapstams Bloode Nora Gabmaddi**

Res Robinson's **Embeth Santa Maria Tusculana**

VHC Lee's **Kelrick Kornish Legend**

Limit (8, 1)

1st Long's **Arroline Elixir** – Very nice black and tan girl. Lovely outline, good balance to her shape, short over the loin. Dressed in a well-presented black coat with bright tan markings in all the right places. She has a lovely length to her neck and carries her pretty head very well. Good front and shoulders, well-angulated, strong rear. She moves out well.

2nd Waddington's **Spindlepoint Nancy Reagan** – Very feminine blenheim girl of neat proportions. Good shape to outline. Very pretty appealing eyes, lovely soft expression. Good head shape and correct length to well tapered muzzle. She has a lovely level topline. She moves out steadily with elegance.

3rd Parsons' **Aldachell Theodora Emberlace**

Res Knight's **Buttercup V'T Burgstse Hof at Carolus (imp Ned)**

VHC Parson's **Anjomil Harvest Moon JW**

Open (6)

1st Lovel's **Lovetrac Theodora** – This quality blenheim girl was very well presented, in great condition and finish. She is of neat proportions and size for a toy spaniel. There is so much to like about her. She has a very sweet expression, with a softness around her muzzle and fill under her lovely dark, expressive eyes. She has good black pigment to her nose and eye rims. Her neck is a good length, with the slight crest adding elegance to her head carriage when standing and moving. She is a lovely shape, making a pretty picture on the move from all aspects, moving out with drive from her short hocks and well-turned stifles. In the challenge she kept drawing my eye to her and I was pleased to award her the **Bitch CC**, and with the agreement of my co-judge, Lucy Koster-Tindall – **Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex in Show**. I discovered after the end of the show that this was her 3rd CC and (subject to KC approval) her Champion crown.

2nd Conlon & Kotani's **Ir Ch Rathbrist Whatchulookinat** – Spoilt with riches in this class, this pretty blenheim girl of slightly bigger proportions is well-balanced overall and well made. In lovely coat of good tan well-broken markings, presented in good order. Her head is a little stronger than the class winner, but soft and gentle. She has a lovely expression, with large round, dark eyes, and good pigment, all framed by long well feathered ears. She moves out well with level topline.

3rd Lee's **Kelrick One Kiss**

Res Hobbs' **Beaconsfylde A Dorable**

VHC Lunt's **Oaktreepark Royal Ava**

Champion (1, 0)

1st Spall & Clark's **Ch Llapsttam Sent From Heaven** – standing alone in this class this 2-year-old champion ruby girl did herself proud. She has a sweet head and expression, lovely eyes and good earset creating that almost flat shape to the skull between the ears. Lovely rich colour to her soft correctly textured coat. She moved out covering the ground well with drive, and elegance.

Special Open Bred By Exhibitor(7, 0)

1st Homes' **Ch Leogem Winter Melody** – Very lovely blenheim girl with a history of wins that cannot be denied given her overall balance and good conformation. She is compact in shape, with a short loin, good length to her well-sprung ribcage. Correct proportions of length of leg to length of body. She has a level topline with well-set and carried tail. Good length to her neck giving a lovely head carriage. When moving, she does so with good drive and elegance, moving true in both profile and coming and going. She has a lovely moderate head with good shape and proportions. Her dark, sparkling eyes give a sweetness to her expression. **RBCC**

2nd Fox-Shone's **Pamedna Tainted Love** – Another lovely blenheim girl with good head proportions and expression. Very close decision between the first two in this class. This girl has a correct head with a lovely gentle, melting expression from her large dark eyes. She has lovely even markings on her head. Her body coat is slightly heavier marked, but with enough white. She was well groomed and presented in lovely order. She is well-made overall and moved out freely with drive.

3rd Hughes' **Loranka's Secret Potion**

Res Loades' **Rosirius Bluebell**

VHC Nolan's **Jernito Winter Hope**