

ECCKCSS Open Show 14 January 2024

My thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge this show. Thank you also to my stewards, Rebecca and Peter and finally thank you to everyone who entered and accepted my decisions sportingly.

I have attended this show over the last 15 years or so both as an exhibitor and more latterly as a committee member, so it was lovely to be invited to judge there.

Generally speaking, the presentation of all exhibits was of a very high standard, however there were a couple of things I wanted to mention:

Teeth - It was disappointing to see a number of exhibits with dirty teeth. Please look after their teeth

Tear stains - A couple of the exhibits had significant staining under the eyes. As well as being unsightly, excessive tearing can be an indication of a number of other eye conditions.

Trimmed feet - please remember the breed standard requires dog's coats to be 'totally free from trimming' and their feet to be 'feathered' not trimmed as cat feet

Dogs

VD (3,1)

1. Mynott's Honeybet Heads Up - 7yrs Blenheim. Well balanced toy spaniel with good quality coat. Well broken rich chestnut patches on pearly white background. Dark well spaced eyes with ample cushioning, a muzzle of correct length and a shallow stop, with high set ears framing the face and an almost flat skull completing the picture. Good scissor bite. Moderate length of neck, leading to well laid shoulders, well sprung ribs and correctly angulated hind legs with a good turn of stifle Tail set good. Lost the topline a little when standing. Moved ok, a little close behind.
2. Street & Page's Luphenex Lord of The Rings - 8yrs Blenheim. Well broken coat of rich chestnut patches on pearly white background. Ears set high on an almost flat skull. Round, dark well spaced eyes with a shallow stop and a muzzle of correct length. Would prefer a little more cushioning around the eyes. Correct scissor bite. Moderate length of neck, leading to well laid back shoulders, well sprung ribs and moderately angulated hind legs. Tail set was good, though a little proud of his tail today. Generally kept a level top line on the move. Moved well.
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MPD (5,1)

1. Jackson's Fortunamajor Perseus - 6 months Tricolour. Quite mature for his age. Well broken coat of a good length, giving him an overall more finished appearance than the others in the class. Ears set high on an almost flat skull, with dark well spaced eyes and a muzzle of correct length. Cushioning around the eyes coming along nicely. Correct scissor bite. Moderate length of slightly arched neck, leading to well

laid shoulders, well sprung ribs and correctly angulated hind legs. Tail set was good and he kept level top line on the move. Moved confidently.

2. Knight's Carolus Coronation - 8 months Blenheim. Lost out on maturity today, but that will come. Well broken coat of rich chestnut on a pearly white background. Ears set high on an almost flat skull, with dark round eyes and a muzzle of correct length. Correct regular scissor bite. Slightly arched neck, well laid shoulders, well sprung ribs. Good turn of stifle. Tail set was good, though he was a little proud of his tail on the move.

PD (2,0)

1. Towse's Miletree Gabriel - 10 months Blenheim. Smart young dog, with plenty of coat. Ears set high on an almost flat skull, with dark well spaced eyes and a muzzle of correct length. Cushioning around the eyes coming along nicely. Correct scissor bite. Slightly arched neck, leading to well laid back shoulders, Short-coupled with a good spring of rib. Correct tail set and kept his top line on the move. Moved confidently away and back **BPD**
2. Welch's Toraylac Pocket Rocket of Fenneyfare - 10 months Tricolour. Up to size and not looking quite as balanced as 1. Well broken coat with tan in all the required places. High set ears, head needs to develop a bit more. Large dark eyes, shallow stop and a muzzle of correct length. Cushioning around the eyes developing. Good scissor bite. Slightly arched neck, leading to well laid shoulders, with a good spring of rib. Good tail set and generally kept his top line on the move. Movement was a bit erratic at times so difficult to assess fully.

JD (2,0)

1. Biddle's Theodore James Castellum Mare At Hearthfriend - 12 months Tricolour. Well presented, blanket marked coat of a good length and quality. Ears correctly set on an almost flat skull, with dark eyes and a muzzle of correct length. Regular scissor bite. Slightly arched neck, leading to well laid shoulders, short coupled with a nice spring of rib and moderately angulated hind legs. Kept a good top line on the move. Moved well away and back..
2. Welch's Toraylac Pocket Rocket of Fenneyfare See PD

ND (4,1)

1. Levey & Sedgwick's Pascavale Tyson - 16 months Tricolour. This dog took my eye as soon as he stepped into the ring. Ears set high on an almost flat skull, with dark well spaced eyes and a muzzle of correct length. Cushioning around the eyes coming along nicely. Correct scissor bite. Moderate length of slightly arched neck, leading to well laid shoulders, well sprung ribs and correctly angulated hind legs. Tail set was excellent and he kept a level topline when moving, Pleased to award him **BD, RBIS, BOS**

2. Knight's Carolus Coronation See MPD

GD (1,0)

1. Dawson's Luphenex Highland Fling - 2yrs Blenheim who was a little unsettled today, giving his handler plenty to do. Smaller stamp of dog, but still reasonably balanced overall. Ears set high on an almost flat skull, with dark well spaced eyes and a muzzle of correct length, would have liked to see a little more cushioning around the eyes. Shallow stop. Regular scissor bite. Moderate length of neck, well laid shoulder and well sprung ribs. Moderately angulated hind legs. Tail set good and kept level top line on the move. Moved a little erratically.

PGD (1,0)

1. Jackson's Fortunamajor Rubeus - 2yrs Ruby. Presented in good condition with a rich red coat. Well set ears framing the face. Dark well spaced round eyes and a muzzle of correct length, ample cushioning around the eyes. Would have preferred to see a slightly shallower stop. Regular scissor bite. Moderate length of slightly arched neck, well laid shoulder and nicely sprung ribs. Moderately angulated hind legs. Tail set good and kept level top line on the move. Moved well both ways with reach and drive.

SpL Blen/Tri D (4,2)

1. Knowles' Luphenex Solent Lad - 3yrs Blenheim. Well broken coat of rich chestnut patches on white background, High set ears on an almost flat skull, with dark well spaced eyes and correct length of muzzle, ample cushioning around the eyes. Shallow stop. Regular scissor bite. Moderate length of neck, well laid shoulder. Ribs ok. Moderately angulated hind legs with good turn of stifle. Tail set good and kept level top line on the and stand. Moved with reach and drive.
2. Lock & Thomas' Bowfort Bo Jo - 4yrs Blenheim. Dark well spaced round eyes and a muzzle of correct length, ample cushioning around the eyes. Would have preferred a slightly higher ear set. Regular scissor bite. Moderate length of slightly arched neck, well laid shoulder and nicely sprung ribs. Moderately angulated hind legs. Tail set good and kept level top line on the move. Moved a little close behind.
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SpL B & T/Ruby D (0,0)

OD (1,0)

1. Mangham's Brymarden Touch Of Gold Of Charnavale - 4yrs Blenheim. Masculine dog of good size, presented. High set ears on an almost flat skull, with large, dark well spaced eyes, with ample cushioning. Shallow stop, and correct length of muzzle, Good scissor bite. Moderate length of neck, well laid shoulder. Ribs ok. Moderately angulated hind legs with good turn of stifle. Tail set excellent. Kept level top line on the move and standing. Moved with reach and drive. **RBD**

SpO BBE D(2,1)

1. Dawson's Luphenex Highland Fling See GD

Bitches

VB (3,0)

1. Colaveccia's Carolus Miss Liberty VW - 10yrs Blenheim. Profuse, well broken coat, Correctly set ears on an almost flat skull. Large, dark and well spaced eyes. Ample cushioning around the eyes. Shallow stop. Good scissor bite. Moderate length of neck, well laid shoulder. Ribs ok. Moderately angulated hind legs with good turn of stifle. Tail set good and kept level top line on the move and standing. Moved ok both ways **BVIS**
2. Atkins' Lacerta Rising Star - 9yrs Tricolour. Heavily marked, feminine looking bitch, presented in good condition for age. Well set ears, almost flat across the skull, with dark well spaced eyes and correct length muzzle. Good scissor bite. Adequate length of neck, shoulders ok. Rear angulation could be better, slightly low tail set. Moved ok.
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MPB (6,0)

1. Ireland's Charnell Here Comes Summer - 6 months Blenheim. Another smart youngster, with plenty of coat. Ears set high, large, large, round, dark well spaced eyes. Cushioning around the eyes is coming. Correct scissor bite. Super expression. Slightly arched neck, leading to well laid back shoulders, Short-coupled with a good spring of rib. Good tail set and really kept her top line on the move. Moved confidently away and back **BPB, BPIS**
2. McGill's Milbu Just Harmony At Bjulaseta - 8 months Blenheim. Many of the same attributes as 1, was slightly unlucky to meet the winner today. Has a sweet expression with lovely dark eyes..Kept a level topline at all times. Moved confidently.

PB (6,1)

1. McGill's Milbu Just Harmony At Bjulaseta See MPB
2. Towse's Miletree Una - 10 months Blenheim. Pretty young bitch with plenty of coat. Litter sister to PD winner. Ears set high on an well developed almost flat skull. Large dark well spaced eyes and a muzzle of correct length. Cushioning oaround the eyes developing nicely. Correct scissor bite. Slightly arched neck, leading to well laid back shoulders, Short-coupled and developing a nice spring of rib. Correct tail set and kept the top line on the move. Moved well both ways

JB (4,0)

1. Barwell's Charlottetown Gold Magic - 16 months Blenheim. Another pretty youngster with lots of promise. Lovely head, with ears set correctly, framing her face. Large dark eyes, with enough cushioning, a shallow stop and tapering muzzle with a correct scissor bite completed the head nicely. Ample reach of slightly arched neck with well laid shoulders and a correct topline. Good turn of stifle on moderately angulated hind legs finishing with a well set tail carried correctly throughout. Moved nicely once settled.
2. Mynott's Honeybet Mabel Louise - 14 months Blenheim. Well presented Though less mature than 1, many of the attributes of 1 apply to this exhibit also. She has a lovely expression and when viewed in profile, gives the impression of an overall nicely balanced toy spaniel. Being ultra critical - I would have liked to see a bit more depth of pigment in her coat. Moved well away and back.

NB (12,1)

1. Zoberniene's Londonette Indie - 19 months Blenheim. Presentation needs a bit of practice, but overall an attractive bitch. Ears set high on an almost flat skull. Large round well spaced eyes and a tapering muzzle of correct length. Cushioning around the eyes is well developed. Correct and regular scissor bite. A slightly arched neck, leading to well laid shoulders, an ok topline and a nice spring of rib. Tail set ok and kept the top line on the move. Moved well both ways
2. Atkins' Lacerta Tiger Lily - 2yrs Tricolour. Slightly older than 1, well presented with good coat. Ears set correctly, framing her face. Large round and dark eyes, with ample cushioning. Shallow stop and tapered muzzle with a good scissor bite. Moderate reach of slightly arched neck with good shoulders and a correct topline. Good turn of stifle with moderately angulated hind legs. Well set tail carried correctly throughout. Moved nicely.

GB (9,0)

1. Jackson's Judzandia Maygarland - 20 months Blenheim. Very feminine smaller bitch, presented in excellent order. Ears set high on a well developed almost flat skull. Large dark well spaced eyes with particularly dark pigment to her nose and eye rims. Muzzle of correct length. Cushioning around the eyes developing nicely. Correct scissor bite. Slightly arched neck, leading to well laid shoulders, Short-coupled and showing a nice spring of rib. Excellent tail set, kept the top line on the move. Moderately angulated hind legs. Movement good, away and back.
2. Floyd's Laurami Comfortably Numb - 2yrs Blenheim. Pretty headed bitch. Slightly larger than 1, but still unmistakably a toy spaniel. She has the loveliest large, round, dark eyes with plenty of cushioning, which when combined with her high set ears, shallow stop, tapered muzzle of correct length with good scissor bite, produce a super expression. A moderate length of slightly arched neck leads to well laid

shoulders followed by well sprung ribs and a good tail set, producing a level top line which she kept at all times. Correctly angulated hind legs completed the picture. Moved well both ways.

PGB (4,0)

1. Knowles' Luphenex Highland Fling - 18 months Blenheim. Presented well. Pretty young bitch with a sweet expression. Large dark eyes, shallow stop and muzzle of the correct length. Regular scissor bite. I would like to see a bit more cushioning round the eyes, but there is still a little time left for this to develop. High set ears on an almost flat skull frame the face nicely. Moderate reach of slightly arched neck leading to well laid shoulders. A firm level topline which was kept at all times, with an adequate spring of rib leading to correctly angulated hind legs and an excellent tail set. Moved well
2. Knight's Carolus Miss Chloe - 21 months Blenheim. Well broken coat of good length, presented well. Many of the attributes of 1 apply equally to this exhibit and on another day the placings may be reversed. She has large round, dark eyes, well spaced, with ample cushioning. Her level topline was not quite as firm as 1 and was occasionally lost standing. Moved ok.

SpL Blen/Tri B (6,0)

1. Claydon's Brymarden May Blossom - 2yrs Blenheim. A well balanced toy spaniel, with a well broken coat of rich chestnut on a pearly white background, presented in excellent order. Ears set high on a well developed almost flat skull. Large round well spaced eyes with ample cushioning. Tapered muzzle of the required length and a regular scissor bite. Slightly arched neck, leading to well laid shoulders, Short-coupled and showing a nice spring of rib. Excellent tail set, kept the top line at all times. Moderately angulated hind legs, with a good turn of stifle. Movement excellent, away and back. **RBB**
2. Colavecchia's Carolus Miss Elsie - 6yrs Blenheim. A slightly larger bitch, in well marked but profuse coat, presented well. A sweet expression with large dark well spaced eyes, shallow stop and muzzle of the correct length. Regular scissor bite. High set ears on an almost flat skull, frame the face nicely. Moderate reach of neck leading to well laid back shoulders. A level topline which was kept at all times, with a good spring of rib, a short loin, leading to correctly angulated hind legs and an ok tail set. Moved well
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SpL B & T/Ruby B (2,0)

1. Hubert's Rabyrmar Razzle Dazzle - 3yrs Black & tan. Ultra feminine bitch of smaller size presented in excellent condition. Her raven black coat gleamed and the tan was rich in colour. The sweetest expression comes from the large dark well spaced eyes, shallow stop and muzzle of the correct length and high set ears on an almost flat skull, that framed the face nicely. Moderate length of slightly arched neck leading to well laid back shoulders. A level topline was kept at all times, A good spring of rib,

short coupled, Moderately angulated hind legs with a good turn of stifle and a correct tail set. Moved well both ways

2. Danks' Leeabbie Toodie's Delight - 6yrs Black & tan. Presented in excellent condition with a long gleaming black coat with slightly "sooty" tan markings. Well up to size, but still presents an overall balanced impression when viewed in profile. Expression is a bit plain, due to her square muzzle and slightly pendulous lips. That said, she has large round, well spaced eyes, high set ears and a correct scissor bite. A moderate length of slightly arched neck and well laid back shoulders followed by well sprung ribs and a level top line. Fractionally longer in the loin than I would like to see but the tail set is good. Moderately angulated hind legs and a good turn of stifle. Moved well

OB (3,2)

1. Biddle's Hearthfriend Society Style - 4yrs Tricolour. Well broken coat, presented in good order. Ears set high on an almost flat skull, framing the face. Large round dark eyes, with ample cushioning, well spaced. Shallow stop and tapered muzzle with a good scissor bite. Moderate reach of slightly arched neck with good shoulders and a correct topline, which she kept on the move. Moderately angulated hind legs with a good turn of stifle. Well set tail carried correctly throughout. Moved ok.

SpO BBE B (3,1)

1. Levey & Sedgwick's Pascavale Shanice - 3yrs Tricolour. Another who caught my eye when she came into the ring. Firstly with her overall ring presence and later with her melting expression. Well broken coat of good length. Ears set high on an almost flat skull, with large dark well spaced eyes, shallow stop and a tapered muzzle of correct length. Regular scissor bite. Ample cushioning around the eyes. Moderate length of slightly arched neck, leading to well laid back shoulders, well sprung ribs. Short coupled. Correctly angulated hind legs with a good turn of stifle. Tail set excellent. Kept level topline at all times, Movement excellent. Pleased to award her **BB,BIS**
2. Dawson's Luphenex Little Lady Katie - 7yrs Tricolour. Heavily marked coat of good length and presented in super condition. Another with a really sweet expression. Ears set high on the skull, framing large round, well spaced, dark eyes, with ample cushioning. Shallow stop and tapered muzzle with a perfect scissor bite. Moderate reach of slightly arched neck with good shoulders and a correct topline, which she kept on the move. Moderately angulated hind legs with a good turn of stifle. Well set tail carried correctly throughout. Moved erratically at times