

SHOW : Eastern Counties Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Society, St. Ives, Cambs, England

DATE: Saturday April 9, 2022

Judge: Heidi Mohn-Covington USA

I would like to thank the Club and Committee for the invite to Judge your well run show. Although it's not my first show in England it's the first I've been privileged to judge and it was indeed an honor. Thank you everyone that came out whether to exhibit your Cavaliers or spectate. It's a lot of work just to make it from home to ringside, let alone breed, raise and condition dogs for the ring, RESPECT! A special thank you to my very fun ring stewards Andy Vella and Cassy Stanton for being so excellent in all aspects of stewardship for this girl in a foreign land, keeping me organized and tracking all details so I could focus on the dogs and enjoy the day. Also, a HUGE Thank You to Steve and Marian Mynott for your gracious hospitality for the week and all the help in making Greg and my trip go so smooth. And thank you Maryann Hogan for the behind the scenes work of getting me approved to judge with The Kennel Club!

Some really nice dogs presented and I enjoyed going over all of them. Very happy with my top winners. I appreciated all the dogs that made the short list in the challenge and want to give them a shout out. Some of the consistent qualities I observed were great size, good round bone, dark round eye's with plenty of rim, great pigment overall and of course the nice coats that seem to flourish in the UK. Good to see more and more dogs on both sides of the pond being shorter coupled and well broken again. Breeders really do work hard to bring dogs back to the standard no matter what direction they may venture over the years. I also observed consistent areas that could use some improvement and this is no different than we see here in the US; lack of shoulder layback was pretty common on many of the dogs, but even those with decent layback had quite straight upper arms. This is a challenge to correct but can be done. A balanced dog looks good moving around the ring, even with little to no angulation because it can maintain a good topline, but combine a dog with good well balanced angulation front and rear, and it allows for that effortless, graceful movement with good reach and drive that my winners excelled at.

TOP WINNERS IN SHOW

BIS: CH. Emberlace Tullamore

RBIS: CH. Granasil Bourbon

BPIS: Sweetbriar La Dee Da

BVIS: Embeth Bonny Boat JW

TOP DOG WINNERS

DOG CC: CH. Emberlace Tullamore
RES. DOG CC: CH. Granasil Bourbon
BPD Pascavale Floyd
BVD: Beaconsflyde Catch The Kiss JW ShCM

CLASS DOGS:

Class 1-Veteran Dog (2)

1 BVD: Hobb's Beaconsflyde Catch The Kiss JW SHCM- Lovely Blenheim boy with good proportions and good shape. Moved well. Nice dark pigment and excellent quality coat. Eyes are round and dark, would prefer they were a bit larger.

2: Morgan's Hearthfriend Top Withens- Happy to show, Tri-Coloured boy. Nice head with dark round eyes and thick rims. Nice front with a good layback of shoulder but not as balanced in shape or movement with the rear lacking the angulation of the winner.

Class 2-Special Veteran Dog over 10 yrs (3, 3 Abs)

All Entries Absent

Class 3-Minor Puppy (5, 2 abs)

1 BPD: Levy & Sedgwick's Pascavale Floyd- Stunning head and glorious eyes on this well marked Tri-Colored puppy. A nice compact size, true toy spaniel. Good proportions and balanced with a good shoulder layback and lovely coat. His top line comes and goes right now as he's getting his pace. Must look beyond the markings over the top of the back to appreciate his topline when steady. This puppy lost out to a very pretty little girl for BPIS because he likes to post when standing and he did so during the time I needed to sell him to the Bitch Judge.

2: Chapman & Ireland's Ellemich American Express- Super well boned (which I love) Blenheim puppy with a fabulous front and loads of coat. Good proportions and balance along with good angles but tended to roll on the move today. Pretty head that is quite glamorous, yet clearly masculine. Lovely dark round eyes with thick rims. Promising puppy.

3: Rhodes Calonlan Tonutti Fruitti

Class 4-Puppy Dog (3, 1 abs)

1: Spall & Clark's LLapsttam's Secret Seven- Liked a lot about this super dark red pigmented Ruby today. Classic "Blenheim" head which is excellent to see. Nice dark eyes, flashy to look at with his lovely coat. A straighter front and long well turned stifle bone in the rear caused a slightly dipped topline today and this did affect him in the dog challenge.

2: Sheridan's Cavasher My Only Son Shine-A less mature blenheim dog than the class winner, very pretty yet still masculine. Nice dark round eyes and thick rims. A long gorgeous neck that runs into a straighter shoulder and upper arm and is set slightly forward on the sternum than the winner.

Class 5- Junior Dog (7, 4 abs)

1: Nolan & Bayliss's Castlewyth Infatuation-Lovely dark blenheim coloured boy with a pretty face on a lovely shaped skull. Excellent silky coat and plenty of it. Nice neck that lays into a nice shoulder layback. Well balanced with good angles and strong rear. Would like to see a little more leg under him. Overall a lovely boy.

2: Sheills Hawkwell Park The Duke- Sweet Blenheim boy with great pigment. Pretty head and with dark round eyes and plenty of dark rim. A bit longer cast. Preferred the stronger rear on the class winner.

3: Street & Page's Luphenex Logan's Run

Class 6- Yearling Dog (4)

1: Knowles Luphenex Solent Lad- (Also seen in class 8) A Decent, honest dog with open broken markings. Nice front and balanced well with good rear angulation making him a picture on the move with a good topline and head and tail carriage. Moves with purpose and maintains a good topline.

2: Chapman & Ireland's Ellemich The Hunted- A very glamorous dog excelling in breed type with a pretty expression and beautiful eyes. He is short coupled with good proportions draped in a lovely straight dark pigmented Blenheim coat. Great finishes presented in top condition and handled with patience. Had hoped to give him the class. I understand a recent bad experience was keeping him from showing his best today.

3: Hubert's Hearthfriend Just William

Class 7-Novice Dog (5, 1 abs)

1: Leaver's Revaelann Nik Nac Paddy Wak- This dog is put together well and uses himself on the move with good carriage. Good expression, pretty dark round eyes. Masculine head. Plenty of coat.

2: Newman's Whats It all About Finjaro- This is a pretty headed boy, shown in good condition. He has some size on him layered in a nice straight coat. Preferred overall balance, topline and movement of the class winner.

3: Sheills Hawkwellpark The Duke

Class 8-Special Graduate Blenheim or Tricolour Dog (6)

- 1: Knowles Luphenex Solent Lad- (Also seen and critiqued in 6)

- 2: Hubert's Hearthfriend Just William-(Also seen, not critiqued in class 6) A nice sized, short coupled Tri-Coloured dog in good coat. Masculine but pretty head with well placed ears framing nice dark round eyes. Moved with energy around the ring but preferred the balance and angulation of the class winner.

- 3: Morgan's Hearthfriend Top Withens

Class 9- Special Graduate Black and Tan or Ruby Dog (1)

- 1: Derriscott's Toyswood Let's Dance With Bonumeques- (Also seen in class 11) A happy, showy, Black and Tan dog with fancy carriage, long neck and topline when going around the ring. Beautiful head on this dog. Presented in good condition with a lovely coat. Would like to see a bit more angulation both front and rear.

Class 10-Post Graduate Dog (7, 1 abs)

- 1: Holland's Bonniemadra Loked An Loaded- So much to like about this dog today. Lovely Blenheim with a pretty head and large dark round eyes. Excellent carriage as he moves around the ring with drive due to his short hocks and shoulder layback. Well balanced, short coupled with good angulation allowing for effortless movement around the ring. He has plenty of sternum and bone. Pretty and correct head yet clearly masculine. Lovely dark pigment. Very showy and happy, his tail never stopped.

- 2: Surman's Cavaleigh Kennedy- A nice boy with dark eyes and rims but would like them a bit larger and rounder. Lovely shape on this dog, great coat texture and color. Preferred the overall balance and angulation on the winner. Another boy who was happy to be in the ring today

- 3: Towse's Miletree Roman

Class 11-Mid Limit Dog (5, 2 abs)

- 1: Guvercin's Verheyen Vincent At Glebeheath- Another dog who I liked a lot. Was considered in the challenge today. A super elegant mover due to his super angulation and balance. A real eye catcher. He carries a beautiful coat with good pigment and was presented in excellent condition. Pretty expression, great pigment and was happy to show himself off today.

- 2: Derriscott's Toyswood Lets Dance with Bonumeques- (Also seen and critiqued in class 9)

- 3: Lee's Kelrick Flashback

Class 12-Limit Dog (7, 2 abs)

- 1: Rees Embeth Wishmaker-A really nice well broken blenheim that I liked a lot. Glamourous yet masculine. Huge dark round eyes placed well on his correct shaped skull. Excellent pigment around

eyes, on nose and on coat. Excellent balance with great reach and drive. A picture on the move. One of the best movers of the day.

2: Mangham's Brymarden Touch of Gold of Charnavale- Also a nice little dog that shows well. Great pigment on coat. A shorter muzzle, but not harsh. Preferred the softer expression and overall balance of the class winner.

3: Wileman & Bott's Granasil Trick Or treat for Narvidar

Class 13-Open dog (5, 2 abs)

1: Parsons CH. Emberlace Tullamore- (Dog CC, BIS) My notes say "The Bomb!" A real package! Was so happy to see this dog walk in the ring and hoped he would not disappoint. He did not! Dark, large round eyes with thick rims placed well on his skull, framed by correct ear placement. A breathtaking expression on this beautifully headed dog with all the glorious pigment, everywhere, that anyone could hope for. Shown in excellent condition and handled to perfection. Has an ideal straight coat on a well conditioned body. Super shoulder and upper arm angulation balanced with a good turn of stifle. Nice round bone. Slightly longer cast which he used to his advantage with his effortless movement. Was very happy to award him the "DOG CC and BIS" today.

2: Whitman & Tarabad's Khatibi Royal Male- A beautiful expression on this well marked, short coupled Tri-Colour dog presented in excellent condition. Beautiful coat with correct texture. Excellent pigment. A stunning head with beautiful dark eyes placed well. Loads of energy moving around the ring. Preferred the angulation and overall movement of the glass winner.

3: Bloomfield's Delhaze Reach for The Sky with Oaklake

Class 14-Champion Dog (2)

1: Kilcoyne's CH. Granasil Bourbon- (RES DOG CC) Loved the sporty proportions on this dog. Plenty of leg under him, but not too much. Great angulation front and rear, super balance. Nice coupling and moved so gracefully with good reach and drive. Pretty yet moderate head with a soft expression and large dark round eyes. Not overdone in any way. Nice short hocks and strong rear with good inner thigh muscle. Lots of reach and drive on the move. Was happy to award him the RES CC today and happy to see that the Referee judge agreed with my decision in the challenge to award him RBIS.

2: Levy & Sedgwick's CH. Pascavale Kyle-This little guy screams type. Cute Cute Cute!!! A true toy spaniel. Beautiful head with beautiful eyes and rims. Ideal expression. Lots of coat on this short coupled well conditioned dog. Love his short hocks. Preferred the overall proportions and effortless movement of the class winner.

Class 15-Special Open Bred By Exhibitor Dog (3)

1: Watts Jamesbonny Master Lucus- Sweet boy, happy to be there today. A handsome yet masculine dog. Lovely headpiece. Pretty round eyes and thick rims. Lovely dark rich coat pigment which can almost mislead one into thinking his (plenty dark) eyes could be darker. Slightly longer cast, good angulation and well balanced. He does not use himself well on the move unless he can move out strongly. Was happy to see him speed up and use himself better in the challenge.

2: Crossley's Tameline Roberto- Preferred the overall expression on this dog over the class winner. Pretty dark round eyes with thick rims placed well. His coat was of an excellent quality and texture. His proportions very much like the winner but he didn't use himself as well on the move.

3: Sheridan's Cavasher My Only Son Shine