

Humberside Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Open Show – February 5th, 2017

I apologise for the late submission of my critique – I lost my catalogue (not my judging book though?) in our house move and had to ask Chris to send me a copy. This show demonstrates all that is 'great' about regional breed clubs. I had a very good entry given that the Officers & Committee choose not to exhibit at 'their' show; a majority of whom are active exhibitors and breeders. There was a very warm, sporting atmosphere and delicious home-made lunches. A real example of a team coming together for the good of their breed and their Club – congratulations.

MPD (4,0) Two very promising baby puppies; a lovely start to the day. 1st Sedgbeer's Korolevsky Brodsky for Russmic. A very balanced well-broken Blenheim puppy. Ideal size and shape. Short-coupled in body. Head developing well with high set ears and large round eyes giving soft gentle expression. Moved well and BPD & RBPIS. 2nd Bloice's Scotlass Magic Charm. Well marked tri with tan in all the right places. Ideal shape and size. Short-coupled in body and very sound on the move. Liked his head proportions – would just prefer a slightly larger eye. The only reason for 2nd today.

PD (1,0) 1st Lee's Kelrick Flapjack. A very happy Tri puppy with a lovely head. Gentle expression, almost flat skull and high set ears. A little longer cast than ideal and coat colour needs to break more. Tended to over-reach on the move.

JD (1,0) Biddle's Luphenex Lick And A Promise by Hearthfriend. A handsome young Tri dog. Very well balanced in overall shape and construction. Loved his head and expression. Large, dark round eyes. High set ears and slight arch to neck. Short-coupled and well set on tail. Moved with drive and very good foot fall. Silky coat, well broken black and tan in the right places.

ND (1,0) 1st Lee's Kelrick Flapjack.

GD (1,0) 1st Biddle's Luphenex Lick And A Promise by Hearthfriend.

Sp PGD (3,0) 1st Hobbs' Beaconsfield Catch The Kiss JW. A larger dog and what a show man? Very nice head with soft expression. High set ears framed his face. Well laid shoulders and drive from behind. Stunning silky well-broken coat. 2nd Biddle's Hearthfriend Hocus Pocus. Ideal size and shape with very typical head and expression. Short-coupled in body with very good tail set. Preferred fore quarter assembly of winner. Would insist on pacing today.

Sp PGD (1,0) 1st Kynaston's Granasil Golden Nugget. A super-happy rich Ruby with a beautiful silky coat. Creates a balanced picture stood and on the move. A very sweet expression and large dark eyes. Flat skull and high set ears. Would ideally like a little more width to muzzle. Short coupled in body and very sound on the move.

LD (2,0) 1st Kynaston's Naraytden Fankel. A much larger B & T dog with a silky raven-black coat and rich tans. Liked his flat skull and ear set but very short in muzzle. Shows good front extension although moving a little close behind. Longer cast body. 2nd Biddle's Hearthfriend Hocus Pocus. Preferred his overall type, size and shape to winner but really not happy on move. Continually paced and lacked the free-flowing soundness required.

OD (4,1) 1st Inglis' Craigowl Out Of Reach JW. Exactly what I was looking for in my principal winner. Perfect size for a Toy Spaniel. So well balanced stood and on the move. Wonderful head proportions and such a soft melting expression; large dark round eyes spaced well apart. High set ears and nearly flat skull. Had very good body tone and a perfect silky coat. Richest chestnut markings well broken throughout. Could not fault on the move – really drives from behind and foot fall was spot on. BD & BIS. 2nd Bloice's Scotlass Power Of Love JW ShCM. Another very handsome dog with rich chestnut well-broken markings, a silky coat and a perfect lozenge. Liked his expression but just preferred head

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proportions of winner. Loved his body shape and size. Another very sound dog who performed well on the move. RBD.

VD (3,1) 1st Walker's Korolevsky's Iosif ShCm. A healthy 10 yr old in fit condition and loving his day out. A well-broken Blenheim with rich chestnut markings. Lovely head and expression with cushioned muzzle and large dark eyes. High set ears and flat top of head. Perfect bite and full dentition even at that age (credit where credit is due). Liked his overall balanced and showed good freedom of movement. BVIS. 2nd Hobbs' Khatibi Readt Teddy Go to Beaconsfylde. Very nice size and shape Blenheim. Well broken but a paler chestnut. Very sound on the move and showed good drive from behind. Preferred head proportions of winner and showing whites of his eyes today. ShCM.

MPB (9,2) 1st Bloice's Scotlass Paper Rainbow. Showing so much promise for her age – already quite the show girl. A very happy puppy who never stopped wagging her tail. Perfect size and shape. Head developing well for age; already has large dark round eyes and high set ears. Melting expression. Sound on the move. Tri-colour coat is beautifully broken with tan in all right places. BPB & BPIS. 2nd Sedgbeer's Russmic Rosie Glow. Another very exciting puppy who could have easily won the class. She was a little but shy at her first show but will surely have a bright future. A rich red Ruby with most beautiful expression – so soft and gentle. Darkest eyes. High set ears and nearly flat skull. Ideal size and body shape. Sound away and back.

PB (4,2) 1st Glenn's Shelpet Samara at Lilacorhid. A Blenheim puppy with immaculate silky coat and well broken chestnut markings. Very good head proportions and soft gentle expression. Short coupled in body. A little taller on her leg at present. Very well constructed forequarters – lacked a little drive from behind. 2nd Potter's Toyswood Black Star. Black & Tan with raven black shine to her well-developed silky coat and rich tan markings. Very pretty head with typical gentle expression and dark eyes. Very sound on move and shows good drive from behind. Longer cast than ideal.

JB (4,1) 1st Hogan's Miletree Ophelia at Stavonga. A beautiful headed Blenheim with a super silky, well-broken coat. Good width to head and high set ears. Perfect length to muzzle. Softest of expressions and large dark round eyes. Loved her size and short-coupled body. Has well laid shoulders but needs better bend of stifle to balance. Fell off over croup on go round today which detracted. 2nd Potter's Toyswood Black Star.

MB (2,1) 1st Hogan's Miletree Ophelia at Stavonga.

NB (1,0) 1st Glenn's Shelpet Samara at Lilacorhid.

GB (5,0) 1st Blydon's Brymarden Honeybun. Ideal size and shape and catches eye immediately with her overall balance and showmanship. A pretty Blenheim Toy Spaniel typically wanting to please her master. Very well balanced stood and on the move. Very well proportioned head with high set ears and dark eyes. Such a soft, gentle expression. Short coupled with well-set tail. Very sound and cannot stand wrong. A foot perfect performance. BB & RBIS. 2nd Lee's Calonlan Perfect Kiss for Kelrick JW ShCM. Another beautifully headed bitch with that typical sweetness of expression. Perfect size and shape being short-coupled with well set on tail. Well laid shoulders and very good bend of stifle. Moves with real drive and sound away – a little untidy coming towards today. Super silky coat with well broken chestnut markings.

Sp PGB (3,0) Two very nice Blenheim bitches and very similar in make and shape. Both very sound on the move and both short coupled. Winner has slightly richer chestnut markings which are better broken. 1st Claydon's Brymarden Honeysuckle JW. Beautiful head and expression with very good fill under her large dark eyes. Such a happy bitch that she had a tendency to carry her tail a little higher

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than her top line in the challenge. Perhaps just determined to 'out-show' her sister. 2nd Hobbs' Beaconsfylde High Fidelity. A little smaller in head than winner but did not detract and such well-balanced proportions. Very stylish bitch showing very good overall balance.

Sp PGB (3,0) 1st Bailey's Toyswood Fenellas Legacy for Adoricka. A well-constructed Ruby of very good size and short-coupled in overall shape. Soft expression and well-proportioned head with nearly flat skull and high set ears. Moved soundly. 2nd Potter's Toyswood Black Star.

LB (3,1) 1st Ryan's Cavalli Beautiful Life (IKC) JW. Perfect size and shape. Makes a real picture stood and on the move – so short coupled and balanced in every way. The prettiest of heads with dark pigmentation and sweet expression. Really comes into her own on the move – such well laid shoulders and good turn of style – free flowing movement and sound away and back. In tip top condition with silky coat and well broken chestnut markings. A Blenheim with uneven markings on her head but such a super bitch with many virtues that have to be recognised and rewarded. RBB. 2nd Richardson's Pauroi Fortune Teller at Kringleholme. A pretty head and soft, gentle expression. Very sound away and back. A little longer in back than the winner and would prefer more width to her head. Well broken coat of soft silky texture.

OB (5,2) 1st Hobbs' Carolus Felicitation at Beaconsfylde JW. A very well trained show girl with a super head and expression. Ideal size and short-coupled in body giving very good overall balance. Very sound, moves with drive with very good footfall. A Tri-Colour with only a couple of small breaks on her black saddle. 2nd Inglis' Craigowl Keep In Touch. Makes a lovely shape both stood and on the move. Short-coupled in body and very good top line. Very pretty head but could have more width and slightly higher set ears. Rich chestnut markings that could be better broken. Very sound away and back. Moves freely with drive from behind.

VB (5,2) Two beautiful older ladies – a credit to their owners. 1st Scott's Lorphil Lalibertie. Loved her head proportions and soft, gentle expression. Very good size and shape. Silky coat texture and well broken chestnut markings. 2nd Hobbs' Wynncliff Lady Karly of Beaconsfylde. Such a sound dog still – belying her 12 years plus. A smaller head with a sweet expression. Makes a very balanced shape stood and on the move. In tip top condition. Preferred width and head proportions of the winner.

Nick Gourley – Judge.