



THE SCOTTISH CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB

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Show Critique Summer Open Show 4th June 2023

Judge: Miss K Kynaston

I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge at the Summer Open Show and my two stewards Elizabeth and Terry who kept the ring running smoothly. It is an honour to be invited to judge at a Breed Show and I would like to thank the Exhibitors for bringing their beautiful Cavaliers for me to judge and accepting my decisions.

Veteran Dog (6-1abs)

1st Byer's Braemarra Taylor at Linetive – 7 year old heavily marked Blenheim, skull almost flat between well feathered ears, dark round eye, soft expression, correct dentition, good reach of neck, in good coat, long feathering, good forechest, carried a level top line both on the move and in profile, good spring of rib, moved well.

2nd Fraser's Lewis's Leonardo at Fraskye – 7 year old Black and Tan with a wealth of coat, smaller in size to 1st, large dark eye, skull almost flat between well feathered ears, good reach of neck, good topline, moved with enthusiasm.

Minor Puppy Dog (2-0abs)

1st Gibb-Stuart's Tangledwood Someone to Love – very exuberant 8 month old Blenheim, nicely marked and in good coat for age, lovely head almost flat framed by well feathered ears, good pigment, dark round eyes, correct dentition, moved with confidence coming and going, good angulation, good reach of neck, carried a level topline, correct tailset. A nice puppy.

2nd Mcleman's Stronepoint Jamie – very raw 7 month old B/T, in good coat for his age, pretty head, correct dentition, movement a little difficult to assess and he needs to settle which will come, would prefer a little more leg,

Puppy Dog (3-0abs)

1st Inglis Verheyen Reacher at Craigowl – 10 month Blenheim who oozes quality, well broken, lovely coat, moved around the ring with elegance, correct head framed by well feathered ears, large dark eyes, soft expression, correct dentition good forechest and rear movement, correct tail set, moved around the ring with such confidence for one so young, a lovely well balanced puppy. Presented very well. Reserved Best Dog, Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show.

2nd Hood's Rabymar New York – 11 month Ruby, stronger in head than 1st, large dark eyes, good reach of neck, carried level topline, good spring of rib, slightly bigger than 1st, presented well, his coat silky and straight, just carried his tail a little high today.

Junior Dog (4-0abs)

1st Richardson's Kringleholme Kraftwerk – 14 month Blenheim of a nice size, well presented silky well broken coat, large dark eyes, soft expression, well feathered ears, correct dentition, good pigment, good angulation, moved ok.

2nd Baillie's Marisk Groban at Cavallino – 16 month Ruby, larger build to 1st. Head almost flat between well feathered ears, dark round eyes, good pigment, correct dentition, carried a level topline both on the move and in profile, good rear movement, his silky straight coat well presented.

Maiden Dog (2-0abs)

1st Hood's Rabymar New York – see Puppy dog

2nd Swanston's Ouzlewell's Brodie of Pamojill – 13 month Blenheim, finer in bone than 1st, pretty head framed between well feathered ears, large dark eye, correct dentition, lovely shape, moved a little close behind.

Novice Dog (3-0abs)

1st Hamilton's Kilbarchen's Moonwalker – 7 year old Blenheim dog in good coat. Correct head and muzzle, soft expression, large dark round eye, level topline both on the move and in profile, Correct tail carriage. Moved nicely in this class once settled.

2nd Hood's Rabymar New York – see puppy dog

Graduate Dog (3-0abs)

1st Richardson's Kringleholme Kraftwerk – See Junior Dog

2nd Bibby's Murren's Jock -7 year old Ruby in good coat, lovely size and shape, large dark round eye giving a soft expression, good forechest, carried a level topline, good spring of rib, moved nicely constantly wagging tail.

Post Graduate Dog (2-0abs)

1st Finlay-Kirkwood's Owencurra Tremdous at Marisk – 13 month B/T, lovely expression, dark round eye, correct dentition, well filled muzzle, a wealth of silky raven black coat, bright tan in all the correct places, good spring of rib, flat skull, prefer a little more neck, moved ok, well presented.

2nd Fraser's Bracken Gold at Fraskye – 2 ½ year old Ruby, larger than 1st, soft expression, in good coat, large dark eyes, good muzzle, carried level topline both on the move and in profile, preferred the movement of 1.

Special Post Graduate (B/T and Ruby) Dog (2-0abs)

1st Baillie's Marisk Greatest Showman at Cavallino – 5 year old Ruby rich in colour, very stylish dog, good silky coat, skull almost flat between well feathered ears, dark round eye, correct muzzle, correct dentition, good spring of rib, good forechest and strong rear movement, very happy boy moved well carrying a level topline and correct tail set. Best Dog and Best In Show

2nd Fraser's Lewis's Leonardo at Fraskye – See Veteran Dog

Limit Dog (3-0abs)

1st Gow's Lyncraeg Little Pip – 2 ½ year old Blenheim. Nicely broken, moved lovely on a loose lead, large dark eye, head almost flat between well feathered ears, correct tail set, constant wagging tail, good reach of neck, very attentive to owner.

2nd Baillie's Coralvalley Pure Mischief at Cavallino – 5 year old Blenheim dog nicely broken, large dark eyes, much the same at 1, although slightly bigger, happy boy moved well.

Open Dog (3-0abs)

1st Byer's Braemarra Taylor at Linetive – see Veteran Dog

2nd Hamilton's Kilbarchen's Moonwalker – see Novice Dog

Minor Puppy Bitch (1-0abs)

1st Henson and Speirs Caramoone Grace Kelly – 7 month old Blenheim, very feminine well broken rich chestnut markings with lozenge, Skull almost flat between well feathered ears, large dark eye, good forechest and shoulders correct tail set, moved well. very attentive to handler.

Pup

py Bitch (1-0abs)

1st Gibb-Stuart's Jamesbonny Sweet Savannah at Tangledwood – 11 month Blenheim, lovely shape, pretty head with large dark eye, good pigment, correct dentition, unfortunately she was not happy with the flooring today and her movement was difficult to assess.

Junior Bitch (3-1abs)

1st Spiers' Bonniemadra Cantarito at Caramoone – Ruby. Lovely size and shape, head almost flat between well feathered ears, dark round eyes, good reach of neck, good spring of rib, straight rich silky coat, carried a level topline on the move, good rear angulation, correct tail set, moved ok

2nd Mackenzie's Marisk Lesley Garrett at Calanru – slightly larger than 1, large dark eye, good reach of neck dark pigment, straight rich silky coat, carried a level topline on the move, good rear angulation, correct tail set, moved ok.

Maiden Bitch (1-0abs)

1st Spiers' Caramoone Raspberry Dream – B/T lovely Raven Black silky coat with bright tan in the correct places, head almost flat between well feathered ears, dark round eye, good reach of neck, happy girl with a constant wagging tail, would prefer a little more leg, moved ok.



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Junior Handling Critique Summer Open Show 4th June 2023

Childrens' Handling Class

Judge: Gordon Inglis (Craigowl)

I hadn't been to a Scottish Club Show for a number of years. Apart from showing my part of the Fab Four (Ch Craigowl Keep In Touch) in 2017 and judging at the Club's Championship Show in 2018.

Carol collared me early in the day for this job, which I was happy to do as I am always keen to support the youngsters who show enthusiasm about exhibiting their dogs. Sadly, there was only one entered today, but 10 year old Miriam Spence was as keen as you could ask for and had a great relationship with her little bitch, Pheobe.

Miriam was keen to learn how to get the best out of her opportunity in the ring. She understood the basics of getting Pheobe to stand and show herself free standing. Obviously, baiting her with her favourite titbits helped. This was only Miriam's second time showing, so I spent some time and gave her some guidance as to moving Pheobe, so that the dog was always visible between her and the judge. She picked this up immediately and showed an improvement from her first attempt to go round and had shortened her lead to keep control. With practice she should be able to stand back from Pheobe in the standing position, so that the entire focus is on her dog rather than the handler.

She took all on board and in the afternoon, she showed her with more confidence in the main show, winning her class and was awarded Best Bitch. A great thrill for a youngster. I'm sure she is looking forward to her next venture into the showing. It was nice for me to see a family connection as Pheobe is litter sister to Lyncraeg Little Pip and thus by our own Hollis (Ch Craigowl Out Of Touch JW) and is mentored by breeder Lindsay Gow and Sarah Perry. Lindsay probably started showing at the Scottish Cavalier Club shows at a similar age. Keep up the good work, girls.

The Scottish Club shows are always happy occasions and this one was no exception and it was good to see a few friends from my youthful showing days like Terry (still stewarding) and Liz, as keen today in promoting the Club as she was back in the 1970s.

It was at the Scottish Club shows that our love of showing Cavaliers was founded.

Firstly attending the 1972 Championship Show at Stirling as spectators with Bill Siggers judging. Showing at the Members' show at Kirkintilloch, a year later under Sheila Halsall. I judged the Match at the Summer Party a few years later at Vi

Armstrong's farm in Ayrshire. Serving on the Committee where I proposed the idea of having a third show annually, an Open Show along with the Members Limited and Championship Shows. The members show was subsequently replaced by having two Open Shows annually. Co-Editing the year Book with Norma. Even after our move to Buckinghamshire in 1979, I recall attending a Summer Open Show under Tom Boardman at Haddington. Not forgetting the Amice Pitt Rallies at Oxenfoord Castle, Kelso and Carberry Estate East Lothian.

Since our move to the Newcastle area in 2001, we have regularly supported the Club's shows and they have been lucky for us, winning a number of major awards with various dogs and bitches. So it was a pleasure to return the favour by giving something back to the Club that has been so influential in my life with Cavaliers.