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Dogs

Judge **Sheena Maclaine**

Firstly I would very much like to thank the Scottish Club for bestowing this honour on me for the second time. Secondly I was not only thrilled with my entry but that so many hardened exhibitors travelled out in such horrendous conditions for the show to go ahead. Our thoughts were with all those in the east of the country enduring so much more.

Thirdly thank you to my two very able stewards, Terry & Iris

When I stopped for the lunch break just before Limit I was in the enviable position that if there were no more delights to come I had already found dogs that I would have been proud to have awarded the CC to...that's right, more than one!

VETERAN (8, 2 Abs)

1st McMurray's Ch Harana Jack Jones at Merryoth VW, this boy is 8 years young! He has not only not lost ring presence, he owns it! His head took a long time to fully mature, generous in fill, lustrous dark eyes giving melting expression. Rich chestnut markings on pearly white ground with coat of silkiest texture and put down in excellent condition. He moves out positively.

2nd Hamilton's Kilbarchan Moonwalker, up to size Blenheim boy with a very handsome head framed by the most glamorous ears. Kind eyes and sweet expression. Not the croup of winner but this boy moved out with drive.

3rd Byers' Braemarra Taylor at Linetive

Res Slack's Willowheart Louis

VHC White's Carleny Diamond Button

SPECIAL VINTAGE (1, 0)

1st Winning's Narayden Black Coffee, b&t boy of 10 years with a gentle masculine head, dark eye and good dentition. Short coupled, I would have preferred a little more neck. His coat is now a little woolly having been castrated. Nothing was going to stop him having a good day; lovely temperament and thoroughly enjoying himself.

MINOR PUPPY (11, 0)

My first and second were of different type, both with lots to like

1st Smith's Beaudale Smooth Criminal, it is not often you describe a minor puppy as elegant, this 7 month old baby is that. I liked his overall shape and reach and drive on the move. He has a lovely neck, gentle tapered head carried proudly and super angles at shoulder and rear. His new coat is coming in with rich ruby hues, the last of the puppy fluff on his legs to go. He has a sweet expression, dark eyes that could be bigger and may yet grow.

2nd Kynaston's Granasil Ovaltine, this rascal of 7 months is shorter over loin than my first and as he settled his movement got better. He has an adequate neck, with good shoulders and angles at rear. Attractive head, a little deeper in stop than 1 with dark eyes and pigment.

3rd Lovel's Juzandia Keverne at Lovetrac

Res Spall & Eccles' Llapsttams Get Knotted

VHC Leach's Ouzlewell's Dante

PUPPY (7, 3)

1st, BPD & Best Puppy in Show Long's Arroline Kryptonite, stunning tricolour puppy with a very promising future, I am sure top honours are not far away! Attractively marked in body and captivating masculine head with no exaggerations, correct fill under the eye, rich bright tan, dark gentle eyes and sweet expression. Covers ground effortlessly on the move with good tail carriage.

2nd Hughes' Loranka's He's The One, Blenheim boy of similar mould to 1. Lots of quality coat for a baby. Kind head with darkest of eyes. A little narrower through his body at this early stage in development.

3rd Deamer's Kelrick Prince Of Dreams at Bankshill

Res Caldwell & McCue's Xety River Of Dreams

JUNIOR (6, 3)

1st Chapman & Ireland's Notorious Du Chateau Noblesse at Ellemich, striking Blenheim youngster of 12 months. Rare to get such a good reach of neck on such a compact package. He is a lovely size with good croup and tail straight off the topline. Gentle head framed by beautiful full ears. He has large, melting dark eyes. Moves out positively and soundly.

2nd Spall & Clark's Llapsttam's Sir Prize, b&t boy, another of ideal toy spaniel size, just a little longer over loin than 1. Having caught my eye in the ring as a baby I note that his sweet head is getting better and better as it matures. Large, gentle eyes. He moves out soundly

3rd Gibb-Stuart's Tangledwood Someone To Love

YEARLING (2, 1)

1st Slack's Dalvreck In Dreams for Eversbabes, richest chestnut Blenheim boy with good angles at front and rear. Not easy for his owner to move him at the right speed and as he stood alone in a qualifying class I pushed his owner hard to see him move other than at a pace. Mission accomplished I was able to award him first with the recommendation that he lost a little bit of weight to assist his movement. Just more practice required.

MAIDEN (3, 0)

1st Smith's Beaudale Rumors, loved this naughty ruby boy and would have quite happily taken him home. I now discover litter brother to the winner of Minor Puppy so just 7 months. Clearly needs a bit of ring experience however he just oozes quality. He excels in neck and is beautifully balanced at shoulder and rear. Lovely body shape with good rib, not too long over loin. He just moves effortlessly. Correct in head with tapered muzzle, top of head almost flat between ears, expressive gentle dark eyes with black eye rims. Definitely a steal for me.

2nd Granasil Ovaltine – see Minor Puppy

3rd Baillie's Marisk Groban at Cavallino

NOVICE (3, 1)

1st Kilbarchan Moonwalker – see Veteran

2nd Dalvreck In Dreams for Eversbabes – see Yearling

GRADUATE (2, 0)

1st Leach's Ouzlewell's Symphony, much to like about this dog with his cobby body shape, good neck, shoulders, topline, rear angles and his very positive movement. Gentle in head with dark eyes, could have better pigment. His pale coat colour and coat quality is somewhat disappointing.

2nd Linton's Thekop's Black'N Gold, this boy has the gentlest of expression from his kind dark eyes and good pigment. Just a little heavy in head for me. In full coat and has tan of deepest rich colour. Standing was a little longer than 1 over loin. Out moved today.

POST GRADUATE (1, 0)

1st Smith's Beaudale Return To Sender, another delight from this very small kennel showing such consistency – all from the top drawer with very bright futures ahead of them. His coat is exquisite in colour, deep, rich and even all through and of the silkiest texture. Well put together with muscled arch to neck and good topline. Lovely head that will continue to develop, kind dark eyes with black pigment to eye rims and nose. He moves gracefully and soundly, wagging his tail. I am sure this quality boy has a bright future!

SPECIAL POST GRADUATE (WHOLE COLOUR) (4, 1)

This was a tough class and I preferred the eyes and expression of my 2nd however...

1st Hughes' Loranka's Encanto, this black & tan for me cut the better shape, shorter over the loin he had the same amount of neck as 2nd, correct lay of shoulder, lovely rib and well turned stifles. Very gentle in head with darkest of eyes, just a little worried in expression. Quality tan colour. He moved out true in front and behind and is growing in confidence.

2nd Spall & Clark's Llapsttam's Heavenly Scent, ruby boy with lovely classic head, tapered in muzzle, with well set ears, melting eyes and expression. His profile is lovely with level topline and good tail carriage. He has good angles at shoulder and rear and moved true in front but closer behind.

3rd Baillie's Marisk Greatest Showman at Cavallino

SPECIAL POST GRADUATE (PARTI COLOUR) (1, 0)

1st Leaver's Revaelann Nik Nac Paddy Wak, this not so little chubster would benefit from losing a little of his weight over shoulders but still moved soundly. Dearest of heads with dark eye, lovely expression and good ear carriage.

LIMIT (3, 1)

1st Lovel's Lovetrac Brandon, handsome Blenheim boy of richest chestnut colours on pearly white ground, standing patiently attentive to his owner he draws the eye. Very attractive in head, nothing overdone, with most expressive dark eyes. Adequate neck, good lay of shoulder, spring of rib and angulation at rear. He moves out positively.

2nd Byers' Bonniemadra Ricochet to Linetive, well broken tricolour with gentle head and dark eyes and pigment. I preferred him standing showing his level topline and wealth of coat. On the move he was better in front and fell away a little at croup, moving closer behind. Sound movement.

SPECIAL OPEN (WHOLE COLOUR) (6, 2)

1st Wileman & Botts' Ch Granasil Trick Or Treat for Narvidar JW, have loved the naughtiness of this chap since he first came out as a baby full of va va vroom! This black & tan carries a wealth of coat, gleaming black and rich tan, beautifully presented. Definitely masculine head with very expressive eyes. He moves out covering the ground with a level topline and tail a continuation of. He still has just as much va va vroom to test his handler!

2nd Kerr's Can Ch Cempas Northwest Passage to Kinvaar (Imp Can) rich ruby with gentle head, uses his ears well, just needing a little more feathering. Large, dark eyes expressive and attentive. Compact dog with smaller well balanced frame, he moved out freely albeit carrying a little extra weight.

3rd Law's Xety Man On The Moon

Res Fraser's Lewis's Leonardo at Fraskye

SPECIAL OPEN (SCOTTISH RESIDENT) (6, 2)

1st Law's Xety Man On The Moon, this boy was unplaced in the Minor Puppy Dog class but had settled more as the day had progressed. He was the most typey in the class with gentle head, dark eye and pigment. Sporting a gleaming coat.

2nd Byers' Braemarra Taylor at Linetive, Blenheim 3rd in Veteran, a little on the big side for me. He moved a tad close behind but soundly. Such a kind head with the most beautiful large, round dark eyes.

3rd Winnings' Narayden Black Coffee

Res Slack's Dalvreck In Dreams for Eversbabes

OPEN (3, 0)

What a class – I was absolutely over the moon to be able to go over both these guys in person. Both breed record holders, the first as the youngest champion and the second for being top of the tree in his colour and both an absolute credit to the breed, beautifully presented in glorious coat with wonderful show temperament – they owned the Best in Show stage and I was delighted that my co-judge, Lindsay Gow, was in full agreement that they took Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show respectively.

1st, CC & Best in Show Chapman & Ireland's Ch Ellemich American Express, a delightful balanced package of ideal size, a true toy spaniel. He has the gentlest of heads; masculine, well filled under the eyes which are not only dark but double pigmented; large open black nostrils and no exaggeration. Lovely crest to neck that extends from well laid shoulders, well sprung rib and short over loin. His Blenheim colours are chestnut with the pearlescent white, well broken and sparkling. He moves out with all the pzazz and pick me attitude.

2nd, RCC & Reserve Best in Show Kilcoyne's Ch Granasil Bourbon, stunning ruby with all the fire colours in his beautifully presented mantle that just gleams. This boy has got better as he has matured, now settling in to his stride he moves effortlessly around the ring with tail straight off topline, another with a graceful neck and lovely angles at shoulder and rear. His head is masculine, almost flat top skull, gentle foreface with sweetest of expression from dark eyes. So lovely to see such black pigment on a ruby, both in eye rims and nostrils. A very close decision.

3rd Byers' Bonniemadra Ricochet to Linetive

Bitches

Judge **Lindsay Gow**

Thanks to the Scottish Cavalier Cub for inviting me to judge. I joined the Club almost 60 years ago and this was a very special appointment for me. Thanks also to my helpful stewarding team but mostly to the many exhibitors who braved dreadful weather conditions to attend the show.

It was heartening to have good entries particularly in the puppy classes and I hope this bodes well for the future. Temperaments were without exception excellent and there were many lovely dogs who made my decisions difficult. Hind movement and teeth could do with improvement and size remains variable.

Veteran Bitch(1)

1. Fox's Lewharle Izzadorable at Lynmily, compact 9 year old blenheim with lozenge, such a sweet head, lovely dark eye and expression, level topline, perfect tail carriage and a good mover. Best Veteran.

Vintage Bitch(2)

1. Scott's Toscam Michaela, 10 year old heavily marked tricolour with a long lustrous coat. Attractive head and expression and excellent teeth for her age. Lovely balance and showed like a youngster.
2. Glen's Trusties Harmony Haida to Sandbrae, also 10 years old, ruby with a lovely soft expression and dark eye. Clipped which showed her good outline but took away a bit of her past glamour. Showing her age now and not as steady on the move.

Minor Puppy Bitch (16)

1. Chapman's Ellemich Secret Love, 7 months old, well grown, beautifully marked blenheim, large dark eye, correct bite, and sweet expression. Short coupled with good front and spring of rib, level topline, showed enthusiastically and moved with drive.
2. Water's Sweetbriar a Singer, also 7 month, small well broken blenheim with rich chestnut markings, sweet head, lovely eye, black nose with plenty time for a little pigment to fill. Well balanced and showed and moved well.
3. Smith's Beaudale Little Bit Naughty
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Puppy Bitch ((9,2)

1. Liverton-Ovey's Chantismere Conchetta for Halosey, 10 month old lightly marked blenheim with with straight silky coat. Pretty head with gentle expression, good reach of neck, level topline and good tail set. Moved well and showed attentively.

2. Waddington's Spindlepoint Gertie Jekyll, smaller compact richly marked blenheim with beautiful dark eyes and the loveliest expression. She has a good topline and tail carriage and moved well with an ever wagging tail.
3. Long's Arrowline Eternity

Junior Bitch (3,2)

1. Maxwell's Eildon Dream Elsa, very pretty little b/t with a soft expression, good dark eye, nicely cushioned muzzle with a good reach of neck and level topline. A happy mover with good drive from the rear.

Yearling Bitch (7,4)

1. Spall's Llapstams Eunice, small compact b/t with a lovely straight glossy coat. Loved her gentle expression and overall balance and movement.
2. Spier's Bonniemadra Cantarito for Caramoone, ruby bitch with a lovely head, good bite and pigment. nice crest of neck into level topline. Straight silky coat, slightly longer in body. Reluctant to move initially but went well once she got going.
3. Liverton-Ovey's Kinvaar Sunshine In Pocket for Halosey

Maiden Bitch (5,4)

1. Waddington's Spindlepoint Gertie Jekyll (2nd Puppy bitch)
2. Deamer's Cavallibrook Evenly Kiss at Bankshill, well broken blenheim of excellent conformation who showed confidently and moved soundly. Good eye and well cushioned muzzle with sweet expression and correct bite. Well coated though chestnut could be richer.
3. Lees' KelrickTrinity

Novice Bitch (2,1)

1. Maxwells' Poundroll Nina, heavily marked tricolour bitch with wide blaze, well spaced dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle making a very attractive head. Short coupled with level topline, moved and showed well.

Graduate Bitch (9,2)

1. Tremain's Bonitos Companeros First Class, elegant blenheim who took my eye coming into the ring. Well broken, silky coat of rich colouring. Liked her size, balance and typical head with gentle expression and lovely dark eyes. Level topline, good tailset and moved happily.
2. Water's Sweetbriar La Dee Da, beautifully made, compact blenheim with rich chestnut markings. Typical head with lovely eyes and a sweet expression. Sound mover.
3. Lees' Conchellia Vivi Velvette by Kelrick

Post Graduate Bitch (5,2)

1. Water's Siradhis Cassandra at Osage, sweet expression on this pretty headed, cheerful well broken blenheim who moved well. Long silky coat.

2. McCue's Kathysgirl All Hallows Eve, richly coloured ruby with a gentle expression, good dark eye and pigment. Longer in body and coming back into coat after a litter.
3. White's Sweetest of all at Carleny

Special Post Graduate Wholecolour Bitch (3,1)

1. Maxwell's Eildon Dream Elsa (1st in Junior)
2. Rogerson's, Rabymar Hot Gossip, such a pretty compact little b/t with a lovely silky coat who might have won the class had she shown more enthusiasm. Soft expression, good dark eye, correct bite and well cushioned muzzle. Moved soundly.

Special Postgraduate Particolour Bitch (5,1)

1. Lovel's Lovetrac Born to Boogie, very promising attractively marked blenheim with lozenge. Pretty headed with well spaced dark eyes and nicely cushioned muzzle. Good reach of neck, level back and correct tailset. She moved well and showed happily.
2. Fox's Brymarden Scarlet for Lynmily, well balanced lightly marked blenheim who has a pretty head with lovely dark eyes and excellent pigment. A happy girl who showed and moved soundly.
3. McMurray's Merryoth Mockingbird

Limit Bitch (10,6)

1. Kerr's Kinvaar Away with the Fairys, nicely broken markings on this compact tricolour with evenly marked head and soft expression framed by long well feathered ears. Good reach of neck, plenty of chest room and good front angulation. She showed so well and typified a Cavalier and toy spaniel. Bitch CC today which I believe is her third. Congratulations.
2. Spier's Bonniemadra Cantarito at Caramoone (2nd in Yearling).
3. Maddy's LLapstams Bloode Nora Gabmaddi

Special Open (whole colour) Bitch

1. Hughes' Loranka's Secret Potion, nicely balanced little b/t with good dark eye and well cushioned muzzle, gentle expression and long, well set ears. Straight silky coat, level topline and good tailset and she moved soundly. Reserve CC.
2. Ch LLapstam Sent from Heaven, elegant ruby with lovely outline and a beautiful head. Well angulated with a good reach of neck and level topline and sound on the move.

Special Open Bitch (Resident in Scotland) (3,1)

1. Tremain's Bonitos Companeros First Class (1st in Graduate)
2. Spier's Thekop's Eliza Doolittle, richly coloured and attractive ruby with good dark eyes and pigment. Straight silky coat. Moved and showed well.

Open Bitch (5,2)

1. Conlon and Kotani's Rathbrist Whatchoolookinat, This beautiful well broken graceful blenheim with rich chestnut markings and luxurious full coat has a really lovely head and soft expression. She has excellent conformation and moves like a dream. Beautifully presented. For perfection I would prefer her slightly smaller.
2. Lovel's Lovetrac Theodora, smaller, typical blenheim with rich chestnut markings. Well proportioned, has a deep ribcage and is short coupled. Slightly short of coat. A sound and happy mover.
3. Spall's LLapsttams Sent from Heaven