

## Report of the London Cocker Spaniel Society Championship Show 1.12.2012

### Bitches

Many thanks for the organizers for this invitation also for the exhibitors for a lovely entry of 161 bitches. This was my 4<sup>th</sup> time in UK and 100<sup>th</sup> time overall to judge Cocker Spaniels at Championship level – my first original and favourite breed, and therefore this was a very special occasion for me.

A few comments about the bitches I judged:

Some positive points I noted: there was not one shy, not one aggressive or nervous. Coat quality in general was excellent, something which has greatly improved in solids during the past years. Excellent back ends, short hocks, good hindquarters without exaggerations.

Unfortunately there were much fewer really outstanding specimens than I expected, too many running eyes (mainly in solids), one open bite, two suspected bites, two crooked tails. Front movement left much to desire and it was not improved by funny trimmings with nearly all coat clipped off from the chest – with lots of coat down on the hocks – it ruined the overall balance of the dog. The wanted powerful gundog reach in frontstep was missing from many otherwise typy and nice bitches.

Every single one had a lovely dark eye colour, which was a pleasure to note.

I was very pleased with my final line up of excellent bitches in many colours. The finals were judged jointly with Jennifer Carey and it made a nice end for the show as we could agree on all decisions.

#### **Any solid colour special puppy bitch ( 5):**

1<sup>st</sup> Share-Jones's SHAREMEAD SAL TAN PEPPER, b/t, the sweetest of heads, so feminine all over, correct body proportions and an excellent mover which made her win this class

2<sup>nd</sup> Holmes' KENAN KRUMPET, black, well developed body for her age, correct depth of brisket and good forechest. Beautiful coat and condition.

3<sup>rd</sup> Cory&Brown's LUJESA HEAVEN SENT

#### **Any solid colour special Novice bitch (2,1):**

1<sup>st</sup> Crist's KASORDON FIRECRACKER, red, good bone and body proportions,, a little weak in pasterns, correct topline, a little heavy in head, needs more feathering to fulfill the picture. Moved well.

#### **Any solid colour special graduate bitch (9):**

1<sup>st</sup> Young's CANYONN CLASSIC HARMONY, lovely young red feminine girl of top class. Well balanced all over, lovely topline and correct length of neck, good bone & quarters, a little short ribcage, but overall balance, compactness and correct movement made her take this class with ease. When she gets her full coat, should have a bright future.

2<sup>nd</sup> Share-Jones's SHAREMEAD GOLDEN SHIMMER, red, who really could move ! Good shape of body, small tight feet, correct topline, A little short in foreface. Lovely character with an ever wagging tail.

3<sup>rd</sup> Lockwood's ZAKOWA ROSE GOLD

#### **Any solid colour special open bitch (9):**

1<sup>st</sup> CC& BIS Ellison's SH CH CANIGOOU STORY TIME AT WITHIFLOR, red, feminine, a real cockery type, lovely head with correct shape of eye & soft expression. Correct length of neck and excellent topline which she kept both standing and on the move. Correct shape of ribcage, good depth of body and shape of forechest. Moved easily and fluently with powerful step with good reach and drive. Perfect straight front with nice tight and small feet – all little details correct, carried herself well on the move with an ever wagging tail.

Construction left nothing to desire, she never puts a foot wrong and does not need much handling to show her virtues. A joy to judge this absolutely top class, quality bitch and had tears in my eyes when handing her my rosette number 100 for the CC and later BIS.

2<sup>nd</sup> Res CC, Bentley's SH CH CANIGOU LOVE ON THE ROCKS black, full of quality, nice head, excels in coat quality, excellent well made body and easy going movement, correct shape of ribcage, excellent topline, in tip top show condition

3<sup>rd</sup> Blackley&Salero-s GLENTREE RUBY SLIPPERS

**Any other colour special puppy bitch (4):**

1<sup>st</sup> Donald's SWEETWAYS FORGET ME NOT, dark blue roan, a beauty on the move, excellent easy going, cobby well built puppy with very nice head, too much trimming in front and she should need better handling to show all her virtues.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reed's REEMIF ICE ICE BABY, a very nice and eye catching youngster, striking b/r colours, a little long in loin and needs to tighten with age. Lovely head and expression, rolls slightly on the move but has a very good and powerful reach and drive.

3<sup>rd</sup> Lee&Hall's EVAREMOC BUTTONS'N'BOWS

**Any other colour special novice bitch(4):**

1<sup>st</sup> Murray's GLOWHILL REET PETITE, very nicely coloured b/r feminine bitch. Most beautiful head. Ideal size, good bone and correct length of neck placed to well laid shoulders and correctly angulated front. Small tight feet, correct topline and moves well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Buck's CLAVAIRE HUMMINGBIRD, darker b/r, sweet feminine head, good bone and correct proportions. Standing makes a lovely well balanced picture but spoils her chances with unwilling to use her tail and should have a brighter and more proud attitude when going round the ring.

3<sup>rd</sup> Shepperson&Daykin's ANNILANN MISS SHONE

**Any other colour special graduate bitch (3):**

1<sup>st</sup> Shapland's DERACOR DESTINY'S CHILD, blue roan, a lovely dog to go over, beautiful head and well built body, strong bone, correct quarters, good depth and model of brisket, correct forechest. Needs a little more reach in front step. In tip top show condition.

2<sup>nd</sup> Harris's CHALKHILL WHERE IS LOVE, b/r, lovely head and good neck. A little low set of tail. Well developed body. Needs to settle in movement, moved over eagerly to reach a proper balance.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gregory's GLASFRYN ANGELINA

**Any other colour special open bitch (7):**

1<sup>st</sup> Marris-Bray's HELENWOOD BRING ME SUNSHINE, o/w strong well built and developed bitch. Very correct quarters and strong bone, good ribcage & deep brisket, would like to see a little taller in size to give a better overall balance. Moves very well with great reach and drive. In lovely full coat.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reid's SHANAZ THISTLE b/r, very short and cockery in type. Most beautiful in head, a little upright in shoulders, excellent body proportions. Moved ok.

3<sup>rd</sup> Whitehead's RYALLCOURT MOLOH

**Any colour veteran bitch (10):**

1<sup>st</sup> BIS veteran, Alderson's CALVDALE HELENAE OF KARESMERE, red, well balanced and correctly built veteran in tip top condition. Correct head lines, good topline, Moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Marris-Bray's SH CH HELENWOOD IRRESISTABELLE, black, lovely type, 12 years, I really fell for this beautiful veteran as she is so typy and beautiful dog to handle, lovely head, excels in neck and shoulders, quarters and shape of body. Her high age is seen on topline and a little too much coat under spoils a little the overall balance.

3<sup>rd</sup> Burnet's MOONSHINE NIGHTIME SOLACE AT BECKABY

**Any colour minor puppy bitch (22):**

1<sup>st</sup> BIS PUPPY, Parkinson&Dillon's DILLONPARK PERONI, black, 7mths, what a baby! So well balanced for her age. Excellent size, body proportions and well developed . Most beautiful head with dark good shaped eye and melting expression. Good neck & excellent shoulders. Cannot really fault her anywhere when going over. lovely character, and in beautiful shiny coat and trimmed to perfection. Excellent powerful mover. A future star for sure.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lester's QUETTADENE STAR SECRET, black, 7mths, very cockery in type, lovely head , good bone. Correct topline. Another who should reach the top spots one day.

3<sup>rd</sup> Berndes' SULINTARY SUGAR AND SPICE

**Any colour puppy bitch (13):**

1<sup>st</sup> Bentley's CANIGOLOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, black ,9mths, A super puppy, very feminine and well balanced, lovely coat and in tip top form. No exaggerations anywhere, Very correctly built all over. Just a little high tail carriage on the day.

2<sup>nd</sup> Amos-Jones' CASSOM OLIVE OYL, b/w, 11mths, a real eye catcher, very stylish b/w, a little wild on the move spoiled the overall balance. Decision between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> was most difficult as the third b/r was a super puppy, could even have won this class, but the unbalanced puppyish front action spoiled her chances

3<sup>rd</sup> Hodgkiss' ALCYONE ANTIMONY

**Any colour junior bitch (7):**

1<sup>st</sup> Todd's DOUBTLESS NO LIMIT, black, clean and honest well built bitch, lovely outline, needs a little tighter feet, won this class with excellent movement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reid's SUNSETBLUE STAR OF SCREEN BY SHANAZ, b/r, most beautiful head&expression, stylish & correct proportions, just needs some more reach in front step. Small tight feet.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuohy&Whitham's ARRIFANA ATHENA

**Any colour yearling bitch (8):**

1<sup>st</sup> Kettle's LUJESA STARRY EYED, b/t, lovely head, clean and bright tan colours in correct places, lovely outline, needs to get deeper in body, excellent quarters fore and aft, perfect coat and show condition.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bucks' CLAVAIRE HUMMINGBIRD, see special novice class

3<sup>rd</sup> Alderson's KARESMERE TICKLED PINK

**Any colour maiden bitch (5):**

1<sup>st</sup> West's SHEIGRA SHINING STAR, black, stylish 10 mths girl, a good mover and excellent topline, head needs time to develop. Lovely coat and show condition. Just needs time to fulfill the picture.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward's WENSUM PAPER ROSES, light b/r, most beautiful head, good bone and feet, correct topline. Still too much puppycoat spoilt the overall expression and show finish.

3<sup>rd</sup> Telford's COURTMASER PIXIE DUST,

**Any colour tyro bitch (5):**

1<sup>st</sup> Williams' WILMERELLA TWIST OF FATE, b/r, what a great mover, so easy going and coming, with plenty of reach and drive, Excellent overall construction. Good bone and feet. Correct set of tail. Could be slightly shorter in loin. But overall so well balanced and in tip top show condition that pressed hard for the res CC.

2<sup>nd</sup> West's SHEIGRA SHINING STAR, see maiden class

3<sup>RD</sup> Reid's SHANAZ DOUBLE NUGGET

**Any colour undergraduate bitch (5):**

1<sup>st</sup> Blackley&Salero's WIGHTROCHE GEMSTONE, red, a clear winner in this class, top class bitch in overall balance, construction, feet, coat and movement. Only the too high tail carriage spoilt her chances to further prizes. Tip top coat and condition.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lockwood's ZAKOVA ROSE GOLD, red of correct type, slightly running eyes spoilt her expression and chances. Correct body proportions and a typical ever wagging tail pleased me.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bavins' MOLKARA LEPATATA EASTON BAVENT

**Any colour post graduate bitch (13):**

1<sup>st</sup> Cowles' CHARBONNEL SHOW'N'TELL AT SHENJELA, eye catching well coloured b/r, sweet bitch in tip top coat and condition, beautiful head, strong bone, tight feet and well built body of correct proportions and balance. One of those whose career I am going to follow with interest.

2<sup>nd</sup> Share-Jones's SHAREMEAD GOLDEN SHIMMER, red, see special graduate class

3<sup>rd</sup> Barry's MOLKARA BLACK MAGIC

**Any colour special beginners bitch (5,3):**

1<sup>st</sup> Lee&Hall's EVAREMOC CHERRY BLACK, very feminine black. Well bodied and a nice dog to handle, full body and correct topline, good tight feet, great mover.

2<sup>nd</sup> Berndes' RYALLCOURT ICE CRYSTAL b/r, absolutely gorgeous head, good coat, bone and feet. Slightly heavy on shoulders spoils the topline both standing and on the move.

**Any colour limit bitch (11):**

1<sup>st</sup> Forsander's SE U CH WILMERELLA MANACAS RUMOURS, really lovely orange roan, very feminine bitch. Beautiful head & expression; perfect size & body proportions, moved ever so well with correct reach and drive, with proud head carriage and wagging tail, in tip top coat and show condition. One of those who was considered for the res CC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ellison's WITHIFLOR SHINY BOOTS, black, a super bitch who in her happy days could reach anywhere. Good shape of head, very pleasing dog to go over, excellent well developed body, correct topline and quarters. Moves with good reach and drive really using her hocks. A very close decision between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, both highest quality top class bitches but in the end lost her chances by showing her opinion how silly it is to run round the ring for no good reason and dropped her tail down.

3<sup>rd</sup> Weir's WEIRDENE WHISPERED PROMISE

**Any colour open bitch (13):**

1<sup>st</sup> Forsander's MANACA'S PULL NO PUNCHES, top class b/r feminine bitch. Correct proportions, perfect size, sweet head & expression, well developed forechest, broad upper thigh, excellent mover, carried herself well. Without any exaggerations, well balanced all over.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bentley's Sh CH CANIGOU SECON TAN ROSE, a very strong boned black and tan. Bright excellent markings, small tight feet, good quarters, correct topline, lovely flat shiny coat in tip top trim and condition. Moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuohy&Whithman's CLARAMAND ON ICE WITH ARRIFANA

judge Arja Koskelo ( Finland)