

## THE LONDON COCKER SPANIEL SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 7th December 2024

Many thanks to the Club and Committee for the invitation to judge my first Championship Show in the UK. I have attended this show several times over the years as a visitor, starting somewhere in the early 1980's, so it was quite a special feeling to find myself in the middle of the ring this time. One of the most familiar faces awaiting Nelly and me at the show was that of Betty Rice-Stringer, Referee for many years at London Cocker and a dear friend of ours for even longer.

Another reason why this show is so special for us is the strong link with Hilde Provost, compatriot and friend, who passed away earlier this year and who was so appropriately commemorated with a Hilde Provost Memorial Bubbles Stake Class, judged by Melissa Apers in the company of Hilde's sister Annick.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to my co-judge Jane Smith for the excellent company and cooperation and to everyone else who made the show so thoroughly enjoyable.

### CL 22 ANY COLOUR BABY PUPPY BITCH (3-1)

1 Edgington's Uxendel Scandal: What better way to start the day than with this little charmer, adorable head & expression, very well put together with straight legs, compact body, excellent angulations front & rear and a lovely coat, remarkably steady on the move for her age, clearly enjoying her day out. Best Baby Puppy Bitch and in agreement with my co-judge Best Baby Puppy In Show.

2 Flowers' Inverella Italian Connection: Slightly longer than 1 but a very promising puppy nonetheless, attractive head & expression, good overall conformation with compact feet and good coat quality, movement is a bit unconfident.

### ANY SOLID COLOUR INCLUDING SOLID/TAN

### CL 23 SPECIAL PUPPY BITCH (6-3)

1 Marris-Bray's Plaiglen Biker Babe To Hellenwood JW: Top quality black with much to like about, she's so full of classic breed type, very well balanced throughout, such a lovely head with soft expression, impressive forechest, bone and substance, excellent leg length, firm topline, short & broad loin, one of the best movers of the day, presented to perfection. Best Puppy Bitch and in agreement with my co-judge Best Puppy In Show

2 Pretty's Joaldy Miss Galaxy: Lovely liver puppy with clear feminin appeal, refined head with sweet expression, excellent front assembly, well boned legs, clean neck, compact body, ample rear angulation, beautiful coat, not the strength in topline and the merry tail action of 1.

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#### CL 24 SPECIAL NOVICE BITCH (1)

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#### CL 25 SPECIAL GRADUATE BITCH (8-2)

1 Kettle's Lujesa Laurellakes Angel Whisper: Typy black with a well proportioned head, lean & reachy neck flowing into obliquely placed shoulders, excellent return of upperarm, good bone & substance, excellent spring of ribs and depth of chest, firm & level topline, well rounded quarters with good bend of stifle and short below the hock, in beautiful coat & condition, free & effortless movement, would just like to see slightly more leg length.

2 Young's Canyonn Classic Vision JW: Aptly named black, classic type & balance, moderate angulations both ends and a compact & strong body make for a square outline, feminine head & expression, excellent forechest and well boned legs that are of good length, muscular neck and deep brisket, silky coat but unfortunately with rather sparce featherings, sound movement with good tail carriage and action.

3 Eddeswarren Eclipse

#### CL 26 SPECIAL OPEN BITCH (5-4)

1 Ward's Wensum Let's Dance JW: Another classic type bitch, clean and flowing outline free of exaggerations, good overall conformation and balance, sweet head with gentle expression, straight legs and tight feet, well ribbed up body, lovely coat, correct tail set and carriage, excellent bend of stifle but slightly weak in second thigh, moved well.

#### ANY OTHER COLOUR

#### CL 27 SPECIAL PUPPY BITCH (1)

1 Kidd's Freestone My Serendipity: Underneath a heap of fluffy coat I found a lovely puppy with a sweet head and expression, excellent make & shape for age, straight & well boned legs, catlike feet, compact body, good angulations front & rear, very outgoing on the move.

#### SCL 28 PECIAL NOVICE BITCH (2-1)

1 Davies' Ryallcourt Happy Dance of Peacevale: Well presented light blue with classic head and feminine expression, decent neck length, straight legs & cat-like feet, good spring of rib, short loin, moderate angulations front & rear, excellent coat texture, well set on and carried tail, movement slightly narrow both ends.

#### CL 29 SPECIAL GRADUATE BITCH (5-1)

1 Craig's Alisma Astirist: Very well balanced blue of good type and substance, well chiseled head with appealing expression, excellent forechest & legs, well developed brisket, flowing topline, short coupled with ample width over the loin, lovely coat, steady & positive movement.

2 Burnet's Granrose Three Times A Lady: Pretty headed light blue, good eye shape and keen expression, level topline with well sprung ribs and short loin, excellent bend of stifle, presented in lovely coat & condition, preferred the reach & drive of 1.

3 Davies' Mabelhope Melrose Miss Of Peacevale

CL 30 SPECIAL OPEN BITCH (5)

1 Masters & Dott's Manchela Little Tease JW: Captivating dark blue bursting with quality, loved her balance and outline as well as her overall construction, clean neck flowing into well laid shoulder, cobby body, strong quarters with excellent turn of stifle, moved with great zest.

2 Steele's Ziennes Azzura: Another dark blue of pleasing type and outline, well proportioned head, solid conformation with good bone & substance, well muscled quarters and well let down hocks, steady and sound movement, preferred head and front assembly of 1.

Fairbairn, Nuttall & Madigan's Heluin Blue Jay

ANY COLOUR

CL 31 VETERAN BITCH (5-2)

1 Davies' Keriglow Honesty JW: Very attractive black, appealing type and balance, delightful head with melting expression, ample length of neck into well placed shoulders, pleasing bone & substance, well rounded quarters and let down hocks, super coat & condition, sound and steady on the move making good use of her tail.

2 Parker's Sh Ch Weyhill Wish List: Another quality black, very type and of excellent conformation, compact outline, lovely head with tender expression, beautiful neck & shoulder into firm back, deep brisket, short-coupled, good angulations front and rear, moved very well.

3 Bard's Withiflor Fairy Tale JW

CL 32 MINOR PUPPY BITCH (6-1)

1 Shapland's Deracor Diamond Glow: Charming black puppy showing lots of potential, pleasing type & balanced outline, beautiful head with bright expression, excellent body proportions, well boned legs & compact feet, good front & rear angulations, presented in beautiful coat & condition, moved well.

2 Pop's Merrysoul Donatella Versace With Bocablue: Typy black puppy, a few days older than 1 but obviously needing more time to develop, well proportioned feminin head with soft expression, lovely top line, good overall conformation with good bone and substance, well angulated both ends, very happy mover.

3 Torbet's Kirlinjis Juno Beach

CL 33 PUPPY BITCH (4-3)

1 Pop's Merrysoul Donatella Versace With Bocablue

CL 34 JUNIOR BITCH (7-3)

1 Masters & Dott's Manchela Pollyanna JW: Type, quality, balance, outline, conformation, temperament, coat, condition, ... this smashing blue ticked all the boxes for me, my notes only say 'wonderful'. CC & RBIS

2 Darby's Pearkim Pompadora Dargess: Up-to-size dark blue, nice to go over for her solid construction, well proportioned head with soft expression, excellent neck flowing into well laid shoulders, completing the front assembly with ample forechest, good return of upperarm, well boned legs and cat-like feet, strong and deep body, steady on the move but carrying tail a bit high.

3 Wildman's Glantraeth Ovation To Oktumi

CL 35 YEARLING BITCH (6-3)

1 Buck's Clavaire Vintage Tan: Striking orang & white, excellent type and substance, cobby outline and lovely deep colour, good head proportions and feminine expression, firm body with deep chest, strong quarters, very lively movement, just needs a fuller coat to complete the picture.

2 Corcoran's Trovarothway Just for Lily: Very well put together light blue of feminine overall appearance, well proportioned head with sweet expression, good reach of neck, firm topline with gentle slope towards well set tail, good turn of stifle and well let down hocks, happy mover with ever wagging tail, would just like to see more leg length.

3 Smith's Mundusmeus Out Of Reach

CL 36 MAIDEN BITCH (3-1)

1 Steele's Ziennes New Reflection: Dark liver bitch of solid conformation, well proportioned head with correct expression, well off for bone and substance, good forechest, legs & feet, well slanted shoulder with good return of upperarm, cobby body with good ribbing and deep chest, steady mover.

2 Davies' Ryallcourt Happy Dance of Peacevale (see class 28)

#### CL 37 TYRO BITCH (7-4)

1 Tavernor's Cassom Dancing Queen at Regaltav: Typy light blue, well made head with kind expression, good bone & substance, straight legs & compact feet, well ribbed body not quite as short coupled as I would like, moderate angulations front & rear, presented in excellent coat & condition, merry mover.

2 Collings' Chativore Sea Pebble At Colmandakev: Another light blue, sweet head & expression, moderate front assembly, well boned legs, cobby body with good spring of ribs, well muscled & angulated quarters, good coat structure, enthusiastic mover but rather proud of her tail.

3 Oakbeach Crash Boom Bang Into Alhambian

#### CL 38 UNDERGRADUATE BITCH (7-4)

1 Tavernor's Cassom Dancing Queen at Regaltav (see class 37)

2 Beckwith's Sheigra Special Secret With Balaambeck: Solidly built black of good type & overall balance, modest front angulation, well boned legs & compact feet, deep body with good ribbing and width over the loin, well rounded quarters, would like a slightly higher tail set, silky coat, moved well.

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#### CL 39 POST GRADUATE BITCH (9-2)

1 Fairbairn & Madigan's Misperros Incandescent At Carmelfair JW: Very typy and well constructed blue, feminine head with tight eyes and gentle expression, good neck flowing into well laid shoulders and a level back, excellent body properties, strong quarters, short below the hock, quality coat, her super sound and merry movement made her a contender for the RCC.

2 Craig's Alisma Aloonah: Another very typy and well made blue, charming head with dark eyes and sweet expression, excellent balance & outline, well developed chest, firm level topline and short & wide loin, well-turned stifle and short below the hock, ground covering gate.

3 Holland's Kyna Touch Of Magic To Holchancer

#### CL 40 SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (11-4)

1 Davies' Luciena My Expectations: Mature black of solid conformation, good overall balance, well proportioned head, good reach of neck into well placed shoulders, well off for bone and substance, nicely rounded quarters, flat & silky coat, moved well.

2 Tavernor's Cassom Dancing Queen at Regaltav (see class 37)

CL 41 LIMIT BITCH (12-5)

1 Torbett's Kirlinjis Made You Wait: Dark blue of excellent type & outline, well chiseled head with kind expression, good forechest, legs & feet, ample reach of neck, cobby body with deep chest, short coupled, strong well angulated quarters with well let down hocks, extrovert mover.

2 Nolan's Oktumi Painted In Diamonds For Jernito: Another typy blue with feminine head & dark eye, excellent front assembly, cat-like feet, straight topline, good spring of ribs and depth of chest, short loin, well muscled and rounded quarters, presented in immaculate coat & condition, sound and energetic mover, preferred head of 1.

3 Darby's Classicway Chiming Bells

CL 42 OPEN BITCH (7-4)

1 Hillier's Sh Ch Coedcernyw Calendar Girl JW: Outstanding red oozing type and personality, free of any exaggeration she fits the standard so well, pleasing size & balance, feminine head with dark well shaped eye, ample neck seamlessly flowing into well placed shoulders, excellent forechest, legs and feet, level topline, short compact body, strong quarters with well let down hocks, presented in fabulous coat and condition, moved soundly and with lots of enthusiasm. Reserve CC

2 Kotanen's Fin. Ch Triplet Queen Of Queens: Nice blue, feminine head but would like to see more parallel lines, good neck & shoulders, ample return of upperarm, straight legs and tight feet, firm topline, moderate spring of rib, good rear angulation, well set on tail, excellent coat, active mover.

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