31st Championship Show 12th & 13th June 2005

Championship Show Judge's Critique

JUDGE: MRS MARYANN HOGAN (STAVONGA, UK)

I would like to take this opportunity of formerly thanking my Hosts the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Victoria, for their kind invitation to judge their 31st Championship Show. It was a privilege to judge such a well run, well organised, friendly show with such a quality entry.
In addition I would like to thank my two able stewards who assisted me so well on both days. Last but by no means least I would like to thank the exhibitors for travelling such enormous distances and allowing me to go over their dogs, and for them having all dogs presented clean and well groomed - no mean feat when you are away from home.
I was looking for a well balanced Cavalier KCS, graceful with gentle soft expression, happy, friendly, non-aggressive and no tendency to nervousness (young babies excepted) - meeting your breed standard. I am not fanatical about mouths, nor colour or markings - but clearly a correct bite takes precedent over an incorrect bite but no one fault eliminates a dog - the perfect dog has yet to be bred (me - next year!).
What I was looking for I found in abundance, your presentation and care of your dogs is to be commended. Size was pretty consistent and so was tail set, some struggled with their weight (condition?) and keeping a good coat - which given the extremes of the weather in Australia is not surprising. I was surprised to see so few whole colours on the day. The depth and quality of your Baby puppy, Minor and Puppy classes tells me that your quality in the breed is going from strength to strength.

DOG CLASSES ONLY - 12 JUNE 2005

BABY PUPPY DOG - 25/3absent

What an outstanding large baby puppy class. Due to the age differences there was naturally great variation in size and development, with some promising babies going cardless on the day - I have no doubt that my placed cavaliers will change places many times as they mature.

1st Quaylbeau Monte Cristo - Quaylbeau Knls:
Blenheim baby one of the more mature in this class, with a nicely marked, well cushioned head, good dark eye, clear pigmentation, who moved and showed well. Best Baby in Show
2nd Tarkari Di Caprio - Bolden:
Tricolour baby, stunning little mover as he went round, showing off his good neck and shoulders, with nice rich tan, more heavily marked than 1. and less mature - but what a trooper!
3rd Melloway Harris Tweed - Egan & Weekes:
a well balanced blenheim baby, good bone, well balanced for one so young with nice large eye, well marked.
4th Daventi Irish Coffee - Daventri Knls:
Richer blenheim markings that those in front but less mature and balanced moving - but as I said before I'm sure these placings will change many times as they develop - kept a level topline on the move.
5th Melloway Th Davinci Code - Egan & Weekes:
A sweet tricolour with a lovely clean face, again good neck and shoulders moved well coming and going.

MINOR PUPPY DOG - 13/3 absent

1st Dapsen Missing Link - Martin:
Blenheim boy lightly marked but rich chestnut, pretty head nice dark eye, full of himself, kept a level topline and move well once he settled.

2nd Lookingglass Le Dauphin - Humphries:
another pretty blenheim, this time with a lozenge, better marked but with not as rich chestnut - but rich enough, a well balanced dog just a tad less mature than 1 overall. Moved well, moved with drive.
3rd Shahrami Le Cartier - Jack:
more of a baby here who was beginning to tire toward the end, again a sweet head nice large dark eye.
4th Aynsbrae Dark Angel - Beare:
Lightly marked blenheim, shorter muzzled who moved well
5th Dapsen Make My Day - Caribelle Knls:
liked this tri a lot, good short hocks, good neck and shoulders, good bright tan, would like a little more body on this one - it would help him to 'come together' a pretty dog.

PUPPY DOG - 9/2 absent

1st Korgil Choirboy - Gillies:
This blenheims large dark eyes hit me as he entered the ring, when I went over him I wasn't disappointed, nearly 11 months old with elegant neck and shoulders, super tail set, good spring of rib with a lovely soft expression for one so young. Bright chestnut, good ear leathers framing his masculine head. Lovely short hocks, he moved with style around the ring - I shall watch out for him. Best Puppy in Show.
2nd Caribelle Dream Miles - Caribelle Knls:
Liked him a lot, similar in type to 1. but not so out going. He did have more coat and will push 1. hard once he has gained that extra confidence.
3rd Carnwath So They Say - Thomas:
Tricolour nicely marked, gentle dark eye, moved well with good bone and balance, which can only be improved with a little more weight on him, a lot to like about this one.
4th Chiencav Duncan - Silvester:
Head is developing well, a little lacking in furnishings, needs to settle on the move.
5th Carnwath Ford Mustang - Thrift-Mulholland:
Lightly marked blenheim, not as clear a markings as those before him, but a pretty boy who also needs time to settle when he is on the move. Good size and shape

JUNIOR DOG - 16/1 absent

1st Chartruese Moonlte Liason - Martin & Milton:
Quality dog, liked this type a lot but for top honours he needs a little more furnishings and weight. Which time will give him. Nice large eye, good cushioning around the muzzle, nice flat head between the ears, good bone, well broken, excels in neck and shoulders, moved well going around,
2nd Carolus Teddy Roosevelt(Imp UK) - Madigan:
Smart boy, not quite the bone of 1, smaller type, short coupled, level topline, well broken rich chestnut markings, pretty head, nice dark eye. pushed hard for 1.
3rd Megatine Ima Toff - Morgan:
Another pretty dog with lozenge and well broken, good cushioning in the muzzle, good turn of stifle, and neck and shoulders which he showed off to advantage when on the move..
4th Bowhouse Quintessential - Carnegie:
Well broken glamorous boy, soft expression needed to settle on the move, outstanding neck and shoulders, great topline - I'm sure he will move up the ranks when he settles a bit more.
5th Caperway Royal Salute - Duffy:
Lovely blenheim, I liked so much about him, lovely make and shape, just pegged him back as I would have preferred a darker eye.

INTERMEDIATE DOG - 13

One of the more difficult classes with me splitting hairs on awarding cards, such quality I was spoilt for choice.

1st Elcavel Power N Glory - Rolfe:
Heavily marked blenheim, nice make and shape, clean muzzle, unsettled to begin with but got better and better the longer he was out there on the move. Lovely large dark eye, good neck and shoulders, nice short hocks.
2nd Ch Miletree Distant Dream - Caribelle Knls:
Well marked blenheim nice type, gentle expression, good tail set, short hocks not as settled as 1 splitting hairs between them - I'm sure they will change places many times.
3rd Cabrook Faberge - Weidenbach:
Pretty headed dog a little lacking in ear length/furnishings good deep chest, nice neck and shoulders, moved well - good tailset.
4th Ch Kweznay Starbuck - Bolden:
Generous dark eye, smaller type than 1. needs to body up and get some more furnishings - would like to see him in full bloom. Moved soundly round the ring.
5th Ch Kelzarki Royal History - Abbysfield Knls:
Such a pretty headed boy, great bone, lovely neck and shoulders - a tad more weight would have made the difference today and given him the edge he needed in such a quality class.

LIMIT DOG - 15

1st Phrenchy Watshisname (Imp UK) - Elliott:
Heavily marked blenheim boy, lovely large dark eyes, nice neck and shoulders, lovely melting expression, when he sets himself up he looks a treat, moved with drive. Best Limit in Show
2nd Bowhouse Basil Brush - Carnegie:
Very nice type, not quite the body or coat of 1. but better marked, good head carriage, again a lovely large dark eye, pretty head elegant neck and shoulders.
3rd Rossbonny Jeeves (Imp UK) - Weidenbach:
heavier marked than 2. nice make and shape, good double pigmented eye, with correct neck and shoulders. Moved well.
4th Dapsen Whoops - Petersen:
Lighter marked blenheim in good coat, pretty boy another one with a lovely melting expression, moved well coming and going.
5th Marcavan Royal Affair - Nichols:
lighter marked blenheim with a little blossom on the cheek, large dark eye, good make and shape in good coat, a little naughty towards the end of the class.

AUSTRALIAN BRED - 20

1st Ch Lakeisha Xquisit Saphire - Creek:
Black & Tan in full gleaming coat, rich pigmentation, lovely sweet expression framed by pendulous ears, showing off his excellent neck and shoulders which led on to a level topline that he kept the whole time on the move. Nicely turned stifle a truly elegant boy who lived up to his name a credit to his owner. Reserve Dog CC and Best Australian Bred in Show
2nd Ch Coralview Simply Royal - Rostron:
Blenheim boy beautifully marked, pretty with such quality, good depth of chest, nice neck and shoulders, good short hocks, moved well once he settled, beautifully presented

3rd Ch Dougsba Royal Mile - Gilroy:
Tricolour with bright tan, (these first three could change places so many times), gleaming coat, correct make and shape, short muzzle Large eye. Nice type.
4 Ch Chalsmae Cordeaux - Mae:
Glamorous boy just coming into full coat, large dark eye, showed a treat.
5 Ch Barlency Excelsa - Patten: Lighter marked than the others, with a gentle expression, elegant boy with good bone, moved well once he had settled- needs more outings to get the best out of him.

OPEN DOG - 20/1 absent

Another quality class that didn't make my job easy - but I loved the opportunity to go over such quality.

1st Ch Lymrey Hi Treason (Imp UK) - Egan & Weekes:
2 yr old Blenheim boy that took my eye the moment he entered the ring. He has presence. A quality dog that ate up the ground on the move, with beautiful neck and shoulders, used his hind quarters well, keeping a level topline with a good tailset. Well marked correct size and shape albeit a little lacking in furnishings - he had nothing to hide. Lovely soft expression with large dark eyes, strong masculine head - well put down. I was pleased to award him the Dog CC and Best In Show
2nd Gr Ch Cavashon Kindrum Spirit - Brooksby:
Slightly larger type than 1. who pushed hard for the positions to be reversed. Good pigmentation, large dark eye, moved well coming and going in full bloom.
3rd Ch Marcavan Royal Scandal - Silvester:
Well coated blenheim boy, good markings, similar make and shape to 1 and 2 nice neck and shoulders unlucky to meet up with 1 & 2 who were really on their toes today.
4th Ch Cavashon Jeronimo - Archer:
Little less weight on the shoulder would have given a better balance to this dog. He is a nice small type and just a fraction over can make the difference. He moved well with drive coming and going and a sweet expression. This was a very hot class.
5th Ch Abbysfield Cartouche - Abbysfield Knls:
Another boy who I liked a lot, but just had that fraction too much weight on his shoulders. Otherwise a lovely type - with that little bit of weight off him he will change places with the other placings.

Bitch Classes Only - 13th June 2005

BABY PUPPY BITCH - 33/ 1 absent

It is a sight to behold when these super, well trained babies come tripping into the ring. Again a large amount of variation in development commensurate with their ages. All credit to the breeders for having such lovely quality babies they promise well for the future.

1st Chalsmae Wymira - Mae:
Heavily marked blenheim, clear good markings on the face - prettiest of heads, lovely dark eye, good neck and shoulders with a striking head carriage, correct turn of stifle, moved well.

2nd Chalsmae Moesha - Mae:
A good compliment to 1. and was not surprised to see they are litter sisters. This blenheim baby is a better marked than her sister, but currently lacks the presence that her sister commands in the ring. Other than that there is little to choose from them at the moment. Both lovely puppies.

3rd Abbysfield Claim To Fame - Abbysfield Knls:
This baby not quite as forward as 1 & 2, good clean markings nice bone, good make and shape, nice large dark eye, pretty head, moving well.
4th Winaway With Respect - Costello:
Very much of a baby in this class, this tricolour has such a sweet expression, nice bright tan, good clear front, excellent bone only 3.5 mths old but bursting with promise moved well.
5th Smicav Sweet Obsession - Blunsden:
Took my heart, lovely sweet little baby, different head to 1 & 2, nice pigmentation, lovely bone good type, moved well and wasn't phased by the experience!

MINOR PUPPY BITCH - 19/1 absent

1st Shahrami Dare To Dream - Jack:
Short coupled blenheim with pretty head plus lozenge, lovely dark eye, rich chestnut, short hocks, good turn of stifle, good tail set, moved well coming and going. Best Minor Puppy in Show
2nd Kweznay Rouge Royale - Cheney:
Ruby bitch, lovely body and shape, moved well good short hocks super pigmentation preferred the size of eye on 1.
3rd Dougsba Mauna Loa - Schmidt:
Very pretty bitch, caught my eye when she entered the ring, moved well, just beaten on the day with the maturity of 1 and 2. Good neck and shoulders,
4th Dunsfold Christobel - Nichols:
Prettily marked, very confident, less mature than those in front of her, this was a strong class, liked her type. Her movement was sound.
5th Innesveil Misty Rose - McInnes:
Liked this girl, again her movement won out, needed to settle when standing but her movement was true, good markings, pretty eyes and head.

PUPPY BITCH - 19

1st Eireannmada Royal Charm - Morris:
Heavier marked blenheim bitch, nice body and type, short hocks level topline, pretty eye and head, needs to move at a slightly faster pace to get the best out of her movement
2nd Melloway Magic Potion - Egan & Weekes:
Glamorous tricolour bitch, prettiest of heads, large eye, clear markings good neck and shoulders, slightly longer caste than 1.
3rd Wenaweve Alivias Dreme - Weaver:
Blenheim bitch shorter faced than 1 or 2, still a pretty bitch smaller type, moved well.
4th Charliboi Mia D'or - J. Thomas:
Younger bitch who needs to grow into herself, nice large dark eye, good pigment, when she settled she moved well.
5th Elzmere Out Othe Blue - Beare:
Pretty blenheim bitch, lighter make, clean markings large dark eyes pretty head.

JUNIOR BITCH - 25/3 absent

1st Blacktree Catchme Kissme - Kleinitz:
Mature blenheim, nice outline, good topline, good turn of stifle short hock, lovely neck and shoulders, pretty head with lozenge, nice dark eye, moved with style round the ring. Best Junior in Show
2nd Leechrista Can Can - Cott:

Very similar to 1., well marked nice dark eye, pretty head, needs to slow down when moving - she has good movement.

3rd Retrac Rose Tradition - Schmidt:

Pretty bitch, not as animated as 1.and 2, smaller type good shape and balance, would have preferred a stronger hind quarter.

4th Karhisar Mariette - Martin:

Nice mover, but not as mature as the ones in front, nothing to hide, she will come into her own in good time. Lovely eye, pretty head, good topline.

5th Dunsfold Magloire - Nichols:

Ruby with a pretty head, nice dark eye framed by lovely ears - which she put to good use, nice short hocks good topline - needs to lose a little weight on the shoulders.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH - 28

1st Staromah Memory Lane - Morgan:

Blenheim bitch, mature, soft expression, with lozenge, good round dark eye, good make and type nothing exaggerated moved soundly. Best Intermediate in Show

2nd Brimarvan Velvet Ribbons - Brimarvan Knls:

Well coated Blenheim bitch, lovely ears, lighter chestnut than 1. sporting the lozenge, pretty head, good make and shape, short hocks.

3rd Ch Miletree Maona (Imp UK) - Burgmann - Handled by Armstrong:

Not as much clothing today, as 1 & 2, good dark eyes pretty head, used her ears to good advantage, smaller type well broken good tail set.

4th Ch Marcavan Velvet And Lace - Silvester:

Tricolour liked this one very much, a little lacking in furnishings, rich tan, good turn of stifle, well presented, nice make and shape.

5th Pabianpark Nicole Kidman - O'Connell:

Soft gentle expression, feminine, carrying a tad too much weight perhaps? Lovely neck and shoulders and good topline moved well the whole time

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LIMIT BITCH 19/5 absent

1st Toraylac Kamila (Imp UK) - Logan:

Pretty blenheim bitch in good coat, elegant moving back and forth, large dark eye, well set neck and shoulders, nice make and shape.

2nd Dapsen Whoever However - Petersen:

Similar type to 1 in head, but larger overall, with lozenge soft expression, not as rich a chestnut as 1.moved well.

3rd Retrac Classic Silver - Retrac Knls:

Striking tri colour with good bright tan in all the right places, large dark eyes, good pigmentation, well broken, good size and shape|

4th Jenawyn Blakk Cherri - Wynn:

Another tri colour heavier in head, nice shape and body a little bit lacking in coat today, not quite as animated as 1. but moved true, coming and going.

5th Brimarvan Scarletribbons - Brimarvan Knls:

Pretty girl lovely ears, nice make, shape and size- also a little lacking in coat today.

AUST BRED BITCH 21/3 absent

1st Marumba Flaming Kisses - Fox & Paul:
Ruby bitch, good outline and shape, lovely rich pigmentation pretty head, good round dark eye, good reach of neck, good turn of stifle and tail set - moved soundly.
2nd Ch Wenaweve Southn Dremes - Weaver:
Well marked pretty blenheim bitch, just a little shorter than 1 on the leg, with the prettiest darkest eye, moved steadily and pushed hard for 1st place.
3rd Barodaley Hey Big Spender - Porter:
Well marked blenheim bitch, glorious ears, lovely make and shape, a little lacking in clothes would like a touch more body on her. Lovely large round dark eye, with good bone.
4th Ch Daventri Regal Delight - Daventri Knls:
I liked this one a lot good large dark eye, good pigmentation, nice type make and shape, but her front movement let her down today, just needs some road work to tighten her up.
5th Ch Elcavel Touch O Moviestar - Rolfe:
Gentle expression on this girl, kept her topline on the move, but lost it standing

OPEN BITCH 10/1 absent

This was another top quality class where I was truly splitting hairs, places can and will change on another day.

1st Ch Cabrook Mon Amie - Elliott:
Heavily marked blenheim, good pigmentation, good spring of rib in good coat, lovely round dark eye, soft expression, pretty head, excellent neck and shoulders, short hocks, good turn of stifle level topline, moved with drive and elegance around the ring. A bit of a handful at times but a worthy winner here today. Bitch CC. Runner Up to Best In Show.
2nd Gr Ch Melloway Picture Perfect Egan & Weekes:
Blenheim beautifully turned out, well marked, pretty head, make and shape moved well coming and going completely in tune with her handler - just lacked coat and that extra bloom today which tipped the balance. Was delighted to award her ResBitchCC
3rd Ch Chantelli French Maid - Brooksby:
Smart Tricolour, a little lacking in coat today, being ultra critical I would like a little more tan on the cheeks, nicely broken clean markings, short hocks, well presented - moved and showed to perfection.
4th Ch Barodaley Coming Uproses - Retrac Knls:
Blenheim bitch, such a sweet expression, maybe carrying a little too much weight, but moved well.
5th Ch Marcavan Mischievous - Petersen:
Tricolour bitch, really pretty, used her ears to perfection to frame her face giving a lovely sweet expression, short coupled, just lost her topline on the move.

VETERAN BITCH 4/2 absent

Lovely to see the oldies strutting their stuff!

1st Ashna Gone With The Wind - Thrift-Mulholland:
Blenheim bitch, lightly marked, pretty short face, well cushioned, moved well coming and going with short hocks.
2nd Cavilla Cherie Amour - Blunsden:
Another lovely oldie, blenheim slightly larger than 1. who was on her toes and moved well, delighting in being in the big ring.

BITCH CHALLENGE - CH CABROOK MON AMIE - ELLIOTT
RESERVE CHALLENGE - GR CH MELLOWAY PICTURE PERFECT - EGAN & WEEKES

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW - CH LYMREY HI TREASON(IMP UK) - EGAN & WEEKES
RUNNERUP TO BEST EXHIBIT & BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW - CH CABROOK MON AMIE - ELLIOTT
BEST BABY - QUAYLBEAU MONTE CRISTO - QUAYLBEAU KNLS
BEST OPPOSITE - CHALSMAE WYMIRA - MAE
BEST MINOR - SHAHRAMI DARE TO DREAM - JACK
BEST OPPOSITE - DAPSEN MISSING LINK - MARTIN
BEST PUPPY - KORGIL CHOIRBOY - GILLIES
BEST OPPOSITE - EIREANNMADA ROYAL CHARM - MORRIS
BEST JUNIOR - BLACKTREE CATCHME KISSME - KLEINITZ
BEST OPPOSITE - CHARTRUESE MOONLTE LIASON - MARTIN & MILTON
BEST INTERMEDIATE - STAROMAH MEMORY LANE - MORGAN
BEST OPPOSITE - ELCAVEL POWER N GLORY - ROLFE
BEST LIMIT - PHRENCHY WATSHIZNAME (IMP UK) - ELLIOTT
BEST OPPOSITE - TORAYLAC KAMILLA (IMP UK) - LOGAN
BEST AUST BRED - CH LAKEISHA XQUISIT SAPHIRE - CREEK
BEST OPPOSITE - MARUMBA FLAMING KISSES - FOX & PAUL
BEST OPEN - CH LYMREY HI TREASON (IMP UK) - EGAN & WEEKES
BEST OPPOSITE - CH CABROOK MON AMIE - ELLIOTT
BEST VETERAN - ASHNA GONE WITH THE WIND - THRIFT-MULHOLLAND

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