

Solid Colours Cocker Spaniel Association Breed Open Show

Sunday 28th April 2013

Judge Kelly Harrison – Keladity

I thoroughly enjoyed judging Cocker Spaniels for the first time at this level. To be constructive something that did stand out to me was that there was some variation in head and skull shape and size, overall balance, muzzle length and depth, expression and eye shape and colour throughout the day. I know heads are not the be all and end all however it would be such a shame to lose the typical and desired cocker head and expression. On a positive note there were some beautiful heads stamped with quality, in proportion, cleanly chiselled, dark tight eyes and correct balance between muzzle and back skull.

Temperaments were faultless, dentition on the whole correct, just one small tooth fault and all testicles were present.

Class 1 Special Puppy (Red, Golden, Liver or Liver & Tan)

4 Entries

1st Wyeth's Fendrove Oh Boy

Square, chunky, sturdy, 11 mth gold male. Short and compact, excels in bone, excellent rib and good forechest. Dark eye and strong head with good brow, neat feet, well presented and moved well holding topline.

2nd Marris-Bray's Helenwood Gift Wrapped

Very feminine, excellent head and dark eye, good bone and well sprung ribs, neat, tight feet, moved well with good tail action, merry and sound.

Class 2 Special Junior (Red, Golden, Liver or Liver & Tan)

4 Entries

1st Lee & Hall's Evaremoc Going For Gold

Preferred the head and movement of this exhibit. Dark eye and distinct stop, short and square in body, good bone, pleasing spring of rib, well angulated, short below hock enabling her to move well, merry and sound.

2nd Thomas's Claramand Code Red

Gold male standing on well boned legs and neat, tight feet. Ample forechest, fine well laid shoulders, pleasing depth of body, well angulated quarters. Moved ok.

Class 3 Special Graduate (Red, Golden, Liver or Liver & Tan)

7 Entries

3 Absent

1st Share-Jones's Sharemead The Sultan

Best movement in the class. Gold male with ample bone, good forechest and plenty of depth of body. Well angulated stifles, moved soundly straight and true, holding top line with a merry action.

2nd Thomas's Claramand Code Red

Class 4 Special Open (Red, Golden, Liver or Liver & Tan)**4 Entries****3 Absent**1st West's Sheigra Sundae Best JW

Gave his patient handler a hard time with plenty of cocker attitude and exuberance. Excellent bone, well developed forechest and depth of body, well angulated quarters.

Class 5 Special Puppy (Black or Black & Tan)**7 Entries**1st Lester's Quettadene Star Secret

Preferred the compactness of this bitch. She is beautifully balanced and well put together. Great front and rear assembly. Short and square in body proportions, well laid shoulders, and super ribs for a youngster. Excellent depth of body and short in loin. Well angulated behind with plenty of muscle tone and width. Moved straight and true, carrying herself well on neat tight feet. Absolutely stunning, balanced head, which just screams quality. Just loved her tight dark eye and fine, well sculpted foreface, giving such a soft gentle expression. Superb example all round, shortlisted to the final cut. BP.

2nd Parkinson & Dillon's Dillonpark Peroni

Another bitch which screams quality. Strong and sturdy. Fantastic head, with tight dark eye and gentle expression. Exceptional reach of neck leading into fine well laid back shoulders. Ribs well sprung and deep. Well boned strong, straight legs leading to neat tight feet. Well angulated and muscled throughout. Moved well sound and straight holding topline. Presentation A1.

Class 6 Special Junior (Black or Black & Tan)**7 Entries**1st Young's Canyonn Classic Destiny

Preferred the head of this exhibit. Pleasing head proportions, dark eye, defined stop. Short backed, square, compact black bitch. Excellent spring of rib, short in loin, wide well developed 2nd thigh, good bone, ample length of neck and correct shoulder placement. Moved soundly.

2nd Gilmours's Chavez Royal Victor

Well built sturdy male, short and compact. Excels in bone, plenty of forechest, good spring of rib wide well developed quarters. Moved soundly.

Class 7 Special Graduate (Black or Black & Tan)**10 Entries****4 Absent**1st Marris-Bray's Helenwood Amaboverred

Cracking example of this colour. Best head in his class. Lots to like about this male and one I would very much have liked to take home. Refined make and shape. Presents a super, balanced outline with, exceptional length of neck and layback of shoulder and good return of upper arm. Well boned with super spring of rib. Strong loins, well rounded quarters with plenty of muscle tone which he used to cover the ground well. Good reach in front and drive from behind, held topline well. Merry and full of character. Couldn't be ignored in the challenge, RBIS.

2nd Costello's Judika Colorado

Strong, well built, sturdy black male. Stood on well boned legs and neat tight feet. Pleasing length of neck and well laid shoulders. Good depth of body. Moved soundly, well presented.

Class 8 Special Open (Black or Black & Tan)

6 Entries

4 Absent

1st Moorat's Sunnerset Moonlight Dancer

Preferred the movement of this male. Sound and merry, strong well built boy, good depth of body, excels in rib and width of thigh, well angulated quarters, in fit, hard condition. Pleasing head with defined brow and depth of muzzle.

2nd Olivesong's Swanmarch First Overture for Olivesong

Good neck and shoulders, agreeable forechest. Neat feet, pleasing muscle tone, moved ok, not as forward going as 1. Well handled.

Class 9 Special Minor Puppy Dog (Any Solid Colour)

1 Entry

1st Gilmour's Chavez Royal Dreamer

Very promising 7 month old youngster and definitely I feel one to watch for the future if he continues along these lines. Presentation A1. Outstanding head proportions, tight dark eye, excellent reach of neck leading to fine layback of shoulder and pleasing return of upper arm. Standing on strong well boned legs and neat tight feet. Well ribbed body with plenty of depth. Strong and sturdy, well made throughout. Super width of thigh, well angulated which he used well to drive around the ring. Great front reach and rear extension, lovely tail action, super sound and full of merry attitude with great ring presence. I'd be very proud if he was in my kennel. BMPIS.

Class 10 Special Minor Puppy Bitch (Any Solid Colour)

1 Entry

1st Gilmour's Royal Golden Jubilee

Litter sister to dog above. Very feminine, neat, short and compact. Her stunning dark eyes and superb pigmentation for her colour struck me straight away. Well boned throughout, good neck and shoulders, short, square and compact, well rounded quarters. Super shape and honest make. Moved soundly straight and true, great ring attitude, A1 presentation.

Class 11 Special Puppy Dog (Any Solid Colour)

3 Entries

2 Absent

1st Wyeth's Fendrove Oh Boy

2nd Thomas's Fendrove Mr Bo Jangles by Claramand

Gold male with well made head, Stood on strongly boned legs and neat feet, good ribs going well back, well muscled and angulated quarters just preferred the movement and topline of 1.

Class 12 Special Puppy Bitch (Any Solid Colour)**8 Entries****3 Absent**1st Lester's Quettadene Star Secret2nd Parkinson & Dillon's Dillonpark Peroni**Class 13 Special Junior (Any Solid Colour)****7 Entries**1st Wainwright's Molkara Tangelo at Shadowside

For me a little heavy in head but well built strong body with plenty of depth. Excellent bone, good legs and feet. Well laid shoulders and super spring of rib, well muscled 2nd thighs. Carried himself well around the ring with good tail action.

2nd Lee & Hall's Evaremoc Going for Gold**Class 14 Special Novice (Any Solid Colour)****2 Entries**1st Gilmour's Chavez Royal Victor2nd Lee & Hall's Evaremoc Going for Gold**Class 15 Special Graduate (Any Solid Colour)****3 Entries**1st Costello's Judika Arizona

Admired this B&T as a puppy. Super expression, tight dark eye. Super fine well laid shoulders with good return of upper arm, great bone, neat tight feet. Well angulated quarters and well muscled throughout. For me a more level topline would have completed the picture. Moved soundly with merry cocker attitude.

2nd Wainwright's Molkara Tangelo at Shadowside**Class 16 Special Post Graduate (Any Solid Colour)****11 Entries****3 Absent**1st Young's Canyonn Classic Harmony

My star of the day! Feminine Gold bitch with everything in the right place, beautifully balanced from any angle, presenting a super outline. There is nothing coarse or exaggerated about her, everything flows and fits together neatly with soft gentle moderate lines. Super head with tight, dark eyes and melting expression. Short backed, square, compact body. My notes say a lot of cocker in a small package! Exceptional reach of neck and lay of shoulder, superb spring of ribs and well developed, deep forechest. Strongly boned legs with neat tight feet. Well angulated, muscled and strong throughout with well rounded quarters. She moved soundly, straight coming and going, holding her topline well with correct tail set and great ring presence. BIS

2nd Rowland's Perrytree Toffee Crisp

Well made black boy, strong and sturdy and balanced in profile. Masculine head but not overdone, tight, dark eye. Excellent reach of neck and lay back of shoulder, well boned legs and feet. Good depth of body. Well muscled and angulated quarters. Moved soundly.

Class 17 Special Beginners (Any Solid Colour)**4 Entries****2 Absent**1st Lee & Hall's Evaremoc Cherry Black ShCm

Black bitch in good order. Good reach of neck and lay of shoulder, pleasing angulation and well muscled quarters, well boned legs and neat feet. Moved soundly with reach and drive, merry attitude.

2nd Rihoy's Sunnerset Over the Rainbow

Preferred movement of 1 on the day however this bitch has an appealing head with a kind dark eye. Good ribs, neat feet, lovely outline in profile with level topline and good tail set.

Class 18 Special Open Dog (Any Solid Colour)**4 Entries****1 Absent**1st West's Sheigra Sugar Daddy with Donmyl JW

Preferred the lay of shoulder and movement of this exhibit. For me a little heavy in head but possesses a super front, good forechest, well laid shoulders allowing good reach of neck, well boned legs and deep body. Well muscled quarters, held his topline well on the move.

2nd Rihoy's Sunnerset Moonlighting

Found this exhibits head very appealing, good size and shaped skull, cleanly chiselled and well proportioned, with a dark eye and good brow. Excellent forechest, well boned legs with neat feet. Well muscled and angulated 2nd thighs.

Class 19 Special Open Bitch (Any Solid Colour)**2 Entries****1 Absent**1st Share-Jone's Sharemead Golden Shimmer JW

Gold bitch, would prefer more of her however she possesses an excellent forechest, well sprung ribs and stood on strongly boned legs with neat feet. Moved soundly and happily.

Class 20 Special Veteran (Any Solid Colour)**4 Entries****3 Absent**1st Marris-Bray's SH CH Helenwood Irresistible

12.5 years old. This young lady just keeps going and going! A privilege to handle a beautiful example of the breed. Well balanced and well made throughout. Cleanly chiselled head, lovely reach of neck and shoulder placement. Well boned, good spring of rib, short, compact body, well angulated quarters. Moved soundly. BVIS

Special Puppy Award Class judged by Wendy Grist.

1st Parkinson & Dillon's Dillonpark Peroni - Pretty feminine headed black bitch with lovely expression, dark eye with tight rims, correct dentition, elegant neck into well laid shoulders, good front assembly with strong legs leading to lovely tight feet. Well ribbed, firm topline which she maintained on the move, short in loin, good bend of stifle and short below the hocks. Shown

in good hard condition with gleaming coat, immaculately presented and handled as is usual from this exhibitor.

2nd Aykroyd's Helenwood High Velocity – Compact black bitch with soft melting expression, good body proportions, moved happily around the ring whilst maintaining a level topline.