

The Solid Colours Cocker Spaniel Association Open Show, October 2018

I considered it a privilege to be invited to judge The Solid Colours Cocker Club. The show was expertly organised. The venue was ideal, my stewards efficient and the exhibitors polite and courteous. Needless to say, the catering and club's hospitality was exceptional.

There was a quality entry of lovely cockers on show and most had the all-important merry temperament and bustling action. One or two nice dogs carried their tails in a more terrier fashion so spoiling the flowing outline, Presentation was good and, in a few cases, exceptional, thus making the dogs a pleasure to handle.

Class 1. Puppy R/G (2.1)

- 1st Wyeth's Fendrove Legally Blond
Pretty little 6-month-old bitch. Good, square outline standing and on the move, with everything in the right place for her age. I would like more work in her head but time is on her side. She went very well for one so young.

Class 2. Graduate R/G (4.1)

- 1st Pop's Manacas Double Ideas With Bocablue
Masculine young dog who is still developing in his body. His head is a little strong for me but he is well constructed and has particularly good bone and a lovely jacket. He presented a balanced square picture at all times to head this quality class.
- 2nd Hillier's Coedcernyw Calendar Girl
Another good bitch. She is mature for her age and commands attention, being short and cobby. Very well presented and handled to advantage. Not the front assembly of the winner but she pushed him all the way.

Class 3. Open R/G

- 1st Stack's Izznberr Chip off T,Old Block
2-year-old dog who was happy to show himself off. Good substance and well off for bone. He was more mature in body than the second dog, which gave him the edge here. He carried himself well showing off his correct construction.
- 2nd Wyeth's Fendrove Chippendale
I liked this boy but felt he still needs time to strengthen in his middle piece to complete the picture and be at this best. He moved very well and had a happy disposition.

Class 4 Puppy B/BT

- 1st Young's Canyonn Could it be Magic
Well grown 6-month black bitch with a lot to like. She has substance and quality, creating a good outline when stacked and on the move. Another happy puppy doing all her handler asked of her. Coat at the fluffy stage but looked well managed on the day. There is still time for her head to develop a little more which would complete the picture. Best Puppy in Show.

Class 5. Graduate B/BT (8.3)

- 1st Marris-Bray's Helenwood Illusion
Little 5-month-old bitch and very feminine she is too. Pretty head and short cobby body, combined with a lovely coat. She has time to mature throughout to be at her best but won this class on her free, active movement.
- 2nd Shapland's Deracor Distinction
Handsome black dog with a lovely quality head and expression. Good front and rear assembly. He needs to develop in his middle and strengthen his loin but he is still young. In-between coats at the moment and not the freedom of movement in profile of the first bitch today.

Class 6. Open B/BT (4.1)

- 1st Stack's Izznberr Black River Sand
Very cockery black bitch who went very well. Balanced throughout and free from exaggeration. Lovely coat and presentation. I would prefer a little more fore-face but she had a sweet, gentle expression.
- 2nd Kew's Lujesa Starman at Wylieview
A very handsome dog but unfortunately, he lacked confidence both on the table and on the move, making it difficult to assess him in detail.

Class 7. Minor Puppy Dog. No entries

Class 8. Minor Puppy Bitch (3)

- 1st Wyeth's Fendrove Legally Blond
- 2nd Young's Canyonn Which Ones Witch
Black puppy who gave a good account of herself on the table but was not confident on the move. Sweet expression and pretty head with a well-proportioned body and outline. Once she shines and wags her tail, she will present a more complete picture. Time is on her side.

Class 9. Puppy Dog. No entries

Class 10. Puppy Bitch (0.1)

Class 11. Junior (5)

- 1st West's Sheigra Stars In Her Eyes
Black bitch who filled my eye at all times in the ring. So well made with the correct bone, angulations and level top line on the move. She is well developed in her body for one so young and was shown in tip top condition. Sweet head and expression with that twinkle in her eye. Quietly and professionally handled to show off her merry cocker outlook. I wish I had one like her. Best in show.
- 2nd Hillier's Coedcerynw Calendar Girl

Class 12. No entries

Class 13. Graduate (5.1)

- 1st West's Sheigra Simply A Star
Feminine black bitch with a very good jacket. She has a lovely head and short cobby body. Another one who went well front and back and was pleasing in her profile.
- 2nd Shapland's Deracor Distinction

Class 14. Post Graduate (5.3)

- 1st Davies & Pretty's Kerriglow Game of Thrones
A black dog who took my eye. He has a good head and expression with a balanced body. He is compact but active. Plenty of bone and shown in good coat, he made the most of the ring on the move. He has time to develop more in his body to reach his potential. Lovely Dog.
- 2nd Stack's Izznberr Black River Sand

Class 15. Special Beginners (4.2)

- 1st Hillary's Edasiy Dream Maker
Black bitch shown in good fettle. She is feminine, cobby and stood four-square on straight legs. Very well handled and looked a picture on the move.
- 2nd Hutching's Beechtops Golden Ticket
Another good cocker but a fraction longer cast than 1st place. She has a lovely head and plenty of bone. Good angulation and movement.

Class 16. Open Dog (3)

- 1st Marris-Bray's Helenwood Islander
A square dog with no exaggerations. A masculine head and good expression. Level top line at all times. He has plenty of bone and moved in effortless fashion to win this class. A little more body would complete the frame.
- 2nd Shapland's Deracor Distinction

Class 17. Open Bitch (2.2)

Class 18. Veteran (6.4)

- 1st Costello's Judika Arizona
A classy black and tan dog who is mature and masculine without being coarse in any way. Pleasing head and square body with strength in his loin, which made all the difference to his top line and profile in general. He looked the finished article, standing and on the move. Expertly presented and handled. Reserve Best in Show, Best Opposite Sex and Best Veteran.
- 2nd Hillary's Sheigra Mr Snuggles at Edasiy
Another handsome dog who moved very well. He was a little longer cast than the winner but well made and shown in first rate condition.

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