

Open Show 26th October 2019

Many thanks to the officers and committee of The Solid Colours Cocker Spaniel Association for asking me to judge at my first breed open show. I was thrilled to be asked and delighted with my entry. Thanks to my stewards who kept things running smoothly and of course the exhibitors who brought their lovely cockers.

Class 1 - Special Red, Golden, Liver or Liver and Tan, Puppy

No entries

Class 2 - Special Red, Golden, Liver or Liver and Tan, Graduate (1, 1 abs)

Absent

Class 3 - Special Red, Golden, Liver or Liver and Tan, Open (2)

1st Taylor's Fendrove Chippendale 3-year-old mature gold dog. Lovely head and expression, moderate length of neck leading to well-placed shoulders. He has a good front with plenty of heart room, nice spring of rib and moved well keeping a level top line.

2nd Share-Jones' Sharemead Andromeda gold bitch with kind eye, well placed shoulders and good angulation, she moved well around the ring, just preferred the balance of first place.

Class 4 - Special Black or Black and Tan, Puppy (4,1)

1st Shapland's Deracor Dream Time (BPIS) 11mth old bitch puppy who has a feminine head and kind eye, well placed shoulders and a short well-built body, good spring of rib for age and good depth to chest. Shown in good coat and condition. The best mover of the class well presented, BPIS.

2nd Blackley & Salero's Wightroche Over The Rainbow (BMPIS) Delightful young lady of just over six months who really appealed especially in head and eye, well bodied for her age but not as positive on the move as 1 but moved well when settled in the challenge to go BMPIS.

3rd Aronson & Turner's Reedfen Hocus Pocus

Class 5 - Special Black or Black and Tan, Graduate (4,1)

1st Whitehead's Amaclassic Black Onyx black dog not long out of puppy, masculine but not overdone, good head and expression, he has a good front and great rib moved well on well-padded feet and with good tail carriage.

2nd Beckwith's Troverothway Jack The Lad at Balaambeck mature black and tan dog of years, lots to like with this solid dog, nice front and good spring of rib, kept a good level top line on the move and had great tail action but needed a bigger ring to show his movement at its best.

3rd Freeman & Bain's Maimackay Ilston

Class 6 - Special Black or Black and Tan, Open (3)

Three quality exhibits, any of which I would have happily given best in show to.

1st Kew's Lujesa Starman at Wyllyview good sized black dog with the very best of heads and expressive dark eyes, he has a square muzzle, a powerful male with good muscle tone he has a moderate neck leading to well-placed shoulders, well sprung ribs, good strong loin and has balanced angulation, a picture on the stack backed up by a powerful driving movement keeping a level top-line, well presented and handled. BIS

2nd Shinkfield & Lester's Quettadene Touch The Stars JW Compact black bitch with lots to like, she has a kind eye good head and plenty of substance. Good front with plenty of bone and cat like feet a sound mover who carries herself so well. RBIS/BOS

3rd West's Sheigra Stars In Her Eyes

Class 7 - Special Any Solid Colour, Minor Puppy Dog (1)

1st Share-Jones' Sharemead Sandiego At just six months old this gold dog was showing a merry cocker temperament as an excitable handful. He has a nice head and lovely expression, a nicely shaped body, good lay of shoulder, is short coupled and has time on his side.

Class 8 - Special Any Solid Colour, Minor Puppy Bitch (2,1)

1st Kew's Lujesa Dolly Daydream at Wyllyview Eight month old black and tan bitch, stood alone but a worthy winner she has a well proportioned head and gentle expression, nice outline just needs to fill her frame, moved well once settled.

Class 9 - Special Any Solid Colour, Puppy Dog

No Entries

Class 10 - Special Any Solid Colour, Puppy Bitch (2)

1st Shapland's Deracor Dream Time (first in **Special Black or Black and Tan, Puppy**)

2nd Aronson & Turner's Reedfen Hocus Pocus (3rd in special puppy). Black bitch of nine months she has a kind expression and nice head. She showed a happy temperament, needs to mature.

Class 11 - Special Any Solid Colour, Junior (5,1)

1st Corcoran's Troverothway Vanity Fair A very feminine black and tan bitch with a lovely head and expression, moderate neck leading to well laid shoulders, good front. She has a well-developed cobby body with well sprung ribs and moved with drive.

2nd Britton's Tyluly Ice Kool Black dog with kind eye and expression but I preferred head of first place, he has a well-developed front, good cobby body and moved well keeping a level top-line.

Class 12 - Special Any Solid Colour, Novice (2)

1st Corcoran's Troverothway Upon A Star Another quality bitch from this exhibitor with a kind eye and quality head. She has a straight front leading to well-padded cat-like feet, cobby body although I would have preferred her carrying a little less weight. Positive driving movement.

2nd Britton's Tyluly Fairy Dust Well-presented red bitch with good head and eye, good body and well-developed quarters she moved well around the ring. Longer cast than one.

Class 13 - Special Any Solid Colour, Graduate (3,1)

1st Whitehead's Amaclassic Black Onyx (1st in **Special Black or Black and Tan, Graduate**)

2nd Bindza's Glencayo Sahara Moonlight at Laurellakes a mature black male with lots to like masculine head and powerful body with a good depth of chest, he moved well, I just preferred the front of first.

Class 14 - Special Any Solid Colour, Post Graduate (4)

1st West's Sheigra Simply A Star JW A feminine black bitch with the best of heads, full of quality. She is cobby and short with plenty of substance, balanced angulation and moves well with drive.

2nd Rofe's Oakrosa Raiden Mature black dog with lots to like, masculine but not overdone, he has a lovely head and eye. Strong body, carries himself well keeping a level topline, just preferred the compactness of first.

3rd Beckwith's Troverothway Jack The Lad at Balaambeck

Class 15- Special Any Solid Colour, Special Beginners (5,1)

1st Hutching's Beechtops Golden Ticket Golden mature bitch she has a kind gentle expression, good head leading to well laid shoulders, nice depth to chest and good spring of rib. A short and cobby bitch who moved well around the ring.

2nd Simpson's Evaremoc Dark Diamond Although this bitch was shown without the silky cocker coat one would expect, I could not deny her her place as she had such balance and type. She moved well and was unfortunate not to be placed later in a high-quality veteran class.

3rd Freeman & Bain's Maimackay Ilston

Class 16- Special Any Solid Colour, Open Dog (2,1)

1st Shapland's Deracor Distinction Well balanced, cobby, black dog. Good head and kind eye excellent lay of shoulder and good return of upper arm. Sound, compact, balanced body and happy on the move.

Class 17- Special Any Solid Colour, Open Bitch (2abs)

1st West's Sheigra Super Special JW Again the best of feminine heads on this bitch much like her kennel mate's. Lovely depth to her and good spring of rib. Very positive on the move with good reach and drive.

2nd Marris-Bray's Helenwood Illusion JW two-year-old Black bitch. Feminine head with soft gentle expression. Good width and depth of ribs. Well set on ears and moderate reach of neck. Balanced angulation fore and hind. Moved well.

Class 18- Special Any Solid Colour, Veteran (7)

1st Costello's Judika Arizona A black and tan dog who really fills the eye, attractive outline on the stack masculine but not overdone, balanced head and gentle expression. Muscular neck into excellent shoulders, correct angulation fore and aft, well sprung ribs. Moved soundly with precise rear movement.

2nd Blackley & Salero's Wightroche Hugh Dunit handsome gold dog with such a gentle expression, he has a moderate neck leading to well-placed shoulders, plenty of bone, well developed chest and brisket, muscular rear. Moved OK.

3rd West's Sheigra Starstruck

Judge Mrs Sarah Pilkington (Brimbeck)