

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

Thank you firstly to the show committee for offering me my first judging appointment, and also for their wonderful hospitality. I had a lovely day at such a friendly and well organised show. My thanks, then, to my two stewards who guided me through seamlessly. Finally, thank you also to the exhibitors who entered and accepted my decisions sportingly. Unfortunately there was a high absentee rate but given the extremely hot weather, I completely understood the reason.

Puppy (7, 4a)

1st De Walton's Underknoll Love Story: Blenheim bitch of 11 months. Such a pretty head and perfect deep, dark eyes. Well broken markings and in good coat for her age. Well angulated and held her topline both standing and on the move. Correct scissor bite. Moved well, although lacked a little animation today. BPIB

2nd Rhodes' Calonlan Margarita : Tri colour bitch, 10 months old. Nicely broken markings, plenty of coat and a nice head with correct dentition. Good angulation and moved well. Level topline. Preferred the head and overall balance of 1.

3rd Rhodes' Calonlan Lavender Blue

Junior (7, 5a)

1st Rhodes' Calonlan Pretty in Pink : Blenheim girl, 12 months old. Very pretty head with the desired lozenge. Large, dark eyes. Coat in fabulous condition, with well broken markings. Well angulated and moved out well. Good size and balance. Unfortunately missed her next class so was unable to compete in the challenge.

2nd De Walton's Underknoll Flamenco: 11 month old tri colour bitch. Nice head, well broken markings. Good topline. Moved well. Correct scissor bite. I hope that most of her growing is now behind her.

Novice (5, 3a)

1st Long's Arroline Utopia: 16 month old Blenheim bitch. Nice head with good markings. Excellent pigment. Well set ears. Good tailset and carriage. Good spring of rib and short coupled. Her fabulous angulation showed in her correct movement. So well balanced. Such a fun temperament, and at one with her handler. I was pleased to award her BOB and delighted that she was later awarded Toy Group 3.

2nd De Walton's Underknoll Love Story: See Puppy

Graduate (5, 4a)

1st Long's Arroline Utopia: See Novice

Post Graduate (4, 2a)

1st Rhodes' Calonlan Café Noir: Black and tan boy of 21 months. Lovely head, with bright tan in all the right places. Correct scissor bite. Level topline. Good tail set, which he carried well. Fabulous coat. Moved out well and stood four square. A happy show boy. RBOB

2nd De Walton's Underknoll Kiki: 2 year old Blenheim bitch. Nice angulation and good movement. Beautiful, well broken coat. Good spring of rib. Preferred the head of 1.

Open (4, 3a)

1st Norris' Cinderaic Are You Kidding Criscan – 2 and a half year old Blenheim dog. Lovely head with large dark eyes. Well broken markings on a good coat. Correct dentition. Happy boy, but unfortunately dropped his topline today.

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