Central Carolina Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club

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Greensboro North Carolina

An honor for the invite to judge the Central Carolina Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club’s Aug 18, 2018 show. A quick yet lovely trip to this beautiful state. Thank you most especially to Show Chair Heather Borton for the hospitality and to Rebecca Klemp for the transportation. Congratulations on a great show, venue and for the nice number of quality entries. The dinner and “Annual Breeders Discussion” with Sweeps Judge Ginger Harrison and myself also had great participation. I think we all walked away with something new. Thanks you to everyone for the participation and an extra thank you to fellow Breeders & Judges David Kirkland, Bob Whitney, Elaine Lessig, Paula Ayers and Brenda Martz for joining in so significantly with your experiences both as breeders and Judges.

Had some lovely dogs to go over with the depth of quality being in the bitches. I was frustrated that I wasn’t as consistent as I’d like to have been due to a surprising number of otherwise lovely dogs that had undershot and rye mouths. As Judges traveling around the country we see trends in different geographical areas and I would appeal to breeders here to be sensitive to bites moving forward. The dogs were conditioned and presented beautifully and most enjoyed their ring time. Nice job on that front as I know well the commitment, travel and early mornings it takes.

My top winners from the Best Of Breed Class

BOB: #11 GCHB Brookhaven The Dream Lives On (Utych, Utych); Initially, not the fancy standout special but over and over my eye kept going to him, he was the best mover of the day and checked all the boxes. Lovely overall shape with great overall balance. Correct lengths of good round bone connected at correct angles. Good length of neck into an excellent layback of shoulder and beautiful topline into tail carriage. Along with it he exhibits lovely breed type, beautiful dark round eye’s with thick dark rims, on a pretty headpiece with well-placed ears that framed his face perfectly.

BOW, BOS: #24 Copper Lee’s Remedy (Breuer) *See Open Blenheim Bitch Class.*

SD: #33 GCH KBPride Scottish Warrior’s The Lion King (Mitchum); A well conditioned superbly presented dog. Lovely to watch on the move, another well balanced dog front and rear allowing for elegance in movement on the go round along with coming and going. Slightly larger and longer in length then the BOB. Excellent pigment all around on this dog, correct coat. Pretty headpiece with lovely breed type.

SB: #18 CH Angels’s Pride Nessaja (Charen); Super cute, very typie, small, compact, short coupled bitch with excellent angulation and plenty of bone. Beautiful pigment, pretty round large eyes. Very showy, elegant to watch on the move.

1st AOM: #7 CH Harana Errol Brown (Ayers, Martz); Super litte compact shape on this very solid, short coupled, well boned ruby with a moderate head, something strived for in the wholecolors. Moves well on the go round and coming and going. Not quite as elegant in stride as the SD before him.

2nd AOM: #9 CH Aranel Colby (Wells, Aldous, Smith) *See Veterans Class*

RWD: #55 Brookhaven Forever Young (Bolster) *See American Bred Class*

RWB: #32 Picketfence She Won My Heart (Frey) *See Bred By Exhitor Bitch Class*

CLASS DOGS:

Puppy 6 & Under 9 Months:

1 #35 WD: Flyinhi Thru The Cosmos (Eason); A flashy youngster who showed himself with great confidence and purpose moving with ease, elegance and carriage around the ring. Lovely topline, nice straight mover coming and going. It is all that which won him WD in the end. Up against some other nice and more mature dogs in the challenge, he out showed them with his natural ease and style in the end. Smaller framed yet well balanced with plenty of good round bone. Lovely pigment and thick eye rims around dark round eyes. His head still that of a puppy, yet to come in, needing more stop and fill but will come with maturity. I thought him such a lovely puppy and look forward to watching his career.

2 #45: ManorHouse True Grit at Alderbridge; A show dog heart on this dog as he makes a presence when he comes in the ring. Larger framed then the winner yet correct size and short coupled. Lovely topline on the go round. His coming and going proved a bit wide in front and narrow in rear. Not as balanced on angles front and rear as the winner. Would have liked more front angulation and a softer expression with larger and rounder eye.

3 #59: Ingold Jaxon At Ridge Oaks (Robinson, Mullis); Very sweet expression with pretty dark round eyes on this puppy. Not the balance of the ones before him. Longer hocks not giving him the drive of the others in the class.

12 & Under 18 Months

1 #37: My Choice Gorska Fantazja (Payne); A pretty dog with great pigment on coat, eyes and nose making him very flashy. Not as much to the touch under the coat as appears at the moment. Slight on sternum and tucked up underneath, that may change with maturity. Side gait lacks reach and drive but topline is adequate, angles are lacking with long hocks. Rear is cow hocked resulting in actual kicking out to the side in a circular motion from behind.

Amature Owner Handled

1 #57: Lizmere’s Sir Dabo Mcsweeney (Borg); Lovely coat condition and pigment on this very happy boy. Shoulders set a bit far forward and lacking sternum causes him to noticeably elbow out when coming towards you. The straighter front and longer hocks didn’t allow for balance in movement with the desired reach and drive. Bite still needs to correct.

Bred By Exhibitor

1 #39: Harmony Afternoon Tea Dance (Richmond, Deigoli); Loved the proportions at first glance on this dog. Excellent presentation with good coat condition. Lovely large dark round eyes, bite is just there. On the move the topline is challenged by unfortunate markings along the mid spine making it harder to access. Good angulation and moves with reach and drive. Although lacking a bit in sternum and a bit wide in the front has a lovely solid rear when moving away.

2 #25: Wellington Thunderball Bright One (Landry); A longer cast Black and Tan dog with a nice overall balanced shape but lacks the angulation to the one before him. Straight front causing minimal reach on the move. Would have liked larger rounder eye’s which would have softened the expression.

American Bred

1 #55-RWD: Brookhaven Forever Young (Bolster); An honest compact short coupled dog who shows himself off well. Lovely shape with long arched neck that flows into a good layback of shoulder. Good spring of rib and plenty of sternum keeping him nice and tightly put together. Moves with balance on all sides, good reach and drive. A correct bite although some teeth need to settle as head finishes out. Head is masculine yet attractive. Would have preferred a softer expression and larger eye.

Open Black and Tan

1 #19: Meadowlake Carolina Flare (Graham); A superbly presented nicely shaped dog with good length of neck that flows into a good layback of shoulder. Good spring of rib and sternum keeping him well together in the front amd on the move in all directions. Not as effortless on the move or solid on the topline and tail carriage as the winners when it came to the challenge. Correct bite with some teeth that need to settle. Attractive head that could have used a slightly bigger eye. All highlighted by long glorious well set ears that famed his face and a lovely straight coat to finish him off.

2 #17: Darane Happy Song (Markijohn, Kates); A longer cast dog then the first with some curl to the coat. Not as much dog to the touch under the coat as appears. Slighter boned and less spring of rib. A level topline on the move but minimal reach and a high tail carriage due to straighter front angulation then rear. Preferred the head of the winner.

Open Blenheim

1 #61: Sigma Chi’s Jose At Mingchen (Pearce, B. Whitney, E. Whitney, Henry); A super nice dog to go over on the table. Beautiful angulation with correct length of bone. Everything flowing as it should but sadly he did not use himself on the move showing very passively with both head and tail down. Correct texture, well broken, well conditioned coat with nice white and rich red pigment that made him really stand out. Pretty head, could use a bit more fill yet, with large dark round eye’s. He was the overall quality dog in the class but hard to access on the move. Gave him the class in hopes he would use himself in the challenge but not in his nature today.

 2 #31: Forestcreek Heart Of Rock N Roll (Painter, Cline); Although not as balanced as the winner, this was another really nice well- conditioned dog to go over on the table. Very pretty head piece with nice fill and good dark round eyes and rims. Another with super coat pigment. This dog did use himself in the ring. Carried himself with confidence although not as well balanced or angulated as the winner which also caused his rear tracking to be noticeably off.

3 #29: Festival Love Me (Wise); Another dog shown in beautiful coat and condition. On the longer lower side of the spectrum, well balanced and as a result has the room to move well underneath himself with reach and drive carrying a good topline. Would have liked to see a softer expression, head overdone with very short muzzle slightly bulbous eyes which ultimately put him in the 3rd position over the ones before him.

4 #51: Lizmere Ziggy Stardust (Gardner); Lovely conditioned dog to go over. Nice neck flowing into shoulder. Good and spring of rib. Head is masculine yet very pretty with well-placed ears and good eyes. Not the balance of the dogs ahead of him in the class with his straighter rear and lack of inner thigh muscle resulting in close movement in the rear.

Open Ruby

1 #43: Kingbridge Sam I Am (J. Waters, B. Waters); Good outline on this dog who also sports good bone and angulation. Very narrow through hip and lacking inner thigh which results in that really close rear movement where the hocks nearly touch. Very moderate in head and could use a larger eye.

CLASS BITCHES

Puppy 6 & Under 9 Months:

1 #56: Truelegance Dark Side of the Moon (D. Sinn. C. Sinn); Adequate shape and gait around the ring on this pretty headed tri puppy. She possesses all the basic ingredients with moderation including balance and angulation, would have liked a little bigger darker eye. Moves with purpose, seems to love to show. Lovely coat and condition, presented beautifully. Although the attitude of a winner she is not quite the quality of dog that ended up in 2nd place in this class. Attitude is what won the class for her.

2 #40: Ingold Loved Just Right (Mullis); Really loved this adorable, well put together little Blenheim bitch. So pretty with the most gorgeous head and eyes. Stunning pigment. Good balance and angulation on the few strides I could catch her on her toes. Her first show and she simply lacked the confidence for competition. An extra go round didn’t get her there. I know more ring time will get her head in the game and I expect some big wins in the future for her. Thought she was lovely. I wrote “Boo” in my notes that I couldn’t do more for her.

9 & Under 12 Months

1 #48: Night In Paris Castellum Mare (Markijohn); Lovely shape and nice round bone on this quiet openly marked bitch that moved well and was presented in good condition. Could use more coat pigment as well as eye pigment. Would have preferred darker rims and less white of eye.

12 & Under 18 Months

1 #34: Kingbridge Sophisticated Lady (Waters): This Black and Tan bitch was a solid little dog to go over on the table and pleasant to watch on the move. Nice bone and substance. Could use more angulation but balanced non the less. Needs a little more fill on head to finish the picture, may come with maturity.

2 #10: Nemesis Fidwor Z Ciisarskeho Mlyna (Fox); Pretty head piece on this little Ruby bitch. Beautiful eyes as the centerpiece with well-placed ears. Presented in good condition. Bite needs to come around yet and her rear let her down on the move.

3 #8: Crownrose Shirmont Liberty Bell (E. Rosenberg, L. Rosenberg, B. Henry, S. Henry); This well marked, pretty Blenheim bitch was longer cast then the ones before her. Round eye’s that could use darker thicker rims. Her balance challenged her against her competitiors causing her to hackney in movement and carry her tail high. She could use more coat and conditioning for the show ring.

4 #14: Hollytree Good Day sunshine (Markijohn, Seymour); This little ruby sporting nice round bone was shown in great body condition. She lacks that soft melting expression I’d prefer. Bite still needs to come around. Longer hocks challenged her when it came to competing on the move.

Bred By Exhibitor

1 #32-RWB: Picketfence She Won My Heart (Frey): Really loved this tri bitch that ultimately I chose for RWB. Such a correct shape to the standard with some leg under her yet correctly built with correct length of bone connected at correct angles and remaining longer in length then height. She moved effortlessly and with such elegance around the ring. Challenged with the lack of that coveted white collar on a tri, she unmistakably sported a beautiful length of neck that flowed into a well laid back shoulder. Top line and tail carriage never faltered. Beautiful headpiece, eye’s and expression with a wide “enough” blaze framed by perfectly placed and well used ears. Ber barely level bite held her back from the Major. All topped off with a correct quality coat and shown in excellent condition. A lovely addition to any breeding program.

2 #22: Brookhaven I Believe (Ayers, Martz); A lovely compact short coupled Ruby bitch lacking coat but what she had was correct and of excellent quality. Pretty head piece with soft expression. Really lovely large dark round eyes with thick dark rims. She was well put together with good round bone. Great angulation and balance allowing her to move well from all sides in the ring.

3 #38: Ingold Lady Bird (Pickett); Very pretty headpiece on this bitch with the prettiest round dark eyes. Bite yet to resolve but beautiful pigment throughout and excellent coat quality. Shown in great condition. Longer and lower cast and slighter on bone which lacked the desired roundness. Carried herself well.

4 #46: Wellington The Angel Wore Red (Landry); Such a tiny little Ruby bitch with a big attitude as she gave it her all around the ring. Needs more weight and conditioning for competition. Moves with a hackney motion due to her straight front and more angulated rear.

Open Black and Tan

1 #12: Bayking Hero Harriet Tubman (Gower); My notes start with 3 hearts on this beautiful short coupled Black and Tan bitch that was presented to absolute perfection and considered very strongly for the major. Super headpiece, eyes and rims and well set glorious ears, all of which she uses to her advantage. Lovely to go over on the table. Good round bone, well balanced with good angulation. Long crested neck flowing into a lovely layback of shoulder. Used herself well but lacked that overall effortlessness in movement as the final touch when it came to the challenge.

Open Blenheim

1 #24-WB/BOW/BOS: Copper Lee’s Remedy (Breuer): Check my purse, I could take her home but couldn’t so took her as far as I could, to BOS from the classes! Stunning little well broken bitch with a perfect bite, shown to perfection. She makes a huge impact when she walks in the ring moving with pure purpose. Excited to see her. A total package. Well balance, well angulated, lovely reach and drive with confident carriage. She moves easily, keeping a prefect topline and tail carriage. Did not disappoint on the table, everything in the right place as I’d expected based on her performance on the ground. Short coupled with nice round bone. Her head was stunning with the softest expression, plenty of fill under the eyes and the largest darkest round limpid eye’s that you feel like your crawling right into her soul. Well placed ears that she used to her full advantage. Thank you for showing this bitch to me.

2 #50: Foxwyn Mayflower (Fox); Another beautiful bitch in the ring today, as all dogs from this kennel are so very pretty. Truly splitting hairs between the two for the winner for this class. An ideal outline on this more heavily marked bitch with a lovely coat. Good on all sides on the move. Well balanced with good angulation. Good reach and drive, good coming and going. Another with no disappointments on the table. Everything in the right place. Actually slightly more elegant in movement resulting from slightly finer overall features then the winner. My final decision on this placement came down to the eyes and ring presence. Today I preferred those on the winner but this is a lovely bitch.

3 #30: Brookhaven Temptation (Gregory); Very cute, typy, short coupled bitch that was super showy and had great ring presence. Shown beautifully. Very pretty head piece, eyes and expression. Coat in great condition finishing off a nicely shaped outline with good round bone. Balanced and elegant in movement, topline and tail carriage not as strong as the ones before her.

4 #54: Truelegance Moonlight Kiss (V. Cromer, J. Cromer); Another quality bitch in the Open Blenheim class. Longer and lower cast but maintained nice proportions. Well balanced with good angulation. A joy to go over the flow of her on the table and watch on the move. Nice but not quite the headpiece as the ones before her with well- placed ears to frame it. Would have preferred less white in the eye and with the quality of eyes in this class, it challenged her.

Open Ruby

1 #20: Snowbird Gold Dust Woman (Spencer); Super pretty eyes on this up to size Ruby bitch who’s lack of coat did not hide her nice outline good angulation and round bone. She had nothing to hide on the move with qood reach and drive, straight coming and going. A real joy to watch on the go round.

VETERANS 7 YEARS & OVER DOGS

The Veterans class is the absolute hardest class yet the most honorable and humbling of all classes of any judging invitation for me, likely the same for all judges. Later in the day, an observing judge sitting ringside said to me; “I really felt sorry for you when you had to judge the veterans class.” RIGHT!!?? We have to judge the dog or bitch on the day not what it was in its youth or could have been if it hadn’t been altered in its senior years. Today it was absolute torture to have to place these dogs.

1 #9: Aranal Colby (Wells, Aldous, Smith); (7 yrs) The condition on this dog was incredible. Pigment still brilliant, well-muscled with everything still nice and tight and in it’s place working as it should. He moved with elegance and ease as larger boned dog, used himself freely with his beautiful balance and anglulation. Happy, unassuming and seeming to really enjoy his day as most veterans do. His teeth: there, his eye’s: clear, His beautiful head with loads of fill and his amazing large round dark eye’s made me want to pinch his cheeks. Thrilled to see who it was when the day was done as I’ve judged him before in his youth and thought he was even happier to be in the ring today.

2 #49 Karvale Brookhaven Finn (S. Utych, J. Utych); (10.5 yrs) Hurt my heart not to have another 1st place ribbon. Becoming clear once on the table that this dog was older then the winner yet another in excellent condition. He had nearly every tooth in his head and eyes were crystal clear… my job became impossibly difficult at that moment. What a tribute to the breeders and owner for this accomplishment. Again, everything so well put together. Used himself brilliantly, moved like a dream and the attitude was heartwarming. I could have stood there all day and justified one dog over the other. This dog was more moderate yet correct and very pretty in head type as well as outline. More up on leg but proportions still excellent. Everything nice and tight and utilizing it all well. Beautiful angulation and balance and for his age, he could really move out with purpose. Ultimately, to eliminate those things that should not be considered and those things being equal, the pigment, coat texture and muscle tone on the winner won the day. This wonderful little dog with the most awesome temperament, now working as a certified therapy dog will always be chiseled in my mind. Thank you for showing him to me.