

**Home Counties Cocker Spaniel Club
Championship Show 13th February 2022**

I would like to thank the Officers & Committee of Home Counties Cocker Spaniel Club for inviting me to judge my first championship show for them. It was a great honour and I thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to all the exhibitors who entered their dogs and gave me the honour of going over them and for accepting my decisions so sportingly. In the main the standard was quite high although some exhibits were lacking in muscletone with long toenails both of which, of course, affect movement so these were not rewarded. Tails also need to be watched in some exhibits. I was looking for short, cobby, compact cockers with good drive. I found this in all my main winners and was very pleased with my final line up. Lastly, thank you to my two stewards, Julie Sheridan & Caroline Smith who kept the ring in order throughout the day.

Any Parti Colour Special Puppy Bitch – 3 entries

1st Williams' Wilmerella Sassenach – attractive 10 month old o/r bitch with an appealing head with correct pigmentation for her colour. Clean throat, lovely front assembly with good return of upper arm, moderate neck into well laid shoulders, deep chest & well ribbed, short in loin, firm level topline which she held on the move. Well rounded rear with good width of thigh and bend of stifle. Stands four square on neat tight feet & presents a pleasing picture when stacked. Beautifully presented, a little unsettled on the move today.

2nd Madigans Misperros Abeja Reina – dark b/r 10 month old bitch with pretty head, pleasing front angulation, moderate neck into well laid shoulders, firm rear quarters, neat well padded feet, moved positively. Well presented & handled. Just preferred the substance of 1.

3rd Wildings Jayzander All Shook Up

Any Parti Colour Special Graduate Bitch – 5 entries/4 abs

1st Sherlocks Crimicar Dream Lover – b/r bitch who stood alone in her class. Attractive head with appealing expression, she stands on well boned legs and neat tight feet. Plenty of depth of chest and firm through her mid section, short below the hocks and well muscled rear quarters enable her to drive around the ring. Well presented & handled.

Any Parti Colour Special Open Bitch – 3 entries

1st Whitings Sh Ch Annilann Miss Zing JW – a b/r bitch I have admired from ringside on many occasions. Feminine head with melting expression leads to clean neck & shoulders, compact & well ribbed she stands four square on neat tight feet, lovely bone throughout. Nothing exaggerated & all in proportion she is a delight to handle. Drives out well, beautifully presented & handled. Considered her for top honours, she made my short list today.

2nd Williams Sh Ch Amaroanne Athena at Wilmerella IR Jun Ch – another super b/r bitch & I really was splitting hairs between them. Pretty head with lovely expression, plenty of substance all through without being overdone, firm rear quarters which she used to drive around the ring. Top draw presentation.

3rd Wheatleys Amaroanne Aphrodite at Melandroy

Any Solid Colour Special Puppy Bitch – 3 entries/1 abs

1st Wards Wensum Lets Dance – 8 month old black with pretty head, clean neck into well laid shoulders with good length of upper arm, plenty of heart room and enough depth of body for her age. Holds her topline whilst on the move using her rear quarters to best advantage. Presents a pretty outline when stacked.

2nd Creaneys Kaiserblue Night Rose – another 8 months old black built on different lines to 1. Raw puppy with pretty head, well laid shoulders, would prefer a little more weight. Moved happily. Not quite as compact as 1.

Any Solid Colour Graduate Bitch – 5 entries/ abs

1st Kengyelics Hebdene Haute Couture – 2 year old black bitch with appealing head and expression, lovely front assembly with good return of upper arm, moderate neck into well laid shoulders, strong compact well ribbed body which is short in loin, good bone and plenty of substance all through, muscular rear quarters with lovely bend of stifle enable her to power around the ring although her movement was a little erratic today. Presentation first class.

2nd Shinkfield & Lesters Quettadene Queen of Stars – another attractive black bitch with a melting expression, nothing exaggerated & well balanced throughout, presents a pleasing picture when stacked. On the day I just preferred the substance of 1.

3rd Daniels Charbonnel Dream Come True at Senoia

Any Solid Colour Special Open Bitch – 3 entries

1st Davies Kerriglow Honesty JW - a sound honest black bitch as her name suggests, pleasing front assembly, moderate neck into good shoulder placement, deep in chest and well ribbed she has a firm topline which is held on the move, stands squarely on well boned legs with neat tight feet, good rear angulation and short below the hocks, she moved out happily and with drive. Neatly presented & well handled.

2nd Ellisons Withiflor Fine Romance – 2 year old black bitch with a pretty head & kind eye, good neck & shoulders, compact body with everything in proportion, tight neat feet. Beautifully presented.

3rd Kews Withiflor Bird on the wire over Wyllyview

Veteran Bitch – 5 entries/1 abs

1st Pilkingtons Molkara Vuvuzela ShCM – coming up for 12 years old this lovely black bitch certainly doesn't look her age, pretty head with melting expression, moderate neck into well laid shoulders, firm topline, well ribbed, stands squarely on neat tight feet. Drove around the ring and put some of the youngsters to shame with her positive movement. Shown in excellent coat condition she is a credit to her owner. Could not deny her BVB.

2nd Madigans Misperros Silvery Lining at Carmelfair – pretty b/r bitch just over 7 years old different in type to 1. Lovely head, pleasing front & rear angulations, show in good coat. Not as positive on the move as 1.

3rd Needham's Merryhaze Thats Jazz

Minor Puppy Bitch – 11 entries/1 abs

1st Wards Wensum Dancing in the Dark – Repeat of Special Solid Puppy Bitch. Pleased to award her BMPB

2nd Wards Wensum Let's Dance – golden litter sister to class winner. Much of the same attributes apply although not as compact as her sister, she presents a lovely outline when stacked. Very pretty bitch who gave her handler a hard time.

3rd Evans Manaca's Shown in Blue (Imp Swe)

Puppy Bitch – 11 entries/3 abs

1st McBrides Topday Tiny Dancer – 10 month old dark b/r bitch with a lovely head & melting expression, good neck and shoulders with a firm topline which she holds on the move, well ribbed for her age she is short and compact in body. Stands firm on well boned legs and well angulated rear quarters used to drive around the ring. Beautifully presented and handled, I was pleased to award her BPB. On decision with my co judge she went on to BPIS.

2nd Madigans Misperros Silver Summer Sun – b/r & tan 10 month old bitch, lovely rich tan markings, pleasing head. Nothing overdone on this bitch and all in proportion. Moved out well for her handler.

3rd Tavernors Regaltav Moonbeam

Junior Bitch – 11 entries/3 abs

1st Mitchells Glowhill Sweet Magnolia – 13 month old light b/r bitch, very attractive head piece, excellent front assembly, good neck into well laid shoulders, lovely bone and substance throughout, tight thickly padded feet, short compact cobby body, round firm rear quarters with good width of thigh. Top drawer presentation. Made my short list for the CC today. I'm sure her day will come.

2nd Blackley & Saleros Wightroche The Bee – 13 month old black bitch, pretty head with kind eye and melting expression, good length of neck into well placed shoulders, neat tight well padded feet, good bone throughout, well ribbed compact body, short in loin, firm topline which she held on the move, lovely rear angulation with firm quarters which she used to drive herself around the ring. Unlucky to meet 1 on such top form.

3rd Corcorans Troverothway Daisy Daisy

Yearling Bitch – 9 entries/1abs

1st Collin, Eyres & Wildman Oktumi Opalescence – b/r bitch who caught my eye as she entered the ring. Pretty head with a kind eye, well laid shoulders, plenty of heart room in her well ribbed compact body, short below the hocks. Nothing exaggerated with this bitch. Very well presented & handled to best advantage. She was an easy choice for my short list today, just up against stiff competition at the end, her time will come I am sure.

2nd Kews Withiflor Bird on the wire over Wylveview – 2 year old attractive black bitch with pleasing head, good neck and shoulder, well presented. Not the substance of 1 and was a little unsettled on the move today.

3rd Bindza's Laurellakes Whos That Girl

Novice Bitch- 8 entries/2 abs

1st Blackley & Saleros Wightroche The Bee – repeat of Junior

2nd Masons Sandlauga Candy Crush – pretty b/r bitch who is compact, well ribbed and has firm rounded quarters. Moves out well with handler. Coat beautifully presented. Unlucky to meet 1 on such top form.

3rd Scotts Cassom Betty Rizzo

Tyro Bitch – 4 entries/1abs

1st Craigs Alisma Alwena – b/r bitch who is short, compact and cobby. Pretty head with kind eye, good return of upper arm, deep chested, short in loin, nice angles front and rear. Moved well.

2nd Blackley & Saleros Wightroche TheBee - repeat

3rd Hutsons Stobytil She Bangs

Special Beginners Bitch – 3 entries

1st Sewells Wintonia Hidden Gem at Quattrozampe – b/r bitch with good head and eye, moderate neck, level topline, well angulated rear quarters, stands well on neat feet. Moved out well with handler, nicely presented.

2nd Drivers Annilann Miss Magicstar at Beckaby – b/r bitch with pretty head, good neck and shoulders, short in loin. Not as positive on the move as 1.

3rd Daniels Senoia Pecan in Molasses

Post Graduate Bitch – 9 entries/1 abs

1st Wests Sheigra Simply a Star JW – black bitch who presents a pleasing outline. Appealing head, good neck and shoulders, firm topline, well ribbed compact body, plenty of substance all through.

2nd Ellisons Withiflor Tiny Dancer – pretty golden bitch with a sweet head and melting expression, lovely cat like neat feet, presented in super condition and coat for her colour. Just not the drive in movement as 1.

3rd Brown & Crossleys Annaside Yet More Trouble for Atherbron

Mid Limit Bitch – 6 entries/2 abs

1st Youngs Canyonn Could It Be Magic – a black bitch I judged when she was a puppy & I awarded her BMPIS, loved her then & pleased to see she has matured into a lovely bitch. She has an attractive head and kind expression, good neck and shoulders, firm topline, well ribbed body, neat tight feet, good angles all though, moves out well. She made my short list today but was up against some stiff competition at the end.

2nd Bards Withiflor Fairy Tale JW - attractive golden bitch with lovely neck and shoulders, firm through her body, short in loin, well muscled rear quarters. Stands on well boned legs & neat tight feet. Beautifully presented.

3rd Hutsons Stobytil Hippy Hippy Shake JW

Limit Bitch – 8 entries/1 abs

1st Adams Whinburn Winter Eclipse – exceptional black bitch just out of yearling who I have admired for some time so was pleased to get hands on today and she certainly did not disappoint. Beautiful head with the kindest melting expression, super front assembly with lovely reach of neck into well laid shoulders, she has a deep well ribbed strong short body, good bone throughout she stands squarely on thickly padded tight feet, firm round muscular quarters and short below the hocks which allow her to propel herself forward with correct drive. She is so balanced throughout and everything flows nicely together. Plenty of substance with this bitch without being overdone, there is no doubt she is 'fit for function'. Presented in good hard condition with a gleaming, beautifully presented coat. An absolute picture when stacked & on the move. Delighted to award her the RCC & thrilled to see her take RBIS on referee decision.

2nd Wests Sheigra Stars in her Eyes JW – another pretty black bitch with feminine head and kind expression, moderate reach of neck into well placed shoulders, ample rib and short in loin. Firm topline and happy mover. Just not the substance of the class winner.

3rd Madigans Misperros Sophia Loren

Open Bitch – 4 entries/1 abs

1st Hilliers Sh Ch Coedcernyw Calendar Girl JW – nearly 5 year old red bitch. I have watched her since she was a puppy and have been itching to get my hands on her. Today was the day and what a privilege it was, she absolutely met and, in fact, exceeded my expectations. Such a feminine head with a truly melting expression, correct pigmentation for her colour, superb front assembly with good return of upper arm, strong neck into well placed shoulders, good ribbing with plenty of heartroom, the best of feet which are thickly padded and standing on well boned legs, level topline held both on the move and when stacked, short in loin, correct bend of stifle, pleasing rear angulation which is well rounded and firm, short below the hocks. Everything just flows together without exaggeration. She is shown in super coat and hard condition, a very merry bitch on the move her tail never stops wagging and she is the epitome of a 'merry cocker'. Absolutely thrilled to award her the BCC, her 19th CC I understand, & to see her take BOB on referee decision was the icing on the cake, well done!

2nd Morris Sh Ch Riondel Caribbean Blu – pretty dark blue roan with appealing head, good neck and shoulders and well ribbed firm body. Lovely legs and neat feet. Shown in firm condition throughout. Unlucky to meet 1 on such top form.

3rd Needhams Merryhaze thats Jazz

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