

HOME COUNTIES COCKER SPANIEL CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW FEBRUARY 11TH

MALES

My entry was pleasing and my top winner's excellent examples of the breed. Once again I found such a lack of the glorious heads that set the cocker apart from other gundog breeds, Narrow skulls with matching almost pointed faces are not very attractive, untypical of the breed and most undesirable. However, on the day I was particularly concerned about the front movement in so many, where was the forward extension with true through action as required by the breed standard? I was shocked at how many had front legs swinging out almost to the side, also the lack of power and drive from the rear? Hopping from one back foot to the other is not the required movement for a cocker; it takes a lot more effort to cover the ground with this incorrect movement. If a cocker has acceptable conformation he will place his feet correctly and be able to cover a good distance without any effort at all while maintaining a strong level top line. We really need to stop accepting these heads and this movement as "normal" or we will be in danger of losing a lot of what our breed is about.

PUPPY ANY OTHER COLOUR 4

1ST-Lills-Tipperlin Day Tripper To Rosebercon, Strong headed very mature for age, well constructed, moved out well with positive front action, very sure of himself.

2nd-Telfords-Courtmaster Rocking Rhythm, Another well constructed, strong lad, with super bone, well balanced throughout; Very close decision on these two

3rd-Wildmans-Mystical Milow

JUNIOR A.O.C. 3

1ST-Whiteheads-Ryallcourt Wind Chime, Lovely headed young dog of nice size with well placed shoulder and upper arm giving good front movement, needs to mature as yet and strengthen behind, excellent bone.

2nd-Coxs-Suvern Softly Spoken, Promising lad still very immature at the moment, has plenty of time to develop.

3rd-Phillips-Moonwood Barley Sugar

POST GRADUATE A.O.C. 3

1st-Warringtons-Tipperlin Designed For Zakova. Most attractive orange roan, kind, intelligent eye, strong neck into well laid shoulder, coby body, lovely forward reach and positive drive from the rear, in excellent natural trim, Very balanced all through.

2nd-Craigs-Withiflor Blues In The Night At Alisma- Very close decision on first two, Sound moving, strong boned, lovely feet, well sprung ribs and deep chest.

3rd-Cunnanes-Winterstale Waterloo

SPECIAL BEGINNERS A.O.C.5

1ST-Forfars-Craigdean Kokerhoop At Glasedin- Ample neck and well laid shoulder, Rather over angulated but this did not affect his super movement, very sound lad with great confidence.

2nd-Gladmans-Chativore Steel Symphony- Super dog standing , excellent bone and feet, well bodied and super presentation of good quality coat, needs to tighten on front.

3rd-Cassidys-Rojoys Little Star

SPECIAL OPEN A.O.C. 2

1ST-Telfords-Courtmaster Sugar Ray- Petite lad, very balanced all through, free easy movement with good extension and drive, needs to firm up, lovely expression.

2nd-Drivers –Beckaby Lunar Shadow, Super headed dog with quality coat and sound carefree movement.

JUNIOR –ANY SOLID COLOUR 2

1ST-Costellos-Judika Full Moon-Just out of puppy, compact, sturdy lad, with good head, ample neck into well placed shoulders, well sprung ribs with strong bone and tight feet, presented in neat, natural coat, moved out freely, covering the ground well.

2nd-Marris-Brays-Helenwood Black Ice- Much heavier type, would prefer shorter face for correct balance with head, strong neck and deep body, good feet and strong bone.

POST GRADUATE-A.S.C 3 [1]

1ST- Warringtons- Zakova Hypnotist- Lovely head and eye, square compact body, good bone and feet, looked a picture standing, in gleaming coat, needs to gain control of his movement.

2nd-Moorats-Sunnerset Moonlight Dancer- Different type to winner, well presented , with ample bone and substance, very happy on the move.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS A.S.C.6

1ST-Davis-Annaside Ray Of Sunshine- Rather over done in head but very well constructed front assembly and upper arm giving him an easy, free, sound and positive movement, ample bone with good feet, showed himself well.

2nd-Worgans-Lochranza Man On A Mission For Luthane- Nice headed lad of good shape standing, Needs more strength all through. Moved ok.

3rd-Walkers-Charbonnel First Design For Brackenjack

SPECIAL OPEN A.S.C.3

1ST-Pretty/Carpenters-Totenkopf War Games For Joaldy JW.Sh.C.M.- Elegant type with plenty of neck into excellent shoulders, compact body with good ribs, ample bone and nicely presented coat, moved out with style and good attitude, would prefer a bit more of him but he is balanced all through making a very pleasing picture.

2nd-Rihoys Sunnerset Moonlighting- Very strong, square and powerful dog, Moved happily on good feet, would benefit from less coat. Preferred the front assembly of winner

3rd-Downs-Zakova Footsteps

VETERAN 3[1]

1ST-Goodwins-Sarabar Mr.Misterson- Compact and sturdy dog, gentle expression, enough neck with well placed shoulders, in excellent condition, really showed his socks of right to the end, Super coat for age, Best Veteran In Show.

2nd- Thorpe/Harrisons-Chocolate Scoobt Snack At Archby- Owner had no control over this dog making it impossible to asses.

MINOR PUPPY DOG ANY COLOUR 4

1ST-Murrays- Worlewood Movin On Up- Gorgeous blue baby, most appealing and totally balanced all through, moved with such confidence and sound as a pound.
BPD and BPIS

2nd-Bonds-Olibond Remember Me, Super lad, many similar attributes as my winner, not quite as settled on the move but very sound, will watch out for him as he matures.

3rd-Blackley/Salero- Wightroche Magical Knight

PUPPY DOG A.C.4

1ST-Melvilles-Cassom Star Alliance- Very promising lad of nice size and shape, good head, neck and shoulders, well placed upper arm, bodying up nicely, moved soundly on strong legs and good feet, just needs to gain confidence.

2nd- Lills-Tipperlin Day Tripper To Rosebercon

3rd- Wildmans- Mistical Malow

JUNIOR A.C. 4

1st-Whiteheads-Ryallcourt Wind Chime

2nd-Pearce-Gudgers- Pearkim Pumpkin Pie- Big strong puppy, good body and bone, plenty of width to his upper thighs which he used to give excellent rear drive, Not so good in front. Stood well with good outline.

3rd-Coxs- Suvern Softly Spoken

MAIDEN A.C 2 [1]

1ST-Drivers-Beckaby Careless Whisper-Super headed light blue with kind, expression and good balance to muzzle, Well placed shoulders and ample body, moved very soundly.

NOVICE A.C.2

1ST-Costellos-Judoka Full Moon

2nd-Drivers-Beckaby Careless Whisper

YEARLING A.C 7 [2]

1ST-Wildings-Jayzander Murphys Law JW- .Lovely head, good upper arm and front construction, well laid shoulders, balanced all through, strong feet, moved out very well with easy sound action, Just lacking body today to complete the picture.

2nd-Wards-Wensum Earl Gray-Very strong lad giving owner a lot of work trying to control him, liked his expression and exuberance, Good rear action once settled.

3rd-Biggs-Patagoco From A Distance

POST GRADUATE 7

1ST- Pilkington's- Molkara Crystal Knight At Brimbeck- My star of the day, Masculine head, good development of forchest, correct upper arm and shoulders, strong neck, big ribbed deep chested body, excellent bone, wide well muscled upper thigh, strong hocks well padded tight feet, super coat texture and presentation, moved with such easy action with forward extension and drive from behind, keeping perfect top line, looked a picture standing and moving, never faltered throughout the day or challenge, just showed himself to perfection. A well deserved CC and RBIS, BOS.

2ND-Gladmans-Chativore Stargazer- Super dark blue of good size and substance, deep chest , plenty of heart room, well ribbed and bodied, good bone and feet, neat, natural trim, just lacked any animation on the move.

3rd-wrong number in catalogue.

LIMIT 6[3]

1ST- Kerrs-Kelbonny's Sign Of The Times For Windgrove JW.- Superb head, elegant neck into well placed shoulders, good forchest, deep compact body, plenty of bone with good muscle development for age, moved out so well with sound parallel action, covering the ground without any effort holding a firm top line at all times, looked a picture standing and moving, pushed hard; just had to give way to the more mature lad today, Very pleased to give him the Reserve CC.

2nd-Pretty/Carpenters-Joaldy Mandolin Wind JW.Sh.C.M.- Heavier headed dog of good size. Strong neck and sturdy body, nicely angulated to rear with strong hocks which he used well on the move. Would prefer less width to his front but over all a good type well balanced quality lad.

3rd-Barnes-Challowdown Bluemoon

OPEN5 [1]

1ST-Share-Jones- Sharemead Golden Syrup- An old favourite of mine having awarded him a Reserve CC previously, Lovely lad with plenty to offer, Good head ,strong neck and well laid shoulders, plenty of chest and has matured well in body, very balanced all through and so eager to please on the move, certainly worthy of more honours but today had to give way to the blacks.

2nd-Barnes-Challowdown Bluemoon- Nicely presented, balanced dog of good size, moved out well.

3rd-Downs-Zakova Footsteps

ELAINE THOMAS [Judge]