

THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF CANBERRA INC

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2003

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I would like to record my thanks to the hard working committee who made the whole experience thoroughly enjoyable, despite the weather – which I believe they had little control over! I was very pleased with the quality of those dogs presented. Such a large number will obviously produce a variety of types. These varied from quite exaggerated, over skulled dogs to somewhat rangier, less typical examples of the breed. Somewhere in the middle was a plethora of fine typical toy spaniels which I consider would compete for top honours anywhere.

It is possible to breed elegant toy spaniels which are sound, balanced yet still in possession of the desirable breed attributes. I feel that in this regard the breed in Australia is both numerically strong and has to hand all the essential breed characteristics which define the type we all know and love. This bodes well for the future of the breed. It was nice to see that most of my main winners were home bred – which is nice too!

BABY PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES - DOGS

I found this class hard to assess with the huge variety of type presented. These will change so much and will therefore share the honours in times to come.

- 1 **WOODHAY SAVOIR VIVRE** Ch Dapsen Mr Xquisit x Woodhay Monarda (Petersen) Small, richly marked blenheim. Shorter in the face than I like but he had the making of a promising youngster in his other attributes. Presented a nice outline in profile and did not disappoint when moving.
- 2 **BRIMARVAN DRIFTN N DREM** Dapsen Inya Dreams x Brimarvan Regal Vintage (Brimarvan Knls) Similar in lines to 1. Equally well marked, good bone with correct angles front and rear. Moved happily.
- 3 **CORALVIEW VIRTUOSO** Ch Coralview Simply Royal x Coralview Quest For Gold (Rostron) Well broken Blenheim with lozenge. Slightly larger type who appeared slightly longer cast. However, a nice type with lovely gentle eyes. Time will tell.

BABY PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES - BITCHES

- 1 **MERSEYPORT TAFFETA** Ch Cavandra The Full Quid x Merseyport Maccarina (Madigan) Tricolour who was so lovely for size and balance. Very sound and correct all through. Fully pigmented eyes. Head needs to improve but has time on her side. Moved smartly with a lovely tail set and gave a polished performance for one so young. **BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW**
- 2 **MARCAVAN VELVET AND LACE** Marcavan Cry For Justice x Marcavan Sareena Star (Silvester) Similar in lines to winner. Well marked coat of nice texture with no flecking. Lovely tan. Good eyes which give a calm outlook. Moved smartly.
- 3 **BRIMARVAN VELVET RIBBONS** Brimarvan Theatre Knight x Brimarvan Scarletribbons (Brimarvan Knls) Well broken blenheim bitch with spot. Super eyes. Should knit together in time. Moved well with a well carried tail. Happy show girl.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

- 1 **CAVANDRA PERCY SHELLY** Merseyport Morris Dance x Cavandra Candide (Madigan) Well balanced richly marked blenheim. Presented a very clean outline which was carried around the ring nicely by this happiest of boys. Super bone with the makings of a very good coat. Really lovely skull shape which had all the contours, but not coarse in any way. Nice dark eye which was lustrous and gentle. Liked him a lot and should always be 'up there!'

- 2 **CAVANDRA HEMMINGWAY** *Merseyport Morris Dance x Cavandra Candide (Dark)* Litter brother to winner and similar remarks apply. I am sure these two will battle it out in the future! Just preferred the compactness of one, nonetheless a quality boy.
- 3 **KARHISAR TUSCAN INTRIGUE** *Caralean Tuscan Sky (Imp UK) x Ch Karhisar Gabriella (Beare)* Immediately thought this was my class winner as I could not take my eyes off him when he came into the ring. However his 'joie de vivre' made him a little proud of his tail which spoiled an otherwise exquisite toy spaniel. Striking headpiece and lustrous eyes. Moved and showed extremely well and should end up in 'more settled days' a glamorous and exciting dog.

PUPPY DOG

- 1 **LILACDALE SUGAR CANE** *Elzmere Sugar Rae x Lilacdale Solitaire (Van Den Elzen)* Sweet as sugar and so he was! Beautifully marked tricolour boy. Superbly balanced with excellent reach of neck giving him an elegant outline both standing and on the move. Excellent front and rear assembly with all the right angles and lovely bone for size. Shown in a profuse well-marked coat for one so young. Super head with huge lustrous eyes so full of wisdom which belies his tender months. Rich tan in all the right places. Positive mover as his construction would suggest. With time very much on his side he should make a lot more waves. **BEST PUPPY in SHOW**
- 2 **MUFFITY BRIXTON (Imp UK)** *Muffity Jacob x Muffity Lace (Chapman)* Not dissimilar to my winner in structure and type. Tricolour with very kind eyes of good size and shape set in a nicely shaped head that was free from exaggeration. Well marked with a clear muzzle, makings of a very nice coat with little evidence of flecking. Preferred the more positive hind action of winner but deserved the place.
- 3 **MILETREE DISTANT DREAM (Imp UK)** *Miletree Monthy x Miletree Evening Dream (Carribelle Knls)* Small well-put together blenheim dog that has the makings of a profuse richly marked coat. Head needs more time but has good dark eyes and dark pigment. Showed happily. Should finish a very useful toy spaniel, as his breeding would suggest. Well done.

JUNIOR DOG

- 1 **CH CORALVIEW SIMPLY ROYAL** *Ricksbury Royal Liaison (Imp UK) x Ch Coralview Just You (Rostron)* Glamorous blenheim dog who screamed type and was shown in super condition. Delicious head with huge dark eyes, well broken coat of correct silky texture. Very sound and stylish on the move with good head carriage which also made him hard to ignore. Happy boy who likes to please. Liked him a lot and in my final four for consideration.
- 2 **ELVENHOME MANOVHONR** *Fin/Aust/NZ Ch Deeriem Thelonius of Annecourt (Imp Fnl) x Ch Elvenhome Honr N Glory (Montford)* Nicely balanced blenheim of excellent make and shape, which he used to advantage on the move. Pleasing head with good dark eyes giving a kindly expression. Attentive showman who projected his many lovely attributes in my direction. Refused to be ignored.
- 3 **EBONWOOD MOONFLY** *Ch Cavashon Jeronimo x Ebonwood Kentucky Flyer (Miller)* Similar lines to winner with nice outline and moved well. Heavier marked but with good coat and furnishings. Pleasing head with good nose pigment but would have preferred a darker eye. Moved well.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

- 1 **CH MATMOR FAIRGRND ATTRACTN** *Ch Sorata Bugsy Seigel x Gr Ch Barakah My Fair Lady (Morse)* Stunning black and tan dog of lovely balance who was shown in superb condition. His long flat silky coat is a credit to his owner. His sheer elegance on the move is a joy to behold – he simply would not be overlooked. On closer inspection he is so well put together with one part

flowing into the next which makes for a very harmonious package. Super reach of neck and spirit level topline with well-angulated quarters. Absolutely gorgeous head and eye imparting a gentleness that I was looking for. His zest for showing and love of his handler gave him a confidence which caused him never to put a foot wrong as he out moved the competition with his superb reach and driving rear action. In tiptop form, I absolutely loved him and admit to the sin of coyness – forgive me! In the challenge for BIS he lost none of his fizz despite the inclement conditions and arduous day. **DOG CC and BEST IN SHOW**

- 2 **CH MARCAVAN ROYAL SCANDAL** *Chevalier Royal Encore (iid UK) x Breshaad Reciprocate (Silvester)* Blenheim boy who is so well put together. Another exuberant show man who demanded attention. Richly marked coat of nice texture. Very good front and rear which he used to advantage in a fluent way. Nicely balanced head with good eyes and expression. Nothing exaggerated about him in any way whatsoever.
- 3 **LAKEISHA XQUISIT SAPHIRE** *Ch Dapsen Mr Xquisit x Lakeisha Phantom Chance (Creek)* Black and tan dog who was not shown in his best bib and tucker but had nothing to hide. What coat he had was well presented and with rich tan in all the right places. Lovely head with beautiful expression. Quality exhibit who gave a good account of himself on the move. Another day!

LIMIT DOG

- 1 **CARALEAN TUSCAN SKY (IMP UK)** *Tanmerack Botticelli x Nappola Caitilin Belle For Caralean (Beare)* A headpiece to die for with excellent eyes set in soft contours creating the desired melting expression. Nicely made all through with good topline and presented a picture standing in lovely silky coat. The inclement weather caused many like him with well set tails to be more than a little proud which unfortunately affected his chances in the challenge as I really loved him. A pity as he too was in my final four!
- 2 **ELVENHOME FINLANDIA** *Fin/Aust/NZ Ch Deeriem Thelonius of Annecourt (Imp Fnl) x Elvenhome Charmeuse (Montford)* Extremely well constructed blenheim dog. Just somewhat short in furnishings compared to winner. Good head and dark eye. One of the best movers in the class who used his powerful rear and correct front assembly to propel him along in a very fluid manner. He was enjoying his outing despite the recent downpour. Steady chap.
- 3 **CH ALISTLE WHAT THE HELL** *Ch Miniatura Waistn Time x Alistle Taylor By Choice (McCullough)* Small cobby blenheim dog with gorgeous eyes. Lovely rich chestnut markings. Very neat compact shape yet with enough scope to move to advantage – despite carrying a little excess weight over the shoulder. Showed happily. The rain spoilt the coat presentation on the day as it did with others.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

- 1 **CH ABBYSFIELD CARTOUCHE** *Charterwood Ragamuffin (Imp UK) x Abbysfield Adrianna (Abbysfield Knls)* Extremely compact and profusely coated blenheim dog. Lovely texture to coat. Short coupled with nice tail set. Nicely balanced with just the correct length of leg to back ratio. Short hocks which he used well as he moved around the ring with style and drive. A glorious head with absolutely fabulous eyes. Perhaps carrying too much weight over the shoulders. The inclement weather conditions may have had spoiled an otherwise lovely outline today.
- 2 **CH ELFKING ROYAL TIPP** *Ricksbury Royal Liaison (Imp UK) x Elking Tippy Tappy (Paznikov)* Many of the same remarks apply. Beautiful head, large dark eyes both fully pigmented. A well made compact chap with good bone who moved around with verve and presence. Close decision.
- 3 **WENAWEVE DREME WEVA** *Gr Ch NZ Ch Ashbury Purple Rain x Ch Cavashon Dare To Dream (Weaver)* My notes say beautifully marked tricolour with glorious head and eyes. On first impression he was not necessarily in the rankings however on closer inspection of his wonderful

construction I changed my mind. He gathered himself well and settled enough to take a well-deserved third placing in a strong class.

OPEN DOG

- 1 **GR CH HOMERBRENT DEMOCRAT** *Homerbrent Denzil (UK) x Homerbrent Eleanor (UK) (Egan/Weekes)* This dog was so correct and free from any exaggeration that I found him hard both to fault and ignore. Quality blenheim boy who was the consummate showman and made his owner work really hard. So well made throughout which afforded him the opportunity to present me with a fluent crisp outline with which he took the ring by storm. Complimentary angles front and rear with super topline and tail set which was carried well, allowed him to move positively at all times. Beautiful head and expression with correct taper to the muzzle. Would prefer a slightly darker eye. Wagged his way to the top of this strong class. Worthy Gr Champion.
- 2 **CH BARLEYCORN LE TEMPS** *Ch Millhill Le Fermier (Imp UK) x Ch Barleycorn Portfolio (Mackender/Windell)* Quality blenheim dog shown in good coat and condition. Well constructed and so very sound in every way. Pleasing head and eye although a slight amount of white did detract. I am not a fanatic on this but it can at times affect the outlook and expression. Moved with ease around the ring and was unlucky to meet one in tiptop form.
- 3 **GR CH CARALEAN GESUALDO (IMP UK)** *Tanmerack Cellini x Caralean Countess Kaylah (Beare)* Another richly marked quality blenheim from the top drawer who was in many ways similar to both 1 and 2. Could have had a bit more wag although would probably have preferred to have been tucked up in bed than out in the extreme weather conditions. Kind head and eye, again with slight amount of white. Liked him a lot and would liked to have judged him in better conditions. However, on the day!

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

- 1 **MELLOWAY BLACK PEARL** *Gr Ch Homerbrent Democrat (Imp UK) x Gr Ch Melloway Voodoo Doll (Egan/Weekes)* Compact cobby tri baby of excellent proportions. Lovely in profile with well set on tail. Her head was just delicious with super expressive eyes, although quite mature for one so young. Lovely coat in the making with rich tan in all the right places and no flecking. Shown with attitude to spare, should have a promising future. One to watch!
- 2 **ELZMERE VERONICAS CLOSET** *Tuxmoor Tide Bells x Elzmere Nite Moves (Van Den Elzen)* Beautiful blenheim bitch who has a stamp of quality. Her markings are painted on to a nice coat. Correct head with super dark eye. Nose off slightly today. Looked well both standing and did not disappoint when on the move. Liked her attitude. Should do well also.
- 3 **CHRISINDY ANGELINA** *Ch Elfking Royal Tipple x Elfking Cherry Ripe (Chapman)* Another promising exhibit in a smaller package who will finish a nice size. Many of the same remarks apply. Has all of the correct angles in the right places. Time is on her side.

PUPPY BITCH

- 1 **CAVTOWN SHESMYKINDOFGIRL** *Ch Cavtown Dancininthshadow x Ch Cavtown Lookslikeanangel (Slingsby)* Lighter marked elegant bitch with an eye-catching outline who had enough coat to win. Exquisite expressive head with nicely shaped contours and plush but not overdone muzzle. All this was topped off with coal black nose pigment. Moved out with style and panache.
- 2 **CHEVALIER ANGELICA** *Ch LeChevalier Jack Be Quick x Ch Chevalier Cassandra (Franze)* Quality exhibit who is well constructed with super bone. Had a very pleasing head and eye that will just get better. Makings of good coat of nice texture. Was not at one with her handler but composed herself well enough to settle into her stride.

- 3 **ELCAVEL TOUCH O FANTASIA** *Gr Ch Charliboi Alexi Dor x Ch Elcavel Touch O Fantasy (Rolfe)* Built on larger lines than previous but with many of the same commendable attributes. Rich chestnut markings. A little apprehensive due to the weather conditions but deserving of her place.

JUNIOR BITCH

- 1 **ASHNA MONTICELLA** *Woodhay Montreau x Ashna Gone With The Wind (Ingpen)* Exuberant showy blenheim who kept up to the last! Nicely balanced with a crisp outline which she kept both standing and on the move. Beautiful head with those lustrous eyes and soft contours that is synonymous with the breed. Extremely well marked with rich chestnut on pearly white. Made right and moved accordingly – should always be up there!
- 2 **EBONWOOD FLIGHT OF FANCY** *Ch Cavashon Jeronimo x Ebonwood Kentucky Flyer (Miller)* On first glance thought she was my winner. However was not at all happy with the weather conditions and did not really want to be there. Compact shapely exhibit with wonderful outline with desired short hocks. Well broken and so richly marked. Gorgeous head and eyes with excellent nose pigment. Just needs to settle and she will be a contender.
- 3 **BARODALEY HEY BIG SPENDA** *Portcon Endless Hope x Barodaley Gold Buttons (Porter)* Another blenheim girl with quality head and eyes. Shapely well made body. Well broken but could benefit from a shade darker coat pigment. Moved well enough but yet again was not happy with the weather. A quality exhibit who should hit the top spots.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

- 1 **CH CAVASHON POISON IVY** *Ch Cavashon Watercolour x Ch Melloway Wicked Lady (Egan/Weekes)* Lightly marked tricolour with super eyes set in lovely headpiece. Well constructed with sound movement to match. Enjoying herself when moving but less so in the line up. In super coat and condition with rich tan and so clean cut. Presented to perfection. A quality girl who is deserving of her title.
- 2 **HARANA BARDOT (IMP UK)** *Harana Jazzie Jeff x Eng Ch Harana Ninia Simone (Crapp)* A super sound ruby bitch so typical of her breeding. Kindest of head and darkest of eyes which is so essential in this colour. Slightly longer case but nonetheless moved like a dream with perfect head and tail carriage which looked so nice going around.
- 3 **DAYKEYNE MUM LOOK AT ME** *Gr Ch Caralean Gesualdo (Imp UK) x Ch Chevalier Vivienne (Buckley)* Smaller type blenheim bitch who was really well marked. Unfortunately her nose pigment was not at its best today. Lovely front and rear. So well made and therefore she moved with ease. Never stopped showing. When in better coat should trouble the best.

LIMIT BITCH

- 1 **DAVENTRI REGAL DELIGHT** *Harthill Hell On Wheels x Daventri Queen of Hearts (Daventri Knls)* Short-coupled blenheim who although beautifully marked had left her party clothes on the hanger, had many other attributes to top this strong class. Striking in profile with short couplings and enviable topline and tailset. Impressive positive action on the move. Super dark eyes set in lovely head which had the coveted lozenge. Still up on her toes and seemed to be enjoying her day!
- 2 **ELVENHOME SATINFINNISH** *Fin/Aust/NZ Ch Deeriem Thelonius of Anncourt (Imp Fnl) x Elvenhome Callie (Montford)* Many similar remarks to winner. I particularly liked her soft gentle head and expression. Exuberant showgirl. Again should do some useful winning when fully dressed and could do with losing a pound or two.

- 3 **DAPSEN WHOEVER HOWEVER** *Ch Inverglenn Pocket Rocket x Dougsba Over The Moon (Petersen)*
Again many similar remarks apply as previous. Beautifully marked blenheim bitch, correct head and expression, super dark eyes and pigment. Nice compact shape which was so correct. Slightly less rich in colour.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

- 1 **CH BARAKAH TRADING PLACES** *Ch Miniatura Back From Hell x Ch Naffar La Chataigne (Mayor)* I really fell for this girl who has many of the qualities I like. So much quality in such a little package. Her balance is super with just the correct length of leg in ratio to length of back. Well placed shoulders and adequate upper arm to allow for reach in front coupled with correctly angulated hindquarters with short hocks which gave absolute control to her positive rear movement. Well-boned and good spring of rib without being too coarse. Delightful head with super fully pigmented eyes. Would not want her to mature much more. Put down to perfection. In this form should always be in the reckoning. Loved her and a credit to her breeder. **RBCC**
- 2 **CH ELZMERE IM CRUZIN** *Ch Elzmere I Lov Trouble x Cavtan Tasha Delight (Van Den Elzen)*
Quality ultra feminine blenheim. So unfortunate to meet winner. Built on finer lines. Extremely eye-catching outline. Super dark eyes – a trademark of this kennel – with nice taper to muzzle. Good neck and shoulders with good depth of brisket, short coupled with nicely turned stifles. In quality coat which was so well presented and soft to the touch. Moved and showed well. Splitting hairs here really.
- 3 **CH CAVANDRA BLESS MY SOUL** *Ch Tanmerack Gregory Peck (Imp UK) x Ch Cavandra De La Soul (Dark)* Along similar lines to second. Quality bitch with exquisite head. Super dark eyes and nice pigment. Appealing head with nothing overdone. Superb ears and quality flat silky coat. Altogether a very useful bitch.

OPEN BITCH

- 1 **GR CH MELLOWAY BEWITCHING** *Eng Ch/Aust Gr Ch Loranka's Dream Lover at LeChevalier (Imp UK) x Gr Ch Melloway Voodoo Doll (Egan/Weekes)* Cast her spell on me at first glance. I loved her from the tip of her nose to the end of her well-carried tail. Everything about this sassy tricolour girl is so correct. She is a joy to handle on the table as everything is in the proper place with the correct density of bone in relation to her size. She has balance and yet with sufficient length to be elegant on the move. One of the best head carriages of the day which is testimony to her well constructed front assembly. In profile she was stunning and although I had fallen in love with the previous class winner her free and easy action coupled with her exuberance made her hard to ignore. Her head is so correct and to the standard. The only thing that this girl lacked was exaggeration and that was what I was not looking for!! The presentation and condition was second to none as were all from this kennel. Handled expertly. A great asset to any kennel. I see her father is from the same kennel as my own foundation stock. Kindred spirits! **BCC and RUNNER UP BEST IN SHOW**
- 2 **CH ELVENHOME HONR N GLORY** *Prestonville Dream On (Imp NZ) x Ch Elvenhome Glory Bee (Montford)* Extremely typey blenheim bitch in profuse coat. Beautiful head with fabulous ears and absolutely gorgeous eyes. Rich chestnut markings which were well broken up. Short compact body just carrying too much weight. Moved and shown to advantage by her handler. One to be proud of.
- 3 **CH BARODALEY COMING UPROSES** *Ch Barodaley Murphys Law x Barodaley Red Rosebud (Retrac Knls)* Beautiful blenheim bitch, extremely well marked and clean cut. Gorgeous head with really dark eyes. Super compact shape with desirable short hocks which she used well going around. A quality exhibit.