West of England Cocker Spaniel Club Championship Show 29th January.

Thank you to the society for giving me the opportunity to judge dogs at their Championship show held at Lydney which was deferred due to the pandemic. The venue was bright and spacious.

My thanks also to my stewards for keeping the ring in order.

DCC and BIS; Birkenshaw Gilcar Midnight Dream.

RDCC; Cassidy Manchela Speechless At Cassoz JW.

BPD and BPIS; Young Canyonn Black Caviar.

MPD; Darby Allerts Don Viking At Classicway NAF (IMP SWE).

VD and BVIS; Pearce-Gudger Sh Ch Cachel Prince Charming Of Pearkim JW.

- 1. S/C with tan puppy. No entries.
- 2. S/ C with tan Novice. No entries.
- 3. S/C with tan Graduate. (4)
 - 1. Pearce Kenward Black Grouse at Miska JW.

23 month old smart looking black. Lovely head with dark eyes and correct ear set. Straight front, coby body well angulated to rear. Moved well.

2. Ellison Spinoza Of Merrily Avec Withiflor (IMP FRA).

20 month Black and Tan. Bigger than winner but lots to like about him. Sporting a stronger head, Moderate reach of neck and longer in length plenty of bone. Not as settled on the move.

- 3. Norris Joaldy Mr Happy at Amaranth.
- 4 S/C with tan Open. (2)
 - 1. Wiggins Sh Ch Snowgate Onyer Bike To Scapafield JW.

Balanced red with lovely shaped head and soft expression. Straight front with good width to chest. Compact body with depth and spring of rib. Well angulated to the rear. Moved well but would prefer him to carry his tail a little lower.

2. Norris Joaldy Mr Happy At Amaranth.

Masculine headed black. Thick set neck into strong shoulders with deep brisket. Longer cast than winner shows width to rear quarters steady mover. Shown in gleaming A1 condition.

5.AOC Puppy. (4)

1. Thomas- Claramand Foolin Around.

Quality 10 month orange who is all boy. Well portioned chiselled head, excellent length of neck into well placed shoulder, good return of upper arm. Compact body with depth. Excels in bone and substance lovely thick padded feet. A little unsettled on the move with his handler today.

2. Hacket-Lindridge Harbour Light.

6 month flashy blue at his first show. Another quality puppy. Pleasing head shape with a kind eye. Well made throughout with good angulations. Needs to settle.

- 3. Mason- Sandlauga Maverick.
- 6 AOC Special Novice. (2)
- 1. Bayliss- Shirepark Sir Francis Drake By Wilanorah JW.

Substantial blue. Balanced in head with dark tight eyes. Moderate length to neck. Straight front but Would like a deeper fore chest. Short body with well sprung ribs and correct tail set. Good angulation to the rear with width to thigh, turn of stifle and short below hocks. Kept a good picture on the move. Would benefit from a little weight loss.

2. Palmer- Shansart Sky Dancer.

Heavier in the head than the winner yet balanced. Pleasing overall shape with a level top line. Good muscle tone, moved with drive. Not showing the condition of the class winner.

- 7. AOC Special Graduate. (6-1a)
- 1. Bevis & Norie-Miller Popocatepetl Tomfoolery.

I have liked this orange since a fluffy baby. He hides nothing. Strong yet balanced head. Defined stop with deep square muzzle correct eye shape. He sets a good picture when stood on well boned legs and tight feet. Good length of neck into well placed shoulders and length of upper arm. Short compact body with depth and width to his rear quarters. Good tail set. Moved with drive.

2. Hackett Lindridge Front Runner.

Orange of good quality. Similar lines to class winner. Preferred movement of winner today.

8. AOC Special Open. (2)

1. Beever- Snowgate Parti Over to Dandyjan

Dark blue dog of good proportions. Well balanced head with dark tight eyes. Adequate reach of neck. Not the shortest body but has plenty of substance. Good rear angulation. Moved with drive.

2. Whitehead Ryallcourt Tommy Brock.

Black and White of 6 years. Shows all the qualities you would expect from the kennel. Nice head and eye correct ear set. Deep chest, well ribbed. Short in loin. Good width to thigh. Was feeling the cold today. Moved ok.

9. AC Veteran. (3)

1. Pearce-Gudger Sh Ch Cachel Prince Charming Of Pearkim.

I've had the pleasure of going over this boy before when I gave him his 1st CC.

Now 7 ½ years young he still shows all the same qualities. Masculine balanced head defined stop, square muzzle. Lovely reach of neck into well placed slopping shoulders. Deep forchest with good return of upper arm. Short coupled well sprung body with width to rear quarters that are well muscled are used to drive on the move.

2. Ellison- Sh Ch Withiflor Rolling Stone JW.

Very unlucky to meet class winner 9 ½ years old. No denying his quality and shown in the best of conditions. Lovely head with kind eye. Deep through forechest and brisket. Short in loin giving a square appearance. Good bone and tight feet. Moved well.

10. AC Minor Puppy.

1. Darby- Allerts Don Viking At Classicway NAF (IMP SWE).

6½ month blue boy at his first show but not over phased at all. Lovely shaped head for his age with a soft expression and dark eye. Straight front, good reach of neck into well set shoulder's short body with enough depth for his age. Good angulations to the rear. Steady mover. One to watch.

2. Craig- Alisma Amarillio.

7month blue showing all the quality for a dog of this age. Balanced head, tight dark eye, good stop, square muzzle. Moderate reach of neck with good return of upper arm. Good width to chest. Compact body with enough rib. Good bone with thick padded feet. Preferred the front on winner today but im sure will change places in the months to come.

3. Hackett & Sheridan-Lindridge Harbour Lights.

11. AC Puppy. (5)

1. Young- Canyonn Black Caviar.

9 month black that is maturing nicely. Head of good shape with dark tight eyes. Excellent reach of neck, deep chest with heart room. Short in body with width over rear. Tail set is a little low but carried well on the move. Good depth to thigh giving a turn of stifle and short below hock. Moved with purpose. Be interesting to see how he progresses.

2. Reader- Meden Again Time For the Stars At Kaniboo (IMP FRA).

10 month black. Bigger in stance than class winner but shows all the qualities you would expect from his breeding .Balanced in head dark tight eye, square muzzle defined stop. Strong neck flowing into well placed shoulders. Deep in body with strong rear quarter. Correct tail set. Longer cast than winner. True mover. Shown in excellent condition.

3. Mason- Sandlauga Maverick.

12. AC Junior. (3)

- 1. Norris- Joaldy Mr Happy At Amaranth.
- 2. Mason-Sandlauga Maverick.

Heavy set black and white. Broad head. Moderate reach of neck, short in body very heavy coat. Steady mover. Exibit is however spoilt by excess weight being carried.

4. Mason- Chavez Sunrise.

13. AC Yearling. (3)

1. Jenkins- Gino Della Sciaranera Of Bruxly (IMP IT)

Very well balanced throughout. Chiselled head. Compact body with deep chest. Falls away a little at the tail. Good width and angulation to the rear quarters. Shown in excellent condition. Moved well for his new handler on the day.

2. Thomas- Bruxly Harvest Moon At Whisperwood.

Orange boy. Strong Masculine head showing a defined stop and square muzzle. Moderate reach of neck. Would have liked a deeper fore chest and more return of upper arm. Very

compact with width to his rear. Again would have liked more width to the thigh and a better turn of stifle. Moved well.

- 3. Parkhouse- Federico Brave Heart For Shivavi (IMP RUS).
- 14. AC Novice (2)
- 1. Bond-Olibond Not A Bother.

Well developed blue that is now starting to balance out. Strong head but not over exaggerated. Clean neck, good width to front giving plenty of heart room. Strong neck and shoulder placement. Good length to body. Well angulated to the ear. Moved with drive.

- 2. Thomas- Bruxly Harvest Moon At Whisperwood.
- 15. AC Under Gratuate. (2)
- 1. Norris- Joaldy Mr Happy At Amaranth.
- 2 .Marris-Bray- Glowhill Gallivant.

Lots to like about this blue. Appealing head and soft expression. Balanced and well proportioned compact body. Stands square. Would like him to carry more body weight. Moves with drive.

- 16. AC Special Beginners. (7-1a)
- 1. Grist- Kasordon Firestarter.

Black boy who is maturing nicely. Pleasing head shape with dark eyes and correct ear set.

Strong front assembly into deep compact body with short loin. Tail set slightly low. Stands square on strong legs with thick padded feet. Good width to thighs. Lovely turn of stifle and short below hocks. Strides out well with drive. Glad to see he is settling down.

2. Saunders-Carmelfair Corocenzo At Oxforddogs.

Balanced masculine headed blue. He is overall balanced with good angulations. Short with a level top line and tail set. True on the move.

3. Norris- Joaldy Mr Happy At Amaranth.

17. AC Post Graduate (4)

1. Birkenshaw- Gilcar Midnight Dream.

I have liked this boy since a pup and was not disappointed when I went over him.

Classic type full of quality. Beautiful balanced head with the most melting expression.

Lovely reach of neck. Correct shoulder placement with good return of upper arm. Standing on well boned straight legs and strong pasterns. Compact well ribbed body with a level top line to correct tail set down to muscled quarters. Good length to thigh bone and turn of stifle and short below hock. Moves with style.

2. Thomas – Claramand Cracker.

Quality orange displaying a balanced outline when stood. Bigger then winner . Masculine head. Good width throughout. Moved well.

3. Terry Shaggylands Desperate Dan.

18. AC Limit (7)

1. Cassidy Manchela Speechless At Cassoz JW.

Balanced from head to tail of breed type with clean lines. Lovely shape head with square muzzle, correct ear set. Larger eye than I prefer. Well ribbed back. Strong loin well muscled angulated rear quarters. Moved with style keeping a straight topline.

2. Pearce-Gudger- Glowhill Silversmith for Pearkim.

Black and White. Built on the same lines as the winner. Masculine head but not overdone. Moderate length of neck, tight elbows. Good forechest, short body with good turn of stifle. Happy mover.

3. Driver-Annilann Mister Spangles at Beckaby

19. AC Open (7)

1. Keely. Oakbeach Dare To Dream Big With Alhambian (IMP SWE)

Classy looking dog. Sporting a balanced outline when stood. Lovely head with the darkest of eyes of correct shape. Moderate reach of neck into well placed shoulders. Strong boned legs but would have liked thicker padded feet. Good depth to chest. Short coupled body with a good spring of rib. Well angulated rear quarters which he used well on the move. For me I would like to see shorter chest feathering which would change the picture.

- 2. Gorka-PL/CRO CH VENI VIDI VICI Esqeen JCHPL
- 6 year old blue. Longer cast than the winner. Well developed masculine head but not overdone. Straight front with a strong reach of neck into well angulated front assembly. Well portioned body with depth. Strong rear quarters with correct tail set. Good length of bone giving good angulation of Stifle and well let down hock. Unlucky to meet winner.

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