

## **West of England Cocker Spaniel Club Open Show 19/10/24**

My grateful thanks to the hard working committee of this very welcoming club for the invitation to judge their Open show. It was my pleasure to judge an entry that had such depth of quality throughout and I thank the exhibitors for this privilege. Without exception all exhibits were shown in good clean condition and all had correct bites.

Any Solid Colour & Tan

Special Puppy (1/1)

Special Grad (5/1). 1. Ellison's Withiflor Gentleman. A handsome black boy of really good type. Masculine head with tight, dark, well placed eyes, good length of neck into correct front assembly. Firm topline to gently sloping croup and correctly set tail. This dog is maturing along the right lines with a good depth of chest and well sprung ribs. I loved his overall balance, square shape and substance. Moved well in all directions. 2. West's Jamesfield Just A Star At Sheigra. This red girl has a pretty feminine head with dark eyes and a merry expression. She has enough bone and substance for her size, and standing presents a good square outline. She moved nicely in all directions, I just preferred the front of my class winner. 3. Taylor-Kistner Merry Cocktails Spice Of Life At Frieljoanipa JW.

Special Open (3/0). 1. West's Sheigra Simply A Star JW headed a really good quality class and at 7 and a half this loveliest of black girls is just my type. Totally balanced throughout, she has excellent angulation fore and aft that she uses to advantage on the move. Balanced head, dark eye, clean throat and well developed chest of good breadth. Her correctly sprung ribs, width over the loin and well developed rear give her the substance and cobbyness I was looking for. Ultra feminine but still very much fit for function, I was pleased to award her BIS & BVIS. 2. Warrington's Zakova Santana JW. A handsome young male who under all his gleaming black coat is a really nice dog to go over. Good front, level back and balanced rear, he needs to mature on now. Full of himself on the move, but moved with purpose when settled. 3. Kew's Withiflor Bird On The Wire Over Wylyeview.

Special Any Other Colour Puppy (2/1). 1 Gray's Purdyspride Rave On 10 month old blue boy who is maturing along the right lines. Nice masculine head which is quite well developed for his age. Good straight front, he stands four square on well boned legs with neat well padded feet. Standing he presents a nice square shape, and he moves freely with a merry action.

Special Grad & Open (0/0)

Any Colour Veteran (2/0) 1. West's Sheigra Stars In Her Eyes JW another lovely Veteran bitch from the same kennel as my BIS and very similar in make and shape. Short square and cobby, and well off for bone, topped off with a pretty feminine head. Moved well when she settled. 2. Bard's Withiflor Fairy Tale JW. Beautiful red girl that I've long admired and as always turned out to perfection. She has the sweetest head and expression with full dark expressive eyes, good length of neck on to well laid shoulders, level back and correctly set and carried tail. Shown in hard, fit condition which was reflected in her ground covering movement. Both lovely examples of the breed, I was splitting hairs in this class.

MPD (1/1)

MPB (2/1) 1. Cowles Regaltav Valentine to Shenjela. An eye catching light blue baby of 8 months. Sweet feminine head with correct eye and ear placement. Lovely square shape, solid topline, correct croup and well set tail. Sound coming and going and moved nicely around the ring holding her shape. I was pleased to award her BPIS & BMPIS.

PD (1/0) 1. Sheridan's Haradwater Dream Catcher. Standing, this young blue dog presents a lovely picture, he is short and square, has lovely bone and substance for his age, a nice masculine head, super rear angulation with strong short hocks and his quality coat was well presented. He was sound enough coming and going but very unsettled going around the ring.

PB (3/1) 1. Cowles Regaltav Valentine To Shenjela. 2. Bindza's Laurellakes Songbird. Blue girl just in to Puppy, she has a lovely feminine head with dark well placed eyes, correct square muzzle and good underjaw. Her angulation is balanced front and rear and she has nice bone. She needs more spring of

rib which I'm sure will come with maturity, but she moves soundly and purposefully in all directions.

J (4/0) 1. Brennan's Sparklette Shines At Charbonnel. A black bitch of really super quality she has the loveliest of heads that handles well, dark eyes and good chiselling. Firm neck into fine shoulders, solid topline and short loin. Well balanced angulation, I found her to be correct and moderate all through. Moved soundly and merrily in all directions. 2. Ellison's Withiflor Gentleman. 3. West's Jamesfield Just A Star At Sheigra.

SY (4/0) 1. Warrington's Zakova Wise Guy JW. A typey young black dog, who is all boy, he has a masculine head without any hint of coarseness, he is short, cobby and well boned and stands on tight well padded feet. His straight, silky black jacket was beautifully presented. Moved well in all directions, but he needed a bigger ring to show off his paces. 2. Brennan's Sparklette Shines At Charbonnel. 3. Bindza's Laurellakes It's A Miracle.

N (5/1) 1. Ellison's Withiflor Gentleman. 2. Darby's Pearkim Pompadora Dargess. Attractive blue bitch with good over all outline, feminine head of correct proportions and balanced angulation. She needs to mature on now. 3. Carey's Uxendel Wood Warbler of Ware.

UG. (5/2) 1. Pearce-Gudger's Pearkim Pietro. Litter brother to my 2<sup>nd</sup> in Novice and shares her correct outline and balance. His head is developing nicely and handles well, he has a clean throat and enough chest, a firm neck and level topline, correctly sloping croup and a tail set just off the back line. Shown in hard condition, he won this class on his sound movement. 2. West's Jamesfield Just A Star At Sheigra. Red girl who unfortunately left her clothes at home. Good proportions and I like her super square outline, she has good angulation fore and aft, enough bone and moves well when settled. Maturity will benefit her. 3. Taylor-Kistner Merry Cocktails Spice Of Life At Frieljoanipa.

Bred By Exh. (4/1) 1. Ellison's Withiflor Touchstone JW. A black and tan male of outstanding type who was presented in first class condition. Super dry head of correct proportions, well chiselled, distinct stop and dark eye. This dog has textbook front construction, it's not only correctly angled, but he also has correct length of bone and this gives him the loveliest reach of neck.

Level topline with good width over the loin, well sprung ribs that reach well back and well developed rear quarters. He pushed hard for top honours today, and I was pleased to award him RBIS. 2. West's Sheigra Super Secret JW. Another lovely bitch from a kennel that consistently produces such a good type. This red girl has a beautiful chocolate box head and expression, is short and cobby and well off for bone and substance. Correct and balanced angulation, she moved with precision out and back, and a side gait that displays good reach and drive. 3. Cowles Shenjela Starlight.

Not Bred By Exh. (2/0) 1. West's Jamesfield Just A Star At Sheigra. 2. Taylor-Kistner's Merry Cocktails Spice Of Life At Frieljoanipa. This young black girl has a nice feminine head with correct square muzzle and dark expressive eyes. Her topline is solid and slopes gently to a well set tail, she has good bone and enough substance for her age. Super rear angulation with well let down hocks. Moved soundly out and back.

PG. (2/0) 1. Bindza's Aisza Figaro For Larellakes. I've admired this liver dog ringside so was pleased to see him here today, and hands on he didn't disappoint. He has a masculine head of good proportions and I was pleased to find that he had brown eyes and not the lighter hazel eyes that I personally find detract from the expression. Well off for bone and substance, he has good angulation fore and aft with particularly well developed rear quarters. He moves well in all directions with sound merry movement. 2. Cowles Shenjela Starlight. Pretty headed blue girl who is short and square with a level topline that she held on the move. Moderate, balanced angulation and shown in good coat and condition. Moved soundly and happily in all directions.

OD. (3/2) 1. Ellison's Spinoza of Merrily Avec Withiflor (imp FRA). A mature black and tan male that is well off for bone and substance and presents a good over all square shape. He has a clean masculine head that is free from exaggeration, correct square muzzle, dark eye and good back skull. A firm neck into fine shoulders, solid topline and a deep body with correct well sprung ribs. I like that he has good length of leg, he's tight at the elbow and has well developed rear quarters. I preferred the front construction on his two kennel mates, but none the less this is a quality dog of good type.

OB. (1/0) 1. West's Sheigra Super Special JW. Another typey black girl who stood alone in this class but fully deserving of her win. She is a lovely shape and a picture of moderation all through, from her balanced head with merry dark eyes, good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, firm topline and correctly set tail. Sound as a pound coming and going, and has a ground covering side gait.

Judge: Linda Brookes