
Critiques for Cocker Spaniel Club of Qld

Show: Saturday 6th July 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to judge the Cocker Spaniel Club of Queensland, it was an honour to be invited to judge my own breed at championship level.

I really appreciated the great support from my capable and humorous steward, combined with the great sportsmanship I observed from the exhibitors. The overall vibe of the show was fun, relaxed and enjoyable – just as show should be.

Overall I was very impressed with the presentation and grooming of the dogs shown, the majority having the beautiful dark correct shaped eyes and the characteristic merry temperament. This is a true testament to the breeders/owners and handlers.

Congratulations to all of my winners.

Amanda Calman - Suedanka Kennels

Baby Puppy Dog

1st Toni Dennis: **TARRENDAYLE TAKE THAT**

A very promising black with a pleasant head and expression, Correct dark eye and shape, good straight front, correct bone to feet, good depth of body and well ribbed back with good width to hind for his age. He was a little unsure on the move and lost his topline a bit, but this did improve as his confidence grew and the show progressed.

2nd Ms A Ugrinic: **TARRENDAYLE TAND TO ATTENTION AT**

Black and tan baby with strong head with plenty of width and depth, dark eye, good bone and compact body, . I would prefer a more upper arm and prosternum. He was a very merry and confident baby.

Minor Puppy Dog

1st Mrs T Dennis: **TARRENDAYLE THE LAST DANCE**

Strong gold dog, with well proportioned head with some development to come, flowing to a moderate and clean neck, I would prefer slightly more layback to shoulder. Super bone to feet, nicely up on leg, well rounded and wide hindquarters, A little unsure on the move.

Puppy Dog

1st Mrs K Hutt: **KAPOINT CELEBRATE MY BUSINESS**

Orange roan, compact with a strong topline, I would prefer more upper arm, and prosternum, however overall he is moderate yet balanced and showed good drive behind and kept his strong and level topline on the move.

Junior Dog

1st Mrs K Hutt: **LOCHRANZA CASTAWAY (IMP UK)**

A very promising black dog, dark eye, a little immature in head but this may come with age, good neck and shoulder, down to good feet. A compact outline with level topline and correct tailset. A little unsettled on the move which meant that he lost his shape, I expect this will improve with time, good drive and super merry temperament.

Intermediate Dog

1st Mrs M Hewitt & Ms A Ugrinic: **CH. MADANWITT FIVE AND DIME JC.**

Black dog with beautiful head, super dark eye and shape. Moderate and clean neck to well laid shoulders, although I would prefer a touch more upper arm. He has good bone to feet, good spring of rib and was well ribbed back to short and strong loin, good tailset and strong quarters. In good coat and condition.

2nd Mrs M Hobson & Mrs T Grey: **KINTAIL WICKED SPIRIT**

Gold dog with stronger head and heavier in type, dark eye, good bone to feet, good upper arm, big rib and lovely wide hindquarters, didn't have the strength in topline as the first placed dog, particularly on the move

3rd Miss Terri Smith: **TSPARKLE EXCALIBUR**

Blue roan dog, good dark eye, I would prefer a better lay of shoulder, more upper arm and prosternum. He has a strong topline, showed good drive on the move with the correct merry temperament at all times.

State Bred Dog

1st Toni Dennis: **CH MADANWITT KEEPIN IT LEGAL AT TARRENDAYLE**

Black dog, well-proportioned and balanced head with beautiful eye, good fore-chest, upper arm, good bone and feet, compact and strongly built with a short and strong loin, wide and well rounded hindquarters which he used well on the move. Overall a balanced and well-knit dog, shown in good coat and condition.

2nd Mrs. michelle Bottriell & Miss S Bottriell: **ARASHAY TELL YOU AGAIN**

Blue roan, balanced head, eye shape not as good as first place, Good bone and feet, good length of upper arm, well sprung ribs, short loin. Overall a cobby and compact dog, however he lost his topline on the move.

Australian Bred Dog

1st Newbold: **CH BRAYROAN MISCHIEF N MAYHEM**

Black dog of good type, correct head, dark eye, good upper arm and lay of shoulder, compact dog which carried his topline on the move, a little uncertain in the ring but moved well, shown in super coat and condition, I was impressed with this dog, he was in my top three placings for the challenge.

Open Dog

1st Toni Dennis: **CH TARRENDAYLE THIS CANT BE LEGAL JC**

Gold dog, coat absolutely gleamed in the sun. His shape flowed from head to tail, excellent bone to feet, well ribbed, good level topline, with strong and wide hindquarters which he used well on the move (and to launch into the air). He didn't have the strength of head and fore chest as the DCC winner but an impressive dog with the a classic merry temperament, shown in good coat and condition.

Minor Puppy Bitch

1st Ms A Ugrinic: **RAVENSNITE TAKE CARE OF YOU**

Gold, Compact and cobby build, good bone to feet, moderate angulation, with a merry temperament, moved well when she settled.

Puppy Bitch

1st Ms A Ugrinic: **RAVENSNITE WELL COLOR ME HAPPY**

Gold, a real promising puppy, with good head and dark eye and beautiful expression, a strong level topline and correct tailset, good feet to bone, balanced angulation with correct merry temperament, moved like she had been here before, with super reach and drive. Was a top contender for RBIS, a really challenging decision.

2nd J Newbold: **BIFIELD ROLL THE DICE AT BRAYROAN**

Blue roan, Pleasant head, dark eye, good lay of shoulder, good bone, lovely big rib and well ribbed back with short loin to moderately angled hindquarters. Would like her to be a bit tidier behind on the move, and to show a little more animation/spark on the move particularly at this age.

Junior Bitch

1st N Mather: **RAVENSNITE CANDY SHOP KID**

Black, pleasant head, dark eye, cobby and compact, moderate angulation, would like a stronger topline and a bit more animation on the move. Shown in good coat, possibly a touch over weight. Handled well by her 43yr old handler.

2nd Toni Dennis: **TARRENDAYLE LETS GO PARTI**

Black and white, a smaller and lighter framed girl with pleasant head but I would prefer a little more stop and depth to muzzle. Correct length of neck, Strong topline, good hind, and moved well keeping her strong topline.

3rd Mrs. Jennifer Robb: **SPEZIA QUEEN OF SCOTTS**

Blue roan, Good dark eye and kind expression, correct moderate length of neck, would like a better lay of shoulder, upper arm and more prosternum. Good strong topline, tailset and hindquarter angulation. Moved with good drive keeping her topline. Out of coat on the day

Intermediate Bitch

1st Miss Terri Smith: **TSPARKLE SILVER SEAFOAM**

Blue roan, good head and dark eye, good bone, would like more upper arm and prosternum. A good topline and tailset with well angulated hindquarters, would like a little more animation on the move.

State Bred Bitch

1st Miss M Grant: **CH. KIMKIERA KISS ME KATE(AI)**

Blue roan, good head and dark eye, moderate length of neck to well laid shoulders with good upper arm, well sprung rib to a short loin, well rounded hindquarters and short hocks. She carried her topline well on the move but lacked some spark and animation to finish the picture. I admired this bitch a lot but she just didn't want to sparkle on the day.

2nd Mrs T Dennis: **TARRENDAYLE COVERMEIN DIAMONDS**

Black, pleasant head, dark eye, elegant outline with well laid shoulders and good upper arm, good bone and feet, level topline to correct tailset, carried her topline on the move. A quality young bitch who was just lacking the maturity of the first place getter.

Australian Bred Bitch

1st Mrs. Jennifer Robb: **ASHMERE FOOLS GOLD**

Orange roan, a little broad in skull, kind eye, moderate angulation, Good bone, big rib, short loin. Carrying a little too much weight.

Open Bitch

1st Miss M Grant: **CH. KIMKIERA AIM TO PLEASE(AI)**

Black, Beautiful head, dark eye, clean neck that flowed to well laid shoulders with good upper arm and a good prosternum, correct bone to feet, well ribbed to a short loin and strong well angulated hind quarters which she used well on the move. Lovely to go over and presented well.

2nd Ms A Ugrinic: **CH. MADANWITT THAT AINT LEGAL AT RAVENSNITE**

Gold, Dark eye, I would like a bit more stop. Strong and clean neck that flowed into a well laid shoulder, good rib with short back, good loin, moderate angulation. Moved well and carried with correct merry temperament

3rd Mrs K Hutt: **SUP.CH. BRALMICO HEARTS N ROSES JC. SWN**

Blue roan, Pleasant head, I would prefer a little more fill in muzzle. Good bone, big rib, short loin, well rounded hindquarters, giving an overall cobby and sturdy appearance. Good drive and carried a firm topline and correct tailset on the move

Neuter Dog

1st Miss Terri Smith: **CH NEUT CH TSPARKLE ONYX PRINCE**

Light blue roan, great bone to feet, I would like more upper arm and prosternum and he was a touch over weight on the day. Big rib and wide hindquarters. And showed the characteristic merry temperament.