THE LONDON COCKER SPANIEL SOCIETY - Saturday 7th December 2024

DOGS

Dog CC - Esqueen Give A Gift For Cachel (Imp Pol) Res Dog CC - Wilmerella Highlander JW Best Puppy Dog - Purdyspride Rave On Best Minor Puppy Dog - Delightful Hunter Legendary at Silverdust Best Veteran Dog - Sh CH Cachel Prince Charming of Pearkim JW Best Special Beginner Dog – Snowgate Shine On

I am grateful to The London Cocker Spaniel Society Committee for inviting me to judge my second Championship Show. A huge thank you to James and Debbie for their excellent stewarding and for always keeping my ring in order. Also thanks to my wonderful photographer Linda!

I enjoyed judging alongside Rudy Feyaerts (Billsor), and I want to thank him and his wife, Nelly, for their excellent company.

It was an absolute pleasure handling some exceptional specimens of our breed, and I appreciate each and every one of you for giving me that opportunity. Overall, all bites were correct, apart from a few level bites. Also, please ensure that your dogs' teeth are clean. All males I judged today were entire. Please be mindful of level bites and tail carriages, as I found these faults disconcerting.

# AC Baby Puppy (2, 1a)

1st Wildmans Wilanorah Perfik Scoundrel At Chanmalo

A 5-month-old blue having a great day out. He has a lovely head and dark eyes. His front is good, and he has a well-developed bone structure. He has nice, tight feet, is short and compact, and once settled, he moves out well. He is a very happy little lad who gives his owner a hard time, but he's just a baby! Have fun!

# AOC Special Puppy Dog (3)

1st Gray Purdyspride Rave On

This is an almost one-year-old blue dog. He is a lovely boy with a masculine head, tight eye rims, and a deep chest. He stands well-balanced fore and aft, has a good bone structure, and has a nice neck length that connects to well-defined shoulders. He is compact overall and maintains his topline while moving soundly and freely. 2nd Fairbairn & Madigan Carmelfair Cesare From Misperros

He was not as masculine in the head as the first for me. He was slightly longer in the body too. He is well-boned, has good width in his rear quarters and short hocks, and moved out well while holding his topline.

3rd Terry Shaggylands Midnight Train

## AOC Novice (2)

1st Dolan Snowgate Shine On

This is a dark blue male dog who is 13 months old. He has a good length of neck and correctly placed shoulders, good bone structure, and tight feet. His chest is deep, and he

has a well-rounded rib cage. I really liked the width of his thighs. He is still young and needs a bit more development. He moved nicely both in front and behind for his handler. He was presented beautifully and his coat really did shine! After talking with my co-judge, we happily awarded him Best Special Beginner in Show today. 2nd Stevens Hollundex Crazy Horse

Four-year-old light blue dog who was longer cast than 1. Nice head and eye, with a gentle expression and a deep muzzle. He has a good deep front with ample bone, well-ribbed, short hocks, and moved well.

### AOC Special Graduate Dog (5, 4a)

1st Bucks Clavaire Marrakech Sky JW

A young orange boy stood alone, yet he was a worthy winner who I had closely observed from the ringside. He is beautifully presented, masculine head with that gentle expression. He possesses the correct length of neck leading into well-placed shoulders. His front stands straight, and overall, he is square and compact, with tight feet. He is well-ribbed and has well-muscled thighs. He has short hocks and moves soundly and happily around the ring. Today, he was shortlisted for the CC, and I am confident he has a very bright future ahead.

## AOC Special. Open (6, 3a)

### 1st Darby Sh Ch Classicway Call Time JW

2-year-old light blue dog, another that I have followed closely from the ringside. Today, I was delighted to have the opportunity to evaluate him in person – he is a worthy champion indeed. This dog is well-balanced, with a deep muzzle and a masculine head. He has tight eye rims and is well-muscled throughout. His front and rear angulation are excellent, and he has a deep ribcage and a compact body. He also has impressive thigh width, and he powered around the ring while holding his topline perfectly. Today, he was shortlisted for the CC. He is a very nice dog.

2nd Collins Sh Ch Bartonholm Prince of Tides at Candyke JW

I have judged this dog before, and I like him very much because he exemplifies the characteristics of a true Cocker Spaniel. He has a masculine head with a kind expression, great bone structure, and tight feet. He is well-ribbed and moves soundly and freely. However, today, I felt that he was carrying too much weight, making him appear to "roll" when he moved.

3rd. Easthorpes Laurellakes Let's Dance

## Any Solid Colour Special Puppy (5, 1a)

#### 1st Flowers Totenkopf Driving Me Crazy

9-month-old Black and Tan puppy. He is an adorable and well-structured dog from this kennel. He has a gentle expression in his dark eyes, a deep muzzle, and correctly set ears. With ample neck length leading into well-placed shoulders, he has strong bone structure and compact feet. He is short in the loin and deep-chested, with notably wide thighs and a well-rounded rear. His topline and tail set are correct, and he moves well. Although he still needs some development, I am confident that he will grow into a very handsome young man in time.

## 2nd Pretty & Palmer-Irani Joaldy Mister Coffee Crisp

A 9-month-old Liver and Tan puppy. This lovely puppy shares similar qualities with the first one. He has slightly longer hocks, and I preferred the black & tans hindquarters and movement today. However, he is well-developed in terms of bone and substance throughout. He is short in the loin and deep in the body, well ribbed too, and he is beautifully trimmed. He needs a bit more confidence while moving, but with time, he will develop further.

3rd Desmarcheliers Vicomte Du Bois D'Achelles

### Any Solid Colour Novice Dog (2)

1st Beckwith Balaambeck Oricorio Opal

This 9-month-old black dog shows great potential. He has a strong neck, well-placed shoulders, and a deep chest, with solid bone structure and excellent hindquarters. His compact feet stand squarely, and while he is slightly long in the hock, he moves soundly. 2nd Pop Merrysoul Can't be Legal At Bocablue

### Any Solid Colour Graduate (3)

1st Ellison Withiflor Gentleman

This 16-month-old Black is a lovely boy, well-built and robust. He has a masculine head without any coarseness, with dark, tight eyes that convey a kind expression. His muzzle has good depth, and he displays a deep chest and solid bone structure. He has a powerful neck that flows into his shoulders and is cobby and short in the loin. This dog also boasts impressive hind width and short hocks and is presented in pristine condition. He moves soundly and carries his tail well.

#### 2nd Easthorpe Laurellakes Moonrise

This 14-month-old black male has a lovely head, dark eyes, and a correct ear set with good muzzle depth. He has a longer loin than the first place contender but was carrying a bit too much weight around his neck today. He has a solid bone structure and great substance overall. He moved well.

3rd Kents Laurellakes Are You Reddy

## Any Solid Colour Special Open (3, 1a)

1st Ellison Spinoza Of Merrily Avec Withiflor (Imp Fra)

Black & Tan 3 years old Another lovely boy from this kennel, he has a gentle, kind expression, correct tan points, and a masculine head with good muzzle depth. He is well-balanced and well-muscled overall, with good bone structure and tight, compact feet. His ribs are well-rounded, and he has strong hindquarters with short hocks. He maintains a correct topline and uses his tail appropriately while moving. 2nd Rofe Villaspaniol Sunny Delight

5-year Red, Masculine head with such a gentle expression, he is short-coupled and well off for bone, A very exuberant happy young man giving his handler a hard time today.

#### Any Colour Veteran (4, 2a)

Both of these outstanding veterans deserve commendation. It is always a pleasure to watch them show their socks off and thoroughly enjoy their day out.

1st Pearce-Gudger Sh CH Cachel Prince Charming of Pearkim JW

At 9 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years old, this gentleman truly stands out. He is an exceptional dog, worthy of his accolades. He has a strong, masculine head with no coarseness and a gentle, kind expression. His tight, compact feet and powerful frame are impressive, showcasing great bone structure and a deep forechest. He maintains a short, square build and is such a showman. His topline is excellent, and he uses his tail effectively while moving. With well-muscled quarters and short hocks, he is a joy to watch. I was thrilled

to see him awarded Best Veteran In Show today, thanks to the referees' decision. Well done!

2nd Cox Sh Ch Gardenstone Pale Rider to Suvern JW

Another worthy show champion. At 10 years "young", he is still giving it his all! I loved his head and deep muzzle; he has a kind expression and a correct neck length leading into well-sloped shoulders. His front is good, and he has a deep chest with a superb ribcage. He is slightly narrower behind than the first, and today he was carrying a bit too much weight over his shoulder. Nevertheless, he is another fabulous boy who has made you proud.

# Any Colour Minor Puppy (7, 1a)

1st Covington Delightful Hunter Legendary at Silverdust

A striking 7-month-old light blue puppy who was beautifully presented. He stood squarely on well-boned legs and has a lovely head and expression. With a short and cobby build, he moved soundly and has a cheerful demeanour. I was pleased to award him Best Minor Puppy Dog, and, along with my co-judge, we also awarded him Best Minor Puppy in Show—well done and good luck for the future.

2nd Flowers Totenkopf Dutch Devotion

A 9-month-old black puppy and another beautifully presented boy with a shiny coat. He had a kind expression, dark eyes with tight rims, good overall width and well-boned. He is very short-coupled and has a good width in his hindquarters. He moved well, although he did not display quite as much confidence as the first puppy. 3rd Cox Ryallcourt Charm of Unique

Any Colour Puppy (5, 1a)

1st Smith Rayol The Journalist

This black dog is almost one year old. He has a short loin, a good neck and shoulder, and I loved his masculine head with such a melting expression. He has well-boned legs and moves with drive while maintaining his topline. His rear quarters are also excellent. He certainly has plenty of coat to keep his owner extremely busy!

2nd McBride Topday Take That

I really liked this young boy as well. He has a strong build, standing squarely on wellboned legs and neatfeet. His head is lovely, and he excels in both his neck and shoulder. His topline is firm, and he has a perfect tail set. Additionally, he features short hocks and has a good width in his rear. I'm sure that on another day, these two will swap places. 3rd Terry Shaggylands Midnight Train

Any Colour Junior (6, 2a)

### 1st Pearce-Gudger Pearkim Pietro

At 18 months old this blue stands square and compact. His head is masculine, featuring a dark eye and deep muzzle. He has a good length of neck that flows into well-placed shoulders and a deep chest. He possesses substantial bone throughout his frame. He is short in the loin, and his rear quarters are impressive. His tail is perfectly set, and he moves soundly.

2nd Ellison Withiflor Gentleman 3rd Leslie Ferrersedge Shilling

### Any Colour Yearling (3, 1a)

1st Williams Wilmerella Highlander JW

Blue, a 21-month-old male with a strong, masculine head but not overdone in any way. He has a deep muzzle. He has a kind expression, looking straight at you with his dark eyes. His angulation is excellent throughout, and he stands squarely on his neat feet. He is beautifully presented—what you see is what you get. He has a good front and a deep chest and is well-ribbed, excelling in his rear quarters, which he effectively uses to his advantage when moving. He is correctly proportioned and a pleasure to handle. I was delighted to award him the Reserve CC today, and I am sure this boy will gain his crown. A worthy champion in my opinion. Good luck!

2nd Kent Laurellakes Let's Dance

He is nearly 2 years old and is presented exceptionally well, showcasing a good head and eye. He is slightly longer in the loin compared to the first dog. He has ample bone, a good chest, and great width in his quarters. He moved very well for his handler; however, today he was unfortunately up against the first dog.

## Any Colour Maiden (3)

1st Gladman Chativore Ocean Commotion

At 17 months old, this light blue had a super head and eye with such a gentle expression. He is short and has a well rounded rib cage. He has a good length of neck and correct shoulders. He is well-boned and has neat feet. I believe he needs more time to develop. He moved very well, showing both drive and purpose.

2nd Terry Shaggylands Midnight Train

Blue, 9 month old baby and shows a well-balanced structure at this stage. He has a deep chest and strong bone throughout. His head is masculine, and he is short-coupled with decent width in his hindquarters. Although he lost his topline while moving, he is still very young and will need time to develop and mature. Overall, he moved well and covered the ground effectively.

3rd Dolan Snowgate Shine On

## Any Colour Tyro (4, 1a)

1st Shapland Deracor Duty Paid

Blue, 16 months. Very balanced standing and when moving. He has a kind expression and a masculine head without any coarseness. His neck is a good length and leads into well-placed shoulders. Deep chest and his bone structure and feet are impressive, exhibiting substantial quality throughout. He moves off with drive and purpose, appearing sound and happy while in motion. 2nd Ellison Withiflor Gentleman 3rd Flowers Totenkopf Dutch Obsidian

Any Colour Undergraduate (2, 1a) 1st Shapland Deracor Duty Paid

Any Colour Post Graduate (5, 3a)

1st Ellison Withiflor Touchstone JW

Black & Tan, 16 months old. Another impressive boy from this kennel. I really liked his type. He has a superb outline, and his tan markings are flawless. His head is masculine, and he possesses a lovely expression. He has a strong bone structure and neat, tight feet. His neck is powerful, and the shoulder placement is correct. He is well-balanced and well-muscled in the rear, with short hocks. He moves with purpose and has a happy disposition.

2nd Young Canyonn Black Caviar JW

This 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-year-old black dog was very well-balanced throughout. He has a masculine head with a kind expression and nice dark eyes. His ribs are well sprung, and he has a good length of neck with well-laid-back shoulders. He has great bone structure and neat feet. He is slightly longer in the hock than 1. He moved very soundly using his ever-wagging tail and maintained his topline while in motion as well.

Any Colour Special Beginners (5, 1a)

1st Dolan Snowgate Shine On

2nd Leslie Ferrersedge Shilling

This 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-year-old light blue male was slightly coarser in the head and longer in the loin compared to the first entry. He presented well, with a deep muzzle and a correct ear set. He appears balanced overall, exhibiting a good upper arm, strong bone structure, and well-formed feet. His hocks are nice and short. However, he does have a slight drop in his croup and did not move to his advantage today.

3rd Jarvis Galibar Goldeneye

Any Colour Limit (10, 1a)

My toughest class of the day! At first glance, the quality was outstanding. Thank you all for giving me the pleasure of judging these dogs. I could have easily given out a few firsts.

1st Beswick Esqueen Give A Gift For Cachel (Imp Pol)

This 3½-year-old boy was truly outstanding. He stood square and compact, with no exaggerations in his build. He is short in the loin and has a rounded rib cage, making him solid and robust. His masculine head is free of coarseness, embodying all the qualities of a true "boy," with dark, soulful eyes that convey a kind expression. He has a super deep chest and exhibits great bone, substance, and power throughout his physique. He was beautifully trimmed, with nothing hidden or exaggerated in his appearance. He is like a

little power machine, cheerful and moving around the ring effortlessly. He ticked all my boxes! I would gladly welcome him to Scotland any day! He was definitely my "takehome" dog today. I was thrilled to award him his first CC, much to his owner's joy! In agreement with the co-judge, he was awarded Best In Show. I will follow his progress, and I believe he is a very worthy champion. Good luck to you both!

2nd Platt Allerts Fine Dining At Charbonnel

Almost 2 years old, this dog is light blue in colour. He is a lovely boy, presented in excellent coat and condition. He is slightly finer than dog one but possesses exceptional qualities throughout. His head is masculine, with a deep muzzle and dark eyes that convey a kind expression. He has the correct neck length leading into well-sloped shoulders, a deep chest, and ample bone structure, standing on neat feet. He is slightly longer in the loin but maintains a super topline, which he holds well when moving. He has great width in his rear quarters and short hocks. 3rd Smith Rayol Look Hu's Talkin

### Any Colour Open (6)

This was another great class of dogs, and all could easily change places on another day. They are worthy champions, and I thank you for allowing me to handle them today. 1st Cassidy Sh Ch Manchela Speechless At Cassoz JW

Four years old, this light blue boy is truly lovely. He has a masculine head with tight, dark eyes and a great front featuring a deep chest, strong bone, and impressive substance. His neck is ample in length and leads into a properly placed shoulder. He is well-ribbed and short-coupled, with an excellent rear, well-muscled thighs, and short hocks. He is square and balanced, with a superb topline both standing and in motion, and he carries his tail well. He is sound and happy on the move, always giving his best in the ring. I considered him today and shortlisted him to my final six.

2nd Williams Sh Ch Wilmerella Outlander

This blue boy is 3½ years old. He is a top-quality dog and lovely to handle, having matured well. I appreciate his masculine head and dark eyes; he embodies all the charm of a young male without any coarseness. He has a nice neck length, correct shoulder placement, a deep chest, and well-boned legs with neat feet. Overall, he is very balanced. His rear quarters are super well-muscled, and he has a good spring of rib. He moved soundly and purposefully, showcasing his merry tail action. He really pushed hard today for first place, and I believe he and the winner will likely swap places in the future. He is beautifully presented and in excellent condition, always giving his best to his owner.

3rd Keeley Sh Ch Oakbeach Dare to Dream Big with Alhambian (Imp Swe)

Jane Smith (Judge)