

The Solid Colours Cocker Spaniel Association
Open Show
Saturday 25th October 2025

It was an absolute pleasure to accept the invitation from the Solid Colours Cocker Spaniel Association to judge their Open Show on Saturday, 25th October. It was a lovely entry and a true credit to the breeders and exhibitors of the solid-coloured variety of this wonderful breed, who were so gracious in allowing me the opportunity to judge their dogs and for bringing them to the show. The hard working committee organised a well run show with a warm friendly atmosphere and my efficient stewards, Maria and Samantha kept proceedings in order and ensured everything ran smoothly.

Thank you to everyone for making it such a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable experience.

SPECIAL ANY SOLID COLOUR

Class: 1 – Baby Puppy (4, 0)

1) Stokes-Harrell **CHEZZA'S PERSONALIZED BLEND**

A very promising young dog puppy, well-boned and of excellent type. Displays strong bone and a balanced, correct outline for his age. Head and expression already showing quality, with alert eyes and well-set ears. Neck and shoulders clean and developing well. Chest and ribs beginning to deepen, with quarters well let down and strong. Shown in lovely coat and condition, he moves with enthusiasm and natural drive, with development and maturity very much to come, very promising. **BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW**

2) **CHEZZA'S UNIQUELY BLENDED**

Sister to number 1, A very attractive young puppy of good type, presenting a well-balanced outline with a clean, firm topline and good underline. Strong, well-rounded hindquarters and good feet. Head and expression are correct, with a clean neck and well-set shoulders. Chest and ribs beginning to develop. Shown in very good condition, she moves soundly, with enthusiasm and pleasing fluidity, showing early promise.

SPECIAL RED, GOLD, LIVER OR LIVER & TAN

Class: 2 – Puppy (2, 0)

1) West **EDASINY DREAM UPON A STAR BY SHEIGRA (IMP CAN)**

A promising golden puppy dog of pleasing type, presenting a very good outline and good proportions with much to like. Firm topline and strong loin. Scope for further spring of the ribs as he matures. Shows good reach of neck and very good upper arm, with straight front columns and very good feet. Gentle expression, clean neck and shoulders, and strong, well-developed hindquarters. Shown in excellent coat and condition. Sound throughout, moving with good drive and fluent action.

2) Creaney **CAMESTONE JAZZY JEANS**

A lovely, immature golden puppy of good type, substantial and well-coated, with much to like. Shows excellent fore and aft angulation, a firm topline, and very good hindquarters, including a well-turned stifle. Sound throughout, moving with a balanced, flowing side gait. A very promising puppy with all the ingredients to develop into a quality adult.

Class: 3 – Graduate (2, 1)

1) Ellison **CHAVEZ GOLDEN GLOW WITH WITHIFLOR**

A most pleasing bitch of correct size, presenting a harmonious and balanced outline. Shown today in excellent coat and condition and well presented. Good head and appealing expression. Neck gently arched and neatly set shoulders. Well boned legs which are straight with correct feet and firm pasterns. Firm topline, well ribbed and strong loin. Firm, level topline, with strong, well-let-down quarters. Moves soundly. She moves freely and effortlessly, with effective, powerful rear drive. Her performance was as enthusiastic at the end of the day as it was in this first class, this combined with her presentation and type made her my **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**. Congratulations.

Class: 4 – Open (2, 1)

1) Ellison **CHAVEZ GOLDEN GLOW WITH WITHIFLOR**

SPECIAL BLACK OR BLACK & TAN

Class: 5 – Puppy (1,0)

1) Kew **WLYEVIEW SHINING STAR**

A promising young black & tan puppy of very good type, presenting a well-balanced and harmonious outline. Head and expression correct, with dark eyes and well-set ears. Clean neck and shoulders leading to a firm topline. Chest developing well with good rib spring for age. Quarters well let down and strong. Shown in excellent coat and condition, she moves with enthusiasm and a sound, purposeful action displaying an effortless fluent gait. Full of ring presence and personality I was pleased to award her **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW** and wish her continued success.

Class: 6 – Graduate (5, 1)

1) Pop **MERRYSOUL DONATELLA VERSACE WITH BOCABLUE**

A very pleasing, well-boned, substantial black female of excellent type, with very good proportions and development. I particularly liked her size and overall type. Head and expression are correct, with a very good reach of neck flowing into well-laid shoulders and a balanced, well-angled upper arm. Legs and feet are very good. Brisket well balanced, ribs well sprung, and loin short. Topline and underline are firm and well-defined. Hindquarters are strong and well-rounded, with broad thighs, good bend of stifle, and short, powerful hocks. Moves soundly with a fluent, roomy gait that is powerful yet retains her outline at all phases, demonstrating excellent fore and hind angulation.

2) Shapland **DERACOR DIAMOND GLOW**

Well-constructed, attractive black female of very good type. Good bone and substance, balanced with harmonious proportions. Clean, well-defined head with a soft, sweet expression. Firm topline in stance. Excellent reach of neck flowing smoothly into well-laid shoulders of correct length and angle. Good return of long upper arm. Balanced brisket, correct front. Stands on straight, strong legs with well-padded feet. Good spring of rib. Short, strong back. Well-muscled hindquarters, well-turned stifles, good second thigh, and strong, well-angled hocks. Moves soundly and effortlessly, with adequate drive the side gait is fluent and balanced.

Class: 7 – Open (4, 3)

1) Ellison **WITHIFLOR TOUCHSTONE JW**

Exuberant black and tan of excellent type, substantial with strong bone, well balanced with harmonious proportions and a pleasing overall outline. Clean, strong, well-defined head with good expression. Very good topline and underline, neck flows seamlessly into well-laid, correctly angled shoulders. Excellent return of upper arm, giving balanced front angulation. Broad, deep brisket, correct fore chest, and straight, strong forelegs with well-padded feet. Good spring of rib, short, firm back, and well-muscled loin. Hindquarters powerful and well-developed, with well-bent stifles, good second thigh, and short, strong hocks. Moves freely and soundly, showing fluent side gait with effective rear drive and extended, free front reach, maintaining balance and very good outline.

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Class: 8 – Minor Puppy Dog (2,1)

1) Ward **FREESTONE THE REPORTER**

Young black of good type with balanced proportions. Head clean and expressive with a sweet eye, showing promise. Neck of good length flowing into correctly angled shoulders. Forequarters straight with adequate bone, well-padded feet. Brisket developing nicely, good spring of rib for age. Short back and firm loin. Hindquarters show potential, with stifle and second thigh still maturing. Coat abundant and promising. Moves soundly but shows inexperience in the ring; gait yet to fully settle. Overall, a promising youngster with good type and structure, with development and maturity to enhance his overall balance and presentation. **BEST MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW**

Class: 9 – Minor Puppy Bitch (0)

Class: 10 – Puppy Dog (3, 0)

1) West **EDASIY DREAM UPON A STAR BY SHEIGRA (IMP CAN)**

2) Bindza **LAURELLAKES SON OF A GUN**

Substantial of good type with pleasing proportions. Clean, well chiselled head and good expression. Neck of good length flowing into well-laid shoulders. Forequarters straight with good bone and well-padded feet. Brisket of good depth, well ribbed. Topline lacks desired firmness. Hindquarters well-muscled with correct stifles and second thigh. Coat abundant and in good condition. Moves soundly coming and going. Has good drive to power a fluent, ground covering side gait.

Class: 11 – Puppy Bitch (0)

Class: 12 – Junior (1,0)

1) Ellison **CHAVEZ GOLDEN GLOW WITHIFLOR**

Class: 13 – Novice (1,0)

1) Pop **MERRYSOUL EVERYBODY'S TALKING AT BOCABLUE**

Very pleasing male of excellent breed type. Well-proportioned and substantial, with a strong, clean fore chest, straight front, and well-angled hindquarters that provide correct drive and balance. Head of good proportions with a gentle expression, dark eyes, and well-set ears. Good reach of neck flows seamlessly to well laid shoulders and very good return of upper arm. Well ribbed, short strong loin. Topline firm and level, tail correctly set and carried, giving a smooth outline on the move. Coat texture and colour sound, complementing his overall symmetry. Moves freely with powerful drive to generate a harmonious ground covering side gait.

Class: 14 – Graduate (3,2)

1) Ellison **CHAVEZ GOLDEN GLOW WITHIFLOR**

Class: 15 – Post Graduate (4, 2)

1) Bindza **LAURELLAKES IT'S A MIRACLE**

A very pleasing female of correct proportions, displaying excellent balance and symmetry. She has well-angled forequarters and hindquarters, a good spring of rib, and a short, firm loin. Good bone. Presented in excellent coat and condition. Feet are neat and well-formed, and she is sound throughout. Good turn of stifle, broad thigh. Good depth of chest and well developed brisket. Movement is balanced and fluent with adequate drive. A feminine, well-constructed example with good breed type and overall quality.

2) Wiggins **PLAIGLEN FOLLOW THAT BIKE TO SCAPAFIELD**

A dog of very good type, displaying correct proportions, well-angled fore and hindquarters, and pleasing breed character. Well-shaped head, good expression. Good spring of rib, and short, firm loin. Feet are neat and well-formed, and he moves soundly. Today not quite in peak condition, which slightly affects the overall presentation. Moved with good drive, fluent and harmonious with a ground covering side gait.

Class: 16 – Special Beginners, In Memory Of Phyllis Wise (Astrawin) (2,1)

1) Jarvis **GALIBAR GOLDENEYE**

Very good type, with a well-shaped head, dark expressive eyes, and good expression. Balanced proportions, firm topline, good reach of neck. Forequarters are well-angled with good bone, and hindquarters display a good turn of stifle, broad thighs and well rounded. Well-sprung ribs and a strong loin contribute to overall balance. Sound throughout, moves with enthusiasm, producing a balanced, ground-covering side gait that shows good reach and drive. **BEST SPECIAL BEGINNERS IN SHOW**

Class: 17 – Open Dog (1,0)

1) Young **CANYONN BLACK CAVIAR JW**

Cobby dog excellently presented and full of personality. Balanced head with gentle expression. Allowing the eye to flow from his neck, over well-laid shoulders, across a short, firm back, to the carriage of his tail, he flows as a harmonious whole. Very good return of long upper arm, well boned, strong straight columns and firm, well padded feet. Well developed chest, deep brisket. Well sprung ribs, short, strong loin. Good hindquarters. Strong, short hocks. Moves soundly throughout away and

coming. With strong drive, a thrashing tail and enthusiasm in abundance he moves with very good drive transmitting power through firm topline to cover the ground effortless and retains a pleasing outline. Congratulations **BEST OPPOSITE SEX**

Class: 18 – Open Bitch (2,1)

1) Marris-Bray **PLAIGLEN BIKER BABE TO HELENWOOD JW**

Balanced, well constructed, robust and an excellent example. Well developed head, gentle, soulful, and expressive. Well muscled neck flows neatly into well laid shoulders and a firm, level topline and correct set of tail. Well boned straight columns with firm, thickly padded feet and firm pasterns. Deep chested, strong body, well ribbed, short strong loin. Strong, broad thigh. Good turn of stifle, excellent hindquarters. Sound throughout. Presented in excellent condition, she impressed at every stage. Her deportment was consistently very good, and her movement was powerful, ground-covering, and fluent, maintaining an excellent outline. Her breed type, effective movement, and commanding ring presence were consistently convincing, making her an all-around winner and my **BEST IN SHOW** today. Congratulations.

Class: 19 – Veteran (4,3)

1) West **SHEIGRA SIMPLY A STAR JW ShCEx OSW**

A well-balanced with excellent bone and substance, presented in tip-top condition. Pleasing head with a sweet and typical expression. Displays a very good forehand assembly, with ample fore chest and depth of brisket. Well-sprung ribs, strong legs, and well-formed feet, though I would prefer a fraction more height on the foreleg to complete the overall balance. Excellent hindquarters—rounded, powerful, and well-angled. Sound throughout. Moves with a balanced and fluent side gait, would like the back to be firmer on the move, overall a most pleasing veteran of quality and type and shown today in excellent condition. **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.**