

Home Counties American Cocker Club Open Show – 2nd June 2022

Judge: Claire Sharp

Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge and for the exhibitors for bringing their beautiful dogs and for accepting my decisions so gracefully.

Minor Puppy Dog (2 entries)

1st, BD, BIS & BPIS Price's Encore Jaclee by Mazpet (Imp Cze Rep) NAF

If I'd have been told before I got to this appointment that I'd end up giving a minor puppy dog Best in Show, I'd have scoffed!! On the initial go around I wondered if perhaps I'd heard the wrong name for the class as this 9 month old buff boy already looks the finished picture. He has the most beautiful head and looks at you with intelligence. He has a long neck into well laid shoulders. Good return of upperarm and he is well off for bone. Ribs well back, short loin and a well muscled, well angled rear. Excellent coat presented in absolutely tip top condition and he moves around the ring like he owns it. Not at all surprised to hear afterwards that he's already won a CC among various other awards and I'm sure he will continue to enjoy a stellar career.

2nd. Harris' Harrisburg Hakuna Matata

Really sweet 6 month old boy who very much looked his age. Another one with a very nice head, good eye colour and correct dentition. Long neck, well laid shoulders, short coupled and a firm topline. Well made behind. Moved with enthusiasm. As always with this owner, he was presented in superb condition.

Puppy Dog(1 entry, 1 absent)

Junior Dog (2 entries)

1st. Bedding & Jennings Alabama Now or Never

Won this class as I preferred his head and length of neck. Well constructed all through, in gleaming condition and covered the ground beautifully.

2nd. Kirton, Stanton & Dackombe's Sabisasi Iroquois Eyota

Another very nice boy, I just found him shorter in neck than my winner and without the width of muzzle. Well presented, ribs well back and short loin. Well angulated rear. Moved well.

Post Graduate Dog (1 entry)

1st. Jones' Alkimadus Ruben James

A 6 year old with a nice head and good ear set and length. Teeth showing a bit of wear but bite ok. Good length of neck, a little short in upperarm. Correct topline/tailset, well angulated rear and in muscular condition. Moved ok.

Limit Dog (2 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Mangira's Exclamation Roll with It (Imp Fin)

In profile on the initial stack, I liked the shape of this boy. He has a pleasing head, good dentition. Short in upperarm. I'd prefer more width to him all through. Well angled rear. Moved soundly enough but not the reach I'd like to see in front.

Open Dog (3 entries, 2 absent)

1st, RBD & RBIS Murray & McKenzie's Jaclee Dream the Impossible at Sanelle

3 year old dog of quality. He has a lovely head/expression. Good length of neck into well laid shoulders. He has a decent depth and width of chest. Ribs well back, short loin and a strong, well angulated rear. Presented in absolutely immaculate condition and he moved with reach and drive. Pushed hard for Best Dog today.

Veteran Dog (2 entries)

1st & BVIS Kirton, Dackombe & Gale's Sasisabi Pawnee Pow Wow

This boy is winging his way towards his 12th birthday, his coat is cut down and everything was there to see. He has a pleasing head, very good teeth for his age,

well constructed all through with the correct topline/tailset. He was bouncy, exuberant and thoroughly enjoying his day out. Covered the ground effortlessly. A real credit to his owner.

2nd. Jones' Alkimadus Gwn Ben Y Gandigan JW ShCM

Another lovely oldie, this boy 10 1/2. Not the front of my winner and levelling his topline but he's still fantastic for his age. Moved soundly.

Cut Down/Pet Trim/Working Dog (1 entry)

1st. Price's Jaclee Walk the Line

I think I've judged this boy before and liked him then! Really super head with lots of work in it. Correct bite. Well angulated front, short coupled and a well angulated, muscular rear. Another who covered the ground superbly.

Minor Puppy bitch (2 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Grindey's Foxfly Little Black Dress at Malricey

My notes say "she's sooo pretty!". The most exquisite head, good length of neck. She had a good width and depth of chest. Correct topline/tailset and a decent rear. Presented in lovely condition and she moved really well, covering the ground with reach and drive and demonstrating accurate footfall.

Puppy bitch (2 entries)

1st & RBB Collis' Jaclee Golden Touch

Won the class as I preferred her body/substance. Presented in gleaming condition, this girl is nicely constructed and moved well demonstrating better reach due to superior length of upperarm.

2nd. Herring-Reed & Reed's Jaclee Trails of Gold over Furian

Lovely shape in profile and has a very nice head. Just found her a little narrow all through. Not the reach in front of my winner. Nice coat, well presented.

Junior Bitch (2 entries)

1st. Collis' Jaclee Golden Touch

2nd. Kemp's Arrowbien Ivy Queen

Lovely head and presented in lovely condition. I just preferred the front angulation of my winner. Moved ok.

Post Graduate bitch (0 entries)

Limit bitch (1 entry)

1st, Best Bitch & Best Opposite Sex in Show; Kirton, Oxbury, Dackombe & Oxbury's Miranda Flower Iz Mazhornogo Lada at Sabisabi (Imp Rus)

Good head/expression, long neck with slight arch, well angulated shoulders and good length of upperarm. Good width and depth all through, firm topline and a well angulated rear. Moved really well.

Open bitch (1 entry, 1 absent)

Veteran bitch (0 entries)

Cut down/Pet Trim/Working bitch (0 entries)