

# **AUSTRALIAN COCKER NATIONAL 2024**

## **Judge MIKE WILDMAN'S CRITIQUE:**

**A few general observations: whilst dentition was good so many had dirty teeth with a lot of built-up thick plaque which was not nice to see ... please take care of your dogs' teeth. Movement on the whole was good but so many well-constructed dogs did not impress on the out and back mainly due to lack of condition with little muscle tone or none at all. Quite a few dogs showed a rolling topline in profile which could be helped with exercise which will firm up. Your dogs' heads in the main were good with just a few oblique or small eyes and unpigmented third eye lids which can spoil an otherwise quality head. Trimming and presentation were great in general but some leave far too much length of ear feathering to the extent that it sits below the point of shoulder which detracts from the forehand angulation, covering the upper arm and blocking the dog out, making it appear long and low, losing its balance and detracting from the classic Cocker outline. That said, Australian Cockers are as good as they are anywhere in the world. I thoroughly enjoyed judging this entry and thank everyone for the sportsmanship and respect you showed me - and each other. All the officials and my ring stewards obviously deserve a huge thankyou for making the show run so smoothly. This was an experience I will never forget so thank you so very much.**

## **BEST IN SHOW & BITCH CHALLENGE O'KEEFE'S AUST. CH. GLENAYDEN BLACKBERRY GIN**

My first impressions were "tick, tick, tick, tick"! Gleaming black of immense quality with an outline to die for and so typical of the breed. On the table examination my hands just flowed over this well put together Cocker teeming with quality. Excellent bone and substance all through yet still extremely feminine; her head and eye are divine with correct neck sitting on well laid forehand with a compact and cobby body and wide well-made quarters, so short below the hock and in perfect muscular condition. She totally nailed the out and back with superb footfall and timing whilst on the go around she just shone, holding it all together whilst at the same time displaying that very important Cocker bustle. Her superior merry disposition was evident at all times and she is a real class act; every time I looked at her and from whatever angle she was standing on those excellent legs foursquare, looking at her handler, wagging her merry tail. The icing on the cake - both she and her handler were turned out immaculately and clearly have a very special and obvious connection which takes it to the next level. She could win top honours anywhere in the world. Challenge & Best in Show.

### **DOG CHALLENGE, BEST OPPOSITE & RUNNER UP IN SHOW**

#### **LANE, COLE, MARVIN & WILLIS' CH SANDTOYS SMOKIN INTHBOYZ ROOM**

Blue roan male who has the most impressive outline and ideal proportions. He has a cobby appearance and even from a distance you can see he is sturdy and strong in his body. He has a balanced headpiece with a kind but masculine expression if I would like him a tad darker in eye. Moderate neck set on the best of shoulders, well laid and clean with decent length of upper arm and enough return. Well sprung rib and very short firm loin, his quarters are powerful and wide. In firm condition, his coat, presentation and shaping emphasising his Cockery outline for all to see. He moved with great power from behind and covered the ground efficiently with a merry attitude.

### **RESERVE DOG CHALLENGE AND BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**

#### **WOODWARD's SUP CH BARBET BACK T YOU JEALOUS ONES**

An incredible Cocker Dog of excellent type and size with perfect balance. A super dog to go over, OK, so age is not on his side but he could not be denied as this blue male can outmove the majority as his textbook conformation confirmed this in spades. His outline on the move just grabbed my attention in what was a remarkable Veteran Dog class and I can only imagine how glorious this dog was a few years ago, I truly loved him - congratulations to his breeder who showed me baby puppies through to this veteran in both sexes, all of them the same type, the true mark of an excellent breeder.

### **RESERVE BITCH CHALLENGE**

#### **MCFADDEN's SUPREME CH GLENBRIAR A FINE ROMANCE**

Full dark Blue with a classic silhouette. She is so full of breed type and quality, perfect for proportions and balance where she excels. She is so beautifully assembled and all of a piece, with a stunning head and expression, fine clean well laid shoulders standing on excellent legs and quality feet. Short backed, correct shape to croup with an ideal tailset, merry and full of class on the move and looked a picture whenever I looked at her. This exhibitor must be congratulated on the type and quality of the dogs she brought to me as they were all of the same mould with quality coats and were all superbly presented.

### **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**

#### **MARKOTANY's BOLWARRA DOWN TO THE WIRE**

This black is already an upstanding male, lovely to handle on the table being really well constructed with a masculine head, dark pigment complementing his kind expression with perfectly set ears. Strong neck with good height at the withers, giving him some stature and presence. Excellent bone, good feet, well sprung rib and sturdy body with rear angulation in total harmony with the front. Sailed around the ring with excellent carriage and typical Cocker profile, clinching the top award from some super quality youngsters.

### **BEST OPPOSITE PUPPY IN SHOW**

#### **PARTRIDGE's GREENADI RHYTHM OF MY HEART (AI)**

Feminine Blue of excellent overall type and size, lovely head with kind expressive eye and strong pigment. Good length of neck, cobby body, short and well ribbed, excellent croup and tailset with moderate angles front and rear. On the move could

be better going away and I feel would make a better picture when moved more slowly.

### **Solid Baby Puppy Dog 2 entries 1 absent**

1<sup>st</sup> DENNIS' TARRENDYLE TAKE THAT

Black who already scores in outline. Pleasing head and eye and he is a lovely size with very clean, well laid shoulders and a decent upper arm. Front should straighten up once the frame is filled as he has good bone. A little shy and reluctant on the move at present so I hope he gains confidence as he is a lovely prospect.

### **AOC Baby Puppy Dog 9 entries 2 absent**

1<sup>st</sup> WOODWARD's BARBET VINZENZO VICTORIOUS (AI)

#### **Best Opposite Baby In Show.**

No mistaking this Blue's identity, a lovely chunky pup and so balanced all through with such good substance, short well-knit body and ideal shape. Such a merry character who carries himself correctly - very important for a baby - to display these breed qualities. Definitely a future star.

2<sup>nd</sup> WOODWARD's BARBET VINZENZO VICTORY (AI)

Orange more streamlined sibling to 1 but another shapely pup with a typical outline, if a touch taller on leg at present than 1. I just preferred the substance and slightly more compact frame of 1 but these are two lovely pups who I will follow with great interest.

3<sup>rd</sup> DOUGLAS' BATHGATE EAST MEETS WEST

Short and compact dark blue with the sweetest of expressions but would still prefer darker pigment to third eye lid. Quality bone and structure and a typical merry mover showing great promise.

4<sup>th</sup> DOUGLAS' BATHGATE NIK NAK PADDY WAK

Another blue of equal quality, loved his shape and balance, very square and correct in overall proportions and he moved positively.

5<sup>th</sup> ROYONI KENNELS

ROYONI LOOKING BACK IN TIME

Light blue, loved the head on him but a touch upright in front. Impressed in body type but would just prefer better angles front and rear.

### **Solid Minor Puppy Dog 2 entries**

1<sup>st</sup> UGRINIC's RAVENSNITE CASH KING

#### **Best Opposite Minor in Show**

Black, well up on his legs with correct head planes and balance, clean and clear well shaped dark eye, sufficient bone and substance and whilst his topline is good his tail is a touch low set. Well angulated front and rear, moved with some drive with good ground coverage and well-trimmed.

2<sup>nd</sup> DENNIS' TARRENDAYLE THE LAST DANCE

Golden somewhat stronger type and more forward in development than 1 he looked so good set up but not the balance in head of 1. Still liked his expression, excelled in bone with well-padded feet, sound but unfortunately not yet fully confident on the move so had to pay the price.

### **AOC Minor Puppy Dog 2 entries**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> DAVIES' SEQUERE EARL OF DUDLEY

Orange roan and this boy has the sweetest of expressions, kind and intelligent on quite a fine head. Short and compact in body, but a little low set tail. Still presents an attractive overall picture, moved out well and keeps a good shape in profile.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> PARTRIDGE's GRENADI ROCKED VIRTUES

Another orange deeper in colour and more striking than 1 on initial look, he is shorter and deeper in body I just preferred the lines and carriage of 1 on the move.

Has quality bone and a better set tail than 1, a close call splitting these 2 handsome Orange males.

### **Solid Puppy Dog 1 entry**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> MARKOTANY's BOLWARRA DOWN TO THE WIRE

**Best Puppy in Show**

### **AOC Puppy Dog 6 entries 1 absent**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> O'KEEFE's CARLANDY MAKE ME SMILE AT GLENAYDEN

An upstanding Blue with bags of quality cutting the best outline in this class he immediately drew attention in his direction. Very sturdy and strong, already well developed in head but would prefer a fuller eye. Lovely low well placed ears, his neck is moderate in length, upper arm of correct length, straight front with enough fill in chest for his age. Developing well, so firm and well bodied with firm short loin, well made rear quarters, low strong hocks with good driving action. He really uses himself to full advantage on the move and was immaculately presented.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> HUTT's KAPOINT CELEBRATE MY BUSINESS

Orange and an exceptional mover with good footfall and carriage. He scores in leg length, has a pleasing head and eye giving the desired expression. Correct coat quality. Not the depth of body of 1 or quite the angles but he clinched this place on his good movement over the others.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> PARTRIDGE's GRENADI DOUBLE O SEVEN (AI)

Dark Blue quite heavily marked, another quite good mover, he is of good basic type, very moderate and unexaggerated and is developing along the right lines.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> BRAUER's GLENBRIAR FOREVER INBLUE JEANS

Dark Blue with a full black head. His outline appealed to me and I thought on initial appearance that he would be up a place or two but unfortunately he was a little ring shy moving so had to settle for this place.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> O'BRIEN's SILVERBLUE COME FLY TO ME AT GLENAYDEN

Good type but thought he also lost out moving as he was crabbing on the out and back. He has a lovely expression and excellent substance all through and a well prepared coat.

### **Solid Junior Dog 2 entries**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> HEWITT'S CH MADANWITT FIVE AND DIME

**Best Junior in Show**

Sturdy black who was beautifully presented, showing off what a good outline he has. Superb topline and tailset, really Cockery shaped with all the 's' ... short, square and sturdy, three things that are a must in a Cocker for me. He moved soundly with good drive and swagger and his black coat shone like a jewel.

2<sup>nd</sup> LOCHRANZA CAST AWAY (IMP UK)

Different type to 1 but he has the better neck and shoulders, being finer and better laid. I liked his shape and typical outline and the topline is so level. Stood, he looked a picture but moving was a little uncoordinated and not as polished in his performance of 1 but standing I really liked him.

### **AOC Junior Dog 9 entries 2 Absent**

1<sup>st</sup> ROYONI KENNELS' RYANGAYE RECONCILE N WHISPA AT ROYONI

"Gorgeous" is what my notes state and he is! Light blue with excellent proportions and balance, I loved his open expressive eyes which are so dark, kind and gentle. I liked his head but would prefer him a fraction shorter in foreface for perfect balance but it has the work and chiselling, giving a Cockery look. He is so well put together, just needing to firm up in the middle. Very merry active mover with the best carriage and attitude to boot and in well-presented correct coat.

2<sup>nd</sup> ROSE'S CH SANDTOYS ROCKETT THE BOAT

Darker Blue dog whose striking outline grabbed my attention. I love the type of him and he has a lot of qualities and a big personality too with presence in spades thus making him hard to overlook. Not the forehead angles of 1 whilst still a really good mover but just lacking the reach. He was in super condition, holding his outline at all times and well-presented and handled.

3<sup>rd</sup> GALPIN & BRAY'S BRAYCHARM KODE BREAKER

Blue of lovely type and quality, I loved his head and expression, ample bone and decent feet. Made a pleasing picture and is balanced all through but would just prefer him to be a little better let down in the rear and a little more angular in front. However he acquitted himself well on the move.

4<sup>th</sup> O'BRIEN'S CH SILVERBLUE KEEP ON WALKING

Orange who is so sound and it was lovely to see that good width going away. Pleasing type of correct size and balance with dark pigment emphasising his lovely expression but just not the outline of those above. When in full coat the picture will be complete.

5<sup>th</sup> MARKOTANY'S BOLWARRA FROM A JACK TO A KING

Dark blue with eye-catching outline, a little narrow in head and has yet to finish and mature in his body but he has so much to like and with time will fill his frame and trouble those above him here.

### **Solid Intermediate Dog 1 entry**

1<sup>st</sup> GREY'S KINTAIL REMEMBER BLACK DOUGLAS

Masculine Black of good overall proportions and type with jet black coat beautifully presented. He holds his shape on the move but unfortunately showing here he was rather shy apparently due to a bad experience. I do hope he gets over this as he is a lovely dog to go over.

### **AOC Intermediate Dog 8 entries 2 absent**

1<sup>st</sup> LANE'S CH SANDTOYS SMOKIN INTHBOYZ ROOM

**Best Intermediate in Show**

**Dog Challenge, Best Opposite Sex & Runner Up In Show**

2<sup>nd</sup> Partridge's CH GRENADI BEFORE THE STORM (AI)

Rather different type Blue and so unlucky to meet 1 who had the edge in overall finish but this dog can move! Wow, he sailed around the ring holding it all together and looking very much all of a piece. I liked his head, classic body shape and type with nice flow over the croup and a well set tail which he uses well. This was a great class with such stiff competition.

3<sup>rd</sup> GALPIN'S CH SHELPI ROYAL MISCHIEF MAKER

Orange, well up on his legs and has excellent overall balance with all things in moderation. He also put on a great performance moving out well and sound with it. He owns a good head with pleasing expression, is striking in colour and well-marked with enough substance and decent feet.

4<sup>th</sup> DOUGLAS & MCFADDEN'S CH BATHGATE MY HEART SKIPS A BEAT

Loved the head and eye on this Blue who also scores in outline but just lost his balance on the move as he wasn't as collected as I am sure he can be.

5<sup>th</sup> BEAN'S SANDTOYS ALWAYS FOREVA

Lovely make and shape and this Blue moved with good reach and drive off that super backend having the very best of rear quarters.

**Solid Australian Bred Dog 3 entries**

A very mixed class of Reds for type, all three quite different. All had qualities but first had to be

1<sup>st</sup> DENNIS' CH TARRENDAYLE THIS CAN'T BE LEGAL JC

An upstanding masculine male who scored in outline, every part seamlessly fitting together. He was good to go over, has a grand head although the eyes could be a little darker to give better expression. A very sound dog who moved well, just carrying his tail a touch high which detracted from what is otherwise a wholly typical Cocker outline.

2<sup>nd</sup> HOBSON & GREY'S KINTAIL WICKED SPIRIT

This boy has a heavier head but a better expression. Quality bone, super in topline and compact enough with deep full rib, strong backend and he moved and displayed good carriage with a flat shiny and very well presented jacket.

**AOC Australian Bred Dog 9 entries 2 absent**

1<sup>st</sup> MCFADDEN'S GLENBRIAR MOON SHADOW

**Best Australian Bred in Show**

Strong class headed by this typey dark Blue who has the most appealing outline. He is really cobby and short, a well-rounded sort with no hard angles here, just soft curves. His head is divine even though I'd like his eye a shade darker, adequate length to neck complete with moderate angulation of front and rear, short middle piece with perfect topline which flows into his well-rounded croup and the tail is set on

in perfect position. Stands on the best of legs with tight quality well-padded feet. A really neat compact dog, I just loved his Cockeriness, he is sound and merry on the move and was handled and put down to the minute. Barely out of Junior he is not yet finished or fully mature so I predict great things once he reaches full maturity. In my shortlisted dogs down to the final 4 for the Challenge. One for the future.

2<sup>nd</sup> LANE & WILLIS' CH SANDTOYS WOTUTALKINBOUT WILLIS

All quality again here, mid Blue of excellent type with a very handsome well worked head with the sweetest expression and correctly shaped eye. A very Cockery dog, very balanced and compact in type with super proportions, wide quarters, strong parallel hocks which he used, moving with plenty of scope, keeping correct shape and posture in profile and displaying good reach and drive. Could be cleaner over the shoulder to get better flow of outline but I really liked him and he well deserved his place in this strong class.

3<sup>rd</sup> O'KEEFE's AUSTRALIAN CH GLENAYDEN FROZEN WHISKY

Gorgeous style darker Blue who is well marked, not quite the scope in outline of 1 and 2 but he has bags of quality and is a lovely sized dog. Very neat and compact with super legs and feet, a picture of overall balance although I'd prefer more sweep in his stifle and a touch more length in upper arm. Pleasing balance to head with super dark eye, he was well put down and showed to best advantage.

4<sup>th</sup> ST CLAIR & BRAYS' CH BRAYCHARM TOTLLY TAILORED

Worthy Champion who owns the best head and eye, tidy outline, looked a picture standing but just not the balance of the others moving.

5<sup>th</sup> KINGSTON's CH MARKAYLA MAGIC TOUCH (AI)

Another quality dog in this hotly contested class, I liked his make, shape and overall balance. A very solid sturdy sort who sets up well and throws out a really good picture, in good coat and presented well.

### **Solid Bred By Exhibitor Dog 1 entry 1 absent**

#### **AOC Bred By Exhibitor Dog 1 entry**

1<sup>st</sup> HATHERLY's BELLEBRIAR WITH A TWIST

##### **Best Opposite Bred by Exhibitor in Show**

Orange and so typical of the type his sire is producing - what a busy Cocker, full of himself he entered the ring so purposefully, he has appeal in outline and proportions. He is up on his strongly boned legs, has a deep cobby body and firm level topline. Well angulated front, he has a handsome head with square muzzle, enough stop and brow, perfect earset and is strong in his rear quarters, excelling on the move and displaying very merry temperament and a super flat shiny coat.

#### **Solid Open Dog 1 entry**

1<sup>st</sup> DENNIS' CH MADANWITT IT LEGAL AT TARRENDAYLE

Really impressive to go over, sharp and shiny Black, very appealing balance in head which is attractive and masculine. Well laid shoulder with a very pleasing upper arm, deep compact body, ribs well sprung, firm strong loin, very wide well rounded quarters and well let down behind. He satisfied me on the move, keeps a good shape and carries himself in a typical fashion. I really liked him so he made the cut for the Challenge.

## **AOC Open Dog 6 entries**

**Superb class of males, a pleasure to judge where some decisions were close**

1<sup>st</sup> O'KEEFE's SUP CH GLENAYDEN FROZEN SODA

### **Best Opposite Open in Show**

My notes say "wow, my cup of tea"! He has it all, a very smart Blue who presents an outline that cannot be ignored and now approaching his prime. He has it all, very much together, putting on a stellar performance for his handler. The head is classic and has the softest expression but is still so masculine with correct eye shape and colour. He has the best of legs and feet (probably the best here) with well filled front, super well ribbed body, the topline is good but I would like him a little more rounded over the croup. Strong, well-conditioned thighs which he used well on the move. He is sound and has the best carriage, covering the ground efficiently, is superbly trimmed and was presented to the highest order.

2<sup>nd</sup> LANE & PEACOCK'S SUP CH SANDTOYS ROCKETT MAN

Similar structure and type to 1 so also right up my street. There is so much to like about this Blue, his head and expression are right up there with the best. Another with excellent body and condition, everything all of a piece, firm in topline with depth to body and plenty of substance. The hindquarters are well angulated with very good bend of stifle; he is a purposeful mover whose carriage was excellent and he was well handled.

3<sup>rd</sup> BRAY's SUP CH ROYAL'S FRIEND ECS WISH GRANTED (IMP HUN)

Another Blue, a cracker for type and quality and so nicely presented, just carrying a touch of weight over the shoulders and this just detracts from what is a lovely outline. It's a real bugbear when they get this and it's hard to shift. A dog of moderation and free from exaggerations, just a good honest sort with everything in the right place he holds a great shape on the move and is very happy.

4<sup>th</sup> DREKOVIC's SUP CH CLEEMIST BLUE HAZE

So square and Cockery, he looked a picture stood, presenting a typical Cocker outline and I really loved so much about him - just lost his topline on the move which cost him a higher placing.

5<sup>th</sup> DOUGLAS' CH BATHGATE BY DESIGN (AI)

Similar make and shape to the 4<sup>th</sup> dog, very balanced and nicely put together, a well-marked Blue who has all the essentials and good breed type, compact and cobby who moved well.

## **Solid Veteran 7+ Dog 1 entry**

1<sup>st</sup> GALPIN's CH JODEGEE RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

Deep Red of 9 years and carrying his age well. He has the darkest of eyes, very expressive and kind in a Cockery head, is such a sturdy boy with the deepest of bodies, full rib and the topline is so good for his age. He was in great condition, standing with a leg in every corner and he owned the ring on the move, never putting a foot wrong ... an obvious seasoned campaigner who knows the ropes!



## **AOC Veteran 7+ Dog 6 entries**

1<sup>st</sup> WOODWARD's SUP CH BARBET BACK T YOU JEALOUS ONES

### **Best Veteran In Show and Reserve Dog Challenge**

2<sup>nd</sup> MCFADDEN & DREKOVIC's

AUST CH/ENG SH CH KYNA ALBERT TATLOCK (IMP UK)

I judged this super Blue in the UK at I think his first show as a Minor Puppy; he appealed then and won his class and was very unlucky not to today but such was the quality of the winner I liked so enormously. It was interesting to discover that I liked many of his progeny here over the two days and it's obvious that he certainly has had a huge impact here. He seems to have stamped his head type on his children and grandchildren - always a sign of a quality stud dog. He is in remarkable condition and still has all those breed essentials I hold dear but then he also has something extra special - his character is just fabulous, I loved the way he never stopped wagging his tail ... what a showman he is, loved him!

3<sup>rd</sup> LANE & PATE's SUP CH BENCLEUCH BRAW BALACH (IMP UK)

Super short cobby type in pristine condition who has all the essentials and excels in all departments with so much to like and offer the breed. He is a joy to handle on the table, compact with a well-knit body, great bone and feet, well-rounded quarters with great muscle tone, short rear pasterns and his overall construction just propelled him around the ring.

4<sup>th</sup> GRANT's CH KIMKIERA WHO DARES WINS

Drop dead gorgeous, looked like a winner, having real presence and such style. He has so many good qualities but is just a shade too long for me so loses that Cocker square that's so essential to the breed, but he cannot be overlooked for quality and deserved his place in this really excellent class.

5<sup>th</sup> WEEKES' CH GLENAYDEN EFFERVESANT

No disgrace in this placing, this is a lovely Cocker of the highest order and one I'd be proud to own, short and cobby and of pleasing type all through with good height at the withers, just a little sloped in topline which detracted somewhat from his outline but he was in super condition and handled to perfection.

## **Solid Baby Puppy Bitch 3 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> UGRINIC's RAVENSNITE WELL COLOR ME HAPPY

Golden with a gorgeous head and eye in a truly exquisite head, sturdy and well up on her legs with already good balance and proportions. At the moment she can slope off in topline a little on the stack but when moving is perfect. More forward than her litter sister who stood Second. On the move she was active, merry and sound.

2<sup>nd</sup> UGRINIC's RAVENSNITE TAKE CARE OF YOU

Another Golden so similar to her winning sister but not as forward in head or as exceptional in the legs and feet department. Excellent angulation all through, she moved adequately and had an outgoing disposition, just not the ring presence of her sister.

3<sup>rd</sup> COSTELLO's NOCTE SWEET DREAMS OF SUMMER

Completing a trio of Golden Girls, this chunky baby was giving away so much in age but is really solid, short and square with fabulous bone and a head that is full of type. Despite her age she moved with confidence.

### **AOC Baby Puppy Bitch 8 Entries**

1st WOODWARD's BARBET VINZENZO VICTORIA (AI)

#### **Best Baby In Show**

Outstanding Blue of the highest quality who looked so familiar to me and on discovering her breeding I can see why. She is like a little clone of her half-sister back in the UK and so typical of her sire's progeny. Sweet head, perfectly balanced and full of expression with moderate neck leading into correctly laid shoulder. Even at this age she has great depth of body, excellent spring of rib and wide thighs. I loved her overall type and balance and despite being clearly inexperienced at moving she gave me glimpses of what is to come. I loved her and would have happily brought her home.

2nd BRAY's BRAYCHARM LAVENDER BLUE

Another Blue, more forward than 1 in development and she was more schooled. Cobby and deep in body, flatteringly marked with excellent bone and substance and such a sound soul. Her head is correctly proportioned and whilst a lack of hair around the eye detracts from the expression this is entirely temporary. Went so well for a baby.

3rd DOUGLAS' BATHGATE BONNIE

Darker Blue with excellent substance, not as clean in outline or shoulder as 1 and 2 and a little heavier in type with pleasing overall shape. Not as confident moving at the moment but another with great promise.

4th PEARSON's BATHGATE TURNING HEADS AT KALAUGHER

Showy Blue and such a beautiful mover. Not the scope in outline of those above and of a smaller mould but still essentially square with pleasing head type.

5th WOODWARD's BARBET JILLAROO (AI)

Blue who stacked up to make a pleasant picture if not with the greatest angulation and this reflected in her movement which could have had more scope. Nothing much amiss in head which is well proportioned with a gentle eye.

### **Solid Minor Puppy Bitch 2 Entries 1 absent**

1st DENNIS' TARRENDAYLE RAZZLE DAZZLE EM

Substantial Gold with plenty of angulation. Good basic head type but eyes rather wet. Structurally her length of loin throws her out of balance and so doesn't appear square and cobby. On the move she looked distinctly concerned so didn't give of her best.

### **AOC Minor Puppy Bitch 5 Entries**

1st O'KEEFE's CARLANDY IVE GOT SASS AT GLENAYDEN

#### **Best Minor in Show**

Well grown sturdy Blue of exceptional type who threw out such a striking outline. Feminine head full of expression, clean reachy neck flowing into an already firm level topline and she is remarkably together for her age. On the table she was a joy to go over and my hands just flowed. Marvellous bone and feet, ample substance and optimum angulation throughout. On the move she was so full of class and outperformed the competition. Interesting to see that she and the BIS winner share the same sire; what an asset he must have proved and today so many of his progeny figured in the major awards.

2nd DOUGLAS' BATHGATE ILL TAKE YOU THERE (AI)

Another Blue with a super eye and whilst the head is of essentially good type the balance would be improved with a shorter foreface. Square in outline with less neck than 1, good length of leg and upper arm, firm topline, nicely finished croup with correct tailset and strong hindquarters. Moved steadily but was just outclassed by 1.

3rd ROYONI KENNELS' ROYONI GIRL OF MINE

Black and White who really surprised me on the table as she is so impressive to go over. Beautifully balanced head, clean neck flowing into well laid shoulders and firm topline. Quality bone, nicely bodied and whilst she moved soundly her tail carriage was rather high, detracting from the outline somewhat.

4th DOLPHIN's CARLANDY ROSES FOREVER

Blue who was good to handle on the table but didn't do so well on the floor. Feminine head of good type, nicely bodied for her age with sufficient substance and bone but topline could be firmer. When she gets her act together can do much better.

5th PARTRIDGE's GRENADI MOMENT IN TIME

Very pretty Blue who has an impressive body and whilst the head is essentially feminine I would like more finish of foreface. Looks a little stuffy in neck and could have tighter and better padded feet. She is well coated for her age and moved relatively soundly.

### **AOC Puppy Bitch 4 Entries**

1st PARTRIDGE's GRENADI RHYTHM OF MY HEART (AI)

## **Best Opposite Puppy in Show**

2nd DENNIS' TARRENDAYLE LETS GO PARTI

Black and White ticked, nicely proportioned but not with the strength of bone of 1 or her finish of coat. An old fashioned sort of head with no exaggeration and whilst she is square she needs more angulation front and back to balance the picture. Moved true out and back but not with the scope in profile as would be expected.

3rd O'BRIEN's CH SILVERBLUE THISTLE DO NICELY

Larger Blue with lovely head and eye shape, very matronly with rather stuffy neck but the croup and tailset are fine. Outline doesn't really flow but she moved adequately out and back.

4th ZUCKER & PARTRIDGE's ELSWOOD ROSE COUTURE (AI)

Orange roan with pleasant head and well finished foreface, well rounded bone and deeply bodied. A little short in neck and her topline was much firmer stacked than moving. A little boxy in outline but the angulation is moderate, moved soundly but with no great scope in profile.

## **Solid Junior Bitch 3 Entries**

### **Best Opposite Junior in Show**

1st MATHER's RAVENSNITE CANDY SHOP KID

Cobby Black who stood out in this class for outline alone. Balanced head with kind expression, so well put together and shapely, clean reachy neck which flows so smoothly into her firm topline. Optimum angulation, nicely presented and her carriage on the move was a joy to behold.

2nd NEWBOLD's BRAYROAN MAMMA MIA

Black who has good basic head type if the eye could be darker, super level topline but falls off in croup with subsequent low tail set. Actually looked her best when moving in profile and has a very typical coat.

3rd SALGADO's GOLDBOTTOMS ONCE UPON A TIME (AI)

Longer cast Golden with well moulded head and pleasant expression, super presentation, good basic proportions but could be a little better let down behind. Didn't disgrace herself moving.

## **AOC Junior Bitch 11 Entries – a large but very mixed class with a lot of variation**

1st HATHERLY's BELLEBRIAR UNDER MY SPELL

Dark Blue of lovely overall quality and balance, super feminine head which still has sufficient strength. Moderate neck flowing into well laid shoulder with good length of upper arm and the whole outline flows well. Wide, well let down hindquarters. Moved and showed to advantage by her very capable handler. A very useful kind of bitch.

#### 2nd MARKOTANY's BOLWARRA QUEEN OF HEARTS

Stronger type of Blue, maybe not the most feminine but well up on leg and still shapely. Her strength will always catch the eye, she has a very typical head and lots of neck but she needed more depth and finish of body to complete the picture. That said, she has ideal angulation and a very balanced flowing outline. Very composed and classy on the move.

#### 3rd BURBIDGE's SPEZIA COME WHAT MAY

Sound moving Blue with a pleasant head, a certain squareness and well up on leg with good depth of body though a little more angulation front and back would be the icing on the cake.

#### 4th ROYONI KENNELS' RYANGAYE TIME PIECE AT ROYONI

Dark blue of gorgeous type and temperament with ever wagging tail, a touch long cast but still has excellent basic shape and angles. Topline could be a little firmer but her angulation front and back really impress. Her head has type and quality and she really used herself exceptionally on the move.

#### 5th DOUGLAS' BATHGATE OUT OF THE BLUE

Blue again with great proportions and balance of outline but just rather narrow all through. Feminine head with typical eye and keen expression. As expected her movement lacked a little width but she carried herself well.

### **Solid Intermediate Bitch 4 Entries – 2 absent**

#### 1st BYGRAVES' ACIJAY LILLIBET OF GOLD

Golden, very well bodied, square and compact, good basic head type but a little lacking in stop. Straight well boned forelegs and well padded feet. Well ribbed but topline could be more settled. Tail is well set on but could have more rear angulation. Very Cockery and busy on the move.

#### 2nd GREY & HOBSON'S KINTAIL SPIRIT TO REMEMBER

Black of slightly different type to 1, beautifully presented and handled with a coat of excellent texture. Maybe more appeal in head and expression than 1 but taller and

longer cast and her flow of neck into shoulder could be cleaner. On the move didn't quite hold herself as 1.

### **AOC Intermediate Bitch 17 Entries**

1st DOLPHIN's CH CARLANDY GOT THE LOOK AT GLENAYDEN

#### **Best Opposite Intermediate in Show**

A huge class full of quality but this Blue bitch still stood away. Although strongly made with ample bone and substance, she remains essentially feminine. Gorgeous head and eye, neck cleanly flowing into flawless topline and she was a joy to go over. Great legs and feet, in impeccable condition, she outmoved the opposition. A truly lovely Cocker.

2nd PATE's CH SANDTOYS GYPSY QUEEN

Another top quality Blue I would be proud to own. She has the most glorious head and exquisite expression, ultra-compact with perfect angles front and back. Well-knit body and so rounded though not quite the neck of 1. Flatteringly marked, she will always catch the eye. Not moving with the rear drive of 1.

3rd MCFADDEN's GLENBRIAR SILVER BELLE

Beautiful Blue with a classic outline, perfectly balanced head with everything fitting and flowing. Construction is first class and the outline just beautiful. Could have been in harder condition and this reflected in her topline and rear movement but her type and quality are undeniable.

4th WOODWARD's BARBET QUEENS SILVER JUBILEE (AI)

Orange of excellent overall breed type, well balanced and very Cockery. Head is very appealing with strong pigment, great legs and feet, well ribbed and very moderate all through. Sound enough but just not the polish of those above when moving.

5th O'BRIEN's CH ROYONI BY MY SIDE

Blue of high quality and very feminine, quality head and eye, well balanced outline with correct angulation front and back. Moved steadily and deserved her placing in this strong class despite lacking a little coat and finish.

### **Solid Australian Bred Bitch 4 Entries – 2 absent**

1st LANE's CH SANDTOYS REDY T RULE TH WORLD

Black, neat and cobby with pleasing head but could have a shade more neck to balance. Solid and sturdy to go over, short wide loin, moderate angles and moved steadily.

2nd UGRINIC's MADANWITT RANT AND RAVE

Black, somewhat more streamlined than 1 with a very classy outline and beautifully put down. Quality head but more refined than 1 and she was also a little longer coupled but she moved soundly and is a real eye catcher.

### **AOC Australian Bred Bitch 11 Entries**

1st DOUGLAS' GLENBRIAR FRECKLES

#### **Best Opposite Australian Bred in Show**

Tricolour who scored with her collected carriage and busy, merry attitude. Completely square with head of good type if a little more stop would help. Solid to go over with optimum angulation. A bitch that needs to be handled to be appreciated.

2nd PATE's CH JOBAIR BIT OF A LASS

Well coated and presented Blue of excellent basic type. More of her than 1, a little heavier over the shoulder and slightly longer cast. Quality head but the eye is rather full. Moved adequately.

3rd MARKOTANY's CH BOLWARRA WALKS LIKE AN ANGEL

Blue who is basically well constructed but of a slightly larger frame than those above. Lots of quality, beautifully conditioned with excellent head type and satisfying to handle. Not quite as collected on the move as 1 and 2.

4th KINGSTON's CH KINGSWAY ACT THE PART

Another high quality Blue who looked a picture when stacked with a beautifully balanced outline. Excellent head, clean neck flowing into solid topline with excellent angles throughout. I just wish she was a little more feminine with a little less of her but she is the sort that will prove a jewel in the whelping box.

5th GRANT's CH KIMKIERA KISS ME KATE (AI)

Blue, very feminine and full of quality with sweet head and classic outline, beautiful size and shape making a very pleasing overall picture. Could be cleaner in neck and shoulder but she had character and moved with style.

### **Solid Bred By Exhibitor Bitch 4 Entries – 1 absent**

1st DENNIS' TARRENDAYLE COVERMEIN DIAMONDS

Good headed Black of pleasing basic type, well up on leg, sturdy and strong in body, well ribbed and boned. Could be smoother over the croup but was a very merry mover shown and handled to advantage.

2nd GRANT's CH KIMKIERA AIM TO PLEASE (AI)

Larger framed Black not as well laid in shoulder as 1 but has a quality head with excellent eye, compact body, soundly made hindquarters and well boned. Not as collected on the move as 1 and the hindquarters could be more flatteringly trimmed to emphasise the angulation.

3rd REY's SHELDARICH THE DARK PHEONIX

Black, lower on leg but with good overall quality. Good head type and feminine all through. Would like tighter feet and better carriage.

### **AOC Bred By Exhibitor Bitch 6 Entries**

1st ROYONI KENNELS' ROYONI GOOD TIMING

#### **Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show**

Superb Orange, so good on the move with such wonderful character and attitude. Her bustling action was a joy to behold. Whilst the head is basically balanced a slightly deeper stop and more typical eye would enhance the expression. Lovely to go over and so beautifully proportioned all through.

2nd BRAY's CH BRAYCHARM CAUSING A COMMOTION

Quality Blue, feminine and compact with a pleasant head, could have a little more neck and be more rounded over the croup. Not the merriment on the move as 1 but has a lot of overall appeal.

3rd GALPIN's CH SHELPIH STAR HUNTRESS

Very similar in type, make and shape to 2, this Blue just wasn't as firm in topline and this showed on the move but she still has a look of overall quality.

4th KINGSTON's KINGSWAY ONE PART WHISKY

At first glance this Blue immediately caught my eye and I was sure she would be the winner as her outline and overall quality were exceptional. On the table she was amazing to go over, everything in the right place with all parts flowing seamlessly. Whilst she stood well for the hands-on, once on the floor she fell to pieces which was heartbreaking. So sad not to be able to place her higher.

5th SMITH's TSPARKLE SILVER PRINCESS

Another Blue with lots to like and one of the best back ends in the entry. Merry and sound, good breed type all through but could have a little more length of upper arm and better laid shoulder.

### **Solid Open Bitch 3 Entries**

1st O'KEEFE's AUST CH GLENAYDEN BLACKBERRY GIN

#### **Best Open in Show, Bitch Challenge & BIS**



## 2nd HEWITT's MADANWITT THAT AINT LEGAL AT RAVENSNITE

Nicely balanced Golden who could have a slightly darker eye but head type is otherwise good. Could have more angulation in front and rear, quality coat well presented. Moves rather narrow going away but profile was impressive. Rather outclassed by 1.

## 3rd REY's SHELDARICH MIDNIGHT MYSTIQUE

Black with the most gorgeous temperament and as merry as anything else here. Compact but not the quality of those above.

### **AOC Open Bitch 9 Entries – 1 absent**

#### 1st MCFADDEN'S SUP CH GLENBRIAR A FINE ROMANCE

#### **Reserve Bitch Challenge**

#### 2nd WOODWARD's CH BARBET CHRISTMAS ANGEL (AI)

Such a Cockery Blue with perfectly balanced outline, excellent length of neck and optimum angulation in front and behind. Well boned but could have better feet and had the edge in intense head qualities. Such a great mover with excellent forehand reach.

#### 3rd MARKOTANY's CH BOLWARRA PINA COLADA

Orange with the most exquisite head and expression – totally divine. She is well put together, square and compact with first class conformation. Excellent coat and colour and moved so soundly with lots of drive. Just a little too much of her for me but I am sure she will be a great producer.

#### 4th HUTT's SUP CH BRALMICO HEARTS N ROSES JC. SWN

Correct sized Blue who is moderate all through and it was no disgrace to stand behind the three above who had the edge in head qualities. Croup could be better moulded but she held her shape and outline on the move.

#### 5th GALPIN's CH BRAYCHARM A ROYAL OBSESSION

Good headed Blue with a look of type but rather soft in topline and she could have better rear angulation to complete the outline and balance. Showed with enthusiasm and moved soundly.

### **AOC Veteran 7+ Bitch 2 Entries**

#### 1st HUGHES' CH AMACLASSIC ART WAVES KISS (IMP UK)

#### **Best Opposite Veteran in Show**

8 years Blue with such a feminine head and very Cockery all through, particularly on the move when she demonstrated that energetic bustle. Good to handle on the table and still very much all of a piece.

2nd REY's SHELDARICH DREAMS COME TRUE

Another Blue of quality who moved well for her 10 years but coat is showing her age now. Good head type and pleasing overall balance.

### **AOC Neuter Dog 3 Entries**

#### **Best Neuter in Show**

1st GALPIN's CH SHELPIA AIM FOR THE STARS

Blue of exceptional quality and type with lots of head appeal, excellent neck and topline and he is well put together with ideal angulation throughout even if a shade long coupled. Moved with great style and his coat was far better than neutered dogs' tend to be. So well presented and handled.

2nd SMITH's CH NEUT CH TSPARKLE ONYX PRINCE

Larger framed Blue with long eyelashes in a quality head, very roomy all over with depth in body and moderate angles. A little loose in topline on the move and not the outline flow of 1.

3rd STRANG's ROYONI ROYAL WATCHER (AI)

Blue with correct balance of body but a little short of neck. Pleasant head and expression. Movement not as composed as those above.

### **AOC Neuter Bitch 2 Entries**

1st HUGHES' NEUT CH DRUMPRINTT FIRST KISS (AI)

#### **Runner Up Neuter in Show**

High quality Orange who won on her overall make and shape and she had such lovely carriage on the move. Pretty head and eye, excellent balance which she held moving. Lacked a little coat furnishing but her movement clinched it.

2nd HASKARD's SHELPIA STAR ATTRACTION

Blue so beautifully conditioned and groomed with a lovely head and expression. More finished in coat than 1 but rather longer coupled which upset the overall balance. Moved and showed well enough but couldn't match the togetherness of 1.

