

The Cocker Spaniel Club Championship Show (Bitches) – 12 July 2026

The honour of a lifetime, thank you to all exhibitors. With a report like this appertaining to such a prestigious show I have purposely avoided writing continuous breed standard words and phrases on placings because writing reams about the generic cocker spaniel does tend to verge on the boring. So, I have used comparative remarks for placings and used more bullet points relating to individual dogs and how they meet the breed standard.

Particolour Special Puppy (12,3)

1. Burnet's Charmwen Hot Stuff - Sound and sensible mover on good legs and feet. Presented an excellent profile standing. 2. Craig's Alisma Adrianna - Darker blue than 1 which enables her to show a good profile both standing and moving. So close-up, just felt today 1 had a more filled middle piece. 3. Scotland's Lynwater Bramble Blossom - A deep well filled orange with an excellent cocker gait.

Particolour Special Graduate (6,1)

1. Mitchell's Glowhill Candy Corn - Work in her head. A good neck and shoulder placement leading to well sprung ribs. Moved with gait and style. 2. Eisen's Manjuno's Unstoppable Flair - Her trimming style gave an impression of length. However, on examination, has a well-constructed frame with good feet and legs. 3. Thomas' Fortuna of La Vie Magnifique among Claramand (Imp Hun) - Very nice liver roan with many breed attributes found on examination.

Blue Roan Special Open (9,2)

1. Nuttall's ShCh Rosecourt Romance - I really appreciated the combination of her older well sprung cocker type yet retaining a swifter modern movement combination making her sound. In fact, I found her to be complete mature and brimming with quality. Made short list easily. 2. Morris' Riondel Solitaire - Clearly feminine but in no way fine. Held her own in good company because of both her strength moving but also her accuracy. 3. Torbett's ShCh Kirlinjis Made You Wait - A dark blue, full of the highest quality traits of an honest sound cocker.

Particolour (other than Blue Roan) Special Open (1,0)

1. Proudler's Kimapa Kwackers Kwtch - Not always easy to show alone. However, the sound girl did go well all ways.

Solid Special Puppy (8,2)

1. Taylor-Kistner's Frieljoanipa Enya Dreams. Nicely made black. Strongly held topline which today was a deciding factor. Moved nicely with ease. Liked her. Also 2nd in an excellent MPB. 2. Warrington's Zakova Jäger Bomb - A black with construction that drew me in on examination. Only 2nd today because of more maturity of 1. 3. Dutchak's Eastdray Everlasting Star - Sound, well made pup who would be better moved a little slower.

Solid Special Graduate (9,3)

1. Bindza's Laurellakes It's a Miracle - A really good bitch to go over. Really liked her well set legs and feet. Good topline and rounded quarters. Very nice. 2. Membrado's Corralet Queren Hapuc - Beautiful coat texture was clean all through. Her cocker action was easy and completely sound. Today 1 just more mature in appearance. 3. Scott's Crankwoods Star Attraction at Anjspan - Went on to win 1st SB.

Black, Black & Tan Special Open (3,1)

1. Todd & Rahman's Chataway Motzi Mabuse - I liked this very much hence the short list. While her many qualities are evident both standing and moving, it's her subtle construction on close examination that is so very pleasing. 2. Woods' Plaiglen Biker Babe to Helenwood - Held her own in this class of two. Matching 1 for movement and accuracy. A very pleasing cocker. I found hard to separate from 1.

Red, Golden, Liver, Liver & Tan Special Open (3,0)

1. McCabe-Bell's Grandtully Biddy Ford - While I am not hugely familiar with the colour, I am clear when I recognise good movement always so sound and correct with a sensible cocker stride. She has nothing to hide. It's all there and was appreciated. 2. Davies & Eisen's Kerriglow Firefly - Has depth and width and nicely made shoulders. Pushed off very well from good quarters. 3. Stokes-Harrell's Chezzas Specialized Blend - Not disgraced here. Just not as filled as 2 or as active as 1. Good head.

Any Colour

Special Beginners (15,3)

1. Scott's Crankwoods Star Attraction at Anjspan – A delightful little black soul who did all asked of her. Attractively neat and sound. Very nice feet and legs. 2. Pocock's Florendeem Tooty Fruity – Honest little blue. Totally sound moving, just not the expression of 1 but nice. 3. Perry, Perry, Perry & Perry's Popebel Cassipeia – Lots to like about this blue. Just not as complete in picture as above.

Veteran (6,0)

1. Kozak's Int/Multi Ch Royal Quest Body Wishes Multijch Split – An example of fitness and retained soundness. Short and deep with good legs and feet. Her construction and type just allowed excellent movement. BVB. 2. West's Sheigra Simply A Star – A super black from head to toe. Really admired her melting expression and work in her head. Went well on good legs. So close up to 1. 3. Torbett's Kirlinjis Muddy Puddle – No denying this one goes well. Has the most charming character to match.

Minor Puppy (11,0)

1. Williams' Wilmerella Celtic Thistle – 7 months orange who today went through to BPiS. Correct neck and shoulders. Excellent held topline already. Short and deep with consequent spring for age. Back end is made so well she couldn't move badly if she tried. I was taken with and will remember this one. So glad co-judge reinforced my view to make her BPiS. 2. Taylor-Kistner's Frieljoanipa Enya Dreams. 3. Maclean's Lynwater Stars and Stripes – Not remotely discarded by being 3rd in this excellent class. Well done.

Puppy (16,1)

1. Beswick's Kirlinjis Espresso Martini for Cachel – An outstanding B/W. We all know this colour can flatter to deceive. This girl could have been any colour, her held topline and excellent legs and feet make her a very promising prospect. 2. Calvert's Calvdale Bell Heather – An upstanding type in a good frame. On examination I found depth and substance. Beautiful presentation like 1 which made them more head scratching to divide. However, I really like the frame of this one and hope she has a successful career. 3. Harrison's Glenbrows Promise – This orange pushed the first two in the class because of her cockery body properties and shortness. Just not yet quite able to offer the movement of the other two.

Junior (19,2)

1 Todd & Rahman's Chataway Vera – A black of the highest quality deserving of short list placement. I really appreciated width particularly the back end used well and exemplified when stood. Her neck and shoulder were outstanding. 2. L'hote & Malot's Alma De La Terre D'Opale – So subtle was her markings aided by a good coat in excellent presentation. Could have easily won the class because of her overall type and femininity. Just not as finished in front as 1. 3. Lewis' Penmartan Forever Amber – This orange took her well-deserved place after moving so very well for her individual assessment.

Yearling (8,0)

1. Masters & Dott's Manchela Soul Sister – Top drawer blue. I particularly appreciated her width and depth showing the standard of her overall construction to be a candidate for the CC. Nothing to dislike here, only respect. 2. Hutton-Baber's Babtonkelpie Galley Queen – What a good front with subsequent good legs and feet she has plus a strong topline that adapted easily to allowing her good and clean movement. 3. Gilmour's Chavez Royal Charisma – Clean breed type with good overall construction. Not disgraced here.

Maiden – No entries.

Novice (15,1)

1. Pop's Manaca's Had You at Hello for Bocablue – Better than a novice. This girl had subtlety all through by fitting her neck and shoulders into a good short rib with good depth. Movement so correct for me. 2. Adams' Knightstar Grace Kelly at Tillarn (Imp Esp) – Her topline was so firm and held. Moving I liked her moving all ways and there is indeed potential here with age. 3. Boogaerts' Ultra Chic De Mazame – Lovely head and eye ran through very well. Able to move well at correct cocker speed and pace.

Graduate (7,1)

1. Lawrie's Inverella Tiny Toes – Nothing to hide with this black, I liked how she fitted her size overall which she

proved by moving so accurately. Something to be proud of by saying a little old fashioned but correct. 2. Eisen's Manjuno's Unstoppable Flair. 3. Ward's Whinburn Northern Lights Over Wensum – In full coat or better cover underneath. Would have been a contender for higher placing as so very cockery.

Postgraduate (10,0)

1. Maclean's Lynwater Snow Moon – I have previously done well as a puppy and have no regrets because today offered a lovely head and eye, deep body and legs and feet that would do a cocker of any colour proud. Thank you for bringing her again. 2. Duncan's Royal's Friend Ecs Zaida's Serenity in Bartonholm (Imp Hun) – A pleasure to go over due to her honesty of type. Moved out always from a good back end. 3. Lawrie's Inverella Mistletoe Kiss – Admiration to this owner for showing blacks without excess of coat. This one while not short of coat showed her attributes nicely.

Limit (11,4)

1. Fairbairn & Madigan's Misperros Incadescent at Carmelfair – In a tussle for 1st here. It was just the silhouette of her cockery outline that gave her the edge. Her construction just flows all through enabling her to move with drive at the right pace. Nothing displeased me here. Loved her. RDCC. 2. Membrado's Corralet Afrodita – On initial assessment screams shortness. If one stands over her she has wonderful spring yet correct length of loin while being balanced in her shortness. I loved her too. So unlucky to meet 1. 3. Pop's Merry soul Donatella Versace with Bocablue – Lots to really like about this subtle and correct girl. Just "out blued" today.

Open (12,1)

1. CC, BOS, RBIS – Brennan's IrShCh Sparkeltte Shines at Charbonnel JW Int JCh – Let's not be false and write a new one to me etc. I have seen and admired her from afar before. Today on examination she did not disappoint in fact she upped the anti from her exquisite head and eye, good sensible black neck, correct body properties and first-class legs and feet. A joy to go over in her excellent coat. Then when she goes, I am happy to say it's with the bustle and swagger that makes our breed. I do so hope she gets more CCs to add to her 1st today. With thanks to my co-Judge for her placing RBIS. Thank you for bringing her under me. 2. Mitchell's Glowhill Chiquitta – A blue I have of course seen before and happy to declare I have admired. So good over her deep ribs and topline. Excellent quarters used so very well and so deserving in my opinion. 3. Fairbairn, Nuttall & Madigan's Heluin Blue Jay – This one can't stand wrong because of her angles and front stand over her deep body and spring without being forced. Her construction allows excellent movement. Yet another good one.

Judge: Peter W.H. Darby (Dargess)