
English Toy Spaniel **(King Charles, Prince Charles, Ruby & Blenheim)**

General Appearance

In compactness of shape these spaniels almost rival the Pug, but the length of the coat adds greatly to the apparent bulk, as the body, when the coat is wetted, looks small in comparison with that dog. Still, it ought to be decidedly cobby, with strong, stout legs, short broad back, and wide chest.

Size

The most desirable size is from 9-12 lb. (4-5.5 kg).

Coat and Colour

The coat should be long, silky, soft and wavy, but not curly. There should be a profuse mane, extending well down in the front of the chest. The feather should be well displayed on the ears and feet, and in the latter case so thickly as to give the appearance of being webbed. It is also carried well up the backs of the legs. In the Black and Tan, the feather on the ears is very long and profuse, exceeding that of the Blenheim by 1 inch (3 cm) or more. The feather on the tail (which is cut to the length of about 1-1/2 inches [4 cm]) should be silky, and from 3-4 inches (8-10 cm) in length, constituting a marked “flag” of a square shape, and not carried above the level of the back.

Colours of the two varieties

King Charles and Ruby

The King Charles and Ruby types which comprise one show variety are solid-coloured dogs. The King Charles are black and tan (considered a solid colour), the black rich and glossy with deep mahogany tan marks over the eyes and on the muzzle, chest and legs. The presence of a few white hairs intermixed with the black on the chest is to be faulted, but a white patch on the chest or white appearing elsewhere disqualifies. The Ruby is a rich chestnut red and is whole-coloured. The presence of a few white hairs intermixed with the red on the chest is to be faulted, but a white patch on the chest or white appearing elsewhere disqualifies.

Blenheim and Prince Charles

The Blenheim and Prince Charles types which comprise the other show variety are broken-coloured dogs. The Blenheim is red and white. The ground colour is a pearly white which has bright red chestnut or ruby red markings evenly distributed in large patches. The ears and cheeks should be red, with a blaze of white extending from the nose up the forehead and ending between the ears in a crescentic curve. In the centre of the blaze at the top of the forehead, there should be a clear “spot” of red, the size of a dime. The Prince Charles, a tricoloured dog, is white, black and tan. The ground colour is a pearly white. The black consists of markings which should be evenly distributed in large patches. The tan appears as spots over the eyes, on the muzzle, chest, and legs; the ears and vent should also be lined with tan. The Prince Charles has no “spot”, that being a particular feature of the Blenheim.

Head

Skull should be well domed, and in good specimens is absolutely semi-globular, sometimes even extending beyond the half-circle, and absolutely projecting over the eyes, so as nearly to meet the upturned nose. The stop, or hollow between the eyes, is well marked, as in the Bulldog, or even more so. Some good specimens exhibit a hollow deep enough to bury a small marble in it. The nose must be short and well turned up between the eyes, and without any indication of artificial displacement afforded by a deviation to either side. The colour of the end should be black, and it should be both deep and wide with open nostrils. A light-coloured nose is objectionable, but shall not disqualify. The muzzle must be square and deep, and the lower jaw wide between the branches, leaving plenty of space for the tongue, and for the attachment of the lower lips, which should completely conceal the teeth. It should also be turned up or “finished”, so as to allow of its meeting the end of the upper jaw, turned up in a similar way as above described. A protruding tongue is objectionable, but does not disqualify. The eyes are set wide apart, with the eyelids square to the line of the face - not oblique or fox-like. The eyes themselves are large and dark as possible, so as to be generally considered black, their enormous pupils, which are absolutely of that colour, increasing the description. The ears must be long, so as to approach the ground. In an average-sized dog they measure 20 inches (51 cm) from tip to tip, and some reach 22 inches (56 cm) or even a trifle more. They should be set low down on the head and hang flat to the sides of the cheeks, and be heavy feathered.

Disqualifications

King Charles and Ruby -- a white patch on the chest, or white on any other part.

Scale of Points**King Charles, or Black and Tan****Prince Charles, White with Black and Tan markings. Ruby or Red.**

Symmetry, condition, size, and soundness of limb	20
Head.....	15
Stop	5
Muzzle	10
Eyes	10
Ears.....	15
Coat and Feathering	15
Colour.....	10

TOTAL **100**

Blenheim or White with Red markings.

Symmetry, condition, size, and soundness of limb	15
Head.....	15
Stop	5
Muzzle	10
Eyes	10
Ears	10
Coat and feathering	15
Colour and markings	5
Spot	5

TOTAL **100**