

Cavaliers of the West

01/17/16, Carmel, California

Judge: Barbara Grimm Curley (Falling Springs Cavaliers, USA)

I considered this opportunity, to have judged for Cavaliers Of The West, a very enjoyable honor. COTW and especially show chairs Kathy Tegg and Judi Geldermann took GREAT care to make this show weekend enjoyable for not only the judges, but also the exhibitors and the spectators. While my entry might not have been big in numbers, it was high in quality.

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. Ivyline Skys The Limit (Giampapa) Although the only pup in the class, he brightly stood out as a puppy sure to have a wonderful future. Neck and body length were perfectly proportioned to leg height – all with textbook layback of shoulder. His breeder has set type with this one!
Best Puppy Dog

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (3)

1. Jadestone Legend Has It (Peek) This one is the complete package and I could watch him all day long! Melting expression from dark, large eyes and perfectly proportioned headpiece. He had flowing movement with great drive from behind and good reach in front. Perfect tail set and carriage completed the picture. So happy to award him: ***Best In Show, Winners Dog, Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Blenheim in Show***

2. Rockcreek Mark Me First at Hiflt (Paris/Steagall) Heavily marked Blenheim with a solid topline that held steady on the move. Pleasing expression and he used his great ear set consistently.

3. Kolaci Magic Cinnamon Spice (Legerretta/Gray) I found a lot to like about this young man, from a nice neck with good lay back of shoulder to his compact body with good angulation. I simply think he just needs more time to settle his movement. ***Best Ruby Dog***

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (1)

1. LaReina Hit The Jackpot (Roberts-Espinoza) Rich Blenheim that was a solid, steady mover throughout. Nice tail set but carried it a bit too confidently.

JR AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)

1. Brookhaven Here Comes Hogan (Ayers/Martz) Smaller, handsome and eye catching compact package. Rich coat color accented by perfect white collar. He moved effortlessly with confidence.

2. Harrington Haute Stuff (Tompkins/Gonyo) Well broken with rich coat color. Strong front movement. Not quite the expression of #1. I think still settling into that deep chest.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (4)

- 1. Belcarra Straight Shot Remington Of Bear River Ranch** (Toepfer) Just the expression that always kept my attention. Smart compact package with great rear angles. Very correct tail set and carriage. *Reserve Best in Show, Reserve Winners Dog*
- 2. Shirmont Caddo Balliol, JW** (Henry/Dodson) Another with a lush, pleasing head and expression. Rich, well broken coat color.
- 3. Delsol One More Night** (McHenry) Slightly longer cast body that held a strong top line on the move. A lot more head on this one.
- 4. Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz) Dark, melting eyes on a larger head piece. The outline was a bit disappointing.

HEALTH AND CONFORMATION DOG (1)

- 1. Ch Benchmark Up In The Air Of Onthemark** (Chan/Mitchell) Confident and happy Blenheim who enjoyed every minute in the ring. Strong mover that was an awesome example of a “middle-age fellow”.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (3)

- 1. Clopsville Meridian** (Rychlik) Super young man just coming into his peak. Handsome head piece with fantastic expression. Strong mover coming and going. Loved his outline with elegant neck.
- 2. Covington Hopjack At Kendallkastle** (Ogle) Lovely to watch on the move, both solid and consistent. It was an elegant picture in stride with his owner.
- 3. Belcarra So Elated At Storybook Forest** (Beachler/Lawson) Pleasing head proportions and well marked body coat. Would have preferred stronger rear movement.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (1)

- 1. Regis Raven Onyx Gem** (Neely/Johns) Perfect full ears framed this cleanly marked tri face. Correct and confident mover in both directions. Well cared for coat in prime condition – lovely presentation.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (1)

- 1. Robin's Nest Deuces Are Wild** –(Prodanovich) This richly pigmented ruby was the happiest Cavalier at the show. He enjoyed every moment in the ring and with his owner. Huge, dark eyes added to his charm!

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK & TAN DOG (1)

1. Robin's Nest November Rain (Prodanovich) A lot to like in this richly pigmented boy. He held a solid top line driven by great turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Loved the outline profile of this fellow. *Best Black & Tan Dog*

OPEN DOG (3)

1. Bonitos Companeros Nothing Compares (Bialek/Kirschbaum/Vorderstrasse) Perfect texture coat and perfectly presented. A most solid, faultless mover. I've always admired and loved so much about this dog. *Best Tricolor Dog*

2. Mimric Moves Like Jagger, JW (Painter/Hodges) Sweetest expression with his huge, dark eyes. This well balanced dog floated around the ring. Mildly out of coat today. Another dog that has caught my eye over time.

3. Ch Covington True Blood (Gonyo/Mohn) Well proportioned, lovely outline. Strong movement driven by well let down hocks. Not quite the expression of #1 & #2.

JR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. Ivyline Sugar Puff (Giampapa) Adorable youngster with a most endearing expression. Largest eyes framed by a perfect ear-set. This young lady carried herself confidently. Again, this breeder has set a lovely type!

2. Gentlelines True Love (Fowler) Melting eyes with a catching expression. Balanced on the move with a solid topline. Slightly longer cast than #1.

3. Glenellen Deja Do (Murphy/Campanozzi) Nicely shaped and with a neck! Well broken Blenheim girl with rich color. She uses her terrific ear set with a very attentive look.

4. Quail Run Charlotte Elizabeth (Frater/Kornhi) A lovely baby with an adorable expression. She should settle into herself with a bit more time . . . as all the ingredients are there.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. Mimric Fiddle Dee Dee (Hodges/Perkins) A quality girl just starting to peak. She moves coming and going with confidence. Her well proportioned head piece is mesmerizing with eyes to die for! Perfect amount of substance and elegant neck! *Best Puppy In Show, Best Puppy Bitch*

2. Brookhaven Simply Southern (Toepfer/Martz) Another girl of lovely type. Pleasing movement from a well angled body build. Sweet feminine expression.

3. Harrington Covington Pearl Of A Girl (Gonyo) Compact, well angled package with a lovely neck. Not quite as "girly" as 1st and 2nd (just yet).

4. Kolaci Sweet Starburst (Legerretta/Gray) I appreciated the well balanced movement of this girl. She has dark eyes on a head that is still maturing.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (5)

- 1. Bluegarden Exclusive JW** (Matos/Glynn) Terrific balance to this girl. Strong movement from every angle and a pleasure to watch go. Her expression is as captivating as her movement. Absolutely one of my favorites of the day!
- 2. Harana Calypso Rose (Gentil)** Ultra rich ruby on a spirited girl. She has the perfect soft expression that is so necessary for a ruby. Held her topline throughout. *Best Ruby in Show*
- 3. Astarring The Look Of Love** (Flowers Foster) Balanced with very strong rear movement. Compact build and well broken color. Unfortunately, a bit of white showing in her eyes spoiled her expression.
- 4. Crownrose Dew Drop** (Rosenberg) Upbeat girl just needing a bit more maturity. Well angled and balanced with a terrific tail set and carriage.

NOVICE BITCH (1)

- 1. Briarcrest Back Talk** (Rezowalli) Typey girl with sweet expression and large, pleasing eyes framed by a completely correct ear set. On the move, she showed a good tail set and carriage but periodically lost her topline.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (4)

- 1. Ch Linrica Moonwalk, JW** (Liu) Stunning girl, hitting the mark on all counts! Well bodied with perfect spring of rib. Classic sweet expression and personality. Floated with effortless movement.
- 2. Ch Astarring Pretty Pretty Please** (Flowers Foster) Classic toy spaniel expression and head. Awesome shape with very strong rear movement.
- 3. Shadowbrook Delta Darlin** (Moody) Lovely presented tricolor with correct coat. Rich tan highlights. Not quite the front movement of #1 & #2.
- 4. LaReina Dulce Vida** (Roberts-Espinosa) Pleasing, huge melting eyes. Good balance of substance here. Movement was just a bit close behind.

JR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

- 1. Luxxar Confetti Of Glenellen** (Murphy Campanozzi). Still gaining confidence in the ring or would have preferred having more company. Lovely to watch on the move and had the best front movement of the day which seemed driven by strong rear construction.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (5)

- 1. Brookhaven Sexy Sadie, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Ultra pretty girl with huge, dark eyes. Well sprung ribs balanced out this strong mover. Rich color on correct coat – beautifully presented.

2. **Cedarcreek Briar Rose** (Owens) Close 2nd to first place in most respects. Just slightly less feminine. Solid, unfaulting movement.
3. **Licketysplit Helena** (Geoghegan) Pleasing expression on another that falls very close to 1st and 2nd place. Lovely balance with easy movement coming and going.
4. **Shadowbrook Touch Of Elegance** (Moody) Attentive feminine girl that won me over with her eyes and personality. Nicely balanced body.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (1)

1. **Bel Espirit Maison Du Soleil Dobry Rok** (Schuberth) Terrific rich color and large dark eyes won me over. I think being alone in the ring was actually a distraction to her.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (3)

1. **Luxxar Real Deal Druzy Of Glenellen** (Murphy/Campanozzi) Compact tri with richest of tan. Loved the substance on this perfect size package. Just the right spring of rib for her size as well. Most competitive mover of the class.
2. **Angel's Pride Pippa, JW** (Green) Beautiful girl that was groomed to perfection. Ultra sweet expression so difficult to get on a tri. Longer cast than 1st and a bit short on leg for my taste.
3. **Benchmark Shameless** (Hoorman) Well balanced girl with an elegant neck. Great tail set and carriage.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK & TAN BITCH (1)

1. **Iloo Dite Ilan Du Jardin De Claire of Sumara, JW** (Gentil) Sweetest expression to be found on a black and tan. Not just a pretty face, she carries a level top line with flowing and animated movement. She quickly becomes all business when standing. ***Best Black & Tan in Show***

OPEN BITCH (4)

1. **Ch Carmas Penne Pasta At Crizwood** (Moulton/Wornall) Perfection, nearly without a fault. Feminine in every possible way (but up to size). Presented in fantastic condition and I was smitten. ***Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Blenheim Bitch, Best American Bred Bitch***
2. **Ch Linrica Just A Dream, JW** This tricolor "heart throb" was as close a choice to 1st as is possible. Stunning beautiful expression for a tri. Strong rear angles gave her easy movement. Slightly weaker tail carriage to 1st. ***Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Tricolor in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor Bitch***
3. **Covington Hot Dish At Rockcreek** (Steagall/Mohn) Nice substance on a compact shape. Very, very pretty – but challenged by 1st and 2nd today.
4. **Royal Romance Bless Me (McHenry/Schiefner)** Well coated feminine Blenheim girl. Compact body type and a bit heavy in the shoulder. Weight might have been affecting her movement today.

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. Ringhill's Raven Kho-Belle (Neely/Johns) Pretty tri girl still on her game – great condition and strength at her age. Strong mover with a compact shape. She obviously was remembering her past show days!

BEST VETERAN BITCH (1)

1. Violina Du Clos De La Gardiere (Schuberth/Schuler) This 11 1/2 year old grand lady wowed me with her over all strength and condition. Her eyes were still bright and she seemed to really enjoy her time in the ring.