

Cavaliers of the Midwest
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Many thanks to the committee of the CMW for inviting me to judge at their show in Dallas, and to all the exhibitors who travelled to the show with their beautiful Cavaliers. I was delighted with the entry and found plenty of super examples of the breed especially within the bitch classes. Overall I found just a handful of incorrect mouths and a few who carried their tails too high, but it was nice to see so many with nicely balanced, typical outlines and a large majority with lovely dark, kind eyes. I was really pleased with my main winners and thought they made a lovely group circling the ring together at the end of the day.

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (6)

1. **Valentyne The Irish Tenor** (O'Brien) This top quality youngster caught my eye the moment he strode into the ring. Every inch the showman, he simply didn't put a foot wrong all day and certainly seemed to have more than a few ringside admirers! At first glance he has a beautiful, well balanced shape, super Blenheim markings, complete with a lozenge and a gleaming silky coat. His head is just beautiful with the densest pigment, large dark soulful eyes, plenty of cushioning to his muzzle and beneath his eyes, and high set ears falling to frame his face perfectly. He is so soundly constructed with a moderate reach of neck leading to well laid shoulders, straight front, well sprung ribs, absolutely perfect topline and tailset and correctly angulated rear. He has just enough bone and substance for his size and was presented in pristine condition. He certainly didn't disappoint on the move striding out with a happy, easy gait holding his head proudly, topline level and carrying his tail straight off his back. Most importantly of all he has the sweetest temperament and typical cavalier attitude. I just loved him and happily shortlisted him in the dog challenge. At 9 months old he shows incredible promise and I have no doubt he will gain his title with ease.

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

2. **Chadwick Jet Setter** (Eckersley) Another lovely Blenheim baby, who at only 5 months had to give way to the more advanced puppy in this class, however this lad certainly has bags of potential. He is a very nice shape and size, has a beautiful unexaggerated head with gorgeous dark round eyes and the sweetest expression. Soundly made throughout, which was reflected in his smart, effortless gait.
3. **Dallarock Knight Thyme** (Geldermann) Heavily marked tri who won this place on his movement. Attractive head properties with bright tan markings. Well angulated front and rear and good topline and tailset. Shown in well presented, silky coat.
4. **Briarcrest Going For Baroque** (Katz) This little tri looked every bit the 5 month old baby in this class and will definitely need some time to mature. However, he has a lovely head with dark round eyes, well cushioned muzzle, high set ears and a kind expression. Nicely made throughout and moved very soundly and happily.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. **Almeara Extra Extraordinary** (Whitmire) Stood alone but more than deserved this win. A very nice 11 month old Blenheim with a graceful outline. His elegant, slightly crested neck leads to well laid shoulders, a good spring of rib, correct length of leg, short level back and moderately angulated rear. His head is very pleasing with large dark eyes, flat skull, high set long ears, correct length of muzzle with plenty of cushioning and a lovely soft expression. He moved very well maintaining a level topline, just carrying his tail a tad high at times.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (5)

1. **Brookhaven Here Comes Hogan** (Ayers/Martz) Very smart young man with a crisp outline and attractive markings that enhance his elegant neck and shoulders and perfect topline. Lovely size and proportions with well angulated front and rear, good spring of rib and super tail set. Masculine head, yet still pretty with large dark eyes, black pigment, plenty of fill under his eyes and to his well tapered muzzle and high set ears used well to enhance his gentle expression. It was his movement that stood out in this class, effortless and stylish with plenty of reach and drive and proud head carriage maintained at all times. As always from this exhibitor, presentation was first class. Still only 15 months old and I think he will only get better with maturity.
2. **Tudorr Rhythm N Blues** (Mixon) Heavily marked Blenheim with super attitude and energy! A little more masculine than 1 and not quite as compact but still a very nice exhibit of obvious quality. Lovely neck and shoulders, level back and good tail set which was held correctly on the move. He has a beautiful head with superb large dark eyes, short plush muzzle, dark pigment to his nose and eye rims and high set ears, which fall to frame his face perfectly. Another good mover with bags of style.
3. **Bekenhall Shirmont He's The Ticket** (Henry) Well marked Blenheim a tad larger and not as neat as I prefer, but overall a soundly made dog which was reflected in his positive movement. He has attractive head properties, dark expressive eyes, dense pigment and plenty of cushioning to his face. Needs a little more time to finish.
4. **Rockcreek Mark Me First At Hiflt** (Parris/Steagall) Such a sweet little glamorous Blenheim in glorious silky coat which was groomed to perfection. Loved his size and shape, small with good angles, plenty of substance and a short level back. Very pretty head but would have liked a larger eye. Moved with a very smart gait, but tail carriage wasn't ideal.

NOVICE DOG (1)

1. **Closeburn Gleneagles Stuart** (O'Brien/Tatum) 21 month old richly marked Blenheim. Not as compact as I would like, but soundly made just needing more time to really fill out and drop into his frame. Lovely head with a very soft expression, beautiful dark eyes, well cushioned face and nicely tapered muzzle. He moved out very accurately with super drive from behind and good reach in front, holding his topline firm and tail correctly. His silky coat is a beautiful rich colour and in lovely condition.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (2)

1. Ch Jadestone Legend Has It, JW (Peek) I just loved this gorgeous young man. As soon as I laid eyes on him I thought he was something special and as the day progressed I could find nothing to match this super little Blenheim. His outline is so

well balanced with a moderate reach of neck flowing smoothly into well laid shoulders, a straight front, ample chest and well sprung ribs. His topline is perfect with his tail set straight off his back, short loin and well angulated rear. It was his head that sealed the deal, so very pretty but quite obviously male with dark eyes, high set ears, short plush muzzle and the densest pigment all set around a perfectly symmetrical blaze. He moved out so elegantly maintaining a superb outline with topline held firm and tail carried perfectly behind him. Good both coming and going and moved at just the right speed by his handler to really show off his accurate gait. He has plenty of attractively marked silky coat and was presented in superb condition. His happy, friendly, typical cavalier attitude was the icing on the cake and made me love him even more! Still only a young dog and one that should appeal to many. I was delighted to award him **WINNERS DOG, BEST IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW & BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW.**

2. **Ch Foxcreek Hear Me Roar, JW** (Johnson) A more masculine type and a fraction larger than 1, but another exhibit of super quality who was unlucky to meet 1 on the day. He is constructed soundly with good reach of neck, straight front and good shoulders, level topline, short loin and well turned stifles. His head is masculine yet retains the desired soft expression, his eyes are large and dark, muzzle is well cushioned and neatly finished and ears are set high and fall to frame his face and enhance his expression. Very sound on the move with plenty of reach in front and drive from behind, just a little proud of his tail. Very attractively marked and in just enough silky, well presented coat to enhance his outline.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

1. **Redbud Wanna Go For A Ride** (Scott) Very nicely marked tri of just 8 months who was rushed into the ring, so was a little unsettled in the class, especially on the move but made a good account of himself none the less. He's a neat little shape with good proportions, level topline, enough body and bone and the start of a good coat. His has a nice head type with high set ears, dark eyes that could be a little larger, but are well filled beneath, correct length of muzzle and bright tan highlights.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (6)

1. **Forestcreek Franklin, JW** (Cline/Cline) Attractively marked Blenheim with a most pleasing shape and super balance all through. His head is correctly proportioned with dark round eyes, super pigment, good mouth, almost flat skull and high set ears which could do with a little more length and could have been used more to soften his expression. Lovely conformation with gently crested neck, super topline and tailset, good angulation fore and aft, well sprung ribs, well off for bone and nice compact feet. Very sound on the move holding his outline well and moving very accurately coming and going. Just was not making the most of himself on the day and his handler had to work so hard to get the best out of him, but it just wasn't enough for higher honours, unfortunately.
2. **Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz) One I judged as a youngster and was nice to see he has matured into a very handsome young man. So very glamorous in his beautifully presented long coat and such an eager showman gazing adoringly at his handler at all times. He has such a soft expression, beautiful large dark eyes and the longest ears

framing his beautiful face. Not quite as compact as I prefer but all in proportion and well made throughout. Looked lovely moving in profile just not as tidy going away.

3. **Foxwyn Cool Water** (Norton/Baker-Fox) Smaller 17 month old Blenheim who needs more time to fill out fully. Nicely marked with super rich chestnut markings on his silky coat. Loved his beautiful head with large dark eyes, plush muzzle and high set ears used perfectly to frame his pretty face. Moved with a graceful action, tail wagging happily behind him.
4. **Almeara Visionnaire** (Utych/Whitmire) Larger type, but won his place here on his sound, effortless movement. Masculine head with dark eyes, dense pigment and plenty of cushioning. Soundly made which was reflected in his movement, just too much of him for me.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (4)

1. **Shirmont Caddo Balliol, JW** (Henry/Rosenberg) Easy winner of this class, although he really was lacking in body weight on the day. Masculine head with flat skull, long ears, dark eyes and gentle expression. Good reach of neck, level topline, correct length of leg and good sweep of stifle all give an elegant outline which he held particularly well on the move striding out with super reach and drive and a lovely free flowing action. In good quality silky coat with well broken rich chestnut markings.
2. **Foxwyn Avant** (Meath) Showy, heavily marked 2 year old with a lovely head, large dark eyes, dense pigment and well tapered muzzle of the correct length. Lovely size and neat shape with good angles and level topline. Moved smartly and was handled to an advantage.
3. **Clarmarian Classic By Design** (Young May) 4 ½ year old dog in super coat and condition. Attractively marked and with a nice balance to his outline, good bone and substance and sound construction throughout. Masculine head with plenty of cushioning and correctly set ears. Could do with a slightly larger eye to soften his expression. Moved well.
4. **Kinglys Clint Black Of Bekenhall** (Herrington/Hall) Heavier type of boy, well made just would like slightly less of him. Good head shape, flat skull and high set ears, would prefer a larger eye.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (4) “Lovely class of tricolors.”

1. **Pascavale Dodger** (Jacks) I was rather taken by this stylish heavily marked dog. Liked his head properties a lot with lovely large dark eyes, short well filled muzzle, high set ears and a really appealing expression. Very eye-catching in profile both standing and on the move with good reach of crested neck, wonderful topline and tail set, well angulated fore and aft, moderate bone and well sprung ribs. He strode around the ring full of attitude and with bags of style. A very busy showman who’s handler really got the best out of him. A dog certainly worthy of his title and one I shortlisted in the challenge. ***BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW***
2. **Pascavale Bijou** (Cline) Another nice tri from the same breeder as 1, who is ultra glamorous. This one had a different type of head with shorter muzzle, plenty of cushioning to his face, dark eyes that showed just a little white, the longest of ears and such a sweet face. Loved his small size just would have liked a touch more neck. Seemed rather unsettled on the move although striding out well, he wasn’t holding the outline I was looking for.

3. **Chewcreek Red Solo Cup, JW** (DePhillip) I really did like this neat little lad, a real toy dog who showed his little heart out for his handler. I loved his pretty head with perfect blaze, bright tan, large dark eyes and just enough muzzle and cushioning to give the softest expression. Very smart outline with good angles, enough neck, short level back and good bone, just not carrying enough weight at the moment which was a real shame. Moved out with a happy, effortless gait covering the ground with ease.
4. **Mysticknight Jack Pot** (Hassig) This was the best marked tri in the class, again of a nice size and shape with well sprung ribs and moderate bone. Masculine head, dark eyes, wide clear blaze, bright tan, just a little heavy in muzzle. Moved out soundly.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (2)

Darane Hellboy, JW (Kates) Impressive ruby in the best of coats and of the richest colour. At nearly 3 years old he has matured beautifully and presents the most pleasing outline in profile. His neck is gently crested and leads to well laid shoulders, perfect topline, good depth of chest, short loin and good sweep of stifle. He has lovely head qualities with large dark eyes, good mouth, neatly finished muzzle and the darkest pigment, just didn't quite have the soft expression I was looking for. Moved out with a stylish gait maintaining a lovely outline, just a little careless with his tail at times. Quality exhibit who I heard had deservedly gained his title the previous day, well done. **BEST RUBY DOG**

Mysticknight Orbiting Comet (Brandvold) Another happy dog of a nice size who had a delightful head, beautiful dark eyes, dense pigment, short well cushioned muzzle and a gentle expression. He has a nice compact frame with good spring of rib and moderate bone. Couldn't match the movement of 1.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN DOG (2)

Canyoncrest Buffalo Soldier (Du Ross) Nice little lad in gleaming raven black coat with bright tan highlights. Totally unexaggerated head qualities with well tapered muzzle, dark eyes which could be a little larger, flat skull and high set ears. Made a pleasing picture standing with good reach of neck, straight front, well sprung ribs and adequate rear angulation. Moved out soundly just tended to lose his topline. **BEST BLACK-AND-TAN DOG**

Fairhaven Duncan Donuts (Hassig) Sweet headed 2 year old in good coat. Body of good proportions with moderate bone and good angulation. Full, pretty head with kind eye and plenty of fill beneath and to muzzle. Not so sound on the move.

OPEN DOG (1)

Ch Forestcreek Royal Harry, JW (Castrogiovanni) Ultra glamorous, masculine Blenheim nearing 3 years. Presented in simply superb condition with his rich chestnut markings gleaming and the white background sparkling. Very impressive head with beautiful dark eyes, correct length of muzzle which is well tapered, good mouth, dense pigment and very long ears set high and falling to frame his face perfectly. He has a good reach of neck fitting nicely into his well laid shoulders, level topline, adequate rear angulation and good tail set. He moved with style and confidence looking every bit the champion.

Senior Open Dog (3)

Ch Orchardhill Shirmont Back Talk, JW (Henry/Jones/Scott) Well, what can I say about this 9 year old strikingly marked Blenheim boy except ‘Wow’! Loved his size and shape, a small dog but in no way weedy and quite obviously male. He simply powered around the ring leaving his handler trailing behind him whilst he barked at the top of his voice telling everyone to ‘look at me’! His head just gives his age away slightly but still had dark eyes, super pigment, great mouth, broad flat skull, well cushioned short muzzle and long well set ears. His construction is so sound with a firm short back, well sprung ribs, nicely laid shoulders, well turned stifles and well let down hocks. This boy was certainly on his toes and obviously adores being a complete show off! He displayed the gay, sporting, fearless attitude typical of the breed and wears his age incredibly well. His owner must be congratulated on keeping him in such wonderful condition and I had no reservations in making him **RESERVE WINNERS DOG and BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.**

Benchmark Star Shine (Hooper) At 12 years old this well marked Blenheim is looking lovely and a real credit to his owner. He looked wonderful on the move covering the ground effortlessly maintaining the most wonderful topline and tail carriage. His head is totally unexaggerated with decent pigment and long ears. Showed his heart out for his handler.

Kaishmar Carlos At Canyoncrest (DuRoss) Another nicely marked Blenheim who was carrying just a little too much weight on the day which made him look a little stuffy. Nice type with lovely head and expression, large dark eyes and well cushioned short muzzle. Compact body, good angulation and moderate bone. Moved well.

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (9)

1. **Forestcreek Florence** (Cline/Sedgwick/Levy) As soon as this little madam strode into the ring I fell in love with her. Every bit the 6 month old baby but with all everything she needs to mature into a beautiful young lady. Loved her neat little shape with just the right length of leg, reach of neck and length of body to give a really elegant, balanced outline. Her crested neck leads to a lovely front assembly, good depth of chest, short loin and nice sweep of stifle. Her head is just delightful with the most fabulous large dark eyes which are well filled beneath, short neatly finished muzzle, good mouth, correctly set ears and simply the most irresistible expression. She was so full of beans and certainly enjoying her time in the ring moving with enthusiasm, effortlessly circling the ring holding her head high and tail perfectly. Her beautifully marked coat complete with lozenge was the icing on the cake. Very exciting prospect. **BEST PUPPY BITCH**
2. **Chadwick Sentimental Journey** (Eckersley) Another very nice baby who is just my cup of tea! Again ever so pretty with lovely dark eyes, shallow stop, well balanced length of muzzle with enough fill and a cheeky expression. Very similar in size, shape and development to 1, heavier marked and with the start of a good coat. Soundly constructed throughout and wasn’t surprised to see this reflected in her movement which was free flowing and effortless. Another who should have a bright future.
3. **Chew Creek Devil May Care** (DePhillip) 5 month old Black-and-Tan who is a very raw baby and will no doubt need some time to come together but has very sound construction, good angulation fore and aft, hocks well let down and good depth of chest. Her head is unexaggerated with dark eyes, shallow stop and correct length of muzzle. Moved soundly.
4. **Bekenhall Daisy-Head Mayzie of Pinecrest** (Eubank) Very naughty well marked Blenheim with pretty, unexaggerated head, with high set ears used well to enhance

her sweet expression. Liked her size and substance, good angulation, well sprung ribs and level topline. Would like her just a little more compact. Moved happily.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. **Kean La Ti Da** (Keane) This quality 9 month Blenheim won this class with plenty to spare. Spot on for size, a real toy spaniel but with plenty of body and moderate bone. Her head is so very pretty and not overdone in any way with beautiful large dark eyes, well tapered muzzle of the correct length, shallow stop, high set full ears and perfectly symmetrical blaze. Very nicely constructed with good front and rear angulation, hocks well let down, lovely well cushioned feet, level topline, correct tail set, good spring of rib and short loin. Moved effortlessly around the ring with a really happy gait maintaining a super outline. Missed out on Best Puppy Bitch by the narrowest of margins, but was pleased to hear she gained her JW during the weekend and am sure we'll hear more from this promising youngster.
2. **Starmarc Showboat** (Hooper) Heavily marked tri with a very nicely balanced outline. Her blanket markings enhance her perfect topline, she has good rear angulation and is mature in body and coat for her 10 months. Her head is the correct shape with bright tan markings and clear blaze. Moved very smartly.
3. **Redbud Lilo And Stich** (Scott) Another tri, this one well marked and a slightly smaller and more compact shape but wasn't quite as elegant as 1 & 2. Maturing nicely with good spring of rib, depth of chest, nicely angulated front and rear and in good body. Sweet face with dark eyes and short well filled muzzle. Lovely temperament.
4. **Tambrook Hotter Than You Pink** (Biggio) 10 month old Blenheim, a little rangier than the others in the class and will need some time to mature. Lovely, unexaggerated head properties with dark eyes and pigment and pleasing expression. Well presented.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (11)

“Strongest class of the day with several who would be worthy champions.”

1. **Rockcreek Cowgirls Dont Cry** (Steagall) Absolutely beautiful, impeccably presented Blenheim in full bloom. Her head is delightful with large dark eyes, shallow stop, well tapered muzzle, correct mouth, flat skull and high set ears framing her pretty face and enhancing her soulful expression. Her conformation is so sound and perfectly proportioned to give a typical, well balanced outline. Her gently crested neck flows smoothly into a perfect topline and tail set, ribs are well sprung, loin short, front and rear correctly angulated with feet compact and well cushioned. She flowed effortlessly around the ring holding a lovely outline in profile driving well from behind and carrying her tail perfectly behind her. I shortlisted her to the final 4, but unfortunately she seemed to lose her enthusiasm when it really mattered and narrowly missed out on higher honours.
2. **Chadwick Drama JW** (Eckersley) This top quality 17 month old Blenheim pushed 1 all the way and on a different day they could have easily reversed positions. Very similar in size and shape to the winner with equally as sound conformation and consequently moved superbly around the ring holding a firm topline and carrying her tail straight off her back. She has such an unexaggerated feminine head with beautiful large dark eyes, well tapered muzzle of the correct length, shallow stop and high set

ears which she uses well. Not in a huge amount of coat but has nothing to hide and her chestnut markings are a lovely rich colour.

3. **Tassajara Forestcreek Cristal** (Cline/Sedgwick) Yet another quality Blenheim who could easily have won this class on another day. She has a great attitude and displayed her happy Cavalier temperament throughout the class! Again a similar size to 1 & 2 with the sweetest head and expression, just a touch shorter in foreface than those in front. She has the most beautiful dark eyes and dense pigment with long ears carried perfectly to frame her pretty face. Very well put together with ample reach of neck, lovely topline and tail, good front and rear angulation, well sprung ribs and short loin. Moved with style, covering the ground with ease. Presented, as were all from this exhibitor, in the most wonderful condition with not a hair out of place.
4. ***Hiddencreek Butterscotch Schnapps** (Parente/Green) This heavily marked Blenheim didn't have the immediate impact that the first 3 had, but once I got my hands on her I really started to appreciate what a lovely girl she is. Great size with moderate bone, plenty of substance, moderate neck, well sprung ribs and good rear angulation. Delightful head with beautiful dark eyes, plush muzzle and high set ears, which are well furnished. Moved smartly around the ring with plenty of reach and drive. Didn't have the finish of the first three and wasn't as showy but certainly deserved a place in the top 4 in this quality class.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (4)

1. **Ch Brookhaven Im No Angel, JW** (Ayers/Martz) This little lady has such a smart outline which she shows off constantly, standing foot perfect and totally attentive to her handler at all times. Her size is spot on, a toy spaniel through and through, totally moderate in all departments and so very soundly made. Her head is so feminine, correctly shaped with gorgeous limpid eyes, shallow stop, well tapered muzzle with enough fill, the darkest pigment and just the most irresistible, soulful expression. Her movement was faultless, she flowed around the ring maintaining her graceful outline and holding her head proudly. I shortlisted her to the final 4 and she really was just a whisker away from taking one of the top spots.
2. **Ch Linrica Moonwalk, JW** (Liu) Glamorous well marked Blenheim in super coat and condition. Beautiful headpiece with soft expression, large dark eyes, dense pigment and long high set ears. Adequate reach of neck, moderate bone, good spring of rib, level topline and parallel rear. Very nice type just didn't have the elegance of 1. Moved well.
3. **Shadowbrook Delta Darlin** (Moody) Nice little tri of an appealing type just a little stuffy. Sweet head and expression with dark eyes and plenty of fill beneath. Soundly made allowing her to move well, a little wide coming but very nice in profile with super topline and tail carriage.
4. **Ch Starmarc I Believe, JW** (Hooper) 4 ½ year tri who wasn't as neat a shape as I was looking for. Beautiful head with superb long ears, plenty of cushioning, correct length of muzzle, eyes could be a tad darker. Moved soundly but her topline and tail let her down.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (3)

1. **Nightingale Sloe Gin Fizz At Hollytree, JW** (Seymour) Easy choice to take this class. This feminine Blenheim is spot on for size with a well balanced shape and carrying plenty of silky, well presented coat. Her head is really pretty, totally

unexaggerated with beautiful large dark eyes, the darkest pigment, shallow stop, correct length of muzzle and just enough cushioning to give the softest expression. Good overall construction with well sprung ribs, short loin, good angulation and moderate length of neck. Moved out freely with tail carried correctly. Lacked that little bit of sparkle in the challenge to go further but really rather liked her.

2. **Benchmark Call Me Maybe** (Hoorman) Richly marked Blenheim who still needs a bit more time to mature and get her full coat, but overall a pleasing type with lovely head and expression, dense pigment and kind eyes. Soundly made and moved well maintaining a level topline and good tail carriage.
3. **Hiddencreek Courtney** (Green) 5 month Blenheim baby who really couldn't compete with the more mature girls but certainly had fun trying! Very sweet compact puppy with gorgeous face, good mouth, dark eyes and high set ears. Good angles fore and aft and short level back, moving well for one so young. Lovely type and plenty of promise here just needs some time to grow up!

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

1. **Chadwick Sky Blue Pink** (Hoehn) Larger type with well marked coat. Nice dark eyes, just a little deep in stop, short muzzle and plenty of cushioning. Moderate length of neck leads to a level topline and correctly set tail, which she maintained on the move. Moved happily around the ring.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (3)

1. **Bluegarden Exclusive, JW** (Matos/Glynn) Perfectly marked Blenheim with a really crisp outline, who was presented to perfection. Elegant neckline leads to well laid shoulders, good depth of chest and spring of rib, short loin and adequate rear angulation. Her head is beautiful with such a gentle expression, gorgeous large dark eyes, dense pigment, plenty of fill to her short muzzle and under her eyes with high set ears falling perfectly to frame her pretty face. Moved smartly with decent reach and drive, just would have preferred a slightly better topline and tail.
2. **Foxwyn Tell Me A Story** (Baker-Fox) This heavily marked girl was such a sweetie, showing her socks off for her young handler. A little out of coat but with nothing to hide, her shape is well balanced and elegant in profile with short level back, good reach of neck and well angulated rear. Her head is a good shape with dark eyes, high set ears and the correct length of muzzle. Moved freely.
3. **Meadowlake Stella** (Swanson) Not the most confident showgirl, which meant she didn't make the most of herself, but she has a feminine, unexaggerated head with dark round eyes and long high set ears. Pleasing to go over with good neck, body, ribbing, length of leg and angulation just needs more confidence to really show it off.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (7)

1. **Angel's Pride Pippa, JW** (Green) Rather heavily marked and not as compact as I would prefer but this bitch had so much else going for her she more than deserved to top this lovely class of tris. Her head is so pretty with lovely eyes, plenty of cushioning, long ears and that cheeky expression only a tri has! Crested neck leads to a super topline and tailset, good rear angulation and plenty of substance for her small

- size. Moved out with style and super reach and drive, holding her topline perfectly and carrying her tail straight off her back. Presented in gleaming condition.
2. **Luxxar Real Deal Druzy Of Glenellen** (Murphy/Campanozzi) Another quality exhibit who was better than 1 for overall balance, but she didn't have the attitude to make the most of herself. Lovely head type with dark eyes and kind expression just needs to use her ears more to enhance her head qualities. Attractive shape with correct length of leg and body, enough neck and good spring of rib. Moved well in all directions.
 3. **Windnsea Olivia** (Sutton/Sutton) Rather liked this attractively marked bitch who was moderate in all departments. Unfortunately she was rather distracted with a different handler and didn't do herself justice. Lovely head type with moderate stop, just enough fill to her muzzle and under her pretty eyes, super ears set high and framing her face perfectly. Very nicely constructed with super neck, topline, good depth of chest, short loin and correctly set tail. Really liked her well balanced and elegant outline. Moved well, but I know she could have moved even better, which was a little frustrating.
 4. **Royalcaper Applause** (Clayton) Superbly marked tri of a similar type to 3, again of well balanced proportions with an attractive outline and good angulation. Her head is free from exaggeration with a sweet expression, eyes could just be a tad darker. She moved accurately in all directions carrying a firm topline.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (3)

1. **Darane Stardust** (Kates) This gorgeous 17 month old richly coloured ruby really filled my eye. At first glance she is such a neat little package, small but with plenty of substance, moderate bone, super length of neck, spirit, level topline and fabulous angulation all giving such a well balanced graceful outline. She is made so well with every part fitting smoothly into the next, in the most wonderful condition, well muscled and in glossy coat. She has the sweetest head with beautiful large dark limpid eyes, dense pigment, plenty of cushioning to muzzle and under eyes, and correctly set ears framing it all perfectly. What really completed this gorgeous little package was her quite superb movement. Absolutely true coming and going, a smooth effortless gait with plenty of reach and drive, head held high on a gently crested neck, topline and tail carried to perfection and such a confident performance that demands attention and makes her impossible to ignore! She didn't put a foot wrong and showed her little heart out, but was still obviously a youngster and so only lost out to the fully mature older bitch. This isn't the first time I've been impressed by a ruby from this kennel which seems to consistently produce sound wholecolours of the most delightful type. **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH AND BEST RUBY IN SHOW**
2. **Azalea Run Bonfire** (Schilling) A larger type than 1 and not quite the depth of colour but overall a soundly constructed girl who was very good on the move covering the ground with an easy gait holding her head high and topline firm with tail carried correctly behind her. Her head was rather appealing with lovely dark eyes, dense pigment, correct length of muzzle and high set ears used well to enhance her sweet expression.
3. **Carlen Nutin But Trouble Fergie** (Close) Again larger than my ideal but overall a well balanced outline finished with a superb richly coloured coat in gleaming condition. Decent head shape with dark eyes and long ears, pigment could be just a little darker.

OPEN BITCH (3)

1. **Ch Carmas Penne Pasta At Crizwood** (Moulton/Wornall) This 5 year old Blenheim is a real class act. Maybe not as neat a size as I usually go for, but from the entry on the day her quality, breed type and wonderful finish just gave her the edge over some lovely bitches. Presented in first class condition she stepped into the ring as if she owned it and caught my attention immediately. Her head is ultra feminine with the darkest of eyes and pigment, short well cushioned muzzle, plenty of fill under eyes and the most wonderful full ears framing her face. She has a moderate reach of neck leading to a short level back and correctly set tail. She has just enough bone and substance for her size allowing for a well balanced, elegant outline. It was when she moved that she really captured my attention, striding out effortlessly with such a graceful gait carrying her head proudly with topline and tail held perfectly, sound and accurate when viewed from all directions. She didn't always stand herself to an advantage, but the sheer quality of this fully mature bitch was impossible to ignore in the challenge and I was pleased to award her **WINNERS BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST of OPPOSITE SEX, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH & BEST BLENHEIM BITCH.**
2. **Ch Jayba Delicious** (Lander/Lander) This little lady was a super size, small and well bodied with good bone and compact shape. Her gently crested neck leads to well laid shoulders, a level topline, well angulated rear and correctly set tail. She has a very pretty head with dark expressive eyes, well tapered muzzle, high set ears and flat skull. Another very good mover who covered the ground effortlessly with a happy spring in her step.
3. **Ch Linrica Just A Dream, JW** (Hsiung/Liu) Extremely pretty tri with flashy markings and a super outline. Loved her head with beautiful large dark eyes, long high set ears, well filled muzzle of the correct length and a super expression. Soundly constructed throughout with good angles fore and aft, adequate neck, level topline and well sprung ribs. Moved out well but I didn't like her tail carriage. Still a worthy winner of **BEST TRICOLOUR BITCH.**

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. **Ch Pinecrest Rockamysoul** (Eubank) 9 year old Blenheim in superb condition carrying a wealth of well presented coat and hiding her years very well. Lovely type and so well made all through with good reach of neck, well laid shoulders, good depth of chest, nice sweep of stifle and parallel rear. Super, well proportioned head with dark eyes, correct length of muzzle, plenty of fill under her eyes and a super mouth and pigment. Moved like a train around the ring with her tail wagging happily, every inch the showgirl and handled to perfection.

VETERAN DOG (2)

1. **Ch Orchardhill Shirmont Back Talk, JW** (Henry/Jones/Scott) (See Senior Open Dog) **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**
2. **Karvale Brookhaven Finn** (Utych/Utych) Very spritely 8 year old Blenheim in tremendous coat which was well marked including the much desired lozenge. Masculine head with a good mouth, well furnished ears and a gentle expression.

Moved very well with a free flowing gait holding his outline well. Handled and presented beautifully.

BRACE (1)

1. **Mysticknight Tricolours** (Hassig) Two very similar tricolours, both with unexaggerated heads, kind dark eyes and lovely expressions. Moved out in unison, both with a free easy gait holding their toplines firm and tails correctly.