

## **Cavaliers of the Midwest**

**04/10/11, Indianapolis, IN**

**Judge: Mick Shinnick (Leelyn)**

Many thanks for your kind invitation to judge for you at this so well-organized show. Approximately a decade ago I judged Cavaliers of the West and was pleasantly surprised to see how compact and well-balanced the exhibits were. Again, it was very nice to find American breeders have managed to keep this standard going. I look round the rings at English shows and see long bodies, short legs, and sometimes slab sided ones (i.e. no spring of rib) and wonder if this trend will spoil the breed. I don't fault judge but surely breed standard and type must come first.

### **Junior Puppy Dog (5)**

**1. Darane Michaelangelo at Blueheart** (Berg) Small 7 month old B/T; short coupled with well sprung ribs; good layback of shoulder; straight front and nice tight feet. Level topline; moved and showed well; standing four square.

**2. Canyoncrest Star Blazer** (Duross) 8 month old Blenheim; well-coated for age; the same qualities as 1<sup>st</sup> but just not the same tight movement on the day. **3. Denham Dynamite Joe** (Maddox) Blenheim of just 6 months. Again, for size, shape, and breed type equal to 2<sup>nd</sup> but giving away almost 2 months in age. Not as well coated. **4. Miletree Carnival at Shirmont** (Henry) 8 month old Blenheim with much the same qualities as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for breed type.

Not so animated or outgoing.

### **Senior Puppy Dog (3)**

**1. Marshelle Designer Genes** (Stout) 11 month old Blenheim; so well made; pretty head with large dark eye; put down in excellent condition. Would find it hard to fault this dog. Moved well and such a happy disposition. **Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show**

**2. Brookhaven Jessie** (Ayers/Martz) Blenheim, shorter coupled than 1<sup>st</sup>; heavily marked but rich dark tan; good layback of shoulder and turn of stifle. Tended to roach a little on the move. **3. Krystal Born On The Fourth Of July** (Torgersen) Just over 9 months old Blenheim; not quite as balanced as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> so his movement was a shade loose. Good breed type.

### **Graduate Puppy Dog (3)**

**1. Orchardhill Tough Enough, JW** (Venier) Blenheim, lightly marked with very good bone. Sound movement; short-coupled with good angulated hind quarters. Excellent topline which won him the class. **2. Dreamvale Smart As Th Dickens** (Warshaw/Sage) Tri that lacked a little bone but with well angulated hindquarters. Dropped his topline when standing. Of very good breed type. **3. Jayba Johnny Jump Up at Kalidunn** (Dunn) Heavily marked Blenheim; would have been equal to 1<sup>st</sup> in structure but was not as outgoing on the day.

### **Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)**

**1. Ch Jayba Pucker Up, JW** (Lander) Blenheim, quite heavily marked, good all round for breed type and standard. Moved and showed well. **2. Alderbridge Logan Crestbury** (Alders) Blenheim in good coat with well broken markings. Very good head and eye. Not happy to show today.

### **Junior American Bred Dog (1)**

**1. Forestcreek Brass In Pocket** (Cline) Well-made Blenheim with very good head; stood four square, rich tan markings, a little faded on ears. Did not show with spirit.

### **American Bred Dog (6)**

**1. BackNTime Shiver Me Timbers** (Niemi/Stanton) Rich coloured Ruby, so well made. Good masculine head and large dark eye. Would find it hard to overlook this dog. Moved and showed with drive, tail never stopped moving. Well-deserved Best in Show on the day. Later discovered he was RWD the day before. **Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best Ruby in Show, Best American Bred in Show**

**2. Quail Garden Tad O Magic** (Barrett/Geller/Mittelman) Blenheim, just as well made as 1<sup>st</sup> but not as outgoing. **3. Avia Sgt. Pepper** (Marler) Blenheim, not as animated but a very good example of the breed. **4. Tassajara Hugh Jackman** (Seidman/Hughes/Berkau) Blenheim in good coat, well presented, rich colour, heavily marked. Not quite the head I look for.

### **Special Limit Blenheim Dog (3)**

**1. Liane's Happy Jack, JW** (Westfall) Aptly named. Well-balanced, good all round shape and size. As most of the exhibits, put down in excellent condition. Very close decision. *Reserve Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show*

**2. Brookhaven Jacob** (Fairchild) All three in this class were very compatible for size and shape, just preferred the head and outgoing temperament of 1<sup>st</sup>. **3. Hillwood Diamond Jim** (Miller/Bennett) Just a little higher on the leg but well-balanced. Moved and showed well.

#### **Special Limit Tricolor Dog (2)**

**1. Veribas Point Break** (Cusick) In good coat, rich tan marking, level topline. Moved and showed well; very outgoing. Not quite as short-coupled as 2<sup>nd</sup>. **2. Pinecrest Dixieland Band** (Scanlan Johnson) Short coupled and well-balanced. Not as well coated as 1<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, he refused to show his potential on the day.

#### **Special Limit Ruby Dog (2)**

**1. Sevenwoods Wildberry** (Shidler) Very good head and eye but a little up on the leg. Well presented, stood and showed well. **2. Tanglewood Rebellion** (Saban/Fairchild) Determined to rebel today! Well-balanced with good head; richer tan. Played the handler up on the move and standing to show.

#### **Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (2)**

**1. Jax The Lad at Khatibi** (Maddox/Tarabad) Compact little dog with pretty masculine head; rich tan markings. In good coat but lacking feathering on tail, which was not carried to his advantage. *Best Black & Tan in Show 2.*

**Harana Rocketman** (Stanton) Not so well-balanced as 1<sup>st</sup>. In good coat; moved very well. Just preferred the head and compactness of 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Open Dog (4)**

**1. Ch Pascavale Stefano, JW** (Cline) The dogs in this class were all very compatible for size and shape. It would be difficult to fault one from another and it was just my preference on overall picture and movement. The soft expression; layback of shoulder, turn of stifle and richness of colour, and at one with handler gave him the edge. **2. Hillwood Kodak Moment** (Bennett) **3. Ch Jayba Don Juan, JW** (Lander) **4. Ch Pinecrest Orchardhill Rock**

**The Boat, JW** (Eubank)

#### **Senior Open Dog (1)**

**1. Margann Archibald Leach** (Boos/Susnis) 11 year old Ruby in excellent condition. Very good colour in coat. Moved and showed with a happy disposition.

#### **Junior Puppy Bitch (5)**

**1. Miletree Wendy McKenzie at Shirmont** (Henry) Pretty Blenheim; good dark eye; rich tan markings; well-balanced; correct lay of shoulder and well-turned stifle. Moved well; stood four-square. *Best Puppy Bitch*

**2. Brookhaven Darbie** (Ayers/Martz) Tricolour; pretty head, rich dark markings. Equal to 1<sup>st</sup> in many ways, just the way the colour was broken up. A little more eye-catching. *Best Tricolor in Show 3. Der Hagen's Girl Can't Help*

**It at Clamar** (Clark) Blenheim, very little difference to choose from in coats and markings; just not so well-balanced as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. **4. Orchardhill Indiscreet** (Venier) Blenheim; very good head and eyes; nicely broken markings, rich colour; not so well-balanced and moved a little loose, but this can change with age.

#### **Senior Puppy Bitch (6)**

**1. Hillwood Diamond Dust** (Bennett) Eye-catching Blenheim; moved with proud head carriage; very pleasing outline moving and standing. Just stopped being as outgoing in the challenge for Best Puppy Bitch. **2. Marshelle Some Like It Hot** (Stout) Blenheim, equal to 1<sup>st</sup> in every aspect. Flowed around the ring with a happy temperament. A little heavily marked. **3. Lilium Southern Magnolia** (Thorp/Wadas) Blenheim; up on leg more than prior two which made her movement not so free flowing. **4. Nightingale Kismet** (Paplauckas/Mulligan) Blenheim; well-made body with good angulation; just needs more confidence to show and move better.

#### **Graduate Puppy Bitch (5)**

**1. BackNTime Red Roses On Velvet** (Niemi) Ruby; well-balanced, very good head, straight front, well angulated hindquarters. High set ears, large dark eyes; moved with drive and showed well. *Reserve Winners Bitch*

**2. Forestcreek Piece Of My Heart** (Cline) Blenheim; small and compact, in very good coat. Pretty head; very good breed type. Moved well with drive and enthusiasm. **3. Pinecrest Dixie Melody** (Eubank) Tri; equal to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in

most aspects. Just not so happy showing on the day. **4. Roycroft Kenya Cameroon** (Neumeier) Lightly marked Blenheim. Very good all round breed type; moved and showed well. Slightly longer than those placed higher.

#### **Novice Bitch (1)**

**1. Piccadil Charlotte's Web at Krystle** (Torgersen) Tri, stood alone. Nice breed type; did not move with the free flowing action that I like to see, but happy to show.

#### **Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (3)**

**1. Ch Denham Dreamed About, JW** (Maddox) Ruby; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> both very good breed types; preferred the head of 2<sup>nd</sup> but the topline and showmanship of 1<sup>st</sup> won the class for her. **2. Anara Adornment** (Neumeier) Ruby; good rich colour, high set ears, dark eye, deep stop. Just dropped off a little at the croup. **3. Oggrbrae Madison Morgan** (Bales) Blenheim; short-coupled, well made; good all round condition. Came up against two classy rubies today, but not disgraced in any way.

#### **Junior American Bred Bitch (4)**

**1. Brookhaven Enchanting Dawn, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Another strong class of quality bitches. The first was a heavily marked Blenheim put down in excellent condition. All four could change places, with just little differences between them. *Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show* **2. Pinecrest Whistlin' Dixie** (Eubank) Tri; short-coupled; excellent head and eye. Not quite under control when standing. **3. Lynsfair Virginia Miss** (Fairchild) Ruby; could easily have stolen the class with a little more enthusiasm. So compact and well made, her shape and colour always catches my eye! **4. Avia Black Pearl** (Poti/Childress) B/T; very good breed type. Did not move with drive and purpose today.

#### **American Bred Bitch (3)**

**1. Shirmont Apple McIntosh, JW** (Henry/Dodson) Blenheim; a very good all round breed type; fits the standard to a 'T'—head, eye, bone, and balance, happy temperament, but not so outgoing in the challenge. **2. Jayba Sweet Tea** (Lander) Blenheim; another very close in structure and breed type but not so outgoing. **3. Rutherford Evangeline** (Jones) Blenheim; equal to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in structure. Colour not quite so rich or in temperament. Came to life when the others had left the ring!

#### **Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (4)**

**1. Huntcrest High Society** (Check/Pope) Well-balanced; nicely marked; stood out in class on showmanship and presentation. Again, just splitting hairs for the class—all four could win on another day. *Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex*

**2. Charnell Monte Lucia, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Just preferred the head on 1<sup>st</sup>. **3. Ch Loranka's Heaven Sent at Jayba** (Lander) Not so well-balanced as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. **4. Oggrbrae Hannah Clarke** (Bales) Not such good bone and angulation but good breed type.

#### **Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (1)**

**1. Orchardhill Nxt Stp, Wndrland** (Venier) Nicely balanced; good breed type. Showed and moved well, but did not use her tail enough standing.

#### **Special Limit Ruby Bitch (3)**

**1. Avia Gardenia** (Poti) Fits the standard in structure; a very pretty head; won the class on head, eye, and movement. **2. Darane Red Sonja, JW** (Kates) Again, very compatible to 1<sup>st</sup> in structure. Preferred her coat and colour to 1<sup>st</sup>. **3. Sevenwoods Hollyberry** (Brown/Shidler) Very good coat and colour, just lost out on movement and showmanship.

#### **Open Bitch (2)**

**1. Ch Avalcier Amber** (Venier/Li) Ruby; very pretty head. Very good shape and breed type. Had the free-flowing movement and outgoing temperament that I like to see. **2. Ch Pinecrest Rockamysoul** (Eubank) Blenheim; equal to 1<sup>st</sup> in every way but just preferred the movement and head on 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Senior Open Bitch (2)**

**1. Avia Referee's Call** (Poti) Blenheim in very good all round condition; in good coat; keeping its colour which often fades with age. Moved and showed well. **2. Oggrbrae Button Gwinnett** (Bales) Blenheim; giving away a year; a little out of coat but moved and showed well.

The following oldies could teach us all a lesson or two by growing old with age and dignity; also having the ability to show their pleasure, in being allowed the day out, with their happy tail movement!

**Veteran Dog (1)**

**1. Margann Beverly Hills Cop** (Boos) 14 year old Blenheim in wonderful condition for his age. Still moved and showed very well.

**Veteran Bitch (3)**

**1. Sevenwoods Diabolique** (Shidler) 10 year old Tri; again in wonderful condition. Very good movement and outgoing temperament. *Best Veteran in Show* **2. Burlane Ruby Slippers** (Maxwell) Ruby; just had to place her 2<sup>nd</sup> because I did not have three 1<sup>st</sup> prize placements. I would loved to have given all three a 1<sup>st</sup> place. **3. Avia Referee's Call** (Poti) Blenheim; again, hated to put her down the line.