

Cavaliers of the South
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Judge: Norma Inglis (Craigowl)

It is always a pleasure to judge at the Cavaliers of The South shows. The organisation is first class and the Committee works hard to make it an enjoyable event for all concerned. My thanks to everyone, especially the exhibitors who travelled far and wide in spite of the economic climate we all find ourselves enduring at present. My biggest concern was at the absence of whole colours both in numbers and quality. Blenheims and Tricolours have always been strong but in the past I have usually been able to find a Ruby or Black/Tan that were of equal merit when it came to the final deliberations. This was not the case in today's entry and I hope this dearth is rectified in the near future. On the plus side eyes were excellent and I was able to find many typical heads with lovely expressions. Coats were plush and correctly constructed dogs could be found in each class, although I would have liked to see less sloping croups which I feel spoils the elegant outline. A concern was size, especially in some of the mature bitches where many ticked so many boxes but were bigger than my interpretation. When planning your next litter, please keep in mind that a small, well balanced Cavalier is what we should be aiming for. Whilst concentrating on improving one area, you need to be ever watchful of the danger of letting what you have slip away. It is like keeping plates spinning in the air. Breeding is not easy, after 40 years I have come to this conclusion! The best of luck. You have some very savvy breeders and I have great confidence in their abilities to see the Cavalier continue to prosper in the States.

Junior Puppy Dog (10)

1. Pikanto V.H. Lamslag (Weber) Attractively marked Blenheim boy with good construction that showed in his free and easy stride. The best mover in the class and added to this he appealed for his lovely temperament, handsome head, deep pigment and big, dark eyes. Shown in lovely coat and condition. At the top end of this age group and hope his growing is done. **Best Puppy Dog**
2. Linrica Le Petit Prince (Liu) Another well broken Blenheim who was 2 months younger. Loved his size and tidy make and shape. Very sweet face and he showed willingly. Not so positive behind as winner but he will have a bright future for sure. His presentation was spotless. **3. Linrica I Dreamed A Dream** (Liu) Litter brother to "Le Petit Prince" and both are puppies with stacks of potential. Short backed with nice substance. Rich chestnut coat and good depth of pigmentation. Face is gentle with good eyes. Not so well schooled as his litter mate but at 7 months he thought fun was the name of the game. **4. Bonitos Companeros Dom Perignon** (Paulson) Good moving boy who was very raw in development but his foundations are sound. Handsome head with black nose. Shade longer backed than my ideal but feel he could finish a very respectable exhibit. More care needed in his presentation but his owners are new to this sport and will learn.

Senior Puppy Dog (2)

1. Brookhaven Jessie (Ayers/Martz) A star in the making who just needs more self-belief to win well. Deeply coloured Blenheim with blanket markings. A silky, straight coat covered a well-made body. Spot on for size and substance and his breed type is excellent. Very appealing head with mellow expression. Happy boy who co-operated enough to win the class but had to forgo BEST PUPPY DOG and defer to the younger, but more polished "Pikanto". **2. Truelegance Raising The Bar** (Cromer) Blenheim with cute face framed by huge well feathered ears. Longer backed than winner whose size and substance pleased me more. Needs to be brought back into better coat condition. Sweet disposition.

Graduate Puppy Dog (3)

1. Pascavale Nathan (Cline/Sedgwick) Lovely Toy Spaniel with stacks of Breed type and so much to admire. A real pin up shown in great coat and condition. Loved his size and he had huge ears that fanned and framed his gentle head properties. Stood four square and moved well showing his correct construction. Scored for neck, shoulders and topline. Quite cocky and on occasion postured and flew his tail. I felt that this was more down to his bold attitude rather than incorrect tail set/carriage and this should settle, as youth turns to maturity. Lovely dog, so typical of his breeding. One to watch and in my final 4 today. **2. Cambridgeministikarlossantana** (Swatko) Another glamorous dog, this one a Black/Tan, turned out to perfection. His clear, black coat was glossy with rich tan. Again the size I was looking for and his head was masculine and retained the sweet expression required. Kept a level topline on the move. Although 'Nathan' was flying his tail, I felt his actual tail set was better than 'Carlos'. One of the best wholecolours on show today and subsequently **Best Black & Tan in Show**. **3. Makyla King Of The Ring** (Tyner) A quality Ruby boy who lacked the furnishings and condition of those above. Has the correct coat shade with good eyes but longer cast. More coat would rectify the rangy look he has at the moment. But he has quality. **Best Ruby Dog**

Novice Dog (1)

1. Charnell The Full Monty At Brookhaven (Ayers/Martz) Pretty boy who stood alone, but could hold his own in good company. Shown in full coat that gleamed with wellbeing. His lush coat tended to give the

impression that he is a big dog. On examination, found this was not the case. Stepped out with style and he appealed in expression. Lovely eyes. Medium bone with well turned stifles.

Bred by Exhibitor Dog (3)

1. Ch Orchardhill Tough Enough, JW (Venier) Blenheim with text book markings. Full of glamour and looked a winner going around. Especially good rear. In full coat with not a hair out of place. Gentle face with eyes that held a soft expression. Good substance. In my final four dogs for the top awards. **2. Forestcreek Brass In Pocket** (Cline) A close decision. A handsome Blenheim boy but just preferred the more refined head piece of 1. Showed himself well and feel he has much to offer for breeding. Up to size. **3. Shirmont Back For More, JW** (Dodson/Henry) Completed a trio of Benhims. Lively and full of bounce and displayed a fearlessness that appealed. Thought him slightly more feminine in head than my ideal and would like a rounder eye.

Junior American Bred Dog (2)

1. Mimric Monogram JW (Hodges/Perkins) This Blenheim boy will appeal to many, as he ticked so many boxes. Has huge, round eyes set in typical head. Elegant mover and at only 16 months already carries a luxurious coat. Liked his conformation and front and rear angulation allowed him to stride around the ring effortlessly with a becoming tail carriage. Heavy markings did not detract from his glamour and in fact emphasised his clean lines with no distraction of markings that can sometimes deceive. Up to size, but a dog with style and true Cavalier traits. **2. Brookhaven Dante** (Ayers/Martz) Only 8 months and this young Blenheim looked a fledgling in comparison to 'Monogram'. His plus points include glorious eyes, excellent pigment and well spaced markings. He may have done his growing early and only time will tell. Needs more ears to balance his head and a little untidy in front action.

American Bred Dog (5)

1. Veribas Point Break (Cusick) Slightly chubby chappy who needs to keep an eye on his waistline! Just carrying a fraction too much weight which took the edge off his outline. Loved his gentle face and eyes and his markings are very complimentary. Not easy on Tricolours to get everything in the right place! Glamorous boy who looked good going around with tail well set on and carried correctly. One to be proud of and finished **Best Tricolour Dog**. **2. Castlekeep Cimaron At Triplecrown Panache** (Keane/Brouck) Neatly made Blenheim with lovely neck and shoulders and his well broken rich markings caught my eye. Liked him for size and his expression was soft and gentle coming from eyes the right shape, size and colour with no white showing. Pushed winner all the way but the tricolour had the edge on head quality for me. **3. Tassajara Hugh Jackman** (Seidman/Berkau/Hughes) Another dog with merit. This one a heavier marked Blenheim with the sweetest face and delicious outlook. Round eyes full of expression. Well bodied with good substance for his size. Just preferred shoulder placement of 1 & 2 but a quality dog who had a great rapport with his owner/handler. **4. Quail Garden Tad O Magic** (Barrett/Mittelman/Subramanian/Geller) The things I admired about this lightly marked Blenheim were his wonderful coat properties, lovely eyes and pigmentation and he was in immaculate condition. Sadly his front construction let him down.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (8) 4 very nice dogs.

1. Lanola Only Make Believe (Matters) Exuberant Blenheim who impressed to take Reserve Winners Dog. Shown in great coat which was long and silky, but not the easiest to prepare, I would guess. His size, pretty head, rich chestnut colouring, neck and shoulders, topline and tailset appealed and he moved well in both directions. A dog you need to go over to appreciate and he carried so many of the ingredients that make a winner. A tad more leg length would be the cherry on the cake but a smashing boy worthy of his award. **Reserve Winners Dog**

2. Pascavale Smarty (Ayers/Martz) With more ring practice this dog could go all the way. His confidence grew as the class progressed and he impressed. Not quite there yet, but a few more outings and I am sure he will trouble the best. Sire of 'Nathan', the Graduate Puppy dog winner, and he has passed on many desirable features. Size, head, eyes, substance, clarity of markings, soundness. Am confident he will go from strength to strength. **3. Forestcreek Dazzling Dude** (Couture/Cline) This boy was panting and his expression was lost somewhat. Shown in great coat that was groomed to perfection. Felt good on the table where his substance and size appealed and he did not disappoint on the go around. Will be heard of many times and he has lots to offer.

4. Byermoor Queens Orb (O'Brien) On head alone this boy could win but he is more than just a pretty face. Not a small dog, and this pegged him back, but he has reams of quality with breed type in spades. Richly coloured, gleaming coat. More heavily marked than called for but only a small handicap in my book. He was very attentive and stood showing off a clean cut outline with neck, shoulders, topline and tailset blending nicely.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (4)

1. Loranka's Simply Enchanted (Couture) Black coated boy who was the best made in class. Won for neck, shoulders, topline, tailset and he moved strongly from behind. His head with dark eyes was handsome, if not sensational. A dog with honest qualities. **2. Dreamvale Smart As The Dickens** (Warshaw/Sage) Better marked with super eyes set in an adorable face that had great appeal. Loved his size and he just lost out on outline to winner who was strong in this respect. **3. Westwind ME N MY KC** (Koehring) Loved the kind, generous facial features of this boy. Very soft expression. His marking are blanketed with white collar and stripe over rump. His

good points far outweigh his inefficiencies but a size down and a shorter back would have suited me more. **4. Darane Boys Don't Cry** (DePhillip) A lovely outgoing personality with such a sweet disposition. Good looking and he appealed for size but pegged back by tail carriage and construction.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (3) Disappointing class.

1. Tanglewood Scottish Affair (Saban/McDowell) The best mover in the class and he drew my attention with his good neck and shoulders. Would like a darker colour and less stop would soften his expression. When in better coat he should look more the part. **2. Windham Lost Sailor** (McCauley/Hashagen) Preferred the colouring of this 2 year old but his tail set let him down and he could not match neck and shoulders of winner. Size was good and he had an engaging expression and personality. **3. Roseriver Jiminy Cricket** (Rackler/Longobardi) This dog is a glorious colour and rich red as described in the Standard. Full of himself and displayed a confidence that appealed. Liked his expression, gentle but masculine. Rangy and did not have more construction attributes to take him higher.

Special Limit Black-and-Tan Dog (3)

1. Caddo Dark Rainbow (Dodson) 4 year old with few weaknesses and no points overdone. He scored for size and he had a good outline on the move. Liked his neatness with medium bone to fit his frame. Kind face with pleasing head. Coat needs attention. **2. Jax The Lad At Khatibi** (Maddox/Tarabad) Thought him my winner on first glance as he has a delightful soft expression, well cared for lush coat and he looked good standing. Disappointed on the move and he lost his outline and with his tail down, he seemed unsure of his surroundings. Smashing eyes and he is a handy size. **3. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) A size larger than 1 and 2. He had the best topline and tailset in the class and his condition was to be applauded. Good natured with a friendly face and cordial manners. Taller and longer than I was seeking.

Open Dog (4)

1. Ch Brookhaven Harrison at Almeara, JW (Whitmire) My notes on this boy read very positive and at the end of the day could find nothing to beat him. His coat, head, eyes, colouring, size, pigmentation, front and rear assembly made a favourable impression on the table and I was pleased to see he was just as striking on the move. He showed willingly with a quiet confidence that I liked. Nothing overdone. Everything in moderation, Turned out a treat and did all that was asked. It gave me great pleasure to award him *Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show, Best American Bred in Show*.

2. Ch Nightingale Heat Wave, JW (Mulligan) This dog is so correct and fits the Standard in many ways. Wish he was a bit more dazzling and he lacked the furnishings to go higher in the competition. Neatly made with short back, good ribs and correct front and back angulation. Had a free and easy stride that showed his construction was sound. Defines Toy Spaniel. Perhaps more care in his coat condition would take him further. It is all there but needs nurturing, I feel. The only "All American Boy" in this class which is worth mentioning. **3. Ch Pascavale Stefano, JW** (Cline) I judged this Blenheim as a puppy and liked him then and my high opinion still remains. His strength lies in his balance and he stood wagging happily showing off his neck, shoulders and topline that form a crisp, even outline of the best. Good depth of pigment in eyes, nose and coat and his eyes are lovely. Size sometimes matters and on this occasion preferred the smaller dogs above. **4. Ch Charnell Cosmopolitan, JW** (Herring) No disgrace to come 4th in this class as the decisions were hair splitting. Probably one of the best presented Cavaliers here today and the time and effort taken to get him into this condition was appreciated. He is a glorious colour with huge eyes and dense pigmentation that makes him so eye catching. Gave 100% to his owner and stood showing a fluid outline. My ideal is smaller but he is an ultra glamorous dog well worth having in your team and a worthy Champion

Junior Puppy Bitch (6) A class full of budding starlets.

1. Granlaurel I'm Just Sayin' (Painter) A peach of a puppy who oozed confidence and had great poise, despite her youth. She commanded my attention and had all the ingredients I was seeking in a baby. Scored heavily for size, markings, angulation, topline, tail carriage and a precise gait. Has a fetching face with first rate eyes. A mere 5 months old and on this form, and with luck, will be heard of many times in the winners' circle. Loved her. *Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show*

2. Brookhaven Darbie (Ayers/Martz) Pushed winner all the way. A classy tri whose markings are flashy and eye catching. Did not quite have the swagger of the winner and she carried her tail lower, spoiling the overall balanced picture in side profile. Beautiful classic head with perfect markings and dark liquid eyes. Not always easy to get the white, black and tan placed exactly right. She moved soundly going away and was equally as good coming towards me. I have no doubt that this is also a Champion in the making. **3. Okayc Surfer Girl** (Phipps) Another good one! At 8 months has left the chunky baby stage behind and started to move into the next phase of development. Looked a bit in between. But she has great basics and will mature well and finish nice. Lots going in her favour and very typical. **4. Kyneslane Ain't She Sweet** (Paplauckas) 5 months old baby who was the youngest in the class. Head needs to break and develop and at present she looks understandably raw and juvenile. But her breed type is good and she should mature nicely. Showed her assets off to advantage. She has plenty of time

Senior Puppy Bitch (7) A difficult class to judge. So many variations.

1. Woodsong Lolita (Kaiser) 9 months. Not a small bitch but extremely pretty and has a beautiful coat that is soft, silky with well spaced markings. Charming head with round eyes that are the correct colour and size. Good ratio of skull to muzzle. Generous filling below the eyes added to her gentle expression. Great profile and she showed with quiet confidence moving around the ring. Would hope her growth has stopped and feel she may well look more at home in a higher class. **2. Bonitos Companeros Zsa Zsa** (Adair) With more belief in her abilities this little Blenheim could have won but she did not do enough and had to settle for 2nd. Cute face with lovely eyes. Her size is just right and she has bone to match and good ribs. Allowed me only glimpses of her impressive outline and although she moved well was a tad hesitant. With confidence she could do a lot of winning, if she chooses! **3. Seneca Manor Sovereign Lady at Harmony** (Richmond/Gerkin) Loved the body shape of this girl and it was this that put her ahead of the remainder of the class. Head not WOW and her strengths lie in other areas. Fabulous temperament and the tail was wagging the dog! 10 and half months old so her head will develop. Moved out soundly. **4. Almeara Made You Look** (Whitmire) Lots of glamour in the dogs shown by this exhibitor and this one was no exception. Coat, with text book markings, had been carefully prepared and there was plenty of it. Not much I would change about her, just being careless with her tail today that spoil her outline on the go around.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Forestcreek Piece Of My Heart (Cline) I am sure this bitch has a rosy future but she needs to change her clothes! Her Blenheim coat was dead and although I forgave this temporary glitch, it let her down and stopped her going further. Correct size with good substance and she moved soundly. Lovely breed type with melting expression. She will do more when her new coat comes in. **2. Hillwood Diamond Diva** (Miller/Bennett) Blenheim who beat winner hands down for coat and condition but was bigger and longer in body. Has much to commend her with pleasing angulation both front and rear. Just pipped at the post by the more feminine outlook of 1. **3. Millhill American Delight** (Land) Tricolour with black saddle. Presented in sparkling form and displayed an easy going personality. Not the croup of those above but a useful bitch.

Novice Bitch (4)

1. Nightingale Kismet (Paplauckas/Mulligan) Feminine Blenheim with an assured future in the ring. Had a great attitude which helped enormously. A confident mover who covered the ground soundly with an easy gait. Lots of breed plus points. Big eyes, lovely expression, well distributed markings, tidy body proportions. Good one. **2. Forestcreek Black Eyed Pea** (Cline) An honest tricolour who stood presenting a good outline. Just found her less feminine in head than winner whose croup I preferred. A handy bitch to have around and although not a pin up, has strengths worth passing on. **3. Pascavale Dolcivita at Krisla** (Jacks) Striking tricolour with very appealing expression. Her quality is apparent but must watch her weight as she was plodding. No disgrace to come third here and her good points outweighed (excuse the pun!) her few weaknesses. **4. Linrica Once Upon A Dream** (Hsiung/Liu) This Blenheim had a lovely open face with soft contours but had to pay the penalty as her coat was not at its best. Liked the way this exhibitor quietly handled her dogs to bring out their best. Despite her lack of furnishings she still looked glamorous with typical head and markings. Not quite the outline I required to go higher.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (5)

1. Ch Two Rivers Take Me As I Am, JW (Adair) Busy Blenheim with lots of verve. Loved her rich chestnut colouring and twinned with her pretty head made an attractive picture. Went around the ring with confidence and her front and rear movement were true. Shown in wonderful coat that shone with wellbeing. So full of herself she almost lost composure and her anxiety for food tends to spoil her performance and expression. Can fully understand why she is a Champion and I considered her for the top awards. **Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show** **2. OkayC The Twelfth Of Never** (Phipps) Another nice Blenheim. Not the firmness in topline of winner but had much to commend her. Nice distribution of chestnut markings on white background. Delightfully waggly. Feminine face and even sported a lozenge. **3. Caddo PC** (Dodson/Henry) Apart from being finer in head and body, this Blenheim had honest qualities. Neatly made and loved to show off. Coat attractively marked and chestnut rich and bright in colour. **4. Oggbrae Madison Morgan** (Bales) Lightly marked Blenheim with large eyes and long ears. Not the construction to put her over the others. Amiable and appealed for her gentle ways.

Junior American Bred Bitch (5)

1. Orchardhill Buy Me A Pony (Venier) In my last 4 for the top awards and richly deserved. Smart tricolour who appealed greatly. Especially nice head and the colour of the tan, which plays an important part on the face, was rich. Wishy, washy straw coloured tan can alter the expression quite a bit. Eyes were dreamy and there was good balance between skull and muzzle. Smart mover with excellent tail carriage. Presentation was impressive. Sizeable but her quality is unquestionable and she scores heavily for type. **Best Tricolour in Show** **2. Darane Billie Jean** (Kates) One of the best Rubies on show today. Her weight needs monitoring as today she was in danger of losing her neck! Perfect colour of rich red. Wonderful face and sweet natured. **Best Ruby in Show** **3. Linrica Dream A Lil Dream** (Hsiung/Liu) This Blenheim was graceful as she circled the ring keeping a level topline and displaying an attractive outline. Head pleasing and handled to advantage. **4. Tusus Achtung Baby**

(Hardwick) Decent Blenheim who had much to offer. Attractive headpiece, super marked coat, gentle eyes. May not hit the dizzy heights but one well worth having around.

American Bred Bitch (7)

1. Seneca Manor Morning Glory (Gerkin/Richmond) An elegant little Blenheim who rose to the occasion and put on a good show. She conformed well to the Standard. Very feminine expression with gentle eyes. Skull flat and in balance with muzzle. High set ears. Black nose. Good teeth. Neck combines with shoulders and topline to give a good outline. Can stand straight legged from time to time. Sunny personality that showed in her wagging tail. Was delighted to award her *Reserve Winners Bitch*. I later discovered this win gave her Champion status. Well deserved and congratulations to her owners/breeder on their first Champion.

2. Brookhaven Delta Dawn (Ayers/Martz) Different type to 1. In her favour is a glorious rich colouring and she is well made allowing the ability to move soundly. More rounded in skull than winner and her topline needs watching as she can be lazy and dip when standing. Friendly and happy. **3. Linrica Moonlight Shining** (Liu) Another beautifully presented Blenheim from this exhibitor. Apart from her croup that slopes away and spoils her outline, she has lots to like. Soft face. Flat skull. Correct neck and well placed shoulders. Willing to please.

4. Castlehill Precious And Few (Phipps) Fairly black tricolour with narrow blaze. Although cosmetic this colour scheme can alter the look and detract from the refinement that adds to the dog's look of quality. Good for size with dark eyes. Put to the right mate could be a good producer.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (7) Good class and to those who went cardless, may I say it was very close. My only concern was I felt the majority were on the big side for females, but despite this reservation, they had quality.

1. Charnell Monte Lucia, JW (Martz/Ayers) Upmarket Blenheim who initially appealed for her size. Small, dainty with good substance and a well ribbed, short backed body. Her rich coat is blanketed with no flashy markings and this worked in her favour emphasising her clean outline. Carried herself with style and her gait was fluid and accurate. Would not want her any shorter in muzzle, but the total make up of her head properties is gentle with huge eyes, full of expression. She is so typical of her blue blooded breeding, how could she fail to impress? Gave her owner 100%. She demanded attention, got it and it was my pleasure to award her *Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Blenheim Bitch*.

2. Maibee Just My Imagination of Bentwood, JW (Harrison) Lovely face on this girl with the best eyes. Dreamy expression. Bigger and longer than 1 but shown in the most lovely coat and was one of the best presented today. Full marks to her owner for the work put in turning her out in such pristine condition. Felt she might be a strong contender when she entered the ring. Could not match the exquisite outline and tail carriage of winner whose size I preferred but this bitch has so much that makes our breed special. **3. Autumnhill New Kid In Town, JW** (Parente) Gentle faced Blenheim of medium size with much to admire. No glaring faults and should always be there or thereabouts in the cards. At this hair splitting stage, the more polished handling performances of 1 and 2 swung it in their favour. **4. Rutherford Evangeline** (Jones) This exhibitor has bred some lovely dogs over the years and it is good to see her still up there with the best. A tasteful Blenheim with a classic head and a soft, gentle expression. Great coat colouring and she stepped out smartly. Thought she might have been higher as she has a lot of the qualities I was looking for, but her outline and tail carriage were not so agreeable.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (3)

1. Orchardhill Nxt Stp Wndrland (Venier) The dogs shown by these exhibitors without exception drew attention for their showmanship and the rapport they had with their handlers. But they also had the good points to match their performance. This tri was shown in full attractively marked coat. Good head properties with eyes, ears, skull, and muzzle combining well creating a typical look. Well put together with good reach in front stride with nice push from behind. Loved her attitude. Although on the big side for me had lots going for her and will be appreciated by many. **2. Chadwick Pickety** (Taub) Respectable 6 year old daughter of Veteran Bitch winner. Heavily marked with a glorious expression and had great ring presence. Rear was not as strong as winner, whose overall conformation was better but I liked her a lot and she was a great size. **3. Darane Paradise City, JW** (Kates) Completed a trio of three pretty girls. Another good sized bitch who was in gleaming condition. Not going so well behind and her tail set could have been better. Sweet face features.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (1)

1. Darane Red Sonja, JW (Kates) Pretty bitch who appealed for size, short back and feminine features. Correct head type with nothing overdone, and no deep stop that appears too frequently in wholecolours. Had great style on the move and stepped out with accuracy. Sunny personality. Rather out of coat but in a few months could compete more seriously as she had quality.

Special Limit Black-and-Tan Bitch (2)

1. Cruisin Minnie Mouse (Rackler) This bitch has a great expression and her face is certainly her fortune. Condition was A1 with faultless presentation. Bigger and longer than my ideal but she had a look of quality in head that clinched her place. *Best Black & Tan Bitch* **2. Darane Pretty Young Thing** (DePhillip) This black/tan scored in areas where winner missed out, and vice versa. Preferred her size, as she was small and

neatly made, with moderate bone. Just not so appealing in head as 1. with finer muzzle and lacked filling below eyes. Again a spick and span turnout that I appreciated.

Open Bitch (1)

1. Grantilley Moon Lighting at Truelegance (Cromer) Sound 6 year old whose forte lay in her conformation. Every piece fitted together from her neck, leading into nicely placed shoulders along her topline and finishing with good rear angulation and pleasing tail set. Good show girl who was well schooled and sympathetically handled. In her best bib and tucker with dark expressive eyes. A bit “doggy” for my taste and I was looking for more femininity.

Senior Open Bitch (3)

1. Pascavale Britany (Jacks) 10 years old Blenheim that I see she is litter sister to the world famous Ch Pascavale Enchanted. Good to see her looking so fit and well. Carrying perhaps a little too much condition, but at this age, I think she can be allowed those couple of extra pounds! It certainly did not hamper her as she showed like a trooper and went around the ring with zest. No one has told her she is aging! Huge, dark, soulful eyes, jet black pigment and an outline that was fluid and firm. Lavish well broken coat. She was happy and it showed. **2. Burlane Ruby Slippers** (Maxwell) Gentle outlook on this 7 year old Ruby whose long ears framed a pretty face. Lost out on lack of coat and preferred construction of winner, but she put in a good performance going through her paces with ease. **3. Oggbrae Button Gwinnett** (Bales) Another 7 year old. This gentle faced Blenheim is so typical of the breed, she even had a lozenge, and with her affable personality, is charming. Short of coat featherings today.

Veteran Bitch (5)

1. Chadwick Confederate Money (Taub) 11 year old tricolour who looked very smart and spry as she skipped around the ring shrugging off her advancing years. Gorgeous face with typical expression. Lots of coat and she looked a picture across the ring, standing wagging happily showing a sweet disposition. Neat body shape. Although she was the oldest here today (and I have a soft spot for the oldies!) this was a deserving win based purely on her merits. *Best Veteran in Show* **2. Pascavale Britany** (Jacks) Seen previously in Senior Open Bitch. **3. Tanglewood Tanzabelle** (Saban) Black/Tan shown in wonderful condition. Her coat gleamed and the dense black complimenting the bright tan made her easy on the eye. Another happy girl, enjoying the outing. Expressive face that appealed greatly. **4. Burlane Ruby Slippers** (Maxwell) Seen previously in Senior Open Bitch.