

Cavaliers of the Midwest
07/29/11, St. Louis, MO
Judge: Mary Rees (Symra)

I would like to thank the Committee and the Members/Exhibitors of the Cavaliers of the Midwest for inviting me to judge at the show on July 29th. I enjoyed the experience very much as it is a number of years since I have judged in the USA. I thought that overall the quality of the Cavaliers was excellent, some things need watching in future breeding plans. Tail carriage is a major problem, the Breed Standard states quite clearly that the tail should be carried level to the back. Many very nice dogs carried their tails as though they were Beagles, this is not required in the breed and care should be taken to stop this. Movement always has to be watched, some very attractive bitches could do with some firm road work to strengthen both their rear and front movement. I must just touch on the fact that so many exhibitors 'bait' their dogs continually. Please try to curb this habit, puppies need this encouragement when they are being trained but adult dogs should be able to stand on the table and then in the ring without being constantly baited. Their expression changes when this is happening, and you lose the soft, gentle expression so typical of our lovely breed. Presentation was first class, and I commend you all for this. I think I only found three knots under 'trousers' and behind ears. I thank all the exhibitors for the friendly atmosphere at the show and wish you all 'Good Showing' in the future.

Junior Puppy Dog (11)

1. Chantismere Caruso of Chadwick (Eckersley) Promising Blenheim with all the qualities required in our breed. Very attractive head with full dark eyes and superb pigmentation, ideal size for his age with good bone and strong rear action. Well balanced with correct tail carriage, he moved extremely well. **2. Circlecity Walk In The Park** (Matters) Another smart young man. Lovely head, dark eyes and head framed by well set on ears, gentle expression. Correct size with good neck and shoulder placement, he held his topline at all times. Very smart, I was 'splitting hairs' between these two! **3. Flander Prancer** (Hill/Hatcher) Well marked Tricolour with rich tan markings, dark expressive eyes, head framed by ears with correct ear set. Looked very smart on the move but front movement a little erratic. **4. Felicity Shake And Bake** (Hill) Promising well marked Blenheim with all the essential requirements. Attractive head with full expressive dark eyes. Good neck and shoulder placement, level topline, moved very smartly when settled.

Senior Puppy Dog (2)

1. Canyoncrest Star Blazer (DuRoss) Well coated Blenheim with good rich colour. Lovely full, dark, expressive eyes and good pigment. Correct dentition, head gently cushioned and framed by well set on ears. Good neck, well laid back shoulders, level top line while on the move and in repose. He used his hindquarters with drive and kept correct tail carriage. A promising young man. *Best Puppy Dog*
2. Krystle Coleman (Torgersen) Another pleasing Blenheim with attractive head and dark eyes. Took a while to settle down which showed in his movement, needs more time.

Graduate Puppy Dog (4)

1. Marshelle Designer Genes (Stout) Richly coloured Blenheim in excellent coat. Gentle expression from full, dark eyes, super pigment, head framed by well set on ears. Elegant neck and shoulder placement, well balanced all through he held his topline at all times and moved strongly using his hindquarters to his advantage. **2. Brookhaven Jessie** (Ayers/Martz) Heavier marked Blenheim in good coat. Pleasing head and expression and an ideal size, well balanced throughout he showed well for his owner. Let down by his front movement today. **3. Seneca Manor Native Dancer** (Gerkin) Promising young man built on finer lines. Head attractive with dark full eyes and super pigment once more. Good outline while on the move and standing, used his strong hindquarters moving with drive. **4. Northview Fire and Ice** (Babcock) Richly marked Blenheim built on much finer lines. Has all the potential to mature into a handsome young man, just needs to get more body and fill out a little. Pleasing head with lovely dark eyes he was much happier when he had settled to the job in hand.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (3)

1. Sheeba Espresso (Ostmann) Heavier coated Blenheim with good, rich coloured well marked coat. Lovely head with full, dark expressive eyes and good pigmentation. Well balanced, with good neck and shoulders, level topline, plenty of heart room, firm front and strong bone. Moved with drive, just need to watch that tail when on the move as it mars the overall outline, much better when relaxed. **2. Ch Nightingale Heat Wave, JW** (Mulligan) Another Blenheim with a soft, gentle expression from full, dark eyes. Head framed by well set on ears, elegant neck and well laid back shoulders. Well balanced and an ideal size, must watch that tail when on the move! **3. Storeyland Golden Ransom** (Gallagher) I just loved this Ruby! Where were all the whole colours today? Loveliest of heads with gentle expression from those full, dark eyes, well presented with coat of correct texture and colour, top line firm and head carried proudly on the move. Unfortunately tail carriage let him down, what a shame. ***Best Ruby Dog, Best Ruby in Show***

Junior American Bred Dog (3)

1. Forestcreek Sixth Sense (Cline) I was impressed with this young man. Richly marked Blenheim of good rich colour. Gentle expression from full, dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle, elegant neck and well laid back shoulders, in good coat he moved with drive using his hindquarters to his advantage. Unfortunately more interested in being baited by his handler, he could not concentrate on the job in hand when it came to the final line up. **2. Krystle Born On The Fourth Of July** (Torgersen) Blenheim with well marked coat in good condition. Pleasing head with expression so typical of our lovely breed. Good size, balanced throughout with good bone and strong hindquarters, tail carriage not good. **3. Tomnee Cat Man Do** (Torgersen/Fairchild) Another Blenheim not as mature as the others in this class. Built on finer lines he was presented well and his well marked coat was in good condition. A pleasing young man obviously enjoying his day in the ring.

American Bred Dog (3)

1. Redbud Electra Glide In Blue (Scott) A disappointing class where movement was of concern. This young man had the best tail carriage in the class. Handsome Blenheim with attractive head and full, dark eyes, coat well marked and well presented. Has all the required essentials asked for in the breed, but they must be able to move strongly both ways and use their hindquarters with drive. **2. Orchardhill Play For Keeps** (Darr/Venier) I liked this Tricolour boy, he has a gentle head and expression, lovely rich tan markings and strong bone, a smart young man. Unfortunately he was unsettled on the move, tail carriage is not good. **3. Avia Sgt Pepper** (Marler) Attractive Blenheim with lovely head, dark eyes and gentle expression. In good coat and well presented, he has a superb temperament and must be a delight to live with. He looked a picture when standing but needs to firm up his front movement and watch that tail!

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (9)

1. Kaishmar Carlos At Canyoncrest (DuRoss) Very smart young man, a lovely Blenheim in well marked coat of soft, silky texture and presented beautifully. Lovely head, eyes dark and full with gentle expression, elegant neck and well laid back shoulders, balanced throughout he was the best mover in this class. Topline firm at all times with correct tail set, a quality boy. One to watch out for. ***Reserve Winners Dog***

2. Hillwood Kodak Moment (Bennett) Unlucky to meet 'Carlos' in such good form! A handsome Blenheim with all the correct essentials. Richly marked coat, good neck and correct shoulder placement, well balanced with level topline and strong hindquarters which he used with drive. Lovely head, eyes dark and full, face softly cushioned, head framed by well set on ears. A typical Cavalier. **3. Pascavale Nathan** (Cline/Sedgwick) Another young man of quality with attractive head and expression from full, dark eyes. Well presented and in good coat, both in colour and texture, beautifully presented. Well made throughout with good balance he was very busy busy busy, moved much better when settled. **4. Jayba Johnny Jump Up At Kalidunn** (Dunn) What a super head this young boy has, such a gentle expression from eyes that a dark and full, head framed by well set on ears, which he carries gracefully on elegant neck. In richly marked coat, topline level and all times he moved well using his hindquarters with drive. One to watch out for I think!

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (3)

1. Veribas Point Break (Cusick) Well marked Tricolour in very good coat. Attractive head, eyes dark and full, head framed by full, well set on ears. Elegant neck and good shoulder placement he was presented beautifully. Keeping a level topline at all times he moved with drive and held his tail correctly at all times. ***Best Tricolour Dog, Best***

Tricolour in Show 2. Nightingale Endless Summer (Mulligan) Heavier marked with good rich tan markings, generous head with lovely dark eyes and super pigmentation. Good neck and well laid back shoulders with good bone and well muscled hindquarters which he used with drive. Unfortunately rather proud of his tail which does spoil the overall picture. **3. Hillwood Picture This** (Bennett) Another heavily marked tricolour with good rich tan markings, he has an attractive head and lovely gentle eyes so needed in the breed. In good coat and well presented, he moved well both ways with the overall picture being marred by his tail carriage

Special Limit Ruby Dog (2)

1. Tanglewood Rebellion (Saban/Fairchild) Very nice Ruby young man with a superb temperament. Lovely head with eyes dark and full, face gently cushioned and framed by well set ears. Good neck, well laid back shoulders and well balanced all through, he moved positively with drive from firm hindquarters. Well balanced with firm topline, at all times he is delightful. **2. Roseriver Jiminy Cricket** (Rackler/Longobardi) Another Ruby with correct head, dark eyes and pigmentation. In good coat of correct colour and texture, slightly longer cast than the winner of this class he moved reasonably well when he stopped being so busy busy busy! What an inquisitive young man.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (1)

1. Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Schilling) Disappointing to have only one Black & Tan in this class, where were the whole colours today? I was not disappointed with 'Bill Bailey' though! Lovely boy so full of coat in good condition and presented beautifully, gorgeous head, with full, dark eyes and the most gentle expression so required in our breed. Carried his head proudly on elegant neck holding a level topline using his hindquarters with drive both ways. A happy boy he must be a delight to live with. **Best Black & Tan Dog, Best Black & Tan in Show**

Open Dog (7)

1. Ch Byermoor Queens Orb (O'Brien) This young man caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring. I just loved him. A richly marked Blenheim with gorgeous head, full, dark eyes and super pigment, head framed by his full ears and face gently cushioned to give that soft expression so desired in our breed. Lovely crest of neck, correct shoulder placement, plenty of heart room. Carrying his topline level at all times, well balanced and with firm hocks from strong hindquarters he covered the ring well with correct tail set. In excellent coat and presented to perfection I was delighted to award him **Winners Dog, Reserve Best In Show, Best of Opposite Sex in Show.**

2. Ch Pascavale Stefano, JW (Cline) Another quality Blenheim with all the essentials required in the breed. Attractive head with lovely eyes both in colour and shape, gentle expression. Well balanced with good neck and shoulders, good bone and level topline both on the move and in repose. Very well presented and in gleaming condition. Movement a little unsettled as he is so busy all the while. **3. Ch Brookhaven Harrison At Almeara, JW** (Whitmire) Another well marked Blenheim similar to 'Stefano'. Pretty head, good dark, expressive eyes, absolutely dripping in coat which is well marked and in excellent condition. Good size and shape being well balanced from elegant neck through to strong rear, moved well holding correct tail carriage. **4. Ch Charnell Cosmopolitan, JW** (Herring) A lovely dog with all the essential requirements for our breed. Well marked Blenheim coat, attractive head, dark expressive eyes. Good size with elegant neck and laid back shoulders, movement firm and true. Well balanced he kept a level topline and moved with drive. This was a lovely class to judge with so much quality in the ring.

Junior Puppy Bitch (12)

1. Roseriver Naughty But Nice (Young) Absolutely delightful! Gorgeous Tricolour puppy full of quality. Exceedingly pretty head with dark, full expressive eyes, good pigmentation. Head carried well on gentle crest of neck, shoulders well laid back and level topline at all times. Good spring of rib and well balanced all through she moved positively using her strong hindquarters to her advantage. With her well marked coat in gleaming condition she is a credit to her owner. I was delighted to make her **Best Puppy Bitch** and **Best Puppy in Show.**

2. Jayba Tres Jolie (Lander) Sweet Blenheim of quality. Lovely head, eyes dark and full, head framed by well set on ears. In good coat which is well marked and of correct texture, head carried well on good neck and shoulder placement she moved with drive showing off her elegant outline to her advantage. A very promising puppy. **3. Tassajara Brookhaven Louisa May Alcott** (Ayers/Martz) This young lady of 5 months of age is an absolute treasure. A perfect size for her age she has a gorgeous head with full, dark eyes, gentle cushioning of the muzzle and ears set just right complete that part of the picture. With good bone and spring of rib she moved very well from crest

of neck, level topline and good angulation of the stifle which she used with drive. One to watch out for in the future, she almost ended up in my pocket! **4. Nightingale Walkin' On Sunshine** (Mulligan) Another youngster with all the essentials required in our breed. My notes start with 'Mrs Wigglebum', and she was such a busy busy soul! Lovely Blenheim with well marked coat, very pretty with dark, expressive eyes, elegant out line and with good bone. She looked a picture from her well laid back shoulders to her firm hind movement, a super girl of promise.

Senior Puppy Bitch (1)

1. Roseriver One And Only (Young) She may be the 'One and Only' but she is full of quality and has all the essentials we require. Attractive head and expression with good eye and pigmentation. In good coat which is attractively marked she has an elegant outline and moved strongly with drive from her hindquarters. Needs to tighten up in her front movement which was spoiled by her 'daisy cutting' as she moved towards me.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Jayba Love Bite (Lander) Lovely Blenheim with a very attractive head, eyes dark and full, head framed by well set on ears. Good neck and shoulders sweeping to well balanced body, topline level at all times. She moved strongly both ways using her strong hocks with drive and covered the ground effortlessly. A super girl. **2. Pinecrest Dixie Melody** (Eubank) A petite Tricolour in good coat, well marked with good rich tan in all the correct places. Very pretty with gentle expression from her dark eyes, good bone and level topline at all times. Moved a little close behind today. **3. Hillwood Diamond Diva** (Miller/Bennett) Elegant Blenheim with a lighter marked coat. Pleasing head with good eyes and pigment and gentle expression. Longer cast than the others in this class but well balanced all through. **4. Avia Camellia** (Poti) Very pretty Black & Tan with the sweetest of expressions from her lovely head and full, dark eyes. She has all the quality and essentials and is well balanced, but what a busy busy soul she is! Rather unsettled on the move, I had the impression she would rather be somewhere else!

Novice Bitch (3)

1. Nightingale Gunpowder N Lead (Mulligan) My notes say 'Delicious' and so she is.. Heavier marked Blenheim with coat of good, rich colour. The sweetest head and expression from one only 8 months of age, lovely eyes, good pigment, head framed by correctly set on ears. Beautiful head carriage, from crest of neck to correct shoulder placement, moved very well for one so young, she has great ring presence and shows with confidence. **2. Sikeleli My Eyes Adore You** (Nel) Another well marked Blenheim with the loveliest of heads. Eyes dark and full, gentle cushioning around the muzzle. Elegant outline from good neck and shoulders and head carried proudly. Well balanced, a happy show girl of quality. **3. Piccadil Charlottes Web At Krystle** (Torgersen) Tricolour with well marked coat. Very attractive with a pleasing expression from her dark eyes. Correct size and in good condition she was let down by her poor movement today.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch (2)

1. Jayba Violetta (Lander) I loved this young lady. What a superb Blenheim, she has the loveliest of heads with dark full eyes and generous expression, with head framed by her correctly set ears she looks a picture. Good crest of neck which she uses effortlessly to hold her head proudly, shoulders laid back and with good spring of rib she keeps her top line level both on the move and in repose. Using her hindquarters with drive and her strong hocks to cover the ground well she strolls around the ring as if she owns it. I was delighted to award her *Winners Bitch, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best Blenheim in Show* and the cherry on the cake with *Best In Show*. A worthy winner, she must be a delight to own.

2. Ch Bentwood Leading Lady (Harrison) Well, how unlucky was this Leading Lady to come up against 'Violetta' today? I just thought this Tricolour was delightful. With heavier marked coat in tip top condition she oozes quality. Attractive head with lovely eyes and gentle expression from her full face, neck gently arched so that she carries her head correctly at all times. She is a lovely size and well balanced all through, hind movement is firm and controlled although a little close behind. Tail carriage perfect, it makes such a difference to the overall outline when the tail is correct. *Best Tricolour Bitch*

Junior American Bred Bitch (2)

1. Forestcreek Black Eyed Pea (Cline) Lovely Tricolour attractive head with full, dark eyes and gentle cushioning, sweet feminine expression. Lovely shape with good, strong bone, well balanced, she used her hindquarters with drive. In good coat and very well presented she is everything we need and a true Toy Spaniel. **2. Tusus Achtung**

Baby (Hardwick) Lighter marked Blenheim built on finer lines than the winner of this class. Head attractive with full, expressive dark eyes, elegant outline and a lovely size. Rather unsettled and erratic on the move, needs to settle and concentrate on the job in hand!

American Bred Bitch (11)

1. Nightingale Happy Go Lucky (Mulligan) I loved this class, teeming with quality, I could of done with a few more prize cards here! Delightful richly marked Blenheim headed this group extremely pretty with eyes dark and full of expression, ears set on correctly framing her lovely face. Good neck and shoulders, level top line at all times, with good bone and strong hindquarters she moved very well with drive. Presented in tip top condition. **Reserve Winners Bitch**

2. Redbud One Chance Fancy (Scott) Another quality Blenheim, it was a very close decision between ‘Fancy’ and the winner, I am sure they will change places many times! Lovely dark, full eyes and pigmentation. Elegant crest of neck, well laid back shoulders and spring of rib. Very well presented she is the perfect size and showed extremely well holding a firm top line and correct tail set at all times. **3. Tassajara Noble, JW** (Seidman/Hughes/Berkau) A lovely elegant outline on this young lady, catches your eye as she moves around the ring with energy. Very feminine with lovely eyes and gentle expression, head carried elegantly on gentle crest of neck. Well balanced with good spring of rib and correct shoulder placement she held her topline at all times. With her richly marked coat of correct texture she is delightful. **4. Backtime Red Roses On Velvet** (Niemi) At last a richly coloured Ruby, she has all the essentials of attractive head with correct eyes in both colour and shape, lovely pigmentation and presented beautifully. Good neck and shoulders, and an ideal size, I thought her very appealing. Strode out strongly covering the ring with ease, unfortunately tail carriage spoiled the overall out line.

Health and Conformation Bitch (1)

1. Castlemar’s Sophia Grace, C-RE, C-CD (Barton) Lovely 8 year old in marvelous condition. Attractive well marked Blenheim with the darkest of eyes and sweet expression. Lovely shape with elegant outline she moved very well indeed and obviously enjoying her day out. A credit to her owner.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (4)

1. Chesham A Minute Of Your Time, JW (Taub/Eckersley) Gorgeous young lady so typical of the breed. Very pretty with lovely eyes and pigmentation, gentle cushioning to give that soft gentle expression. In good coat and beautifully presented she moved very well covering the ring with ease. With her good neck and shoulders, well balanced from nose to tail she looked a picture, lovely. **2. Maibee Just My Imagination Of Bentwood, JW** (Harrison) I liked this young lady very much, with well marked generous coat in tip top condition she made a very attractive overall picture. Lovely expression from her full dark eyes and pretty head, sufficient neck and good bone, rather unsettled on the move which was a pity. **3. Jayba Sweet Tea** (Lander) Another with all the essentials required in the breed. Attractive head framed by lovely long ears set on correctly. In good coat she kept a level top line when standing but moved rather erratically which was a shame. A lovely size. **4. Marshelle Crimes Of The Heart, JW** (Stout) Very pretty lady, busy,busy,busy and absolutely full of herself. With her well marked coat of good colour, ideal crest of neck and shoulder angulation she has a lot to offer the breed. Lovely head, dark eyes and gentle cushioned muzzle.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (1)

1. Chadwick Pickety (Taub) At 6 years of age this is a very pretty heavier marked Tricolour with the correct rich tan markings that are so important. Attractive eyes both in colour and shape, good pigment, neck and shoulders just right and firm strong hindquarters which she used to move with drive. A very happy young lady.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (4)

1. Anara Adornment (Neumeier) Very pleasing Ruby both in coat colour and size. Attractive head with pleasing expression from her full, dark eyes, elegant outline holding her head proudly on the move and covering the ring with ease. In good coat and presented beautifully she is an attractive typical Cavalier. **Best Ruby Bitch** **2. Avia Gardenia** (Poti) Very nice young lady with an elegant neck and good lay back of shoulders, I just preferred the head of the winner of this class but they will change places many times I think. Lovely outline, level top line and tail carriage, coat of good colour and correct texture. Moving a little close behind today. **3. Darane Red Sonja, JW** (Kates) Good head with dark eyes and gentle expression, head framed by well set on ears. Built on smaller lines she is in good

coat, movement rather unsettled today which showed in her hind movement. **4. Sevenwoods Hollyberry** (Shidler) Very smart, with lovely eyes and dark pigment, coat of good colour. Another who was unsettled when moving which affected her overall balance, just needs to settle on the job in hand.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (3)

1. Roseriver Hallelujah (Young) Lovely Black & Tan in superb coat. With her attractive full head, dark eyes with gentle expression, she is extremely feminine. She carried her head proudly on gentle crest of neck and used her shoulders and strong hindquarters to cover the ground well. I imagine she is a delight to own! **Best Black & Tan Bitch** **2. Turretbank Flora MacDonald** (Babcock) It took a little while for 'Flora' to settle down, what a busy soul she is! Pleasing head, correct eyes and head carriage, good neck and shoulders swept to level top line and strong hind movement once she had calmed down a little. **3. Lynsfaire Carolina Girl** (Sams) At 14 months of age this little lady has quite a bit of growing up to do. She is very pretty with all the correct ingredients to work with, she has a good coat with rich tan markings, ideal in size but really did not want to walk correctly today. Patience is the virtue here I think.

Senior Open Bitch (1)

1. Avia Referees Call (Marler) My notes say '8 year old fluff ball', and so she is. What a lovely old lady with her lovely eyes giving such a gentle expression, soft cushioning of her muzzle, head framed by her well set on ears she is delightful. In well marked coat and thoroughly enjoying her day out she moved very well. Well presented coat completed the picture of a happy Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

Veteran Bitch (4)

1. Flying Colors Mustang (Dennison) At 13 years of age this very petite lady reminded me as to why we all love the breed so much. Looking more like a puppy than a veteran she is pretty with lovely tan markings, coat in gleaming condition, moving a little unsteadily but doing everything that was asked of her. **Best Veteran in Show** **2. Castlemar's Sophia Grace, C-RE, C-CD** (Barton) An 8 year old Blenheim full of energy, very attractive in good coat and well presented she stormed around the ring. Confidently showing the youngsters what they should be doing. **3. Heartsong Lyrical** (Koehring) Exceedingly pretty 12 years of age, a quality girl dripping in coat and presented very well. Moved well holding her head proudly she covered the ring with ease. **4. Avia Referees Call** (Marler) See Senior Open Bitch.