

CAVALIERS OF THE SOUTH
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First, allow me to express my sincere thanks to the Cavaliers of the South for inviting me to judge at what has always been one of my favorite venues, in the great city of Atlanta. It was a double honor to be an integral part of the Dr. Randi Rosvoll Memorial Rally, named for a true legend in the Cavalier world. Thanks are due to Show Chairs Paula Ayers and Linda Whitmire for organizing the event, and for their gracious hospitality. And of course, I could never have done it without my very able Ring Steward Barb Curley, and my hard-working Table Steward Nikki Parente. Thanks also to the gate stewards, announcers, and hospitality volunteers who were part of the process.

I am chiefly indebted to the dozens of exhibitors, who provided the scores of Cavaliers that made this show the stellar showcase that it was. Even on the heels of some of the biggest and best dog shows in the country, we were presented with a large, quality lineup of entries. I was especially impressed with the strength of the entries in the dog classes, some of which presented me with a daunting challenge when it came to making my picks.

I was pleased to see that our breeders are currently producing Cavaliers with even better front assemblies than I have seen in past years, with a noticeable overall improvement in shoulder layback. When paired with an equally sound rear assembly, I can get chills down my spine watching one of our wonderful breed glide effortlessly around the ring.

Charlie Weidig

DOGS

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (8)

“What a way to start the day! When the class entered the ring, my first thought was that there was more quality here than space for recognition. Kudos to our member breeders; the future is in good hands.”

1. ForestCreek Just Right (Cline/Marshall) An excellent head type and lovely outline first grabbed my attention when I saw this 9 month old Blenheim, and the hits just kept on coming. Already showing well-developed muscle and abundant depth of chest, his superior shoulder layback is indicative of a well-angulated front. Nicely balanced with a sound rear assembly, he used it to propel himself around the ring with near perfect parallel tracking. There is a great future ahead for this boy, whom I was delighted to name **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.**

2. Krystle Hamilton (Torgersen) The coat on this 6 month old Blenheim is still developing, but shows all signs of being lavish and silky when he matures. With

plenty of bone and very good shoulder layback, he presents a nice profile with a solid topline when he moves. Good potential here.

3. Falling Springs Black Flame At Madryn (Weeks) Nice pigment on a perfectly silky coat helps to present a pleasant picture on this 7 month old Black and Tan. I was particularly impressed with the way he properly carries his head proudly on the move, with a matching tail carriage that is level and in constant motion.

4. Promontory Baxter (Solomon) This 7 month old Blenheim has a nice head with expressive eyes, and lots of substance. His strong rear allows him to show off a good tailset.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. ForestCreek The Showman at Tudorr (Mixon/Cline/Marshall) A captivating and expressive masculine head, along with good coat and pigment make for a nice presentation by this 11 month old Blenheim. Well put together with lots of substance, he shows good balance with an excellent topline and tail carriage.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (2)

“This was another quality class, with two top-notch entries, both with excellent type and well put together. Kudos to the breeders who produced them.”

1. Del Sol In The Dark At Fieldsedge (Slusher/Smith) This 17 month old Black and Tan looked very much in control of the ring, showing a gorgeous profile in motion. His graceful neck gave way to well laid back shoulders, and his strong front assembly gave him exceptional reach. Everything in balance gave him the edge in this class.

2. Brookhaven Here Comes The Son (Wells) From his superb head to his properly carried tail, this 15 month old Blenheim was every bit as impressive as number one. He presents an exquisite picture when standing, showing great angulation both in front and rear, but on this day I preferred the smooth movement of his elder in the class.

NOVICE DOG (2)

1. Evera True Friendly Ghost (True) This Blenheim of a year and a half carries his attractive head proudly, as he moves like a dream, allowing his strong front to pull in the ground effectively. A strong topline and properly set tail complete the picture of balance so pleasing to the eye.

2. Closeburn Bonny Baron (Fairchild) I see exceptional type when I look at the head on this nearly 3 year old Blenheim. He has a strong rear assembly with admirable angulation, but on this day I found the equilibrium of number one to be just a bit more pleasing.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (1)

1. Ch Nightingale Wipeout, JW, AW (Mulligan) There's nothing quite like a strong 3 year old boy like this Blenheim, who has developed nicely since I judged

him when he was a youngster. He has solid front support, a well developed chest, excellent and balanced angulation, and a head to die for. He moved with polished reach and drive, and looked especially good coming in. Unquestionably deserving of being named **RESERVE WINNERS DOG AND BEST BLENHEIM DOG.**

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)

1. Tassajara Blue (Seidman) I absolutely loved the head on this happy and exuberant year-old Blenheim, with excellent cushioning to give him a plush look. Under a lovely coat, there is plenty of muscle to effectively drive his rear legs with well-turned stifles, and he showed a strong front to make for a balanced picture.

2. Kameo Amazing Grace (Moffitt/Adair) Another year-old Blenheim with a lovely head, only a bit longer cast than number one in this class. Solidly built, he just seemed a bit distracted by his surroundings today. I have to admit that I was taken by his friendly and outgoing personality.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (7)

“This was another class that presented a number of noteworthy entries.

What a pleasure to have difficulty making my picks!”

1. Nightingale Heart Of Gold, AW (Weeks) I did a bit of a double take when I noticed the lovely arch of neck on this 3 year old Blenheim, and realized that it was the same feature that got my attention when he was just a boy of 2.

Presented to perfection, he is solidly built with good balance, and his classic head was apparent as his eyes followed me with proper attentiveness. Very deserving of receiving an **AWARD OF MERIT.**

2. Nightingale Revolution (Cameron) Three and a half year old Blenheim of similar type to number one, with lovely dark eyes set well apart. He presents a great profile, and is quite the mover, with most of his strength coming from a well-made rear.

3. Briarcrest Best Dressed At Truelegance (Cromer/Van Luchene) Lots of silky coat on this 2 ½ year old Blenheim who showed me yet another attractive head. Solidly built, he was clean moving both coming and going.

4. Evera True Ethan Allen Miracle (True) Lots of promise on this one year old Blenheim of excellent type. With an elegant neck and gracefully sloping shoulders, he moves very well. Despite his youthful enthusiasm, it was a challenge to keep up with the seasoned boys in this class; I expect good things from him as he matures.

HEALTH AND CONFORMATION DOG (1)

1. Truelegance Pistols At Dawn, MP (Ogle) At over 8 years old, this Tricolor boy is a wonderful example of what our breed represents. His heavily marked coat was in excellent condition, and his magnificent ears provided the perfect frame for his expressive face, highlighted by captivating eyes. He moved

smoothly and happily, and was eminently deserving of the title **BEST HEALTH AND CONFORMATION IN SHOW.**

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (4)

1. Tudorr Return Of The Velvet Teddy Bear (Mixon) With the nicest outline in a class of exemplary Cavaliers, this 2 year old stood out from the time they made their entry into the ring. From a lovely masculine head, to a graceful yet strong neck, to his perfectly sloping shoulders, to his silky and well-pigmented coat, to his properly carried tail, he was impressive. On the move, his footfalls were as precise as the way he naturally placed them when he was stacked. A real contender for top honors, I hope to see more of this boy.

2. Falling Springs Just You Wait At Crownrose, JW, MP (Rosenberg) I found the head on this 2 year old as pleasing as that of number one, and his gorgeous dark eyes were captivating. His strong rear assembly propelled him around the ring with great aplomb, while he carried his tail perfectly as an extension of a solid topline. Another boy to watch.

3. Jayba Mr Mister, JW (Lander) Not yet 2 years of age, this boy has all of the elements of excellence. With a well-developed head and plenty of coat for his tender age, he smacks of excellence. Possibly just a bit off on this day, his nicely angulated front and rear did not allow him to carry his head and tail as well as the others. What potential when he puts all of those elements together!

4. Tassajara Laws Of Motion (Seidman) Nice to round out this top-quality class with a good-looking 2½ year old with charismatic eyes. Well balanced with all around strength, he was presented to perfection, and would likely have placed higher, if not for the stiff competition.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (2)

1. Pascavale Floyd (Cline) Lovely gentle expression on the plush head of this almost 2 year old with plenty of coat. His well let down hocks give him an attractive outline in profile, and his proper angulation adds to the appearance of balance as he moves with authority. Easy to name him **BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW.**

2. Falling Springs Ramblin Gamblin Man, JW, AW, MP (Curley) I love the size and proportions on this well-broken boy of almost 3, giving him a pleasing short-coupled look. With a strong front assembly and a solid topline, every step put his feet in exactly the right place, showing true movement coming and going. On this day, he seemed to be unsure of himself, but I suspect that if I had caught him in a more confident frame of mind, he would easily have won the class – and maybe more.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN DOG (2)

1. Sreya Brookhaven Finders Keepers (Ayers) What a wonderful example of excellence I found in this 2½ year old, a great representative of the Black and Tan. Beyond his handsome masculine head and rich pigmentation, he was very

well constructed. His exceptional shoulder layback – and turn of stifle to die for – allowed him to cover ground effectively.

2. Loranka's Limited Edition (Seidman) Another fine boy of a year and a half, who presented himself attractively with excellent type. While he was well angulated and carried his tail properly, he just could not match the reach and drive of number one in the class.

OPEN DOG (3)

1. Ch Dreamvale Gentleman Jack at Fieldsedge (Slusher) I've seen this 4 year old Black and Tan before, and I was aware of all of his physical attributes. But on this day, he was at the top of his game, taking charge of the ring from the moment he entered with a "here I come" attitude. His plush head was highlighted by expressive, dark, round eyes, complementing a silky coat with exquisite pigmentation. With lots of substance in a perfectly sized package, he had all of the right structural elements from front to rear. Going away, his legs moved imposingly in parallel planes, and he held a solid topline moving around, carrying his head proudly as his tail finished the profile. Having checked all the boxes, I was happy to award him **WINNERS DOG, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, AND BEST BLACK AND TAN IN SHOW.**

2. Ch Brookhaven Catching Fire, JW, AW (Ayers) So pleased to see another boy so close in quality to number one in this class! This Ruby of 2½ years is just as sound and solidly built as the other, with nice proportions and plenty of lustrous coat. I loved his gracefully arched neck, which allowed him to carry his head proudly at all times. Such a close second on this day, but eminently qualified to receive an **AWARD OF MERIT** and be named **BEST RUBY DOG.**

3. KB Pride Djaxxon's Dutch Master (Holman) Lots of coat and a pleasant expression on this lavish 3 year old Blenheim. Well put together, he carried his tail properly on the move, but he just didn't seem to be up to showing off his best stuff on this day.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (2)

1. Ch Bella Sogni Dolci De Amor (Weeks) At the tender age of 10 years, this charming Tricolor still shows the qualities of soundness I noticed when I last saw him a few years ago. It's sheer joy to see how he still can tear up the carpet as he glides happily around the ring with the reach and drive of a dog half his age. It was a pleasure – and an easy call – to bestow the title of **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW** on him.

2. Ch Royalmark Reminiscence at Camerona, VW (Cameron) Can't help but love the classic head on this 8 year old Blenheim, accented by well-pigmented

eyes and nose, and perfectly framed by his luxuriant ears. Possessing great strength for a senior, he drove well on the move.

BITCHES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (8)

1. Valentyne Notorious At Sunjays (Hellman/O'Brien) There are so many nice things to say about this 8 month old Blenheim, beginning with an attractive and well-developed head, featuring eyes that just ooze sumptuousness. She's got plenty of bone and musculature, allowing her to show a polished gait with plenty of extension and level tail carriage. Top it all off with a luxurious coat, and there's no question that she is deserving of being named **BEST PUPPY BITCH**.

2. ForestCreek Right Before Your Eyes (Sherman/Cline/Marshall) Similar in scale and coat quality to number one, this 9 month old Blenheim will undoubtedly develop into quite the competitor. She looked great in profile as she moved with ease, and her head is very appealing, but her textbook-perfect earset was to me the icing on the cake.

3. Falling Springs Crownrose Black Velvet (Rosenberg) Just a bit excited to be here today, this 7 month old Black and Tan has all the puzzle pieces that can be combined to one day earn her top honors. Well angulated in both front and rear, she is already starting to put it all together with solid movement. I was particularly struck by her silky coat and rich pigment, and her properly dark eyes and nose were the perfect accent to an inviting head.

4. TruElegance Sexy Sadie (Cromer) A lovely long and graceful neck on this well-broken Blenheim youngster of 8 months, leading into properly sloping shoulders. A bit longer cast than the others, she shows lots of promise to become a top mover as she matures.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. Brookhaven Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend (Gregory/Ayers) With a head type that called out to me from the moment she entered the ring, this well constructed nearly year-old Blenheim was an easy pick for first. Nice markings and a sweet and vibrant temperament rounded out the picture, as her strong rear propelled her around the ring with ease.

2. Closeburn Designed In Secret (Fairchild) This 9 month old gentle Blenheim girl was a close contender, with a profile accented by an elegant neck and properly laid back shoulders. She uses her strong front assembly effectively, and finishes off the picture with a perfectly carried tail.

3. Legendcrest Royal Scandal (Carnes) So nice to see dark, round eyes to accent the lovely head on this 9 month old Blenheim. She showed good balance when moving, and looked especially good on the approach.

4. Darane Otherworldly (Kates) With many of the winning qualities of her competitors in the class, this Blenheim of 10 months shows promise, but seemed a bit unsure of herself today. Her strong loin helped to propel her effectively, and she looked quite sound going away.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (8)

1. Almeara Shes So Fine, JW, MP (Whitmire) She is definitely fine enough to place first in a quality class. I loved the outline this 17 month old Blenheim beauty presented when she was stacked, and I was awestruck by her expression – eyes that called out, and perfectly set ears that simply flowed. Her well-angulated front and rear allowed her move efficiently, with legs traveling in parallel planes. I'd love to see her when she is fully mature.

2. Clarmarian Eclipse of the Heart (Young-May/Gogol) A pleasing head on this 16 month old Blenheim, supported by an elegant neck that leads seamlessly to nicely laid back shoulders. That strength in her front was evident as she was moving, looking very proper on the approach.

3. Tassajara Jalapeno Pepper (Seidman) At 17 months, this Blenheim girl has a well-developed rib cage, with a properly prominent prosternum. On the move, I was impressed by her precise footfalls, and by a level topline that extends to a well carried tail.

4. Promontory Here To Party (Solomon) A standout Tricolor in a sea of Blemheims, this 16 month old used her robust loin to propel herself with good balance, her tail wagging happily all the way. Her blanketed coat had a silky sheen, and it was easy to name her **BEST TRICOLOR BITCH.**

NOVICE BITCH (2)

1. Nightingale Cupcake (Mulligan) Although she still has some maturing to do, this Blenheim girl of 10 months presents a striking picture in the ring, with clean markings on a well-broken coat. She already moves smoothly with good balance, a solid topline, and excellent tail carriage.

2. Closeburn Fire Dancing (Fairchild) Sweet expression on this short-coupled 20 month old Tricolor. Her proper turn of stifle allows her to extend nicely from the rear, but she seemed just a bit overwhelmed to show her best stuff in the ring today.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (3)

1. Ch ForestCreek Sweet Soul at Hadara (Cline/Marshall/Koch) A striking profile on this plush Blenheim girl of almost 3 years, with a sweet and gentle expression on an exemplary Cavalier head. Solidly built, she drives straight and true going away, her happily wagging tail a fitting extension of a level topline.

2. Camerona Spitfire (Cameron) Three year old Blenheim with a pretty feminine expression, showing excellent proportions when stacked. She drove strongly from the rear as she navigated the ring with youthful exuberance.

3. Tassajara Some Bunny Loves Me, JW, MP (Seidman) The dark, round eyes on this not yet 2 year old Blenheim drew me in with their melting expression, and I loved the way her more than adequate ears framed her face perfectly. Her strong topline was evident when she moved.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (4)

1. Pinnaclee Baby Youre A Firework (Gregory/Ayers) What a sweet expression on this Black and Tan youngster of just 16 months. After I got past her striking eyes, I couldn't get over the classic outline she presented, highlighted by a full and graceful neck, a solid topline, and a lustrous coat. It all came together as this clean mover used her strength to pull in the ground, and I was happy to present her with an **AWARD OF MERIT** and name her **BEST BLACK AND TAN BITCH.**

2. ForestCreek Diamond Of The South (Cline/Marshall) At just 14 months, this well-balanced Blenheim girl was very close in quality to number one in the class. With a pleasing feminine head and a properly broken coat, her presentation helped to bring out the best in her. As she moved, I was impressed with the precision of her footfalls.

3. Clarmarian Be Still My Heart (McFarland/Young-May) Yet another precise mover in this strong 16 month old Blenheim, as she drove cleanly around the ring, holding a good topline all the way. Her dark eyes had an almost seductive quality as she showed her sweet temperament to me, and of course to her owner.

4. Krystle I Will Remember You (Torgersen) I suspect that I will indeed remember this well-broken 9 month old Blenheim baby. Lacking the seasoning and experience of her classmates, she was more interested in sniffing the floor and greeting me with her lovely eyes than showing off her physical attributes. There is good potential here as she matures.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (2)

1. Tudorr Gigi, JW (Mixon/Madden) A close contender for top honors, this 2½ year old drew me in with her gorgeous expression and deeply pigmented markings. Equally well-angulated front and rear, she covered ground smoothly and impressively as she glided around the ring with ease.

2. Fieldsedge Angels Flying Close (Slusher) At 17 months, this well-broken girl came close to matching the superior neck and shoulder layback of number one in the class. She still moved cleanly and with good balance, and presented a lovely correct outline when stacked.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (1)

1. Prada Vom Kaninchengarten (Land) Blanketed Tri girl with a sweet expression and a typically gregarious Cavalier personality. At just a year and a half, she is just getting acclimated to what is expected of her, and was hesitant when it came time to strut her stuff. With good proportions and a proper turn of stifle, I expect she will do better as she grows.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (2)

1. Granasil Florentine of Sumara, JW, AW, MP (Gentil) This 4 year old beauty took ownership of the ring as soon as she entered, and continued to impress as she checked off a lot of boxes. Dark, expressive eyes and a properly full muzzle highlighted the head, and her angulation was outstanding, especially in her front

assembly. Her strength allowed her to look especially sound going away, carrying her tail as a perfect extension of her topline. Proud to have given her an **AWARD OF MERIT** and named her **BEST RUBY IN SHOW**.

2. Huntland Ginger (Land) At just over 2 years, this girl still has some maturing to do, as she was a bit too excited to show her best movement today. With a well-muscled loin, good spring of rib, and a deep chest, she has the potential to show her soundness in the ring. I noticed signs of a deeper pigment coming in on her back, which will add to her appeal if it develops further.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN BITCH (1)

1. Azalearun Baileys Irish Cream (Taylor) A not quite one year old that just exudes potential, this little girl starts her attraction with a lovely head, accented by properly fixed round eyes, and an earset ripped right out of the Breed Standard. With excellent shoulder layback, and rear end angles to put balance into the picture, she will be one to watch.

OPEN BITCH (4)

“It was my pleasure and honor to have a class of this quality as the penultimate one of the day. No wonder that they were all in consideration for top honors, and that both bitch majors came out of this fabulous quartet.”

1. Ch Sorella Here Comes Chloe, JW, AW (Green) The perfectly pigmented eyes, nose, and lips on this stunning 2 year old Blenheim work well together to accent a classic feminine head, framed perfectly by her abundant ears. Her strong, muscular rear propelled her as she floated effortlessly around the ring, while she also demonstrated the best reach in this class. She manages to present the quintessential proportions and elegant nature we hope to see in a Cavalier, while maintaining excellent spring of rib and abundant muscle in the loin. She was perfectly presented by her breeder/owner, and it was easy to name her **WINNERS BITCH, BEST IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, AND BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW**.

2. Ch Forestcreek Buckle Bunny At Mimric, JW (Hodges/Perkins) It was a close call between this enchanting well broken 19 month old Blenheim and number one, as she too presented an ideal image when stacked, and absolutely mesmerized me by her expression, framed by perfectly set ears and highlighted by beguiling eyes. I enjoyed watching her precise legwork both coming and going, as she took good advantage of her plentiful strength. I was delighted to award her **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH**.

3. Ch Brookhaven Smarty Pants, JW, AW (Whitmire/Ayers) This 2 year old Blenheim was yet another from this class to be in contention for top honors. Well presented with plenty of feathering in all the right places, and a lovely feminine head, she too displayed impressive strength and appropriate balance. On another day, she could easily have won the class.

4. Falling Springs Shining Brightly (Curley) Two year old Blenheim who managed to round out an outstanding class with yet another stunning head featuring expressive eyes. Her robust and well-constructed rear allowed her to display superior drive as she moved away with perfection. Energetic and highly animated on this day, she could be in contention under other circumstances.

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (3)

1. Ch Madryn Port Royal, AW (Hasser) Gorgeous coat with plenty of feathering on this well-presented 9 year old Ruby who doesn't show much sign of her age. I couldn't believe that she still has what appears to be a full set of teeth – kudos to her owner! She moves like a youngster, with impressive reach out of the front, and a tail that is properly in constant motion.

2. Closeburn Bonny Wee Kilt (Fairchild) Close in quality to number one in the class, this spry Tricolor is due to gracefully turn 9 years of age within the next few weeks. She drives impressively well going away, and shows remarkably good balance, both standing and moving.

3. Krystle Star Quality (Torgersen) Classy Blenheim girl of nearly 9 years, with an extraordinarily well-muscled body for a senior. On the move, she tends to drive true, and – once she gets moving – places her feet with precision in all the right places.

VETERAN DOG (2)

1. Ch Bella Sogni Dolci De Amor (Weeks) Critiqued above in Senior Open Dog Class.

2. Almeara Visionnaire (Utych/Whitmire) This solidly built Blenheim boy of almost 9 years moves extremely well, with an energy that belies his age. His well laid-back shoulders and superior rear angulation work together to allow him to cover ground with authority.

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