

## CAVALIERS OF THE MIDWEST

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I was delighted after a two year wait to finally be able to travel across the pond and judge for the CMW. Congratulations to the show chairs and their team it really was a lovely weekend, the ballroom looked lovely and the rosettes were fabulous, I know how much hard work goes into arranging shows – a huge thank you to everybody behind the scenes.

As judges we all judge to the breed standard through our own eyes but obviously see it slightly differently – when I judge I look for an elegant free moving toy spaniel with a gentle expression which isn't extreme in any areas and thankfully today I found many! Bitches overall as in previous years were of a higher quality than the boys and in some classes I was splitting hairs right down the line. I was however thrilled with my shortlist of boys and would have happily awarded any of them Winners Dog.

Concerns - There were a few domed heads and short stops which are not correct, please read the breed standard. A short stop completely changes a cavalier's expression. Tail carriage in a few were high as well. In some cases, it was a compromise, not being keen on one thing but the dog having other qualities that outweighed its negatives.

There isn't a perfect dog but I was beyond thrilled with my main winners at the end of the day – congratulations to you all!

*Elaine Berwick*

### JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN HERE COMES THE SON** (Wells) A nice start to the day with this raw blen baby. 5 months old. He has a gentle expression, clear muzzle, well-marked and a rich colour. Good spring of rib and moved well around the ring. Shown in lovely condition, a promising baby. **BEST PUPPY DOG**

### GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (3)

- 1) **SERAPHAVEN CLARMARIAN QUINTESSENTIAL CLASSIC** (May/Gogol) Blenheim boy with the desired lozenge, he has the most lovely eyes. Richly marked and in good coat. Gentle expression. Lovely neck and shoulder placement. Moved well around the ring, a promising youngster.
- 2) **GRANASIL STRUDEL OF SUMARA JW** (Gentil) B/T of nice size. He has a gentle expression and dark eyes, good length of muzzle. Level topline which he held well on the move. He moved steadily around the ring. Tended to fly his tail on the move.
- 3) **TUDORR RETURN OF THE VELVET TEDDY BEAR** (Mixon/Mixon) Well marked richly coloured blen of 14 months of age. Stronger in head than those above. He has dark eyes and good pigment. He moved well around the ring.

### BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (4) – **“Lovely class of boys, all blenheims.”**

- 1) **CH CHADWICK PURSUIT OF PERFECTION, JW** (Eckersley) I gave his mother BIS when I judged the National weekend in 2017 and she has passed on many of her attributes to this Blenheim. He has a lovely expression, dark eyes, good ear placement. Lovely topline

and good spring of rib. He moved very well around the ring and holds your attention on the move. He sired my winners dog and ran him very close for the top award. I was thrilled to award him a richly deserved **RESERVE WINNERS DOG**

- 2) **ORCHARDHILL AUTHENTIC II** (Venier/Venier) Another eye-catching blen boy. He is well marked. Dark eyes framed by well set ears, clear muzzle. Correct amount of bone. He moved very well around the ring using his hindquarters to advantage. Level topline and correct tail placement. Shown in beautiful condition.
- 3) **CH NIGHTINGALE WIPEOUT, JW, AW** (Mulligan) Another gorgeous boy, very close to second. He is more lightly marked. Lovely gentle expression, dark eyes excellent pigment. Good reach of neck going onto level topline. He moved well around the ring.
- 4) **TASSAJARA LAWS OF MOTION** (Seidman-McDonnell/Seidman) The youngest of the class. Slightly longer cast than those above. He is well marked, coat of a nice texture. Very attentive to his handler. Moved steadily around the ring.

#### **JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG** (1)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN NUMBER NINE DREAM OF FINNICKYSKYE** (Utych/Utych) Richly marked blen, Good bone, dark eyes, with maturity he should fill out more in his head. He moved steadily around the ring.

#### **AMERICAN BRED DOG** (2)

- 1) **NIGHTINGALE HEART OF GOLD** (Weeks/Weeks) Exuberant blen boy totally in tune with his handler. When he entered the ring he catches your eye with his ring presence. Well-marked with lozenge. He has a gentle expression and lovely eyes. Good bone, level topline and good spring of rib. Moved well both ways.
- 2) **ORCHARDHILL AUSPICIOUS AT TUDORR, JW** (Mixon/Mixon) Another well marked rich coloured blen, Dark eyes, lovely neck and shoulders. Level topline.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG** (4)

- 1) **ORCHARDHILL NEWS TO ME** (Venier/Venier) There is so much to like about this blen boy, very typical of his breeding. He has the most lovely eyes, clear muzzle and excellent pigmentation. Correct bone for his size. Well-marked and beautifully presented. He moved effortlessly around the ring. Delighted to award him **AOM2**
- 2) **NIGHTINGALE LET IT BE** (Mulligan) Pushed first all the way, another attractive blen clear muzzle, good ear placement, level topline and good spring of rib. Moved well both ways, a lovely example of the breed.
- 3) **FORESTCREEK I'M THE MAN** (Cline/Cline/Cline) Heavily coated blen extremely long ear feathers, slightly shorter in muzzle than those above and not quite as settled on the move.
- 4) **FOXWYN FINE YOUNG GENT** (Guzy/Fox) Well marked blen with rich colour, slightly longer cast than those above. He carried his head well on the move and was presented well.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG** (2)

- 1) **FALLING SPRINGS RAMBLIN GAMBLIN MAN, JW** (Curley) I loved the shape and outline of this tri boy. He is well marked. His head is just what I would want in a tri colour loved his gentle expression and his dark eyes. You wouldn't want him any smaller but he is

all in proportion. Level topline which he held well on the move. He just needs to settle down with his front movement. **BEST TRICOLOUR DOG.**

- 2) **CHADWICK BUGATTI AT HUDSONVIEW** (Glynn/Glynn) Completely different type to first. He is also very well marked, tan in all the right places. Moved steadily around the ring, with a level topline. He was very attentive to his handler.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG** (1)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN CATCHING FIRE, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Smart ruby of just over two years. I liked his size and shape. He is a nice rich colour. Good ear placement, dark eyes and good pigment. He moved with plenty of drive and held his topline well on the move. Pleased to award him **BEST RUBY IN SHOW.**

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK & TAN DOG** (1)

- 1) **SREYA BROOKHAVEN FINDERS KEEPERS** (Ayers) Busy black and tan whose expression was lovely to look at. He has a gentle expression and good length of muzzle, excellent pigment. Shown in lovely condition, good spring of rib and level topline. Happy to award him **BEST BLACK AND TAN IN SHOW**

#### **OPEN DOG** (5) **“Lovely class.”**

- 1) **CH. CHADWICK HOT PURSUIT AT HUDSONVIEW, JW** (Glynn/Glynn) This boy caught my eye on his first walkaround. On the table he had the most gentle expression, dark eyes, good pigment and well framed correctly placed ears. He moved beautifully around the ring using his hindquarters to advantage. He had such a happy temperament and everytime I looked at him if he wasn't on his back legs he was standing four square! An exciting prospect and one whose show career I will follow with interest. He is sired by my Reserve Winners Dog who pushed him all the way. I was thrilled to award him **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, WINNERS DOG, BEST OPPOSITE SEX**
- 2) **CH & ENG CH PASCAVALE HAIDEN, AW** (Cline) I judged Haiden as a minor puppy at his first ch show in the UK. He was a raw baby then showing much promise and has reached that promise and beyond. He has a handsome head with dark eyes and excellent pigment. Good shoulder placement. He has the most lovely head carriage and moved around the ring covering the ground with ease with correct tail carriage. He is richly marked with huge ears. Delighted to award him **AOMI**
- 3) **CH ELLEMICH THE HUNTSMAN** (Wells/Chapman/Ireland/Schrank) Heavier coat richly marked blen. He has dark eyes, excellent pigment. A level topline and good spring of rib. Moved steadily around the ring.
- 4) **ORCHARDHILL THEATER KID AT KINGDOMRUN, JW** (Mixon/Degen) Gentle headed blen boy, with dark eyes and good pigment. Good shoulder placement he was longer cast than those above.

#### **SENIOR OPEN DOG** (1)

- 1) **CH BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNICKYSKYE** (Utych/Utych) Nearly 7 years old. I have judged this boy before. Very smart blen, he is an ideal size and shape. Gentle expression dark eyes head framed by his well feathered ears. Level topline which he held well on move.

## **BITCHES**

### **JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (8) “A lovely start to the afternoon a promising class of babies, I was literally splitting hairs between them.”**

- 1) **ALMEARA SHES SO FINE** (Whitmire) Sassy Blenheim baby. Showing so much promise. Loved her size and shape, good bone. Gentle expression, dark eyes, good pigment. Level topline held well on the move. Very exciting baby will follow her with interest.
- 2) **CLARMARIAN ECLIPSE OF THE HEART** (Young-May/Gogol) Another promising blen baby. Super size, well marked, pretty head. Level topline which she held well both standing and on the move. Litter sister to BPIS, what a promising pair!
- 3) **CHADWICK MASQUERADE** (Eckersley) Another lovely blen, looked more babyish than those above. She also shows lots of promise. Well-marked, good bone, moved very steadily around the ring. Excellent pigment.
- 4) **ROYALMARK GOLDEN GIRL AT NIGHTINGALE** (Mulligan) First word in my notes says ‘Eyes!’ Definitely one of the prettiest heads of the day. She is more lightly marked than those above. Lovely shape, good neck and shoulders, moved well around the ring.

### **SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)**

- 1) **NIGHTINGALE MAKIN TROUBLE** (Mulligan) Well marked blen, I loved her size, just right amount of bone. She has a pretty head, excellent pigment dark eyes. Her coat is well broken and in lovely condition. She moved well around the ring and used her hindquarters to advantage. Good front and shoulder placement – very promising.
- 2) **LOWILANI SEW TO SPEAK** (Brokopp) Blen, slightly longer cast than above with lots to like. Excellent pigment dark eyes, good ear placement. Very attentive to her handler on the move. Good bone. Happy girl.
- 3) **HARANA HARVEST MOON OF FINNICKYSKYE** (Utych/Utych) Heavier marked blen. She has a pretty head, correct amount of bone for her size, level topline which she held well. She moved very steadily. She has a nice outline but doesn’t want to be carrying any more weight.

### **GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (2)**

- 1) **FALLING SPRINGS SHINING BRIGHTLY** (Curley) Lots to like about this blen. She has a gentle expression and good outline. Level topline and good neck and shoulders, good spring of rib. She moved well and held your attention on the move. Another promising youngster.
- 2) **MANORHOUSE LIKE A LADY** (Orns/McCaslin) Slightly lighter marked blen with lozenge. Good pigment. She held her head well on the move. Happy girl.

### **BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (1)**

- 1) **CH CROWNHEIR HALLELUJAH** (Fadel) An eye-catching Blenheim girl of 2 years. She is very typical of her breeding. Nice head, excellent pigment, clear muzzle she has the desired lozenge. Beautifully marked and shown in lovely condition. Her owner brings out the best in her and she is difficult to overlook. Moved very well around the ring. A lovely example of the breed. Just needs an eye kept on her weight she doesn’t want to carry a

single more ounce – She ran the winners bitch very close I was delighted to award her  
**RESERVE WINNERS BITCH**

**JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH** (8) “A fabulous class of girls, these are our future and what a future it can be with quality like this. I was literally splitting hairs between all four.”

- 1) **CLARMARIAN AFFAIRS OF THE HEART** (Young-May/McFarland) What a promising baby! 7 months old and exactly where she should be maturity wise. Dear little blen with the sweetest face, dark eyes, good pigment. She is well marked and her coat was a lovely texture. Right amount of bone. She moved very steadily around the ring. So typical of her breeding. Her sister was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Puppy. I would happily of popped her into my suitcase. Delighted to award her **BEST PUPPY BITCH AND BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**
- 2) **TASSAJARA SOME BUNNY LOVES ME** (Seidman/Seidman-McDonnell) Another exceedingly pretty blen with the blackest of pigment. She is an ideal size and a nice shape. She moved very steadily around the ring. Lots to like about her, one to watch.
- 3) **ORCHARDHILL CHARM OFFENSIVE** (Venier/Venier) Another blen of 9 months, slightly more mature than the two above. Most beautiful eyes. Fabulous neck and shoulder placement, she held her topline well on the move. She has good bone. Was beautifully presented and a lovely rich colour.
- 4) **ALMEARA SHES THE ONE** (Whitmire) The most lightly marked of the four and the winner of the waggiest tail. What a happy little soul. Loved her head and dark eyes, clear muzzle and pigment. She had just the right amount of bone for her size. Moved confidently around the ring, another exciting prospect.

**AMERICAN BRED BITCH BITCH** (4)

- 1) **FIELDSEGE ROISIN OF KENTUCKY** (McCulloch/McCulloch) Lighter marked blen with beautiful eyes! Good pigment and ear placement. She has a lovely outline both on the table and on the move. Good neck and shoulders. She moved very steadily around the ring. Sympathetically handled, a promising youngster.
- 2) **ALTHOF RAIN OR SHINE** (Storey) Different type to above. Richly marked blen. Good ear placement, very long leathers. Level topline and good tail placement. Moved well around the ring, excellent hind movement.
- 3) **TUDORR GIGI, JW** (Mixon/Madden) Shown well. Slightly heavier in head than those above. She has lovely dark eyes and good pigment. A rich colour. Good spring of rib and level topline.
- 4) **BROOKHAVEN MORE THAN SMART** (Ayers/Martz/Anderson) Another blen, longer cast than those above. She has a lovely neck and shoulder placement. Moved steadily around the ring.

**SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH** (3)

- 1) **SORELLA BROOKHAVEN TRINITY, JW** (Ayers) So much to like about this Blenheim. Gentle expression with dark eyes and good pigment. She's a nice size and shape. Good reach of neck and level topline held well on the move. She lacked a bit of enthusiasm on the move, but cant be overlooked, an asset to any kennel.

- 2) **RIVERWYN SIKELEI BLOWING IN THE WIND** (Nel/Pivovar) Well marked Blenheim, her coat was in lovely condition. Pretty head with dark eyes and good pigment. Lovely neck and level topline which she held well on the move. Couldn't match one for movement.
- 3) **MAGNOLIA RUN LIGHTENING STRIKE** (Guz) I liked the size and shape of this blen. Another one with a gentle expression Good ear placement. Good reach of neck. Made a trio all with a lozenge!

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH** (1)

- 1) **CH CHADWICK ROULETTE JW** (Eckersley/Reed) Well marked tricolour with fabulous tan in all the right places. She has lovely eyes and soft expression. Just the right amount of bone for her size. Level topline and good tail carriage. She moved well around the ring and was very attentive to her handler. Delighted to award her best tricolour bitch, best tricolour in show and AOM1.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH** (1)

- 1) **GRANASIL FLORENTINE OF SUMARA, JW, MP** (Gentil) Richly coloured. Flat skull and good ear placement, dark pigment. Good spring of rib. Moved steadily around the ring.

#### **OPEN BITCH** (3) **“All three are lovely examples of the breed, I was spoilt for choice.”**

- 1) **CH SORELLA HERE COMES CHLOE, JW, AW** (Green) I gave her father Winners Dog when I judged at the National weekend in 2017 and as they say the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. In my mind's eye if I was imagining my ideal cavalier Chloe would come very close. She oozes breed type. She is on the smaller side but is in no way twee. Beautiful head with the darkest of eyes. Elegant neck, level topline and good tail carriage. She moves around the ring effortlessly on a loose lead with the most wonderful head carriage. A delight to watch. She was presented to perfection. Going around the ring for BIS along with the winners dog they filled my heart with joy – two stunning examples of the breed. I was more than happy to award her **BEST IN SHOW, WINNERS BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR, BEST AMERICAN BRED, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW**
- 2) **CH ORCHARDHILL PRETTY CLOSE, AW** (Venier/Venier) She has the most lovely head, dark eyes and good pigment clear muzzle. Good neck and shoulders going onto a level topline with good spring of rib. Slightly longer than above but with so many attributes I was more than pleased to award her **AOM2**
- 3) **BROOKHAVEN SMARTY PANTS, JW** (Whitmire/Ayers) The baby of the class not quite 18 months, she is lovely so much to offer. Head to die for and gorgeous eyes. She is well marked with good spring of rib. She moved very well around the ring with lots of confidence. I am sure these three will change places many times.

#### **VETERAN DOG** (2)

- 1) **CH BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR, VW** (Weeks/Weeks) 9 year old tricolour boy who could easily show some of the youngsters how to move! He is well marked, good tan. Nice head and ear placement. Moved around the ring like he owed it and so in tune with his owner it was lovely to see. All the veterans here today were lovely ambassadors for the breed.

- 2) **CH BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNICKYSKYE, AW**  
(Utych/Utych) previously placed in Senior Open Dog

**VETERAN BITCH** (2) **“Oh my word, both of these girls were just lovely, how proud their owners should be of them.”**

- 1) **CH. CHADWICK LEURA, JW** (Eckersley) Just nine years old and how fabulous she was! Lovely blen, soft expression, lovely dark eyes. She is well marked and was in excellent coat. Moved so well around the ring. Given a run for her money by Moonshine, but her joie de vivre won her Best Veteran in Show and Best Veteran Bitch
- 2) **CH PINECREST MOONSHINE AT MARKLEY** (Storey) 11 year old Blenheim lady and what a lady she was. Such a beautiful expression, with soulful eyes. She is well marked. Moved well around the ring. Pulled hard on my heartstrings – she’s lovely.