

**CAVALIERS OF THE WEST  
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Always a delight to come to the USA and judge at the CKCSC USA shows. I always respect the great effort put in by the organizers to make the weekend as enjoyable as possible for the exhibitors, dogs and judges. Serving on a committee myself, I realize a show does not just happen and a huge thank you to the Cavaliers of the West for all that they do. It was my first-time visiting Colorado, and I was so looking forward to judging the dogs then seeing more of this beautiful part of your country. Sadly, that wasn't meant to be as shortly after I judged, the next day, I fell foul of the Covid 19 virus and was laid low for the remainder of my trip. Fortunately, I recovered after six days and was able to fly home feeling much better. I owe so much to Ted and Mary Grace Eubank and Dr Bruce Henry for coming to my rescue and did everything possible to get me back on my feet. Feeling 'normal' again and thinking I shall have to put Colorado back on my bucket list for another time in the near future.

It is a shame that all over the globe show entries are diminishing...we all see it happening. 36 Cavaliers entered might have been a small number competing, but I can honestly say they weren't a disappointment in the least. Almost every class held dogs who would have been able to hold their own against high numbers. My top puppy, dog and bitch would win in strong competition anywhere. I couldn't fail to notice that when writing my critique there were no fewer than six Ch Brookhaven Here Comes Hogan JW progeny placed highly. This deserves a mention...so nice that his excellence lives on through his children.

Thank you for the opportunity to judge. I will remember this trip for a variety of reasons.

*Norma Inglis*

## **DOGS**

### **JUNIOR PUPPY DOG** (3) “Three youngsters all at different stages of their development.”

- 1) **KENDALL KASTLE LOVE IS IN THE HEIR** (Ogle) The first to be judged and what a lovely Blenheim puppy. It was his balance that first caught my eye and his posture was such that he went around the ring proudly showing off his classic outline. Blanket markings, so not as well broken as some, but his chestnut coat was vibrant and only served to highlight his fluid outline. Great angles that allowed him good reach and drive. Tidy tail carriage. A handsome head with flat skull, black pigment and correct dentition. His head is still that of a baby and at this stage has plenty of scope to bloom and develop. When he came back in for the Challenge my eye was drawn to his correctness. Although only 8 months old he saw off the competition of his more mature rivals to not only win **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW** but **RESERVE WINNERS DOG**. The future looks bright for this rising star. Loved the reaction of his owner. Shell shocked comes to mind.
- 2) **FORESTCREEK PIANO** (Cline) This little Blenheim had a lovely personality. On the table he got up close and personal and nothing was fazing him. Loved his size and he looked very glamorous in his fluffy, baby coat which was beautifully broken and very soft to the touch. Neatly made with short back and firm topline. Ring procedure went out the window at times when his exuberance took over but his handler allowed his fun side

to shine. Sweet expression, marginally softer than winners at this point, and he pushed hard for top place. Should do well as he grows up.

- 3) **MINGCHEN YUKON RIVER AT HIGH FLIGHT** (Parris) The baby of the group and it showed. Only 6 and half months so needs lots of time to come together and had to be content with 3rd on this outing. A decent size but more bone would be preferred. In his favour, he had the richest chestnut coat, dark eyes and correct dentition. Out moved by 1 and 2. With maturity hopefully the shortcomings that can accompany this age will sort themselves out.

#### **GRADUATE PUPPY DOG** (2)

- 1) **INTRYNZIK LOLLIEGAG** (Goodwin) The first of several Intrynziks who were shown today and they all gave a good account of themselves. This one a stylish Blenheim boy of 13 months. Looked good on the initial go around and he didn't disappoint on the table. Handsome head, good eyes, flat skull all added up to an appealing face. His coat was nicely marked and felt silk like. Such a sound rear and his outline showed neck shoulders topline and tail all smoothly blended. Sensible temperament and he did all that was asked of him. One to watch.
- 2) **GRANASIL STRUDEL OF SUMARA JW** (Gentil) Black and Tan boy who seemed a bit out of sorts. His ears were down and his mind wasn't on the job in hand. A shame as he threw his chances. At 17 months of age he satisfied for size, short back and his raven black coat gleamed. Good looking boy with head properties that appealed and he moved reasonably well. Wondering if his hormones were raging as his tail was full mast.

#### **AMERICAN BRED DOG** (5)

- 1) **NIGHTINGALE HEART OF GOLD** (Weeks) Tidy little Blenheim with lots of joie de vivre who made me smile. He was a little unsettled when he came into the ring and raced around like he had a train to catch. As the class progressed and his handler relaxed he showed me he was worth considering. Super size and very handsome in head that even sported a lozenge. Large dark eyes. Dense pigment. When not racing he showed he was capable of a controlled accurate gait keeping a firm level topline and nice tail carriage. When he came back into the challenge his over exuberance had evaporated somewhat and he and his handler put on a good show and he fully deserved an **AWARD OF MERIT**.
- 2) **NIGHTHAWK GAME CHANGER** (Crail/Mitchell) Lots of glamour on show here. This 2 year old Blenheim boy had a wealth of rich chestnut and white coat and was presented in first class order. A size up from winner, whose size I preferred, but he has lots of style and looked good in action, moving accurately keeping an enviable outline. Not quite the head properties I was seeking but he will always merit a second look.
- 3) **FORESTCREEK JAZZFEST** (Cline) This Blenheim boy did himself no favours and scuppered his chances. Initially thought him my winner but he refused to cooperate with his handler on the move. He pulled in every direction. Such a pity as he had so much I was looking for. Size, colouring, construction, attractive head, level topline, correct tail. Worth spending time on as he just needed his energy channeled in the right direction.
- 4) **ORCHARDHILL AUSPICIOUS AT TUDORR JW** (Mixon) In his birthday suit although I don't think it was his birthday but he was very jolly. Up against it in this class as the others were all shown in lush coat. An honest Blenheim who had lots to like and

his plus points far outweighed this, hopefully temporary, lack of clothes. Coat colour good, nice size and decent mover. Also a bit lean over the loins. Will have better days I'm sure.

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

- 1) **FORESTCREEK I'M THE MAN** (Cline) Little Blenheim who had style and is very typical of the dogs who bear this affix. A small, neatly made boy who had good bone and plenty of substance and he carried a quality coat that was of the correct texture. Expressive eyes set in a head that appealed and framed by long, well set ears. Good angles front and rear. He was happy but dropped his tail from time to time. Perhaps not with his usual handler confused him. But he impressed.

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

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN CATCHING FIRE JW** (Ayers/Martz) A busy little dog with lots of pzazz. Looked good in his rich red coat and his dark eyes and black nose pigmentation added to the attractive picture. Excellent teeth. Scored for rear movement really pushing off his hocks. Short backed. A tad deeper in stop than my top winners. Feel his best is still to come when he will be a force. He was on fire and deserving of an **AWARD OF MERIT** and **BEST RUBY IN SHOW**

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT B/T DOG (1)**

- 1) **INTRYZIK SAUVIGNON** (Goodwin/Cook) Sensible 3 year old presented in lovely coat and condition. All my comments were positive. His size appealed as did his handsome head properties. Mellow eyes. Long ears. Moved well fore and aft and he held a firm topline. He had no glaring faults but on the other side of the coin no one characteristic outshone another. **BEST BLACK/TAN IN SHOW**

#### **OPEN DOG (2) "Two lovely boys."**

- 1) **CH & ENG CH PASCAVALE HAIDEN AW** (Cline) I didn't recognise this handsome Blenheim as it had been three years since I last observed him from the ringside as a young junior showing in the UK. Today at almost four he had matured into a stunning adult. The head was masculine with no hint of coarseness. Gentle dark eyes, plenty of cushioning and a neat lip finish. Shown in full coat that was richly coloured and groomed to perfection. The elegance, balance and free flowing movement he displayed as a youngster was still there. A dog you could watch all day...he moves in one piece and makes it seem effortless. A toy spaniel of the correct size with super bone. When considering all the dogs in the Challenge...this for me was the full package. Could not see past him for **WINNERS DOG, BEST BLENHEIM DOG, BEST OPPOSITE, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**. In the Best in Show face off he seemed a little tired whereas the Bitch was like the energiser bunny. They gave me chills to see them together. The Best of the Best. Such a privilege to judge.
- 2) **FORESTCREEK MAJOR TOM JW** (Cline) Ground control to Major Tom...you really made the grade. This tasty Blenheim was at a slight disadvantage being distracted by his owner handling the other dog. Moving he kept pulling and made it difficult to assess his movement. I asked owner to take over for a quick up and down and round the

ring and hey presto I saw what I suspected.....he could move! A good looking boy who looked every inch the pin up in his lush Blenheim coat. Lovely eyes, correct in shape size and shade of brown. In his prime at two years old and a worthy champion. A touch longer in back than 1 whose impressive footfall was hard to get past.

**BITCHES** “I would have liked to have seen more quality coming through these first two classes.”

**JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH** (1)

- 1) **INTRYNZIK VAUGHN THIBAULT** (Thibault/Goodwin) 5-9 months of age sees such a lot of development and this 6 months Blenheim baby was very raw. She was quite biddable and allowed me to go over her on the table and I found a sweet face with good eyes and dense pigmentation. High set ears which she used to advantage. Her markings are textbook with well broken chestnut on pearly white. Went up and down reasonably well but her profile in circling the ring disappointed and her tail was flying high. Found her light in bone and her construction fell below what I would want in a puppy with promise.

**SENIOR PUPPY BITCH** (1)

- 1) **EVERA TRUE GEORGIA ON MY MIND** (Fulbright) A pretty Blenheim who was going to be 12 months in a couple of days, so just made this class. Maturing slowly and she looked much younger. Scored for rich chestnut colouring and her coat condition was admirable. Neat body shape but lacked posture on the move making her difficult to assess. Needs to gain some confidence to compete in earnest as she was unsure of what was required. Liked her eyes and pigment. **BEST PUPPY BITCH.**

**GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH** (2)

- 1) **CHADWICK HALO SPOT AT INTRYNZIK** (Goodwin) Angelic name but such a naughty girl and this only added to her appeal. Full of self belief and she kept drawing my attention and eventually reeled me in. Just the right mix of ingredients I was looking for....super size, feminine outlook, dark round eyes, well marked Blenheim coat with good colouring. Impressed on the move holding a level topline and tidy tail. At 13 months I am sure she has a rosy future. Exciting prospect. She came back into the challenge with more composure and I was happy to reward her with an **AWARD OF MERIT**
- 2) **STARMARC BLUE LAGOON** (Hooper) Tricolours...cosmetically the toughest colour to breed. Three colours to juggle and try to get strategically placed. This sweet tricolour was blessed with good looks. Beautifully marked coat and a feminine face. Gentle expression with dark eyes and correct ear set. A sweet natured girl with pleasing ring manners. Just preferred winners outline of neck, shoulders, topline and tailset. **BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW**

**BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH** (1)

- 1) **CH INTRYNZIK DANCED ALL NIGHT** (Goodwin) Well named from My Fair Lady. A bubbly Ruby girl with a sweet face. Eyes, stop, ear set all conformed. Fitted in well to

my lineup as she has much to admire. Stood presenting a fluid outline of neck, shoulders, topline and tailset. Covered the ground accurately. Ultra feminine **BEST RUBY BITCH**

**JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH** (2) “A hard decision between these two as their strengths lay in different areas.”

- 1) **TASSAJARA SOME BUNNY LOVES ME** (Seidman/Seidman-McDonnell) Who doesn't like a pretty face? A real sweetheart with fabulous eyes and a delicious expression. Good balance of skull to muzzle and plenty of filling below the eyes. Flat skull. Correct length of muzzle. Petite and the overall picture was easy on the eye and ultra feminine. Flicking up her front feet initially but this was corrected by moving at a slower pace. Front and rear angles matched and she excelled in topline and correct tail set. **AWARD OF MERIT**
- 2) **AUTUMNHILL I LOVE TROUBLE** (Parente) Sound moving Blenheim of 17 months who took my eye in her well marked Blenheim coat. You could see how happy she was and she stood showing willingly and presented a clean outline. Just had a tendency on occasion to slacken off and dip her topline. Slightly bigger than 1 and a touch longer but definitely more consistent in her movement. The ultimate breed type and more delicious expression of winner had the edge and a case of 'heads you win'.

**AMERICAN BRED BITCH** (4) “Weight was an issue for some in this class...but it doesn't need to be a permanent setback.”

- 1) **NIGHTHAWK GOIN BACK TO CALI** (Morigi/Mitchell) Comfortable winner of this class. A striking Blenheim who felt good on the table with all her parts fitting nicely together. Classic head. Long ears set high, flat skull, shallow stop. Good outlook came from correct eyes. Presented in pristine condition and her chestnut markings had great depth of colour. Such a fluid mover with firm topline and tidy tail. When she stopped, her feet fell naturally into place and she stood presenting a crisp outline. I see she is half sister to my Best Bitch and shares Hogan as a sire. No surprise that she appealed and so won **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH**
- 2) **COBRNIK WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD** (Cook) An honest Black/Tan who had the outline that appealed. A lovely sheen to her coat and her black was black and her tan points bright. She seemed happy enough but did just enough to get by and was a little sluggish in her movement. Owner might interact more with her to spark her up. Maybe she was simply tired. Travelling is hard on humans, guess dogs feel it too.
- 3) **CHIYODA JUST MY CUP OF TEA OF GLENELLEN** (Murphy) Loved the face features of this very pretty Blenheim. Has all that is needed to make the gentle expression that is sought after. Felt her a bit heavy and this showed in her movement. She had a rolling gait caused by carrying excess pounds. Lockdown was unkind to both humans and dogs in this respect and I speak through experience. Coat had the required distribution of chestnut and white and she was turned out immaculately. Slimmed down I feel she might do better.
- 4) **FORESTCREEK IMAGINE ME** (Cline/Brady) Face of an angel but carrying way too much weight. I could see food was her passion but she would look so much better streamlined and losing the rolls of fat on her neck and shoulders. She waddled around the

ring. Her well marked Blenheim coat could be richer and needs more attention in smoothing. A very pretty girl whose face is her fortune.

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

- 1) **SORELLA BROOKHAVEN TRINITY JW** (Ayers) Another Hogan daughter. A cheery 2 year old Bleheim. Has a very pretty face and with her text book markings and lovely breed type she will never be overlooked. But her good looks are only part of her charm. Stands wagging and willingly displays an outline that fits the standard. Decent upper arm and neck, shoulders, backline and rear angulation are all as required. Free mover. A1 coat condition.
- 2) **CHIYODA ANGELS DREAM** (Lemon) Satisfying Blenheim who fulfilled almost all the requirements needed. Pretty, nice size, friendly, complimentary markings, well made, good mover. Attention needed in grooming to flatten the unruly fluffy hair on her neck and shoulders. This made her appear stuffy and pegged her back.
- 3) **SHERAH PERFECTLY WICKED** (Crommett) Glorious depth of colour on this girl. Rich chestnut that was bright and looked good against the pearly white background of her coat. Neatly made and she kept a good outline on the move. Thought the balance of height to length on those above was better. Quite eye-catching.
- 4) **BENCHMARK YOURS TRULY** (Hoorman) What beautiful eyes this girl had. The softness of her expression appealed, and her nature was every bit as cordial. Flat skull. Reachy neck. Good depth of Blenheim colouring. Rangier than my ideal but a sweet girl.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH** (2)

- 1) **INTRYNZIK HOCUS POCUS** (Goodwin) Liked the gentle face of this 18 months old. She looked quite immature and carried little coat as yet. Unexaggerated in head and her eyes were round and dark and her nose pigment strong. Feel in 6 months she will look more the part. But today she had nothing to hide and her excellent crisp outline, topline and tailset were admirable. Decent mover. Just needs time. Preferred her elegance to 2.
- 2) **GRANASIL FLORENTINE OF SUMARA JW MP** (Gentil) The two rubies in this class were quite different. This 3-year-old girl had the maturity and finish and was showy and stepped out with confidence. Eyes were dark and very expressive. Head was stronger than winner and she had a tendency to slouch when standing thereby losing her topline. A friendly soul who willingly welcomed my table assessment indicating her typical Cavalier nature.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT B/T BITCH** (1)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN FIDDLE-DEE-DEE AT BEARIVER** (Toepfer/Ayers/Martz) I liked this 4 year old with the chewed ear. Haven't we all been there? Looking beyond that is an honest Black/Tan who stood up to close scrutiny. Very feminine face features with dark eyes. She was good on the move. Lovely breed type and seeing her breeding you can see the positive particolour traits. Nothing overdone, especially in head. A wagger and super friendly. ***BEST BLACK/TAN BITCH***

**OPEN BITCH** (3) “Three Champion bitches who all had what makes our breed so special. Whilst the class was small in numbers it more than made up for in quality.”

- 1) **CH SORELLA HERE COMES CHLOE JW** (Green) After judging for over 4 decades how satisfying it is to still get a tingle when certain Cavaliers are presented. Here was my star of the day. A Hogan daughter. My first comment when writing my notes was WOW. A delicious little Blenheim who pulled out all the stops and gave a glittering performance. Just my cup of tea...small, feminine, effervescent, perfectly balanced. Has a beautiful face that will always open doors but she is more than just a pretty face. She moved around the ring with proud head carriage displaying an outline that was enviable. Accurate mover and she was in full coat that gleamed. How could I deny her.....**WINNERS BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM, BEST AMERICAN BRED, BEST BRED BY** and the jewel in the crown **BEST IN SHOW**. It was a privilege to judge her.
- 2) **CH FORESTCREEK VIVIAN JW** (Cline/Marshall) Smashing Blenheim who scores for breed type and her condition was exemplary. If anyone wants to see how to present dogs in tip top condition look no further. Her coat gleamed with well being. Initially she was moved way too fast and her movement suffered. It was erratic. When asked to slow the pace it improved greatly and was to her advantage. Handler needs to keep this in mind. A pretty bitch who was unlucky to meet 1 on such good form.
- 3) **CH ANGEL'S PRIDE KATELYNN** (Lemon) Soft faced Blenheim who was very easy on the eye. Scored for breed type and her expression was a delight. Super dark eyes of the correct size and shape. An accomplished mover. I see her pretty daughter came 2nd in the Blenheim class and many of her good points have been passed on. At 5 years of age just showing a bit of middle age spread and had to give way to the younger, more spry bitches.