

**CAVALIERS OF THE WEST  
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My thanks to COTW for their invitation to judge at the Oakland Show, my first overseas appointment, the hospitality afforded to us was exceptional, we were made to feel very welcome, a special thanks to Kathy Tegg for looking after us so well. I also thank the exhibitors for their entries and sportsmanship on accepting my decisions.

It was interesting to see the differences and similarities in the breed in different areas. I felt being on the third day of the show weekend some of the dogs were feeling tired and not showing at their best.

*Jo Lewis*

## **DOGS**

### **JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (2)**

- 1) **SHEEBA COVER BOY AT APPLE BRANCH** (Bennett/Munox) What a lovely way to start the day with this charming 7-month Blenheim, chunky baby with plenty of bone, appealing for his overall shape and balance, and his good conformation. Masculine head coming with large dark round eyes, flat skull with high set ears and dark pigment, moved soundly and showed with confidence to win **BEST PUPPY DOG AND BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.**
- 2) **MARILEE BLUEBERRY** (Collins) 6-month Blenheim who at the moment is smaller and finer than the winner, but he still has plenty of time on his side, pretty head which is well marked with rich chestnut and large dark round eyes, level topline and correct rear angulation, more unsettled on the move today.

### **SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)**

- 1) **FALLING SPRINGS FIREBIRD AT ASPENGLow** (Peterson/Peterson) 9-month Blenheim of correct size with moderate bone, and a well broken coat, good head with correct ear set and dark pigmentation, good reach of neck leading into a level topline, slightly longer in the loin than the winner of best puppy dog.

### **GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (3)**

- 1) **CHADWICK EIGHTEEN CARAT GOLD** (Mitchell) This 15-month Blenheim appealed most to me in this class for his overall size and balance. Nice head type with large dark round eyes and adequate length to muzzle, good reach to neck leading into a level topline with correct tailset, well broken richly coloured coat coming to finish the picture.
- 2) **CHADWICK WELL TEMPERED CLAVIER AT INTRYNSIK** (Goodwin) 12-month Blenheim who is less mature than the winner and built on slightly finer lines, having said that he is all in proportion, with a typy head and correct conformation throughout, in excellent coat and condition.
- 3) **FORESTCREEK THE SHOWMAN AT TUDORR** (Mixon/Mixon/Cline/Marshall) 12 month Blenheim, larger build, masculine head with high set ears and dark pigmentation,

level topline and correctly set tail, good rear angulation, would prefer a slightly better neck, moved and showed well.

#### **BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (4)**

- 1) **IVYLINE MICHELANGELO** (Giampapa/Ostmann) 2-year-old blenheim, masculine head with clean markings, high set ears framing lustrous dark eyes, good reach to neck leading into a level topline, correct rear angulation, moved soundly in all directions, with good drive from behind. **AOM #2**
- 2) **BELLAROSE CUCCI GU** (Becker) 2-year-old Blenheim, close up here to one, but a shade larger, another with a correct head, good reach to neck, and well laid shoulders, in excellent coat and condition.
- 3) **CH NIGHTINGALE WIPEOUT** (Mulligan) 3-year-old Blenheim, pleasing dog with a masculine head, dark round eyes and good pigment, slightly longer than my ideal, level topline and well sprung ribs.
- 4) **CH MARILEE INDICA FRED** (Collins) 2-year-old Blenheim, well balanced and well broken dog, showing correct shoulder placement with a level topline and correctly set tail, a little larger than my ideal.

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

- 1) **DULCE BACK IN THE SADDLE** (Covell) 15-month Blenheim, correct size with moderate bone, correct body proportions, correct head with large dark round eyes, moderate stop and correct length to muzzle, level topline, well placed shoulders mirrored in the rear angulation, moved well in all directions.
- 2) **FORESTCREEK MAN IN BLACK** (Tegg/Marshall) 14 month tricolour, pretty head with large dark eyes and correct bright tan points, nice body proportions with well angled rear, shown here in excellent coat and condition, felt he was flagging a little on the move today. **BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW**

#### **AMERICAN BRED DOG (4)**

- 1) **COVINGTON NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN** (Gonyo/Brock) 2-year-old Blenheim, my preference here for size and outline, masculine head perhaps a little overdone for my taste, but dark eyes, high set ears and dark pigmentation, good reach to neck leading into a level topline with correctly set tail, well angled front and rear allowing for flowing movement,
- 2) **MARILEE PLAY IT AGAIN** (Collins) 2-year-old Blenheim who is larger than one, nice head type with large dark round eyes and good length to muzzle, good neck and short back, parallel movement coming and going, slightly proud of his tail today.
- 3) **COVINGTON FULL METAL ALCHEMIST** (Christiansen/James) 3-year-old Blenheim with the desired lozenge, short coupled with level topline and good spring to ribs, well broken markings on a richly coloured coat, would prefer a slightly better neck.
- 4) **MAYFIELD HERCULES AT HIFIT** (Parris/Parris) 5-year-old Blenheim, showing his age slightly compared to some of the younger exhibits, level topline with correctly set tail, well angled rear, not in the best of coats today.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (3)**

- 1) **NIGHTHAWK'S GREAT EXPECTATIONS** (Dirks/Mitchell) 3-year-old Blenheim,

appealing type, masculine head with lustrous eyes, high set ears and flat skull although a little deep in stop, good neck leading into a well constructed body with correct angulation front and rear, in excellent coat and condition. [AOM #1.](#)

- 2) **CROSSBOW BALOO FROM THE JUNGLE AT BLUESTARA** (Glines)/Brezine /Alvare) Blenheim, a little larger than one, but similar in shape, typical head with large dark round eyes and dark pigment, nice neck, good turn to stifle.
- 3) **MINGCHEN YUKON RIVER AT HIGH FLIGHT** (Parris/Parris) 18-month Blenheim, nice size, classic head type which still has some maturing to do, level topline with good depth to chest, richly coloured coat coming.

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

- 1) **O'NEIL DE LA GOODE** (Neiser) 4-year-old richly coloured, masculine head with large dark round eyes, high set ears, good length to muzzle although could have a slightly shallower stop, good neck and well laid shoulders, level topline, needs more coat to complete the picture. [BEST RUBY IN SHOW.](#)

### **OPEN DOG** (3) **"A nice class."**

- 1) **CH KENDALL KASTLE LOVE IS IN THE HEIR** (Ogle) I loved this 20 month old richly coloured Blenheim, fits the standard so well, correct for size, masculine head without being overdone in any way at all, large dark lustrous eyes, well arched neck, level topline and correct set tail, correct layback of shoulder mirrored by a well-turned stifle in the rear, well sprung rib cage and short coupled body, moved soundly in all directions with great ring presence, well feathered coat to complete the picture [BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW BEST, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, WINNERS DOG & BEST IN SHOW.](#)
- 2) **CH SORELLA GOD OF THUNDER** (Castro/Green) 5-year-old Blenheim, who is of a similar type to one, although he has a larger frame, another lovely head with a soft expression, good neck and well-constructed body allowing for correct movement, [RESERVE WINNERS DOG.](#)
- 3) **CH NIGHTGALE HEART OF GOLD** (Weeks/Weeks) 4-year-old Blenheim, a larger boy than my ideal, correct head with dark eyes although these could be a little larger and framed by high set well feathered ears. Level topline and well set on tail, short in back and correct rear angulation.

## **BITCHES**

### **JUNIOR PUPPY** (2)

- 1) **FALLING SPRINGS CROWNROSE BLACK VELVET** (Rosenberg/Rosenberg) 8-month petite B/T, moderate bone, correct size, feminine head with correct tan points, good reach to neck, with a level topline and correct angulation front and rear, [BEST PUPPY BITCH & BEST B/T IN SHOW](#)
- 2) **GYLDEN I'M A BELIEVER** (Ellingson/Ellingson) 8-month Blenheim, another feminine puppy with sweet expression and large dark round eyes, level topline and well-turned stifle in rear, happy showgirl.

### **GRADUATE PUPPY (6)**

- 1) **DARANE OTHERWORLDLY** (Kates) 12-month Blenheim of lovely type, appealed here for her overall size, shape and balance, classic head type with soft expression, good reach to her well arched neck, accurate flowing movement, well broken soft silky coat coming. [AOM #2](#)
- 2) **DREAMVALE AMERICAN DYNASTY AT CROWNROSE** (Rosenberg/Rosenberg) – 15-month Blenheim, similar in size and build to winner, different head type but still appealing with desired lozenge, level topline with correct tail set, not quite the neck of the winner, sound mover.
- 3) **NIGHTHAWK'S JINX YOU'RE IT! CGC, TK-N** (Mitchell) 14 month richly coloured Blenheim, correct size and moderate bone, level topline and short coupled body, good spring to ribs, large dark round eyes with high set well feathered ears.
- 4) **MARILEE SAVANNAH** (Collins) 12-month Blenheim, very pretty and feminine head with large dark eyes and tapered muzzle, level topline and correct rear angulation, not quite the shoulder placement of the winners.

### **NOVICE (1)**

- 1) **TSAREVICH'S BREEZE IN THE SIERRAS AT GOLD COUNTRY** (Neiser) Tricolour, classic head type with large dark round eyes, correct tan points and flat skull, level topline, unfortunately too shy today to be able to assess her properly.

### **BRED BY EXHIBITOR (4)**

- 1) **FALLING SPRINGS SHINING BRIGHTLY** (Curley) 2-year-old Blenheim, beautiful head type with classic face markings, large dark round eyes, shallow stop and correct length to muzzle, all framed by high set well feathered ears, good reach to neck leading into a level topline and correctly set and carried tail. Sound steady movement in all directions, [RESERVE WINNERS BITCH](#) which I am told completes her championship – congratulations.
- 2) **CH CEMPA CEDAR CREEK SILVER LINING** (Owens/Creary) 18-month Blenheim, correct for size and balance, feminine head with large dark eyes, good neck and a level topline, correct angulation front and rear with correct driving action from behind. [AOM #1](#).
- 3) **CH TASSAJARA SOME BUNNY LOVES ME** (Seidman/McDonnell-Seidman) 2-year-old Blenheim with the prettiest of heads, large limpid dark eyes creating that desired soft expression, with flat skull and high set ears, correct body proportions with well sprung ribcage.
- 4) **CROSSBOW WHITNEY FLIRTING WITH LIFE** (Schiffman) Nearly 2-year-old Blenheim, beautiful head, large dark round eyes, dark pigmentation with a soulful expression, nicely made throughout, would just like to see her with more confidence.

### **JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (2)**

- 1) **BEARIVER ROCKIN THE PARADISE** (Toepfer) 14-month Blenheim, I preferred her overall proportions, good bone, mature in head, good reach to well arched neck, correct ribcage with well sprung ribs, level topline, parallel movement from behind.
- 2) **DEL SOL BREAKFAST IN BED** (MeHenry) 12-month Blenheim, not so mature as the

winner here, smaller in size and finer in bone than my ideal, pretty feminine head with correct length to muzzle, dark pigmentation, level topline and well set and carried tail.

#### **AMERICAN BRED BITCH** (1)

- 1) **CHIYODA JUST MY CUP OF TEA OF GLENELLEN (Murphy)** 3-year-old Blenheim, sound honest bitch, typical head with large dark round eyes and clean face markings, well balanced body with correct construction all through, moved and showed well, slightly larger than my ideal.

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

- 1) **DEL SOL GOLD DIGGER (McHenry)** 2-year-old who appealed to me for her overall size and type, pretty feminine head with large dark round eyes, well-placed muzzle, high set ears, good reach to neck, level topline, well-placed shoulders mirrored by well angled rear, moved and showed well.
- 2) **SHEEBA PACIFIC ROSE AT APPLE BRANCH (Bennett)** 2-year-old, feminine head with soft expression, good reach to neck, level topline, well angled in the rear, preferred the front angulation on 1.
- 3) **TUDORR GIGI (Madden/Mixon)** 2 ½-year-old, appealing overall outline, large dark round eyes, well-set ears, good pigmentation, level topline, good rear angulation, would prefer a slightly longer neck.
- 4) **IVYLINE NOTORIOUS AT GLYDEN (Giampapa/Ellingson)** 2-year-old less mature here, feminine head, level topline, moderate bone with well sprung ribcage, and short loin, pigment off today.

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

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN FIDDLE-DEE-DEE AT BEARIVER (Toepfer/Ayers/Martz)** 5-year-old, pretty head with large dark round eyes, good pigment, rich clear tan in the correct places, level topline and well turned stifle, moved with drive going away but a touch wide in front coming towards.

#### **OPEN BITCH** (3)

- 1) **CH SORELLA HERE COMES CHLOE (Green)** This Blenheim caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring, small, neat outline but with plenty of substance, feminine head, not overdone in any way with large dark round eyes, flat skull with high set ears, shallow stop and tapered muzzle, good neck, leading into a level topline and correctly set and carried tail, well sprung ribs on a short coupled body, moved with sound driving movement. **WINNERS BITCH, BEST OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST IN SHOW & RESERVE BEST IN SHOW.**
- 2) **CASTLEVILLE LOVE ME LIKE YOU DO (McCoy/McCoy)** Blenheim, larger than my ideal but has good overall balance, pretty head with soft expression and desired lozenge, correct neck, well angled in the front and rear, perhaps a little tired today as tended to lose her topline on the move.
- 3) **CROSSBOW THE RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE (Schiffman)** 3-year Blenheim, excellent head type with clean markings and large dark round eyes, good pigment, high set ears creating the desired soft expression, good reach to neck, good depth to chest, unlucky to meet the first 2 here.

**SENIOR OPEN BITCH (2)**

- 1) **HARRINGTON COVINGTON PEARL OF A GIRL** (Gonyo) 8-year-old Blenheim of correct proportions, classic head with large dark eyes, shallow stop and correct length to muzzle, good reach of neck, good shoulder placement in the front with a well-turned stifle in the rear, in beautiful coat and condition and moved out well here. **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.**
- 2) **DELSOL ADORED** (McHenry) 7-year-old tricolour, nice for size, pretty head with soft expression, large dark round eyes, with correct bright tan point, nice neck, level topline and correct rear angulation, felt she was perhaps looking a little tired here today.

**VETERAN DOG (1)**

- 1) **CH BENCHMARK UP IN THE AIR OF ON THE MARK** (Chan/Mitchell) A charming 13 ½ year old Blenheim who certainly doesn't look his age, masculine head with large dark eye, well-made throughout who moved and showed well and is in lovely condition, a real credit to his owner.

**VETERAN BITCH (1)** See senior open bitch.

- 1) **HARRINGTON COVINGTON PEARL OF A GIRL** (See above)
- 2) **DELSOL ADORED** (See above)