

CAVALIERS OF THE WEST-PUPPY SWEEPS/VETERAN SWEEPS

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Though I was very sad that Pat Mixon was not able to make this show due to Hurricane Idalia coming a little close to home for comfort, I was honored to fill in for her and cannot thank Cavaliers of the West enough for the opportunity to judge in my original region! For what would certainly be considered a smaller entry, there was a lot of quality and breed-type to be found, which is something every exhibitor should be proud of. Thank you to show chair Kathi Ogle and all of the volunteers who helped make this show a success. Additional thanks to my ring steward, Susan Gonyo, my announcer, Kathy Tegg, and to Heidi Mohn for evaluating my sweeps assignment.

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SWEEPS 1: JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. SORELLA TWO TICKETS TO PARADISE (Green)

6-month-old Blenheim with such a great personality for the show ring. Lovely pigmentation and dentition, moderate length of muzzle and moderate stop, dark eyes and a flat top skull. He had an ample neck that crested beautifully and flowed seamlessly down to his withers, creating a fluid throughline all the way down his back. A little higher on leg and longer hocks at the moment, but that is to be expected at this age and is surely something he will outgrow. I had so much fun judging this little boy and look forward to watching him mature.

SWEEPS 2: SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. SHEEBA COVER BOY AT APPLE BRANCH (Bennett/Valenzuela Munoz)

Beautiful 9-month-old extremely well-broken Blenheim who took my breath away with his absolutely effortless movement. Everything about this dog was moderate, aside from the exceptional amount of ground he covered with each step. He had a moderate length of muzzle and a moderate stop, large dark eyes, and moderate cushion that will only improve with age. I was very pleased with his head development at this age and loved how upon running my hands down his neck and across his topline, there was a continuous flow. While he is slightly longer-cast, that lends itself to what I consider to be the most efficient movement of the entry. He was presented in excellent condition and was cool, calm, and collected every time he entered the ring. Though the overall entry was small, I have every confidence he would have done well with stiff competition. I was pleased to award him **BEST PUPPY DOG AND BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES**. I was thrilled to witness him go Reserve Best in Show later in the day for his first major in the club and follow that up with a Reserve Winners Dog the next day, which made him up in the club. The future is bright for this handsome boy!

SWEEPS 3: GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)

1. KENDALLKASTLE MINE BY DESIGN (Ogle)

Lovely 15-month-old Blenheim with lots of breed type and presented in excellent condition. Moderate length of muzzle and moderate stop with large dark eyes. Would like to see a better layback of shoulder, which would add length of neck and improve his reach. Lovely balance overall and moderate angulation throughout, though he moved a little close in the rear today and

was a little proud of his tail at times. While I preferred aspects of this boy's head piece, I ultimately preferred the movement of the Senior Puppy Dog.

SWEEPS 4: JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (2)

1. TEMPLAR'S LULLABY OF BROADWAY V NIGHTHAWK (Morigi/Mitchell)

5-month-old typey Blenheim girl who rocked her first time being on a leash! Lovely petite shape with soft features throughout. Short muzzle, correct bite, moderate stop, ample cushion, and moderate foreshoulder. She has a forward marking on the show-side that did not bother me one bit. Moved a little close in the rear today, but I believe that will only improve as she bodies up and gains experience.

2. BLUESTARA A TIGER LILY (Brezine/Alvarez)

5-month-old Blenheim whose only objective was to please her handler. She had beautiful dark eyes with the most perfect lozenge atop her head. She is longer-cast and higher on leg than #1, but hopefully she will grow into her body as she matures. I adored her happy disposition and commend her handler for creating such a deep bond between them!

SWEEPS 5: SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (1)

1. KENDALLKASTLE IN THE DARK OF THE KNIGHT (Ogle)

10-month-old Tri Color with a lovely, cobby shape and silky coat texture with tan in all the right places. Her feminine muzzle allowed for excellent dentition, leading to gorgeous dark eyes with a moderate stop between them and properly placed pips above them that accentuated her sweet expression. Though she had a narrower blaze, her expression was soft regardless. If I had to nitpick, I would prefer a little more length of neck to give her a larger and prouder presence in the show ring, but I adored her size and balanced proportions. She was presented in great condition and used her short hocks to her advantage. She will only improve as she gains confidence in the ring.

SWEEPS 6: GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. KENDALLKASTLE A DESIGN IN MIND (Ogle)

16-month-old Blenheim with my favorite eyes, face, and head of the day! She had such a lovely shape while standing, which she maintained for the most part on the go around. I loved her front assembly, with ample depth of chest and front legs squarely underneath her. Lovely length of neck and a slightly longer back, which allowed for a lovely side gait. She is well broken with fortuitous markings (I even found the smudge on her show-side endearing!) and was presented in excellent condition. She had excellent bone and angulation, which painted such a pretty picture of her turn of stifle and well let down hocks. It was an easy choice to award her **BEST PUPPY BITCH**, but when it came down to it at the end, I had to go with the movement of the Senior Puppy Dog. This beautiful girl ultimately became **BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES.**

2. NIGHTHAWK'S JINX YOU'RE IT! CGC, TK-N (Mitchell)

14-month-old Blenheim of a petite size with well-broken markings. Her shorter muzzle led to her bite being slightly off today and that in combination with a deeper stop, I found her expression to be a little harsher than #1, though her type was unmistakable. She had lovely dark eyes with lots of cushion and a properly placed earset that framed her face and created a flat top skull. I would prefer a little more length of neck and better layback of shoulder to allow for more range of

motion. Short-backed with moderate turn of stifle and short little hocks, but found her to move a little close in the rear. What a firecracker in the ring, though!

3. QUAIL RUN SAPPHIRE JUBILEE (Klaus/Kornhi)

14-month-old Blenheim with well-broken markings and a much desired Blenheim spot. She had a symmetrical mask around her dark eyes and lovely ears that framed her face. Would prefer a little more cushion around the eyes to soften her expression, but loved her large dark eyes. Perfectly white markings along her back which really showed off her solid topline. A little higher on leg than #1 and #2, but still balanced. With a little spring of rib, I think she will look more substantive in comparison. Lovely rear angulation with well let down hocks.

VETERAN SWEEPS: BRONZE, BITCH (1)

1. HARRINGTON COVINGTON PEARL OF A GIRL (Gonyo/Gonyo)

Solid 8.5-year-old Blenheim girl who truly excelled on the move, with a perfectly level topline and wide-open sidegate. I could not believe the impressive depth of chest this girl had without looking barrel-chested. She was presented in excellent condition and was a joy to put my hands on and watch in the ring. I was proud to award her **BEST VETERAN BITCH AND BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPSTAKES.** I was so tickled to see her earn both club majors over the weekend and hope to see her out campaigning for those last points for her championship!