

Cavaliers of the Northeast
11/07/14, York, PA
Judge: Anne Fitzpatrick (Corduke)

I would like to thank the members of the committee for this invitation, and for their exceptional hospitality and warm welcome. It was an honour to judge this show. I was impressed with the quality of the large entry, particularly with some of the exciting prospects in the younger classes, and feel my winners could hold their own in any company. My placings were accepted with grace by the exhibitors, and there was a friendly atmosphere all day. Although the Cavalier is classified as a 'toy' spaniel, it has inherited many 'sporting' characteristics while still retaining the unique hallmarks of the breed. I was looking for a free-moving, graceful dog with a good topline and tailset, covering the ground with ease. I was delighted to find so many lovely dark expressive eyes, and there was soundness in abundance. Just a couple of things to watch. There were some incorrect mouths in the younger classes. Also, a few (not many) exhibits were 'flying' their tails on the move, in some cases this could be remedied by loosening the lead and moving at a slower pace.

Junior Puppy Dog (5)

- 1. Orchardhill After The Laughter** (Venier) Handsome 7 month old Blenheim. Good dark eye giving a lovely expression. Black pigment. Good movement coming and going. **Best Puppy Dog**
- 2. Carlen Outback Andrew** (Close) Black & Tan with lovely rich tan. Good topline and tailset. Sound movement.
- 3. Shirmont Caddo Balliol** (Henry/Dodson) Well marked Blenheim with lovely expression. In good coat and condition. Mouth not quite correct.
- 4. Copperhill Pistol Pete** (Mitchell) Ruby of 6th months. Good dark pigment. Rich ruby colour. Moving well.

Senior Puppy Dog (4)

- 1. Bluegarden Holiday Party at Hudsonview** (Glynn/Matos) Free moving Blenheim. Correct dentition. Good neck and shoulders. Dark eye giving a lovely expression.
- 2. Foxwyn Avant** (Meath) Richly marked Blenheim. Crested neck flowing into good shoulders, level topline and tailset. Sweet expression.
- 3. Lilum Sweet Pepper** (Scanlan) Attractive tricolour. Nicely broken markings. Movement needs to tighten in front.
- 4. Bluesday Romeo** (Gross) 11month old Blenheim. Good angulation and movement. Nicely broken coat.

Graduate Puppy Dog (4) Impressive class.

- 1. Nightingale The Eyes Have It, JW** (Mulligan/Duke) Outstanding Blenheim. And the eyes certainly "have it" - round, dark and expressive! Free moving with a great temperament. Ideal size with good bone and excellent conformation. High honours beckoning! **Reserve Winners Dog**
- 2. Autumnhill Believe in Me** (Parente) Blenheim in lovely coat and condition. Nice conformation. Good movement coming and going. Good angulation. Sweet expression.
- 3. Angel's Pride Just a Gigolo of Sumara, JW** (Gentil) Another lovely Blenheim with expressive eyes. Well broken soft textured coat in good condition. Black pigment.
- 4. Clopsville Meridian** (Rychlik) Blenheim with delightful temperament. Lovely breed type. Coat in good condition. Good movement.

Novice Dog (1)

- 1. Bluesday Henry Reardon** (Gross) Stood alone. Very well broken coat. Lovely dark eye and pigment. Moving very well.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (3)

- 1. Ch Hiddencreek Hugo Boss JW** (Green) This Blenheim caught my eye immediately with his wonderful ring presence. I was not disappointed on the table where I found a firm rib-cage, excellent neck and shoulders and good bone. Masculine, but with large dark eyes giving a soft melting expression. Super head carriage as he moved around the ring with drive, holding a perfect topline and tailset. A challenge for his owner/handler, who held his nerve and showed him to advantage. Loved him. **Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best Blenheim in Show**
- 2. CA Cambridge Dream Weaver** (Magera/Mitchell) Black and Tan and another great temperament. Super breed type. Beautifully presented gleaming black coat in excellent condition. Sympathetically handled allowing lovely free movement.
- 3. Ch Dreamvale Motley Crue, JW** (Sage/Colbert) Masculine Blenheim with delightful temperament. Could lose a little weight which rather spoiled his outline on the move.

Junior American Bred Dog (6)

- 1. Chadwick Cheers at Hudsonview** (Glynn) A really lovely tricolour. Excellent breed type with the sweetest expression. Heavily marked but this did not detract from his outline as he moved freely around the ring. Very promising prospect.
- 2. Mimric Moves Like Jagger** (Painter/Hodges) Another with a promising future. Heavily marked Blenheim with lovely flowing movement. Would just prefer a rounder eye.
- 3. Chewcreek Red Solo Cup**

(DePhillip) Sweet Tricolour who has still to mature. Lovely silky textured coat. Dark eye and pigment. **4. Foxwyn Woodbury Rise 'N Shine** (McCarty/Redniss) 13 month old Blenheim. Lovely breed type. Another who will mature with age.

American Bred Dog (6)

1. Clarmarian Kiss and Cry (Young-May) Richly marked handsome Blenheim with a most endearing personality. True Cavalier temperament and very sound coming and going. **2. Nightingale Wish Upon a Star at Nebyula** (Birbeck) Blenheim in full bloom. So well handled to advantage. Sweet expression and good pigment. **3. Dancasa Cute as a Button, JW** (Tiedemann) Four year old Blenheim but so active and outgoing! In lovely coat and condition and moving with style. **4. Oggbrae Don Ottavio** (Bales) 3 year old Blenheim. Masculine with good bone and well muscled. Well conditioned coat. Sound mover.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (3)

1. Bonitos Companeros Everlasting Dream (Eubank/Kirschbaum/Vorderstrausse) This dog looked a picture moving around the ring. Crested neck flowing into well laid back shoulders and perfect topline. Expressive dark eyes giving a melting look. Movement just needs to tighten front and rear. Not long before he achieves top honours. **2. Pascavle Kingsley** (Ayers/Martz) Another lovely representative of the breed. Masculine but with the typical soft gentle expression. Coat in lovely condition. Good temperament and movement. **3. Clarmarian Classic By Design** (Young-May) Richly marked with sweet alert expression. Well balanced on the stand, but lost his topline moving.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (3)

1. Rosehill Recalculating (Sage/Warshaw) Charming tricolour. Ideal toy spaniel. Lovely expression with dark eye and pigment. Good movement - but just watch that tail! **Best Tricolour Dog** **2. Chadwick Midnight Sun at Hudsonview** (Glynn) Up to size and slightly larger than I would prefer, but such a sweet expression from those dark eyes. Lovely typical temperament and moving well. **3. Kellene The Black Order** (Carter) Four year old with compact body and nicely broken coat. Good movement.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (1)

1. Darane Hellboy, JW (Kates) Rich ruby coat in super condition. Ideal size. Sweetest expression with dark eyes and pigment (sometimes difficult to achieve in this colour). Moving out well but flying his tail while being shown on a rather tight lead. **Best Ruby Dog**

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (2)

1. Roi 1. Stings Like a Bee (Carter/Lessig) Lovely size. Beautifully presented in gleaming coat and condition. Good bright tans. Gentle expression. Sound movement but tail carriage could benefit from a looser lead. **2. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci at Nebyula** (Birbeck) Four year old with good bright tans. Lovely temperament. Didn't quite hold his topline on the move.

Open Dog (5) Lovely class. I was spoiled for choice here.

1. Ch Miletree Joshua at Shirmont, JW (Henry/Dodson) Blenheim of super breed type. Ideal size, short coupled and moving so soundly. Dark eyes giving a soft sweet expression. Black pigment. Presented in lovely condition. **2. Ch Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros** (Magera/Mitchell) Beautiful ruby presented in sparkling condition in rich ruby jacket. Expertly handled, moving freely and soundly. **3. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell** (Green/Sloan) Black and Tan presented in wonderful coat and condition. Very happy temperament. Handled to advantage and moving soundly. **Best Black & Tan in Show** **4. Ch Brookhaven Kid Rock at Almeara, JW** (Whitmire) Two year old Blenheim presented in lovely coat and condition. Classic head with the softest expression. Moving freely.

Junior Puppy Bitch (4)

1. Carlen Nutin But Trouble Fergie (Close) Ruby with expressive dark eye. Black pigment. Very feminine. Moving soundly with good angulation and drive. **2. Evergreen La Cecilia** (Garstin) 6 month old lively Blenheim girl, coming into good coat. Pretty expression. Good movement. **3. Kellene Angel Of The Morning** (Marshall) Nicely marked Blenheim. Good dark eye and pigment. Well constructed and looked lovely on the move. **4. Linrica Shine Bright** (Liu) Very feminine Blenheim girl in lovely coat and condition. Rich tan. Could move with a little more confidence.

Senior Puppy Bitch (10) Impressive Class.

1. Piaffe in the Tulips (Rychlik) Outstanding Blenheim of lovely breed type. Dark eyes giving such an appealing expression. Good bone and firm ribcage. Moving with drive. Very positive future. **Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show**

2. Kalidunn Licorice Black at Rutherford (Jones) Gorgeous black and tan presented in gleaming coat and condition. Ideal size with the sweetest expression. Kept her topline on the move. **3. Orchardhill Pony Fever** (Venier) Blenheim in lovely coat and condition. Good neck and shoulders. Sweet gentle expression. Happy disposition. **3. Linrica Sunshine Angel** (Liu) 9 month old Blenheim of lovely breed type. Rich tan marking. Very good topline and so attentive to her handler.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (2)

1. Sherah Sophia Loren (Crommet) Well marked tricolour with very pretty expression. Ideal size with good topline. Tail set a little low but it did not detract from her steady movement. **2. Linrica Flight Of The Bumblebee** (Liu) Blenheim, slightly larger than I would prefer and rather long cast. Good dark eye and sound movement.

Novice Bitch (2)

1. Silverspoon Kinky Boots (Silverman) Lovely black and tan presented in a beautiful shiny well conditioned coat. Charming friendly temperament. Good topline kept on the move. **2. Carlen One Singular Sensation** (Close) Well marked Blenheim. A little long-cast and high on the leg for me, but nice temperament, and she strode out happily going around the ring.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (4) Lovely class.

1. Ch Pinecrest Flamin' Gogh (Eubank) Beautiful feminine Blenheim. Super neck and shoulders. Dark eyes giving a melting soft expression. Happy girl on the move. **2. Ch Kean Ultraviolet, JW** (Keane) Stunning Blenheim with such a beguiling expression. Beautifully presented in lovely coat and condition. Well constructed and moving well, but I just longed for some animation and a sense of enjoyment. **3. Ch Autumnhill Desire Me, JW** (Parente) Classy little ruby girl. Full of confidence and great temperament. Ideal size with good dark pigment. **Best Ruby in Show 4. Ch Rutherford Electra, JW** (Jones) Delightful Blenheim. Ideal size with super black pigment. Great temperament. Already a worthy champion, but for me still needs time to fulfill her real potential.

Junior American Bred Bitch (7)

1. Almeara Look at Me, JW (Whitmire) Eye-catching lightly marked Blenheim who made the ring her own as she moved around with confidence. Beautifully constructed and coming into lovely coat. Dark eye and pigment. Great temperament. A real showgirl and so sound coming and going. A star ascending! **Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor Bitch, Best American Bred Bitch, Best Blenheim Bitch**

2. Silverspoon Lil Orphan Annie (Silverman) Delightful ruby with the most expressive eyes. Ideal size. Good movement. Very attentive to her excellent handler. **3. Orchardhill Plum Pretty** (Venier) Blenheim of lovely breed type. Sweet gentle expression. Rather low tail set which spoiled her topline on the move. **4. Krystle Star Quality** (Torgersen) Blenheim puppy of 7 months. Immature but coming into new coat. Well balanced and confident. A future prospect.

American Bred Bitch (5)

1. Foxwyn A Likely Story (Fox/Comer/Greak) Heavily marked Blenheim with spot. Very feminine with lovely expression. Alert temperament and good movement. Loved her. **2. Tialully Toffifay** (Rubino/Hess) Sweet black and tan. Bright tans and silky black coat in lovely condition. Great temperament and moving out well. **3. Bluesday What's The Rumpus** (Gross) Blenheim with the sweetest expression. Excellent bone and in good coat. Moving with drive. **4. Mariahrun Spring Breeze** (O'Leary/Cornog) Blenheim of 21 months. Still needs to mature but very sound on the move.

Health and Conformation Bitch (1)

1. Castlekeep Paloma Havana (Garstin) Almost 7 years old and belying her age. Moved around the ring like a puppy. Plenty of muscle tone and tail never stopped wagging.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (5)

1. Foxwyn Tell Me A Story (Baker-Fox) Most attractive richly marked Blenheim. Very feminine with dark expressive eyes. Black pigment. Moving soundly. **2. Brookhaven In The Garden, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Very well proportioned Blenheim. Good bone, crested neck into well laid back shoulders. Lovely expression. Good movement. **3. Linrica Honey Girl** (Liu) Blenheim of lovely breed type. Very pretty expression. Looked well going around, but needs to tighten up in front. **4. Kissabella Arabella** (Bronowicka/Carter) Feminine Blenheim girl in good coat. Super ear feathering. Moving well.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (4)

1. Orchardhill Unadorned (Venier) Tricolour of real quality. In lovely coat and condition. Super expression. Very good topline and tailset. Excels on the move. **2. Bluesday Fly Me To The Moon** (Gross) Very attractive girl of ideal size. In good coat and condition but could lose a little weight over the shoulder. Really moved out with confidence going around the ring. **3. Darane The Never Ending Story** (Kates) Sweet well-marked girl. Nice coat in good condition but would prefer a deeper tan. **4. Killene Lady Of The Lake** (Marshall) Lovely expression. Good bright tan and nice coat. Moving well.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (2)

1. Kalais Never Too Late to Party (Hess) Lovely breed type. Ideal size. Good dark eye and pigment. Good bright tans. Especially good drive from behind when moving. **2. Lynsfair Southern Belle** (Gavin) Attractive girl in good coat and condition. Good pigment. Would prefer a darker eye. Close decision between these two.

Open Bitch (5)

1. Ch Glencross Cailin at Shirmont, JW (Henry) My heart missed a beat when I turned and saw this tricolour girl on the table. Ideal size and so well constructed without exaggeration. Beautifully marked coat. Dark lustrous eyes giving the prettiest expression. Moving out well around the ring. She oozes quality and will add many more honours to her title. *Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Tricolour in Show*

2. Ch Mimric Buffalo Gal (Hodges/Perkins) Totally different type to 1. This lovely richly marked Blenheim has an outstanding outline, keeping it on the move. She simply flows around the ring. Very eye catching. Another quality exhibit. **3. Ch Linrica Femme Fatale, JW** (Liu) More quality here. Lovely feminine Blenheim in good coat with dark eye and sweet expression. **4. Nightingale Goldilocks at Nebyula** (Birbeck) Delightful Blenheim with super dark eyes, giving such a soft sweet expression. Ideal size.

Veteran Dog (1)

1. Starwind Magic Moment (Kates) Thirteen year old Tricolour. Very well marked and in great coat and condition. Lively as a youngster!

Veteran Bitch (2)

1. Angel's Pride Nautical Nancy at Chadwick (Comer/Greak) Twelve year old Blenheim in super coat and condition. No creaking bones here - moving out like a girl half her years. *Best Veteran in Show*

2. Orchardhill Don't Tell Dad (Sage/Venier) Eleven year old Tricolour. Very lively for her age and great on the move. Three lovely Veterans enjoying their day and a credit to their owners!