

CAVALIERS OF THE WEST

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We are very resilient. I can attest to the grace and calm with which the committee, and all in attendance at the Olympia COTW show, glided through every obstacle they confronted. Trust me. There were many. Running a show in itself is hard work, doing it with two hands tied behind your back, takes skill and initiative. Brava to your committee and exhibitors who made lemonade instead of complaining and feeling defeated.

It was a lovely day in the ring filled with good dogs, humor, laughter, and the joy of our dogs. Thank you to everyone who was there to support one another and the breed we love.

Elaine Lessig

DOGS

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1. **SORELLA TWO TICKETS TO PARADISE** (Green) What a very balanced 6-month-old blenheim, well put together young fellow. His proportions were bang on, slightly longer than tall giving a square look. It was nice to see the amount of leg he has under him. Going to his head, I found that sweet expression that comes from large, dark brown eyes, widely set. Even at his age, the padding under his eyes and on the muzzle were easy to see. His balance front and back enabled him to hold a level topline on the move and standing still. He enjoyed his time moving easily with reach and drive, carrying his correctly set tail carried right off his back. He was an easy choice for **RESERVE WINNERS DOG. BEST PUPPY DOG & BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.**
2. **HARRINGTON OUT OF THE WOODS** (Gonyo/Gonyo) 5-month-old Blenheim, well made with nice bone, good topline, head in proportion to body. I preferred the head and expression of the class winner. He is a young fellow who will soon gain the confidence he needs in the ring.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. **SHEEBA COVER BOY AT APPLE BRANCH** (Bennet,/Munoz) Well balanced , attractive 9-month-old Blenheim, with well broken coat. He had a sweet head with soft expression and fill. He moved with reach and drive, carrying his tail right off the back, a bit longer in the loin than I desired.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)

1. **CHADWICK EIGHTEEN CARAT GOLD** (Mitchell) Just shy of 18 months, this boy has lots to offer. Well broken Blenheim with a truly rich color, darkest of black pigment around his big round eyes with their melting expression and around his lips. Carried a strong level topline around the ring.

NOVICE DOG (1)

1. **FORESTCREEK MAN IN BLACK** (Tegg/Marshall) 19-month-old Tricolor with well groomed, black shiny coat with tan in all the right places. HUGE lustrous round eyes, long ears characteristic of the color framing his well-padded face. His topskull was a bit rounder, his muzzle slightly shorter than desired. He moved with a level topline and his tail carried a bit high. **BEST TRI IN SHOW**

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

1. **BENTLANE HEAVEN SENT TO QUAIL RUN** (Kornhi) This 8-month-old Blenheim has a well broken, silky coat. Among his other virtues were black pigment, and a good topline on the day. He is waiting for his spaniel curves and some weight to come as he matures.

HEALTH AND CONFORMATION DOG (1)

1. **CAN CH DEL SOL ONE MORE LOOK AT QUAIL RUN** (Kornhi) A 10-year-old Blenheim who showed that he still loves being in the ring. His beautiful large round dark eyes with melting expression fill his face. He carries a level topline and a tail coming right off his back. His joy was obvious. His tail never stopped! **BEST VETERAN DOG**

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (4)

1. **NIGHTHAWK GAME CHANGER** (Crail/Mitchell) Well broken 3 ½ year old Blenheim with a very correct head shape with ears set high on the head, flat topskull, moderate stop, muzzle padded and described length. Large, soft, round, eyes, widely set though a bit light, with ample fill. His arched neck sloped smoothly into his shoulders. He was one of the very few with good spring of rib. Wherever did it go? On the move he used his moderate front and rear angles to show his reach, drive, strong topline, correctly set tail and its carriage off the back. A jewel in the crown of every spaniel is short hocks which allow them to drive off the rear. His were about as short as they come resulting in ability to move with ease. A worthy dog to be **BEST IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW & WINNERS DOG.**

2. **CROSSBOW BALOOFROM THE JUNGLE AT BLUESTARA** (Brezine/Alvarez) I want to emphasize this near 2 year old is an excellent type who exhibited many of the same qualities as #1. He excelled with his sweet expression with lovely, dark, round, eyes well set apart. Like #1 he had the breadth over his shoulders and hips which are so desirable. His ears were a bit lower than described in the standard. At the end he was out moved by the winner
3. **PROMONTORY HERE COMES HUDSON** (Solomon/Orns) More heavily marked 1 ½ year old Blenheim with super black pigment which enhanced his lustrous dark, round eyes. Preferred the muzzles of #1 & #2. He exhibited a good topline, excellent tail set and carriage, a true silky coat, and those wonderful short hocks.
4. **COVINGTON NEVER SAY NEVER** (Brock/Gonyo) Another 2 ½ year old which excelled with his beautiful large round, dark lustrous eyes. His head is a bit more toy spaniel with low set ears, and a rounded topkull which seems to be in vogue but not as described in the standard. His coat was wavier than others in the class. A bit more leg would be preferable. But, as noted above, glad to see the short hocks.

BITCHES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. **SIKELELI GREAT EXPECTATIONS AT QUAIL RUN** (Kornhi) 8-month-old Blenheim exhibiting lovely proportions, square in appearance through slightly longer than tall. Moderate head with a stop to match. Jet black pigment around the eyes, on the nose, and around the lips. She moves with no effort, holding her firm topline, carrying her correctly set tail level to her back. **BEST PUPPY BITCH**,
2. **BLUESTARA A TIGER LILY** (Brezine, Alvarez) 5 ½ month old Blenheim with a sweet face, dark round eyes with melting expression, dark pigment. Preferred the body and movement of #1.
3. **TEMPLAR'S LULLABY OF BROADWAY V NIGHTHAWK** (Morigi, Mitchell) Just 5 months, this Blenheim with a silky, well broken coat and her black pigment, was out for her first time at this show. Prefer a larger eye. She tried her best, but on day 3, her confidence and energy waned.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (1)

1. **KASZURL' S PLAY ME ANOTHER LOVESONG** (Sweetman) Sweet-headed 10-month-old Blenheim with well broken coat. Huge round, dark eyes with just a bit of white showing. Moved out with reach and drive, level topline, and keeping her tail carriage correct at all times.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (2)

1. **NIGHTHAWKS JINX YOU'RE IT** (Mitchell) 14 month old attractive Blenheim with a correct silky coat, large round , dark eyes well set. Her black pigment stood out from the white on her coat. Her plusses were her rounded spaniel curves, short hocks, good bone, her easy of movement.
2. **QUAILRUN SAPPHIRE JUBILEE** (Klaus/Kornhi) 15-month-old well broken Blenheim who is balanced with jet black pigment on her face. She has correct bone for her size and carries a level topline. Preferred the make and shape of #1.

NOVICE BITCH (1)

1. **QUAILRUN VERY PUZZLING AT KALLEASUN** (Van Cleave/Kornhi) Well balanced 8 month old Blenheim with desired length of leg, and a lovely silky coat. The clarity of her Blenheim with the white on her coat is very striking. Very dark pigment too. Perhaps her bite and white of eye correct.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (2)

1. **CH ALMEARA SHES SO FINE, JW** (Whitmire) At almost 2, this exhibit brought glamour to the ring that we rarely see currently. Here was a feminine Blenheim with a silky well broken coat, soft well-padded face with large, dark round eyes with melting expression set widely apart, black nose, and lips. Her elegantly arched neck smoothly fit into her well-set back shoulders. Her level back covered her short loin, tail set, and carriage right off the back. Her short hocks provided momentum as she moved easily around the ring. My notes include the word "STANDOUT". She was all that and more. Our breed would benefit from more like her. ***BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, WINNERS BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH***
2. **CH TASSAJARA SOME BUNNY LOVES ME** (McDonnell/Seidman) A very similar type to the class winner. An attractive 2-year-old well broken Blenheim whose eyes were pools of delight, large, round, dark with melting expression, set wide on her head. Her black pigment stood out against the white coat on her head. Unfortunately, she was out moved by her class competition. Overall, a worthy champion,

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

1. **SHERAH PERFECTLY WICKED** (Crommet) 2 ½ year old Blenheim bitch with a well broken silky coat. The depth of her chestnut markings is lovely to see as it is rare these days. She had dark pigment on her eye rims, lips, and nose. There were several attributes worth noting: huge eyes that melt us, padding on the face, and lovely spaniel curves. Her front is not her fortune, but she is rich with other qualities.

OPEN BITCH (1)

1. **CH PINNACLE BABY YOU'RE A FIREWORK, JW** (Gregory/Ayers) 20-month-old gleaming black and tan who was beautifully presented. Her coat was polished to perfection. Well balanced front and back. She had large round dark eyes and soft face with lots of padding. Her rich tan was in all the right places. Her joy in the ring was visible. She had her own party to everyone's delight. Personality plus for this young champion! ***BEST BLACK AND TAN IN SHOW***

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. **HARRINGTON COVINGTON PEARL OF A GIRL** (Gonyo/Gonyo) Of all the entries, this classic, glorious Cavalier bitch was exactly what the standard describes. She was the picture of everything in moderation. From her large, dark eyes with the prized melting expression which defines a Cavalier, to all the padding under her eyes and on the muzzle, a moderate stop, and the high set ears which frame her memorable face. She is just beautiful. She used the ring with precision giving all of us a lesson in reach and drive. To see that firm topline, her tail coming right off her back, and know she loved every minute in the ring warmed everyone's heart, especially mine. ***BEST VETERAN IN SHOW, BEST VETERAN BITCH, RESERVE WINNERS BITCH***