

**CAVALIERS OF THE MIDWEST**  
**2/22/25 - DALLAS, TX**  
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Thank you to the Cavaliers of the Midwest for asking me to judge their Dallas show. I always enjoy coming to Dallas. What a great group of people. While the entry was small, the quality was strong.

**Mandy Mulligan**

**DOGS**

**JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (1)**

- 1) **MAGNOLIA RUN WINSTON** (Guzy) – Well broken tri boy 8 months. Very attractive head with nice round eyes, good length of muzzle, correct bite, and sweet expression. Good length of neck, level topline, good turn of stifle. Moved nicely around the ring in profile, and also up and back. Promising young man. ***BEST PUPPY DOG***

**SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)**

- 1) **EVESHAM ECLIPSE OF THE HEART** (Navratil) – Heavily marked Blenheim with deep, rich color. Sweet face with correct ear set and large eyes. Correct bite. Nice shape and proportions. Level topline. Movement best in profile, close behind moving away.

**GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)**

- 1) **STONEPIT MASTERMIND** (Gentil) – Short coupled Blenheim boy with loads of coat. The static today was really affecting him! (not to his detriment) Sweet face with correct bite. I would prefer larger eyes. Correct topline and tail carriage. Moved nicely, loves his owner.

**JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)**

- 1) **FIELDSEGE SPOT ON** (Richards) – I really liked this young boy! Smart Blenheim with deep rich color. Attractive masculine head with dark eyes, correct ear set, and well cushioned muzzle. Loved everything about his construction. Nice length of neck, correct should lay back, correct turn of stifle, level topline. Lovely movement in all directions. In profile moved with lots of drive. Carried his tail a bit high from time to time. Pulled in the final 4 for top honors. I look forward to watching his show career.

**SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (1)**

- 1) **TUDORR BRINGING HOME THE BLUES** (Mixon/Mixon) – Heavily marked Blenheim with super deep rich color. Cute head, short muzzle, would like larger eyes.

Excels in length of neck and should layback. Excellent topline. Carried his tail a bit high at times. Very fit with good muscle tone. Moved close behind.

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

- 1) **LINRICA OMEGA CONSTELLATION** (Hsiung/Liu) – Smart tri boy with so much to like. Excellent markings, very flashy going around the ring. His head is attractive with nice eyes, correct bite. Would prefer his tan to be richer. Compact body size with good topline. Love his movement and correct tail carriage. Another pulled into the final 4 for winners, very close decision. I was very pleased to see he finished his championship over the weekend! **BEST TRICOLOR DOG, BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW**

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

- 1) **CLOSEBURN RED FOX TO THE FRONT** (Fairchild/Maddox) – What a glorious ruby boy! He was shown in beautiful coat and condition. A pretty, yet masculine head. Large eyes, well cushioned muzzle, high ear set, correct bite. Eyes could be darker. His body excels with correct angles, strong topline, and good tail carriage. His movement is strong and with plenty of drive. His overall quality awarded him **RESERVE WINNERS DOG, BEST RUBY DOG, BEST RUBY IN SHOW**

### **OPEN DOG (3)**

- 1) **CH SORELLA TWO TICKETS TO PARADISE** (Green) – My notes say “best mover in the class”. He and the ruby in the critique above were the best moving dogs of the morning. This Blenheim boy has an attractive head with nice round dark eyes, correct length of muzzle that is well cushioned, and correct ear set. Very honest dog with nothing over exaggerated as the standard calls for. Good size and proportions, very fit and well-muscled. Shown in lovely coat. **WINNERS DOG, BEST BLENHEIM DOG, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG**
- 2) **CH FORESTCREEK THE SHOWMAN AT TUDORR** (Mixon/Mixon/Cline/Marshall) - Close choice between #1 and 2. Another quality dog shown in excellent coat and good condition. Attractive head with high ear set, shorter muzzle, would like larger eyes set further apart. Nice arched neck and level topline. Carried tail correctly on the move. Not as much drive as dog above.
- 3) **SHIRMONT CLEAR CHOICE** (Thomas) – Sweet Blenheim with attractive head and large eyes. Nice size, compact in body, correct topline. Not the movement of the two before.

### **SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)**

- 1) **CH BEKENHALL SHIRMONT HE'S THE TICKET** (Glenn) – WOW! What a lovely gentleman at 11 years. He can hold his own with the youngsters with his strong muscle-toned body. A tribute to his owner! Sweet, soulful head. Biggest jet black eyes, full long ears framing his face.

## **BITCHES**

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

- 1) **SUMACREEK UPTOWN GIRL** (Skaggs) – What a cutie! 5-month-old little fuzzy girl with all her baby coat. She was just plain adorable. Compact body with all the right angles, just like I like them for her age. Sweetest little face with large eyes properly set. Nice open markings. I could have put her in my purse!
- 2) **HADARA SOUL BOREALIS** (Koch) – Two very different types. 7-month-old girl with so much to like. Well-constructed with a longer body than #1. Lovely neck, good shoulder layback, and turn of stifle. Attractive head with dark eyes.

### **SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)**

- 1) **CEDAR CREEK LIP SMACKIN GOOD** (Mehrens/Owens) – What a little star! Short coupled 9-month-old girl cute as a button. Sweetest little face with lovely eyes and expression. Moves nicely with level topline, good coming and going. Very attentive to her owner. **BEST PUPPY BITCH, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**
- 2) **BLUEBONNET TAKE TO THE SKY** (Orns/Vezina) – Young girl with so much too like. Today she did not like the show ring. Her owner gave her plenty of opportunities. She did get better as the class went along. She is very well constructed with good topline and lots of bone. Attractive head with huge round dark eyes. Once she gets it, she will be great.
- 3) **BONITOS COMPANEROS YAMIRA** (Cavicchio/Zuazo) – Blenheim girl nicely marked with large eyes. Topline level. Very sweet. She showed well.

### **GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (1)**

- 1) **BLUEBONNET RUBRUM LILY** (Vezina/Orns) – Heavily marked tri girl with a rock-solid body. Attractive head with large eyes and correct bite. Nice length of neck and level topline. Strong mover with good rear movement. Very animated.

### **NOVICE BITCH (4)**

- 1) **MAGNOLIA RUN LADY IN RED** (Early/Guzy) – Stylish Blenheim girl, nice size and good proportions. She has a sweet face with large eyes. Good topline and tail carriage. Moved with purpose and showed very well.

- 2) **BENCHMARK ABRACADABRA** (Hoorman) – Larger Blenheim girl with beautiful large eyes. Longer cast than #1. Moved well with level topline.
- 3) **UHLAN GOOD NEWS TO ME** (Nechiporenko) – Lightly marked Blenheim. I loved her head and size. Carried her tail too high which spoiled the picture.
- 4) **PRINCESS LEIA STARWAGGER OF THE STAR TAIL REPUBLIC** (Cavicchio/Zuazo) – Blenheim with a decent topline and movement. Lacking in breed type.

#### **BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (2)**

- 1) **ALMEARA LOVE HER MADLY** (Whitmire) – This girl checks all the boxes. Sweetest face you could ever see. Compact body but with plenty of bone. Moves like a dream with a level topline. Good coming and going. Shown in beautiful coat and condition. Showy girl that obviously loves the ring and her owner. Happy to award her **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**
- 2) **TUDORR BLUES ALLEY, JW, MP** (Mixon/Mixon) – Heavily marked Blenheim with good bone and attractive head. Nice neck, level topline. Doesn't move with the drive of the winner.

#### **AMERICAN BRED BITCH (5)**

- 1) **BLUEBONNET SHE IS EVERYTHING** (Orns/Vezina) – Well she certainly was to me! My star of the day! This young girl not yet 2, to me, optimizes the breed standard and what I like to see in a Cavalier. “Active, graceful, well-balanced dog” “short coupled with ribs well sprung” “sporting in character”. Her movement is flawless. She has a lovely reach of neck that gives look of top class. Sweet head with lovely eyes. She was up against tough competition versus Winners Dog, but her overall movement and class won me over. I look forward to watching her in the ring! **BEST IN SHOW, WINNERS BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW**
- 2) **BROOKHAVEN TREASURE HUNTER** (Parente) – Larger girl very well constructed. Pretty head with big expressive eyes. Moves nicely with a level topline and correct tail carriage.
- 3) **BENCHMARK WICKED WIPEOUT** (Vezina/Orns) – Also a bit larger girl that is very well constructed. Everything is right there, but she was not happy to show today. Once she gains confidence, I am sure she will do better.
- 4) **ONTHEMARK MY SHOT AT MARKLEY** (Storey) – Small compact girl with a beautiful head. Lovely expressive eyes. Moved okay but she seemed tired.

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

- 1) **KINGDOMRUN RUN FOR THE JULIPS** (Degen/Degen) – Pretty girl with a lovely head and nice eyes. Longer cast. Good bone. In good coat and condition.
- 2) **TUDORR A PIECE OF MY HEART** (Mixon/Mixon) – These two were similar in a lot of ways. Another sweet face and showed well. I preferred her size. Her coat was not the best today.

### **SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (1)**

- 1) **STARMAC BLUE** (Hooper) – Heavily marked with a very pretty face. Nice eyes well positioned. Muzzle correct with cushioning. Compact size with good bone. Moved with level topline. Tail a little low.

### **OPEN BITCH (2)**

- 1) **IVYLINE HONOLULU LULU** (Eubank/Eubank/Giampapa) – Blenheim with a lovely head. Super large eyes and excellent high ear set framing her face. Well cushioned muzzle. A bit stuffy in the neck/shoulder area. Compact size with good bone. Moved nicely with level topline and correct tail carriage. Very close in the end.
- 2) **CH GRANASIL MOCHA OF SUMARA, JW** (Gentil) – Ruby with a very sweet head and expression. Large eyes well placed. Longer cast than #1. Moved strong with reach and drive holding a level topline.

### **SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)**

- 1) **DARANE TRUE COLORS** (Kates) – 10-year-old black & tan that I have always admired. She carried herself in a way that many young ones don't. Very correct conformation from front to rear. Moves like a little machine, so precise and lovely. Just was a bit thin today.

### **VETERAN DOG (1)**

- 1) **CH BECKENHALL SHIRMONT HE'S THE TICKET** (Glenn) – see comments in Sr. Open [\*\*BEST VETERAN DOG AND BEST VETERAN IN SHOW\*\*](#)

### **VETERAN BITCH (1)**

- 1) **BECKENHALL DREAMING IN RED WHITE AND BLUE** (Hall) – Beautiful 8-year-old with many similarities to the Vet Dog. Beautiful head with lovely large eyes. Moved holding a good topline. What a doll! [\*\*BEST VETERAN BITCH\*\*](#)

It was fun at the end of this competition, I told the exhibitors how much I loved their dogs and how much they looked alike. Turns out the girl is a repeat breeding of the boy! Congratulations to their breeder for producing such consistent Cavaliers.