

CAVALIERS OF THE MIDWEST SPECIALTY
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My sincere thanks to the Cavaliers of the Midwest, President Aloha Brokopp and her hardworking Show Committee, for your kind invitation to judge. The hospitality was exceptional, the stewards were efficient and congenial, and the exhibitors showed great sportsmanship. I anticipated the quality to be of a high order, and that certainly proved to be true. I'd like to start with a few general remarks. I was impressed with the overall consistency of the entry; a few different styles and looks of Cavaliers, which is to be expected, but for the most part, all exhibiting good breed type. Breeders seem to have size under control; I had just a few that were too big for my taste, and likewise, only a couple of adults that I would consider too small, toyish, "ornamental" Cavaliers with overly fine bone, and not the sturdy sporting toy we aim for. Toplines were generally good, which is not always the case. Other than the very first class of Junior Puppy Dogs, the older puppies and adolescents, both the boys and girls, were happy and confident, with tails wagging on the table and on the move; a testament to the breeders' and owners' hard work getting their youngsters well socialized during a challenging time when shows and handling classes were often scarce around the country. Finally, I was surprised to find a few poorly and minimally groomed dogs, both young and old. Even just thoroughly brushing through heavily feathered ears and thick, wavy-coated skirts before entering the ring would have given the dogs a more finished look. Of course, we are here to evaluate breeding stock but we are also participating in a dog SHOW. We all dress up in our best for this special event and our Cavaliers should also look the part.

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DOG CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (3) "These three Blenheim boys were not a happy bunch. Tails down, or else flying them high."

1. **LINRICA OVER THE MOON BABY** (Cheng Liu): Nice make and shape, with good bone. Pretty head and face. Slow to warm up. Happy mover. Tail down but wagging.
2. **WOODSONG RIVERDANCE** (Kaiser): Not happy to be here. Beautiful dark eyes, lovely full ears. Muzzle a shade long. Nice topline. Too bad about the dropped tail and glum attitude.
3. **BROOKHAVEN NUMBER NINE DREAM** (Utych): Head a tad domey compared to #1 and 2, with a plainer expression. Level topline. Happy on the go-round but with a gay tail.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. **ORCHARDHILL AUSPICIOUS AT TUDORR** (Mixon/Venier): Lots to like about this Blenheim boy. Nice masculine head, with big round eyes. Lovely arched neck

leading into a well laidback shoulder. Good bone. Happy, confident movement. Wagging tail, and correct tail set. **BEST PUPPY DOG.**

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (3)

1. **KB PRIDE RUBENS AT HUDSONVIEW** (Glynn): Blenheim of nice size and bone, while still being masculine. Lovely make and shape. Pleasing head and expression. Confident standing and on the move. Wagging tail and correct tail set.
2. **HEAVENLYS CARPE DIEM** (Hossler): Nice outline, well made, confident mover. Lovely color, with lots of coat and feathering. On the larger side.
3. **FALLING SPRINGS RAMBLIN GAMBLIN MAN, JW** (Grimm Curley): Small, lightly boned tri boy. Nice outline, pretty head and expression. Good to see a well-broken tri. Just a little “toyish” for my taste.

NOVICE DOG (1)

1. **DARANE THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING** (Solino): A rather fine-boned tri. Deep stop, fine through the muzzle. Happy mover, tail wagging but flying high which spoiled the picture.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (3)

- 1) **CHADWICK BEST SELLER II, JW** (Eckersley/Reed): A classic Blenheim of beautiful, timeless type. So well made, and so sound. Masculine head with a soft expression and luxurious ears. Good bone, lovely proportions, well angulated fore and aft. Nice mover with good reach, tail wagging all the while. I was happy to reward him with **WINNERS DOG, BEST AMERICAN-BRED DOG, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG, BEST BLENHEIM DOG, BEST IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN-BRED IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW.**
- 2) **ALMEARA FORESTCREEK PATRICK** (Whitmire/Cline): Pretty Blenheim boy with big, dark eyes and soft expression. Nice proportions. A bit high in the rear. Happy on the move with ever-wagging tail.
- 3) **CH. SERAPHAVEN RETURN OF THE KING** (Gogol): An older, dark blanketed tri. White in the eye which affected expression. Rather a low-stationed dog; could use a little more leg under him, and a bit more neck. Happy demeanor.

JUNIOR AMERICAN-BRED DOG (2) “Two different styles of dog but both very correct and typey.”

- 1) **CHADWICK PURSUIT OF PERFECTION, JW** (Eckersley): Blenheim boy of nice make and shape. Masculine head with big eyes. Nice bone. Kept his shape on the move. Happy, with tail ever wagging.
- 2) **BROOKHAVEN ALMOST PARADISE** (Ayers/Martz): Slightly younger Blenheim boy. Pretty head and face, with lovely big eyes. Had his bouncy moments; he made a very nice picture when settled. Great rapport with owner. Nice level topline standing and on the move.

AMERICAN-BRED DOG (3)

- 1) **NIGHTINGALE HEART OF GOLD** (Weeks): Masculine, well-made Blenheim. Nice head with big wide blaze and lozenge. Well angulated at both ends. Nice mover, balanced, with good reach and drive. Well broken. Wavy coat. Grooming a bit haphazard, giving him a less polished look although structurally pleasing.
- 2) **WATERSEDGE NEW YEARS TREASURE** (Walzer): Another masculine Blenheim. Pretty head, with nice wide blaze and lavishly feathered ears. Good bone. Front movement somewhat restricted; lacked the reach of #1. Wavy coat.
- 3) **CHADWICK MELODRAMA** (McCarty/Eckersley): Blenheim dog, a bit overdone for my taste. Not my style. Domey head with short muzzle and not much neck. Lovely straight coat, well groomed and presented.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (1)

- 1) **CLARMARIAN CLEVELAND ROCKS** (Young-May/Mittman): Handsome male, confident and happy. Generous head with soft expression and dark eyes. Well-broken markings with the lozenge. Happy on the move but flying his tail.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (1)

- 1) **CHADWICK BUGATTI AT HUDSONVIEW** (Glynn): Happy male, nice make and shape, tail ever wagging. Generous head, big dark eye, luxurious ears. In beautiful condition and well presented. Too short in foreface for me.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (1)

- 1) **GRANASIL GOLDEN DELICIOUS OF SUMARA** (Gentil): This dog had a rather elegant, regal look about him. Nice make and shape. Lovely, unexaggerated head, with good pigment. Shown at a sensible speed. Nice size and glorious color. **[BEST RUBY DOG.](#)**

OPEN DOG (?)

- 1) **DREAMVALE GENTLEMAN JACK AT FIELDSEDGE** (Smith/Slusher): Masculine, upstanding Black/Tan male in a correctly sized package. Lovely head and expression, with big dark eyes and luxurious ears. Level topline standing and moving. Great extension on the move. Happy, with tail ever wagging. Impressive boy. **[RESERVE WINNERS DOG, BEST BLACK-AND-TAN DOG, BEST BLACK-AND-TAN IN SHOW.](#)**
- 2) **CH. STARMARC ALMEARA GAME ON, JW, AW** (Whitmire): Very pretty tri. Generous head, wide blaze, well-broken markings. Nice mover, and happy demeanor. **[BEST TRICOLOR DOG, BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW.](#)**

- 3) **CH. BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNICKYSKYE, AW** (Utych): A smaller Blenheim boy. Pleasing make and shape. Nice head with soft expression, pretty ears framing the face. Good topline.
- 4) **CH. LEGENDCREST FINNICKYSKYE DREAM CATCHER, JW, AW** (Utych): Nice-sized Blenheim boy, with dark eyes, good bone. Very soft demeanor. Tail up on the move but no wags. Looked rather glum. Not a lot of spark on this day.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)

- 1) **CH. BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR** (Weeks): Older tri gentleman. Handsome, well made. Masculine head with dark eye and nice wide blaze. Good bone. Confident on the move.

BITCH CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (6)

- 1) **FIELDSEGE ANGELS FLYING CLOSE** (Lusk/Slusher): Very pretty, well-put-together little Blenheim girl. Feminine head, sweet expression, dark eyes. Nice angles fore and aft. Confident on the move.
- 2) **HUDSONVIEW FIRST KISS** (Glynn): Another feminine Blenheim girl. Sweet face, well-broken markings, nice angles, with an elegant, arched neck. Pleasing make and shape.
- 3) **CHADWICK ROULETTE** (Eckersley): Small, feminine, well-broken tri. Head a little domey at this age. Generous neck, nice shoulders. Confident going around.
- 4) **MAGNOLIA RUN LIGHTNING STRIKE** (Santelli/Guzy): Sweet, feminine Blenheim. Pretty face, happy demeanor. A shade long in body and high in the rear on this day.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (5)

- 1) **CHADWICK JABOT** (Eckersley): Such a girly girl! A charming, well-put-together Blenheim. Pretty, feminine head and expression. Dark, soft eyes. Good bone, with a graceful, arched neck, and markings nicely broken. So happy on the move. **BEST PUPPY BITCH, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.**
- 2) **BROOKHAVEN MARY JANE** (Ayers/Martz): Another sweet, feminine Blenheim girl. Big dark eyes with soft expression. Nice angles with good bend of stifle. Happy demeanor, with ever-wagging tail.
- 3) **LINRICA DANCING WITH THE STARS** (Cheng Liu): Pretty Blenheim of pleasing make and shape. Sweet, feminine head and expression with generous blaze. Good angles. Happy on the move. Nice, rich chestnut markings.
- 4) **TUDORR GIGI, JW** (Mixon): Well-put-together Blenheim girl. Pretty head, with gorgeous dark eyes. Another with rich, eye-catching chestnut markings.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (4)

- 1) **SORELLA BROOKHAVEN TRINITY** (Ayers/Martz): Sweet, feminine Blenheim girl, so well constructed. Pretty head, soft expression, with lozenge. Happy on the move.
- 2) **FORESTCREEK MOET** (White/Cline): Blenheim girl, larger than #1 yet feminine. Nice head and sweet expression, with dark, soft eyes and lozenge. Rich, dark color. Glamorous feathering on tail and legs.
- 3) **TRUELEGANCE MOONLIGHT RHAPSODY** (Cromer): Small, blanketed tri. Pretty head, dark eyes, ears framing the face nicely. Happy girl, pleasing on the move. A longer neck would add elegance.
- 4) **CHIYODA ANGELS DREAM** (Lemon): Plainer head compared to the girls above. Big eyes but narrow blaze. Good proportions. Wavy coat. Very low-key, with little animation. Looked a bit tired.

NOVICE BITCH (1)

- 1) **CHADWICK BACCARAT OF CEILIMOR** (McCarty/Eckersley): A delightful little tri girl. Nice make and shape. Well-broken markings. Animated and thoroughly happy both on the table and on the move. Very pretty. She should have a promising future.
BEST TRICOLOR BITCH

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (3)

- 1) **CH. MIMRIC THIRTY SIX TWENTY FOUR THIRTY SIX, JW** (Hodges/Perkins): Very glamorous Blenheim girl from nose to tail. Beautiful head, with dark eyes and well-feathered ears. Lovely size. Nice proportions and angles. Great mover, and so happy. As shapely as her name would suggest! Most deserving on this day of going **WINNERS BITCH, BEST AMERICAN-BRED BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW**
- 2) **CHADWICK FLYING ON CLOUD NINE** (Greak/Comer/Eckersley): Feminine and correct Blenheim. Pretty head, dark eyes and pigment. Nice size and proportions. Kept her shape on the move. Animated and happy throughout.
- 3) **AUTUMNHILL UNFORGETTABLE AT TIDEWATER** (O'Brien/Tatum/Parente): Nice-sized ruby. Animated redhead. Off-color nose detracted, and expression rather glum. Happy on the move but flying her tail which spoiled the outline.

JUNIOR AMERICAN-BRED BITCH (2)

- 1) **CHADWICK LACE COLLAR** (Eckersley): Feminine Blenheim girl. Nice size. Ticking on the face detracted. Moved well, tail wagging, but otherwise not especially animated.
- 2) **ALMEARA FUNLIGHTENMENT** (Whitmire): Happy little tri girl, tail ever wagging. Domey head, low-set ears and poor topline.

AMERICAN-BRED BITCH (4)

- 1) **WATERSEdge CURTAIN CALL, JW** (Walzer/Walzer): Very pretty Blenheim girl. Nice head and expression. Lovely make and shape. Happy on the move, showing lots of animation.
- 2) **ISLEPOSEA WHISK ME AWAY, JW** (Hoehn): Beautiful Blenheim bitch, with lovely head and expression. Nice outline, make and shape, good movement. Simply lacking in animation on this day. Just didn't give much.
- 3) **NORTHPOINTE CHANGE THE WORLD ONE SEQUIN** (Mitchum): Feminine, blanketed Blenheim. Pretty head and expression. Happy demeanor. Wavy coat, rather unruly.
- 4) **SERAPHAVEN STARLIGHT AND DEWDROPS** (Gogol/Young-May): Pretty head and expression on this Blenheim girl. Nice size, proportions ok. Coat abundant, wavy, a bit out of control. Grooming seemed an afterthought.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (4)

- 1) **TUDORR QUIETLY MAKING NOISE AT AMMIK** (Mixon/Madden): Nice size. Dark eyes and expression. A shade long in body. Color well broken. Happy on the move.
- 2) **KRYSTLE ITS ALL ABOUT AMY** (Torgersen): Pretty head and soft expression. Well made, with nice proportions. Animated. Very wavy coat, lacked grooming, bleached-out color, lots of fuzz.
- 3) **LINRICA REACH FOR THE STARS, JW** (Cheng Liu): Pretty and feminine. Sweet expression. Dark, rich color. Animated. Iffy topline.
- 4) **ALMEARA ONCE SMITTEN TWICE LOVED, JW, MP** (Whitmire): Nice size and proportions. Feminine. Animated. Big, wavy coat, a bit unruly.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (1)

- 1) **AUTUMN HILL SUMARA WALK THE LINE** (Parente/Gentil): Nice size. Feminine with soft expression. Head a shade domey, with low-set ears. Nicely angulated fore and aft. Happy on the go-round.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (2)

- 1) **GRANASIL FLORENTINE OF SUMARA, JW** (Gentil): One of my stars on this day. Very stylish and feminine. Pretty head and expression. Nice proportions, make and shape. Happy mover. Correct tail carriage. Gleaming coat, with gorgeous, rich color. My pleasure to award her **[RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, BEST RUBY BITCH, BEST RUBY IN SHOW.](#)**
- 2) **LYNSFAIRE KISS FROM A ROSE** (Fairchild): Sweet bitch. Dark eyes and pretty expression. Happy and animated. Not as fancy as #1 nor the rich, deep color.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (4)

- 1) **CHIYODA BLACK PEARL OF JOY AT FALLING SPRINGS, JW** (Grimm Curley): Feminine, with good proportions. Prettiest head of the four. Nice presence. Animated throughout. **[BEST BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH](#)**

- 2) **BROOKHAVEN BLACK VELVET SLOW SOUTHERN STYLE** (Bennett): Longer cast, with a plainer head. Shiny, gleaming coat. Sweet girl, very much in tune with her owner.
- 3) **BROOKHAVEN MAGIC MOLLY** (Phillips): Sweet faced, happy girl. Tail wagging all the while. Very devoted to the young junior who was presenting her.
- 4) **AUTUMNHILL SUMARA JUST FLIRTING WITH YOU** (Parente/Gentil): Youngest of the four black/tan girls, and while just shy of 2 years of age, still looked like a sweet, promising puppy. Pretty expression. Head a little domed and moving rather close behind.

OPEN BITCH (7) “[Very competitive class!](#)”

- 1) **LEGACY CHENIN BLANC WITH EVERA** (True/Lindemaier/Seidman-McDonnell): Very beautiful Blenheim bitch. All girl! Gorgeous face and expression. Nice size. Well made, fore and aft. Looked lovely on the move.
- 2) **CH. BROOKHAVEN SEEING IS BELIEVING** (Ayers/Martz): I was splitting hairs, deciding between this lovely Blenheim girl and #1. Nice make and shape. Pretty head and expression. Typey and feminine. Happy and animated on the move.
- 3) **FIELDSEGE NAMASTE** (Smith/Slusher): Pretty girl. Lovely head, soft expression, luxurious ears framing her face. Nice size, bone, proportions. Happy on the go-round.
- 4) **CH. CHADWICK RIOTOUS, JW** (Eckersley): A striking tri girl. Beautiful head, soft expression, with big, bell ears. Nice proportions. Good mover.

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

- 1) **SERAPHAVEN PUT A SPELL ON YOU** (Gogol/Young-May): Sweet, feminine Blenheim girl, holding her own at age 8. Soft, kind expression. Happy and confident on the move.

VETERAN DOG (2) “[Two distinguished gentlemen graced the ring.](#)”

- 1) **CH. BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR** (Weeks): Handsome, upstanding tri boy of 8. Lovely head and expression. Well broken. Happy going around. **[BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.](#)**
- 2) **CH. CLARMARIAN CLASSIC BY DESIGN** (Young-May): Sweet Blenheim boy. Happy on the move and clearly enjoying his day out at almost 10 years of age.