

CNE PUPPY & ADULT SWEEPSTAKES

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I truly cannot thank Cavaliers of the Northeast enough for inviting me to judge in Clinton, NJ! This was my second time judging in the Northeast and both experiences have been absolutely top-notch, from the wonderful hospitality to the high quality of the entry. My deepest appreciation to show chair, Fran Hellman, for putting on such a wonderful show, to my ring steward, Pat Mixon, and all of the volunteers who helped make this show a success. Most of all, thank you all for allowing me to evaluate your beloved Cavalier. No matter the outcome, we all get to take the best dog home at the end of the day!

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VETERAN SWEEPS: BRONZE, BITCH (1)

1. CH SUNJAYS RUMOR HAS IT, C-TKA, C-RE (Hellman)

Gorgeous 8-year-old Blenheim girl whose outline excelled on the move, with a perfectly level topline and wide-open sidegate. She absolutely floated around the ring with such poise and structural balance; it was a pleasure to watch. Her coat was kept in pristine condition and presented beautifully. Her soft expression was emphasized by large, dark eyes, which reminded me of an oldie we used to have in the house. I was proud to award her **BEST VETERAN BITCH AND BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPSTAKES.**

SWEEPS 1: JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (6)

1. FIELDSEDGE CASEY JONES (Slusher/Slusher)

6-month-old well-broken Blenheim who oozed moderation in every sense of the word. His sweet face was complemented by a perfectly symmetrical mask, dark, round eyes, a moderate stop, and moderate foreskull, which I believe will only improve with age. To top it all off, he had the much desired Blenheim spot! Fortuitous markings highlighted his arching neck and well laid-back shoulders, which flowed effortlessly into a short back and led to perfect tail carriage. Rear angulation was accentuated by his short hocks, which he used to his advantage in his rear drive. One whose show career I truly look forward to watching.

2. FALLING SPRINGS BLACK FLAME AT MADRYN (Weeks/Weeks)

7-month-old Black & Tan with tan in all the right places and one of the best show personalities of the night. You can tell how in tune this boy is with his handler and how everything he does in the ring is to please her. Proper pip placement above large, dark eyes, followed by a moderate stop and moderate foreskull. Moderate front and rear angulation, which gave him a neat shape as he moved around the ring. A little high on leg on the day, but that is to be expected at this age and is something he will surely outgrow.

3. KRISTLE HAMILTON (Togerson/Togerson)

6-month-old well-broke Blenheim who continuously caught my eye throughout the class. Lovely mask around his dark eyes, smooth transitions from muzzle to brow to foresull, leading to a nice crest of neck. Ample sized body with moderate bone, moderate length of back, and short coupling. As the class went on, he gained more and more confidence, which led to freer movement and exemplified a true Cavalier attitude. I look forward to watching him mature and come into his own.

4. LINRICA OMEGA CONSTELLATION (Hsiung/Liu)

Neat 8-month-old well-broken Tri Color who I thought would be my winner upon first entering the ring, but he was ultimately let down by his topline, which awkwardly dropped off in the middle of the back. One of my favorite heads of the night with an expression that was so sweet, he almost looked a little feminine at times, but I believe he will only become more masculine as he matures. Lovely front assembly and lay of shoulder, moderate length of back, nice turn of stifle, and well let down hocks. It was hard for me to discern what was throwing off his topline, but my hope is this was a one-off. He is one of the best marked Tris I have seen in a while, which is a true testament to his breeders.

SWEEPS 3: GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)

1. BLUEGARDEN CASINO ROYALE (Matos/Di Bonaventura)

Gorgeous 12-month-old Tri Color with an unmistakably masculine expression. He had ample cushion, dark eyes, a moderate stop, ample foreshock, and a flat top skull which was accentuated by his perfectly placed ears. Could benefit from his shoulders being placed slightly further back, which would add to his length of neck. His solid topline led to a perfectly placed tailset, which created a flashy outline. Another excellently marked Tri who had tan in all the right places and is one to watch. Though he was the only one in his class, he stood out amongst the other male class winners and was well deserving of **BEST PUPPY DOG AND BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES.**

SWEEPS 4: JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. BLUEGARDEN PERFECTINY (Matos/Glynn)

6.5-month-old typey Blenheim girl with a short muzzle, correct bite, moderate stop, ample cushion, and moderate foreshock. Well placed earset and lovely length of ear which created such a pretty framing of her sweet face. Though she was a little straight in the front today, she flew around the ring with a perfect topline, open side gait, and plenty of drive from the rear due to her moderate rear angulation and well let down hocks.

2. CHARDOMONT JUPITER RISING (Greak/Comer)

7-month-old Tri Color of a petite size with a mighty attitude. A few freckles on her face that were no bother to me as her other facial features were so lovely, especially her large, dark eyes with excellently placed pips above them. Cobby body with a good front that I preferred to #1 and decent rear angulation and short hocks, but her movement was somewhat stilted as she moved around the ring. Perhaps that will change over time. Lovely silky texture of coat.

3. TIALULLY FEELS LIKE GOLD (Rubino)

6-month-old Ruby whose jovial personality made me smile. Somewhat longer in the muzzle but I believe that will balance out once her top skull further develops, though the true shape of the head was a little hard to discern through the puppy fluff. Moderate length of neck which could benefit from a better layback of shoulder. A little long in the back and loin today, though that provided for a wonderfully wide-open side gait while on the move.

4. FIELDSEDGE DREAMING OF JEANNIE (Slusher/Slusher)

6-month-old Ruby who was much shyer than her classmates and made it somewhat difficult to see her true outline, though my brain was able to fill in some of the blanks. Full muzzle of moderate length, more than moderate stop, large, dark eyes, and lovely cushion. Her type and substance are undeniable and I believe she will excel once she gains confidence.

SWEEPS 5: SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (5)

1. VALENTYNE NOTORIOUS AT SUNJAYS (Hellman/O'Brien)

Flashy 9-month-old Blenheim who immediately became the benchmark to which all others were compared. I was immediately drawn to her dark pigmentation, gorgeous head, and shapely outline, which she held perfectly on the go around. Large, dark eyes with perfect liner around them, surrounded by lots of cushion which softened her already-sweet expression. She had a narrower blaze than others but still ample white that connected all the way from her muzzle, between the eyes, across the top of the head, and down her swan-like neck. A solid topline that could hold a tea set and a tail that flew straight off her back. Her footfall was sheer perfection and she never took a single step out of place, always stopping four-square. I absolutely adored everything about her, from her size to her attitude and even her luscious coat. I could not deny her **BEST PUPPY BITCH AND BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES**. It was a thrill to watch her win Best in Show and achieve her first major in the club on a subsequent day of the show. She is a star in the making!

2. VALENTYNE SCANDALOUS AT PIAFFE (Rychlik/O'Brien)

9-month-old Blenheim with a very sporty outline. Moderate length of muzzle, moderate stop, and large eyes surrounded by cushion. Not as much length of neck or layback of shoulders as #1, but another quality exhibit with a dead-level topline and tailset. Great substance for her compact size and lovely angulation throughout. I went back and forth between #2 and #3, but ultimately preferred the compactness of this girl. I was pleased to learn later that she is a litter-sister to #1.

3. DARANE OTHERWORLDLY (Kates)

11-month-old Blenheim with a perfectly symmetrical mask that accentuated her endearing expression. Shorter muzzle and her bite was slightly off today, but that can change over time. Beautifully conditioned and presented coat with fortuitous markings throughout. As she moved around the ring, her topline slightly sloped down from the middle of the back through the croup and into the tailset, but that could have been a one-off and something she will grow out of. Though I initially struggled deciding between #2 and #3, I ultimately preferred the shorter back and turn of stifle on #2.

4. KRISTLE I WILL REMEMBER YOU (Torgerson)

9-month-old Blenheim with a very happy disposition and long ears that framed her sweet face. She could use more neck and a better layback of shoulder. Did not have as much substance as the rest of the class, but she is a youngster who just needs to grow up a little bit. Another exhibit who did everything her handler wanted from her and more.

SWEEPS 6: GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (5)

1. LINRICA DOUBLE HAPPINESS (Liu/Hsiung)

12-month-old Blenheim with a rich chestnut blanket. She had lovely dentition, a moderate muzzle, correct bite with pretty teeth, moderate stop between her large dark eyes. Her cushion amplified her sweet expression and transitioned seamlessly into the top of her head and down her moderate neck. She held her topline well on the move and used her short hocks to her advantage on the down and back. I really liked her breed type and look forward to watching her grow up.

2. CHARDOMONT CLOUD DANCER (Greak/Comer)

12-month-old cobby Blenheim with well-broken markings and the much desired Blenheim spot (or at least a nearly perfect one!). A cute head and face that could use a little more cushion around the eyes to soften the expression, but that will only improve as she matures. A little lower on leg today, but still a very pleasing outline. She held her topline on the go and even though it became

apparent she wasn't with her mom (who was handling another in the class), she did really well with a new handler. They both worked really hard for that 2nd placement!

3. CHARDOMONT SPECIAL EDITION (Greak/Comer)

Another 12-month-old Blenheim with well-broken markings and a happy disposition. She had a symmetrical mask around her dark eyes and lovely ears that framed her face. Though she had more neck than the others in her class, I ultimately preferred the length of neck of #2 and overall shape of #1. A little high on leg today, but this may change as she bodies up.

4. SHERAH MY CHERIE AMOR (Crommett)

12-month-old Ruby with dark eyes and a perfectly flat top skull. Moderate length of muzzle and stop, ample cushion, and decent neck, though I would prefer a little more. Lovely pigmentation on this girl with a lovely coat texture. She needs time to mature and body up, but will be fun to watch as she gains experience and develops further.

ADULT SWEEPS: DOG (1)

1. NIGHTINGALE HEART OF GOLD, AW (Weeks/Weeks)

4-year-old Blenheim boy who is the epitome of a showman and is so incredibly in tune with his handler. A true testament tonight to the work this handler has put into her quality exhibits. A beautifully soft face that is definitely masculine, but with undertones of femininity. Kept in extremely good condition, his ears were a sight to behold as they perfectly framed his face. Both his front and rear angulation are a little exaggerated, but they balance each other out to create a lovely, shapely outline. With a tail that never stopped wagging, it was a joy to award him **BEST ADULT DOG AND BEST ADULT IN SWEEPSTAKES.** I also could not have been more thrilled to watch him gain his CKCSC-USA Championship later that weekend!

ADULT SWEEPS: BITCH (1)

1. NIGHTINGALE OPERATION COWGIRL AT KYNESLANE (Paplauckas)

4-year-old Blenheim with well-broken markings. Ample soft coat that could use some stripping so as to better see the body underneath. Very cobby body with a lovely turn of stifle leading into short hocks that she used to her advantage. A lovely face and expression that was ever so slightly spoiled by white in one eye, but overall a very happy girl. I was pleased to award her **BEST ADULT BITCH IN SWEEPSTAKES.**