CAVALIERS OF THE WEST

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Thank you to the Cavaliers of the West for the invitation to judge at this show held in Las Vegas. Thank you to the Board and exhibitors for the hospitality shown to myself and my family we had a fabulous time. Congratulations to Carinne Brezine and Maureen Alvarez you both did an amazing job of your first show chair. The room looked lovely and very welcoming.

Although it was a smaller entry, I had some beautiful cavaliers to judge and was thrilled with my winners, all lovely representatives of the breed that I feel could hold their own in any entry. Backends in some were disappointing and lacking in muscle tone. As in previous years, the girls were deeper in quality than the boys. Temperaments all day were excellent. There were some exciting youngsters entered which is always good for the breed.

Elaine Berwick

DOGS

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1. HARRINGTON TOUGH COOKIE (Gonyo/Gonyo)

What a lovely start to the day. Super smart tri boy. Yes he is heavily blanketed with a thin blaze but this couldn't distract from his other qualities. He is a lovely size, correct amount of bone. Most gentle expression. Loved his neck and shoulder placement. He moved well both ways and automatically stood four square. Full of confidence. Delighted to make him <u>BEST</u> <u>PUPPY DOG</u> and a hairs breath from Best Puppy in Show.

2. NIGHTHAWKS ONCE UPON A LIFETIME (Mitchell)

Rawer blen boy of six months who didn't have the confidence of the first. He is well marked and his coat was a lovely texture. Dark eyes, excellent pigment, clear muzzle. He had a level topline held well on the move. His head needs to fill out but he shows a lot of promise give him 12 months and he will be an exciting teenager.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1. FALLING SPRINGS POP OUT N SHOW EM (Christensen/James)

Nicely sized slightly immature blen who is at the legs and wings stage. Fabulous neck and shoulders. He moved very steadily around the ring with plenty of drive. He is well marked and his coat was well presented. Very attentive to his handler.

2. **TEMPLAR'S NOT YOUR AVERAGE COWBOY V. NIGHTHAWK** (Morigi/Mitchell)

Completely different head to first being shorter in muzzle but still with a gentle expression, lovely eyes and good pigment. He is also well marked. Moved steadily around the ring but couldn't match the hindquarters of the first.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (2)

1. KINGDOM RAVELLO BABIECA (Neiser/Neiser)

Super smart blen who will be one to watch in the coming months. This youngster of 13 months has so much to offer. Lovely rich colour. On the table he is so good to go over. Right amount of bone for his size. Correct ear placement, gentle expression with lovely eyes. Moved very well around the ring. Very promising.

2. ROGUE VALLEY ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE (Vanessa/James)

Heavier marked tricolour. He has a lovely expression. Correct tan in all the right places. Good bone for his size. He moved very steadily around the ring holding his topline well. Well-presented and shown to advantage.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (2) "Two lovely boys, splitting hairs between them."

1. CH BELLAROSE CUCCI GU (Becker)

The first thing that attracts you to this Blenheim is his beautiful head with the most lovely eyes. Framed by huge ears. He is heavier marked and his coat was presented to perfection. He moved very freely around the ring with a level topline and using his hindquarters to advantage. Held his head proudly on the move.

2. CH INTRYNZIK LOLLIEGAG (Goodwin/Goodwin Brock)

Another lovely Blenheim boy. I preferred his size to the first. Gentle expression and correctly set ears. Good pigment. Right amount of bone for his size. He moved steadily around the ring and correct tail carriage. He has a lot to offer.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (4)

1. DEL SOL MAGIC MOMENT AW, MP (Macrae)

This lovely blen caught my eye on the first walkaround. He is a lovely dog to go over on the table. Very gentle expression with dark eyes, correct length of muzzle and good pigment. Head framed by well-feathered ears. He is well balanced on the move carrying his head well, best mover in the class.

2. SORELLA CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE (Savage Green)

One word – busy! This exuberant well well-balanced Blenheim is nicely marked and a lovely rich colour. He has a nice head with dark eyes and good pigment. His coat was well presented. He was in such a hurry that it made it difficult to assess him to his full quality on the move. I'm sure if he calms down a bit he will show off his qualities even more.

3. CROSSBOW BALOO FROM THE JUNGLE AT BLUESTARA (Glines-Brezine/Alvarez)

This blen has a lovely head and eyes. Loved his neck and shoulders. Longer cast than those above. He moved very steadily around the ring with a good tail carriage and a level topline. Showed happily throughout the class. Handled well.

4. BLUESTARA ALADDINS LIGHT AT HFLT (Parris/Parris)

Well-marked Blenheim whose tail constantly wagged on the table. Slightly longer than those above with a finer head. Moved well around the ring.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (4)

1. STORYTIME & CEDAR CREEK'S HAPPY HOUR (Owens/Blomquist)

Smart blen boy of 20 months. He is well-marked and coat was in beautiful condition. Lovely boy to go over on the table and he has much to offer. Attractive head, dark eyes and good pigment. Level topline and good spring of rib. He moved very steadily around the ring. Promising boy.

2. COVINGTON RHAEGAL (Gonyo/Mohn)

Larger well broken blen boy. He also had an attractive head with lovely expressive eyes, long ear feathers. He moved well around the ring and carried his head well on the move. Coat of correct length and well presented. Very attentive to his handler.

3. SORELLA I FEEL THE NEED FOR SPEED (Anguiano/Savage Green)

Happy boy. Richly coloured coat presented well. He has excellent pigment, good ear placement and nice length of neck. He moved well around the ring with good tail carriage.

4. MINGCHEN YUKON RIVER AT HIGH FLIGHT (Parris/Parris)

Heavier marked blen whose coat is a nice rich colour. He has dark eyes and excellent pigment, slightly finer in the head than those above. He moved steadily around the ring. Couldn't match the hind movement of those above.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (1)

1. LINRICA OMEGA CONSTELLATION (Hsiung/Cheng Liu)

Smartly marked tricolour who immediately catches your attention. He is a lovely size with just the right amount of bone. He has the most gentle expression, correct ear placement, clear muzzle, dark eyes. Good shoulders and level topline which he had well on the move. Beautifully presented. *BEST TRICOLOUR DOG AND BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW*

OPEN DOG (3) "Three lovely boys! All having something extra special and it came down to personal choice on the day. On watching judging on the final day the results over the three days showed that they all shared all three placings over the weekend showing how closely matched they are."

1. CH SORELLA TWO TICKETS TO PARADISE, JW (Savage Green)

This lovely Blenheim boy ticks so many boxes. Lovely to go over on the table. He has a soft gentle expression, lovely dark eyes, excellent pigment correct length of muzzle. Good ear placement. Nice neck and shoulders going onto a level topline and good spring of rib. Strong hindquarters which he used well on the move. Carried his head beautifully going around the ring. Shown well to bring out the best of him. I shall what his progress with interest. Delighted to award him, *BEST IN SHOW. WINNERS DOG, BEST BLENHEIM*

<u>IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY</u> <u>EXHIBITOR IN SHOW</u>

2. CH FALLING SPRINGS BLACK FLAME AT MADRYN, JW, AW, CTKN (Weeks/Weeks/Grimm Curley)

You cannot fail to be attracted to this b/t as he literally glides around the ring. He carries his head proudly and has a fabulous level topline on the move. He has lovely dark eyes and good pigment. Full ears. His coat although not long is presented to perfection. A lovely boy who I am sure will continue to be able to hold his own against any colour. I was pleased to award him *RESERVE WINNERS DOG, BEST BLACK AND TAN IN SHOW*

3. CH BONITOS COMPANEROS ORINOCO (Meager/Hess)

Another lovely boy whose head I preferred to the 2nd. He's a very stylish dog to go over on the table. Gentle expression, good length of muzzle, very long ear feathers. On the move he just rushed slightly which affected his head carriage. Another one beautifully presented.

BITCHES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (7) "This class was full of quality and I was literally splitting hairs. These young ladies are going to have a fabulous summer!"

1. CEDAR CREEK LIP SMACKIN GOOD (Mehrens/Owens)

My notes start with the word 'scrummy' and she definitely was. Caught my eye on the first go around for her movement and her head carriage. So pretty with a gentle expression, lovely eyes, excellent pigment. Just the right amount of bone for her size. She moved steadily around the ring with correct front and rear movement. I found out afterwards that she is her owner's first show dog, what a lovely promising girl to start with! I was also told she is the daughter of a bitch I had done well for at the UK Club Show last March. I am sure she will have an exciting career. Delighted to award her <u>BEST PUPPY BITCH & BEST</u> **PUPPY IN SHOW**.

2. HARRINGTON A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR (Gonyo/Gonyo)

Heavier marked tricolour sister of the best puppy dog and many of his qualities apply to her. What a lovely pair! Like her brother she has an air of 'look at me' about her and stands four square showing her heart out. Gentle expression and tan in all the right places. Moved well around the ring with plenty of drive.

3. DEL SOL SLICE OF PARADISE (McHenry)

What a monkey! She was determined to only move when she wanted to. When she gets her act together she will be able to hold her own in any company. Pretty Blenheim. Clear muzzle, dark eyes excellent pigment. Good bone for her size. So much to offer.

4. SORELLA GLOWING IN PARADISE (Savage Green)

Smaller Blenheim with the most lovely eyes. For her size everything is in proportion. She is very appealing to go over on the table. She moved very well around the ring with a lovely head carriage. Hope she continues to grow on.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (1)

1. FALLING SPRINGS RUN THE WORLD (Younger)

Well marked Blenheim who although alone in the class, walked around the ring very smartly. She is still immature but has lots of promising features. Very attentive to her handler. Presented very well.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. IVYLINE COWGIRL BARBIE (Giampapa)

A very special Blenheim with lozenge and one that I would of easily popped into my suitcase. My notes say 'best eyes so far' and I think she had the best eyes of the day. So lovely to go over and ticked many of my boxes. Soulful eyes, correct ear placement, good pigment and length of muzzle. She stood four square. On the move she carries herself so well with a level topline and excellent tail carriage and moves with plenty of drive. Splitting hairs between her and my Winners Bitch. She still makes me smile when I think about her now. Delighted to award her *RESERVE WINNERS BITCH* which her owner informed me later made her up to a Champion - Congratulations.

2. ROGUE VALLEY DOUBLE SHOT OF ESPRESSO (James/James)

Another pretty girl whose full ears framed a lovely expression. She is a nice size and shape, correct amount of bone. She moved well with a level topline going around the ring. Her coat was heavily marked, a nice rich colour and well presented.

3. LADY IN BLACK DE LOS URSIDOS KODIAK (Murphy/Gemenez Echazarra)

Dear little b/t who had one of the prettiest heads here today. She is on the smaller size but has correct bone for her size. She moved steadily around the ring and carried her head well just could not match the movement of the girls above.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (1)

1. GYLDEN I'M A BELIEVER (Ellingson/Ellingson)

Just as I was still thinking about the gorgeous eyes in the previous class, in walks this young lady who could match them with her endearing expression. Lovely eyes framed by full ears. Heavier marked Blenheim whose coat was presented well. She moved around the ring with ease carrying her head well and correct tail carriage.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH BITCH (4)

1. DEL SOL BREAKFAST IN BED (McHenry)

Another lovely beautifully marked Blenheim from this owner, she is certainly breeding to type. Very attractive head which she carried well on the move. She has lovely eyes, good

pigment and correct length of muzzle. Moved very steadily around the ring and going both ways. Happy disposition.

2. INTRYNZIK EPIC POETRY (Goodwin/Goodwin Brock)

Pretty Blenheim with lozenge that pushed 1st hard just didn't match her for head carriage on the move. I liked her shape, correct bone for her size. Level topline and good spring of rib. She has a gentle expression with expressive eyes.

3. NIGHTHAWK JINX YOURE IT CRN, CCD, CGC, TK-N (Mitchell)

Another lovely girl with the best hind movement in the class. She had a lovely head, slightly too short in the muzzle for me. Full ear feathers that framed her pretty eyes. Well marked and her coat was presented well. Moved well around the ring.

4. CHIYODA JUST MY CUP OF TEA OF GLENELLEN (Murphy)

Well marked Blenheim with lozenge. She was slightly plainer than her classmates. She had good bone and on the move had strong hindquarters. Rounded off a class of quality girls.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (1)

1. CHADWICK LOOKING FOR TROUBLE (Greak/Comer)

This Blenheim ticks so many of my boxes. She is well broken with a lozenge. She's a lovely size with correct bone for her size. She has dark expressive eyes framed by well-feathered ears and excellent pigment. Lovely neck and shoulder placement with level topline. Moved effortlessly around the ring with plenty of drive. Presented beautifully. She was in my final four and was very close to being Reserve Winners Bitch.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (1)

1. REGIS GOLD COUNTRY SPICY PARADISE (Neiser/Neiser)

Exceedingly pretty ruby who I fell in love with. She has many qualities. Most lovely eyes, excellent pigment, correct length of muzzle. Lovely bone for size. Level topline and good spring of rib. On the move she tended to pull which affected her movement and head carriage. If her owner can get her to move more steadily and show of her attributes she will have many fun days ahead. Pulled her out in my final four. **BEST RUBY BITCH AND BEST RUBY IN SHOW.**

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK & TAN BITCH (2)

1. FERAY VALOIR VIOLA D'OR (Neiser/Neiser)

First of all congratulations to her young handler, you did a great job! Another one with a very gentle expression, full ears. Expressive eyes. Liked her size and her shape. Moved very steadily around the ring holding her topline well on the move. Same owner as the ruby class – you have two lovely wholecolour girls. *BEST BLACK AND TAN BITCH IN SHOW*.

2. MYRNAC TINA TURNER TO SHERAH (Crommett/Grace Reid)

Another lovely expression which is often hard to achieve with a wholecolour. Correctly placed ears with full leathers. Good neck and shoulder placement. She is a lovely size and moved with plenty of drive.

OPEN BITCH (1)

1. CH ORCHARD HILL DIVERSIFIED (Venier/Venier)

The very first time I judged in the USA over twenty years ago this exhibitor showed a bitch under me that took my breath away. This lovely Blenheim is also out of the top drawer. She doesn't have any 'if only'. She stood four square on the table showing off her fabulous size and shape. From her nose to the tip of her tail she is quality. When she started to move I had my fingers crossed she would move well and she certainly did, moving effortlessly around the ring, carrying her head proudly. I was more than delighted to award her <u>WINNERS</u> <u>BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BITCH, BEST BITCH, BEST BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BITCH, BEST BITCH, BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BITCH, BEST BITCH, BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BITCH, BITCH</u>

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. **DELSOL ADORED MP** (McHenry)

I last judged this 8.5 years old tricolour six years ago and she moved as well today as she did then. She's a credit to her owner. She has everything in proportion for her size and isn't twee in anyway. Huge full ears framing her extremely pretty head with dark eyes and excellent pigment. Moved very well around the ring moving out with purpose, shown to advantage. **BEST VETERAN BITCH AND BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.**

VETERAN BITCH (1)

1. DELSOL ADORED MP (McHenry)

See Senior Open Bitch for critique