

Cavaliers of the Midwest
02/25/12, Dallas, TX
Judge: Brian Rix (Ricksbury)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many people who assisted in making my trip to Dallas and subsequent judging appointment run so smoothly and efficiently. Certainly the hospitality shown was second to none. I would particularly like to thank my ring stewards, collecting ring stewards and top table for their great organisation. In addition I would particularly like to thank all the exhibitors who allowed me the privilege of going over their dogs on the day. Each exhibit was presented in a pristine condition, and a pleasure to go over. On a number of occasions positions could be reversed and on others I wanted more than one first for the class. I noticed on the schedule it stated "what happens in Dallas stays in Dallas" – not true I picked up a nasty cold and diligently took it back to the U.K. and shared my "cold" with a number of people not least my partner Kevan – strange not too many have thanked me for that?! Suffice to say I had an excellent trip, and enjoyed my judging assignment and am very grateful for the opportunity and hospitality shown, not least a splendid party at Ted and Mary Grace's home on the Sunday night following the completion of judging.

Junior Puppy Dog (6)

1. Denham Dream Boat (Maddox) 8 month old, very well balanced with lovely bone. Kept a good level topline moving. Has the most appealing head, eye and expression, and a lovely temperament. Very promising. **2. Forestcreek Sir Prize** (Cline) 8 month Blen. Most attractive in outline. Lovely rich chestnut, moved and showed well. Excellent pigmentation. Promising. **3. Sikeleli I Wanna Be A Rock Star** (Nel) Good for size, well broken Tri colour. Pretty head, dark eye, would prefer more tan. **4. Kinglys Clint Black of Bekenhall** (Hall/Herrington) A promising Blen of good breed type and quality. Just not as settled as the 3 above, and pigmentation needs to fill in.

Senior Puppy Dog (6)

1. Shirmont Doctors Orders (Henry) Well marked Blen of good colour, and breed type. Well balanced in body and excellently presented. Clear winner. **Best Puppy Dog**
2. Canyoncrest Christopher Marlow (Barrett) Another nice Blen of excellent breed type, lacking a little in body, with maturity should do well. **3. Almeara Kiss the Girls** (Whitmire) Richly marked Blen with a beautiful head, large dark appealing eyes. Excellent pigmentation, good body proportions. Just needs to strengthen in rear movement. **4. Bonitos Companeros Kaleo at Diorchavon** (Bialekl) Blen of good breed type, lovely size. Needs to settle and perhaps some ringcraft training. Should do well.

Graduate Puppy Dog (5)

1. Crizwood Billy Baroo at Torrey Pine (Byroads) Tri colour. Lovely head, lots of good bright tan, good eye and expression. Nice neck and shoulders. Settled and balanced on the move with a good topline. **2. Bonitos Companeros Executor** (Adair) Another well balanced Blen of good rich colour. Larger than the winner. Lovely head, good dark eye and pigmentation. Well balanced exhibit who could strengthen a little more behind. **3. Redbud Northern Dance** (Scott) Good headed Blen, large dark round eyes, giving a lovely expression. Good for size, but needs to settle. Would prefer a better topline. **4. Circelcity Walk in the Park** (Matters) Blen with spot. Not as soft in expression as the ones above. Good for size and nicely presented. Just needs to soften.

Novice Dog (3) No comments on this class due to tape malfunction.

1. Forestcreek Inception (Casey) **2. Forestcreek Benjamin at Riverview** (Barrois) **3. Balmarl Eli** (Kinsler/Anwar)

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)

1. Bekenhall Right On the Money (Hall) Lovely head with beautiful dark expressive eyes. Balanced in body, but would prefer a little bit more reach of neck. **2. Roserock Proud Not Prejudiced** (Contreras) Heavily marked but richly coloured Blen with good temperament. Would prefer stronger hindquarters.

Junior American Bred Dog (2)

1. Forestcreek Sixth Sense (Starks) Richly coloured Blen. Very pretty head with good eye, giving a soft gentle expression, good pigmentation. Nice outline on the move and tail never stopped wagging. **2. Sikeleli Against All Odds** (Nel) Nicely marked Blen giving so much away in maturity. Good rich colour, excellent pigmentation. Needs to soften in expression

American Bred Dog (5)

1. Forestcreek Apollo (Walzer/Cline) Very good headed Blen with a good eye and expression. In beautiful coat and condition, so well presented. Little bit proud of his tail, but a well deserved 1st place. **2. Shirmont Back For More, JW** (Henry/Dodson) More well broken blen. Coat of good texture. Nice tail set and croup, moved and showed well. But not the softness of expression of the winner. **3.**

Tassajara Hugh Jackman (Seidman/Hughes/Berkau) A very good exhibit. Lovely head with kind gentle expression. Good pigment. Needs to strengthen a little behind, and would like to see him with more coat. **4. Canyoncrest Star Blazer, JW** (DuRoss) Another lovely headed Blen. Beautiful large dark expressive eyes. Good colour. Balanced outline. This was a good class.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (3)

1. Chantismere Cast a Spell on Corduke (Mulligan) Lovely quality exhibit, in excellent coat and condition. Beautiful eyes, set in a well balanced head. Excellent pigmentation. Good bone. Sound and free in movement. Close up for top awards. **2. Kaishmar Carlos at Canyoncrest** (DuRoss) Another nicely presented Blen in good coat and condition, and good bone. Retained a good outline on the move. The head was a little over done for my taste. **3. Lanola Only Make Believe** (Matters) Well broken blen. Coat of good soft silky texture. Pleasant head and good pigmentation. Good bone. Perhaps not quite as balanced on the move as the two above.

Special Limit Tricolour Dog (2)

1. Pinecrest Dixieland Band (Scanlan Johnson) Nice headed dog with beautiful large dark eyes giving a soft expression, not easy in this colour. Good neck and shoulders and nice topline, tailset and croup. Showed well. **Best Tricolor in Show** **2. Riverview Tricloud at Jierans** (Farthing/Barrois) Many of the same remarks apply, just not in the coat of the winner.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (2)

1. Storeyland Golden Ransom (Gallagher) Ruby of lovely colour. Gorgeous headed ruby with the most beautiful expression. Full of breed type and quality. Lovely size, and while not in the coat of the 2nd, his breed type won him the class. **Best Ruby in Show** **2. Turretbank Beaujolais** (Green) Beautifully presented ruby in good coat and condition. While he has a lovely head, it was the intense quality of the 1st prize winners head which won the day. Two nice exhibits.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (2)

1. Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Schilling) Pleasant headed dog, with good eye dark and expressive. Has good bright tan in all the right places. The coat was soft and silky to the touch. He moved and showed to advantage. **Best Black & Tan Dog** **2. Meadowlake Toshihiro** (Morrison/Spraybery) Similar remarks apply to the one above. I just felt his coat texture was not as soft as 1. But of good breed type and quality.

Open Dog (3)

1. Miletree Northern Star at Shirmont (George/Henry) Beautifully balance Blen. with a stunning head, large dark and appealing eyes. Excellent pigmentation. Good neck and shoulders, absolutely spirit level topline. Good bone. Good tailset and croup. Very stylish mover. He was the overall package on the day. **Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show**

2. Ch Pascavale Stafano, JW (Cline) Another well presented Blen and worthy Champion. In lovely coat and condition. Lovely head, large dark eyes, giving the desired expression. Well balanced in body. Dog of lovely size full of breed type and quality. Unlucky to meet the winner today. **Reserve Winners Dog**

3. Ch Pascavale Nathan (Cline) Worthy champion of correct size. Excellent pigmentation. Would like a bit more tapering in the muzzle, but has good bone, and he moved and showed to advantage.

Junior Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Pinecrest Shirmont Moonlight Madness (Henry) We have a saying in England. This is the one the judge would like to take home. Absolutely cracking 6 month old Blen. Beautifully broken. Lovely head, beautiful eyes with a soft gentle expression. Excellent pigmentation. Beautifully proportioned full out. Excellent hindquarters. Must have a bright future. **Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show**

2. Sileleli Tikvah Yafah Lovely Hope Nevaeh (Nel) Another quality blen bitch. Again with a gorgeous head. Lovely coat colour of good texture. I am sure she too will have a good show career. One to watch. **3. Kinglys Reba McEntire** (Herrington) A promising youngster, mature for age. Lovely temperament. Good bone. Moved and showed well. **4. Meadowlake Yellow Rose** (Swanson) Another with a promising future ahead of her. Pretty head with kind gentle expression. Well schooled. Just lacked the maturity of the ones above her.

Senior Puppy Bitch (7)

1. Forest Creek Princess Diana (Cline) Like your choice of name. A richly marked Blen of the correct size, full of breed type and quality. Very well presented. **2. Bonitas Companeros JeT'Aime** (Adair) Larger than winner, again with good head. Good eye and dark pigmentation. Retained a good outline on the move. A promising young bitch. **3. Canyoncrest Rose Lane** (DuRoss) Nice headed Blen with lozenge. Pleasing head good make and shape. In good coat and condition, and moved with style. **4. Redbud Sharing Secrets** (Scott) Nice Blen with well broken markings. Very balanced in outline. Moved and showed well.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (8)

1. Bonitos Companeros Gianna Nannini (Adair) This is a really bright prospect. Lovely head, beautifully balanced body. Excellent neck and shoulders. Deep rich chestnut markings. Good bone. Happy disposition. A champion in the making. **2. Hadara Soul Speak** (Koch) Extremely pretty headed bitch with the most beautiful large dark well set eyes. Excellent pigmentation. Good neck and shoulders, good bone. She moved and showed well. Two very good bitches. The winner being that little bit better in tail set and croup. **3. Brookhaven Darbie** (Ayers/Martz) Well marked Tri colour. Lovely size, particularly pleasing tan. Nicely balanced body, moved and showed well. Bitch of correct size. **4. Miletree Wendy McKenzie at Shirmont, JW** (Henry) Smart little blen of nice type and quality. The head needs to soften a little bit more for her to go higher.

Novice Bitch (5)

1. Brymarden Over the Moon of Benchmark (Hoorman) Very typical of her breeding. A beautiful bitch. Lovely head, with a soft gentle expression so desired. Lovely pigmentation. Well proportioned body. Good neck and shoulders. Moved freely and with style. A bitch of great quality. *Reserve Winners Bitch*

2. Balmarl Franchesca (Kinser) Nice type. Slightly bigger than the winner, and needs to lose a pound or two in weight. But a quality bitch. **3. Avia Billie Jean** (Longobardi) 6 month old ruby and lacked the maturity of the two above, but of nice type and quality. **4. Luxxar Sugar Babe** (Helleson/Campanozzi) Attractively marked Blen, Little shorter in foreface for the standard. In good coat and condition. Showed well.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (4)

1. Jayba Buttons N Bows (Lander) Breed type and quality took her to beat all other bitches. I could give her no greater compliment than to say she reminded me of Ch Ricksbury Royal Temptress. Need I say more. *Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best Blenheim Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred in Show*

2. Bekenhall Blue Suede Shoes (Hall/Kent) Another lovely bitch of outstanding breed type and quality. Moved and showed to perfection. Lacking the coat on the day. **3. Shirmont Apple McIntosh, JW** (Henry/Dodson) Nicely balanced bitch whose coat was just on the blow. A pretty head with kind dark eyes and good pigmentation. Very good for size. **4. Ch Woodsong Lolita, JW** (Kaiser) Completed 4 lovely bitches, and a worthy champion, just preferred the size of the ones above.

Junior American Bred Bitch (6)

1. Benchmark Shameless (Hoorman) Clear winner. Elegant and stylish moving tri colour. I particularly liked her eyes and expression, which I have commented previously is very difficult to achieve in this colour. I liked her overall proportions and her sound stylish movement. *Best Tricolor Bitch* **2. Brookhaven Fancy Free** (Ayers/Martz) Well broken Blen. Little lacking in coat on the day, but of good breed type and quality with good bone. Has a happy disposition and showed well. **3. Roseriver Naughty But Nice** (Young) Tri colour. In good coat, and condition. Nice and flat between the ears. A little short in foreface. Has good body proportions. And she moved and showed well. **4. Bekenhall Tattle Tale** (Hall/Kent) Attractive well broken Blen with sweet expression. Kind dark eyes. Just lost her outline a little on the move.

American Bred Bitch (5)

1. Almeara Made you Look (Whitmire) Nicely proportioned and very well broken Blen in good coat and condition. Kind dark eyes, excellent nose pigmentation. Good mouth. Nice and flat between the ears. Carried herself nicely around the ring. A worthy winner. **2. Truluv Giselle of Foxwyn** (Fox) A richly marked Blen, more heavily marked than winner. Nice neck and shoulders, Good topline, tailset and croup. Moved and showed well. **3. Forest Creek Piece Of My Heart** (Cline) Attractively marked Blen, well broken coat. Pleasant head. Good body proportions. Minor details between 1st, 2nd and 3rd. **4. Caddo PC** (Dodson/Henry) Bitch of good breed type and quality. Rather let down by chewed ears, which threw the balance of those above.

Health & Conformation Bitch (1)

1. Pinecrest Lawdy Miss Claudie, RE (Barton) Almost 7 years old and looking great. In good condition. Good pigment, lovely eyes, and good to see a full set of teeth on a bitch almost 7 years old. Lovely size. Moved and showed well.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (5)

1. Spindlepoint Hope (Compton) 2 year old blen. Pretty head. Pleasant expression, good nose pigment. Can stand awkward at times, but of the correct breed type and quality, and she moves and shows well. **2. Rockin Rebels Chanel at Turretbank** (Green) Unlucky to meet the winner, having left her clothes behind. Sweetest head and a kind soft expression we all desire. Kept a good outline on the move. A quality exhibit. **3. Bonitos Companeros Zsa Zsa** (Adair/Mitchell) Blen similar remarks as the ones above. A little deeper in stop, and tended to loose her topline on the move. But a quality

exhibit none the less. **4. Shirmont Sarasota Blue** (Henry/George) Blen with lozenge. A little larger than the ones above. Lovely head and kind gentle expression coming from large dark eyes.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)

1. Riverview New Years Eve (DuRoss) Very pretty headed Ruby of the correct size. Of good breed type and quality. Not in show bloom. **2. Brookhaven Lucky Penny** (Schilling/Ayers) Pretty headed ruby. Little longer in body than the one above, and not moving as well today.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (4)

1. Avia Camellia.(Poti) Lovely headed bitch of the correct size. Good neck and shoulders level topline. Moved and showed the best in this class. **Best Black & Tan in Show** **2. Cruisin Minnie Mouse** (Rackler) Another nice bitch. Unfortunately out of coat today having just returned to the ring after maternal duties. **3. Roseriver Hallelujah** (Young) This bitch was in good coat. She has good tan. Unfortunately whilst standing she looked the part but on the move she lost her outline, which cost her a higher placing. **4. Katesmoore Enchanting Garbo** (Moore) Bitch of nice size and type. She would benefit from her coat being worked on, as it was rather on the blow.

Senior Open Bitch (1)

1. Castlemar Sophia Grace, C-RE, C-CD (Barton) 8 year old bitch in lovely coat and condition. Bitch of the correct size of good breed type. Lovely bone. Moved and showed well.

Veteran Dog (2)

1. Ch Hurleaze Bristol Blue at Shirmont (Henry/George) It was a privilege for me to go over this beautiful Blen, and I thank his owners for bringing him, looking so splendid today. Worthy of his many wins. **Best Veteran in Show** **2. Ch Shirmont Cambridge Blue** (Glenn) Many of the same remarks apply. Worthy Champion.

Veteran Bitch (2)

1. Ch. Shirmont Shades of Blue (Strauss) Blen of lovely size type and quality. So lovely to judge the veterans looking so well. Has a lovely temperament. Enjoying her day out. **2. Castlemar Sophia Grace, C-RE, C-CD** (Barton) Another lovely bitch enjoying her day out.

Stud Dog (1)

1. Ch Hurleaze Bristol Blue at Shirmont (Henry/George)