Cavaliers of the Northeast 03/20/2016, Williamsburg, Virginia

Judge: Linda Kornhi (Quail Run Cavaliers, USA)

Thank you to the CNE committee for the invitation to judge your show, and special thanks to Mandy Mulligan, my ring steward Barbara Curley, Beth Bales, Howard Bales and everyone who took such good care of me this past weekend. Your hospitality was extraordinary! The food was fabulous, and the sightseeing tour was very much appreciated. Thank you to the exhibitors for the sporting way you accepted my decisions, some of which were very difficult. The fellowship among the exhibitors made the wins all the more special for the winners. It's often said that the strength of a breed is in its bitches. That was more than evident in the bitch classes, starting with the puppies and carrying through to open.

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (6)

- 1. **Chadwick Cutty Sark** (Eckersley) A lovely Tri boy, with correct angles front and rear, good tail carriage, attractive head with nice eyes. Moved true coming and going.
- 2. **Nightingale Riptide** (Mulligan) Nicely marked Blenheim boy, slightly finer in bone, with an abundance of coat, marked to his advantage. Angles were balanced front and rear, moved well.
- 3. **Chadwick Jet Setter** (Eckersley) Happy Blenheim boy, slightly longer cast and finer of bone. Lovely eye, not quite the cushion of the previous exhibit from this kennel. Carried his topline nicely on the move.
- 4. **Nightingale Diorchavon Baby Its You** (Bailek) Another happy Blenheim boy, with an abundance of coat. Correct head and eye, lacking the fill that is sure to come with age. Moved well around the ring, in tune with his handler.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (3)

- 1. **Orchard Hill Chrome Pony** (Venier/Venier) Well balanced Blenheim puppy with nice angles front and rear, and correct length of loin, hence he moved well around the ring. Lovely head and eye. Pleased to award him *Best Puppy Dog in Show*
- 2. **Brookhaven The Dream Lives On** (Utych) Very close decision to #1, similar size Blenheim, nice angles, well balanced front and rear, albeit slightly longer. Lost out on head today, no doubt it will come with maturity.
- 3. **Rutherford Olivier** (deHass) Blenheim of excellent construction, correct length of loin, well balanced so moving true and holding his topline on the go. Just a bit too much head for his age, no doubt he will grow into it, eyes showing a bit of white.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (2)

- 1. **Blueday Mr Wonderful** (Gross) Indeed he was! lightly longer in length, excellent front and rear angles and moving true, never put a foot wrong. Outstanding head shape and eye, correct cushion. Sympathetically handled. Very pleased to award him *Reserve Winners Dog*.
- 2. **Tuddor Rhythm N Blues** (Mixon) Unlucky to meet #1 today, as this Blenheim pup was tired. Slightly longer in cast, but nicely balanced with correct angles front and rear. Lovely eyes. Forward face markings did not distract, but did contribute to the illusion of less fill than he actually had.

NOVICE DOG (1)

1. **Truelegance Once Upon A Moonlight Tryst** (Bell/Cromer) Nice shape to this 2 year old Blenheim male, excellent bone, but carrying a bit too much weight for his size. Nice head, deeper stop, nice eyes, right showing a bit more white.

BRED By EXHIBITOR DOG (1)

1. **Ch Nightingale The Eyes Have It, JW** (Mulligan) A worthy Blenheim exhibit, excellent head and eye, correct cushion. Good length of body, nice bone. Slightly long in hock, topline sloping just a bit today.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

1. **Almeara Extra Extraordinairy, JW** (Whitmire) A very nice 12 month old Blenheim exhibit, carrying plenty of coat. Nice head, lovely eye, good length of body and correct angles front and rear, moved well. In good weight.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (6)

What a nice class! Very difficult choices, many of the exhibits could change place on any given day.

- 1. Piccadil When Your A Jet (York) What a lovely Blenheim boy! Up to size, carried it well, a tad long in loin. Balanced front and rear so moved true coming and going. Lovely larger head with a deeper stop and gorgeous eyes. He had the size to carry that head and not look overdone. Very pleased to award him Winners Dog, and ultimately Best Of Opposite Sex to Best in Show, Best American Bred Dog in Show, Best Bred by Exhibitor Dog in Show, Best Blenheim Dog in Show
- 2. **Forestcreek Heart Of Rock N Roll, JW** (Painter/Cline) Correct size and finer boned than #1. Correct length of loin, nice angles front and rear. Happy Blenheim boy, moved well for his handler. Lovely eyes.
- 3. **Foxwyn Cool Water** (Norton/Baker-Fox) Good balance on this Blenheim boy, lovely crest of neck, in good weight, lovely eyes.
- 4. **Dallarock Knight Thyme At Falling Springs** (Curley) Slightly larger Blenheim specimen, but very correct in size. Beautiful front and crest of neck, slightly close behind today. A tad long in loin. Gorgeous head and eyes with correct soft expression.

HEALTH and CONFORMATION DOG (1)

1. **Ch Chadwick Scotch On The Rocks At Hudsonview, JW, C-RN** (Glynn) A handsome and spritely 7 year old Blenheim exhibit who was very much enjoying his day out. Nicely balanced front and rear, moving true, not showing his age at all. Lovely head, eyes allright.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (8)

Another strong class, spoiled for choice.

- 1. **Mimric Moves Like Jagger, JW** (Painter/Hodges) Nicely balanced Blenheim with correct length of loin, carrying enough coat. Lovely crest of neck. Excellent eye, very happy boy.
- 2. **Forestcreek Franklin, JW** Very close in make and shape to #1, Slightly finer boned, nicely balanced Blenheim. Nice head and eye. Could switch places on any given day.

- 3. **Foxwyn Avant** (Meath) Blenheim slightly longer in cast than #1 & #2, however balanced front and rear. Nice head and eye. Distracted today, so not making the most of himself.
- 4. **Maitres Royal Announcement** (Bonnefond) Slightly longer Blenheim in cast, similar in make and shape to #3, very well balanced, up to size. Gorgeous head and eye, very correct.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (2)

Two entries as different as can be!

- 1. Chewcreek Red Solo Cup, JW (DePhillip) Tricolor with correct size and length of loin, excellent angles front and rear, so moved true coming and going. Excellent head and eye, a very happy boy. Very pleased to award him *Best Tricolor in Show*.
- 2. **Piccadil Dream A Lil Dream Of Me (Tri, York)** Up to size with proportionate bone, longer cast but still well balanced. Nice head, lost out on eyes today.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK & TAN DOG (1)

1. **Lynsfaire Above The Law** (Fairchild) A nicely balanced Black-and-Tan exhibit, with a nice head and eye. Wavy coat made it difficult to assess him properly. Not very happy today. *Best Black-and-Tan Dog in Show*

OPEN DOG(3)

- 1. **Bombay Jackpot** (James) A nicely balanced Blenheim exhibit, of good size and bone, moderate coat. Lovely eye. A tad fine in the head.
- 2. **Bonitos Companeros Nothing Compares** (Bailek/Kirschbaum/Vorderstrauss) Slightly larger Tricolor exhibit, a bit longer but well balanced front and rear, moved very well coming and going. Lovely head with a slightly smaller eye, profuse coat.
- 3. **Ch Chadwick Midnight Sun At Hudsonview** (Glynn) Tricolor slightly smaller and more compact than #2, rather straight in front and slightly over angulated in the rear. Profuse coat made him appear stuffy. Lovely head and eye.

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (7)

The quality in the bitch classes was evident from the first puppy class.

- 1. **Rutherford Pippa** (Jones) A smaller, compact Blenheim bitch, extremely well balanced. Lovely front and crest of neck. Excellent eye. Very pleased to award her *Best Puppy Bitch*, and ultimately *Best Puppy In Show*.
- 2. **Chadwick Sentimental Journey** (Eckersley) Blenheim very close in style, make and shape to #1, carrying more coat. Lovely head and eye. Could trade places on any given day.
- 3. **Ingold Isn't She Lovely** (Pickett) A Blenheim, she was the largest puppy of this group. She was a bit up in the rear today, but still moved well, nice front and crest of neck.
- 4. **Piccadil Goddess Of Victory** (York) Smaller in size and well balanced, a nice front on this Blenheim baby. Her head was not my style.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

- 1. **Kean La Ti Da, JW** (Keane) Well balanced Blenheim youngster front and rear, carrying good coat for her age, nice eye, a tad longer in muzzle.
- 2. **Rutherford Ophelia** (Jones) A more cobby Blenheim youngster, correct in length of loin, well balanced front and rear, a bit shorter in the muzzle, eye not quite for me.

3. **Rutherford Olivia** (Jones) Apparently the Blenheim litter sister to #2, they were very similar in body type and very different in head. I preferred this head, but her white of eye distracted. Flying her tail today.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (2)

- 1. **Nightingale Sloe Gin Fizz At Hollytree, JW** (Seymour) Blenheim with a beautiful head and eye, and crest of neck. Just a tad down in the rear today.
- 2. Carlen First Pict Sangiovese (Close) A Black & Tan, slightly smaller in body with little coat today, however very nicely balanced front and rear, moves well. Not very happy today, so not making the most of herself.

NOVICE BITCH (5) All very different!

- 1. **Autumn Hill Charmed** (Parente & Green) A cobby, heavily marked Tricolor girl, with a nice make and shape. Moved very well coming and going. Nice head and eye.
- 2. **Chew Creek Devil May Care** (DePhillip) A Black & Tan, slightly longer cast than #1, still very well balanced, lovely head and eye. No clothes today, so looked very young.
- 3. **Darane Fair Maid Of Perth** (Twigg) Well broken Tri, nicely balanced, moved well, good length of loin. Nice head and eye. Very happy girl!
- 4. **Harmony Bright Eyes** (Gerkin/Richmond) Finer boned, well balanced Blenheim girl carrying good coat, very slightly longer in cast, but correct. Finer in head, very nice eye.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (4)

My heart literally jumped when this class entered the ring! Here was what I had been waiting for, and none of them disappointed upon examination. Well done to all these exhibitors.

- 1. Licketysplit Helena (Geohegan) WOW!!! Blenheim of excellent make and shape, could not have been more correct. Outstanding head and eye, plenty of cushion. Carrying enough coat to complete the picture. Moved so well, she floated around the ring without effort, never let up in the challenge. So very pleased to award her Best In Show, Winners Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred in Show, and Best Blenheim in Show. I understand she finished this weekend, congratulations to her breeder/owner.
- 2. **Ch Kalais Never Too Late To Party** (Hess) Without a doubt my most difficult decision of the day. In spite of the very different colors, there were many similarities in make and shape between these two girls. A gorgeous Black-and-Tan in full, shiny coat with an exquisite head and eye. A very close call, no doubt these two will change places many times. **Very pleased to award her** *Reserve Best In Show, Reserve Winners Bitch, and Best Black-and-Tan in Show.*
- 3. **Ch Linrica Moonwalk, JW** (Liu) The quality was just as strong here, a slightly smaller cast Blenheim bitch with a lovely head and eye, just a tad wide in front.
- 4. **Piccadil Castle On A Cloud** (York) Very slightly longer cast Blenheim, well broken, well balanced front and rear and moved very well. Could do with a bit more weight. Eye just a tiny bit distracting.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (5)

A very nice class, spoiled for choice.

- 1. **Chadwick Drama, JW** (Eckersley) A well balanced Blenheim bitch, correct length of loin, carrying good coat. Lovely head and eye.
- 2. **Linrica Mimosa** (Liu) Very close decision with #1, Blenheim similar in size, make and shape, very well balanced. Also a lovely head and eye. These two could change places on any given day.
- 3. **Forestcreek Bewitching Girl** (Vinton/Cline) More mature looking Blenheim, due to coat, which was quite heavy. She looked up in the rear, which was, I think, due to coat. Not quite the soft eye of #1 and #2.
- 4. **Autumnhill Hidden Creek Outlaw Girl** (Parente/Green) Rather younger looking Ruby due mostly to carrying less coat. Lovely make and shape, very nice head and eye. Unsure of herself today. Her time will come.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

1. **Piccadil The Spy Who Loved Me** (York) Blenheim with very nice size and shape, carrying adequate coat. Moved very well. Eyes OK.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (6)

A very difficult class, wish I had more ribbons!

- 1. **Orchardhill Plum Pretty** (Venier/Venier) Very nice indeed! A well balanced Blenheim bitch, good angles front and rear, she flowed around the ring like she owned it, carrying good coat. Excellent head and eye. She pushed very hard in the challenge!
- 2. **Hiddencreek Butterscotch Schnapps** (Parente/Green) A smaller and lighter Blenheim bitch than #1, a bit finer in bone and substance. Lovely head and eye. Forward face marking did not distract.
- 3. **Foxwyn Tell Me A Story** (Baker-Fox) A Blenheim very similar to #2 in make and shape, very pretty head, moved well.
- 4. **Miletree Caprice At Maitres** (Bonnefond/Bonnefond) More masculine looking Blenheim bitch, lovely make and shape, good eye.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (1)

1. **Monarch's That's My Little Margie** (Bellflower) A pretty, well broken Tri, very well balanced, with a lovely head. Quite intent on the carpet today.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (2)

- 1. **Darane Stardust** (Kates) A smaller, cobby Ruby bitch, well angulated, moved well enough, carrying good coat. Shorter muzzle. Pleased to award her *Best Ruby In Show*.
- 2. **Carlen Nutin But Trouble Fergie (Ruby, Close)** A Ruby as different from #1 as could be; larger cast and more substantial in bone, slightly longer in loin. Moved very well. Slightly hard in expression today.

OPEN BITCH (5) Another very nice class, full of hard choices

- 1. **Orchardhill Girl Talk** (Venier/Venier) Another lovely Blenheim exhibit from this kennel, well balanced front and rear, carrying good coat, she floated around the ring fully in command. Lovely head and eye. She pushed very hard in the challenge.
- 2. **Ch Linrica Just A Dream, JW** (Hsiung/Liu) A cobby, well balanced Tri who moved very well. Very waggy! Pretty head and eye. *Best Tricolor Bitch in Show*

- 3. **Ch Chesham A Minute Of Your Time, JW** (Taub/Eckersley) A very pretty Blenheim girl of 7 years! Fully coated, a bit finer in bone and slightly longer in cast. She didn't look her age in the least, and moved very well once she settled.
- 4. **Ch Foxwyn A Likely Story (Baker-Fox/Greak/Comer)** A very pretty headed Blenheim girl with lovely eyes, slightly less behind, a bit sparse on coat today, as the girls can often be. Unlucky to meet her competition today, she will no doubt prevail on another day.

VETERAN DOG (3) What a nice class of elder statesmen!

- 1. **Ch Nightingale Heatwave JW** (Mulligan) Lovely make and shape on this 9 year old Blenheim, who didn't look or act his age. He moved true coming and going, very well balanced, hardly a gray hair on him! **Very pleased to award him** *Best Veteran In Show.*
- 2. **Darane Boys Don't Cry** (DePhillip) Very well balanced 7 year old Tricolor boy, moved true coming and going, carrying good coat with no graying, a very handsome headed dog.
- 3. **Chadwick Star Spangle Banner (Taub/Eckersley)** A very happy 13 year old. Blenheim boy absolutely loving his day out! His tail never stopped, the most gorgeous eyes! Another class I wished I had bigger ribbons for!

VETERAN BITCH (1)

1. **Majestic Ceili Dancer Of Avondale At Ceilimor** (McCarty) At 8 years old today, this pretty Tricolor bitch has held her shape very well, she moved very well and kept up the pace. Very pretty face and eyes. Well done to her owner.