Cavaliers of the South 12/03/11, Chattanooga, TN

**Judge: Mary Ellen Arthur (Excalibur)** 

My sincere thanks to Cavaliers of the South for inviting me to judge this show. The venue was charming and I was happy to have the opportunity to "See Rock City" and Ruby Falls as well as other sites in Chattanooga. The entry was most impressive and the exhibitors most gracious. I was pleased to see so many correct bites and dark eyes. I found there were a lot of dogs moving too close in the rear. Front movement was much better than rear. Also, there were quite a few dogs who just seemed so tired that they did not show as well as they could have. The show was well run thanks to the hard work of Earline Barrios, show chair, as well as my ring steward, Howard Bales, my gate steward, Anthony Longobardi, and my table stewards, Mandy Mulligan and Miriam Lovett. Joan Twigg was the announcer and my winners were photographed by Mary Maxwell and Norma Inglis. Thanks to all! I also want to make mention of my judge's gift, a Christmas ornament, hand painted by Nancy Maddox, of my beloved Excalibur Etouffee. This treasure will be cherished forever!

### **Junior Puppy Dog (4)**

**1. Tassajara Sully Sullenberger** (Seidman) A well broken five and half month old Blenheim with nice dark pigment, he is well put together and moves well. **2. Denham Dream Boat** (Maddox) This lovely 5 month old ruby didn't want to walk straight for his handler. He has excellent bone, a nice shape and good breed type. His color could be darker. **3. Riverview Who Dat** (Barrois) A bit longer cast than previous two, this 6 month old Blenheim has great muscle tone and a nice shape. A happy boy, he showed well for his first weekend in the ring. **4. Tudorose Apollo** (Mixon) Well broken 6 month old Blenheim with nice bone and dark pigment and eyes. His topline was off a bit today.

#### Senior Puppy Dog (2)

- **1. Autumnhill Ring Of Fire** (Parente) A nine month old ruby with nice rich color, lovely tail set, a masculine face and well put together body. I loved his head. He moves well, has good chest development, a great neck and good topline. *Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show, Best Ruby Dog*
- 2. Circlecity Walk In The Park (Matters) A Blenheim with good rich chestnut color and dark pigment, this 11 month old held his tail a bit high and was a bit nervous in ring. He is a very pretty boy. Graduate Puppy Dog (4) None of the dogs in this class wanted to walk.
- 1. Tworivers Finishing Touch (Adair) A well broken Blenheim with pretty eyes, rich chestnut color, good chest development, nice topline and good tailset. A happy circus dog, he did not want to stand still. 2. Brookhaven Jessie (Ayers/Martz) A more heavily marked Blenheim with a short muzzle and beautiful eyes. His neck appears a bit short, but not at all stuffy. He is a cute and happy boy with a good attitude. 3. Tudorr All That Jazz (Bennett/Mixon) Well broken Blenheim whose topline off on the move but stacks well when he chooses. He is happy in ring and has lovely dark eyes and nose and an attractive neck. 4. Chantismere Chandos Of Valentyne (O'Brien) 13 month old Blenheim with excellent pigment. His eyes are smaller than I would like, but very expressive. Good size with nicely formed chest, level topline and proper tailset.

# Novice Dog (1)

**1. Denham Dynamite Joe** (Maddox) A heavily marked Blenheim with rich chestnut markings and a wide blaze. He has beautiful eyes and dark pigment. He has lovely long ears that show some sign of chewing. He shows well and happily but moves a bit close in the rear.

# **Bred By Exhibitor Dog** (1)

**1. Mimric Monogram, JW** (Hodges/Perkins) A gorgeous Blenheim with nice rich chestnut color. This mature 23 month old has an attractive, well-cushioned head, short muzzle and beautiful eyes. He has a terrific coat, well formed chest, lovely neck and shoulders, excellent angulation - good breed type. He had the ring to himself and made the most of it with strong and confident movement. He was my *Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best Blenheim Dog* 

## Junior American Bred Dog (1)

**1. Forestcreek Apollo** (Walzer/Cline) A very pretty Blenheim with an issue of possible soft tissue injury which made it hard to get him on and off table. He moved well in spite of this, being very happy on the move. He has a good tail set, nice shape and is in good condition but needs table work.

## American Bred Dog (4)

1. Sheeba Guccio Gucci (Adair/Mitchell) A well-broken Blenheim who, like all the dogs in this class, was a bit proud of his tail on the move. For all the fronts are better than the rears. This well presented exhibit has lovely, expressive eyes, dark pigment, a nice blaze and an attractive head. 2. Tassajara Hugh Jackman (Seidman/Berkau/Hughes) A richly colored, heavily marked Blenheim longer cast than the winner. He has a lovely neck, level topline and dark eyes. He is happy in the ring and shows himself off well. 3. Piaffe Lord Of The Dance (Rychlik) A Blenheim of good size with dark pigment and eyes. A pretty boy with nice chest and shoulders, good hocks and turn of stifle. 4. Darane Jon Bon Jovi (Kates) A smaller well broken Blenheim whose topline was off today. Less masculine head, luxurious long ears, a pretty boy who is happy and attentive to his handler.

# Special Limit Blenheim Dog (8)

- **1. Chantismere Cast A Spell On Corduke** (Mulligan) The best rear movement of the day, this lovely Blenheim with large dark eyes has so much going for him. He has proper angulation and a wonderful outline. I love his handsome head which features a delightful heart shaped lozenge. He is good breed type, shows well, is in great condition and has an excellent coat. He is my *Reserve Winners Dog*.
- 2. Pascavale Smarty (Ayers/Cline) A quality Blenheim who didn't want to wake up this morning. He has beautiful eyes and a handsome head. He doesn't have the rear action of first, but still a good moving dog. His topline off a bit most likely because he seemed so tired. 3. Aranel Fanatic (Adair) This well broken Blenheim has a short muzzle, wide blaze, good topline, wide set bright eyes, dark pigment, nice deep chest, and good tail set. He moves well and is happy in the ring. 4. Huntcrest It Takes A Thief (Fulton/Weiner Pope) This Blenheim was a bit longer cast than the previous, but he is well put together, has good turn of stifle, and a lovely neck. He has nice long ears and was very happy in ring.

### **Special Limit Tricolor Dog (6)**

1. Lanmar Eclipse (Bucy/Hubbard) A lightly marked tri with such a handsome, masculine head. He has lovely expressive eyes and loads of coat in good condition. A sound moving dog, coming and going, he is well put together and was my *Best Tricolor in Show*. 2. Dreamvale Smart As The Dickens, JW (Warshaw/Sage) This tricolor has a short muzzle and masculine head, moderate bone and a good chest and neck. He is a good mover although his tail is somewhat out of control on movement. 3. Veribas Point Break (Cusick) Heavier set tricolor with a handsome head, short muzzle, dark eyes and pigment, nice blaze and a pleasing expression. He is of good size and has a good tailset. He is happy in the ring and shows well. 4. Riverview Medicine Man (Barrois) A smaller tri who was happy but seemed somewhat tired in the ring and moved a bit close in rear. His topline was off a bit.

## Special Limit Ruby Dog (2)

**1.** Tanglewood Rebellion (Saban/Fairchild) Littermates made up this class. This is the better mover, a richly colored ruby with a handsome masculine head, nice outline, good tail set, well developed chest and an attractive neck. **2.** Tanglewood Scottish Affair (Saban/McDowell) Tear stains spoiled this boy's expression. His color is not as rich and he is longer in the loin than his brother.

**Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (3)** All lushly coated but none has the depth of chest I wanted to find. **1. Lynsfaire Country Gentleman** (Hallsted) Showed a bit of a gay tail on the move but movement was strong. Pretty head and nice expression with large, dark eyes, good neck and topline. *Best Black and Tan in Show 2.* **Darane Michelangelo Of Blueheart** (Berg) A better chest but not the head of the others. Happy to show and in good condition. **3. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) While he had the prettiest head, his topline and movement was off today.

# Open Dog (2)

1. Ch Castlekeep Cimaron At Triplecrown Panache (Keane/Brouck) A Blenheim with a very pretty head and lovely wide set eyes, a nice neck and topline and attractive outline. A sound mover and happy showdog in good condition with a tail in constant motion. 2. Ch Byermoor Queens Orb (O'Brien) Another apparently tired dog. Well made Blenheim with a good topline.

### **Junior Puppy Bitch (7)**

- **1. Forestcreek Pippa M** (Mixon/Cline) Absolutely adorable 7 month old Blenheim with big eyes, rich color and a lovely outline. She is a happy showgirl with personality plus. She has good turn of stifle, nice neck, level topline and proper tailset. She should do very well in the future. **Best Puppy Bitch**
- 2. Riverview Penny Lane (Barrois) This is a precious Blenheim baby with lots to like about her. She is 7 months old and not well trained yet, but in time she should settle down and do well. 3. Tassajara Amelia Earhart at Greentree (Chenevert) Wild thing, I think you love me! So many kisses for the judge from this 5 month old impish baby! A lightly marked Blenheim, she has nice rear action, and a good tailset. No coat yet but she is just my type and I like her a lot. 4 Bonitos Companeros Je T'Aime (Adair) More mature and

better trained, this solidly built 7 month old Blenheim's expression was spoiled by some tear staining. She has rich chestnut color and a pretty lozenge.

#### Senior Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Granlaurel I'm Just Sayin' (Painter) Well broken year old Blenheim with a very pretty face, full lips, and dark eyes. She has a nice outline and good turn of stifle though her topline was off while stationary. 2. Brookhaven Lucky Penny (Schilling/Ayers) Attractive 11 month old ruby with good, rich color and lovely eyes. She is not as well balanced as the others having a longer back. She has good chest development and nice turn of stifle. 3. Kyneslane Ain't She Sweet (Paplauckas) I love this girl but she shied away too much. More ring training and socialization is needed. She has a nice rear, good bone, large dark eyes and a pretty expression.

#### **Graduate Puppy Bitch (7)**

1. Brookhaven Darbie (Ayers/Martz) Lovely, well broken tri with short hocks, good turn of stifle and a gorgeous neck. She is well balanced and a sound and happy mover. She has a beautiful head shape. Her expression could be softer, but she is a very worthy bitch. 2. Piaffe In The Trillium (Rychlik/Dalton) A richly marked, happy showgirl with a lovely Blenheim spot, dark eyes and nose and an elegant neck, good topline, nice shoulders and good depth of chest. 3. Tudorr Lipstick N Lace (Mixon) The problem child of the class with a pretty head and lovely neck. She has a nice outline and her coat is in great condition. She needs more ring training. 4. Kean Juicy Couture (Keane/Campbell) With a coat of sparkling white and rich chestnut this Blenheim has a pretty head, dark eyes and nose and was a bit nervous in the ring. She is well balanced and has a lovely outline needs time and experience.

#### Novice Bitch (2)

**1. Blueday Come Fly With Me** (Gross) Cute little 7 month old tricolor, She is a well balanced baby with short muzzle, pretty expression, dark pigment, nice turn of stifle, nice neck, and a level topline. Her coat could use some shine. **2. Kyneslane Lil' Miss Daisy** (Paplauckas) Longer legs and longer body than previous pup, she has a nice neck and a level topline and is very much in tune to her handler. She has very happy tail action.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (7) A gorgeous class that could have been won by any other on another day.

1. Jayba Buttons N Bows (Lander) A well balanced Blenheim with a beautiful expression, dark eyes and pigment and a nice coat. Her head is not over done, and she has a lovely neck and level topline. This happy three year old shows well and is most attentive to her handler. 2. Ch Darane Billie Jean (Kates) Well balanced, pretty, and happy in the ring, this young ruby has rich color, dark eyes and nose and good depth of chest and proper tailset. She moves and shows well, and is focused on her handler. There is a lot to like here. 3. Mimric Marilyn Moonroe, JW (Hodges/Perkins) A glamorous and happy showgirl whose topline is off a bit today. She has a pretty expression with large dark eyes. She is well angulated with nice chest and shoulders and a good tailset. She is shown well in good coat condition. 4. Ch Granlaurel Uptown Girl, JW (Painter) Another quality Blenheim with a super expression, a lovely head and attitude sound movement, nice topline, short hocks and good turn of stifle.

#### Junior American Bred Bitch (1)

- **1. Foxcreek Sophia Rose** (Johnson) This 5 month old Blenheim puppy is currently all legs and wants to play. She has a nice puppy outline, a pretty head and lovely attitude and must be a lot of fun to live with! **American Bred Bitch (8)** All those placing in this class had good movement.
- **1. Jayba Violetta** (Lander) No shrinking violet here. This is a stunning Blenheim who did everything right. She is a lovely, well-trained showgirl in excellent condition. She has great muscle tone accentuating her wonderful conformation. I love her gentle expression and huge dark eyes. Her fluid movement was a pleasure to watch. She was my *Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best American Bred*.
- 2. Tassajara Noble, JW (Seidman/Hughes/Berkau) Shorter backed than the winner, this Blenheim has a pretty face and expression, attractive neck, and good rich chestnut color. She is not as well schooled in ring craft as first place. 3. Lanmar Pometini (Hubbard/Beavers) Very feminine Blenheim with a pretty neck and good topline, she loves her handler. She shows a little white in eye, but not to point of distraction. 4. Primrose Hearts Afire (Lovett) Smaller eyes than the others, this Blenheim has a nice topline, attractive outline and nice tail carriage.

# Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (9)

**1. Royalcaper Bluebell Bliss** (Clayton) A lovely bitch with a beautiful expression, dark eyes and a nice soft coat. She has a nicely balanced outline, attractive neck, good topline and tailset. She is happy in the ring and she moves well. **2. Chesham A Minute Of Your Time, JW** (Taub/Eckersley) Very feminine two

year old with a Blenheim spot, who obviously loves her handler. She has a good structure, nice turn of stifle and is a good and happy mover. **3. Jayba Sweet Tea** (Lander) Well broken Blenheim with lots of coat and long ears. She has lovely dark eyes and pigment and a nice expression, as well as a lovely neck, level topline and correct tailset. **4. Marjorelle Show Off, JW** (Conley) Crisp, dark chestnut markings on snow white, this Blenheim has a wide blaze and pretty expression. She has lovely long ears, a nice neck and topline. She is a happy and appealing bitch.

## Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (2)

**1. Darane Paradise City, JW** (Kates ) Lovely well made up tricolor with a pretty expression, good outline and nice neck. She is a happy showgirl of good size. Her coat is in excellent condition and she has lovely dark pigment. *Best Tricolor Bitch* **2. Chadwick Pickety** (Taub) Pretty and sweet, this tri seems tired and not wanting to show today.

## **Special Limit Ruby Bitch (1)**

**1. Darane Red Sonja, JW** (Kates) A solidly built 20 month old ruby with a very nice outline, and a pretty head. Not as much coat as many others, but that helped emphasize her attractive structure. She has a good topline, nice tailset, good turn of stifle and is well coupled. Her movement was strong and fluid with lots of reach and drive. She was my *Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Ruby in Show*.

#### Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (3)

1. Kalidunn Chocolate Smash (Dunn) A lovely girl with a nice outline, pretty eyes, a short muzzle, nice long ears, and a well-conditioned glossy coat. She moves well holding a level topline and proper tailset. *Best Black & Tan Bitch* 2. Avia Camellia (Poti) Larger than the previous, this bitch has many of the same qualities. She shows a bit of white in the eye and has a pretty expression. 3. Lynsfaire Carolina Girl (Sams) This small 18 month old was unsure of self and needs more ring work, but she is definitely a cutie. Open Bitch (1)

**1. Avia Gardenia** (Poti) Good coat texture highlights the great condition of this 5 year old ruby. She has large dark eyes and moves well.

#### Senior Open Bitch (1)

**1. Oggbrae Button Gwinnett** (Bales) The eyes! The huge dark eyes are so striking on this 8 year old. While her coat is somewhat sparse, it is easy to assess her great muscle tone and lovely outline.

#### Veteran Dog (1)

- **1.** Chadwick Star Spangle Banner (Taub/Eckersley) A 9 year old Blenheim with lots of beautiful clean teeth who was not showing his age. This happy boy has a full curly coat and could stand to lose a pound. **Veteran Bitch (1)**
- **1. Redthea Butter Me Up** (Maxwell) This lovely 8 year old Blenheim was happy to be out and showing herself off. She has a soft expression, and an attractive lozenge, and still has a level topline. *Best Veteran in Show*