

Cavaliers of the Midwest

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Judge: Lindsay Gow (Lyncraeg)

I would like to thank all those involved in organising this lovely show for their warm welcome and generous care of me while over to judge. A huge amount of work must have gone in to make this 4 day event such a success. I have not visited the US before and the exhibitors and dogs were almost all new to me which was very interesting. The overall quality of the exhibits was excellent. I was particularly impressed with the large dark eyes, good pigment and well broken up markings of the particolours and the number of lozenges on blenheims - we don't see so many in the UK. I was disappointed with the number of incorrect bites in some young dogs. Also poor hind angulation and movement definitely spoiled the chances of otherwise typical dogs.

Junior Puppy Dog (5)

1. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss (Green) 8 mth old, outstanding mature bl, heavily marked, silky coat with deep chestnut colouring. Very balanced, level topline and a lovely mover good dark eye and pigmentation. **Best Puppy Dog**

2. Chadwick Midnight Sun at Hudsonview (Yassky/Glynn) Year old attractively marked tri with good tan markings. Good reach of neck. A good mover who just needs to body up. **3. Starmarc Sugar Bear** (Hooper) 5 month old bl with sweet expression. Longer made than 2. Good topline and shape. **4. Starmarc My Boy Charlie** (Hooper) I have written in my notes similar to above and I see they are brothers. Lovely soft expression and great markings and a happy mover. Bite not quite correct at this stage.

Senior Puppy Dog (4) I was disappointed to find incorrect bites in this class.

1. Jalesto Super Trooper (Gentil) Loved this richly coloured ruby dog, gorgeous head, reach of neck and level topline. Good bone and moved well with correct tail carriage. **2. Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz) Liked the overall shape of this happy blenheim boy. Sweet expression with good eye and pigment. **3. Bentwood Reason To Believe** (Barton/Harrison) Such a lot to like about this richly marked blenheim boy with a large dark eye and typical expression, good reach of neck, level topline and turn of stifle. Thought this would be my winner but sadly let down by his tail carriage. **4. Windsea Starbucks** (Sutton) Pretty headed blenheim boy with spot, well broken markings with good rich colour.

Graduate Puppy Dog (4) Difficult choices in this lovely class.

1. Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion (Barrett) Heavily marked boy with lovely long silky coat. Sweet expression with good pigment and dark eye. Would prefer clearer marking on muzzle. Moved well and showed enthusiastically. **2. Jayba Easy Does It, JW** (Lander) Very typical well made richly marked blenheim boy with good coat and colour. Moved well and excellent tail carriage. Shorter coupled than 1. Showed a little white of eye which detracted from his expression and I felt he could have been a bit more confident. **3. Chewcreek Three Amigos Dusty Bottoms, JW** (DePhillip) Well broken blenheim with kind expression. Good angulation and tail carriage. **4. Lyncrest Up To No Good** (Jones) Another nice blenheim dog with spot, heavier marked, longer cast and not as together as 3.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (3)

1. Mtnvista Buffalo Bill Cody (Curtis) Gorgeous 2 year old well broken blenheim boy, jet black nose, dark kind eye. Excellent reach of neck and level topline. Beautifully presented and moved well. **Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog, Best American Bred Dog** **2. Canyoncrest Star Blazer, JW** (DuRoss) Another nice Blenheim boy who was a bit unsettled. Lovely dark eye, cushioned muzzle and sweet expression, level topline and deep ribcage. Moved a little wide behind. **3. Ch Autumnhill Ring of Fire, JW** (Parente) Ruby dog of good colour. Great conformation, lovely straight silky coat, good dark eye and pigment but felt he was a little deep in stop.

Junior American Bred Dog (3)

1. Cloudbase Alexander (Scanlan Johnson) Liked the shape of this heavily marked blenheim who really moved well. Good angulation and movement. Only 10 months and a lot of maturing to do but promising at this stage. **2.**

Canyoncrest Pleasingly Pumpkin (DuRoss) Richer marked more mature dog. Lovely expression and a very happy dog. Not quite the balance of 1. **3. Darane Suddenly Seymour** (Kates) Well broken very cheerful puppy with attractive head, good chestnut markings and level topline and Correct tail carriage. Just needs time.

American Bred Dog (8)

1. Kinglys Clint Black of Bekenhall (Hall/Herrington) Lovely upstanding bl dog, great shape and movement. Straight silky but not excessive coat. Good pigment and dark eye. **2. Oggbrae Don Ottavio** (Bales) Another nice Blenheim dog, loved his outline and gentle head with large dark eye. Good reach of neck. Just preferred movement of 1. **3.**

Brookhaven Dante (Ayers/Martz) Handsome well broken bl dog with good dark eye, well cushioned muzzle. Good outline and movement. A bit overdone in head for me. **4. Benchmark Jet Setter** (Compel) 5 year old very heavily marked tri boy with a sweet expression but could be a bit shorter in muzzle. Longish in body but outline good and sound mover.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (6)

1. Kinvaar's Mile High Club (Harrison) Not a small dog but outstanding in this quality class. Loved his overall shape, correct angulation, typical soft expression, correct bite, blenheim lozenge, and well broken up markings of rich chestnut colouring. Beautiful coat texture and feathering. Moved happily with reach and drive. Realised after the judging that I had judged him in the UK as a youngster and liked him then. He has bodied up well and fulfilled his early promise.

Reserve Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show

2. Pinecrest White Lightning, JW (Eubank) Very attractive lighter built dog, also well broken with spot and gentle expression. Soundly made and moved well. Not quite the finish of 1. **3. Kaishmar Carlos at Canyoncrest** (DuRoss) Happy, well bodied with good angulation. Well marked and with good feathering. Deep ribcage and short coupled. Lovely eye. Preferred topline and tail carriage of 1 and 2. **4. Miletree Carnival at Shirmont, JW** (Henry) A lovely typical sound well broken dog who moved well. He deserved to be higher in the lineup but unfortunately not settled in the ring today.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (1)

1. Angel's Pride Love Vegas (Gentil) Glamorous nicely broken tri dog with good conformation. Typical head with rich tan markings. Good reach of neck and level topline. Lovely silky coat. Moved soundly and happily. Alone but well worthy of his first place. ***Best Tricolor Dog***

Special Limit Ruby Dog (4)

1. Stepamgar's Copper Penny (Martz/Shreffler) Richly coloured ruby of good size and shape, lovely head with generous eye and excellent dark pigment. Moved well. **2. Denham Dream Boat, JW** (Maddox) Another gorgeous dog, different type and not as richly coloured as 1 but such a gentle head and sweet expression. Good coat length and texture. **3. Autumnhill Spencer, JW** (Weinstein/Parente) Honest little ruby dog of good shape and colour who moved well. Would prefer a more generous expression. **4. Meadowlake Licence to Kill** (Swanson) Pretty headed and richly coloured smooth silky coat but not the outline of those above.

Special Limit B/T Dog (3)

1. Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Schilling) Looked the winner as he came into the ring, Good size and shape. Generous expression with good tan markings though would prefer a darker eye. Slightly wavy but profuse coat. Moved well and showed happily. ***Best Black & Tan in Show*** **2. Charma Laid Back Louie at Carlen** (Close) Dark eye and correct expression. Rich tan markings with straight silky coat. Level topline and good tail carriage, moved soundly. **3. Meadowlake Blue Devil** (Swanson) A pretty headed pup with good dark eye. Level topline but would prefer more reach of neck. A bit distracted in the ring and moved a little close behind.

Open Dog (5)

1. Ch Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros, JW (Magera/Mitchell) Really loved this ruby dog. Lovely conformation and great shape and excelled in movement.. Generous doggy head, large dark eye, good pigment, correct bite. Straight silky coat of rich colouring. ***Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best Ruby in Show***
2. Ch Pascavale Jackson (Cline) Very glamorous well broken Bl boy with rich chestnut markings and such a lot to like about him. Generous head and expression with perfect eye and jet black nose. Good reach of neck with level topline and perfect tail carriage. Good coat texture and length. Moved soundly. **3. Ch Orchardhill Shirmont Back Talk, JW** (Henry/Venier) 6 year old attractive blenheim with flowing silky coat with well broken markings. Correct outline and angulation, attractive head though perhaps a little deep in stop/short in muzzle. **4. Ch Turretbank Beaujolais** (Green) Richly coloured ruby with sweet head, dark eye and good pigment. Well bodied with lovely straight flowing coat beautifully presented. Would prefer a little more neck.

Junior Puppy Bitch (5)

1. Jayba Knockout (Lander) Lovely soft expression , dark eye and well cushioned muzzle. and correct bite, well broken markings and beautifully balanced. Excellent movement and showed very well for her age. One the judge would definitely like to have taken home. ***Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show***
2. Bekenhall You Had Me From Hello (Hall) Hard choice between these first 2, elegant heavier marked blenheim with a typical head and good conformation. Moved well when settled. **3. Hiddencreek Juicy Couture** (Green) Pretty blenheim. Shorter in muzzle and not just as positive in movement as above. **4. Tassajara ForestCreek A Fortune** (Cline) Attractively marked bl with who showed happily. Hind movement a little close.

Senior Puppy Bitch (4)

1. Kinvaar La Esperanto (Johnson) A hard choice between 1 and 2, both well broken blenheims with lovely heads. Longer in body than 2 but loved the outline of the winner on the move. **2. Royalcaper Magic Moment** (Clayton) Excels in head, well balanced. Shorter coupled than 1. **3. Piccadil Destined To Be Rich** (York) An honest heavier built puppy with a lovely soft expression and well broken markings. Moved well but not quite the elegance of 1 or 2. **4. Bentwood Chloe of Forestcreek** (Cline/Harrison) Well broken blenheim though colour could be richer. Feminine and showed and moved well. Felt her rather in-between heavy coat spoiled her outline.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Pinecrest Soul Sister, JW (Eubank) Very feminine and elegant well broken blenheim, nothing exaggerated about her, just correct. Very pretty head with good dark eye and pigment and gently expression. Good topline, lovely reach of neck and angulation. Moved well. **2. Chadwick Paparazzi, JW** (Matos) Up to size, pretty headed blenheim with spot. Longer in body. Moved well. **3. Brookhaven In The Garden** (Ayers/Martz) Another quality well broken bl. Elegant and pretty headed but would have preferred a darker eye. **4. Cobhill Golden Marguerite** (Brunson/Rose) Nice size and lovely rich chestnut markings on this heavily marked bl, not as gentle in expression as winners and would have preferred more reach of neck.

Novice Bitch (2)

1. Cloudbase Porcelain Moon (Scanlan Johnson) Well broken blenheim with good eye colour. Gentle expression, good eye and reach of neck. Smooth silky coat . **2. Luxxar Sugar Babe** (Helleeson/Campanozzi) Not big but heavier in frame and head than winner, shorter on leg and carrying a bit of weight. Good topline and tail carriage and very cheerful little mover.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (3)

1. Mtnvista Belle Star (Curtis) Stood out in this class, very attractive well broken blenheim with spot, excellent level topline and reach of neck, pretty headed with good dark eye and pigment though sadly bite not quite correct. Moved and showed well. **2. Tidewater Dazzled By Luv** (O'Brien) 6 year old blenheim, honest lively bitch with a lovely eye, nose pigment could be better, moved well. **3. Shirmont Apple McIntosh, JW** (Henry/Dodson) Lovely headed blenheim with gentle expression, richly coloured chestnut markings and so much to like about her. Coat a little on the blow today and felt she was a bit lacking in enthusiasm on the day.

Junior American Bred Bitch (8) A hard class to judge - lots of quality bitches though no one ticked all the boxes.

1. Sheeba Royal Expression At Foxcreek (Johnson) Bl, liked her overall shape and expression. Correct front, good reach of neck and level topline. Moved happily and with drive. **2. Pinecrest Destiny's Child, JW** (Eubank) Such an elegant and feminine little blenheim, lovely headed though bite not quite correct, Good balance and moved and showed well and happily. **3. Darane All About Eve** (Kates) Finer boned, lightly marked blenheim. Sound and pretty. Liked her overall shape and movement. **4. Avia Billie Jean** (Longobardi) Lovely richly coloured ruby with excellent pigment and eye colour. Would have preferred a softer expression. Well bodied and soft silky coat. Tail set a bit high.

American Bred Bitch (8)

1. Jayba Tres Jolie, JW (Lander) An easy winner here, gorgeous blenheim bitch, loved her excellent topline and angulation. Well proportioned head with good eye and pigment and soft expression. Well bodied. Moved happily with reach and drive. **2. Pinecrest Mountain Dew** (Rosenberg) Prettily headed blenheim bitch with good dark eye and attractive outline. Level topline and good tail carriage. Moved well. **3. Darane Casablance at Chewcreek** (DePhillip) Pretty tri bitch with good tan, a nicely shaped head though I would have preferred a wider blaze. Moved and showed well. **4. Tidewater Rebellion** (O'Brien) Well marked bl with spot, pretty headed though nose pigment a bit off. Well balanced outline and moved well.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (6) A good class.

1. Gayhalo Mosaic (Ayers/Martz) Richly coloured, heavily marked blenheim whose overall balance I loved. Gentle expression with dark pigment and large lustrous eye though I would have preferred slightly darker. Well cushioned muzzle and correct bite. Beautiful balance and angulation and with it excellent movement. **2. Bekenhall Blue Suede Shoes** (Hall/Kent) Well broken blenheim with lovely reach of neck and level topline, good deep ribcage,, short coupled, correct turn of stifle. A good and cheerful mover. **3. Royalcaper Bluebell Bliss** (Clayton) Lighter built bl with good colouring, elegant and balanced. Moved well. **4. Hadara Soul Speak** (Koch) Heavily marked bl with spot, dark eye and good pigment, looked lovely standing, but disappointed on the move.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (3)

1. Emenkay Truly Fair (Peterson) Better broken of the three tris in this class and she won on her better balance. Attractive head with good dark eye. Showed well but moved a little close behind. **2. Benchmark Shameless** (Hoorman) Beautiful soft expression and really wanted to place her first but felt she was a bit up to size and flew her tail a little. Lovely topline though and typy. **3. Riverwood's Scarlett O'Hara** (Brian) Less mature than 1 and 2 and a bit shy. Well presented with smooth silky coat and rich tan.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)

1. Brookhaven Lucky Penny (Schilling/Ayers) Won this class on her more feminine head, nicely balanced outline. Longer in body than 2 and hind movement a bit close. **Best Ruby Bitch** **2. Liane's Xaviera, JW** (Poti) Good size and shorter coupled than 1. Lovely rich colour and coat. Dark eye and elegant shape.

Open Bitch (4) Splitting hairs in this good class of quality bitches. Each one worthy of winning for their different qualities.

1. Ch Chadwick Embrace, JW (Eckersley) Elegance, substance and quality. Such a pretty bitch with lovely head qualities, long straight silky coat, well broken chestnut markings, good reach of neck, topline and tail set. Flowed round the ring. **Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Blenheim Bitch in Show**

2. Ch Pinecrest Moonshine, JW (Eubank) Such a pretty expression on this elegant nicely marked blenheim, colouring less rich than winner, shorter coupled, well balanced and another good mover. **Reserve Winners Bitch**

3. Ch Pinecrest Shirmont Moonlight Madness, JW (Henry) From the photo of her taken on the day she looks exceptional but didn't feel she had quite the balance of 1 and 2. Beautifully marked and shapely blenheim of great colour and a lovely head. **4. Ch Starmarc I Believe, JW** (Hooper) A beautiful tricolour with correct tan markings, a lovely head and balanced outline. Moved and showed very well. **Best Tricolor in Show**

Veteran Bitch (1)

1. Castlemar Sophia Grace, C-RE, C-CD (Barton) I apologise for not having any notes for this lovely old girl. I remember her as a very lively blenheim bitch with palish colouring and well broken. Good dark eye, sweet expression, well bodied with a soft silky coat. Moved round the ring with the enthusiasm of a youngster. **Best Veteran in Show**

Brace (1)

1. Hadara Easy Does It & Luxxar Justin Case (Koch) Well matched pair of typical, pretty headed and well broken blenheim bitches who went round the ring with enthusiasm.