Cavaliers of the Northeast 06/08/13, Langhorne, PA

Judge: Vanessa N. Weber (Kenjockety)

It was a great pleasure to judge this show. I enjoyed my entry and the weather held so I didn't have to judge lots of soggy Cavaliers and their owners. I wish to thank my wonderful support team, including but not limited to Joe and Betty Ann Birbeck, Charlie Weidig, and Joan Twigg. I thought the overall quality of the both the dogs and bitches was good to excellent. I had several classes that were hard to judge because entries were similar in type and quality. On the negative side I noticed a few things: a few sloping toplines – which I haven't seen in a very long time – surprised me. This may be due to low set tails/steep croups. This has become a problem in many breeds, but really spoils the outline in Cavaliers and does nothing to improve either gay tails or rear angulation. Lastly, I know our standard allows for level bites, but there were a lot of both level and undershot bites and this bears close scrutiny.

Junior Puppy Dog (4)

- 1. Darane Frodo Baggins (Kates) Bl. This puppy had a lovely expression, with a correct round eye. He had a nice dark color. He moved well and had a nice topline. His legs were well under him and he had a good tail carriage. *Best Junior Puppy* 2. Jemanda Rolex Cosmograph (Weinstein) Bl. This puppy pressed hard for #1. He was similar in type and expression but did not have as strong a topline and dropped off a bit more in the croup than the first. 3. Roi L Stings Like A Bee (Carter/Lessig) B/T. A nice boy overall, with a nice head, expression, movement and outline. I just wish that there were more of him everywhere; angles, eye, body. I look forward to seeing this puppy mature. 4. Blackfire Exit Poll (Weidig/Kennedy) Bl. This boy had a nice head with a lovely expression. I liked his deep chestnut markings. He was a wonderful character. He was a little long, toeing out a bit and a bit high in the hock. Senior Puppy Dog (2)
- 1. Orchardhill Why Wonder (Venier) Bl. I loved this puppy from the moment I saw him. He had lovely large, round eyes that were well pigmented. He had nice cushioning. His coat was silky and moderate, it was well broken and the chestnut color was strong. He was well balanced with good angulation and a lovely elegant front. Well let down hocks helped a good strong rear with plenty of drive. He was a nice size, with good bone. He had moderate rib spring with plenty of length. The entire package, combined with lovely presentation earned him: Winners Dog, Best Puppy Dog, Best Senior Puppy, Best Puppy in Show, Best in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Blenheim in Show.
- **2. Copper Hill Big Tuna** (Mitchell) B/T. I liked this boy. He had a nice head with correctly shaped eyes although they could have been larger. He had a lovely coat. He had good bone and a nice outline but his croup dropped off more than I like.

Graduate Puppy Dog (6)

- **1. Elyzian Double Take** (Arnold) B/T. I liked lots of things about this dog. He had a lovely head, eye, and coat. He was balanced with good angles. He moved well, and had a nice topline. He was a little long but has lots of promise.
- 2. Chadwick Midnight Sun at Hudsonview (Yassky/Glynn) Here was a nice short backed tri. He had round eyes (a bit small). Tail set/croup could be better. Preferred expression of #1. 3. Blackfire Room Service at Kalais (Hess/Kennedy/Weidig) Tri. Another short backed dog with round eyes but wished they were bigger. Not as much bone as the first. 4. Tomnee's Would You Look (Wise) Tri. A cobby dog whose expression was similar to the others. He needed more angles.

Novice Dog (1)

1. Kellene Win Lose Or Draw (Ezzo/Meiers) B/T. This larger, elegant dog with a somewhat profuse coat had a good outline with a good reach of neck, moved soundly, had a good topline and nice spring of rib. His tail never stopped. His eyes were a little small and he was a little narrow in the muzzle for me.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (5)

- 1. Ch Piccadil Peppermint Twist (York) Bl. I loved this very sporting type of toy spaniel, with a lovely masculine head. He held a great topline and terrific movement. He was spirited and well presented. Reserve Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show
- 2. Brookhaven Believe It Or Not (Ayers/Martz) Bl. This dog was a more compact type, less sporting, but just as appealing. This one had lovely dark eyes. He was well marked. He had a good coat which was straight and silky. 3. Chewcreek Three Amigos Dusty Bottoms, JW (DePhillip) Bl. Similar type to one above. Very well broken but a lighter in color than above. Nice dark round eyes. Nicely balanced. Short hocks. 4. Dancasa Cute As A Button, JW (Tiedemann) Bl. A very pretty boy. He had nice pigment and lots of pretty coat. Moved well. Junior American Dog (1)

- **1. Dreamvale Ollivander** (Sage/Hallsted) Bl. Here was a larger, enthusiastic boy with a smudge. He had lots of coat, and an old type of head, which I enjoyed seeing. He had nice eyes with good cushioning. Moved well. **American Bred Dog** (4)
- 1. Nightingale Wish Upon A Star at Nebyula (Birbeck) Bl. I liked the expression on this dog. He had nice coat, was well balanced and had a good topline. He moved soundly and was well presented. 2. Kellene Let's Make A Deal (Carter) This ruby was very deep in color and I really liked his eyes. He also had a pleasing outline. But in the end I preferred the expression and topline of the first. 3. Aubinwood Barley (Henderson/Gibson) Bl. This dog had a shorter style of head than I prefer. He was a good color. He was compact and had good bone but was not as elegant as the others. 4. Brookhaven Jessie (Parente) Bl. This dog was shorter in head and body. He had big dark eyes. He had good self-carriage. Good bone for size. He was a little cow-hocked.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (4)

1. Jayba Southern Voices at Autumnhill (Parente/Hayes) This boy was fun to watch but had trouble settling down. When he stood ... he had nice eyes and cushioning. He moved well. He was nicely angled at both ends. His tail never stopped. 2. Alberica Duke Of Earl (Crommett) This boy had a pretty head, which was a bit short and wide for me. Eyes could be bigger and rounder. He was very appealing, compact character. 3. Millhill Le Tigious (Rychlik) Nice big dark eyes but slightly down faced and narrower in the muzzle than I prefer. He was square in body, had a nice coat and rich chestnut markings. 4. Orchardhill Letters Home (Slusher/Venier) Lovely eyes!!! Quite long and rather large. He was well washed and smelled wonderful! He was very friendly as well and I had fantasies of spending the rest of the day just with him.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (5)

- 1. Dreamvale Tri Your Luck (Parker) One of several similar compact in type, all with round eyes but all whose eyes could have been larger. This one had a soft expression. He had a lovely coat which was straight and shiny. Good movement reach and drive, a good topline. 2. Kellene The Black Orlov (Carter) Another short backed dog who moved well. His movement front and rear was good. Pressed hard for #1 but his expression was a little harder. 3. Aubinwood Griffen (Chaples-Burke/Gibson) Larger head which I preferred but didn't move as well as the others. He also had more white in the eye. 4. Sherah Armani (Hoffman) This pretty boy was very enthusiastic and a bit wild. I liked his expression but when standing he was a bit cow hocked and toed out. He needs more training. Special Limit Ruby Dog (2)
- 1. Autumnhill Spencer, JW (Weinstein/Parente) Shorter, wider face with nice big dark eyes and good cushioning. Lovely color. Nice spring of rib. Moved well. A little long/low. 2. Numen Bryan (Sage) A bigger, longer dog. Nice length of rib. Moved well. Nice cushioning, dark eye, but length spoiled the outline.

Special Limit Black and Tan Dog (6)

1. Mileslip Licorice, JW (Skidmore) Although his head did not appear as flat as I prefer, I liked his big round eyes. He was a nice package with good coat, and a nicely balanced outline with good angulation. He moved well. Best Black & Tan Dog, Award of Merit 2. Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Schilling) Another nice black and tan, with a good outline, movement and bone – but he was not as well angled and didn't have quite as pleasing expression as #1. 3. Turretbank Magic Spell (Green/Sloan) Pretty expression and a nice outline. I liked the color of his tan. His croup dropped off too much. 4. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci at Nebyula (Birbeck) Another pretty dog similar in type to the others. He moved well. I wished there was more of him.

Open Dog (7)

- 1. Linrica I Dreamed A Dream (Liu) Bl. This boy was a nice package overall. He had lovely big dark round eyes. He was well marked and a rich chestnut color, He was short backed, and moved well. He had a good angulation. Award of Merit 2. Ch Bozi V. H. Lamslag (York) Tri. This boy and Winners Bitch competed for Best Tricolor in Show, which 'Bozi' won on soundness and movement. He has that 'sporting' quality which I so enjoy. His head was a bit plainer than hers but he had such ring presence that in the end I just had to give it to him. I just wish they both could have had all the best of each other in the same package then they would be unstoppable. Best Tricolor in Show 3. Ch Kellene Barnaby Jones (Carter) Ruby. This boy had a nice eye and cushioning. He was nicely made but didn't move as well as the others. Best Ruby in Show 4. Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion (Barrett) Bl. A nicely made Blenheim, but a little 'feminine' for me. Longer in body. Nice coat. Moved well.
- Junior Puppy Bitch (11) A very tough class! All Blenheims. All similar in type.
- **1. Rutherford Beyonce** (Jones) This girl had a lovely expression, with a balanced muzzle. She was short backed with lovely angles, moved well. Good color. Well broken. *Best Puppy Bitch*
- **2. Linrica Femme Fatale** (Liu) A little longer than #1, great eyes and lovely expression. Moved well. Nice outline and good bone. Nice color. **3. Brookhaven Sexy Sadie** (Ayers/Martz) Slightly shorter in muzzle but very similar

type as others, nice coat. **4. Truluv Eve** (Nikaci) A little longer in muzzle and length of back. Something was making her squint and her expression was hard to assess.

Senior Puppy Bitch (4)

1. Truluv Aly (Nikaci) Tri. Cute girl with pleasant face and markings, round eyes which could have been bigger. Short backed, moderate ribs, nicely angulated, moved well. A bit heavily marked. 2. Aldachell Olympic Flame (Grimm Curley) Bl. Nice girl. Pressed hard for #1. She had nice cushioning. Good bone. Moved well. Well broken. Some white in the eye was distracting. 3. Copperlee Radiance (Breuer) Bl. Nice head, expression and good dark eyes and nice cushioning. Dropped off in croup a bit. 4. Chiffinch and Vesta Syndicate (Rubino) Ruby. Sweet dog, moved well. Nice pigment. Could have a longer rib cage.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Linrica Apple of My Eye (Liu) Bl. Pretty expression. Big round eyes. Balanced expression. Nicely angulated. Nice coat. 2. Kellene Lady Of The Lake (Marshall) Tri. Nice expression but just a little plain. Heavily marked. Moved well and true. 3. Hiddencreek Juicy Couture (Green) Bl. Nice big eyes. Shorter muzzle than I like. Rear could be stronger. A smudge on her face was somewhat distracting. 4. Darane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek (DePhillip) Ruby. Feminine head, lovely expression. Lovely coat. Short backed. Her croup dropped a bit. Overall her rear could have been stronger.

Novice Bitch (9)

1. Nightingale Bewitching (Mulligan) Bl. A very feminine girl with nice big round eyes and nice dark pigment. Compact. Moved well. Nicely angulated but could have had better self-carriage. 2. Sherah Burlesque (Crommett) Tri. Nice big dark eyes. Good bone. Nice rib-spring, topline. She was a happy girl. Dropped off at croup. 3. Falling Springs Chloe (Grimm Curley) B/T. Lovely compact girl with a nice head. A little shy. Needs more table work. 4. Kissabella Arabella (Bronowicka/Carter) Bl. Nice round eyes, which could have been bigger. Nice coat. Nice outline, moved well. Markings behind nose took away from expression.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (7)

1. Nightingale Walkin' On Sunshine (Mulligan) Bl. Very animated! Nice, round, dark eyes. Well broken. Pleasant outline and expression. Moved well. Nice bone. 2. Dancasa Summer Thyme (Rubino/Tiedemann) Bl. Blenheim spot. Nice round eyes with good cushioning. Nice coat. Dropped off in the croup a bit and not the movement of # 1.
3. Shirmont Apple McIntosh, JW (Henry/Dodson) Bl. This girl was a nice package. She was well constructed. Today her coat needed some work, and I preferred the expressions of the others. 4. Kalais Ruby Vixen (Hess) Ruby. A very feminine, smart girl with a nice dark eye. She was a lovely color, short backed and animated. Cute as a bug...but I wish she'd had just a bit more bone.

Junior American Bred Bitch (3)

1. Piccadil Gone With The Wind (York) Bl. This girl had a nice expression with large round eyes. She moved well and was well angulated but was a bit long and a little thin. She also barked. ;-) **2. Darane All About Eve** (Kates) Bl. Slightly shorter in body than number one but without the bone. She had a cute expression and, round eyes, not the drive of #1. **3. Kellene Golden Girl** (Marshall) Bl. I am not a fan of lots of wrinkles on the face. This girl had some of them, although I liked her expression otherwise. She was a nice, dark color – but also had more ticking than I prefer.

American Bred Bitch (3)

1. Nightingale Kit Kat (Mulligan) Bl. A cute girl with a Blenheim spot. Nice round, dark eyes. Pretty expression. Compact outline. Moved well. Dropped off at croup a bit. 2. Blackfire Understudy at Hytea (Reichardt) B/T. I liked this nice sound girl. She had a sweet expression with her big, round, dark eye. She was a bit big, and had a nice length of rib. Moved well. 3. Pinecrest Mountain Dew (Rosenberg) Bl. I liked this one's expression also. She was a bit long. She was balanced at both ends. What a nice character!

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (5)

1. Orchardhill Ever After (Venier) I loved this girl's overall balance – from her head to her movement. She had just the right length of muzzle, had a sweet expression and lovely large, dark eyes with the right amount of cushioning. She had a nice outline, a steady topline and good movement with happily wagging tail. She was not overdone in any way, but her movement made her stand out. *Award of Merit 2.* Linrica Sugar Baby (Liu) This girl was nice too – in similar ways, but she dropped off at the croup too much for me and didn't move as well. 3. Blueday Chelsea (Gross) This one had a shorter head than the first two. She was slightly longer cast. I also liked her movement but it wasn't quite as strong as those above. 4. Harana Madonna (Bucy) I liked the expression on this girl. She also had big, round eyes – but she was longer than the rest and didn't move quite as well. Nice coat. Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (4)

1. Prima Quartett Bloody Mary (Bronowicka/Carter) This sweet girl with her beautiful, kind, expression caught my eye, more than once. Her head reminded me of some of my favorite tricolor bitches from the past (and not

necessarily my own). She had lots of coat and was well groomed. I kept losing her because she was marked well on the off side – showing off her good front angulation. Her clever handler knew to turn her when possible to maximize my chances of catching her again and when I did I was pulled into that wonderful expression once more. She moved well and had a nice reach of neck. She held her topline well. *Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Show, Best Tricolor Bitch*

- 2. Copper Lee's Velure (Breuer) This girl also had round eyes and a nice expression. She was nicely broken, well angulated and moved well. She needed more coat to finish her appearance. 3. First Capital Daisy Mae (Arnold) This girl, likewise had a nice expression. I liked her size and length. Her rear needs to be stronger. 4. Blueday Fly Me To The Moon (Gross) Nice shape and size. Heavily marked, needs to be surer of judge. Special Limit Ruby Bitch (1)
- **1. Kabaret Lady in Red at Mileslip** (Skidmore/Barrett) Lovely eyes, and nice expression. A bit light in color. Animated. Angulation was just ok. Very involved with handler which was fun to watch. **Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (4)**
- 1. Rutherford Venus W (Jones) I liked the shape of this girl's head. She had nice round eyes. I appreciated her outline, angulation and movement. She held her topline and moved true coming and going. She had good ribs that were moderately deep and a good length. Her coat was shiny and thick. It was overall a nice package. Reserve Winners Bitch, Best American Bred Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor Bitch, Best Black & Tan in Show
 2. Fair Oaks Tomnee Calendar Girl (Meager) Another lovely compact girl with a cute expression. Moved well.
- 2. Fair Oaks Tomnee Calendar Girl (Meager) Another lovely compact girl with a cute expression. Moved well. Dropped off at croup a little too much for me. 3. Kalais Pirate's Booty (Hess) Animated, cute expression, but needs a rounder, larger eye. Moved well. 4. Harana Dragonflye Beyonce (Bucy) This girl also had a sweet expression but she too needs a rounder eye. Nice coat. Bigger and longer than the others.

 Open Bitch (4)
- 1. Ch Pinecrest Shirmont Moonlight Madness, JW (Henry) Bl. I really enjoyed this sound girl with her pleasing expression, lovely eyes, cushioning and good pigment. She had the right amount of coat, was well angulated, and moved well. *Best Blenheim Bitch, Award of Merit* 2. Ch Darane Casablanca At Chewcreek (DePhillip) Tri. A compact girl with lovely, round, eyes. She was on the small side but had nice bone relative to her size. 3. Ch Grandville Butterscotch Kiss of Infinidad (Laliberte) Ruby. A very feminine girl who was animated and a little short in neck. Needs more lay back. Nice color. *Best Ruby Bitch* 4. Ch Chadwick Paparazzi, JW (Matos) Bl. This girl had a sweet expression and was larger and longer than the rest. This one had a Blenheim spot. Moved well. Senior Open Bitch (1)
- 1. Angel's Pride Nautical Nancy of Chadwick (Comer/Greak) Bl. Almost 11. Terrific large round, eyes. Nice coat. Great topline. Nice bone. Kept her eye on her handler at all times. Veteran Bitch (1)
- 1. Angel's Pride Nautical Nancy of Chadwick (Comer/Greak) See Senior Open Bitch. Best Veteran in Show