

**Cavaliers of the West**  
**09/06/13, Vancouver, WA**  
**Judge: Leila Tarabad (Khatibi)**

I would like to extend my grateful thanks both to the committee of the COTW for inviting me to judge my first overseas appointment as well as all the exhibitors for such a fabulous entry. I understand it was one of the biggest entries for the club for quite a few years and I was honoured to have had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful cavaliers and their fabulous owners who had travelled from all over the country. In the main I found the quality to be of a high standard, it was especially nice to see so many well balanced dogs of the correct size and shape. My main concern would have to be the large number of tails carried far too high, and the large number of exhibits with eyes that I could not describe as 'very dark brown'. This is a particularly worrying fault as the large dark eyes of the cavalier are incredibly important in creating the soft expression we desire. Luckily I found more than enough exhibits with all the qualities I was looking for and was spoilt for choice in both the dog and bitch challenges, I must also mention that without exception every exhibit was groomed and presented beautifully. Finally a big thank you to everyone who helped keep the ring running smoothly for me throughout the day and helped make my appointment so enjoyable.

**Junior Puppy Dog (2)**

**1. Denham Superstorm** (Maddox) 8 month richly coloured ruby of lovely size and substance. He has a masculine, well proportioned head with correctly set ears, super pigment, lovely dark eyes and plenty of cushioning all giving a sweet, soft expression. His moderate neck leads to a super layback of shoulder, straight front and well ribbed, solid body. He moved freely and happily around the ring maintaining an attractive outline. Still has a long way to go but has all the essentials to mature into a very nice adult. **2. Del Sol One More Night** (McHenry) Super sweet 5 month old Blen baby showing like a pro! He is a lovely size and has a body that is neat and well proportioned with a smart square outline. Moved confidently around the ring and was handled to perfection.

**Senior Puppy Dog (3)**

**1. Brookhaven Kid Rock** (Ayers/Martz) Very nice blen dog with lots of potential. Super head with plenty of cushioning, round eyes, good mouth, well set ears and lovely soft expression. Elegant outline with ample neck, good front and rear angles, well sprung ribs, level topline and lovely tail carriage. Moved smartly around the ring with good reach and drive. Already in good coat and in lovely condition, should mature into a fine example of the breed.

**Best Puppy Dog**

**2. Jordanic Benjimino** (Mitchell) Much larger and more masculine boy yet totally balanced and with a striking outline. Attractive head with such an engaging expression and fabulous eyes all framed by superb long ears. Moved well in profile, a little close behind and unfortunately his major downfall was his terrible tail carriage. **3. Robin's Nest November Rain** (Prodanovich) 10 month b/t. Nice size, short coupled and with good bone. Nice raven black coat with bright tan markings, just needs more of it. Moved ok.

**Graduate Puppy Dog (4)**

**1. Covington Elijah Craig** (Mohn) This 12 month old perfectly marked blen took my eye immediately. His head is just delightful with the most endearing soft expression, some of the best large dark eyes of the day, short plush muzzle, dense pigment and high set ears. His size is spot on, exactly as a toy spaniel should be; small, compact, plenty of substance, level topline, fantastic angulation, super reach of neck and an absolutely perfect tail set and carriage. On the move he excelled, driving round the ring with such a happy, positive gait, tail ever wagging, it was impossible to ignore him. I didn't imagine I would discover one of the major winners so early in the day but in the challenge I kept finding my eye being drawn back to him. Was surprised to hear this was his first time in the ring as he showed superbly, can't wait to see him fully mature. **Reserve Winners Dog, Best American Bred Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best Blenheim Dog**

**2. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss, JW** (Green) Quality richly marked blen who is not quite as compact as 1 but still is of a nice size and well balanced shape. Super neck and shoulders, perfect topline, strong rear and sound movement to reflect this. Very nice head with super long ears, soft expression and large dark eyes. Presented in fabulous condition with coat gleaming and handled to perfection. **3. Rhoval Macy Junior at Lyncrest** (Jones) 16 month b/t with nice head, raven black coat with clear tan markings. Well off for bone and body but could be a little more compact. Moved well. Now needs more coat. **4. Legacy Trouble Calls** (Lindermaier) Small, nicely marked blen with dense pigment and dark eyes. Head a little underdone at present and didn't move as positively as the others.

**Novice Dog (1)**

**1. Lilycroft Little Knight Madeir** (Tyler/Karcher) Petite ruby nearing 2 years. Liked his size but wasn't enough substance or bone. Head has good top skull, nicely set ears, dark eyes and correct length of muzzle. Has a coat of

good texture but could be darker in colour. Moved ok but tail let him down.

#### **Bred By Exhibitor Dog (4)**

**1. Ch Brookhaven Believe It Or Not** (Ayers/Martz) Super blen nearing his 2nd birthday, in glamorous coat marked nicely and of a lovely rich colour. Lovely size and shape with well sprung ribs, level topline and neat outline. Gorgeous head and expression with lustrous dark eyes, the densest of pigment, well cushioned muzzle and good fill under eyes. Moved soundly and with purpose in all directions maintaining a good tail carriage and perfect top line. Another top quality toy spaniel of the type I admire, not surprised to see he already has his title. In the challenge I would have liked to have seen a little more enthusiasm and animation but he was certainly in my consideration for the top awards. **2. Covington Makers Fourty Six** (Mohn) Very excitable blen youngster who is well marked but doesn't yet have the finish or glamour of 1. Lovely head with great eyes, lozenge and correctly set ears. Well made throughout with lovely reach of neck, super front and rear angles, perfect top line and tail set right off his back. As with all from this kennel he moved incredibly soundly with super drive from the rear and great animation. Still needs time to fully mature but has a lot of potential. **3. Hathersage Intoxication, JW** (Fowler) Masculine blen, a bit longer in back than 1 and 2. Sweet expression with dark eyes that could be a fraction larger, wide clean blaze, flat skull, gorgeous well set ears used well to accentuate his nice head properties. Moved ok maintaining a level topline. **4. Inez Casino Royale** (Hassig) Immature 16 month blen who needs more weight on him at the moment. He has good pigment, dark eyes and good skull shape. Moved ok.

#### **Junior American Bred Dog (3)**

**1. Pensrick House of Stewart** (Steagall) Very attractive, beautifully marked blen in super silky coat which was groomed to perfection. Loved him from the moment I saw him and on further inspection I was not disappointed. For me he was the perfect size and shape with a head that is so beautiful with such a soulful expression coming from his large dark eyes, ample cushioning and correctly set long ears which frame his face so well. Super reach of neck and correctly angulated front, level topline, correct tail set and good turn of stifle all give a beautifully balanced and elegant outline. He moved with style and confidence soundly in all directions. Still needs time to mature fully but should finish extremely nicely. Was in my final consideration for the top awards. **2. Bentwood Reason To Believe** (Barton/Harrison) Heavier marked blen, rich in colour and carrying a quality coat. Good neck and shoulders, level topline and well angulated rear. A tad longer in back than I prefer but still has a well balanced shape. Attractive head properties but just couldn't match the expression of 1. Moved well just a little proud of his tail. **3. Quail Run Rainer** (Henington) Larger and more masculine blen of 15 months who is marked very well. Nice fill to muzzle, broad skull, shallow stop and correctly set ears, eyes could be larger. Moved well.

#### **American Bred Dog (7)**

**1. Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz) Impressive dog in the most glamorous heavily marked coat, best head in the class and with a wonderfully elegant outline. Super, well proportioned head with nothing overdone. Large eyes, dark pigment, good length to muzzle and just enough cushioning to give a lovely soft expression. Slightly crested neck leads to well laid shoulders, spirit level top line, straight front, well cushioned feet, lovely sweep of stifle and parallel rear. He moved well when viewed from any angle and showed his socks off constantly to win the biggest class of the day much to his owners delight! **2. Royalmark Aisle of Innisfree** (Tegg/McCoy) Another blen but of completely different type. Much smaller and more compact but still with plenty of substance and great construction. Sweet head and expression with the best eye colour in the class, short well cushioned muzzle and lovely ears framing his face. Moved very smartly and was handled to an advantage, one that should get better and better with age. **3. Orchardhill Letters Home** (Slusher/Venier) Larger blen who is great on the move holding his top line and tail perfectly. Good angles fore and aft, plenty of body and a well presented coat, groomed to perfection. Attractive head shape with almost flat skull, good pigment and round eyes which could be a little darker. **4. Chadwick Snow Drift at Woodbury, JW** (Redniss) Heavily coated, nicely marked blen who would benefit from a fraction more leg and neck to give him a bit more balance and elegance. Lovely head with round eyes, well cushioned muzzle, long ears and really soulful expression. Moved well.

#### **Health & Conformation Dog (1)**

**1. Quail Run Thanks to Mike** (Klaus/Kornhi) Blen nearing 8 years old looking good for his age and moving like a youngster. Very good mouth, lovely long, well feathered ears, expressive eyes and decent pigment. Nice short back, well constructed front and level topline, moving well around the ring with a free flowing, easy gait.

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

**1. Chantismere Caruso of Chadwick** (Eckersley) This 2 year old blen caught my eye immediately when I first looked around the ring. He is beautifully marked with well broken rich chestnut on a full, silky coat. His head is quite beautiful with large dark eyes, dense pigment, high set ears, well cushioned muzzle and good mouth. He has a striking outline with elegant neck, nicely angulated front and rear, well sprung ribs and short loin. He moved with a real spring in his step covering the ground with ease and style just a little soft in topline. Was another I considered in

the final line up. **2. Orchardhill Kid You Not, JW** (Venier) Gorgeous blen who is just my cup of tea, unfortunately today he just did not have his mind on the job and gave his handler a really hard time. He is just perfect for size and substance with a wonderfully neat outline, good angles fore and aft, perfect topline and an extremely well broken silky coat. His head is set out perfectly with good length to muzzle, shallow stop, super cushioning to muzzle and under eyes, high set ears framing his pretty face and dense pigment to nose and round his lovely expressive eyes. Moved very well although was a bit careless with his tail at times. **3. Covington Krugerrand** (Mohn) Yet another well marked blen who had less coat and glamour than 1 and 2 but is very soundly constructed all through and consequently moved positively in all directions. Nice head and expression. **4. Alberica Duke of Earl** (Crommett) 5 year old blen with sweet head of good proportions. Small and well bodied with plenty of coat. Moved soundly but wasn't keen on his topline.

#### **Special Limit Tricolour Dog (2)**

**1. Legacy Bentlane's My Precious** (Benton/Lindemaier) This little lad surprised me a lot once I got my hands on him. On first look he seems to be short on leg and carrying too much weight but it is his tremendous wealth of coat that hides a very nicely made, well proportioned body. Masculine head with broad skull, lovey blaze and bright tan markings, round eyes which for me could be a shade darker and short, well cushioned muzzle. Moved well although a little careless with his tail. **2. Mystic Knight Jack Pot** (Hassig) Nicely marked 14 month old looking every bit the youngster. Not the head for me and eyes show white. Level topline both standing and on the move. Moved ok.

#### **Special Limit Ruby Dog (2)**

**1. Kabaret Double Take That Red** (Lindemaier) Striking richly coloured boy of a lovely size and with a most attractive outline. Fabulous neck and shoulders, spirit level topline, well turned stifles and correctly set tail. Attractive head without exaggerations but could have a slightly larger eye. In quality coat and moving wonderfully on a loose lead with head held high demonstrating lovely reach and drive. **2. Brookhaven Rudy** (Jaski) Very masculine up to size 2 ½ year old. In proportion all through but far too much of him for me. Moved well and enjoyed every minute of it!

#### **Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (2)**

**1. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell** (Green/Sloan) Superb 19 month beautifully presented boy who had everything I was looking for. His super reach of neck, well laid shoulders, short back and well angulated rear provides a wonderful outline both standing and when in motion add to that a plentiful, perfectly presented, gleaming black and tan coat and the result is an incredibly glamorous eye-catching toy spaniel. Imagine my delight when I found that not only was he a soundly constructed, glamorous exhibit but on top of that his head was just mouth-watering! His large soulful eyes are surrounded by plenty of cushioning, his plush muzzle is perfectly finished and of the correct length, high set, long ears frame his beautiful face just perfectly and gives the typical soft expression we strive for in the breed. When he moved I just couldn't take my eyes off him, head held high, topline perfect and his tail absolutely straight off his back with his positive gait allowing him to simply glide around the ring. From a quality line up of males he just did enough on the final circuit to take the top spot in super company. Was pleased (and not surprised) to hear he had recently gained his title. *Winners Dog, Reserve Best In Show, Best Opposite Sex in Show, Best Black & Tan in Show*

**2. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) This boy is built from a similar mould to 1 and again is well constructed and a lovely size. Another with the type of head I admire but would have liked a darker eye. Moved well and has an attractive outline when stood but just didn't have the finish of 1.

#### **Open Dog (5)**

**1. Ch Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion** (Barrett) This 2 year old blen was the best mover in the class and although he looked out of coat he has nothing to hide. Everything about him is moderate and correct; his lovely head with large dark eyes and engaging expression, his small perfectly proportioned body with super angles and neat compact outline and his perfectly precise movement with tail ever wagging. I imagine when in full coat he would be quite the eye-catching exhibit. **2. Ch Pascavale Jackson** (Cline) It was such a shame this boy just didn't want to cooperate with his handler as on first glance he looked to be right up my street. I loved his size and shape with good reach of neck, well sprung ribs and short level back. His head has plenty of cushioning, nice dark eyes, densest of pigment to eye rims, nose and lips and the most glorious full ears. At times he showed how well he could move but unfortunately he just did not have his mind on the job in hand and had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. **3. Ch Chadwick Scotch On The Rocks at Hudsonview, JW** (Glynn) Very smart, beautifully presented and well marked blen. A little larger than my ideal but is beautifully balanced and sound and has a lovely, easy action on the move. Sweet head with dark eyes and plush muzzle. In lovely coat and condition. **4. Ch Melrose Gold For Bonitos Companeros, JW** (Magera & Mitchell) Richly coloured ruby shown in gleaming condition. Perfect for size with a good spring of rib, level topline, short coupled and with nice straight front and parallel rear. Lovely head type with great pigment. Moved better as the class progressed. *Best Ruby Dog*

### **Junior Puppy Bitch (5)**

**1. Glencross Cailin at Shirmont** (Henry) What a little smasher! This 8 month old perfectly marked tri simply outclassed her competition and was an obvious winner of this class. The moment she strutted into the ring I knew I was going to love her and she didn't disappoint me for one second. She is a lovely compact size and shape with a good spring of rib, lovely chunky body, slightly crested neck, level topline and well carried tail. Her head is delightful with plenty of cushioning to her short muzzle, good fill under her large round, soulful eyes and high set well feathered ears. She moved with style around the ring with her perfectly carried tail wagging constantly. She is such a happy little soul and I couldn't help but smile every time I looked at her. I had no hesitation awarding her **Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show, Best Tricolour in Show** and I gave her serious consideration for RWB.

**2. Palanterhof Old Fashioned Love** (Tyler/Kutsch) Super sweet baby who has all the essentials to mature into a very nice adult. Perfect for size, very pretty, feminine head with lovely dark eyes giving a soft expression.

Attractively marked, short coupled and with a neat, well balanced outline. Moved well for her young handler. **3.**

**Luxxar Delicious Gilt at Glenelen** (Murphy/Campanozzi) More mature blen girl who is longer cast than 1 and 2. Good angulation in the front and rear, topline needs to firm up. Lovely moderate head type with nothing overdone and nice large eyes. Moved well although topline and tail let her down. **4. Mystwood Kensington Palace**

(Dubay/Klaus) Small, nicely marked blen who moved positively round the ring. Sweet head that should finish well, with dense pigment and nice dark eyes.

### **Senior Puppy Bitch (2)**

**1. Shirmont Delightful Caper** (Henry/Rosenberg) Mature blen with rich chestnut markings complete with lozenge. Super, well cushioned head with broad skull, well set ears, dark pigment and gentle expression. Elegant outline

aided by good reach of neck, well laid shoulders, level topline and nice sweep of stifle. Moved well maintaining the correct tail carriage. **2. Blackfire I Approved This Message** (Weidig/Kennedy) Very similar in type to 1 although couldn't quite match the head of the winner but still a very pretty, feminine face with ears used well and nice round eyes. Nicely balanced shape, lacking a little coat at the moment.

### **Graduate Puppy Bitch (2)**

**1. Dulce Salt Water Taffy** (Covell) Small, well angulated 17 month blen, nicely broken rich chestnut markings and coat of a silky texture. Good topline and tailset but carried a little high on the move. Sweet, unexaggerated head with lovely eyes, wide blaze, plenty of cushioning and nice finish to lips. Moved well. **2. Belcarra Goodtime Carly at Ivyline** (Giampapa) Very similar in type to 1 although not carrying as much coat at the moment. Nice size and again nicely angulated all through, tail set a little low. Sweet head and soft expression, showing and moving well.

### **Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (3)**

**1. Covington Morgana** (Mohn) 16 month blen who is of a very nice type, great for size and with plenty of substance. Short coupled, level back, super rear angulation and great neck and shoulders. Her head is a delight, her gorgeous eyes, super cushioning, neatly finished muzzle and correctly set ears all give the most soulful, endearing expression that is just irresistible. As with all from this kennel her movement was super and presentation first class.

**2. Astarring Ought To Be A Lawra** (Flowers-Foster) Petite and ultra feminine, very heavily marked blen girl who was a totally different type to 1 and yet still of high quality. Nice outline when stood although I'd have liked a touch more neck. Super topline and tail, lovely gentle expression with large dark eyes set around a small blaze and ears set correctly and used well. Lovely on the move and totally attentive to her handler. **3. Caddo PC** (Dodson/Henry) Not disgraced at all by being 3<sup>rd</sup> as all of these bitches were of super quality. Unfortunately this little lady decided she'd

prefer to be anywhere but in the ring and her lack of enthusiasm affected her movement. Was a shame as she is a lovely size and shape with good neck and shoulders, has lovely head qualities and a sweet expression. Hopefully she'll gain more experience and start to show off her many virtues soon.

### **Junior American Bred Bitch (2)**

**1. Little Enjoy** (Tyler) Neat little richly marked blen who has a lovely compact shape, good spring of rib, carrying a lovely body and good coat. Preferred the head type of this girl with short, well cushioned muzzle, broad skull, plenty of fill under eyes and soft expression. Super temperament. Moved round the ring well, a little wide in front and tail a little high but overall a nice young bitch. **2. Orchardhill Secret Society** (Venier/Slusher) Taller and longer type of exhibit who was in gleaming condition and is beautifully marked. Lovely neck and shoulders, firm body and plenty of bone. Sweetest of expressions and beautiful pigment and eyes, just not the type for me. Moved well.

### **American Bred Bitch (5)**

**1. Darane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek** (DePhillip) The first word I wrote in my notes for this girl was "wow"! When she glided into the ring she immediately caught my eye for being just the most gorgeous, perfectly proportioned toy spaniel. She perfectly demonstrates how a small, short coupled cavalier if made correctly can move like a dream. She was fantastic to go over with each part flowing into the next, gorgeous gently crested neck, super layback of shoulder, legs set well under and of the correct length to give a lovely balanced outline. Spirit level top

line and tail set straight off it, wonderful rear assembly allowing her to move with plenty of drive and a gleaming silky coat presented to perfection. Her head is irresistible with quite the most beautiful large dark eyes with dark rims (easily some of the best I saw), blackest of noses, perfect mouth, short, plush muzzle and super ear set. She was a joy to watch on the move eating up the ground with such an easy, sound gait and tail ever wagging. To top it off she has the most fabulous temperament and her rapport with her handler was superb. Unfortunate to meet my ultra glamorous open bitch but for RWB I just couldn't resist her and at 19months old I think the best is yet to come.

***Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Ruby in Show***

**2. Beckwith Only One For Me** (Smith) Heavier marked blen of a similar size to 1 and equally as feminine. Another with lovely large dark eyes giving a super soft expression and wonderful long ears to frame her face. Good angles fore and aft and a perfect top line and tail carriage allow for sound movement and a lovely outline. Lacking coat at the moment but nothing to hide. A very nice bitch. **3. Greyhawk Remembrance Del Sol** (McHenry) Larger and heavier set 2 ½ yr old blen in plenty of coat with rich chestnut markings. Nice head and expression and very long ears. Well made throughout and subsequently moved well although she was a bit of a handful for her handler! Just a little too much of her for me. **4. Pinecrest Mountain Dew** (Rosenberg) 2 yr heavier marked blen lacking in coat and a little longer in body than I prefer. Good reach of neck, well turned stifles, satisfactory on the move. Head has nice flat topskull, dense pigment and dark eyes. Happy little soul.

**Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (4)**

**1. Covington Sassy Pants** (Mohn/Smith) Beautiful, quality 2 year old heavily marked blen in full bloom. She has the most beautiful head with fantastic large dark eyes, shallow stop, just the right length of muzzle and amount of cushioning to give a super, ultra feminine soft expression. Her construction is so sound with a great reach of neck, perfect topline and correctly set tail allowing for the most elegant outline that she maintained when on the move. In glorious coat, groomed to perfection and handled to an advantage. Easy choice in this class and although not quite as compact as I like there is no denying her quality and I'm in no doubt she will gain her title. **2. Loranka's Seraphim at Cuddlemore** (Moulton/Heafy) Perfectly marked blen of the size and shape I was looking for and with a lovely head, gorgeous eyes, good mouth and well set ears. Super, very neat, square outline with correct length of leg and good angles fore and aft, subsequently moving soundly in all directions. Unfortunately left all of her clothes at home today! **3. Orchardhill Ever After** (Venier) 2 year blen, a little longer in back and shorter in leg than I like and topline not quite as firm as 1 and 2. Unexaggerated head with sweet expression, good neck and shoulders and sound rear construction. Moved well. **4. Jayba Valentina** (Lyman) This little girl was a little apprehensive throughout the class which was a shame. Nice size, compact shape and richly marked. Has nice dark eyes.

**Special Limit Tricolour Bitch (2)**

**1. Legacy Heaven Sent** (Martin/Lindemaier) Super sweet beautifully marked little girl who is just the type of tri that I like. Her head type was right up my street with gorgeous large dark eyes, perfect muzzle length with good cushioning and neatly finished lips. She was totally out of coat but had nothing to hide as far as construction and outline were concerned. She moved very well around the ring maintaining a perfect topline and tail carriage. **Best Bred By Exhibitor Bitch** **2. Sherah Burlesque** (Crommett) Another of the correct size but couldn't match the elegance of 1. Pretty head with nice round eyes, bright tan highlights and long well feathered ears. Moved well but unfortunately her topline and tailset let her down.

**Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)**

**1. Ivyline Halle Berry** (Giampapa) Smart exhibit with a silky coat of a nice rich colour, just needs a bit more of it! Well proportioned head with eyes that could be a fraction darker, dark pigment, good topskull and correctly set ears used well to accentuate her sweet expression. Nicely made with ample reach of neck, well laid shoulders, spirit level topline, good spring of rib and tail set perfectly. Moved soundly with head held high and tail carried well. **2. Lilycroft Madeir Lady Emma Rose** (Karcher) Smaller, finer type who was paler in colour than 1. Dark eyes and good mouth but lacked cushioning to her muzzle and fill under eyes. Moved ok.

**Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (1)**

**1. Legacy Wicked Shadow** (Goodwin/Lindemaier) Lovely sized girl of 17 months who was very well proportioned giving a lovely outline when standing. Sweet head which would benefit from a touch more cushioning to her muzzle but this didn't distract from her lovely expression. Moved well, nice and straight in front and sound behind although a little proud of her tail. **Best Black & Tan Bitch**

**Open Bitch (6)**

**1. Ch Bentwood Chloe of Forestcreek, JW** (Cline/Harrison) The moment this 16 month old blen strode into the ring I knew I had found my winner. For me she had everything I was looking for, her size is spot on, her shape is neat and elegant and her construction is wonderful from head to toe. Her gorgeous, feminine head has the most soulful, gentle expression you could ever wish for helped by fabulous large dark eyes, perfect length of muzzle, ample cushioning to her nicely tapered muzzle and the blackest of pigment to her nose and eye rims. To top it off

she moved round the ring with grace and style, sound when viewed from any angle and was finished with the most glamorous, well marked, immaculately presented silky coat and huge correctly set ears framing her pretty face. I absolutely adored her and had no hesitation in awarding her the top spot. Quite honestly this is one of the nicest cavaliers I've ever had the pleasure of judging and by the sounds of the applause the spectators approved! **Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show, Best American Bred in Show**

**2. Ch Pincrest Shirmont Moonlight Madness, JW** (Henry) Similar in size to 1 but couldn't match the coat and glamour on the day. Feminine head with beautiful dark eyes, shallow stop, nice fill under eyes and to muzzle and dense pigment. Elegant neck leads to well laid shoulders, straight front, good depth of chest and spring of rib, level back and lovely tail carriage. Moved very well when viewed from any angle. Super quality exhibit. **3. Ch**

**Butterscotch Kiss of Infinidad** (Laliberte) Eye-catching ruby who I liked the look of at first glance with a gorgeous rich colour, full coat and smart outline. She has very large dark eyes, short muzzle and good pigment, just not giving the soft, gentle expression I was looking for. Stylish on the move and handled expertly. **4. Ch Chadwick Paparazzi, JW** (Matos) Larger type whose construction I couldn't fault and is of fabulous proportions I would have just liked a little less all through. Nice head qualities with dense pigment but I would have preferred a slightly larger eye. Nicely marked and complete with a lozenge. Moved well.

#### **Veteran Dog (3)**

**1. Lymrey Royal Image at Little** (Tyler). Wonderful oldie nearing his 15<sup>th</sup> year who still had the most fabulous topline and tailset putting many of the other far younger exhibits to shame! Moved steadily around the ring with his tail wagging constantly. Masculine head with dark eyes and even a few teeth left! Couldn't deny him this win over the other two mere 'youngsters' in the class and by the cheer from the spectators I think they agreed! **Best Veteran in Show**

**2. Little Van Amarula** (Tyler) Spritely ruby who belied his 9 ½ years, still in fabulous, quality coat and moving extremely well with fantastic reach and drive. Lovely head with great eyes, decent pigment and very good mouth.

**3. Quail Run Hot Shot** (Kornhi) Finished a line-up of beautiful, sound veterans this 10 year old, perfectly marked blen was also moving soundly and never stopped wagging his tail. Attractive head, lovely long, well set ears, wide blaze and dark eyes.