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May I express my thanks to the Committee for their kind invitation to judge at this prestigious Speciality Show. It was indeed an honour and I was in no way disappointed by the quality of the exhibits nor by the tremendous welcome extended to me during my stay.

I had a wonderful day judging and my appreciation must go to Stewards Sarah, Sandra and James who kept me in line and also to the exhibitors, many of whom had travelled miles to be there. Without exception, all dogs were beautifully presented - no easy feat when you are on the road.

Although the entry was not large, there were some lovely dogs and I was impressed by the overall quality which I felt was much more standardized than on my last visit to the USA. I was delighted with my final winners and I was particularly impressed by the camaraderie around the ring, something which sadly seems to be disappearing from some British shows.

DOGS

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (3)

1. BROOKHAVEN MR TAMBOURINE MAN (Ayres/Martz)

Eye catching, well-made Blenheim of 5 months. Nice shape and size with good bone. Very balanced for one so young. Good head proportions and nice expressive eye with the darkest of pigment. Loved his confidence as he moved around the ring. Lovely top line, croup and tail set. Shows very good promise. Pleased to award him <u>BEST PUPPY DOG, BEST</u> PUPPY IN SHOW.

2. BROOKHAVEN STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN (WHITMORE/MARTZ)

Another lovely Blenheim puppy of 7 months from the same kennel as #1. Maturing well - lovely head with large dark eyes. Good front and shoulders and well-turned stifle. Good body with well sprung ribs and spirit level top line. Moved well.

3. SERAPHAVEN SPELLBOUND (Gogol)

Yet another lovely puppy of 7 months. Not as mature, but developing very nicely. Loved his shape and size. Attractive head and eye. Well marked with good rich chestnut tan. Just needs time.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. JAYBA JEAN PIERRE (Lander/Lander)

Blenheim of 9 months with well cushioned head and large dark expressive eyes. Loved his shape and size. Soft silky coat with attractive markings. Good front and shoulders. Hindquarters need to tighten, but he moved well, maintaining a level top line throughout. Close decision, liked him a lot.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)

1. HUNTCREST MY GUY (Weiner Pope)

Richly marked Blenheim of smaller size and in good coat. Well cushioned head with large dark eyes and all nicely framed by well feathered ears. Good neck and shoulders. Moved well with good rear action and good tail set and carriage.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (2)

1. CH CLARMARIAN CLASSIC BY DESIGN (Young May)

Quality exhibit that caught my eye as he entered the ring and certainly belied his age of 6 1/2. Soft silky coat with rich chestnut markings and beautifully presented. Classic head with soft cushioning and large dark expressive eyes, dense pigment and lovely ear set. Well-constructed dog with lovely neck and shoulders, strong hindquarters and good bone. Moved with drive around the ring. In fabulous condition. Well-deserved.

BEST IN SHOW, WINNERS DOG, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, and BEST BLENHEIM DOG.

2. CH MIMRIC AMERICAN HEARTTHROB (Bolster/Hodges)

Another quality exhibit. Richly marked Blenheim of 3 years. Classic head with large dark expressive eyes. Elegant neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Well-conditioned body and strong hindquarters used to advantage. Moved very well. *RESERVE WINNERS DOG*

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)

1. RANLYN'S DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER (Bragg)

Soft gentle head with plenty of cushioning, large dark eyes and good pigment. Well balanced dog of nice type. Moved well with correct tail carriage and good top line.

2. MIMRIC INSTAGRAM (Hodges/Perkins)

Young Blenheim of just 9 months. Head developing well. Large dark eyes with excellent pigmentation. Good bone. Rich chestnut markings on a pearly white background. Good rear action and tail carriage. A little loose on movement at the moment, but just needs time. Very promising puppy.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)

1. CLARMARIAN HEIR APPARENT (Young May)

Attractive Blenheim with rich markings. Lovely head with plenty of cushioning and large dark eyes giving a melting expression. Well-constructed and moved effortlessly round the ring with plenty of drive from the rear. Excellent tail carriage and firm top line at all times.

2. SHOOTING UPWARDS AT CELIMOR (McCarty/Eckersley)

Gentle head with dark expressive eyes. Lovely neck and shoulders. Good body, slightly longer in loin, but spirit level top line. Moved very well, with plenty of drive.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (4)

1. JAYBA JACK OF ALL TRADES (Lander/Lander)

Another quality exhibit of nice type. Soft gentle head with just the right amount of cushioning. Large dark eye with nice expression. Well-constructed with excellent tail set and top line and consequently moved well. Considered for higher honours.

2. BRAEMARRA RUBEN (Gentil)

Lovely boy with classic head and large dark expressive eyes. Well broken coat of rich chestnut colour. Nicely made and of nice size and type. Good tail set and carriage. Moved well. Just preferred the top line on #1.

3. KBPRIDE SCOTTISH WARRIORS THE LION MUFUSA (Reardon)

Good head with ample cushioning. Nice dark eye, but preferred the expression of winners. In good coat and beautifully presented.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR DOG (2)

1. SERAPHAVEN RETURN OF THE KING (Gogol)

Smaller dog of nice size and breed type and very well balanced. Softly cushioned head and large dark round eyes all framed by well set ears with plenty of feathering. Attractive markings with bright tan in all the right places and good white collar and blaze. Excellent pigment. Moved with drive around the ring maintaining a level top line at all times. Liked him very much and he was in my final consideration for top honours. *BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOUR DOG*

2. CHADWICK CODE BLACK (McCarty/Eckersley)

Lovely full head with ample cushioning and dark expressive eyes. Nicely made with good bone. Well ribbed body with firm top line and good hindquarters. A little hyper today, but moved well once on the go.

<u>SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG</u> (1)

HARANA LOUIS PRIMA (Gentil)

 Nice sized dog of rich red colour, but lacking in body weight. He looks longer because he is thin, but actually, he is quite short coupled, with a firm loin and well set tail and croup. Handsome head with dark round expressive eyes. Just needs time. <u>BEST RUBY DOG</u>

$\underline{OPEN DOG}$ (4)

 CH BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNICKYSKYE (Utych/Utych) Loved the size and shape of this handsome boy. Well cushioned head not overdone in any way. Nice dark eyes, excellent pigment and well-set ears used to advantage. Attractively marked coat of good texture. Nicely arched neck, set on well laid shoulders and good rear angulation. Moved with drive around the ring.

2. **DALVRECK STARSHINE** (Ayres/Martz/McInally)

Another quality exhibit. Richly marked and well broken Blenheim in good coat. Smaller in size. Gentle head with kind eyes and lovely temperament. Moved well.

3. CH FORESTCREEK HEART OF ROCK N ROLL, JW (Gregory/Cline)

Sweet head with shorter muzzle and dark round eye. Nice shape and size. Movement a little erratic at times, but ok once on the move and maintained a good outline.

4. CH WOODSONG DELTA BLUES (Crancer/Kaiser)

Well broken Blenheim with nice head and eye. Bigger in size but well-made and moved well, maintaining a level top line throughout.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)

1. KARVALE BROOKHAVEN FINN (Utych)

10 years old, lightly marked, well broken Blenheim in fantastic condition, which belies his age. Lovely shape and size with the sweetest of heads. Well cushioned muzzle and dark expressive eyes. Moved very well and at one with his owner.

BITCHES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. LIVELYOAK PERSUASION (Brokopp/Borton)

Well-constructed puppy of 8 months. Nice size and very well balanced. Very feminine head with soft cushioning, good dark eye and dense pigmentation. Rich chestnut coat of good texture, developing well. Moved at one with her owner.

SERAPHAVEN UNDER MY SPELL (Gogol) Sweet richly marked Blenheim of only 7 months. A lovely puppy of nice type. Very pretty head and large round dark eyes. Good shape and size. Moved well. Just needs time to mature.

3. NORTHPOINTE HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD (Mitchum)

Pretty Blenheim of 8 months. Head still to mature. Lighter marked and slightly bigger type. Moved well out and back, but a little naughty for her owner.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (1)

 JAYBA OOH LA LA (Lander/Lander) Well-constructed puppy of nice breed type. Ultra-feminine in head with large dark expressive eyes and good pigmentation. Attractive coat markings of rich chestnut. Moved very well with a good tail set and carriage. BEST PUPPY BITCH

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (1)

1. **BROOKHAVEN I BELIEVE** (Ayers/Martz) Ruby of rich red colour. Nicely cushioned head and large dark eyes framed by well-set ears. Loved her shape and size. Well laid shoulders and good turn of stifle. Nicely conditioned body. Moved well maintaining a level top line throughout. **BEST RUBY IN SHOW, BEST RUBY BITCH**

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (1)

1. SERAPHAVEN PUT A SPELL ON YOU (Gogol)

Very sound bitch of good breed type. Very pretty with lovely dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle. Nice size and shape. Richly marked Blenheim in good coat and with fabulous ear featherings. Moved with plenty of drive.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (2)

1. BROOKHAVEN SPEND A PENNY (Whitmore/Martz/Ayres)

Well broken bitch with sweet head and expressive eyes. Nicely constructed with elegant neck and shoulders, strong hindquarters and level top line. Good tail set and croup. Moved very well, maintaining a good outline throughout.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

2. RANLYN'S TIFFANY DIAMOND (Bragg)

Similar in type to #1. Another feminine bitch, with perhaps slightly less cushioning to muzzle. Soft gentle eyes with lovely expression. Well-constructed and of nice breed type. Good body and nice angulation. Moved well around the ring.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

1. **BROOKHAVEN TEMPTATION** (Ayers/Martz) Small, sweet, lighter marked Blenheim of nice type. Very pretty head with soft expressive eyes and ample ear feathering. Moved quite well with good tail carriage and top line.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (5)

1. **BROOKHAVEN SUZIE Q** (Ayers/Martz)

Well broken Blenheim bitch with the most gorgeous well cushioned head, large dark expressive eyes and well set nicely feathered ears. Sturdy body with level top line. Excellent shoulders and front and strong hindquarters. Excelled on movement.

WINNERS BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH, BEST BRED BY AMERICAN BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST **OF OPPOSITE SEX**

- 2. JAYBA IN A NUTSHELL (Lander/Lander) Heavier marked Blenheim of nice size. Pretty head but not the fill of #1. Well-constructed and nicely balanced. Moved well.
- 3. **CHADWICK OH LA LA OF CHARDOMONT, JW** (Greak/Comer/Eckersley) Nice shape and size. Very feminine in head with nice soft expression. Moved very well maintaining a crisp outline.
- 4. **HUNTCREST EARLY EDITION** (Weiner-Pope) Well broken Blenheim of bigger size. Pretty head and nice eye. Slightly longer cast. Moved well out and back.

OPEN BITCH (1)

 CH PINECREST MOONSHINE AT MARKLEY, JW (Eubank/Storey) Sweet headed Blenheim of 6.5 years with soft gentle eye and excellent pigmentation. Well broken markings on a soft silky coat. Lovely in profile and moved well, maintaining a good outline throughout.

VETERAN DOG (1)

1. KARVALE BROOKHAVEN FINN C-TCX (Utych) As Senior Open Dog

<u>BRACE</u> (1)

1. RANLYN'S DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER (Bragg) RANLYN'S TIFFANY DIAMOND (Bragg)

JUDGE –LYNN CRANE