

Cavaliers of The South

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Judge: Virginia Lyne, Canada

It was a pleasure to judge the entry of Cavaliers for the Cavaliers of The South Specialty in beautiful Williamsburg, Virginia. The care and hospitality offered by the hardworking committee was much appreciated. My stewards were very helpful and certainly contributed to a smooth judging.

I would like to start with a few comments about my overall entry which I found so pleasing to judge. Generally the dogs showed correct height to length with no one particularly too large or too small. Temperaments were sweet and gentle; the majority had pleasing heads and soft expressions. I would like to see a little more muscle as many were somewhat lacking in that area. There were a few narrow bodies lacking the well sprung and moderately deep ribcage desired. I was pleased to see most were fairly short-coupled as required for correct balance. Some would benefit with a little more training on showing teeth and working on a loose lead. Tail carriage was generally good with only a few that were too highly set and carried too high.

The Winners Bitch was Best in Show for her beautiful breed type, correct size, sound legs and overall quality. Reserve Best in Show was the Winners Dog, again an outstanding example of a quality Cavalier. I found the bitch a little shorter in back and better marked, but they are both very worthy.

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (5)

- 1. Chadwick Jet Setter** (Eckersley) Well balanced outgoing puppy with excellent characteristic temperament. Carried tail well. Nice open side movement. A well proportioned package.
- 2. Nightingale Diorchavon Baby Its You** (Bialek) Very close up between this puppy and the first place pup. A very plush puppy still quite immature. Sweet expression and dark eye.
- 3. Nightingale Riptide** (Mulligan) A little longer cast and still moving higher behind than those ahead of him. Pleasing expression. Good shoulder and sound.
- 4. Krystle Latitude Attitude** (Torgerson) A pup with good body and depth, dark eye and good pigment. Needs to firm in topline. Head will improve when he develops muzzle. Correct coat texture. Still needs work on coming and going movement.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (3)

1. **Rutherford Olivier** (de Haas) Excellent bodied pup, short back, with good forechest, lovely shoulder and sound mover. Carries tail correctly and shows with lots of personality. I judged him on the day but hope he does not go over in his head piece with maturity. **Reserve Winners Dog, Best Puppy Dog , Best Puppy in Show**
2. **Brookhaven The Dream Lives On** (Utych) A happy pup, a little more upright in shoulder than the pup ahead of him. Good body.
3. **Orchardhill Chrome Pony** (Venier/Venier) So much to like about this puppy, beautiful headpiece. He appears a little longer cast, perhaps a reflection of his lack of rib spring so far. There is a slight rise in the rear in his topline. He is one to watch.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (2)

1. **Tudorr Rhythm and Blues** (Mixon) A beautiful dog with all the breed essentials. Lovely head piece with a soft expression and correct muzzle to skull proportion. Dark eye. Sound coming and going with firm topline and good reach on the side. Correct coat texture. Would I like to break up his marking a little, yes indeed, but he cannot be denied for his excellent quality. **Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best American Bred Dog in Show, Best Bred by Exhibitor Dog in Show, Best Blenheim Dog in Show**
2. **BlueDay Mr Wonderful** (Gross) A really nice dog that was a little overwhelmed by the show experience. Needs to body up and develop some muscle which would help his rear movement. When he gets his confidence he will be lovely.

NOVICE DOG (1)

1. **Truelegance Once Upon A Moonlight** (Bell/Cromer) Quite a handsome dog that needs to firm up in his topline to complete the shape.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (1)

1. **Ch Nightingale The Eyes Have it, JW** (Mulligan) A very handsome dog with happy temperament. Lovely forechest and front. Pleases in head and expression. Would like to strengthen his rear movement.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

1. **Almeara Extra Extraordinary, JW** (Whitmire) Nicely made dog, rich colour, lovely coat and happy personality. Short backed, sound and quite full of himself. Good return of upper arm. In lovely condition.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (6)

1. **Forestcreek Heart of Rock N Roll, JW** (Cline) Very competitive between first and second place. Correct size, moderate rib spring very pleasing in movement. Attractive head, good coat and colour. Better carriage of tail than second place dog. Sound, compact dog with a lovely flat jacket and correct texture.
2. **Foxwyn Cool Water** (Norton/Baker-Fox) Well bodied dog with good coat and colour, beautiful head piece with all the attributes. Dark eye. Ideally I would like a little more neck.
3. **Lilium Sweet Pepper** (Scanlan/Adkins) (waiting for critique from judge)
4. **Piccadil When Your a Jet** (York) Sweet expression and good head. A well proportioned dog that was inclined to carry his tail higher than ideal. A little out of coat.

HEALTH AND CONFORMATION DOG (1)

1. **Ch Chadwick Scotch On the Rocks At Hudsonview** (Glynn) Well ribbed up, good forechest, and correct tail carriage. Level topline. A little plainer in head.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (8) This was a very pleasing class to select from.

1. **Mimric Moves Like Jagger, JW** (Painter/Hodges) Big ribbed dog with a short back and pretty head, dark eye and excellent soft expression. Sound dog. Correct tail carriage. He won in a strong class.
2. **Forestcreek Franklin, JW** (Cline) Was in a close contest. Beautiful shape, good neck and well bodied up. Carried tail well. He gave a little to the dog ahead in showmanship and in shoulder layback.
3. **Avia Make It Work** (Poti) Short-backed dog, sound moving. A similar make and shape of those ahead but gave a little in eye colour and fill under the eye. Love his overall make and shape and if he darkens in eye with maturity he will be a good one.

4. **Maitres Royal Announcement** (Bonfond) Showing beautifully with a hard, level topline. Somewhat stronger in head and a little longer cast.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR DOG (2)

1. **Piccadil Dream A Lil Dream Of Me** (York) A bigger dog, very showy with classic tri markings, good coat and very happy. Attractive head piece. Good forechest. Moves a shade wider in front. **Best Tricolor Dog in Show**
2. **Chewcreek Red Solo Cup, JW** (DePhillip) Smaller dog and perhaps a little feminine. Short backed, would like a little more length of neck and slightly more muzzle.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN DOG (1)

1. **Lynfaire Above The Law** (Fairchild) Correctly proportioned dog, compact. Shows well. I would like to see clearer markings as they are a shade muddy. Moderately coated. **Best Black-and-Tan Dog in Show**

OPEN DOG (3)

1. **Bombay Jackpot** (James) Good sized dog with rib and in excellent condition. Short back, strong rear. A little proud of his tail. Pleases in head.
2. **Bonitos Campaneros Nothing Compares** (Bialek/Kirschbaum/Vorderstrasse) Pretty dog that was determined to pull on his lead which gave him a slight rise in his topline. I would like to see a larger eye. Very nice type overall.
3. **Ch. Chadwick Midnight Sun At Hudsonview** (Glynn) Pleased in his head, short back. Was not efficient in his movement on the go round which was probably a reflection of a more upright shoulder. Exercise might improve his hindquarter.

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (8)

1. **Ingold Isnt She Lovely** (Pickett) A more mature puppy, sound moving, dark eye and good pigment. Excellent bone quality. Very closely contested by the second place puppy that had to give a little on maturity.

2. **Rutherford Pippa** (Jones) Beautiful, happy puppy, sound and balanced. A little inclined to do a bit more lift in front when moving. Level topline and short back.
3. **Piccadil Goddess Of Brightness and Radiance** (Comer/Greak) Very feminine, happy pup, sound, with good front angles. I could make her a little shorter in back. Not as good behind as those ahead of her.
4. **Piccadil Goddess Of Victory** (York) Sweet faced pup, a little longer cast and narrower than those ahead of her.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. **Kean La Ti Da, JW** (Keane) A quality baby, lovely head and expression, level topline, sound and very happy. Compact and balanced. **Best Puppy Bitch in Show**
2. **Rutherford Olivia** (Jones) Well proportioned pup, feminine expression with a good eye. Could be stronger behind. Beautiful flat shoulder and sound in front.
3. **Rutherford Ophelia** (Jones) A little reluctant with her handler. Good shoulder and well balanced. Plain in head than the dog ahead of her.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (1)

1. **Carlen First Pict Sangiovese** (Close) A lightly coated black and tan with correct texture and good colour. Balanced and correct size. A little straight in the stifle.

NOVICE BITCH (4)

1. **Chewcreek Devil May Care** (DePhillip) Her showmanship fits her name, jaunty and happy. Pleasing in head, level topline. Functional coat texture though a little scant of her clothes today.
2. **Huntlee Mayla At Hollytree** (Seymour) Would like to see her in a little less weight. Typy bitch with a dark eye and feminine expression. More upright in shoulder than the one ahead of her.
3. **Autumnhill Charmed** (Parente/Green) Beautiful coat and happy attitude. Showing a little white in her eye. Somewhat narrow in her rear movement.

4. **Darane The Fair Maid of Perth** (Twigg) Lightly marked Tri that could not present correct movement as she was fighting her handler, which did not help her rear or her front action.

BRED-BY EXHIBITOR BITCH(4)

1. **Lickety Split Helena** (Geoghegan) Lovely bitch with correct size, good ribbing, short back, sound and with correct tail carriage. Correct jacket. She filled my eye as a beautiful, Cavalier with all the details. Her head piece is lovely and her overall balance spoke of quality. **Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Blenheim in Show**
2. **Ch Kalais Never Too Late To Party** (Hess) Big body and well balanced with an attractive head piece and dark eye. Such a sweet expression. Had to give a little to the bitch ahead of her in her down and back. A little better muscle might help. **Best Black-And-Tan in Show**
3. **Piccadil Castle On A Cloud** (York) Nice body and excellent condition. I would like to see a little more muzzle and forechest and better return of upper arm. Dark eye.
4. **Ch Linrica Moonwalk, JW** (Liu) Pleasing bitch on the side, moves well, level topline, correct coat and colour, not moving as well as those ahead of her on the down and back. Attractive head.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (6)

1. **Chadwick Drama, JW** (Eckersley) Correctly balanced bitch that used her legs well. Quality front shoulder assembly and good forechest. Level topline.
2. **Linrica Mimosa** (Liu) A little longer cast than the bitch ahead of her. Beautifully shown and in lovely condition. Expression a little harder than I prefer.
3. **Forestcreek Bewitching** (Vinton/Cline) Such a sweet feminine face, lovely correct coat and texture. Beautiful make and shape. Unfortunately today she was moving a little higher in the rear than at the withers. If she muscles up, matures and levels out she will be lovely.

4. **Nightingale Sloe Gin Fizz** (Seymour) Love her name – one of my favourite drinks! Rather overweight and a little out of condition but her head piece earned her this placement. Tail carriage correct.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

1. **Piccadil The Spy Who Loved Me** (York) I liked this bitch for her soundness and overall balance. Could improve in upper arm and forechest. Sweet head and expression. Firm, level topline.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (7)

1. **Miletree Caprice at Maitres** (Bonfond) Balanced bitch with a pleasing head and sweet expression.
2. **Avia Gemini** (Poti) Short backed bitch, lovely colour, level topline and good side gait. I would like a darker eye which would soften her expression a little.
3. **Hiddencreek Butterscotch Schnapps** (Parente/Green) Compact, well proportioned bitch, a little heavily marked, moving closer behind.
4. **Foxwyn Tell Me A Story** (Baker-Fox) Big ribbed bitch with a correct flat shoulder, good proportion and pleasing expression. Today she was determined to move a little high in the rear.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR BITCH (1)

1. **Monarch's That's My Little Margie** (Bellflower) Good legs and sound. A little looser in her front movement, perhaps a reflection of the fact she appeared not to want to be here. Not giving any drive in her rear.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (2)

1. **Carlen Nothing But Trouble Fergie** (Close) Excellent body and proportion with a brief summer jacket. I preferred her head piece and muzzle length over the bitch behind her. **Best Ruby in Show**
2. **Darane Stardust** (Kates) Excellent coat and condition. Perhaps a little short on leg and I would like her to have a little more muzzle to avoid the hint of a toyish look to her head.

OPEN BITCH (5)

1. **Orchard Hill Girl Talk** (Venier) Lovely type with probably the best movement of any dog I have judged today. So sound and really moves out like a true Spaniel. Good forechest and feet. Correct tail carriage. Sweet face. **Reserve Winners Bitch**
2. **Ch Foxwyn A Likely Story** (Baker-Fox/Greak/Comer) Pleased for her short back with sound legs. Not quite the head detail of the bitch ahead of her.
3. **Ch Linrica Just a Dream, JW** (Hsiung/Liu) Very compact bitch, all of one piece. A little proud of her tail and not quite as good behind on the move as those ahead of her. **Best Tricolor in Show**
4. **Bombay C Trilexa** (James) A short backed bitch, good tail carriage. Plainer in head compared to those ahead.

VETERAN DOG (3)

1. **Ch Nightingale Heat Wave, JW** (Mulligan) Very compact, moderate dog that spoke well of being a very handsome example in his prime. **Best Veteran in Show**
2. **Darane Boys Don't Cry** (DePhillip) Big ribbed tri, with a dark eye.
3. **Chadwick Star Spangled Banner** (Taub/Eckersley) A venerable elder statesman who clearly enjoyed his outing.

VETERAN BITCH (1)

1. **Majestic Ceili Dancer of Avondale At Ceilimor** (McCarty) Again out to enjoy her outing today. A little on the well fed side but short backed and typical.