

**Cavaliers of the Midwest**  
**04/13/12, Chicago, IL**  
**Judge: Lindsey Rennard Mackay**

Thank you very much to Cavaliers of the Midwest for your invitation to judge your show and for your kindness and hospitality to my family for our stay in Chicago (my children, aged 8 and 3, loved the lifts with the clear glass sides in the hotel...as well as the Field Museum in Chicago and of course the pizzas!) I judged Cavalier dogs and bitches at UK Championship shows in 2011 so was very interested to judge the American dogs – and delighted to find so many lovely Cavaliers. Many classes were very consistent and there were some lovely puppies. Presentation, showmanship and temperament (so important to the breed in my opinion) were very good. There were slightly more high tails than I would expect. I enjoyed the day very much – thank you to all the stewards for their help and efficiency.

**Junior Puppy Dog (6)** Very nice class of puppies with which to start the day.

**1. Pinecrest White Lightening** (Eubank) Well made well marked Blenheim built on clean cut elegant lines. Good neck with a nice crest and and shoulders, lovely topline and tailset. Nice head and expression, showed well with an endearing temperament. Lovely promising puppy who was shortlisted for Winners Dog. **2. Linrica Bye Bye Birdie** (Hsiung/Liu) Smaller well broken Blenheim of good size and type. Lovely head and face, moved well. **3. Saintbrides Darane Come Sail Away** (Kates) Dear little Blenheim, so sweet! Lovely head and expression, nice spring of rib, well balanced, not leggy. **4. Linrica The Wizard of Oz** (Liu) Larger type. Well marked Blenheim with lovely head and eyes, slightly more leggy at present.

**Senior Puppy Dog (8)** Another nice class!

**1. Shirmont Doctors Orders** (Henry) Very mature puppy, well bodied up with good spring of rib, and attractive “finished” head with well cushioned muzzle, kind expression with large dark eyes. Nice shape, plenty of well presented coat, rich colour, good mover which won him the class. Short listed for Winners Dog and a pleasure to award *Best Puppy Dog*.

**2. Coverdale Fade Into Sunset** (Miller/Bennett) Nice Blenheim puppy of different type who was close up to winner. Lots of scope, with a lovely crest to his neck, clean cut elegant lines, showed with lots of oomph. **3. Tudorr Apollo** (Mixon) Blenheim puppy who was a delightful character – he tried to dive out of the ring to answer a ringing phone! Very friendly and cheerful, well balanced and good angulation, nice head type. **4. Topmeadow Telemachus At Nestors Palace** (Check) Larger, less mature puppy who moved and showed well, promising puppy.

**Graduate Puppy Dog (2)**

**1. Jordanic Luigi** (Gentil) Very exuberant Blenheim who was very bouncy but gradually calmed down to show his lovely make and shape, good neck and shoulders, nice head and expression, with flat skull and well set, long ears, good size and moved well. **2. Chantismere Caruso of Chadwick** (Eckersley) Nice little well presented Blenheim who showed with great composure, close up to winner.

**Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)**

**1. Sevenwoods Highfield Dune** (Shidler) Heavily marked richly coloured blenheim dog who had a dear head and expression, very endearing. Well made with a good topline, showed well. **2. Huntcrest Dream On** (Weiner Pope) Well marked Blenheim with lots of well presented coat, showed very well, nice eyes.

**Junior American Bred Dog (2)**

**1. Linrica I Dreamed A Dream** (Liu) Immaculately presented Blenheim with a wealth of straight, silky coat. Showed with composure, moved well. **2. Autumn Hill Ring of Fire, JW** (Parente) Delightful ruby with good neck and shoulders, did not move as well in front as winner.

**American Bred Dog (3)**

**1. Avia Sgt Pepper** (Marler) Blenheim of larger make and shape who presented a nice balanced picture on the move. **2. Sheeba Guccio Guccio** (Adair/Mitchell) Dear little Blenheim who showed with panache and was close up but preferred winner’s tail carriage today. **3. Huntcrest Surfin Safari** (Patkowski) Appeared unsettled in class, scuttling slightly which made him appear to drop off over the croup. Settled and stood nicely while I was doing the critique.

**Special Limit Blenheim Dog (4)**

**1. Lanola Only Make Believe** (Matters) Well made Blenheim who was a nice size, small with good bone, nice deep body, good spring of rib. Lovely neck and shoulders, good topline, well balanced and presented good overall picture. Short listed for Winners Dog. **2. Kinvarr’s Mile High Club** (Harrison) Larger, richer coloured Blenheim with lots of straight, silky coat, very well presented. Good nose pigment and eyes. **3. Aranel Fanatic** (Adair) Very fizzy little Blenheim with good nose pigment and lovely eyes. **4. Chantismere Cast A Spell On Corduke** (Mulligan) More heavily marked Blenheim with lovely rich colouring. Delightful extrovert temperament.

**Special Limit Tricolour Dog (2)**

**1. Veribas Point Break** (Cusick) I liked this little cobby tricolour. He had good make and shape, well balanced with good spring of rib and nice bone. Well marked with clear white – no ticking and lots of coat. Attractive head and expression with large dark eyes. Cheerful temperament, showed well. **Reserve Winners Dog, Best Tricolour Dog**

**2. Jardim Azul's August Flower** (Matos) Well marked, well presented tricolour who was very stylish in the move. Super ears! Preferred the winner's eyes.

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

**1. Turretbank Beaujolais** (Green) Very glamorous rich coloured ruby with lots of straight silky coat, beautifully presented and handled. Lovely face with large dark eyes and black nose, framed by long silky ears. **Best Ruby Dog**

**2. Sevenwoods Willdberry** (Shidler) Very cheerful fizzy ruby with good angulation.

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

**1. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) Two very similar dogs in this class, small square and compact of good type, with good coat and well presented. The winner had better shoulders and topline and moved better in the final move round. **Best Black & Tan Dog**

**2. Darane Smooth Criminal at Nightingale** (Mulligan) Another nice black/tan whose eyes I preferred, but not so good in topline.

#### **Open Dog (1)**

**1. Bonitos Companeros Halli Galli** (Eubank/Kirschbaum/Voderstrasse/Morrison) Very glamorous Blenheim with well broken, rich chestnut markings and very clear sparkling white. Beautifully presented with lots of straight silky coat. Showed with lots of enthusiasm, lovely temperament. Lovely eyes and pigment, long ears framing his attractive expression. Well balanced with lovely rear angulation. **Winners Dog, Best Blenheim Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex in Show**

#### **Junior Puppy Bitch (4)** Lovely class of puppies.

**1. Pinecrest Moonshine** (Eubank) Beautiful Blenheim puppy with well broken chestnut markings, straight silky coat starting to come in length. Well constructed with good neck and shoulders, nice crest to her neck. Lovely face with large dark eyes and gentle expression. Very accomplished in her showmanship, shortlisted for Winners Bitch, lovely puppy.

**2. Woodsong Catalina** (Kasiser) Very nice puppy. Not so accomplished in her showmanship as winner as it was her first show, and she still had some baby fluff to her coat, but lovely make and shape, very promising.

**3. Chadwick Snow Mittens** (Eckersley) Tiny little Blenheim who reminded me very much of my tricolour Madeleine (sleeping at my feet as I type this!) Very sweet and showed very well.

**4. Chadwick Papparazzi** (Eckersley) No comments given.

#### **Senior Puppy Bitch (5)**

**1. Liane's Xaviera** (Poti) Lovely rich coloured ruby with plenty of straight silky coat who just seemed to get better the longer she showed and settled. Lovely head type with good length of muzzle and cushioning, lovely large dark eyes and pigment giving a lovely expression. Nice shape, well balanced, good spring of rib. Moved and showed well and with verve. **Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show, Best Ruby in Show**

**2. Nightingale Kit Kat** (Mulligan) Dear little Blenheim with very well broken markings and lozenge, very sweet and good type.

**3. Forrestcreek Pippa M** (Mixon) Small and compact more heavily marked Blenheim.

**4. Coverdale Fade Into Twilight** (Miller/Bennett) Well marked tricolour with lovely face.

#### **Graduate Puppy Bitch (3)**

**1. Bonitos Companeros Gianna Nannini** (Adair) Darling Blenheim who was a super type – true Cavalier.

Lovely head and eyes.

**2. Jordanic Madalaina** (Gentil) Exuberant Blenheim who was shown so well by her handler. Stood and moved well.

**3. Lynsfair Spread the News** (Sams/Fairchild) Heavily marked tricolour with a beautiful face which can be hard to achieve in this colour.

#### **Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (2)**

**1. Hillwood Diamond Dust** (Bennett) Scopey, elegant well made Blenheim with good neck and shoulders, and nice crest to her neck.

**2. Shirmont Apple McIntosh, JW** (Henry) Blenheim with lovely eyes and pigment.

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

**1. Brookhaven Darbie, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Lovely tricolour who was well made with good angulation at both ends, well balanced, nice topline and tailset, excellent spring of rib, nice size with plenty of bone. Lovely face with large dark eyes, well marked with lots of rich tan. Enthusiastic show girl and endearing character. I liked her a lot. **Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Tricolour in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show**

**2. Nightingale Walkin on Sunshine** (Mulligan) Nice little Blenheim with well broken markings, excellent type. Pigment not so good today.

**3. Avia Billie Jean** (Longobardi) Very nice ruby puppy with large dark eyes and good pigment, good shape, gave away in age in this class today.

#### **American Bred Bitch (3)**

**1. BackNTime Red Roses on Velvet** (Niemi) Lovely rich coloured ruby with plenty of straight silky coat. A good shape with lots of coat, large dark eyes, attractive head and expression, pigment not so good today.

**2.**

**Cedar Creek Miles of Style** (Owens) Nice blenheim with very sweet face. **3. Lilium Southern Magnolia** (Thorpe) Blenheim with well broken markings, nice eyes and good pigment.

**Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (3)**

**1. Miletree Wendy McKenzie at Shirmont, JW** (Henry) Beautiful Blenheim bitch who reminded me of EngCh Aldachell Victoria Rose to whom I gave the CC on my first UK championship judging appointment. Lovely size and type – small, elegant and pretty, lots of scope with good neck and shoulders, well balanced and excellent profile. Gorgeous face with large dark eyes, good earset framing her attractive head. Delightful character – very fizzy and friendly, showed and moved well. I thought when she came into the class she could be my winner and it was a pleasure to give her Best in Show. ***Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show***

**2. Spindlepoint Hope** (Compton) Heavily marked Blenheim of good size and type, presented a good shape on the table, moved and showed well, plenty of coat. **3. Royalcaper Bluebell Bliss** (Clayton) Larger type of Blenheim with a lovely face – large dark eyes and gentle expression. Showed well.

**Special Limit Tricolour Bitch (2)**

**1. Blackfire Trifecta** (Weidig/Kennedy) Tricolour of slightly larger type who had a head type which reminded me of the Maxholts in the UK when I first started showing. Moved and showed well, good brood bitch type. **2. Pinecrest Dixie Melody** (Eubank) Very well marked tricolour with a sweet temperament.

**Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (2)**

**1. Veribas Wild Horses** (Fitzgerald/Cusick) Well made black/tan with plenty of scope. Good neck and shoulders, good topline. Pretty head with attractive expression. ***Best Black & Tan in Show*** **2. Lynsfairie Carolina Girl** (Sams) Lovely character and showed well, pretty face.

**Open Bitch (1)**

**1. Hillwood Diamond Diva** (Bennett/Miller) Larger type of Blenheim, lightly marked. Very lovely face with large dark eyes, pretty head framed by well set long ears.

**Senior Open Bitch (2)** A pleasure to judge both these bitches.

**1. Sevenwoods Diabolique** (Shidler) 11 year old tricolour who certainly did not look her age. Good shape and make, nice bitch thoroughly enjoying her day. **2. Avia Referee's Call** (Marler) 8 year old Blenheim with gorgeous face – large dark eyes with black rims, framed by large ears, very typical Cavalier.

**Veteran Bitch (3)**

**1. Flying Colors Mustang** (Dennison) Tiny little well marked tricolour who was nearly 14 and had to win this Veteran Class. Very sweet, endearing character and expression. ***Best Veteran in Show***

**2. SevenWoods Diabolique** (Shidler) See Sr Open Bitch. **3. Avia Referee's Call** (Marler) See Sr Open Bitch.