Cavaliers of the Northeast 06/11/11, Danbury, CT Judge: Miriam Lovett (Primrose)

Many thanks to the exhibitors who brought nice dogs to be judged and for taking decisions with such good sportsmanship. Thanks also to the CNE for having me judge and their members who worked and made my day more enjoyable. While the overall quality of the dogs was good, I was concerned to see so many exhibits (mainly dogs) showing even bites, tiny teeth, and unclean teeth. While our standard allows for even bites, I do not believe it means to encourage them. When showing, clean teeth are as essential as is a clean coat. Finally, my apologies for the few missing critiques. I did listen to be sure things were working, but apparently not often enough!

Junior Puppy Dog (9)

- **1. Chantismere Chandos** (O'Brien) Blen. This is a special boy who is mature for his age. He is heavily marked with the correct pigment. He moves smoothly showing off his level topline. He is balanced with good bone, good coat and a nice doggy head. All this made him my *Best Junior Puppy* and *Best Puppy Dog*.
- **2. Toraylac Bravado for Kean** (Keane/Gibson) Blen. He is a bigger boy than the first and not as dark pigmented, but he is short coupled and moves nicely. **3. Nightingale Wish Upon A Star** (Birbeck) Blen. A smaller boy who is moderate in all respects and moved smoothly. His expression was softer than those above, if not quite as masculine. **4. Mileslip Licorice** (Skidmore) B/T. Tape skipped- As I remember, a nicely balanced puppy with good coat who moved correctly while carrying his tail a bit high today.

Senior Puppy Dog (5)

1. Kellene The Black Orlov (Carter) Tri. This boy moves out happily with good drive from the rear. He sports a good coat and nice head. 2. Truluv Troy (Nikaci) Tri. This boy has a handsome head, is short coupled with good turn of stifle and good tail set. He was just not as sure of himself as one above. 3. Dancasa Cute As A Button (Tiedemann) Blen. He is as his name implies with the best topline in the class. Another nice head with a gentle expression and large dark eyes, although not quite so masculine as those above. He is short coupled, has a good coat, and moves correctly. 4. Pikanto V.H. Lamslag (Weber) Blen. This boy is a bit longer than those above. He has a nice masculine head. He is just learning the show ring and with a bit more maturity should do well.

Graduate Puppy Dog (5)

- 1. Dreamvale Smart As The Dickens (Warshaw/Sage) Tri. A very nice boy with the most appealing head with nice round eyes, and a short coupled body. He has a lovely coat with well broken color. He has a very nice front. 2. Marshelle Designer Genes (Stout) Blen. A slightly larger boy but in balance and moderate all over. This one moved nicely and was better in the rear, but I'd like a darker eye. 3. Parkbury Sole Mate (Parker) Blen. Another very nice boy with a good head. He moved truly, but I preferred the tail set on those above. 4. Rradac Sir Charles (Darr) Blen. {tape skipped} Novice Dog (1)
- 1. Orchardhill Play For Keeps (Darr/Venier) Tri. A very nicely balanced dog who moves around the ring effortlessly holding a level topline. He has a masculine head with good expression. *Award of Merit, Best Tricolor in Show* Junior American Bred Dog (3)
- 1. Mimric Monogram, JW (Hodges/Perkins) Blen. This is a dog well up to size, but in balance. He has a nice straight coat and a happy outgoing temperament. He has a lovely shoulder lay back which gives him an especially nice front. He is one of those boys who could be useful. Award of Merit 2. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci (Birbeck) {tape gap} I do remember how happy he was on the move. 3. Kellene Barnaby Jones (Carter) Ruby. {gap here too} I do remember this dog who I liked so much. He is a lovely boy who moves very well from all angles. He is a balanced dog of ideal size and having the correct pigment. I so wanted to do more for him, but he is just learning confidence in the ring. This is one to watch for the future, and I was delighted to see him improved by the next day.

American Bred Dog (3)

- 1. Castlekeep Cimaron at Triple Crown Panache (Keane/Brouck) Blen. I saw this dog in Richmond before the show started and he got my eye. Today he did as well. He is all boy in build and head. He has large, round eyes and jet black nose pigment. His cobby body moves smoothly around the ring holding a good top line. He is such a complete balanced package. Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best American Bred, and Best Blenheim
- **2.** Chadwick Scotch On The Rocks At Hudsonview, JW (Yassky/Eckersley) Blen. This is another lovely dog of a different type to one above, but he is no less correct or appealing. He is a bit longer cast but in balance and moves correctly, especially going away. His expression is gentle and he has more coat than winner. **3.** Taron Brandys Ricky (Close) B/T. An older dog with another nice head and slightly curly coat. He has good turn of stifle and was moving nicely. He had to give to youth today.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (4)

- **1. Byermoor Queens Orb** (O'Brien) Blen. This dog is a heavily marked boy with flowing coat who moved truly with a level topline. He has good depth of chest. This is a well balanced moderate dog complete with Blenheim spot. *Reserve Winners Dog. Reserve Best in Show*
- 2. Darane Jon Bon Jovi (Kates) {tape skip-rest of class}. 3. Chadwick Passion Puzzle (Carter/Eckersley) 4. Sunjays Anniversary Waltz (Folb).

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (4)

1. Jardim Azul's August Flower (Matos) This dog is a moderate boy in all respects who moved truly. He has a correct doggy head. 2. Aubinwood Griffen (Burke/Gibson) {tape skip-rest of class} 3. Welmforth Fame Become Me (Lasser) 4. Nightingale Hanky Panky (Mulligan) I do remember this dog and liked him. His head seemed a bit heavy to me but he was balanced and moving nicely.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (1)

1. Grandville Paddington Bear, JW (Grandemange). This is a nice boy who moves out smartly. He is another a bit heavy in head for me.

Special Limit Black-and-Tan Dog (2)

1. Cockney Rebel of Woodville at Grandville (Grandemange) A boy dripping in a nice straight coat. He is balanced, has substance and moves with ease. **2. Windham Innocent Bystander** (Maxwell/Hashagen) A dog with a head I prefer, but not as deep chest or as positive rear movement of one above.

Open Dog (2)

1. Ch Kaceem Jonathan (Ames) B/T. This handsome boy won out by a hair today as I preferred his square, balanced body and very doggie head with dark eyes and good cushioning. *Best Black & Tan in Show 2*. Ch. Milkeyn Sheer Inspiration, JW (O'Connor/Eckersley) Blen. Another very worthy champion who is an entirely different type to one above. He has a lovely flowing coat on a balanced if slightly longer body. He moves easily looking good from all angles. His expression is soft and melting.

Senior Open Dog (1)

Ch/CanCh Christleton Jupiter at Brynwood (Carter) B/T. A 12 plus year old moving beautifully while holding his topline as if he were a youngster. He is cobby and in good coat. I was delighted to make him *Best Veteran in Show*.

Junior Puppy Bitch (8)

1. Toraylac Paluche for Kean (Keane) Blen. A heavily marked girl who is mature for her age. She is cobby with good angulation, a dead level topline on the move and standing. 2. Truluv Pavane (Nikaci) Blen. A darling puppy whose color is better broken than one above. She has nice proportions and an appealing head. She moved well. Just needs to tighten up a bit as do those following. 3. Nightingale Sun Kissed Rose of Cantia (Kent) Blen. Another cutie with an adorable face giving such a sweet expression. She has a nice level topline. 4. Chadwick Patriotic (Eckersley) Blen. A puppy with good balance, a nice head and moving nicely especially from the rear. Unfortunately something was bothering her eyes today.

Senior Puppy Bitch (5)

- **1. Miletree Wendy McKenzie at Shirmont** (Henry) Blen. This puppy cannot be ignored. She owns the ring when she moves around it. Her movement is dead on and she covers the ground with drive. This is all the more remarkable as she is a true toy, but in perfect balance for her short coupling. A joy to make her **Best Puppy Bitch** and **Best Puppy in Show**
- **2. Kean Juicy Couture** (Keane/Campbell) Blen. {tape skip for rest of class} I remember liking this puppy but she was unlucky to meet one above today. **3. Truluv Giselle** (Fox) Blen. **4. Copperhill Marina** (Mitchell) B/T.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (7)

1. Miletree Casiopia (Pickett) Blen. A most appealing bitch with a lovely straight coat moving smoothly and correctly. I loved her moderation and balance. Her head is correct with beautiful round eyes. I was pleased to give her an *Award of Merit*. 2. Linrica Once Upon A Dream (Liu) Blen. This is a nice bitch with lighter pigment. She is lovely moving especially from the rear. Another one with a nice head. 3. Hathersage Celtic Queen of Del Sol (McHenry/Virrueta) Tri. A cobby girl with a heavier head and good eyes. She is heavily marked. 4. Clentview Peaches (O'Brien) Blen. A larger girl with not quite so feminine head as those above. She moved nicely with a dead level topline.

Novice Bitch (5)

1. Darane Billie Jean (Kates) Ruby. I loved this bitch. Very much like the best puppy bitch she sailed around the ring. She is a small cobby girl with lovely dark eyes and the correct pigment. I was so happy to award her *Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Ruby in Show*. 2. Nightingale Starlite of Cantia (Kent) Tri. A cobby heavily marked girl who moved well and kept her topline. A heavier type head. 3. Jemanda Chateau Latour (Weinstein) Blen. A heavily marked bitch with a pretty feminine head. She is short coupled without quite as much bone as those above. 4. Linrica Dream a Lil Dream (Liu) Blen. A slightly longer girl with a nice coat and good pigment. Not quite the movement of those above.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch (2)

1. Truluv Pirouette (Nikaci) Blen. Such a lovely color on this cobby girl. She has good neck leading into well placed shoulders. She moves truly and happily from all angles. **2. Ch Dancasa Anastasia** (Tiedemann) Blen. Very close call here.

Actually prefer the lovely head on this bitch. She has a level topline on the move and good bone. She was just giving a bit on age today.

Junior American Bred Bitch (2)

1. Nightingale Kismet (Paplauckas/Mulligan) Blen. What a nice short coupled bitch. This one moderate in every way with a nice head and correct eyes. She was holding her topline and moving smoothly. 2. Kellene Charlie's Angel (Marshall) Tri. A girl who can really move out with drive off the rear. She is higher built than one above, but in proportion. A slightly less feminine expression than one above.

American Bred Bitch (8)

- 1. Autumnhill New Kid in Town, JW (Parente) Blen. This lovely girl held my attention throughout the class and the challenge. She moves surely and confidently in complete union with her owner and wagging all the way. She has lovely balance, a nice head with correct eyes and good expression. She is moderate in every way and was the complete picture I was looking to find. Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best Blenheim in Show
- **2. Shirmont Apple McIntosh, JW** (Henry/Dodson) Blen. Another very nice girl, cobby with a nice head and dark eyes. Pigment not quite as dark as one above. She moved correctly from all angles. *Award of Merit* **3. Flying Colors Cleopatra** (Darr) Blen. {tape gap rest of class} **4. Licetysplit Lughnasa** (Geoghegan) Blen.

Health and Conformation Bitch (1)

1. Ch Chadwick Laphroaig, JW (Eckersley) Blen. Such a lovely 6 plus year old and still a worthy Champion. She moves nicely. Slightly out of coat. (I was told due to a recent litter). She has a nice head with sweet expression and lovely eyes. Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (2)

1. Marshelle Crimes Of The Heart, JW (Stout). Beautiful pigment on this short, cobby bitch. A pretty girl with a shorter muzzle and correct round dark eyes. She moved well. **2. Chesham A Minute Of Your Time, JW** (Eckersley/Taub). A pretty girl with a very feminine head. Slightly longer than one above. I would like just a bit more depth of chest. She has a nice rear. **Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (2)**

1. Blackfire Shows Class (Weidig/Kennedy) This balanced bitch moves well, carrying a level topline around on well angulated hind quarters while wagging constantly. Her head could be a bit more feminine. **2. Darane Paradise City, JW** (Kates) A charming girl a bit shorter than one above with a broader head although it is in proportion. Not the topline on the move as one above.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (3)

1. Darane Red Sonja, JW (Kates) What a smart little girl. She is small and cobby. She moves correctly with nice angulation and short hocks. She has a pleasing head and eye. **2. Mileslip Strawberry Moon** (Skidmore). This one had another nice head, very feminine, and she moved well. **3. Blackfire Emil's Billet Doux** (Reichardt/Weidig). A bigger type who has lovely eyes. She, too, was moving well.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (2)

1. Truluv Springtime (Nikaci). She was a mature, short coupled girl with good drive and good coat. 2. Copperhill Miss Marcie (Mitchell). I like the tan on this one. She had a nice head and good eyes.

Open Bitch (2)

1. Ch Chadwick Coco Chanel (Eckersley) Tri. A worthy Champion who still has it! 2. Royal Toy Moravia Eolen (Bialek) Blen. {tape skip}

Senior Open Bitch (2)

1. Ch Chadwick Moonshine (Eckersley) Blen. This nine year old also still looks nice and moves out like a younger one. 2. Ultra Spice of Woodville at Grandville (Grandemange) Ruby. A cobby eight year old who moves smartly never taking eyes off of her handler. She has a lovely coat.

Veteran Dog (1) These four Veterans are all remarkable. They are as lovely and as fit as many of today's regular winners. Only the expected few missing teeth give away their age. What a lot we all have to learn from watching these classic Cavaliers parade and "show their stuff."

- 1. Ch/CanCh Christleton Jupiter at Brynwood (Carter) B/T. See report in Senior Open Dog. *Best Veteran in Show* Veteran Bitch (3)
- **1.** Ch Chadwick Bewitched at Blackfire (Kennedy/Weidig) Blen. This girl is 10 years old with a flowing coat, as she glided around the ring. I loved her balanced shape and classic head. **2.** Ch Chadwick September Song at Blackfire (Kennedy) This 13 plus girl is another true beauty. She too captured the eye with her ring presence. She also has a gorgeous coat, the longest ears on a balanced and pleasing head. **3.** Chadwick Pinckney at Blackfire (Weidig/Eckersley) Tri. A youngster at 8, she will probably equal those above in a few years. Another outstanding Veteran.