

Cavaliers of the West

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Judge: Katie Sloan (Turretbank)

It was a great honour for me to be invited to judge at the Cavaliers Of The West Speciality Show on 5th July 2013. My judging day was most rewarding, spending a few hours totally immersed in quality cavaliers. I was most impressed and on a few occasions was spoilt for choice. My sincere thanks to all the exhibitors, some having travelled many miles. I did appreciate having the opportunity to appraise their dogs and to the winners who were most gracious in accepting my decisions. I would also like to mention the spectators' appreciation towards the placements. Their enthusiasm from around the ring for the winners' successes is true sportsmanship and a joy to experience. Thank you to the following...Kathy Tegg, Toni Wade, Patty Fensterwald and Kevin Ellingson and all who worked "behind the scenes" helping to make the weekend such a success. Thank you so much for the extremely kind hospitality shown to me throughout my stay...I had the most wonderful time. I was greatly impressed with my first visit to San Francisco...a memorable trip to a great country with such lovely cavaliers and their owners.

Junior Puppy Dog (3)

- 1. Forestcreek Double O Seven** (Kline) Loved this small compact puppy dog with well broken markings. Softest of expressions, excellent pigment, well balanced throughout. Level topline on the move and standing, correct tail set and presented in excellent condition. Quality exhibit. **Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show**
- 2. Jordanic Beniamino** (Mitchell) Well turned out 9 months old, well marked Blenheim with well proportioned head and strong pigment. Well constructed and covered the ground with ease but unfortunately lost his topline on the move. Excellent coat for age.
- 3. Robin's Nest November Rain** (Prodanovich) Black/tan, only 7 months old with pleasing head and correct expression. Lacking maturity at this stage but showing potential. Lovely neck and shoulder placement but falls away at the croup. Stepped out well for his owner.

Graduate Puppy Dog (6)

- 1. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss, JW** (Green) Richly coloured, heavily marked Blenheim who scores on breed type. Well shaped head with lovely dark eyes giving a sweet expression. Good length of neck and well placed shoulders continuing onto a level topline. Moved out well both coming and going. Shown in excellent condition.
- 2. Pensrick House Of Stewart** (Liebeler/Fellows) Handsome lightly marked blenheim shown in excellent condition. Liked his shape and type, good bone and ribcage. Would prefer more positive rear movement.
- 3. Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz) Very showy heavily marked Blenheim with a most attractive head and alert expression with well set ears. Good reach of neck which he used to his advantage when on the move. Another shown in excellent condition.
- 4. Royalmark Out Of The Clear Blue Sky At Wyn Dancer** (Barrett/McCoy) Another heavily marked Blenheim who was well proportioned throughout. Would prefer a slightly larger eye to complete the picture. Held his shape on the move but not so settled in the rear. Presented to perfection.

Novice Dog (2)

- 1. Covington Kilgharrah at Riverview** (Barrois) So much to like about this boy...not overdone in any department. Beautifully marked Blenheim complete with lozenge, large dark eyes and excellent pigment giving the correct melting expression. Well constructed throughout with arched neck and good shoulder placement. Covered the ground with ease.....positive movement in both directions and level topline at all times with correct tail carriage. A most pleasing quality young dog shown in top form. **Winners Dog, Best In Show, Best American Bred In Show, Best Blenheim In Show**
- 2. Sikeleli Rock Me Gently At Quail Run** (Kornhi) Deep coloured Blenheim boy with pleasing qualities. Head of good shape but eyes could be larger. Liked his overall shape, he held his topline on the move with excellent tail carriage. Would prefer more positive front movement. Well presented.

Bred By Exhibitor (4)

- 1. Brookhaven Believe It Or Not** (Ayers/Martz) Small, compact Blenheim boy with sufficient bone and shown in excellent condition. Sweetest expression, dark eyes and dense nose pigment. Well constructed throughout and moved well in both directions. A neat package. **Reserve Winners Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show**
- 2. Ch Piccadil Peppermint Twist** (York) Heavily marked Blenheim who has a slightly larger frame than #1. Most attractive head with gentle expression. Well proportioned body with good rear angulation, covering the

ground well with style. **3. Deltarose Enchanting Teodoro** (Fennel/McCoy) Blenheim boy with well set ears framing a masculine head which is not exaggerated in any way. Lovely expressive eyes and dark pigment. Showed great attitude and showmanship....most attentive to his handler. **4. Hathersage Intoxication, JW** (Fowler) Blenheim boy with a slightly plainer head and not wearing his best coat today. Excellent pigment, dark eyes and good reach of neck but unfortunately falls away at the croup.

Junior American Bred Dog (1)

1. Quail Run Rainer (Herrington) Nicely constructed Blenheim boy but still waiting for his coat and furnishings. Good neck and ribcage and ample bone for age. Front needs to tighten but held a level topline on the move.

American Bred Dog (5)

1. Covington True Blood (Gonyo/Mohn) Handsome Blenheim boy with correctly shaped head and well set ears which framed and complimented his features. Well made compact body and good turn of stifle. Shown in good condition. **2. Jayba Southern Voices At Autumnhill** (Parente/Hayes) Another handsome Blenheim boy with the correct ear set which he used to his advantage. Well bodied with good depth of chest and in good coat. Moved out well but lost his topline on occasions. **3. Liliun Quince At Crown Rose** (Rosenburg) Richly coloured Blenheim boy with attractive head but would prefer a little more cushioning. Excellent pigment and slightly longer in body. **4. Harrington Loch Lomond There For A Good Time** (Mittelman) This Blenheim boy covered the ground well but did not have the finish of the others. Nicely shaped head but shows a little too much white of eye for me.

Health and Conformation Dog (3)

1. Allegría Made You Look (McHendry /Virrueta) 6 years old short coupled Blenheim boy who strode around the ring with extreme confidence, Lovely dark eyes, dense pigment and long ear leathers framing his attractive head. Shown in good coat of correct texture. **2. Sonesta Sweet William** (Ellingson) Heavily marked tricolour boy of 7 years who was obviously enjoying his day out. Attractive head with rich tan markings and expressive eyes. Another who was turned out well for the occasion. **3. Quail Run Royal Colonial** (McCarver /Kornhi) 7 years old Blenheim boy built on finer lines. Out of coat today but looked well as he performed his duties in the ring holding his topline at all times. Pleasing head with lovely dark eyes and correctly set ears.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (4)

1. Judyland Magical Fizz Of Lochlmond (Mittleman) Richly coloured Blenheim boy who could make more of himself if he was happier. Head of correct shape with flat skull, good reach of neck and shoulder placement. He won this class on his sound movement both coming and going. Shown in excellent condition. **2. Covington Javier** (Mohn/Gonyo) Heavier headed Blenheim boy complete with lozenge. Liked his shape and overall conformation and covered the ground well. Coat of good quality. **3. Tassajara Jack Kerouac at Sorella** (Green/Savage) Blenheim boy from a smaller mould with attractive head and expression. Moved out proudly displaying a correct tail carriage but rather close in the rear today. Most attentive to his handler. **4. Ellsiana Jupiter** (Tyler) Lightly marked Blenheim boy built on smaller lines. Attractive head with excellent pigment and beautiful long ear leathers. Liked his shape but unfortunately lost his topline on the move. Well coated and shown in excellent condition.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (3)

1. Autumn Hill Spencer, JW (Weinstein/Parente) Richly coloured ruby boy with attractive head and large round eyes. Well proportioned body, good depth of chest and excellent ribcage. Good turn of stifle which he used to advantage on the move. **2. Lilycroft High Seas** (Karcher) Smaller ruby boy with finer bone. Gentle head with dark eyes, but could have darker nose pigment. Slightly longer cast than #1 but carried himself well, displaying a level topline and good tail carriage. **3. Best Man Jackson** (Legerretta/Gray) Ruby of rich colour who left his clothes at home today. Pleasing head with flat skull, good nose pigment and dark eyes. Slightly taller and longer in body than I would like. Moved with confidence.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (1)

1. Robins Nest HRH Prince Andrew (Prodanovich) Black & tan boy with rich tan markings. Most pleasing soft expression which is extremely essential in this colour. Lovely dark eyes, correct bite, good reach of neck. Shown to advantage by his young handler and covering the ground well holding a level topline at all times. **Best Black & Tan Dog**

Open Dog (5)

1. Ch Melrose Gold For Bonitos Companeros (Magera /Mitchell) Small, compact richly coloured ruby boy shown in excellent condition and displaying a coat of correct texture. Fullest of ear leathers framing his attractive head with dark pigment and expressive eyes. He strode out well using his short hocks to advantage, holding his head proudly on the move. *Best Ruby In Show*

2. Ch Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion (Barrett) Another exhibit shown in excellent condition. Heavily marked Blenheim boy with most attractive head and well set ears. Correct bite, expressive eyes and good pigmentation. Excellent side gait keeping a level topline but rather wide in front when coming towards. **3. Ch Pascavale Jackson** (Cline) Heavier in frame this Blenheim dog portrays a clean cut picture. He is very well constructed throughout and made the most of his time in the ring displaying a good topline and tail carriage.

Strong masculine head with good pigment but I felt he could benefit from a larger eye to complete the picture.

4. Ch Benchmark Up In The Air Of On The Mark (Chan/ Mitchell) Smart heavily marked Blenheim with the sweetest of expressions, Slightly longer cast in body and tended to lose his topline on the move. Shown in good condition and moved with attitude.

Junior Puppy Bitch (5)

1. Brookhaven Sexy Sadie (Ayers/Martz) This very promising puppy is almost one year old. Pretty head with the sweetest of expressions. Lovely reach of neck, correct shoulder placement and very well constructed throughout. Moved effortlessly and with great style. Quality in a neat package. *Best Puppy Bitch*

2. Luxxar Delicious Gilt At Glenelen (Murphy/Campanozzi) Such a baby but so full of her own importance, loved her attitude. She has the makings of a real showgirl. Well broken Blenheim girl with pretty head, expressive eyes and dark pigment. Liked her shape and movement. **3. Denham Over The Moon** (Maddox)

Black and tan baby in super condition, coat gleaming to perfection. Well constructed with ample bone for age.

Nicely shaped head, soft expression. Moved out well with strong rear drive. **4. Cedar Creek Pip Pip Cheerio** (Owens) Nicely marked Blenheim puppy with a pleasing outline. Still dressed in her puppy coat she portrayed a cute picture with her pretty head and expression. On the move she held her topline, good rear movement but moving wide in front today.

Senior Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Belcarra Goodtime Carly At Ivyline (Giampapa) Best mover in this class and with style. Lovely neck, shoulder and level back with good tail set.. Attractive head and correct bite. Very smart girl...hope her pigment fills. **2. Liane's Irish Coffee** (McHenry) Very happy well broken Blenheim showgirl in good coat. Pretty head with lovely eyes but nose pigment could be darker. Well set ears which she used to advantage. Good neck and lay of shoulder but falls away at the croup. Well handled and presented. **3. Little Enjoy** (Tyler) Small Blenheim baby with shorter muzzle giving a cute appeal but pays the penalty as her bite is off. She stepped out holding her topline and displaying a good tail carriage. Well coated for age.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Bentwood Chloe Of Forestcreek (Cline/Harrison) 16 months old well broken Blenheim of quality. So well constructed with lovely reach of neck and well placed shoulders. Pretty head with sweetest expression and shown in excellent coat and condition. Best mover in the class. *Reserve Winners Bitch*

2. Legacy Hell On Wheels Of Kendall Kastle (Ogle/Lindemaier) Another pretty Blenheim girl of excellent type but wish she would be more animated. Loved her shape both standing and on the move but felt her movement did not flow as one would expect. **3. Hiddencreek Juicy Couture** (Green) Pretty Blenheim girl who was rather too full of enthusiasm and was pulling away for most of the time. Cute expression, good bone and liked her neck and shoulder placement. **4. Royalmark Bluebells A Bloomin At Wyn Dancer** (Barrett/McCoy)

Heavily marked blenheim with acceptable head and kind expression. Excellent pigment, good rear movement and held her topline. Moving a little wide in front and rather out of coat.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (2)

1. Nightingale Happy Go Lucky (Mulligan) Close decision between these two girls....could easily change places on another day. This Blenheim girl is what I would call an honest bitch....well made throughout but just lacking that "extra sparkle" to take her further. Attractive head, dark pigment, good front and rear movement, She kept a level topline on the move with correct tail carriage. Well constructed girl. **2. Forestcreek Pippa M** (Mixon/Cline) Heavily marked Blenheim girl with sweet expression, dark eyes and good depth of nose pigment. Moved out well and covered the ground with ease. Presented in excellent condition.

Junior American Bred Bitch (2)

1. Piccadil Destined To Be Rich, JW (York) Liked the clean cut picture this girl portrays....presented in excellent condition and was very attentive to her handler. Classical head with dark, expressive eyes. Correctly constructed allowing her to move with ease and keeping her level topline at all times. **Best Bred By Exhibitor Bitch**

2. Briarcrest At First Blush (Van Luchene) Very pretty Blenheim girl with well proportioned head and the softest of expressions. Correct bite, good ribcage and depth of chest. Slightly longer cast than my winner and was unable to maintain her topline on the move. Presented in excellent condition and in good coat of correct texture.

American Bred Bitch (4)

1. Lawson Greyhawk Sugar Express To Ivyline (Giampapa / Holm) Very well constructed Blenheim girl who has much to offer. She displayed her true quality....from her well proportioned head with the sweetest of expressions to her excellent balance throughout.. She strode out effortlessly and was most attentive to her handler. **Winners Bitch Reserve Best In Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Blenheim Bitch, Best American Bred Bitch**

2. Pinecrest Mountain Dew (Rosenberg) Very well schooled Blenheim girl who moved well both coming and going. Attractive head with excellent pigment. Good neck and shoulder placement and sufficient bone. **3. Quail Garden Tis Magic** (Colombo/Geller) Another pretty Blenheim with such an attentive expression.. Rich colour, excellent bone and good spring of rib. Well constructed but would prefer a more level topline on the move. **4. Cailloux Fire Dancer** (Lawson) Smaller in size but so full of “ showmanship “...she demands attention. Such a lovely head framed by correctly set ears. Not carrying a wealth of coat today and would prefer a little more neck.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (5)

1. Covington Elphaba (Mohn/Gonyo) Well marked Blenheim girl with the softest of expressions. Much to like about this girl....well constructed with good reach of neck and well placed shoulders and moved with ease. **2. Gayhalo Mosaic** (Ayers/Martz) Heavily marked Blenheim girl who was in tip top condition and was well presented. Another girl who warrants attention being well proportioned throughout. Lovely head and eyes giving an attractive expression. Held her shape on the move. **3. Greyhawk Remembrance At Del Sol** (McHenry) Very pretty and typical in head with lovely expression. Well boned and excellent ribcage. Showed very well for her handler but she lacks a little upper arm which shows in her front movement. **4. Jayba Valentina** (Lyman) Very pretty Blenheim with feminine head, large dark eyes and good pigment. Smaller in frame with good bone and well coated. A little unsure of the proceedings today....just needs time to settle.

Special Limit Tricolour Bitch (2)

1. Nottingham Kiss Me Kate (Barnfather) Heavily marked girl with the sweetest of expressions. Her forward face markings do not detract from her attractiveness. Nicely constructed and held her outline on the move. Correct front and rear movement. **Best Tricolor Bitch**

2. Benchmark Holiday On The Mark (Chan/Mitchell) Pretty heavily marked girl showing slightly more white of eye than I would like. Difficult to assess her movement as she did not project herself on the move in a fluid fashion.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)

1. Dawnaquinn Paint The Town Red (Magera) Richly coloured ruby who covered the ground with ease. Pretty head, slightly shorter muzzle and large expressive eyes. Good bone and well constructed body. Shown in tip top condition. **Best Ruby Bitch**

2. Lilycroft Madeir Lady Emma Rose (Karcher) Finer made girl to #1 but with sufficient bone. Most attentive to her handler and showed her socks off. Her endearing expression being enhanced by her well set ears. Good rear angulation which she used to advantage. Unfortunately falls away at the croup.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (3)

1. Harana Midnight Star (Malinak) Compact back / tan with rich tan markings. Pretty head with large dark eyes and beautiful ear leathers. Looked well both coming and going and was shown in excellent condition. **Best Black & Tan in Show**

2. Harana Dragonflye Beyonce (Bucy) Beautiful straight coat and well presented black/tan. Would prefer richer tan facial markings and more cushioning to compete the picture Happy outgoing temperament which she used to her advantage and moved with style. **3. Robins Nest HRH Kiss Me Kate** (Prodanovich) Well coated girl with good neck, shoulder placement and ample bone. Found her quite sluggish on the move and was difficult to assess her movement.

Open Bitch (4)

1. Nightingale Walkin' On Sunshine (Mulligan) Well broken Blenheim girl who showed herself with great enthusiasm and got herself noticed. Attractive head with lovely expression. Liked her size and shape and overall quality. Moved effortlessly holding her topline and displaying correct tail carriage. **2. Ch Chadwick Papparazzi, JW** (Matos) Another quality exhibit displaying correct structure. Attractively marked Blenheim with well balanced head and soft expressive eyes. Good reach of neck and well placed shoulders. Moved positively and with rear drive. **3. Ch Rosscrea Summertime** (Flowers Foster/Mohn) 7 years old Blenheim girl with the longest of ears. Such a pretty head with beautiful dark eyes and good depth of nose pigment. Shown in good coat and moved well but lost her topline standing. **4. Royalmark April's Aisle Of Hope** (McCoy) Well presented Blenheim girl with attractive head but would prefer slightly more cushioning. Slightly upright in shoulder which loses the overall balanced picture. Very well handled and shown in excellent coat.

Veteran Dog (2) I do not understand why I have no notes for my veteran classes and Toni has taken no photographs.....my sincere apologies.

1. Torlundy Allegría Billabong (McHenry/Virrueta)

2. Sonesta Sweet William (Ellingson)

Veteran Bitch (1)

1. Dellarock Rose Tiara Of Roseglen (Colombo/Gelderman)