

Cavaliers of the Northeast
08/19/11, Clinton, NJ
Judge: Rob Dix (Beewye)

Thank you so much for inviting me to judge your show in Clinton. I joked that the earth moved when I saw my bitch line up. Little did I think that just 5 days later it really would! I hope you all arrived home safely and that neither the earthquake nor Hurricane Irene has harmed you or your dogs. The Cavaliers in the Northeast have always been strong but I believe they are even better now than when I last judged for you. Eyes were nice and dark also large. I found very few with undershot mouths. Heads are important to our breed but there has to be the super temperament that Cavaliers are well known for and a soundly constructed body behind. I am pleased to report that almost without exception I found them to be so.

Junior Puppy Dog (7)

1. Mileslip Licorice (Skidmore) B/T. This is the kind of puppy I like. He is a nice size with good bone appropriate to his size. Beautiful dark, round eyes, he has the richest tan and he has the softest expression. He looked superb on the move, especially for one so young. **2. Autumn Hill Ring Of Fire** (Parente) Ruby. At just 6 months this boy held his own with older puppies. He still has lots of growing up to do but is well on his way to a good future. He had a good outline when standing and retains it on the move. **3. Toraylac Bravado for Kean** Blenheim. (Keane/Ackroyd Gibson) Another puppy with good bone. He has melting eyes with good cushioning. He moved soundly. I think his coat is still to come. **4. Lynsfair Above The Law** (Fairchild) B/T. This boy was enjoying his time in the ring. He has a nice silky coat and a good tailset.

Senior Puppy Dog (7)

1. Nightingale Jackson Browne (Birmingham) Blenheim. He is a nice size, has excellent pigmentation and the softest expression. His excellent angulation both front and rear enable him to move with drive around the ring. Good tail carriage completes the picture. **Best Puppy Dog**

2. Chantismere Caruso of Chadwick (Eckersley) Blenheim. Another nice sized puppy, compact with a lovely outline which he kept while on the move. Finer in bone than the winner. He is in full coat, with lots of feathering. **3. Chantismere Chandos** (O'Brien) Blenheim. My notes say "Alert and on his toes", which means he was enjoying his day at the show. His rich chestnut markings are just as described in the standard. Correct bone for his size. **4. Linrica Le Petit Prince** (Liu) Blenheim. He went round the ring at great speed making it difficult to assess his movement. On the table he was calm and I was able to confirm his nice expression and good construction.

Graduate Puppy Dog (2)

1. Dancasa Cute As A Button, JW (Tiedemann) Blenheim. Especially nice melting expression with really good pigmentation. Plenty of coat that was a lovely texture. He was full of fun on the move but I was able to assess him. My notes say "leaping is optional". **2. Truluv Troy** (Nikaci) Nice Tricolour dog that looked good on the move with a nice tail set. He must allow judges to handle him willingly.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (1)

1. Aubinwood Griffen (Chaples Burke/Gibson) This boy has a long reach of neck and well turned stifle and consequently moves well. He has a typical Tricolour head with rich tan, large dark eyes and long ears that frame his handsome head.

Junior American Bred Dog (8)

1. Kellene The Black Orlov (Carter) Tricolor. A well balanced boy throughout. He has a soft gentle expression, a well sprung rib cage, short coupled and with a level topline. He really strode out on the move. **2. Orchardhill Letters Home** (Slusher/Venier) Blenheim. This boy still needs to mature, which I am sure he will. He stands four square and wags his tail showing a good outline. **3. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci** (Birbeck) B/T. His coat shone in the lights. He never stopped wagging and he has the most beautiful dark brown eyes. **4. Forestcreek Apollo** (Walzer/Cline) Blenheim. Quite heavily marked but with a nice head with large dark eyes. Kept his good shape while on the move.

American Bred Dog (6)

1. Kellene Barnaby Jones (Carter) Super Ruby dog with a nice straight coat of good texture. Masculine head with large dark eyes. He has great angulation so moved well. He needs a little more animation. **2. Piaffe Lord Of The Dance** (Rychlik) Blenheim. Presents a good picture when standing and on the move. A really handsome boy with lots of cushioning under the eyes giving the softest of expressions. **3. Chadwick Scotch On The Rocks At Hudsonview, JW** (Yassky/Eckersley) Blenheim. I loved his attitude to showing. He has a straight, silky coat which glows pearly white. Well turned stifle which allowed him to move with drive. **4. Mimric Monogram, JW** (Hodges/Perkins) Blenheim. He has a nice outline when standing and on the move. I would prefer a softer expression.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (8)

1. Pascavale Smarty (Ayers/Martz/Cline) What a super dog. Beautiful head with large dark eyes, perfect ear placing and a super expression. He is short coupled, has a well sprung rib cage, level topline and good angulation. **2. Shirmont Back For More, JW** (Henry/Dodson) Another nice dog in this excellent class. He is a nice size, good on the move holding his topline and carrying his tail correctly. He just lacked the elegance of the winner. **3. Brookhaven Jacob At Lynsfair** (Fairchild) Yet another beauty, just the right size, he floated round the ring. Gentle expression and wagged throughout. **4. Byermoor Queens Owen** (O'Brien) Handsome boy with lots and lots of coat. Flowing movement and showed happily.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (6)

1. Orchardhill Charismatic (Venier/Hodgkinson) An aptly named boy he is full of "Charisma". I liked everything about him. He is a perfect size, has a beautiful coat, brilliant topline and is so steady on the move. All this behind a beautiful head with all the attributes you would expect. *Reserve Winners Dog, Best Tricolor in Show*

2. Jardim Azul's August Flower (Matos) This boy is such a typical tricolour. A beautiful head framed by his lovely long ears. He strode around the ring gracefully and with drive. **3. Sunjays First N Goal** (Hellman) Masculine boy, not quite as glamorous as the other two but very nice just the same. He is a nice size, has a lovely expression and a happy temperament. **4. Nightingale Endless Summer** (Mulligan/Duke) Quite heavily marked but well constructed and enjoying his day.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (4)

1. Blackfire Aquavit N Bordeaux (Lauve) I loved his rich ruby red colouring along with his large dark eyes and jet black nose. He was a little loose behind on the move. **2. Tanglewood Rebellion** (Saban/Fairchild) Good turn of stifle so moved with some drive. Needs to keep his tail down. **3. Brookhaven Strategic Alianz** (Grimm Curley/Ireland) Nice head, but was not too happy and let his tail fly on the move. **4. Kellene Cranberry Sauce** (Weiss/Marshall) Heavier bone than the others in the class. He must allow himself to be handled better.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (2)

1. Lynsfair Country Gentleman (Hallsted) He won on his expression and free flowing movement which was spoiled only by his flying tail. **2. Darane Pyrgus Malvae** (Engelke) He has a super long coat in beautiful condition but he was over excited and this spoiled his expression.

Open Dog (7)

1. EngCh Lanola Santana of Maibee (Harrison) Blenheim. This was the class of the morning. Slightly larger than I would wish but what a super shape with great angulation. He has a beautiful large head with lots of cushioning under those big brown eyes. Well set ears, good reach of neck, well sprung ribs, short coupled well set tail and best of all he shows his excellent temperament. My notes say "Just how a Cavalier should be.

Winners Dog, Best Opposite Sex in Show

2. Ch Milkeyn Sheer Inspiration, JW (O'Connor/Eckersley) Blenheim. He has lots of the attributes of the winner. Does he like his food a little too much? He is so masculine and yet has the softest expression. He floated around the ring as if he owned it. **3. Ch Brookhaven Harrison At Almeara, JW** (Whitmire) Blenheim. This is the size I prefer and this boy is so elegant, especially on the move where he kept his topline and his tail carriage. **4. Ch Castlekeep Cimaron At Triplecrown Panache** (Keane/Brouck) Blenheim. This boy looked up with a melting expression which made me smile. He has an excellent reach of neck and well laid back shoulders. He showed his heart out.

Senior Open Dog (2)

1. Ch Christleton Jupiter At Brynwood (Carter) B/T. 13 years old and moves like a teenager, He has a good coat with no grey and a beautiful expression. He enjoys coming to a show and never stops wagging his tail. **2. Chadwick Rhumba** (Lauve/Eckersley) Blenheim. Another at 13 years and still going so well. He still has a beautiful coat and was clearly enjoying himself. Maybe not as fast as he once was but is still sound.

Junior Puppy Bitch (9)

1. Nightingale Sun Kissed Rose of Cantia (Kent) Blenheim. She is a very pretty young puppy, with a gorgeous head, large eyes and lots of cushioning, she even has a spot! Overall she is already extremely glamorous but also very well constructed. **2. Orchardhill Baby Needs Boots** (Venier) Blenheim. This puppy has superb construction and therefore moves like a dream. She is also very pretty with good pigmentation, a perfect bite and the softest expression. **3. Toraylac Paluche for Kean** (Keane) Blenheim. She looked really nice when standing four square, wagging her tail. She is well balanced has great angulation and a perfect tailset. **4. Rradac Francis** (Darr) Tri. My notes say she has a beautiful head, is well balanced and enjoys showing. I believe she has great potential.

Senior Puppy Bitch (2)

1. Orchardhill Indiscreet (Venier) Blenheim. Two super puppies. This girl is exactly what I think of as a perfect Cavalier puppy. She has a super topline carried by brilliant angulation both front and rear. She is also one of the prettiest I have seen, dark eyes, black nose and lots of cushioning. *Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show*

2. Truluv Pavane (Nikaci) Blenheim. This girl is so similar to the winner. She really looked the part on the move and standing. Just needed a little more coat which I am sure she will have on another day.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (4)

1. Primrose Hearts Afire (Lovett) Blenheim. I was impressed with this young bitch. She moved happily and wagged when she came to a stop. Lovely long ears which frame her beautiful face and shows her oh so gentle expression. **2. Miletree Casiopia, JW** (Pickett) Blenheim. This is a really sound bitch who moved with drive. She has an outstanding outline, standing foursquare, showing herself to best advantage. She has lovely long ears that are a nice shape and not over the top. **3. Kean Juicy Couture** (Keane/Campbell) Blenheim. A very pretty bitch turned out to perfection. Her coat is a perfect example of pearly white. It glistened under the hotel lights. **4. Truluv Giselle** (Baker Fox) Blenheim. She is a good example of a Cavalier, she just lacked some of the glamour of the others in the class.

Novice Bitch (4)

1. Kellene Thanx For The Memries (Marshall) Petite young Ruby who still has lots of maturing to do. While saying that she has a pretty head with dark eyes and a black nose. She needs to steady herself on the move. **2. Welmforth Standing Ovation** (Lasser) Tri. Her coat was a little fly away and she didn't behave. Just occasionally she stood correctly and showed me she could do better. **3. Truluv Hugs N Kisses** (Nikaci) Blenheim. She was the best mover in the class. Not such a nice expression as the first two. **4. Kalais Ruby Vixen** (Hess) Ruby. At only 9 months she would have been better off in a puppy class. Her head needs to develop and I am sure it will. She is a nice colour.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (5)

1. Ch Autumnhill New Kid In Town, JW (Parente) Blenheim. Such a pretty head, large eyes, black nose and the softest expression. She looked so happy to be in the ring with her handler and when she went around the ring it was with great style. **2. Shirmont Apple McIntosh, JW** (Henry/Dodson) Blenheim. What super construction, great angulation, no wonder she moves so well. She has a beautiful coat and was prepared to perfection. Today she did not seem to be as happy to be in the ring as I would have liked. **3. Kalais Mamma Mia** (Hess/Casey) Typical Ruby as far as temperament is concerned, she was quite a handful for her handler wanting to have fun rather than show off. She is well constructed but I would prefer a softer expression. **4. Ch Dancasa Anastasia** (Tiedemann) Blenheim. She has a really nice coat with extremely long ears. She showed well and wagged her tail all the time but she lacked the elegance of the others.

Junior American Bred Bitch (4)

1. Nightingale Kismet at Kyneslane (Paplaukas/Mulligan) Blenheim. A very pretty girl with melting expression. Nice arch of neck, well laid back shoulders and a good turn of stifle. No wonder she moved around the ring with confidence. **2. Truluv Aria** (Nikaci) Blenheim. This girl is a super size. She large eyes and a jet black nose but needs a little more cushioning under the eyes. She just lacked the glamour of the winner. **3. Linrica Once Upon A Dream** (Hsiung/Liu) Blenheim. This bitch moved freely around the ring. She is short coupled and has a level topline. Her coat is plentiful and a nice texture. I would prefer a softer expression. **4. Autumnhill Laker Girl** (Parente) Blenheim. This girl is slightly finer in bone and muzzle than most. She was quite a handful for her excellent handler.

American Bred Bitch (7)

1. Darane Billie Jean (Kates) When this ruby girl came into the ring I could not take my eyes from her. She is a perfect size and has that expression that melts your heart. Her temperament and attitude in the ring is ideal. When I went over her I found ideal angulation both front and rear which made me sure she would move perfectly. She did! *Reserve Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best Ruby in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show*

2. Mimric Marilyn Moonroe, JW (Hodges/Perkins) Blenheim. What beautiful long ears his Blenheim girl has. She is also extremely well constructed and has an excellent topline which she keeps while on the move. **3. Nightingale Happy Go Lucky** (Mulligan) Blenheim. This is a pretty bitch with large round and dark eyes and a very appealing expression. She has a level topline and a good tail set. She just lacked the elegance of the winner. **4. Licketysplit Lughnasa** (Geoghegan) This was a nice class and no shame in coming 4th. She is a really nice shape which she shows well while standing foursquare.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (2)

1. Chacombe Madeline (Matos/Eckersley) My notes say "Old fashioned type" but there is nothing wrong with that. She is just a little heavier than most today although she is very sound. She did not really care about showing but was more into having fun. **2. Foxwyn Bell Bottom Blues** (Baker Fox) Very much the opposite type to the winner. Just 2 but still looking like a puppy. She needs to mature in head.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (4)

1. Darane Paradise City, JW (Kates) She is a really nice size and she moved around the ring with drive. She is really well constructed and she showed and showed. But it was the pretty face that finally won me over. **2. Orchardhill Buy Me A Pony, JW** (Venier) This is a really glamorous bitch from her head to her tail. Lots of coat and beautiful ears framing her oh so pretty face. None of this should distract from her superb construction.

3. Blackfire Shows Class (Weidig/Kennedy) She has a large head with lovely long ears. She is slightly longer in the back which enables her to stride out on the move. **4. Kellene Charlie's Angel** (Marshall) Slightly larger than the others in the class. She moved well both coming and going, stood foursquare and showed well.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (1)

1. Darane Red Sonja, JW (Kates) She was on her own but it would have taken a very good dog to have beaten her. She is so pretty, with those large dark eyes and jet black nose. She is a perfect size and her coat is the classic rich ruby red. She has excellent angulation and as a result moves extremely well.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (2)

1. Copperhill Miss Marcie (Rubino/Mitchell) Two Black & Tan's so different from each other. This one is a good size, she was not fazed by her small "accident" and floated around the ring as if nothing had happened. I particularly like her expression with such rich tan. **2. Autumnhill Nanny Sharon** (Parente) A pretty Black & Tan with a super topline. She is the correct size and clearly has a playful temperament. It was difficult to assess her movement since she was in too much of a hurry to get back to the beginning.

Open Bitch (4)

1. Ch Aranel With Love, JW (Flowers Foster) Blenheim. She is breathtaking when you go over her on the table. That oh so pretty head with melting eyes, perfect cushioning and jet black nose give her the softest expression. She has a wonderful arched neck of the correct length. Well laid back shoulders, a super rib cage and turn of stifle which makes brilliant angulation and allows her to move like a dream. Then she shows her wonderful temperament by standing and wagging and just asking for the award. I just loved her and was very pleased to award her *Winners Bitch* and *Best in Show*.

2. Chadwick Winter Solstice (Eckersley) This girl is a lovely size and has good angulation so she moves really well. She has a really pretty head, a perfect tricolour coat and she is a real show girl. In any other company she would have been a good winner. **3. Blackfire Trifecta** (Weidig/Kennedy) Another pretty tricolour girl with really large dark eyes. She strode out beautifully with lots of drive from behind. I loved it when she stood and showed adoringly for her owner allowing me to admire her outline. **4. Kayangee Hetty Wainthropp** (Kates) A really nice Blenheim girl but in this company she was rather plain. She looked better on the move.

Senior Open Bitch (1)

1. Cobblestone Inga (Lauve) Ruby. At 8 ½ years young she still floats over the carpet. She has the largest of dark eyes and is in super condition. She took her handler round the ring with some style.

Veteran Dog (2)

1. Ch Christleton Jupiter At Brynwood (Carter) See Senior Open Dog. **2. Chadwick Taittinger** (O'Connor) 7 year old Tricolour, he has good angulation so moves well. He has an appealing head although his teeth have seen better days! He has a super coat with no sign of any grey.

Veteran Bitch (2)

1. Ch Chadwick September Song At Blackfire (Kennedy) B/T. It is hard to believe that this girl is 14 years old! She moves like a dream, has a really nice coat with no grey, has the most appealing face and is so alert and clearly enjoying being at the show. She is a credit to the breed. *Best Veteran in Show*

2. Ch Chadwick Bewitched At Blackfire (Kennedy/Weidig) Blenheim. My notes say "See above" because everything about the winner applies to this 10 year old girl.

Stud Dog (1)

1. Welmforth Fame Becomes Me (Lasser) Tri. It is always nice to see a family group. A proud Dad!