

Cavaliers of the Northeast

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Judge: Caroline Ackroyd-Gibson (Toraylac)

I would like to thank the committee and exhibitors for making the show and my stay so enjoyable. Nothing was too much trouble for the committee and although it is well known that when judging in the USA you are treated like royalty – my experience was exceptional. Overall my opinion on the dogs was that some aspects of the standard you have got right and this did include excellent eyes and good tailsets, but I do feel that concentrating on these two things has in many cases been to the detriment of the overall quality of the exhibits. Too many dogs totally lacked any real drive in their movement and not all of this could be explained by incorrect conformation, but was due to insufficient muscle development. Yes it is important to have beautifully coated, unstained dogs, but is a lifetime of sitting in cages apart from a hour or so of freedom enough? We are fuelling the anti-dog parties by keep our dogs in this manner and not allowing a more natural existence that allows them to build bone and correct musculature. It also allows the wonderful temperament of our breed to flourish.

Junior Puppy Dog (8)

1. Jayba Easy Does It (Lander) 7 month richly marked blenheim with the promise of a quality coat. Lovely shape with well constructed quarters. Good bone, correct length of back and well set on tail. Good reach of neck giving an elegant outline. Lovely soft expression with large dark eyes and good pigment. Handled, presented and moved well to take **Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show**.

2. Chewcreek Three Amigos Dusty Bottoms (DePhillip) More lightly marked blen than 1. Good size with correct bone. Well made body with good front, well angulated quarters and well carried tail. Moved steadily in the ring. Just a little plain in the head at the present time. **3. Dreamvale Olivander** (Sage) Larger blenheim but not coarse. Lovely generous head with soft expression. Well feathered ears used to his advantage to frame his face. Beautifully presented coat is well marked and of good length. Just a little longer in loin than ideal, but still has a lot to offer the breed. **4. Charnell Tomfoolery** (Gentil) What a little poppet. Super little tricolour who found the proceedings a little daunting. Heavier marked but with lovely rich tan in all the right places. Soft expressive head, with lovely pigmented eyes and nose. Just needs some time.

Senior Puppy Dog (2)

1. Aubinwood Barkley (Henderson) Immature 9 month blenheim that really wasn't too sure what was going on. Very outgoing temperament which meant assessing his movement was a challenge! Well broken attractive markings, short coupled and nicely angulated. Good reach of neck with a sweet head and expression. Would like to see him again when he has learnt his job as he has so many qualities. **2. Chadwick Snow Drift at Woodbury** (Redniss) Very mature blen with a wealth of richly marked and silky coat. Good head and expression with plenty of cushioning. Would prefer a better length of neck and angulation and tends to fly his tail at times due to his tailset.

Graduate Puppy Dog (4)

1. Autumnhill Spencer (Weinstein/Parente) Ruby of good size and construction. Lovely outline standing and on the move. Coat is of a good colour and silky in texture. Head is masculine without being coarse with superb pigment which was lacking in many rubies. Liked his length and set of neck flowing in to a firm topline and excellent tailset. Moved very well around the ring and was a clear winner in this class. **2. Chadwick Touch Of Brilliance** (Adamec/Eckersley) Attractively marked blen with well broken markings. Expression a little strong with a deep stop, well set and feathered ears. Needs more angulation in quarters in order to move out with drive. **3. Krystle Heart Of Gold** (Torgersen) This boy did himself no favours by being so unsettled. Nicely marked blenheim with a well proportioned head and muzzle. Nice eyes and ears well set. Again would prefer better length of neck and angulation. **4. Charma Mocha Java Too Hot To Handle** (Perini) Richly marked black and tan with good quality of coat. Very immature needing more body and to drop in to frame. Movement was very erratic and needs to tighten up throughout.

Novice Dog (1)

1. Kayangee Barnaby Jones (Kates) Well broken blenheim of good size, but coat a little light. Lovely pigmented nose, masculine expression and good ear fringing. Short in upper arm with upright shoulders and loose elbows. Short backed and better rear angulation than forequarters.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (4)

1. Dancasa Cute As A Button, JW (Tiedemann) His name really is so apt – a real toy spaniel with a soft melting expression. So much to like about this blenheim boy in a compact package. Lovely shape standing, with a huge, richly marked and superbly presented coat. Underneath all the coat is a small dog with a good front, adequate length of neck and short back and nicely angulated rear quarters. To be critical tailset is a little high but does not detract from the overall quality. **2. Welmforth Those Were The Days** (Lasser) Nice, unexaggerated type of good size. Richly marked with a soft but masculine head. Well cushioned muzzle and correct mouth. Short backed with correct length of loin and a nice spring of rib. Good bone for size and moderately angulated.

Very hard to assess his movement as he was unsettled due to his handler's rushed arrival in the ring. **3. Ch Autumnhill Ring Of Fire, JW** (Parente) Very smart ruby who with a lovely head and expression. Good nose and eye pigment, very well set ears. Just looks unbalanced with legs a little too short and longer in back than ideal. Handled well. Would like to see him in full coat. **4. Ch Chadwick Passion Puzzle** (Carter/Eckersley) Larger type of blen who is well made but just too much of him. Very well coated with a well broken, silky coat. Head a little overdone with a lot of cushioning. Moved very steadily.

Junior American Bred Dog (2)

1. Denham Dream Boat (Maddox) This ruby boy caught my eye as he came in the ring. Super shape standing with correct head and expression – all male without losing the special beauty of an expressive cavalier head. Large dark eyes framed by beautifully set ears. Enough neck and shoulders, firm topline and short coupled. Well angulated hindquarters with short pasterns. Looks as though he can really move but actually disappointed me with his lack of drive. **2. Jayba Southern Voices At Autumnhill** (Parente/Hayes) Nice type of well marked blenheim with soft head and expression and good pigment. Good size and enough bone. Longer in the loin than ideal and rises over the hindquarters spoiling his outline.

American Bred Dog (7)

1. Piccadil Peppermint Twist (York) Smart, upstanding blenheim who commands attention. Well made boy who moves very well covering the ground with ease. Super head and expression with excellent pigment and eyes, very well presented, soft coat. Good neck, shoulders and ribs with excellently angulated rear. Would prefer a slightly shorter back. Apologies to his owner for making her really work to win this class and ultimately his Champion crown. Well deserved. **2. Nightingale Jackson Browne** (Birmingham) Another lovely boy who was very close up to 1. Quality head piece with large dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle. Great shape standing and on the move with a firm topline. Just lost out to 1 on length of neck. **3. Orchardhill Letters Home** (Slusher/Venier) Another well made and heavily coated boy who looks good standing. Very beautiful, soft head with the most enormous eyes. Just lost his outline on the move and would prefer better drive. **4. Nightingale Wish Upon A Star At Nebyula** (Birbeck) This boy refused to show himself off to advantage being very sulky. Sweet head and expression and excellent tailset. When he gets his act together he should do well.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (4)

1. Chantismere Caruso of Chadwick (Eckersley) What a striking dog! Beautifully headed boy with the softest of expressions. Gorgeous dark, round eyes, very well cushioned muzzle. Superbly presented coat completed the picture of a quality male. Just flew his tail at times. **2. Brookhaven Jacob At Lynsfair** (Fairchild) Elegant dog standing presenting a very pleasing picture. Soft, masculine head framed by well feathered ears. Good lay of shoulders and slightly crested neck. Firm topline moved steadily but with much animation. Another who flew his tail on the day. **3. Jordanic Luigi Of Sumara** (Gentil) My notes say “naughty boy” and he was. Threw his chances away by not cooperating with his handler. Still a young boy and when he gets his coat should realise his potential. **4. Krystle Born On The Fourth Of July** (Torgersen) Disappointing blenheim. Very narrow in front and consequently did not move well. Would benefit from old fashioned road walking to tighten up and strengthen him.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (5)

1. Dreamvale Smart As Th Dickens, JW (Warshaw/Sage) Really like this smartly marked tricolour. Beautiful, generous head with soft, melting expression. Excellent size with good bone. Kept a spirit level topline on the move and held his gently wagging tail correctly. Moved steadily and with great style. Must watch his weight over his shoulders. **Best Tricolor Dog** **2. Veribas Point Break** (Cusick) Well marked tri of correct proportions with attractive head. Moved steadily presenting a nice overall picture. Would prefer more neck. **3. Bozi V.H. Lamslag** (York) Thought this dog was my winner as he entered the ring. Loved the shape of this dog standing and on the move. Moved really well keeping a level topline and tail carriage. Head rather coarse and eyes too light for me. **4. Darane Boys Don't Cry** (DePhillip) Blanket tri who makes a nice overall impression. Lacking in furnishings and head a little too strong for me.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (6)

1. Turretbank Beaujolais (Green) This dog stood out in this class. Extremely well coated with a pleasing shape which he kept on the move and standing. Large dark eyes compliment his soft but masculine head. Just doesn't use his ears to advantage. Moved well. **Best Ruby in Show** **2. Kellene Cranberry Sauce** (Weiss/Marshall) Mature ruby who was lacking in coat furnishings. Soft expression with lovely ears that he used to his advantage. A little straight in front angulation and needs better rear angulation. **3. Roi L Calling Card** (Heap/Lessig) Well coated boy with very outgoing personality. Head not as soft as first two with deep stop. Moved happily. **4. Tanglewood Rebellion** (Saban/Fairchild) Lighter make of boy with soft expression. Needs to drop in to frame. Moved OK.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (6)

1. Mileslip Licorice, JW (Skidmore) Beautifully headed boy with excellent bright tan. Stunning headpiece that is typical whatever colour it is with a soft, melting expression. Beautifully presented coat with great ears and feathering. Looks really good in profile on the move but can move a little close behind at times. Handler must

be careful that he doesn't lose his topline when stacked. A quality dog. **Best Black & Tan in Show 2. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci At Nebyula** (Birbeck) This boy has a lovely soft but masculine head (which is difficult to achieve in wholecolours) with large dark eyes. You have to appreciate him on the table as his somewhat unruly coat hides a nice dog. Moved well. **3. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) Another dog with an appealing head.. Nice body with good angles. Excellent bone and superb coat. Moved well and with drive. Just lost out in class as he rises over the loin. **4. Darane Smooth Criminal At Nightingale** (Mulligan) Masculine type but correct size. Head a little strong. Prefer a better lay of shoulder and reach of neck. Moved happily but without drive.

Open Dog (4)

1. Ch Chantismere Chandos Of Valentyne, JW (O'Brien) The star of the show! My notes say stunning and this isn't an exaggeration as he was everything that I was looking for. This compact dog has a classic headpiece with large dark eyes (which were very sore in the class), strong teeth in a correct bite, well cushioned muzzle with correct fill under the eyes. He is moderate in all things and this includes his neck and front angulation which gave him the correct angles to achieve the necessary reach on the move. Firm topline and short strong loin leading to a perfectly set on tail. He has correctly angulated hindquarters with short pasterns that allow him to drive strongly round the ring really commanding attention. I was delighted to award him **Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show**.

2. Ch Chadwick Scotch On The Rocks At Hudsonview, JW (Yassky/Glynn) One more beautiful dog! So unlucky to be up against 1 who was in such great form. A striking dog in his own right. Lighter marked blen with a soft lustrous coat. Really sweet head with lots of cushioning and so expressive. Another who was made well and so moved well and commanded attention standing and on the move where he really moved out. Splitting hairs with 1 in so many ways but just preferred the compact shape of 1. **Reserve Winners Dog**

3. Ch Chantismere Cast A Spell On Corduke (Mulligan) Quality, heavier marked blenheim who is an excellent example of the breed, with an good make and shape that he demonstrated when he moved keeping a firm topline and good tail carriage. Just doesn't have the head quality of 1 and 2, being a little plainer. **4. Ch Kellene Barnaby Jones** (Carter) Such a nice ruby boy with beautiful head and expression. Not enjoying himself at all and threw away his chances.

Senior Open Dog (2)

1. Taron Brandys Ricky at Carlen (Close) 7 yr old black & tan with a lot to like. Sweet head and expression with dark round eyes. Lovely size with correct amount of bone. Moved steadily but was a little close behind. **2. Fair Oaks Oooh Marcus** (Meager) Really not my type of Cavalier. Untypical head and expression but good coat with bright tan.

Junior Puppy Bitch (11) A lovely class to judge, full of promising babies.

1. Orchardhill Here Kitty Kitty (Venier) What a gorgeous baby puppy with so much promise. Everything in the right place at this age with a very well marked coat, excellent topline and tailset and constantly wagging tail. Really striking shape, full of elegance. I predict a very bright future for this little girl. **2. Monarch's That's My Little Margie** (Bellflower) This sweet little tri grew on me as the class progressed as she would insist on trying to hide her best assets away from me! Well marked with a lovely well cushioned head and muzzle. Correct bite. Well marked and moved well enough to secure this place. Another puppy that shows potential. **3. Licketysplit Maybe I'm Amazed** (Geoghegan) Tiny little baby puppy but has signs that everything is in the right place and she needs time to mature. One of the softest heads in this class with such appealing eyes and good pigment.

Would love to see her in a few months. **4. Chadwick Curiosity** (Eckersley) This was another beautiful blen that was not disgraced by being placed 4th in this class. Totally classical head with large, round dark eyes, excellent pigment, well set on ears and a coat that promises to be of a lovely quality. Just at the awkward stage on the day.

Senior Puppy Bitch (2) Only two in class, but two quality bitches.

1. Brookhaven In The Garden, JW (Ayers/Martz) As soon as I saw this bitch enter the ring I couldn't wait to get my hands on her. She is such a lovely girl with the prettiest of heads but no trace of weediness. She is solidly constructed with an excellent neck and shoulder with a beautifully set tail giving her a super shape on the move. Can tend to lose her topline when standing and exhibitor should ensure that the bitch is stacked correctly. Despite this I went with my heart and awarded her **Best Puppy Bitch**.

2. Chadwick Paparazzi (Matos) A strikingly marked blen with the promise of a great coat. Beautiful head and expression with lovely feathered and well set ears. Just a little longer cast than 1.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (5)

1. Chantismere Charlie's Angel (O'Brien) Another beautiful bitch that manages to combine femininity with substance. Just my type of soft and well cushioned head giving a true cavalier expression. She moves with great style, really reaching in front and driving from the rear. This is entirely due to her excellent construction throughout. Once she learns a few more ring manners she will undoubtedly have a spectacular show career.

Reserve Winners Bitch

2. Rutherford Xtacy (Jones) A glamorous well marked blenheim girl that is full of quality. Really lovely eyes and well feathered and set ears giving a true expression. Moved well round the ring but at times the way she stands emphasises her slight lack of length of neck. **3. Sunjays Annabella** (Hellman) Well marked blen with

good rich markings and soft and silky textured coat. Sweet head with correct bite and muzzle leading to well set ears and lovely crested neck. Would prefer better hind angulation. **4. Kayangee Kinsey Millhone** (Kates) Very sweet little package. Well marked and coated blenheim. Just a little too fine for me.

Novice Bitch (1)

1. Darane My Darling Clementine At Chewcreek (DePhillip) Stood alone in this class but was not disgraced. Ruby girl of just 6 months who shows herself off really well. Sweet head with nicely cushioned muzzle with super dark eyes. Lovely topline which she kept standing and on the move. Still needs to tighten when moving.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (4)

1. Nightingale Walkin' On Sunshine (Mulligan) Lovely sized blenheim with super outgoing temperament. Very well marked with enough coat for 13 months, sweet expression and level topline and tailset. Moved well. **2.**

Truluv Pirouette (Nikaci) Outgoing and sound blenheim who is also very well marked with a pretty expression. Lovely size. Pity her nose pigment let her down today. **3. Jewelcroft's Dalecarlia** (Sands) Black & tan that still needs to mature. Lovely rich and raven black coat. Enough feathering, sweet expression with large dark eyes and well set ears. Needs more front and rear angulation. **4. Welmforth Standing Ovation** (Lasser) Tricolour with lots of coat and ear feathering. Correct bite and good nose pigment. Needs more neck and better shoulder angulation. Topline OK but needs to move tighter in front and with more drive.

Junior American Bred Bitch (2)

1. Nightingale Kit Kat (Mulligan) Striking blenheim bitch when stacked with very clean markings, including a perfect lozenge. Sweet feminine head, large eyes, well set and feathered ears. Lovely length of crested neck, correct lay of shoulder, level topline and good spring of rib. Just moved a little close behind. **2. Darane Casablanca At Chewcreek** (DePhillip) Heavily marked tricolour with narrow blaze which slightly detracted from the overall expression. Needs better shoulder angulation for a more elegant appearance.

American Bred Bitch (4)

1. Truluv Aria (Nikaci) Lovely elegant blenheim with excellent neck and shoulders which is reflected in her accurate and fluid movement keeping a level topline on the move. Complimentary markings on her body emphasise her excellent construction. Correct head shape but would prefer more chestnut markings on face. **2. Copperhill Miss Marcie** (Rubino/Mitchell) Well coated black and tan who doesn't have the presence of 1. Moderate bone and good spring of rib, correct length of loin, moved without drive. Feminine head but would prefer more fill under the eyes. **Best Black & Tan Bitch** **3. Bluesday Chelsea** (Gross) A real toy spaniel who looks graceful standing. Very feminine head, large eyes, correct length of muzzle and super well feathered ears. Tends to roach on the move. **4. Nightingale Sun Kissed Rose of Cantia** (Kent) Well marked and very well presented blen. Another with a pretty head but lost out to above by losing her topline on the move and being longer in loin.

Health and Conformation Bitch (1)

1. Blackfire Trifecta (Weidig/Kennedy) I was most impressed by this mature tricolour. 6 years old but with a full set of gleaming teeth! Exhibitors of younger bitches please take note!! Super shape standing and on the move with an outgoing temperament. Classic headpiece with rich tan and dark expressive eyes connecting to a super set on neck with elegant crest. Good rear angulation which she used to propel herself round the ring. A real example of how our cavaliers can be beautiful and healthy!

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (3)

1. Orchardhill Indiscreet, JW (Venier) Stunning showgirl, so together standing and on the move. Beautifully marked with a full and beautifully presented coat. Classic head with large dark, round eyes, correctly cushioned and tapering muzzle and excellent bite. To be critical, I would prefer just a little more length of neck. **2.**

Gayhalo Mosaic (Ayers/Martz) Heavier and richly marked blenheim. Shorter in muzzle in 1 but still soft.

Lovely shape with correct angulation front and rear. Would prefer a darker eye. **3. Truluv Hugs N Kisses** (Nikaci) Lighter marked than 2 with a harder expression.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (5)

1. Ch Jayba Black Eyed Susan (Lander) Very stylish girl who really catches the eye standing and on the move. Has an excellent reach of neck, well set shoulders, level topline and strong hindquarters. Stronger in head than 2 but is still feminine enough with large dark eyes and excellent pigment. **Best Tricolor in Show** **2. Prima**

Quartett Bloody Mary (Bronowicka/Carter) Quite different to 1 in type but still a bitch with great qualities. Feminine head with such a gentle expression. Correct neck, shoulder, topline and rear angulation with excellent tailset. Well ribbed up and dripping in coat. **3. Sheeba Discover Mona Lisa** (Gross) Well marked tri with lovely ears framing a sweet and gentle face. Extremely large eyes which at times appeared too big! Moved steadily. Would prefer more neck. **4. Kayangee Lilly Rush** (Kates) Very sweet bitch who had left her coat home on the day. Needs more time.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (3)

1. Brookhaven Lucky Penny (Schilling/Ayers) Beautifully headed ruby with large dark eyes. **Best Ruby Bitch**

2. Kalais Mamma Mia (Hess/Casey/Cornog) Well coated ruby with plenty of feathering. Nose pigment a little off and to soften expression needs more fill under the eyes. Moved happily. **3. Bryndael Carlen Roxie**

Hart (Close) Smaller type but attractively coated with extremely silky coat. Poor rear angulation with roach over loin and cow hocks.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (1)

1. Jewelcroft's Dala Midnatt Sol (Sands) Happy and outgoing black & tan with rich tan markings in all the right places. Lovely size, everything in proportion. Dark round eyes, tapered muzzle, correct bite. Would prefer better angulation and tailset is a bit low. Moved happily.

Open Bitch (4)

1. Orchardhill Travel In Style (Venier) What a truly lovely bitch of great quality. Superb outline which is indicative of her correct angulation and well sprung ribs and this is demonstrated on the move. She moves with reach and drive and is parallel when viewed from front and rear. Beautifully set and carried tail never stops wagging and just completes the picture of an active, graceful and well-balanced dog. To finish the picture off she has a glorious head. *Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best American Bred, Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best Blenheim Bitch*

2. Ch Chadwick Embrace, JW (Eckersley) So close to 1 and another top quality girl, so sweet and pretty, oozing quality. Comments from above apply to this bitch but eventually lost out to 1 as she occasionally lost her topline and didn't have the same amount of drive behind. **3. Nightingale Kismet At Kyneslane, JW**

(Paplauckas) Glamorous and mature bitch that has many qualities. Sweet feminine expression, well set and feathered ears. Short coupled loin and level topline. Well carried tail. Lost out on nose pigment and not moving with drive. **4. Sunjays Georgia Peach** (Hellman) Mature blenheim with the longest of ear featherings but lacking in body coat. Soft melting eyes and rich chestnut colouring. Moved steadily.

Veteran Bitch (1)

1. Ch Chadwick Bewitched At Blackfire (Kennedy/Weidig) What a glorious example of the breed. Hugely coated but still of correct texture. Extremely happy to be out and outmoved many younger bitches. One to be immensely proud of! *Best Veteran in Show*