Cavaliers of the West 09/15/12, Vancouver WA Judge: Tina Homes (Leogem)

What an absolute delight to be invited to your show held in a most picturesque area. Your Show Committee made my stay most comfortable and indeed I felt very much as though I was amongst friends. I hope by the end of judging the ringsiders could appreciate just exactly what I was looking for. I was a little perturbed by one or two handlers who would insist on stringing up their charges whilst I was trying to handle the dogs at close quarters. It really isn't necessary. The Cavalier temperament should be such that they should be allowed to be themselves, friendly and inquisitive. I like to see puppies relaxed and playful. Please don't be too hard on them. Showing should be fun. A spirited puppy should be encouraged. If they are handled incorrectly at a young age, that spirit can be broken and very soon you will have a little person who will not enjoy themselves, and subsequently it will show through their attitude to the show ring. All exhibits were presented in first class order and I was delighted with my final line up.

Junior Puppy Dog (5)

1. Briarcrest Burberry (Katz) Very neat Blenheim with even face markings. Lovely pigment throughout. Good topline and tail carriage. Good bone. Showed with enthusiasm. 2. Dulce Lucky Charm (Covell) Baby blen. Finer all through. Very pretty head with good eyes and attractive face markings. Has a good tail carriage. Just needs a little more body to fill his frame. 3. Lilycroft Little Knight Madeir (Tyler/Karcher) The eyes on this Ruby were gorgeous, large round and very dark. Has well set and feathered ears. Has nice fore and aft angles. 4. Jalesto Super Trooper (Gentil) Very richly coloured Ruby with a good ear set and carriage. Seemed a little unsure on the move. Needs a fraction more confidence

Senior Puppy Dog (2)

1. Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion (Barrett) Classically marked blen with pretty head. Nicely set and carried ears. Has the benefit of correctly set shoulder and good hind angles. Good bone all through. His top line and tail carriage were spot on. He moved with such a strong and steady action that he was instantly noticed. At 10 months of age everything was just right. He has a good straight and richly marked coat with the promise of much more to come. Loved his attitude. He just couldn't put a foot wrong. *Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show 2. Darkstars International Incident* (Lince) B/T with dark eyes, rich tans with a raven black shiny coat. Good neck and shoulder. Not so positive on the move.

Graduate Puppy Dog (1)

1. Autumnhill Spencer (Parente) Richly coloured ruby. Had a lovely head shape, good set and carried ears. Well coated with plenty of feathering. Happy character who moved and showed well.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (4)

1. Legacy Raising the Bar (Lindemaier) Short coupled, well broken markings on this blen with a well proportioned head. Has nicely set on and carried ears. Good bone throughout. Moved soundly. 2. Canyoncrest Star Blazer, JW (DuRoss) The eyes on this boy were a steal. He has an attractively marked head with good pigment throughout. Such a happy character. Moved well. 3. Ch Beckwith Theres Only One (Smith) Very well coated blen. Lovely dark expressive eyes. Nicely balanced boy. Moved and showed to advantage. 4. Ch Autumnhill Ring of Fire, JW (Parente) Ruby, slightly longer cast with lovely bone. Attractive head with dark round eyes and good ear set. Moved and showed well, just a little short of coat and furnishings. Junior American Bred Dog (1)

1. Lyncrest Up To No Good (Jones) This young 10 month blen sported that much desired but elusive lozenge. Has lovely clean cut outline and good pigment throughout. Just a typical baby but has attitude. Just needs his coat and maturity to finish.

American Bred Dog (1)

1. Legacy Lastat (Lindemaier) This well marked blen has lovely dark eyes and rich pigment. He is blessed with an abundance of coat. Just seems to be lacking confidence in himself both standing and moving around the ring. **Special Limit Blenheim Dog (2)**

1. Ellisiana Jupiter (Tyler) Very well broken blen marking on this profusely coated lad. The coat was of a good silky texture. He is short coupled with good bone. Has the demeanour that we like to see. Moved with a steady happy action. **2. Phantom Peaks Sir Winston Churchill** (Henington) Slightly longer cast blen, has a good firm top line with good bone throughout. Happy shower.

Special Limit Tricolour Dog (2)

1. Veribas Point Break (Cusick) Nicely balanced and well broken Tri with an attractive head marking. He has a well proportioned top skull to foreface with rich tans as the standard requires. Kind expression with a happy outgoing nature. He has a very good topline and tail carriage which he maintained both standing and moving. He moved soundly around the ring and was presented in first class order. *Reserve Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best Tricolor in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show*

2. Legacy Bentlane's My Precious (Benton/Lindemaier) Another attractively headed lad, much applies to winner. This boy tends to pace and so needs to be moved at a slightly faster speed. Nevertheless a happy showman.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (2)

1. Little Knight Truffle (Tyler) What an exuberant little showman. Has an attractive head piece, with a good coat and finish. Needs to learn to settle a little on the move, so that he can show off his virtues to advantage. 2. Kabaret Double Take that Red (Lindemaier) Fourteen months, very rich pigment throughout together with a richly marked coat. Slightly longer cast than winner. Not as positive in hind action.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (3)

1. Darance Smooth Criminal at Nightingale (Mulligan) Such a gentle expression on this boy, has a lovely head with good eyes. Nicely balanced throughout. Has such a good coat and seemed to be enjoying himself. So attentive to his handler, showing all the time. Moved well. *Best Black & Tan Dog 2.* Legacy Winchester (Lindemaier) Another nicely coated lad. Lovely set on and fringed ear leathers. Moved and showed well. **3.** Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Schilling) Another heavily coated four year old, has a good top line and tail carriage, moderate bone, would like to see a little extra height to leg ratio. Moved well.

Open Dog (3)

1. Ch Benchmark Up in the Air of On The Mark (Chan/Mitchell) Attractively marked blen with the softest and prettiest expression, has large dark eyes. Nicely set on ears. Nice angles fore and aft. Darkest of pigment on nose and eye rims. He moved with confidence and great aplomb keeping his good topline and tail carriage. He has a straight silky coat which was well presented. When it came to the challenge he took charge of the ring. *Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show, Best American Bred in Show*

2. Turretbank Beaujolais (Green) Such an attractive head on this well coated ruby. Has the darkest of eyes and nose pigment, presented well with his lovely top line and tail carriage. Moved and showed well. *Best Ruby in Show* 3. Deeriem Cosmopolitan Man at Quail Run (Kornhi) This well broken blen has such a profuse coat which is of a soft and silky texture. He has a lovely attitude and moves and shows himself well. Senior Open Dog (1)

1. CanCh Legacy Crsmatic Reflection (Stevens) At almost 11 years old I could not believe how well he looked. An attractively marked dog with what I consider to be of the type we saw of yester year. He has excellent bone with a sound and perfect topline. His pigmentation in eyes, nose leather and coat colouring is still rich and dark. He moved so soundly around the ring with drive and enthusiasm, showing his competitors just how it should be done. Such a happy chappie. Well done to his owner breeder.

Junior Puppy Bitch (4)

1. Darane Jezebel (Kates) Tri with very well broken markings. Pretty head with a soft attractive expression coming from those dark round eyes. Has a good neck into well placed shoulders with enough bone to match. Happy girl. *Best Tricolor Bitch* 2. Legacy Hell on Wheels of Kendall Kastle (Ogle/Lindemaier) Slightly shorter coupled but well marked blen with wide head markings. A little shy and not so willing to show off her virtues. Moved well. 3. Dulce Salt Water Taffy (Covell) Blen with a very good top line and tail set. Has a very pretty and well proportioned head, lacks coat at the moment which accentuates her baby outline. Happy girl who showed well. 4. Quail Run Diamond Celebration (Gustafson) Quite immature little blen. She has a well broken coat marking. Her chest needs to drop and she needs to fill in body. A little unsure of herself on the table. Just needs more time to grow up.

Senior Puppy Bitch (4)

1. Chadwick Paparazzi (Matos) Blen with a well proportioned head piece. Has nice depth of chest and well ribbed, has the correct bone for size. Has a well marked jacket with the promise of a good coat to come, moved and showed very well. *Best Puppy Bitch*

2. Cedar Creek Isa Jewel (Owens) Pretty headed youngster with such kind large round dark eyes, very similar in size to winner. Has a happy disposition. Front needs to tighten a little. 3. La Reina's What About Me (Roberts-Espinosa) Her expression lives up to her name Loved the attitude on this pretty well broken tri. Classic head marking with the darkest of eyes. She has a good neck and shoulder with moderate bone. Has the promise of a good coat and featherings. 4. Windnsea Party Girl (Sutton) This well broken blen is finer all through. Has the loveliest ear set and fringes. Tended to roach a little on the move. Just needs to gain her confidence. Graduate Puppy Bitch (1)

1. Pinecrest Mountain Dew (Rosenberg) Happy well marked Blen with a good head with nice set on of ear leathers. Good neck into well placed shoulders. Has lovely bone, showed and moved very well. A little more coat and the maturity that comes with it should see her go to higher things.

Novice Bitch (2) 1. Nottinghill Kiss Me Kate (Barnfather) Solidly marked tri colour who is short coupled with rich tans. Has a happy showy temperament and moved steadily with purpose. **2. Pascavale Hello Dolly at Northshore** (Ogilvie) Very promising ten month well broken blen, has a good neck into well placed shoulders with a firm topline and tail carriage. From her make and shape I was not surprised to see who she was sired by. Moved well.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (2)

1. Royalmark Aprils Aisle of Hope (McCoy) Well broken blen with good head which is a little more refined, has a good ear set with well feathered leathers. Good neck into well placed shoulders. Such a proud head carriage on the move which accentuated her good top line and tail carriage all finished off with the desired blen spot and flowing coat. 2. Shirmont Apple McIntosh, JW (Henry/Dodson) Lovely expression coming from dark round eyes good pigment throughout. A little heavier than winner with good forechest and spring of rib. Moved and showed well.

Junior American Bred Bitch (3)

1. Pinecrest Shirmont Moonlight Madness (Henry) This Blen has the most beautifully proportioned head piece with the large eyes and richest of pigment. Good reachy neck into well placed shoulders, firm level top line and great tail carriage. Has good spring of rib and depth to forechest. Has the correct bone to compliment her stature. Although needing the finish in coat, she has as the saying goes "nothing to hide" She showed with the attitude I like to see she moved with such a sure, steady and faultless movement around the ring I couldn't deny her in the challenge the big one! Winners Bitch and I learned later this gave her her crown. *Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Blenheim Bitch*

2. Huntingridge Ruff Velvet (Lindemaier) This blen really needs to get her act together, she has such a pretty well proportioned head with dark eyes. With good bone and overall lovely shape. When she decided to show off her charms she moved well. **3. Greyhawk Rumor Has it at Del Sol** (McHenry) Heavier marked blen with good neck into a firm topline. Showed and moved well, just a little bit proud of her tail today.

American Bred Bitch (4)

1. Cedar Creek Miles of Style (Owens) Old fashioned type of girl. Has a good head with lovely set on of ears. Good top of skull and good neck into well placed shoulder. Has a straight silky well broken coat. She moved very well retaining her steady top line and tail carriage. 2. Clints Li'l Heart Lady Camille (Ogilvie) Pretty head with slightly longer foreface. Attractively marked tri colour, but seemed tired and reluctant to show herself to advantage. Moved well. 3. Jayba Tiramisu (Lyman) Bigger well broken blen with the softest silkiest of coats. She has round dark expressive eyes with very good pigment. Not so firm in topline on the move. 4. Quail Run Cosmic Candy (Kornhi) This little well broken blen looked out of place amongst the more mature ladies in this class. She has a pretty well shaped head with lovely expressive eyes. A little finer in bone all through but at only 18 months old has time on her side to mature and grow some coat.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (3)

1. Loranka's Seraphim at Cuddlemore (Mouton) Very pretty headed well broken Blenheim. Her expression is just what we expect to see in this breed coming from those large round dark eyes. With a good neck into well placed shoulders and good pigment throughout, she moved with a steady and happy disposition. She did all that was required of her today. *Reserve Winners Bitch*

2. Cailloux Fire Dancer (Lawson) Similar to winner here. Has good shoulder and hind angulation under a very silky well broken blen coat. Another happy showgirl. **3. Legacy Puttin On The Ritz** (Lindemaier) Similar again to the first two bitches. Has the loveliest of eyes with a shorter foreface. Has a good ear set and carriage, and neat overall outline, just not so positive in hind action

Special Limit Tricolour Bitch (1)

1. Legacy Temptation (Lindemaier) Four year old. Well broken coat markings. Good head shape with dark round eyes, rich tans with well set and carried ears. Lovely rib and depth to forechest with good top line and tail carriage. Happy showgirl. Was enjoying herself.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (1)

1. Pensrick Ace of Spades (Lockleer/Liebeler) Loved the overall outline on this smart little bitch. She has a well proportioned head. Her ears are set to frame her face giving the desired look of the almost flat top to her skull, such a pretty expression with dark round eyes. She is a lovely size with good angles fore and aft. She has just the right amount of bone, moving with drive keeping a good top line and tail carriage, finished with the silkiest and shiniest straight raven black coat. *Best Black & Tan in Show*

Open Bitch (1) 1. Quail Run The Avenger (Kornhi) This well broken blen may be very short on coat but she certainly showed what she is made of. She has a lovely overall shape with a pretty head and expression coming from those dark eyes. She has a good neck and shoulder and a proud head carriage. Short coupled with a firm top line and tail carriage, she showed steadily and with enthusiasm.