

**Cavaliers of the Northeast Specialty**  
**11/10/12, York, PA**  
**Judge: C. Anne Eckersley (Chadwick)**

I was delighted to find that there were approximately 189 entries for the CNE Specialty, especially since the show was held so close to the CKCSC National show, only a couple of hours away in New Jersey. Thank you to all the exhibitors who supported the CNE and COS weekend. There were some spectacular dogs shown over the weekend. I believe in the USA we have a large number of the most correct, large eyes as required by our standard. Excellent head type is also prevalent, even though some of the heads I preferred to others, but none were really atypical of a well-bred Cavalier. Presentation was also excellent and temperaments were mostly happy go lucky Cavaliers. For many years Cavaliers have had issues with rear movement and whilst not all were perfect, I found that many were quite good. We used to see a number of cow hocks – now we see so few. So that's a step in the right direction. Front structure, however, has gone to hell in a hand basket! Dogs with lovely necks looked stuffy but with correct shoulder layback, they would have looked more elegant. Some dogs high stepped in front. Many dogs had no reach whatsoever. We need to be very careful that this fault does not become so prevalent that it is thought to be a virtue and then is considered correct movement for the breed. Some exhibits had very straight fronts but also had straight stifles that made them look balanced – but NOT correctly balance. Ideally, when dogs with correct front structure gait out at a reasonable pace, the front paw should hit the floor as far forward as where the dog's nose is, above the point where the paw lands. For myself, one of the attributes that I look for in a Cavalier is correct balance as well as large eyes and soft expression. The length of neck needs to be balanced in terms of length of back and length of leg plus angles front and rear must also match. If all of this fits, then you have a balanced dog that is able to glide around the ring. My four major winners this weekend, as well as my Best Puppy, whilst maybe of different sizes, all moved effortlessly around the ring. Thank you all for accepting my decisions with good sportsmanship.

**Junior Puppy Dog (7)**

**1. Dreamvale Tri Your Luck** (Parker) Pretty head on this Tri boy, large eyes, super balanced body with excellent rear angulation – moved well. Lacked some coat at the moment. **Best Junior Puppy** **2. Blackfire Plaza Suite** (McLaughlin/Kenny/Weidig/Kennedy) Similar qualities as first – excellent shoulders, attractive head, big eyes, great neck to shoulder angulations, sound rear. Needs to fill out in muzzle but that will come. **3. Blackfire Room Service at Kallais** (Hess/Kennedy/Weidig) Tri litter brother to second place pup and quite immature in comparison. More of a head type that I prefer but not quite as elegant as his brother. **4. Mileslip Chairman of the Board** (Skidmore) Larger type Ruby, not my ideal type of head but his neck to shoulder angulation is excellent and well angled rear. He moved out with reach and drive.

**Senior Puppy Dog (4)**

**1. Jayba Easy Does It** (Lander) Small, compact pup, full of rich Blenheim markings. Attractive head with dark eyes, level topline, plenty depth of chest and he moved well coming and going. I would have preferred just a little more neck to complete an already lovely outline. **Best Puppy Dog, Best Senior Puppy, Best Puppy in Show**

**2. Mileslip With A Little Luck of Tailgate** (Skidmore) Pretty Ruby boy with large dark eyes, moved out around the ring. Plenty of coat and bone for his young age. **3. Toraylac Desperado** (Rychlik) Attractive head with large eye. Beautiful neck and shoulders. Excellent proportions and turn of stifle. Plenty of bone – a little on the large side. **4. Chewcreek Three Amigos Dusty Bottoms** (DePhillip) More lightly marked Blenheim with an abundance of straight coat. Beautiful body proportions. Attractive head but not the type of my preference.

**Graduate Puppy Dog (8)**

**1. Pinecrest White Lightening, JW** (Eubank) Beautiful balanced outline on this young Blenheim, plenty of arched neck leading to a level topline, pretty face with large dark eyes, moderate bone. He moved out well. He needs to fill out in body and coat. **2. Mimric Consensus, JW** (Hodges/Perkins) Mature, stocky, richly colored Blenheim. Beautiful head with pretty eyes. Could lose a little weight to give him more elegance as he carries so much coat. Not cooperating with his handler today, enjoying the show ring too much! **3. Bonitos Companeros Kaleo at Diorchavon** (Bialek) Gorgeous head with huge, dark eyes with what looks like black eyeliner around them. Longer cast and not as well balanced as first place. He moves well coming and going. Super straight, rich Blenheim coat. **4. Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion**

(Barrett) Pretty expression but with a feminine look to him. Loads of coat, adequate neck, short backed – moved well coming and going.

#### **Bred By Exhibitor Dog (4)**

**1. Linrica I Dreamed A Dream** (Liu) Pretty face, large dark eyes and full muzzle. Solid body, plenty of depth of chest. Correct neck to shoulder transition. Excellent turn of stifle – moves with reach and drive going around the ring. **Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog** **2. Ch Autumnhill Ring of Fire, JW** (Parente) Richly marked Ruby, big eyes, handsome head which I hope will not get to be too much as he gets older. Moderate neck, short back, well angulated stifles, correct balance to his body. Moves well around the ring and moved true coming and going. Completely out of coat at the moment but there is nothing terrible to hide. **Best Ruby in Show** **3. Dancasa Cute As A Button, JW** (Tiedemann) Small, pretty little Blenheim, a little feminine in head for my liking but still he has super big eyes and sweet expression. An abundance of straight coat. Well angulated rear. **4. Parkbury Sole Mate** (Parker) Straight coat that was snug to his body without much feathering. A little overdone in the head, adequate neck, short bodied but a little plump all of which did not give him much elegance. Well angulated in the rear and he moved true coming and going. A useful boy that was up against some serious competition.

#### **Junior American Bred Dog (8)**

**1. Brookhaven Believe It Or Not** (Ayers/Martz) Beautiful head with huge dark eyes – in fact, I think his eyes were the only part of this young Blenheim that had any size at all, as he himself was quite petite! My preference is for a male to look all boy but still, this little guy had quite a bit to offer. Plenty of bone for his size, short back, adequate neck, excellent turn of stifle and moves cleanly up and down. **2. Blackfire Simple Twist of Fate** (McLaughlin/Weidig/Kennedy/Kenny) Immature B/T that needs more weight and coat on him. He has correct neck leading to a level topline and a generally balanced body. His head is glorious with large eyes. He moves out with reach and drive and he moves true coming and going. He is one to look out for in about 3 years! B/Ts tend to take a while! **3. Krystle Heart of Gold** (Torgersen) Larger type Blenheim but with elegance. Full face, large eye, super neck, well angled front and rear. Moved well. With more coat, he could do well. **4. Clarmarian Kiss and Cry** (Young-May) Nicely balanced body on this Blenheim, decent neck, lots of rear angulation allowing him to move out around the ring. Not the head type of my preference.

#### **American Bred Dog (8)**

**1. Infinidad Grandville Te Amo** (Grandemange) Gorgeous head on this gleaming B/T with plenty of shining black coat. Adequate neck, plenty chest, well turned stifles – best balanced of the class. **2. Nightingale Wish Upon a Star at Nebyula** (Birbeck) Honest type of Blenheim, another with gorgeous head and big eyes. Not showing at his best today. Well turned stifles and moves true coming and going. A little more animation would make judges notice him. **3. Almeara Kiss the Girls** (Whitmire) Another pretty headed Blenheim with large, dark eyes. Level topline, moderate bone, good depth of chest and well angulated rear. **4. Darane Smooth Criminal at Nightingale** (Mulligan) Heavy B/T with not the head of my preference. Nonetheless, he is a well balanced dog with pretty side gait. Coat is a little unruly.

#### **Health & Conformation Dog (1)**

**1. Angel's Pride Mini Cooper, RA, MX, AXJ, NF, C-OA, C-RA, C-OAJ** (Gregory) A healthy dog with brains, excellent temperament and balanced body. Congrats to his owner and breeder. Gorgeous eyes with a head that is not as full as I prefer – still, he has a sweet expression. Very sound body, plenty of neck that blends with laid back shoulders and level topline. He has well turned stifles and hard muscles – I suppose from the agility training as I see he has many agility titles.

#### **Special Limit Blenheim Dog (9)**

**1. Orchardhill Letters Home** (Slusher/Venier) Super pretty head and eyes on this well made Blenheim. He had the best balance, with correct length of neck that transitioned into laid back shoulders and a level topline. He moved with reach and drive as well as moving true coming and going. Plenty of straight coat. Showed his heart out, loves to be in the ring. His handler has to be careful to allow him to gait out and not restrict him. **Reserve Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best American Bred in Show** **2. Kinvaar's Mile High Club** (Harrison) Larger boy in full coat. Attractive head, eyes could be larger and he would not use his ears today which made him look as if he would rather be anywhere other than in the ring! Beautiful neck to shoulder transition, he moved out around the ring. Lots to like about this boy. **3.**

**Alberica Duke of Earl** (Crommett) Gorgeous head, big dark eyes. Longer cast Blenheim, moderate bone, well turned stifles, moved out with reach and drive. **4. Toraylac Bravado for Kean** (Keane) Richly marked Blenheim with a balanced body that floats with ease around the ring. Well turned stifles allowing him to move true going away and he also moved true coming back towards me. Moderate bone. Head is plainer with not the large eyes I prefer. Nonetheless, there is lots to like about him and could be a useful asset.

#### **Special Limit Tricolor Dog (2)**

**1. Dreamvale Smart as the Dickens JW** (Warshaw/Sage) Gorgeous head with large eyes. Adequate neck with short body, well balanced, excellent turn of stifle, moves out well. **Best Tricolor Dog 2. Bozi V. H. Lamslag** (York) Not the head of my preference but he does have lovely big eyes. He is well balanced and moves out.

#### **Special Limit Ruby Dog (4)**

**1. Grandville Paddington Bear, JW** (Grandemange) Glamorous Ruby with gorgeous head and large dark eyes. Had so much presence with that look at me attitude. Full coated and moved out well around the ring. **2. Autumnhill Spencer** (Weinstein/Parente) Attractive head, that I hope will not become too much, with large eyes. I was pleasantly surprised to find out just how sound this boy was when I had my hands on him. Excellent shoulder to neck angulation with similar angles in the rear and thus he moved true. He needs the glamour to go with it, such as coat, and that will come as he is just a young dog. **3. Tanglewood Rebellion** (Saban/Fairchild) Prefer fuller face, well balanced body with correct reach and drive. **4. Blackfire Aquavit N Bordeaux** (Lauve) Beautiful head with huge, dark eyes and nose – both of which can be difficult to get on a Ruby. Super rich red color. Rear not his fortune.

#### **Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (6)**

**1. Mileslip Licorice JW** (Skidmore) Gorgeous headed boy with super large eyes. Adequate neck leading to a level topline, best balanced in this class. An abundance of straight, gleaming black coat. Made a pretty outline around the ring. **Best Black & Tan in Show 2. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) Attractive head, prefer head type on first place, even though this boy has a sweet expression. Level topline, lots of straight coat. Would prefer a little more leg for balance. **3. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci at Nebyula** (Birbeck) Attractive head but not that of my preference. Well balanced compact body, moves well around the ring. **4. Lynsfair Country Gentleman** (Hallsted) Super head, a little plump, moved quite well around the ring.

#### **Open Dog (4)**

**1. Ch Bonitos Companeros Halli Galli** (Eubank/Kirschbaum/Vorderstrasse/Morrison) A stunning true Toy Spaniel, gorgeous head with huge, dark eyes. Exactly the type I prefer. Despite his small size, he looms larger than life in the ring. Short bodied, a neck that conforms to the rest of him, well angled rear, level topline – in other words, he is beautifully balanced, especially on the move where he excels. In full, correct straight coat. **Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show**  
**2. Ch Castlekeep Cimaron Triplecrown Panache** (Keane/Brouck) Another exquisite true Toy Spaniel with gorgeous head. All of my comments above also relate to this boy. He just was lacking coat and finish today. **3. Ch Turretbank Beaujolais** (Green) Glamorous Ruby boy, attractive head with big eyes. Correct length of neck, level topline. a little longer cast. In full coat. Pretty picture going around the ring. **4. Ch Chantismere Cast A Spell on Corduke** (Mulligan) Attractive head on this richly marked Blenheim but would prefer a larger eye. He went through his paces to please his handler but would prefer to be elsewhere. Correct length of neck, longer cast body, well angulated in the rear. Moved soundly around the ring. Tough competition in this class.

#### **Senior Open Dog (3)**

**1. Krystle Royal Obsidian** (Torgersen) Attractive head with big eyes on this 8 year old B/T. Best balanced body, super neck, moved with reach and drive around the ring. **2. Taron Brandy's Ricky at Carlen** (Close) Pretty head with big eyes. Excellent turn of stifle. Moved nicely around the ring. Coat is a bit unruly. **3. Deputy Copper of Monarch** (Bellflower) Another with a pretty head and big eyes. A little plump and all the weight is on his shoulder. Short coupled body.

#### **Junior Puppy Bitch (10)**

**1. Licketysplit Maybe I'm Amazed** (Geoghegan) Pretty head with big eyes. Excellent balanced outline. Lovely neck to shoulder angulation, level topline, moved out well around the ring. **2. Piccadil Destined to Be Rich** (York) Attractive head but not my ideal. Nonetheless, her big eyes offered a sweet expression. She moved true coming and going. **3. Darane All About Eve** (Kates) Pretty head with big eyes. Gorgeous length of neck and shoulders, level topline. With a little more bone and weight at maturity, she should do well in the future. **4. Nightingale Goldilocks** (Birbeck) Another with gorgeous head, lots of bone for her

size. Short coupled showing a super outline with lots of rear angulation. Tended to throw her front legs up today, maybe due to her excitement of being in the ring.

#### **Senior Puppy Bitch (5)**

**1. Darane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek** (DePhillip) Petite Ruby girl, so feminine and so pretty with huge eyes. Best balance in the class, correct shoulder layback, well angulated rear, moved with reach and drive around the ring. She also moved cleanly coming and going. Plenty of coat to finish the picture.

#### **Best Puppy Bitch**

**2. Almeara Scrumpdillyicious** (Whitmire) Unlucky to meet first place! This Tricolor had a gorgeous head with big eyes. Sturdy pup with plenty of bone. Super fluid movement going around the ring. Just a little more neck would be ideal to complete the picture. **3. Linrica Apple Of My Eye** (Liu) Attractive Blenheim head with large eyes but not the expression I prefer. Adequate neck and bone, level topline, moves quite well. **4. Dreamvale Poppy Pomfrey** (Sage) Another attractive Blenheim head but without the expression I prefer. Fabulous showy personality. Not as well balanced but she moved out with style.

#### **Graduate Puppy Bitch (6)**

**1. Pinecrest Soul Sister** (Eubank) Beautiful head and eyes on this bitch. Super length of neck that transitioned to laid back shoulders and level topline. Elegant mover and should look good with more coat. Would prefer more drive from the rear. **2. Cobhill Golden Marguerite** (Brunson) It was touch and go between this Blenheim girl and first place. Her head is just not of my preference right now but in another year, I think she will blossom. Her structure and movement is excellent from all angles. She should do well in time. **3. Bluesday Fly Me To The Moon** (Gross) Tricolor with cute face with big eyes giving a lovely expression. Movement coming and going was excellent. A little unsure of herself today. **4. Oggbrae Donna Elvira** (Bales) Larger type Blenheim with big eyes. Structurally very sound, moves with reach and drive. A little plump. Looked very mature for this class.

#### **Novice Bitch (4)**

**1. Clopsville Santa Ana** (Rychlik) Gorgeous headed Blenheim with huge eyes and sweetest of expression. Excellent bone for her petite size, moves true coming and going. Nice neck to shoulder transition and level topline. With more show attitude, the judges will notice her and she should do well. She made the cut for Winners Bitch. **2. Closeburn Tibbie Stuart** (Fairchild) Attractive Blenheim head with big eyes. Super neck and shoulders and balanced body that allowed her to move well around the ring. Unsure of herself today due to the choke chain. Perhaps a softer leash/collar might make her realize that showing is fun! **3. Kyneslane Ain't She Sweet** (Paplauckas) Big eyes on this Blenheim but not the head of my preference. Correct length of neck, moved well. Was not thrilled about being on the table but with training she will get there. **4. Charteroak Araglyn Godiva Peppermint Kiss** (Obadowski) Larger type Blenheim, again not the head type of my preference. Plenty of bone, animated mover with plenty reach and drive.

#### **Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (2)**

**1. Sunjays Annabella** (Hellman) Full face with large eyes. Gorgeous neck on this Blenheim, leading to great shoulders and level topline showing such a super balanced body. She moves with reach and drive and is true coming and going. A little more coat would finish the picture but that's just fluff and does little to enhance structure. **2. Royalmark April's Aisle of Hope** (McCoy) Attractive, more feminine type Blenheim with big, dark eyes. Short cobby little body covered with plenty of coat. She moved true coming and going. Not the reach and drive of first place. Great show attitude.

#### **Junior American Bred Bitch (3)**

**1. Linrica Alice In Wonderland** (Liu) Pretty head with large dark eyes. Petite in size and well balanced body. Elegant neck and level topline. Moves very well. Right now she is very narrow in body due to her young age. **2. Orchardhill Here Kitty Kitty** (Venier) Attractive head but not the type of my preference. Big eyes. Correct neck length leading to a slightly longer body but she moves out well and true coming and going. Larger Blenheim with plenty of bone. **3. Bluesday What's The Rumpus** (Gross) Blenheim with a gorgeous head. Proper angulation front and rear. Had such difficulty assessing her movement as she was all over the place. I think she should do well with some training and calmness!

#### **American Bred Bitch (8)**

**1. Brookhaven Fancy Face** (Ayers/Martz) Gorgeous head with huge dark eyes on this happy, showy Blenheim. Fabulous balanced outline, showing plenty of neck transitioning into laid back shoulders to a level topline. Good reach and drive and very clean moving, coming and going. **Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Blenheim Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred Bitch**  
**2. Jayba Tres Jolie, JW** (Lander) Pretty feminine type head with big eyes on this Blenheim. Not quite the neck of first place but moves out well and also moves true coming and going. Bad luck to meet up with one

this weekend. **3. Rutherford Wellsley** (Jones) Richly marked Blenheim, super head with large eyes. Had some difficulty seeing her move as she was a little erratic. **4. Primrose Hearts Afire** (Lovett) Feminine headed Blenheim with large eyes but just not my type. Plenty of neck, laid back shoulders, moves well around the ring and clean moving up and down. In full coat which was a bit fly away today. Needs to show herself off more.

#### **Health & Conformation Bitch (1)**

**1. Sheeba Discover Mona Lisa** (Gross) Standing alone in this class but certainly nothing to be ashamed of. She has a gorgeous head with large, dark eyes. Super reach and drive with short cobby Tricolor body. Almost six years old, she showed herself off like a youngster and like a true Cavalier should!

#### **Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (4)**

**1. Orchardhill Indiscreet JW** (Venier) Gorgeous Blenheim head with large eyes. Excellent length of neck transition to shoulder to level topline. She had enough leg under her to move with reach and drive and clean moving coming and going. Super balance generally on this quality bitch with a solid temperament. *Reserve Winners Bitch*

**2. Rokirk Rave Review** (Kirkland/Hodges) Such a pretty little Blenheim with huge eyes and full coat. She tended to race around the ring and was not keen on the table. Lovely outline. Once she calms down and decides that showing is fun, she should be competitive. **3. Gayhalo Mosaic** (Ayers/Martz) Another with a gorgeous head with lovely big, dark eyes. Very sound movement coming and going. Short cobby body with moderate bone. Topline is not her fortune. Showed well. Unlucky to meet first and second in this class. **4. Sunjays Georgia Peach** (Hellman) Attractive head with large eyes but could be fuller in muzzle. She has correct neck and moves out very well. Lots to like about her.

#### **Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (3)**

**1. Prima Quartett Bloody Mary** (Bronowicka/Carter) Pretty and feminine head on this bitch with large eyes. Well balanced, short body and adequate neck. Moved out well around the ring and clean coming and going. In full, lustrous coat. Very showy. **2. Cavilera Delta Dawn** (Close) Spectacular, full head on this Tricolor. Short cobby body, moved true coming and going and around the ring. Moderate bone. Profuse coat to almost the ground. Not the balance of first place – would have liked more neck. **3. First Capital Daisy Mae** (Arnold) Slighter boned, big eyes, immature looking. Level topline, adequate neck. Moved reasonably well.

#### **Special Limit Ruby Bitch (3)**

**1. Grandville Butterscotch Kiss** (Laliberte) Adorable Ruby head with huge eyes. In full coat. Level topline on the move around the ring. A little longer cast but nonetheless, a striking bitch to watch move. *Best Ruby Bitch* **2. Bryndael Carlen Roxie Hart** (Close) Richly marked Ruby, not the head of one but pretty nonetheless. Short, cobby body, not a lot of coat. **3. Cobblestone Inga** (Lauve) Larger and older bitch, pretty head, level topline.

#### **Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (2)**

**1. Copperhill Miss Marcie** (Rubino/Mitchell) Attractive head with big, dark eyes. Well laid back shoulders and correct length of neck. Gaits well around the ring. *Best Black & Tan Bitch* **2. Lynsfair Southern Belle** (Gavin) Beautiful head with bright rich tan coloring. Not as well balanced as first place. Also moved well around the ring.

#### **Open Bitch (3)**

**1. Ch Jayba Black Eyed Susan** (Lander) Attractive head but not the type of my preference. Her forte is her body – she glides effortlessly around the ring. Correct turn of stifle allowing her to drive off her hocks – her topline was level. She moved cleanly coming and going. Glamorous coat and presents herself well. Much to like about this young lady. Made the cut for Winners Bitch. *Best Tricolor in Show* **2. Nightingale Kismet at Kyneslane, JW** (Paplauckas) Very pretty headed Blenheim with big eyes. Correct neck length leading to a level topline. Nicely balanced bitch. Moved well. **3. Dreamvale Ceremonious** (Sage/Colbert) Beautiful big eyes on this bitch but not the head of my preference. Shorter backed but moved well from all angles. Could do with a bit more neck. Not the coat and finish of the other two.

#### **Veteran Dog (2)**

**1. Krystle Royal Obsidian** (Torgersen) See Sr Open Dog class. *Best Veteran in Show*

**2. Starwind Magic Moment** (Kates) Tri color of 11 ½ years, good dentition, moved out well and in excellent condition.

#### **Brace (1)**

**Krystle Born On The Fourth Of July & Krystle Heart of Gold** (Torgersen) Uniformly, absolutely identical in movement and markings.