Cavaliers of the Northeast 11/11/11, York, PA

Judge: Sandra Ireland (Charnell)

I would like to thank the CNE for inviting me to judge this well run show and for the excellent hospitality shown to my husband and myself. I had a lovely entry with a lot of quality dogs and found myself spoilt for choice in many of the classes and I am sure that this why different dogs took top honours on all three days. All three judges pulled the same dogs for our final few which shows how hair splitting our final decisions were! The top winners could win anywhere in the world and I was very happy with my final line-up in both sexes. My biggest joy was seeing the improvement in the wholecolours since I last judged in the USA. There have been very few of really good type for several years now, but at this show I was delighted to see some really nice ones, with a few promising youngsters coming along which bodes well for the future.

Junior Puppy Dog (7)

- 1. Infinidad Grandville Te Amo (Laliberte/Grandemange) Very promising little b/t boy. Lovely size with good bone, nice neck and shoulder. Short back and level topline which he held on the move. He has the prettiest head with correct length of muzzle and large dark eye giving a gentle expression. Bright rich tan markings. Sound and very confident on the move. Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show
- 2. Autumnhill Ring Of Fire (Parente) Richly coloured ruby of the correct size. Good head type with large eyes and correct ear set giving a nice flat skull. Excellent topline and tail carriage which he held on the move. Well balanced little dog who had a lovely outline. A hair-splitting decision between these two very nice puppies. Best Ruby Dog 3. Bonitos Companeros Kaleo (Bialek) Well broken richly marked Blenheim. Nice size and shape. Large dark eyes and good nose pigment. Level topline and good tail carriage. 4. Nightingale Hot Shot (Mulligan) Completed a quartet of very promising puppy boys. Petite, heavily marked blenheim who had a neat shape and pretty coat. Just needs to settle in movement.

Senior Puppy Dog (3)

1. Mileslip Licorice (Skidmore) 11 month b/t of lovely type. Attractive, masculine head, large dark eye and well filled foreface giving a kind expression. I liked his size and bone. He was well made all through and in lovely coat and condition. Moved well. 2. Toraylac Bravado for Kean (Keane/Ackroyd Gibson) Very nice Blenheim just under 12 months. Larger than one above but well balanced and with good bone. Nice head with large eye and dense black nose pigment. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulder. Level topline. Another close decision. 3. Copperhill Romeo (Mitchell) Raw ruby who needs time to come together. Lovely rich colour with dark eye and good pigment. Nice neck and shoulder. Needs to body up.

Graduate Puppy Dog (10) A very good class!

- **1. Maibee Agent Cody of Bentwood** (Harrison) Richly coloured Blenheim of great quality so typical of his breeding. Lovely head with well set ears, dark eye and coal black nose giving a sweet yet masculine expression. Excellent neck and layback of shoulder, level topline and well turned stifle giving strong driving rear movement. Excellent topline and tail set. In lovely coat and condition and presented to perfection. *Reserve Winners Dog*
- 2. Chantismere Chandos Of Valentyne (O'Brien) This boy caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring! Just my type! Perfect size and just oozed quality. Small with good substance and a wealth of rich chestnut coat on a pearly white ground. He looked a picture on the move, and presented a great outline when standing, with a nice neck and shoulder and well turned stifle. On closer inspection on the table I was so disappointed to find that he was unable to open his eyes fully due to a reaction to the chemicals that had been used to clean the carpet. His head looked to be most attractive with good nose pigment and softly cushioned foreface. I am sure he will easily achieve his title. 3. Chantismere Caruso of Chadwick (Eckersley) Litter brother to one above and similar in size and shape. Has plenty of coat with rich well broken markings. Attractive head with large dark eyes and good nose pigment. Excellent neck and nice topline and tail. A quality boy who doesn't quite have the visual impact of his brother at the moment. 4. Linrica I Dreamed A Dream (Liu) Very nice youngster who was not as mature as those above. Well-marked Blenheim of the correct size and rich colour. Lovely large eyes and soft expression. Neat shape with reachy neck and level topline. Moved well with a lovely tail carriage. Novice Dog (1)

1. Autumn Hill Spencer (Parente) Another shapely richly coloured ruby from this kennel. Just six months old and still needs to soften in expression. Lovely size and bone and very well constructed. **Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)**

1. Piccadil Peppermint Twist (York) Very smart well marked Blenheim. Attractive head with large dark eye and good pigment. Well balanced with good neck and shoulder and nice short back with level topline and good tail set. Eye catching on the move with a lovely head carriage. **2. Kalais Walking Two By Two** (Hess) Nice size b/t who was very out of coat. Good head type. Level topline and good tail carriage. Rich tan markings.

Junior American Bred Dog (5)

1. Nightingale Jackson Browne (Birmingham) Nice type Blenheim. Well marked and of good colour. Nice body with good front and rear angulation and nice bone for size. Kept a level topline and good tail carriage on the move. 2. Linrica Le Petit Prince (Liu) Well marked Blenheim who didn't look as if he was really enjoying his day. So much to like about him. Nice head type with good ear set and flat skull. He tends to fly his ears which rather spoils his expression. Moved soundly keeping his good topline and tail carriage. 3. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci (Birbeck) Happy b/t with a great temperament. True cavalier! Very nice in outline with good neck and shoulder and plenty of coat with bright tan markings. 4. Harmony Afternoon Tea (Richmond/Diegoli) This little Blenheim boy has the most stunning outline. Lovely size, well marked and so well made. Elegant neck and good topline and excellent tail carriage. He looks rather effeminate at the moment as he still needs more cushioning under the eyes. When he matures could go right to the top.

American Bred Dog (4)

1. Chadwick Scotch On The Rocks At Hudsonview, JW (Yassky/Eckersley) Nice size, well marked Blenheim carrying a good coat. Large dark eye and correct nose pigment give a nice expression. Good tail and topline and moved with style. Attractive markings complete the picture. 2. Parkbury Sole Mate (Parker) Compact Blenheim with good body and bone. I liked his head and his eyes were large, dark and round. Nicely marked but some ticking on white. Movement erratic. 3. Cavernet Hit Of The Party (Clement/Simpkins) Up to size Blenheim who was a nice type with lovely pigment and a good topline and tail. Better presentation would improve his chances. 4. Grandville Princeton (Grandemange) Lightly marked Blenheim who was a nice size and had a pretty expression. Very out of coat and a bit proud of his tail.

Health and Conformation Dog (1)

1. Angel's Pride Mini Cooper, RN, AX, AXJ, NF, C-RA, C-NA, C-NAJ (Gregory) Blenheim. I liked this little boy. 5 years old and a lovely size. Beautiful large, round eyes which could have been a shade darker. Excellent topline and tail carriage.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (8)

- 1. Chadwick Passion Puzzle (Carter/Eckersley) The more I looked at this well marked Blenheim boy the more I liked him. He isn't an obvious "glamour boy" but a sound honest dog who screams "cavalier" whichever way you look at him. He has a very typical head, soft yet masculine with beautiful large, round, dark eyes and plenty of cushioning. Ears are set high giving a nice flat skull. Good length of neck set into well laid shoulder. Level topline and good tail set. Nice size with good bone and substance and short compact body. Well let down hocks gave him good drive behind. I was pleased to award him *Winners Dog* which I am told gives him his title and *Reserve Best in Show*.
- 2. Mimric Monogram, JW (Hodges/Perkins) Another sound moving Blenheim. Very masculine head with large dark soulful eyes and dense pigment. Beautifully made with a spirit level topline which was enhanced by his blanket markings. Excellent tail carriage. Would prefer a shade smaller in size but a real quality boy who will always trouble the best. 3. Byermoor Queensowen (O'Brien) Glamorous little Blenheim carrying so much coat that it rather spoilt his outline. Very attractive head with dark eye, good pigment and a gentle expression. 4. Darane Jon Bon Jovi (Kates) Nice size well broken Blenheim with lozenge spot. Neat and compact with good body and substance.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (5)

1. Bozi V.H.Lamslag (York) Strikingly marked well broken tri with great clarity of markings. I loved his shape, size and clean cut outline, precise movement, and good tail carriage. Lovely large eye and good pigment. He was in my final four but his head did not appeal so much as the two winners. Best Tricolour Dog 2. Dreamvale Smart As The Dickens, JW (Warshaw/Sage) Most attractive tri with lovely large eyes and a soft melting expression. Ideal size with good topline and tail, nice rich tan markings and straight silky coat. Not the showmanship of one above. 3. Jardim Azuls August Flower (Matos) Nice shape and size, well marked with good topline and tail. Dark eye but a little feminine in head. 4. Nightingale Endless Summer (Duke/Mulligan) Similar in shape and size to one above. Moved very well. His narrow blaze rather spoilt his expression.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (3)

1. **Grandville Paddington Bear, JW** (Grandemange) Nice size, but out of coat. His ears lacked feathering and he did not use them to advantage but I thought he was the best for type in this class. Large dark eye and good pigment. Moved well and kept a good tail carriage. **2. Elyzian Prime Mover**

(Davis) More glamorous than one above but larger and rangier in type. Good colour and large dark eye. **3. Blackfire Aquavit N Bordeaux** (Lauve) Sweet face but a little feminine. Not holding his topline.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (2)

1. Darane Smooth Criminal At Nightingale (Mulligan) Shapely little b/t. Small, compact and well coated. Rich tan, large dark eye, good topline and tail. **2. Charteroak Claude Monet** (Obadowski) Nice size, short back and good tail carriage. Rich tan. Needs more weight and coat. Erratic on the move.

Open Dog (4) Four lovely dogs that were hard to separate.

1. **Ch Byermoor Queens Orb** (O'Brien) Lovely type richly marked Blenheim boy. Most attractive head and expression, large dark eye and jet black nose pigment. Lovely long leathers frame his face and enhance his gentle expression and clean face. Quality coat that was straight and silky to the touch. Good neck and shoulder and strode out well on the move. **2. Ch Castlekeep Cimaron At Triplecrown Panache** (Keane/Brouck) Well broken Blenheim. Nice size and a neat shape. Well constructed with a pretty head, large eye, good pigment and gentle expression. **3. Ch Kaceem Jonathan** (Ames) I really liked this b/t boy. His lack of coat showed off his lovely outline, nice neck and level topline. Masculine head with kind expression. Rich tan markings. Moved well. **Best Black & Tan in Show 4. Ch Milkeyn Sheer Inspiration, JW** (Eckersley/O'Connor) Nice size Blenheim with the most beautiful large round eyes, flat skull, nice topline and tail. Lovely type but would prefer a little more leg.

Senior Open Dog (2)

1. Chadwick Rhumba (Eckersley/Lauve) 13 year old well marked Blenheim in lovely condition. Large eyes and black nose. **2. Langford Set The Sails** (Clement) 10 year old b/t. Larger than one above. Generous head, large eye and good coat.

Junior Puppy Bitch (9)

1. Orchardhill Lotta Drama (Venier) Lovely headed Blenheim baby. Very pretty head with good eye and black nose pigment and well cushioned foreface. Gentle expression with nice full leathers framing her face. Moved very well with a good topline and tail carriage. Hope she doesn't grow on. 2. Seneca Manor Diva Zenyatta (Gerkin) Exquisite little blenheim toy spaniel of five months with loads of confidence. I loved her neat outline and great topline and tail. Excellent pigment. Very close up to one above. Just need to come on a little in head. I shall watch her progress with interest. 3. Blackfire Sitting Pretty (Weidig/Kennedy) Nice size well marked Blenheim of good type. Pretty head and expression. Moved well. 4. Wandris Believe In Me (Gentil) Another blenheim baby who still needs more time and confidence. Very pretty head with good eye and nose pigment. Level topline and good tail set.

Senior Puppy Bitch (7)

- **1. Chadwick Embrace** (Eckersley) A very pretty well broken Blenheim of the correct size. Sweet head with a gentle expression, lovely eyes and good earset. Attractively marked and in good coat for her age. Moved gaily keeping her good topline and tail carriage. **Best Puppy Bitch**
- 2. Orchardhill Baby Needs Boots (Venier) Blenheim. Quality bitch with good bone and body and well constructed. I liked her size and outline. Just preferred the head of one above. 3. Granlaurel I'm Just Sayin' (Painter) This Blenheim girl had one of the nicest outlines in the ring today. Reachy neck and great topline and tail. I thought at first that she would be my class winner but was just too strong in underjaw for me. 4. Nightingale Sun Kissed Rose of Cantia (Kent) Feminine Blenheim with lozenge. Well broken with attractive markings and pretty coat. Nice size. Large dark eye but shows some white which spoils her expression.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Orchardhill Indiscreet (Venier) Nicely marked Blenheim with elegant neck and shoulder, correct size with good bone and substance. Excellent eye size and shape and good nose pigment. Very sound mover who kept her good tail carriage and topline. 2. Kean Juicy Couture (Keane/Campbell) Another quality little Blenheim. Sweet feminine head with correct length of muzzle and lovely large gentle eyes. Short back and good rib. Well broken markings of rich chestnut and straight silky coat. Unlucky to meet one above. 3. Nightingale Gun Powder N Lead (Duke/Mulligan) Heavily marked Blenheim with a very pretty outline and good construction. I liked her size, feminine head and expression. Good dark eye. 4. Truluv Aria (Nikaci) Strikingly marked Blenheim with a lovely neck. Good body and bone, nice size, large eye and good pigment. Needs more coat and furnishings.

Novice Bitch (2)

1. Lilium Poppy (Adkins) Well marked Blenheim with a nice head type, large eyes and good coat. She won this class on her true cavalier temperament. **2. O'Nelie Royal Dream vom Erlenbacher**

Hemmerich (Bialek) Blenheim. Sweet little girl who was a little shy. She has nice eyes and an elegant neck but falls away over the croup.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (7) Two super bitches headed this class and were hard to separate.

1. Ch Granlaurel Uptown Girl, JW (Painter) Just my type. Small, and perfectly balanced with a nice short back, elegant neck and shoulder, level topline and tail set straight off her back giving her a very pretty outline both standing and on the move. Very sweet expression with large dark eyes, correct earset, black nose pigment and softly cushioned foreface. Loved her! Reserve Winners Bitch

2. Ch Darane Billie Jean (Kates) Superb rich coloured ruby shown in tip top condition. Beautiful head with large dark eyes and coal black nose pigment. Well put together with an elegant neck and correct tail carriage. A wealth of straight silky coat adds a touch of glamour. Not as firm in topline as one above but one of the nicest rubies I have ever had the pleasure to judge in this country. Best Ruby in Show 3. Piccadil Electric Boogie (York) Larger Blenheim. Very sound and well put together. Large eye, black nose, good topline and tail set. A little "doggy" in expression. 4. Jemanda Chateau Latour (Weinstein) Well marked Blenheim. Nice shape and size. Feminine head and expression. Pretty coat.

Junior American Bred Bitch (4)

- 1. Nightingale Kismet At Kyneslane, JW (Paplauckas/Mulligan) Happy little Blenheim who was a lovely shape. Good eye, flat skull, and a sweet feminine head and gentle expression. Level topline and good tail carriage. Moved well. 2. Lilium Sugar Maple (Adkins) Richly marked Blenheim who was a nice size with good eye and pigment. Not in such good coat as one above and not so steady on the move. 3. Kalais Ruby Vixen (Hess) 11 months Ruby who was a nice shape and size but still needs lots of time to mature. Good topline and tail and rich colour. 4. Charteroak Araglyn Godiva Peppermint Kiss (Obadowski) Larger ruby of eight months. Nicely made with good eye and pigment. American Bred Bitch (8)
- 1. Mimric Marilyn Moonroe, JW (Hodges/Perkins) The Star of the Show who really lives up to her name. A real "glamour girl" from the tip of her coal black nose to the end of her gently waving tail. She has an adorable head with huge dark round eyes, plush foreface and muzzle, well set leathers, heavily fringed, set high and falling forward to enhance her gentle expression. Nice length of neck set into well laid shoulder and excellent topline and a perfect tail set. Elbows neatly tucked in and well turned stifle with well let down hocks enable her to move beautifully. Immaculately presented straight silky coat of good colour. A few years ago I awarded her mother BIS and this girl is even better! I was pleased to award her Winners Bitch and Best in Show. Also Best Blenheim in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show
- 2. Ingold Whispered Secret (Pickett/Dalton) Larger Blenheim girl of lovely type. Attractive head with good eye and gentle expression, nice body and bone. Elegant neck, good topline and tail and looked very nice on the move. 3. Primrose Hearts Afire (Lovett) Loved this little Blenheim girl. Such a pretty head and sweet expression and so feminine! Pretty coat with attractive markings. She still needs a little more body but at 19 months time is on her side. 4. Nightingale Happy Go Lucky (Mulligan) This pretty Blenheim girl completed a very nice line-up of lovely bitches. Very pretty head with large eye and jet black nose. Perfect size and moved well.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (9)

1. Miletree Casiopia, JW (Pickett) Beautiful Blenheim of great quality. Lovely head type with large dark round eyes, black nose, long well feathered ears and a gentle expression. Presented a lovely outline both standing and on the move, keeping her excellent topline and tail carriage. Moved with precision driving from well let down hocks. I would like her a size smaller but she pushed hard for top honours. 2. Sunjays Georgia Peach (Hellman) Very feminine well marked Blenheim. Lovely large eye, flat skull and gentle expression. Neat shape with good topline and tail. Moved very well. 3. Tassajara Noble, JW (Seidman/Hughes/Berkau) Very nice type Blenheim of the correct size. Good head shape with large eye, sort expression and good neck and shoulder. Rich colour but needs more coat. 4. Lilium Dahlia (Adkins) Well broken Blenheim. Good colour. Lovely eyes, good body and bone. Level topline and good tail set. Happy temperament.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (4)

1. Orchardhill Buy Me A Pony, JW (Venier) Glamorous tri in full coat, beautifully presented with very flashy markings. Very pretty head with lovely large dark eyes giving a gentle expression. Good neck, topline, tail and angulation. Lovely rich tan markings. Moved with style. Best Tricolour in Show 2. Darane Paradise City, JW (Kates) Neat little tri with a pretty head, large eye and straight silky coat. Very nice topline and tail and moved well. 3. Chadwick Pickety (Taub) Six years old and very feminine with a sweet expression. Nice size and shape. Wish she was a little more animated. 4. Blackfire Shows Class (Weidig/Kennedy) Larger type and well marked with a lovely neck, good eye and correct tail and topline.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (1)

1. Darane Red Sonja, JW (Kates) Another shapely Ruby from this kennel. Out of coat but has absolutely nothing to hide. Lovely head type with dark eye and nose pigment. Excellent topline and tail set. Ideal size with good body and bone. Well put together. Super rich colour. I must congratulate this exhibitor on the consistent quality of her wholecolours. They were a delight to go over.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (1)

1. Copperhill Miss Marcie (Rubino/Mitchell) Nice type with a pretty head. Large dark eye and good tail carriage. Nice bright tan. *Best Black & Tan Bitch*

Open Bitch (3)

1. Prima Quartett Bloody Mary (Bronowicka/Carter) Sweet feminine little tri girl with a lovely happy temperament. Nice size and shape with good neck and shoulder, short back, level topline and excellent tail carriage. Would prefer a little more filling under the eyes which were large dark and round. Moved well and totally at one with her handler. 2. Chadwick Winter Solstice (Eckersley) Another tri girl. Nice size with sweet expression. Not as good in front as one above. 3. Blackfire Trifecta (Weidig/Kennedy) Tri. Larger than those above. Five years old and in lovely condition. Well marked and out of coat. Such a happy temperament.

Senior Open Bitch (2)

1. Oggbrae Button Gwinnett (Bales) Eight year old Blenheim with the most gorgeous large dark eyes and beautiful expression. She is well broken with a lozenge. Needs a little more coat and moves very well. **2. Cobblestone Inga** (Lauve) Larger type Ruby. Lovely long ears, pretty face, good teeth and nose pigment.

Veteran Dog (3)

1. Chadwick Rhumba (Eckersley/Lauve) 13 year old well marked Blenheim in lovely condition. Large eyes and black nose. 2. Starwind Magic Moment (Kates) Very well broken tri. Large eye. Nice size, 10 years old. Moved very well. Nice happy temperament. 3. Chadwick Star Spangle Banner (Taub/Eckersley) Sweet Blenheim who was enjoying his day. Very happy and wagged constantly. Well marked with lovely eyes.

Veteran Bitch (3)

- **1. Ch Chadwick Bewitched At Blackfire** (Kennedy/Weidig) The ultimate showgirl! Very feminine with gorgeous eyes and lovely expression. I loved her shape and size. So well made with a good topline and tail and a wonderful happy temperament. Everything a Cavalier should be! Would love to have judged her in her prime. *Best Veteran in Show*
- 2. Chadwick Pinckney At Blackfire (Weidig/Eckersley) Nice size well marked tri. Sweet expression, large eye, good tail and topline. 3. Angel's Pride Nautical Nancy Of Chadwick (Comer/Greak) Larger Blenheim. Very soft expression. Large eye. Good coat and well marked.