

**CAVALIERS OF THE SOUTH
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NORMA INGLIS, CRAIGOWL CAVALIERS, UK**

It was exciting to come to Florida and judge for Cavaliers of the South, and the invitation by the Committee was much appreciated. The last time I was in Orlando was in 1989, when I attended the CKCSC USA National Specialty as a spectator. The late Rainy Brown from Scotland was the judge. So it was quite poignant to be back, and it was made even more special to meet up with a few members who had also been there in 1989 - Karen Zokovitch, Robbi Jones, Barbara Bailey and Anne Eckersley. Putting on a show takes hard work and dedication, and the “workers” deserve our gratitude for all they do. Pat Mixon and her band of Club helpers worked hard to make the weekend enjoyable and nothing was too much trouble. Thank you to all involved. Without the exhibitors and their dogs, there would be no show, so a big thank you to everyone who had entered and travelled. With Holiday festivities looming, it is a busy and expensive time of year for everyone. In the entry, my biggest concern, and one that appeared too regularly, was poor rear construction and movement. The drive and propelling force comes from the hindquarters, and cow hocks, weak pasterns, narrow pelvis, sloping croups, poorly set tails, and straight stifles do not lend themselves to correct rear construction. I hope this weakness can be addressed. Beautiful heads, lovely coats and sweet natures were the upside.

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1. **Huntland Honour (Land/Land)**
Richly coloured Blenheim baby just 5 month old, who should continue to impress as he develops. His foundations are sound. Appealed for attractive coat markings, neatly made body with good bone and a sweet, playful, nature. Ears set high framed a handsome face with dark expressive eyes, black nose, good teeth. Looked the part going around with elegant outline. Top line firm. He was having fun, but followed coaching well. Very promising.
2. **Bluetide Justin Time (Robbins/Figueroa)**
Another Blenheim, same age as winner, but at present rangier. Coat was cosmetically pleasing with well broken markings. Rich chestnut twined with pearly white. Well-schooled, he circled the ring with head held high, holding a level top line and neat tail carriage. Had a tendency to high step in front and winner’s expression appealed more. Typical Cavalier temperament, friendly and outgoing.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. **Truelegance Just Like Fire (Comer/Comer)**
Good looking tricolour of 11 months whose black blanket markings did not deter me from appreciating his qualities. A handsome boy with kind, generous expression coming from round, large eyes. Ears were long and well feathered and set to show the slight roundness of skull. Black nose pigment and bright tan points added more to his facial appeal. Promising quality coat, and texture was soft and silky. Good in outline with adequate front angulation

and well-turned stifles. Well sprung ribs with level top line. A bit wilful on the move, but he had moments when he allowed me to see his proficiency. BEST PUPPY DOG

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (2)

1. **Tudorose Charlie Bit My Finger** (Mixon/Cline)
Loved the attitude on this little Blenheim. Full of self-confidence. Ideal size and his textbook markings had clarity. Coat was silk like and a decent length for a puppy. Whilst head and expression were appealing would not want his nose any shorter, and a small piece of pigmentation has yet to fill. Nice eyes and plenty of cushioning. Huge lozenge. Looked good in all directions and had stronger rear hind action than #2. PS...all my fingers were intact after judging Charlie!
2. **Bellasins Made Magic** (Moser)
Another handsome boy, this one a tricolour. Generous head with mellow eyes giving a tranquil expression. Attractive well-spaced black and white markings with rich tan. Excellent pigment. Lots of good humour and he stepped out briskly holding a level top line. Tidy in front action, just not so convincing behind.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (2)

1. **Ch Jadestone Legend Has It, JW** (Peek)
Mature and full bodied 2 year old Blenheim who filled my eye. So much to like. A wealth of quality coat and underneath lay a neatly made body with admirable outline. Top line and tail set were of the best. A gentle faced boy with big, round eyes, deep brown in colour. Covered the ground in an easy, sound gait. Being small, must watch he doesn't carry excess weight. Scored over 2 on size and head properties. A real pin up with excellent breed type. A dog whom I admired as a puppy and he did not disappoint. Could win anywhere and his owner/breeder should be justifiably proud of him. The best here today.
BEST IN SHOW, WINNERS DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW
2. **Ch Tudorr Rhythm N Blues, JW** (Mixon)
2 years old solidly marked Blenheim. Exuberant showman, but his energy was well channelled and he impressed with good front and rear angulation. Good looking with long ears and appealing expression. Longer in back than winner and a size bigger.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)

1. **Linrica Milan, JW** (Liu)
A lovely example of the breed and should gain his title comfortably. Only 12 months, but the required ingredients were there. Spot on for size. Easy on the eye with a well-marked silky Blenheim coat. Pleasing head and expression that will continue to develop. Caught my eye standing, showing a balanced outline. Free and accurate mover with parallel drive from the rear. To top it all he was cheerful, evident by his wagging tail.

2. **Jayba Fun And Games** (Lyman/Lander/Lander)

Preferred the size and compactness of winner, but this boy had a lot in his favour. Rich coat colouring. Soft, mellow eyes set in a gentle face framed by long well feathered ears. Excellent nose pigment. A better upper arm would have positioned his front legs more under the body. Outgoing personality, so likeable and satisfying to handle.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (5)

1. **Rockcreek Mark Me First At Hiflt, JW** (Parris/Parris/Steagall)

This tasty Blenheim had travelled all the way from Alaska to the show, and overall, he had my admiration. What I loved...his size, short back with substance, colouring, silky coat texture, gentle, handsome face, deep pigmentation, excellent teeth, personality and he went well. A glamorous little dog. His croup could be better and tail carried to the side detracted a little, but the rest of him is all that I would want.

2. **Brookhaven The Dream Lives On at Finnickyskye** (Utych/Utych)

Another neatly made little Blenheim who scored in lots of areas. Attractive head, soft yet masculine. He was a cheeky chappy full of character. Well-marked and the chestnut was rich. Short back. Not the coat quality or furnishings of winner and at 18 months he now just needs finish to compete the picture. Handler needed to watch he doesn't slacken off in top line when standing.

3. **Bentwood Reason To Believe** (Barton/Harrison)

A quality Blenheim beautifully presented in lush coat. Certainly caught my attention and on closer inspection he had lots to like. Head was handsome, pigment was fabulous and his body parts fitted well together. Moved competently. A size smaller was what I wanted and his buoyant personality resulted in him flourishing his tail.

4. **Oggbrae Don Ottavio** (Bales/Bales)

5 year old Blenheim whose expression was so kind. The gentlest of souls and he was willing to please. Carried a bit of extra weight and his coat, whilst a good colour, was on the wavy side. Had no problem moving and he went well. A sweet boy full of Cavalier charm.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (3)

1. **Mimric American Heartthrob** (Bolster/Hodges)

Handsome boy showed in pristine condition. Ticked lots of boxes and I liked the richness of his straight, silky coat and dark expressive eyes. High set ears well feathered. Good balance of skull to muzzle. Presented a fluid outline and he was a convincing mover holding a level top line. Scored over 2 for rear movement. Showed with enthusiasm and looked a picture. ***RESERVE WINNERS DOG***, which I understand made him up.

2. **Tudorr Checkmate** (Mixon/Cline)

Lovely bright coat colour and deep nose pigment on this boy. Liked his size and medium bone. Sweet nature that showed in his waggly demeanour. Gentle face with long ears. Coat was not in full bloom and

- he was longer in back than #1.
3. **Toraylac Here's Hugo** (Cromer)
Eye catching 3 year old presented with a wealth of silky coat that was richly coloured. Longer and rangier and a size up from what I was looking for, but he has quality. Plenty of glamour on show and I liked his face and expression. Full of himself. Felt he was a tad heavy over the shoulders and his nose pigment was weaker than #1 and #2.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR DOG (1)

1. **Pascavale Dodger** (Jacks)
A lot to like about this boy who stood alone, but could hold his own in good competition, as he displayed many of the required elements. Mellow outlook with mid brown dark eyes. Loved his neatness. Super size with short back, round ribs and good substance. Especially liked his side gait where he showed a fluid outline and good tail carriage. Did all that was asked in a cheerful way. Useful little dog. Another whose presentation was first class. ***BEST TRICOLOUR DOG***

OPEN DOG (3)

1. **Ch Bonitos Companeros Vahir** (Lemon/Lemon)
2 year old glamorous Blenheim with a wealth of coat. Handsome head with soft expression and he showed willingly. Size was good and he presented a balanced outline with reachy neck and shoulders, top line and tail set all blended well together. Did not have the best coat presentation and grubby feet let him down. A happy boy who disappointed behind with a shuffling movement. Also needed to be kept on his toes in repose as he can slacken in top line.
2. **Ch Forestcreek Heart Of Rock N Roll, JW** (Painter/Cline)
It was a case of swings and roundabouts with these two Benhims. This good looking boy was just as appealing in head, with a lovely face. Dark, round eyes full of expression, long ears and a lively personality. A lesson in presentation, and his richly coloured coat was in immaculate condition and squeaky clean. Super size with good substance. On the go around, he stepped out smartly with a firm top line. Just preferred elegant neck and outline of winner, which clinched it.
3. **Castlekeep Paloma Sugar Daddy** (Carnes)
5 year old Blenheim, just larger than I was seeking. Put me in mind of a more old fashioned type, when the dogs shown were bigger and less refined. But his expression was true Cavalier and had great appeal. Gentle, generous and kind. Slight wave to his coat.

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (6)

1. **Bluetide Mia Passione** (Robbins)
At 5 months, the future looks rosy for this pretty poppet. Feminine headed Blenheim with excellent body shape, who moved out with purpose and precision. Super size, short backed with enough substance. Has a lot going for her with sound foundations and good Cavalier characteristics.

Outline was best in class and she has plenty of scope. Only a baby and she had play moments, but her performance got better and better and by the end of the day she knew what was being asked of her. **BEST PUPPY BITCH and BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**

2. **Rutherford Ursuula** (Jones)
Very pleasing face on this little Blenheim. As pretty as a picture with glorious dark eyes. Only 7 months old and was easy on the eye in her well-broken coat that was soft, silky and well prepared. Compact with good ribs. Happy go lucky nature. Not as free in movement as winner.
3. **Ellemich Exotic** (Land/Land)
A bonny black tricolour with narrow white collar who showed well with plenty of panache. Good for size and with her soft, dark eyes had lots of appeal in expression. Not much blaze, but this did not detract. Plenty of soft, silky furnishings and her black was jet, complimented by rich tan. Smart outline standing but strutting front action let her down.
4. **Stepamgar Parfait At Parkmor** (Fry)
Friendly Blenheim only 5 months old with high set ears and slight rounding to skull, which was in good balance to muzzle. Mid chestnut coat markings. Well bodied, but must not be allowed to get too heavy.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. **Nightingale Against The Wind** (Curley)
Lots to like on this Blenheim. Attractively marked, spot on for size, delightful expression. Compact with rounded rib cage. Best mover in class, but needed to be kept on her toes as she can slouch. A lovely girl who pushed hard for Best Puppy Bitch. Spoilt by her whites having a bluish tinge and I was glad to see over the next couple of days that her natural pearly white coat had returned.
2. **Marjorelle Rumour Has It** (Conley)
Blenheim blessed with good looks. Delicious expression. Scored for eyes and pigment and femininity. Looked the part standing with smart outline and her heavier markings showed how firm she was in top line. Disappointing on the move, especially behind.
3. **Jemanda Autumnhill Copper Penny** (Weinstein/Parente)
Rich red Ruby shown in fine fettle with excellent pigment. Closing her eye somewhat and untidy tail carriage pegged her back. 10 months old and was happy to show off her attributes in a willing relaxed manner.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (6)

1. **Parkmor Rendition** (Fry)
Pretty Blenheim with good breed type and a pleasing expression. Feminine and sweet. Very attractive body shape with correct neck and shoulders. Stepped out with accuracy and impressed both coming and going. Not quite in tune with her handler who could reap rewards with more practice, but what I saw I liked.

2. **Truelegance Shiloh Moon** (Comer/Comer)
Thought this Blenheim was my class winner, as she stood showing a super outline with elegant neck, well placed shoulders, straight top line and good angled rear. Very stylish on the move and she caught my eye with a coat of bright, rich chestnut and white. Temperament was good. Lost out to winner's expression. Stylish exhibit with many plus points.
3. **Tudorr La Dolce Angela** (Mixon/Mixon/Cline)
Without exception, the dogs from this kennel were presented in first rate condition. Their coats were spotless and gleamed and were well adjusted in temperament. This sweet faced Blenheim with mellow expression was a glorious colour and stepped out smartly. Just pegged back by being longer in body than I was seeking.
4. **Bonitos Companeros Josephine of Welmforth** (Lasser)
Lightly marked Blenheim with soft expression and nice eyes. She was amiable and attentive to her owner. A good size and moved with an accurate gait. Coat not in bloom and lost out on presentation.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (2)

“A class of two but hotly contested”

1. **Ch Kean La Ti Da, JW** (Keane)
This delicious Blenheim fitted the bill, having all the essentials I was looking for. A pretty girl with the softest of expressions. Dark, round eyes, full of animation. Alert and willing to show herself off, she impressed standing, and showed a clean sweep outline. Neck, shoulders, top line and tail set all flowed together beautifully. Moved with style and was good both coming and going. To be picky her uber long ears worked a little against her and seemed to weigh her down when moving. A small sacrifice, as she is fortunate to have been blessed with super breed type, good furnishings and solid construction. **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, WINNERS BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH**
2. **Ch Autumnhill Desire Me, JW** (Parente)
A lovely ruby full of quality. Her face, framed by long ears, was her fortune. Loved the gentle expression and eyes were big and dark and round. Not just a pretty face as her outline was balanced with neck, shoulders, top line and tail, all merging well. A lot of bounce and she covered the ring with confidence. Not in her best bib and tucker today and came face to face with winner who was in sparkling form.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (5)

1. **Rosearbor Bijou** (Eckersley)
18 month old black/tan. Many whole colours can display overdone head properties. This petite bitch is the result of a tricolour/black and tan mating and has inherited correctness in head type. Pretty with unexaggerated face features. A happy girl who was an accurate mover putting her front and rear angulation to good use. Level top line. Considered in the final challenge, marginally

preferring croup of the Winners. **BEST BLACK-AND-TAN IN SHOW, BEST BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH**

2. **Forestcreek Keira Knightley** (Mixon/Jacks)
Well broken Blenheim, 15 months old with sweet expression and gentle eyes. I liked her and her type and breed points were excellent, but she needed more self-belief. Decent mover with good neck and shoulders. A bit portly today.
3. **Azalearun Red Hot Valentine** (Schilling)
Ruby turning a year. Adored her colourings. Straight, silky coat that was a true rich red. Vibrant and gleaming. Nose pigment was dense black, so lovely to see on a ruby. Round, dark eyes and she had an inquisitive, animated expression. Longer in back than ideal.
4. **Tudorose Legend Of The Primrose Princess** (Mixon/Mixon)
A mere babe at 7 months and giving away a lot on maturity and development to her competitors. Showed herself off well and her neat compact body shape appealed. Shiny black coat with rich tan. A pretty girl, very feminine. Preferred angles of those above.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (4)

1. **Tudorr Rock Hill Peach Tea** (Mixon)
Loved the elegance of this Blenheim. A convincing mover who circled the ring with proud head carriage. Had good neck, shoulders, and top line was level. Attractive facial features and lovely dark eyes. Another from this exhibitor who turned out each dog in fabulous condition. I liked her a lot, and little I would alter.
2. **Brookhaven Beckett** (Land/Land)
A dinky Blenheim. 2 years old yet looked like a puppy. Everything was there but in pocket size. Rich chestnut, round dark eyes, level top line and her stance showed good angles fore and aft.
3. **Mimric Fiddle Dee Dee, JW** (Hodges/Perkins)
A bigger girl and, for me, less feminine than #1 or #2. I liked her depth of colouring and her coat presentation was first class. A decent mover.
4. **Oggbrae Donna Elvira** (Bales/Bales)
Gentle faced Blenheim with lots of Cavalier charm. 5 years old and could benefit from losing some weight over the shoulders (not easy to shift). Coat was a touch unruly but this can be rectified. Enjoying herself.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (1)

1. **Brookhaven Lucky Penny** (Schilling/Ayers)
Smart 6 year old whose coat was still rich red and her black pigment was admirable. Had the prettiest of expressions with glorious eyes and her outline was clean. A good show girl who went

through her paces happily displaying an even temperament. A little untidy going away. Will make an attractive Veteran as she carries her years lightly. **BEST RUBY IN SHOW**

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (1)

Darane True Colors (Kates)

2 years old. Feminine and petite just what I like and she appealed for her tidy shape. Coat shone with wellbeing displayed a sunny disposition wagging her way through the class. I felt that a bit more filling was needed beneath to enhance expression. A pleasing silhouette and she was a decent mover.

OPEN BITCH (2) Two Champions and placing them in order was not easy

1. Ch Linrica Just A Dream, JW (Liu)

Tidy little Tricolour. So feminine in outlook and her neatness and size appealed. Liked the balance of her skull to muzzle and she had pretty eyes. Marked to advantage she caught the eye and her construction was sound. Super top line on the move. Coat of a reasonable length but a bit sparse on the tail. 2 years old and very keen in attitude. Loved her enthusiasm. **BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOUR BITCH**

2. Ch Carmas Penne Pasta At Crizwood (Moulton/Wornall)

Well known Blenheim who is an old favourite of mine. Will be turning 6 soon and can rest on her laurels as she has had an illustrious show career. Put up a great show and gives 100%. Lots of glamour and beautifully put down. Her well-marked coat gleamed with condition. Refined expression with gentle eyes and long ears. Her head even sported a lozenge. Strode out with a purpose. Size of winner pleased me more. A bitch to be proud and one for the history books. Look forward to seeing her in the Veteran classes.

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. Ch Chesham A Minute Of Your Time, JW (Taub/Eckersley)

Ultra feminine 7 years old Blenheim with the prettiest head here today. Goes back on Maibee Montrose and she reminded me of our own Craigowl Vera Cruz. Glorious for Breed type. Eyes were large dark and soulful. Good filling below eyes and just the correct balance of skull to muzzle. Long ears and flattish skull. No exaggeration in head properties with every element combining well to give the desired expression. Small with blanket markings and a white collar. She trotted around the ring with great accuracy and style. Nose pigment could be stronger but she impressed greatly and I felt unable to leave her out of the top awards. A sweet and happy girl. **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH**

VETERAN DOG (1)

Karvale Brookhaven Finn (Utych)

8 and a half years old Blenheim who was sprightly and light footed. Presented in wonderful condition and his attractive coat showed the care that is clearly lavished upon him. Impressive dentition. A glamour boy whose expression had great appeal. Eyes of the best. There was a jauntiness to him, seen in his movement. He went up and down and round and round and could have gone on for much longer. Such was his zest. A satisfying ***BEST VETERAN IN SHOW***

VETERAN BITCH (1)

Oggbrae Button Gwinnett (Bales/Bales)

A pretty Blenheim, 13 and a half years young, who showed all the appeal of our breed and stepped out with style and a certain amount of gusto. Half years are very important to the very young and those in the twilight years. This old girl was fit and agile. A sweet face with gorgeous eyes full of trust that would melt the hardest heart. A lovely oldie shown in splendid coat who was enjoying her outing.