CKCSC, USA National Specialty 10/20/12, Parsippany, NJ Judge: Kevan Berry (Ricksbury)

I was thrilled to be invited to judge the National, a plum appointment. So I would like to say a big thank you to the hard working committee. In this large entry it gave me no satisfaction to see lovely exhibits going unplaced, many I am sure will have better days ahead. I would like to give credit to the breeders for their attention to detail, for instance eyes were far better here than the UK, however, I was concerned at the number of very small teeth, and long backs are becoming very common in the breed, more so in the UK. Many thanks to all the exhibitors who had travelled many miles to show under me, it was greatly appreciated.

### Junior Puppy Dog (13)

- **1. Truluv Carlos** (Nikaci) What a start to my day. Only 6 months richly marked Blen, with a beautiful head, lovely body, should not be too much to go wrong with this exhibit. Had a delightful temperament and sound free movement. One I would like to own. *Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show*
- **2. Quail Run Ranier** (Kornhi) A close call between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. A well broken Blen of good construction. Has excellent sound bone, a sweet head and a large dark eye. Well pigmented and like 1 had that happy disposition which is so desirable. **3. Windnsea Starbucks** (Sutton) A very promising puppy, well marked Blen of good colour, has a nice clean outline, lovely eye and expression, just not as settled on the move as 1 and 2. **4. Charnell Tomfoolery** (Gentil) Lovely size. Promise of good coat, A well balance dog, with a lovely head and a happy temperament.

### Senior Puppy Dog (6)

1. Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros (Magera/Mitchell) A lovely puppy of great promise. Full of breed type and quality, and a perfect Ruby colour. Dark pigmentation, lovely eye and expression, Needs time to reach full potential. Sound happy mover, should do well. 2. Chewcreek Three Amigos Dusty Bottoms (DePhillip) Well broken Blen of good colour, nice bone, just the smallest of details separated these 2. 3. Aubinwood Barkley (Henderson/Gibson) Another well broken Blen of good colour. Nice size. Excellent bone. A trio of nice youngsters. 4. Toraylac Desperado (Rychlik) A sound well broken Blen. Does not need to grow on any more.

### **Graduate Puppy Dog (7)**

1. Mimric Consensus , JW (Hodges/Perkins) A top class Blen of lovely colour, beautiful head and large dark eyes. Excellent pigmentation. Good neck and shoulders. Ideal body proportions, so well balanced and sound on the move. Should do well. 2. Bonitos Comaneros Kaleo at Dirochavon (Bialek) Again, lovely dog of nice type. Good eye giving the desired soft gentle expression. Excellent pigmentation once again. A dog of lovely size that was well presented. Being critical, I would like him a little shorter in back. 3. Avia Smooth Criminal (Poti) Black and Tan. Lovely head, large dark eyes. A good looking dog in good coat and condition. Would just like a little stronger back action. 4. Infinidad Grandville Te Amo (Grandemange) Black and Tan, with nice flat skull. Large dark eye, good bone, little longer than the ones above.

### Novice Dog (4)

1. Sherah Armani (Huffman) Good tri, with lovely eye, and has beautiful tan. A little unsettled movement wise, that said he is sound. Could have been better put down i.e. his coat needs attention. 2. Mileslip With A Little Luck of Tailgate (Skidmore) Ruby. Only 8 months old, so coat needs to clear. Nice size, long enough. 3. Darane Suddenly Seymour (Kates) Small well broken Blen, again only 8 months, so he too needs time to reach his potential. Lacking a little in body to the ones above. 4. Markly Double Play (Storey) Longer backed Blen in good coat, and also moving a little close behind. Has a good temperament, and sweet head eye and expression.

# **Bred By Exhibitor Dog (8)**

1. Ch Veribas Point Break (Cusick) Top class Tri of wonderful breed type. Lovely eye, set in a balanced skull. Great show temperament. A gleaming black shining coat, and lovely rich tan. This dog ticks all the boxes, and was close up for top honours today. 2. Ch Piccadil Peppermint Twist (York) Lovely Blen, so well presented. Good head, nice neck and shoulders. Level topline, just sailed round the ring. 3. Ch Chadwick Passion Puzzle (Carter/Eckersley) Similar remarks apply. Coat a little unruly today, and he is like me, carrying a little bit of excess weight. 4. Cambridge Dream Weaver (Magera/Mitchell) Black and Tan. Moves ok. In lovely bloom. His coat texture felt a little coarse. It was nice to see another whole colour with a nice flat skull.

### Junior American Bred Dog (8)

**1. Forestcreek Louisiana Lagniappie** (Cline) Well broken Blen in good coat, and condition. Sweet head, good pigment. Level back. Moved so well and is the correct size. **2. Chadwick Snow Drift at** 

**Woodbury, JW** (Redniss) Another well broken and well balance dog. Has a good level topline, and lots more to like about him. Full of breed quality. **3. Orchardhill Only Human** (Venier) Not as well turned out as 1 and 2, this well broken Blen has good coat texture, has lovely round dark eye, and sadly it was the dampness around the eyes. Overall good balance on this dog. **4. Picketfence Moonlight Kiss** (Frey) Richly mark Blen of good make and shape. Lovely eye and pigment, but lacked coat. Liked his size, I was slightly concerned about his tail carriage.

### American Bred Dog (5)

1. Nightingale Wish Upon a Star at Nebyula (Birbeck) Lovely size Blen that moved so well. A very well constructed dog, again with a lovely head, and kind soft expression coming from large dark eyes. Good pigmentation. Can be a little proud of his tail. 2. Brookhave Jessie (Parente/Ayers) This richly marked Blen is of good breed type. Lovely size. Has a happy disposition. He just tends to fall away over the croup. 3. Darane Smooth Criminal at Nightingale (Mulligan) When this dog first walked in the ring, I thought he was my winner. A Black and Tan of lovely quality. Has a lovely head, eye and expression. Excellent rich tan. Handles well on the table, but for some reason went to pieces on the move. 4. Truluv Mambo (Bronowicka/Carter/Nikaci) Nice sized Blen. Good breed type. A little longer in back, than the ones above.

#### Second Generation American Bred Dog (4)

1. Nightingale Jackson Browne (Birmingham) A very sound and free moving Blen. A lovely coat of correct texture. Generous head that was nicely balanced, as was the body. Lots to like about him. 2. Jayba Southern Voices at Autumnhill (Hayes/Parente) Similar in type to winner. Good head, nice eye and expression. Has sound free movement. 3. Kellene The Black Orlov (Carter) Nice size Tri in good coat and condition. The head is pleasing. He has the correct stop. 4. Welmforth Fame Becomes Me (Lasser) Not pulling out all the stops on the move today. He has a pleasant head, and a lovely eye and expression. A true toy spaniel who loved his Mum.

#### Health & Conformation Dog (3)

**1. Ch Grantilley Take That** (Adair) Anyone not knowing, what good construction is, I suggest they take a good hard look at this dog. Impressive in outline. Sound and positive in his movement, a credit to the breed. *Best Veteran in Show* **2. Sevenwoods Highfield Dune** (Shidler) Not the coat of 1. Again, lovely dog, just a little unsteady in front movement. **3. Angel's Pride Mini Cooper** (Gregory) Slightly plainer in head, compared to 1 and 2. Good sound mover.

### Special Limit Blenheim Dog (6)

Alberica Duke of Earl (Crommett) Nice headed Blen dog of the correct size, well constructed.
 Sound mover. In good coat and condition.
 Chantismere Caruso of Chadwick (Eckersley) A well marked Blen with a pleasing head. Sound free mover. Just tended to lose his topline a little at times.
 Pascavale Jackson (Cline) Nice body, good head. Excellent size, and moved and showed to advantage.
 Toraylac Bravado for Kean (Keane) Well presented sound moving, with good bone. Just up to size.

### Special Limit Tricolor Dog (2)

- **1. Bozi V.H. Lamslag** (York) Lovely size, and so sound. Has a good head with large dark appealing eyes. Good arched neck. Has a level topline. Sound as a bell, has an excellent tail set and croup. A well balanced dog of immense quality. I was happy to award him *Reserve Winners Dog*, *Best Tricolor Dog*.
- **2. Dreamvale Smart As The Dickens, JW** (Warshaw/Sage) Lovely size and so sound. A handsome boy with a pleasing head, and good large round dark eyes. Not quite the freedom in movement as the winner

# Special Limit Ruby Dog (4)

1. AutunmHill Spencer (Weinstein/Parente) Lovely type, good head. Lovely colour. Dog of ideal size with good bone. Needs a little more coat to reach full potential. 2. Grandville Paddington Bear. JW (Grandemange) Nice type, would like a richer colour. Lovely eye with good pigmentation. Overall nicely balanced. A little close behind. 3. Kellene Cranberry Sauce (Weiss/Marshallo Out of coat, but what he had was of good colour and texture. Had a delightful temperament, and is of the correct size. 4. Copperhill Romeo (Mitchell) Lacks body, but good type. Pleasant head with a kind eye. Good for size. Needs coat.

# Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (3)

**1. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci at Nebyula** (Birbeck) 3 Nice Black and Tans colourwise.. This one lost his topline. A slight roach, but was sound. *Best Black & Tan in Show 2.* Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Schilling) Another pleasant headed dog, with a lovely eye. And like the winner, tended to lose his back line on the move. **3. Mileslip Licorice, JW** (Skidmore) Nice type. Good for size. A little close in rear.

Open Dog (12) Nice class of lovely boys.

- 1. Miletree Northern Star at Shirmont (Henry/George) In excellent coat and condition. This dog is so well balanced, has a beautiful head, with huge dark eyes that are most appealing. Dense pigmentation. Excellent neck and shoulders leading to a spirit level top line. Has good tail set and croup. This dog is so well balanced, and has that big ring presence about him. I was delighted to finally get my hands on him, and it gave me great pleasure to award him Best in Show. Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show
- **2.** Ch Chadwick Scotch on the Rocks at Hudsonview, JW (Yassky/Glynn) A well broken Blen of lovely type and quality. Like the winner, has a certain presence in the big ring. He too has perfect balance. Great freedom in movement, displaying reach and drive. **3.** Ch Orchardhill Charismatic (Venier/Hodgkinson) Full marks for presentation. In full coat that was of the correct texture, and it gleamed. This tricolour dog is of beautiful breed type and quality. Would have liked sounder back action, but I was nit picking in this class. **4.** Ch Aranel Revalation (Wells) Nice size Blen of lovely breed type and quality. Lovely head that was so well balanced, as was his body. Displayed good temperament. He was not disgraced standing 4<sup>th</sup> in this strong class.

### Senior Open Dog (2)

**1. Chadwick Top Billing** (Eckersley) Well marked Blen, showing the lasting qualities in the breed. So sound, in good body condition, a credit to the breed. **2 Taron Brandys Ricky at Carlen** (Close) Black and Tan in nice condition. Lovely size. Again moving and showing well.

### **Junior Puppy Bitch (13)**

- **1. Piccadil Destined To Be Rich** (York) Ultra sound baby, with lovely body. Good eye, excellent pigmentation. Lovely neck and shoulders, leading to a level topline. Sound as a bell, and with great construction, hence could not put a foot wrong. *Best Puppy Bitch*
- **2. Darane Jezebel** (Glasgow/Kates) Tricolour with a lovely head, with a kind dark eye and a happy disposition. Retained a level top line on the move. A promising puppy. **3. Bentwood Chloe of Forestcreek** (Cline/Harrison) Very much the baby in this class, with all that fluffy coat. A promising puppy with a sweet eye and expression, and she showed confidently. **4. Nightingale Gold Digger** (Mulligan) Blen of good colour. Needs to learn the job in hand, but should do well being of the correct make and shape.

### Senior Puppy Bitch (8)

1. Cobbhill Golden Marguerite (Brunson) A richly marked Blen. Lovely head type, beautiful expression. Has good bone and excellent balance. A nice bitch. 2. Almeara Scrumdillyicious (Whitmire) A tricolour in lovely bloom. So sound, and unlucky to meet the winner. Had good bone, and a delightful temperament. A lovely bitch. 3. Copperhill Witchy Woman (Mitchell) Sound free moving ruby of the correct size. Had good overall balance. A pleasant head, with good eye and expression. 4. Cobbhill Cymbidium (Brunson) Correct size Blen of good colour. Needs a little more filling under the eyes.

### **Graduate Puppy Bitch (5)**

1. Starmare I Believe (Hooper) The winner of this class was such a well balanced tricolour in good coat and condition. Lovely size. Full of breed type and quality. Showed and moved well. 2. Sunjays Annabella (Hellman) Blen, again of good breed type. Perhaps a little longer in back than winner, but she displayed good overall balance on the move. 3. Linrica Alice in Wonderland (Liu) Lovely size. Has lovely eyes and expression. Good pigmentation. Sadly like many more, she fell away over the croup. 4. Pinecrest Mountain Dew (Rosenberg) Nice type Blen. Coat coming in nicely. Once again, a little longer in back.

### Novice Bitch (4)

**1.** Clopsville Santa Ana (Rychlik) Well broken Blen of good type. Large dark eyes, good pigmentation. Lovely size. Nice bitch. **2.** Sherah Burlesque (Crommett) Tricolour in good coat and condition. Lovely eyes. Nice size. Not as free on the move as 1, but a very nice bitch. **3.** Lynsfaire Spread the News (Fairchild) Pretty headed Tri with nice expression. Good for size. Went well when settled. **4.** Dreamvale Kisses On The Bottom (McCauley/Sage) A very raw baby, light marked Blen that needs time to reach her full potential.

### **Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (5)** Four lovely bitches.

1. Ch Jayba Buttons N Bows (Lander) A really lovely Blen that is so Ricksbury. There is nothing to dislike about her, so correct in all departments. 2. Ch Orchardhill Buy Me a Pony, JW (Venier) A lovely Tricolour so well presented, in beautiful coat and condition. Lovely breed type and quality. Sound and free on the move. Would just like her a size smaller. 3. Truluv Hugs N Kisses (Nikaci) Well marked Blen of lovely type and quality. Could have put more into the proceedings. A really lovely bitch. 4. Ch Darane Billie Jean (Kates) Ruby of great quality. Has lovely bone. Correctly constructed. This showed up particularly on the move. Best Ruby in Show

#### **Junior American Bred Bitch (4)**

1. Chadwick Paparazzi, JW (Matos) Pleasant headed Blen with good dark eyes and pigment. Has sound free movement. A little long but otherwise ok. 2. Nightingale Kit Kat (Mulligan) A well marked Blen of good size. Good bone. Sound and positive on the move. 3. Brookhaven In The Garden (Ayers/Martz) Another well marked Blen. Sweet head and good pigment. Nice body proportions. Just lost her outline on the move. 4. Kalais Pirate's Booty (Hess) A very raw black and tan, with the prettiest dark eyes and good bright tan. She needs time to go higher.

### American Bred Bitch (11)

1. Jayba Tres Jolie, JW (Lander) Great Blen of wonderful type. A lovely outline. Gorgeous eyes, another bitch I would like to own. Sound and free on the move. 2. Nightingale Sun Kissed Rose of Cantia (Kent) Well marked Blen, of wonderful make and shape, Well broken coat. This sound free moving bitch has a happy disposition. 3. Truluv Aria (Nikaci) Lovely size. Well marked Blen. Good eye and expression,. Clear and even face markings. Has a well turned stifle, and neat rear pasterns. 4. Truluv Giselle of Foxwyn (Fox) Blenheim with big dark and expressive eyes. Happy and outgoing. This was another strong class.

### Second Generation American Bred Bitch (3)

1. Nightingale Kismet at Kyneslane, JW (Pauplackas) Another well coated Blen. Balanced head, well set eyes, giving a sweet expression. Nice neck and shoulders. Lovely size. A sound free mover. 2. Licketysplit Lughnasa (Geoghegan) Well marked Blen of good type, and once again, beautiful large dark eyes. Just not the coat of the winner. 3. Kalais Ruby Vixen (Hess) Nice size. Good breed type. A quality bitch. Unfortunately lacking in body.

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

**1. Ch Chadwick Laphroaig, JW** (Eckersley) I would like to see more support in these health classes, as this day and age when we are more aware of health. Great blen and so sound. She is an excellent mover. Lovely eyes and dark pigmentation. Has a wonderful show temperament.

#### Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (9)

1. Orchardhill Indiscreet, JW (Venier) Good type Blen. Lovely eyes and dense pigmentation. Good neck and shoulders, has excellent top line tail set and croup. Would like her a little bit shorter, but overall a well balanced bitch. 2. Pascavale Kira (Cline) Lovely size Blen with kind dark eye and good pigmentation. Full of breed type and quality. She could portray herself a little better. 3. and 4. Bonitos Companeros Tianna Nannini (Adair), and Gayhalo Mosaic (Ayers/Martz) Two lovely Blens with little to separate them. Both of lovely size. Both possessed the most beautiful heads with large dark eyes. Both of them followed breed type and quality, and I have to say both not going well behind today. Two lovely bitches nonetheless.

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

1. Benchmark Brilliance at Briarcrest (Van Luchene) A sound and free moving bitch, and while she lacked a little coat, has excellent construction. A lovely eye and expression, has good bright tan. Good neck and shoulders. A confident happy mover, displaying all the characteristics of the breed. 2. Prima Quartett Bloody Mary (Bronowicka/Carter) Many of the same remarks apply to the one above. Just felt she lacked neck. 3. Darane Paradise City, JW (Kates) Small well balanced bitch with a sweet expression. Just not the head of 1 and 2.

## Special Limit Ruby Bitch (3)

**1.** Kalais Momma Mia (Hess/Casey/Cornog) Well bodied, pleasant head. Large dark appealing eyes, that was so expressive. Good overall breed type that moved soundly. **2.** Liane's Xaviera, JW (Poti) Not in the coat of winner, but of good breed type and of ideal size. **3.** Bryndael Carlen Rosie Hart (Close) A good colour, and of the correct texture. Not moving as well as the 2 above.

### Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (4)

1. Avia Camellia (Poti) This bitch was the best bitch in the class, type wise. Such a nice eye and expression. Rich bright tan. A little more length of leg would work. Best Black & Tan Bitch 2. Fair Oaks Tomnee Calendar Girl (Meager) Overall a nicely balance bitch, moving a little bit close behind today. 3. Copperhill Miss Marcie (Rubino/Mitchell) Nice size. Pretty bitch, not in show bloom. 4. Lynsfaire Carolina Girl (Sams) No comments given.

Open Bitch (10) Judging does not get tougher or more pleasurable than this.

1. Ch Jayba Black Eyed Susan (Lander) Stunning Tricolour of great type and quality. I loved everything about her. She could win anywhere in the world. A great credit to the breed. The only thing wrong with her is, she does not belong to me. I was delighted to award her Winners Bitch, and to see her win the same award the next day. Well done. Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Tricolor in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show

2. Ch Aranel With Love, JW (Flower Foster) Stunning Blen of great quality, full of breed type. Unlucky to meet the outstanding winner, who was in top form. Has a lovely head, beautiful eyes giving a soft gentle expression. Good pigmentation, well balanced throughout. She displays all the

characteristics of a top bitch, and I was pleased to award her Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Blenheim Bitch.

**3. Ch Chadwick Embrace, JW** (Eckersley) Blen of the highest order. Again with a beautiful head and soft pretty expression.. Excellent pigmentation. Lovely arched neck, and level topline. Nice tail set and croup. Good angulated hindquarters. Neat pasterns. Moved and showed beautifully. **4. Ch Miletree Wendy McKenzie at Shirmont, JW** (Henry) Completing what was one of the strongest classes I have judged in bitches. Lovely Blen whose coat was of a soft silky texture. Has a well balance body, a great show ring attitude. You have to decide between 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and she did fall away over the croup a little. I was splitting hairs.

# Senior Open Bitch (3)

1. Ch Chadwick Moonshine (Eckersley) Still has that lovely sparkle that one likes to see. A bitch of ideal size who was enjoying every minute of her big ring appearance. 2. Sherah Hanna and Her Sisters (Crommett) Tricolour of nice size type and quality. 3. Oggbrae Button Gwinnett (Bales) This bitch had the most lovely eyes so dark and appealing. Again of nice size. Would have liked a richer chestnut.

#### Veteran Dog (5)

1. Ch Grantilley Take That (Adair) See Health & Conformation Dog. *Best Veteran in Show* 2. Sevenwood Highfield Dune (Shidler) See Health & Conformation Dog. 3. Chadwick Top Billing (Eckersley) See Senior Open Dog. 4. Chadwick Jack In The Box (Storey) Tri colour of nice size. Happy and outgoing in temperament. Enjoying his day out.

#### Veteran Bitch (4)

1. Ch Chadwick Moonshine (Eckersley) See Senior Open Bitch. 2. Sherah Hanna and Her Sisters (Crommett) See Senior Open Bitch. 3. Angels Pride Nautical Nancy of Chadwick (Eckersley) This bitch looked good going round in lovely coat and condition. A credit to her owner. 4. Ch Chadwick Bewitched at Blackfire (Kennedy/Weidig) Going well with a happy disposition, and that naughty little sparkle in her eye still.