

## CAVALIERS OF THE MIDWEST, LEXINGTON, KY

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Kudos to Aloha and the CMW for pulling off a great show despite the inclement weather while carefully following health protocols. I had a wonderful time going over an entry full of quality though small in number and appreciate the graciousness shown by all exhibitors. Overall, the entry stood out for breed type, presentation, and glamour. In particular I found almost every cavalier shown to have large, round, dark eyes without a hint of white, which was not the case 30 years ago when I joined the CKCSC. Most of the entry had the correct shape and balance, though I continue to see those who are longer in loin. Many of those also carried an overabundant coat which creates a long, low silhouette. This trend paired with stronger, dome shaped fore skulls and deep stops creates a very pretty, glamorous dog, but one that for me does not adhere to the breed standard. In the end I found plenty who were of outstanding quality and was spoiled for choice in both the dog and bitch challenges.

*David Frederick*

## DOG CLASSES

### SENIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

- 1) **CHADWICK PURSUIT OF PERFECTION** (Eckersley) Lovely mature blenheim just shy of 1 year, he was presented in lovely coat of correct texture. I found his masculine head with big dark eyes and rich pigment very pleasing and he had the correct slightly off-square shape called for. He was solid on the move with nice rear angulation. He was my **BEST PUPPY DOG,** **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW,** one to watch for sure.
- 2) **BROOKHAVEN ALMOST PARADISE** (Ayers/Martz) At 9 months old this puppy was less mature in head and body than the class winner, but he also had correct shape and outline. A strong mover, he carried an abundant coat for a youngster. His eyes were stunning and his fore skull and stop correct, but the overall appearance was a bit more feminine than I prefer on the day. I suspect that will come with time.

### GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (2)

- 1) **ORCHARDHILL WHY STOP NOW?** (Venier/Venier/Johns) This glamorous boy was one I short-listed in the challenge. Fully mature at almost 18 months and in lovely coat, he oozed breed type. He was well made with nice angulation front and rear which he put to good use on the move. He was presented to perfection and just edged out for a major by two boys who were a bit cobbler with more moderate, masculine heads.
- 2) **GRANSIL GOLDEN DELICIOUS** (Gentil) A richly colored ruby barely 1 year old, this happy fellow didn't quite have the finish and maturity of the winner. He was correct for size and shape with nicely angled shoulders flowing into a level topline with correct tailset. Solid on the move with a lovely rear, he has all of the essentials for top honors once he bodies up and matures.

### NOVICE DOG (1)

- 1) **ATHERCROFT SEAQUINN JACQUARD** (Anderson/Anderson) A lightly marked 4 year old blenheim, this sporty boy was a bit of a throwback in type with a head that brought to mind some

of the classic dogs from the Crisdig kennel. He was correct in size and shape but did not hold together as well on the move.

### **BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG** (3)

- 1) **CHADWICK BEST SELLER II** (Eckersley/Reed) This was one of two who really caught my eye in the challenge. He ticked the boxes for the breed standard with a moderate head which was nicely cushioned, large dark eyes, great pigment and rich chestnut, as well as a nice cobby shape with great bone and substance. What really stood out for me was his presence on the move. I am a sucker for a well made cavalier with the reach and drive that gives an elegant outline and sporting movement. I was pleased to have him as my **RESERVE WINNERS DOG & BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG.**
- 2) **BROOKHAVEN JUSTIFIED** (Ayers/Martz) Smaller, pretty blenheim this boy was a nice size and exemplifies much of what breeders and judges are looking for in cavaliers today. He was quite glamorous with a full coat and gorgeous eyes set in pretty head that featured more foreskull and a deeper stop than I prefer.
- 3) **PAMMAR I LOVE THE WAY YOU LOVE ME** (Charen) Correct for size and bone, this exhibit had deep rich color and a nicely cushioned head with lovely eyes. He had a nice profile standing but did not hold together as well on the move.

### **AMERICAN BRED DOG** (3)

- 1) **FOXWYN FINE YOUNG GENT** (Guzy/Fox) Another nice blenheim who was richly marked with a nice shape and profile. He had a correct moderate head with big melting eyes. In the challenge he couldn't match my ultimate winners on the move.
- 2) **LOWILANI RED LABEL** (Brokopp) I liked the generous, sweet expression of this 2 year old blenheim. He was longer in loin and lacked the rich pigment of the class winner.
- 3) **BROOKHAVEN MR. TAMBORINE MAN JW** (Ayers/Ayers/Martz) This dog was very much my type with the correct shape and substance and a moderate head accented by lovely eyes and a nicely cushioned muzzle. Though he moved strongly from the rear, his side gait was off which spoiled his profile in motion.

### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG** (2)

- 1) **IVYLINE MACKINTOSH** (Giampapa) This 2 1/2 year old blenheim had what I believe to be the prototype of the correct male cavalier head. From the near level skull without dominess of foreskull to the moderate stop and well cushioned muzzle and the large, dark eyes with richly pigmented rims everything was exactly as it should be. Add to that a short coupled frame with correct bone and tailset that looked lovely in outline standing and on the move and he was just what I was looking for. As a dog that is really at his best in motion, he really hit his stride in the challenge. He and the RWD were very similar in type and I was thrilled to find them both in this small entry. **WINNERS DOG, BEST IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED & BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW.**
- 2) **LEGENDCREST FINNICKYSKYE DREAM CATCHER JW, MP** (Utych/Utych) This pretty boy was a bit better for size than the winner and another that was very much to the breed standard. He had a richly colored, well broken coat of correct length and texture and was sound on the move. His head was pretty without being extreme, though not as masculine as the winner. He seemed a bit unsure in the ring today and I am sure he will fare better another day.

### **SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (2)**

- 1) **NORTHPOINTE ON SAFARI** (Mitchum) It was wonderful to find a nicely broken tricolor with such rich tan markings. He had very nice angulation front and rear and really pushed off with great drive on the move. He was longer caste than my major winners but a quality exhibit in this arguably most difficult of colors. ***BEST TRICOLOR DOG, BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW***
- 2) **DARANE BROWNIE SUNDAY** (Balea) Though close in age, this boy did not have the maturity and finish of the class winner. His head was pretty with a moderate stop and his rear movement was strong.

### **SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (1)**

- 1) **PINNACLEE CHOCOLATE BUTTONS** (Norton/Bennett) A quality entry who was just a bit over a year old, he had a richly colored coat of correct length and silky texture. He was very well put together with a lovely reach of neck and nice angulation which allowed him to move freely with an elegant profile inside gait. He needs a bit more maturity and finish but is one to watch and those looking to improve wholecolor breeding programs should take note of his excellent construction. ***BEST RUBY DOG, BEST RUBY IN SHOW***

### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN DOG (2)**

- 1) **DREAMVALE GENTLMAN JACK AT FIELDSEDGE** (Slusher/Slusher/Smith) Another with good angulation and clean sound movement, he had correct coat texture and nice rich tan markings. His head had correct proportions giving a soft expression. Overall a quality exhibit but I would prefer a shorter loin to give proper proportion.
- 2) **AUTUMNHILL SILVER JUBILEE** (Parente/Woodward) It was nice to see proper coat texture and rich tan in both of these boys. I preferred his outline and shape but he could not match the winner in overall construction and movement.

### **OPEN DOG (3)**

- 1) **CH BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNICKYSKYE** (Utych/Utych) Approaching 6 years of age this lovely boy was able to capture this class with his overall breed type and solid construction. A true toy spaniel, he was impeccable in profile standing and on the move. A champion worthy of his many accolades and proof that you can breed a small, sound cavalier.
- 2) **ORCHARDHILL SAY IT'S TRUE** (Venier/Venier/Johns) Another glamorous entry who was presented to perfection, I loved the headpiece with had a soft melting expression capped off with exceptional eyes. One I liked a lot but couldn't match the winner for compact shape and rear drive.
- 3) **CH FOXWYN COOL WATER** (Norton/Baker-Fox) Almost 7 year old blenheim that was spot on for size and shape with nice rich color and big dark eyes properly set in his handsome face. He couldn't match those placed above in overall condition and vigor.

## **BITCH CLASSES**

### **JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)**

- 1) **RIVERWYN SIKELEI BLOWING IN THE WIND** (Nel/Pivovar) A well broken blenheim who had solid structure with excellent bone, good angulation and short in loin, she moved smoothly around the ring. She had a very pretty head with a sweet expression.
- 2) **LIVELYOAK BENTWOOD CORA SUN DROP** (Borton/Harrison) Pretty headed feminine girl similar in many regards to the class winner, she also had good angulation and sound movement. These were both quality puppies, but the shorter coupling of the class winner gave her the edge.
- 3) **CARLEN LITTLE WHITE DOVE** (Close) Black and Tan with a larger frame, she had a pleasant moderate head. She stacked squarely on the floor making a nice outline but moved erratically making it difficult to assess her.
- 4) **CHADWICK JABOT** (Eckersley) This girl made quite the picture standing as she was of correct size and shape with a nice short back topped off with a soft feminine expression. She was not as smooth on the move as the class winners.

### **SENIOR PUPPY BITCH** (1)

- 1) **CHADWICK PICTURE PERFECT** (Eckersley) What lovely eyes on this puppy, not only were they large and dark her excellent pigment gave the illusion of heavy eyeliner creating a melting expression. Everything else was in order with good angulation, compact shape and a soft silky coat. She moved cleanly front and rear. **[BEST PUPPY BITCH](#)**

### **GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH** (3)

- 1) **MIMRIC THIRTY SIX TWENTY FOUR THIRTY SIX** (Hodges/Perkins) pigmented rims drew me in immediately. She also had the correct body proportions her name would suggest, a well arched neck, short coupling, and good angulation. Presented to perfection she made an impressive picture going around the ring. Among very stiff competition she ultimately went on to be **[RESERVE WINNERS BITCH](#)**.
- 2) **NORTHPOINTE QUEEN OF SCOTS** (Mitcum) A very pretty, compactly made girl of excellent quality. Her blanket markings initially gave the appearance of an upright shoulder, but table inspection and her fluid movement dispelled that illusion.
- 3) **LIVELYOAK NEVER STOP BELIEVING** (Brokopp/Borton) Just out of the puppy classes, this girl was larger and less compact than the winners. She had a lovely head and soft expression and stacked four square on the floor. Her movement was not as strong and fluid as those placed above.

### **NOVICE BITCH** (2)

- 1) **AUTUMNHILL SUMARA WALK THE LINE** (Parente/Gentil) Such a pretty head on this nicely broken tricolor with the softest of expressions. She was also well made, small with nice substance and good angulation allowing her to cover ground freely on the move. **[BEST TRICOLOR BITCH](#)**
- 2) **NIGHTINGALE KRYSTLE TEQUILA SUNRISE** (Torgesen/ Torgesen) A larger blenheim girl with a nicely broken coat, she had a classic moderate head. Her excellent layback of shoulder gave her the most graceful arch of neck. She looked very nice in side gait but did not the compact shape of the winner.

### **JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH** (2)

- 1) **AUTUMNHILL SUMARA JUST FLIRTING WITH YOU** (Parente/Green) I have to say this darling girl stole my heart. She had a lovely head with the sweetest of expressions that is not easy to get in a black and tan. That paired with a well constructed body, a beautiful silky coat and sound movement made her stand out. It isn't everyday that you get all of that in a petite, toy package and she came close to earning a major. In the end, her lack of confidence held her back in the challenge against more mature, showy bitches but she is one I wanted to tuck in my pocket and carry home. I look forward to watching this beauty as she matures. **BEST BLACK AND TAN BITCH, BEST BLACK AND TAN IN SHOW.**
- 2) **FOXCREEK NEW YEARS EVE** (Johnson) This pretty Blenheim was unfortunate to meet the class winner as she also showed great quality. Yet another with a soft expression and beautiful eyes. She had a lovely compact shape but was not as sound on the move.

#### **AMERICAN BRED BITCH** (4)

- 1) **FIELDSEGE SUGAR MAGNOLIA** (Slusher/Slusher) is blenheim had exceptional construction and was one of the best movers on the day. She had a correctly textured, well-broken coat and correctly proportioned, moderate head.
- 2) **ISLEPOSEA WONDERLUST** (Hoehn) This young lady had breed type in spades with an exquisite head, rich pigmentation, and a compact shape of correct substance. She was not as strong on the move.
- 3) **SREYA PIXIE STICKS OT** (Ayers/Ayers) Really cute girl with a nice shape and good angulation. She didn't move as well as I expected due to a bit of extra weight. With proper conditioning I expect she will fare better another day.
- 4) **CARLEN BEATRICE** (Close/Bodesh) Nicely constructed B&T with an exceptional topline and tailset, she looked great on the move. Head was plainer than I prefer.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH** (4)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN SEEING IS BELIEVING** (Ayers/Martz) Very well made with excellent angulation and good substance, she was very sound on the move with great drive from the rear. Her head was just lovely, very feminine, and soft with beautiful eyes. She was presented in full, silky coat and was strongly considered for top honors.
- 2) **FIELDSEGE NAMASTE** (Slusher/Smith) Nice blenheim with a sporty attitude, she excelled in side gait and rear movement, but her front could be a bit tighter.
- 3) **TIBBEDON MISTY MORNING JW, MP** (Tibbetts) What a face! This young lady was so very pretty with the biggest, darkest of eyes and outstanding pigment. I liked her size and rich color, she was pegged back by her movement.
- 4) **KEAN VELVET PUMPS** (Schramm/Keane) Typey girl with rich chestnut and a compact shape and nice rear angulation, she showed with great enthusiasm.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH** (1)

- 1) **GRANASIL FLORENTINE OF SUMARA JW** (Gentil) his richly colored lady had a nice short body, level topline and good angulation front and rear. She lacked the confidence needed to show herself to advantage and I would love to see her on a better day.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN BITCH** (1)

- 1) **DARANE TRUE COLORS** (Balea) A very nice girl who used her excellent construction and angulation well as she moved happily around the ring with purpose holding a dead level topline.

### **OPEN BITCH** (3)

- 1) **CH CARLEN CHATEAU STE MICHELLE JW** (Close) Ruby girl with a beautiful classic head, she had exceptional construction and excelled on the move, though she was carrying a bit of extra weight. **BEST RUBY BITCH**
- 2) **ISLEPOSEA WHISK ME AWAY** (Hoehn) Her soft expression and big eyes with dark pigment really grabbed me. A silky richly marked coat complimented her beauty. She lacked the overall balance and angulation of the class winner.
- 3) **CH TUDORR ADA JW** (Mixon/Degen/Degen) Heavily coated girl with tremendous ears framing a pretty head, she was not eager to show off her attributes and seemed a bit bored with it all.

### **SENIOR OPEN BITCH** (1)

- 1) **CHADWICK STORYTELLER** (Eckersley) I was astonished to learn this showgirl was approaching 11 years old as she was one of the strongest movers of the day. That was no surprise given how nicely put together she was with good angulation, short coupling, and a level topline standing and on the move. She maintained her energy level throughout the challenge and won the day with her overall breed type, proper construction and fluid movement. **WINNERS BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, BEST BBE IN SHOW, BEST BBE BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH, BEST AM BRED BITCH**

### **VETERAN BITCH** (1)

- 1) **CH DARANE RED SONJA, JW** (Balea) At 11 1/2 she had much in common with the Winners Bitch, made along very similar lines but in a ruby coat. She also covered ground with verve due to her excellent structure and superb conditioning. **BEST VETERAN**