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I would like to thank the committee for the invitation to judge at your show and for your hospitality; you made my daughter and I so welcome. Thanks also to my steward and other officials who helped make my day go smoothly and a big thanks to all of the exhibitors who brought their lovely dogs for me to assess. It is eleven years since I last judged in USA and at that time, I was impressed by the gorgeous large dark round eyes of the Cavaliers particularly since we had been losing the eye size in the UK. However, on this occasion I did not find many dogs with those large dark round eyes, some being smaller and not as dark. On the plus side I think that the conformation and movement have definitely improved, well done.

Elaíne Waddington

DOGS

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (8)

1. **GRANASIL RUM TUM TUGGER** (Gentil) This was a mature 8-month-old black and tan who carried a lovely shiny black coat with rich tan markings. He had dark round eyes, black pigment, a pleasing expression and good breed type; he had well turned stifles and moved with drive. <u>BEST PUPPY DOG</u>

2. **FALLING SPRINGS BLACK FLAME AT MADRYN** (Weeks) Only 6 months old, this B/T lacked the maturity of 1st but I liked his size, his lovely rich tan, his dark eyes and his happy temperament. He was short coupled with good neck and shoulders but his topline needs to settle which should come with age.

3. **PROMONTORY BAXTER** (Solomon) This 7-month-old had a well broken blenheim coat complete with lozenge, long ear leathers, dark black pigment and he moved ok; he had dark eyes but I would prefer them a little larger.

4. **KAMEO AUTUMN SUNSET AT EXQUISITE** (Rine/Adair) A 7 month heavily marked blenheim of good breed type and nicely constructed. He moved soundly but was a little proud of his tail which spoilt his outline on the move. He had a kind expression with dark eyes and pigment.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. **FORESTCREEK THE SHOWMAN AT TUDORR** (Mixon/Cline/Marshall) This mature 11 month old blenheim had a well broken coat, had good conformation and so was able to move soundly and with drive; he had an attractive head with a flat skull, dark eyes and pigment.

<u>GRADUATE PUPPY DOG</u> (2)

1. **BROOKHAVEN HERE COMES THE SON** (Wells) 15-month-old blenheim with a flat skull, dark eyes and attractive expression; he had good angulation all round and moved soundly keeping a level topline. This was a glamorous dog with a lovely head who was in good coat complete with lozenge.

2. **DEL SOL IN THE DARK AT FIELDSEDGE** (Slusher/Slusher/Smith) This 17-monthold B/T had a silky jet black coat with rich tan markings, he had an almost flat skull, dark round eyes but did not have the maturity or glamour of 1st.

NOVICE DOG (2)

1. **EVERA TRUE FRIENDLY GHOST** (True) This young blenheim was so happy to be in the ring and never stopped wagging his tail; he had a well broken coat, gorgeous large dark round eyes, black nose, long ear leathers and an almost flat skull. He looked good in profile with reach of neck and layback of shoulder, a good turn of stifle and he moved with drive.

2. **CLOSEBURN BONNY BARON** (Fairchild) I liked the breed type of this blenheim dog and he was in good coat but he would benefit from more ring training to be able to better show off his virtues.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (1)

1. **CH NIGHTINGALE WIPEOUT JW AW** (Mulligan) This blenheim dog had super confirmation – he was short coupled with reach of neck and layback of shoulder and turn of stifle. He had a handsome head with high set long ears with plenty of feathering; dark eyes and pigment and a gentle expression. I loved the breed type and was pleased to award him *RESERVE WINNERS DOG & BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG IN SHOW*

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)

1. **TASSAJARA BLUE** (Seidman) This heavily marked blenheim boy was only 12 months of age but was in good coat with depth of chest and he moved with drive. He was a little too short in foreface for my taste but had dark eyes and pigment and his overall breed type won him the class.

2. **KAMEO AMAZING GRACE** (Moffitt/Adair) A well broken blenheim, again just 12 months old in well broken coat with correct length to muzzle, dark eyes and pigment: he moved well but tended to fly his tail a little spoiling his outline and I would prefer him shorter in the loin.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (6)

1. **EVERA TRUE ETHAN ALLEN MIRACLE** (True) Looking good in profile, this blenheim had layback of shoulder, reach of neck and a well-turned stifle; he had long ear leathers and an attractive head and was of good breed type.

2. **NIGHTINGALE HEART OF GOLD AW** (Weeks) A richly marked blenheim who was well constructed with correct angulation all round and he moved with drive. He had dark eyes and long ear leather but I would have preferred the ears to be higher set.

3. **FIELDSEDGE OUTLAW AT CYNJA** (Jones) A richly marked blenheim who had lovely eyes and well set ears, but he lost out to the first two as he did not have the conformation and so did not move as well.

4. **HUNTLAND HUNTLEY VAILLANCOURT MCCOSH** (McCosh/Land) Nice neck and shoulders on this blenheim and good rear angulation, he was a happy dog with dark eyes but I would have preferred a shallower stop.

HEALTH & CONFORMATION DOG (1)

1. **TRUELEGANCE PISTOLS AT DAWN** (Ogle) This heavily marked tricolour moved briskly and with drive around the ring and I would have never guessed that he was 8 years old. He had a super level topline, but I would have preferred a little more neck. He had dark eyes and a gentle expression and was of good breed type. *Best Health & Conformation in Show*

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (4)

1. FALLING SPRINGS JUST YOU WAIT AT CROWNROSE JW MP (Rosenberg) My star of the day and one I would have been happy to smuggle back on the plane with me. This dog was so well constructed with reach of neck, layback of shoulder; level topline which he kept on the move, a good turn of stifle and his tail came straight off his back. He was full of breed type and had an almost flat skull, long ear leathers, large dark round eyes, black pigment and a soft gentle expression. I understand that this win gave him his title, congratulations. <u>WINNERS DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, BEST BLENHEIM</u> DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW AND BEST IN SHOW

2. **TASSAJARA LAWS OF MOTION** (Seidman) Well broken blenheim of good breed type with good neck and shoulders, straight front and he moved briskly; he had an appealing head with dark eyes and long ear leathers. A quality dog who I liked a lot.

3. **TUDORR RETURN OF THE VELVET TEDDY BEAR** (Mixon) Appealing head on this blenheim who had dark eyes, scissor bite and a gentle expression; he was slightly longer in loin, had good rear angulation and moved with drive.

4. **BROOKHAVEN NUMBER NINE DREAMS OF FINNICKYSKYE** (Utych) This heavily marked blenheim rushed in at the last minute and so didn't have time to settle; he had dark eyes, black pigment and an almost flat skull and moved ok.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (1)

1. **FALLING SPRINGS RAMBLIN GAMBLIN MAN JW AW MP** (Grimm Curley) A short coupled well broken tricolour with good rear angulation; he had lovely dark eyes and pigment, a scissor bite with even teeth and a gentle expression; a happy dog of good breed type.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN DOG (2)

1. SREYA BROOKHAVEN FINDERS KEEPERS (Ayers) A mature dog with slightly rounded skull, long ear leathers, dark eyes and black pigment and a gentle expression. He was in good coat with rich tan markings and moved well keeping a level topline. <u>BEST</u> BLACK AND TAN DOG

2. **LORANKAS LIMITED EDITION** (Seidman) I like the style of this dog who had an appealing head, almost flat skull, dark round eyes, but he lost out on maturity.

OPEN DOG (4) "A difficult decision between 1st and 2nd."

1. **CH BROOKHAVEN CATCHING FIRE JW AW** (Ayers) Beautiful ruby who was turned out to perfection; he had a masculine head, but still with a gentle expression, large dark round eyes, lovely furnishings and a level topline which he kept on the move. He was a well constructed dog and was full of breed type. <u>AOM#1 & BEST RUBY IN SHOW</u>

2. **CH DREAMVALE GENTLEMAN JACK AT FIELDSEDGE** (Smith/Slusher/Slusher) A B/T who was close up to 1st and again a soundly constructed dog; he had an attractive head with dark eyes and pigment, scissor bite and moved happily around the ring keeping a level topline. Good for breed type.

3. **CH ELLEMICH THE HUNTSMAN** (Wells/Schrank/Ireland/Chapman) Heavily marked blenheim in a richly marked coat with lots of feathering; he had dark eyes, scissor bite and a gentle expression. He moved with drive but unfortunately lost his topline on the move.

4. **KB PRIDE DJAXXON'S DUTCH MASTER** (Holman) A 3-year-old blenheim of good rich colour with long ear leathers, dark eyes and pigment; better presentation would have enabled him to show off his attributes more.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (3) "A lovely class of oldies."

1. **CH BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR VW** (Weeks) How can this well broken tricolour be 10 years old? I loved him; he was so sound, had reach of neck and layback of shoulder and he moved with drive keeping a level topline. He had a slightly rounded skull, long ear leathers and a soft gentle expression which is so difficult to achieve in this colour. *AOM#2 & BEST TRICOLOUR DOG IN SHOW*.

2. **CH ROYALMARK REMINISCENCE AT CAMERONA VW** (Cameron) Short coupled heavily marked blenheim who had an appealing head with long ear leathers and dark eyes. He was soundly made and moved with drive.

3. CH BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNISCKSKYE AW VW

(Uytch) Nicely balanced blenheim with a well broken coat who looked good in profile; he had a pleasing head with dark eyes black pigment and long ear leathers.

BITCHES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (8) "A lovely class of puppies."

1. FORESTCREEK RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES (Sherman/Cline/Marshall) An 8month-old well broken blenheim of correct size; he was well constructed, had a level topline, well turned stifles and he moved out with drive. He had a pleasing head with lovely dark round eyes, almost flat skull, scissor bite and a gentle expression. Liked her and pleased to award her <u>BEST PUPPY BITCH & BEST PUPPY IN SHOW</u>

2. **VALENTYNE NOTORIOUS AT SUNJAYS** (Hellman/O'Brien) This 8-month blenheim looked good in profile with her straight front, reach of neck, turn of stifle and level topline which she kept on the move. She had a pretty face with dark eyes and a silky texture to her coat.

3. **TRUELEGANCE LOVELY LYRIC AT WATERSEDGE** (Walzer/Cromer) Well broken blenheim complete with lozenge, appealing head with a shallow stop, dark eyes and black pigment and she moved well.

4. **FALLING SPRINGS CROWNROSE BLACK VELVET** (Rosenberg) Compact B/t whose tail never stopped wagging; she had a flat skull, dark eyes & pigment and I liked her overall balance and size.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. **LEGENDCREST ROYAL SCANDAL** (Carnes) I liked the style and balance of this 9month-old blenheim who had reach of neck, layback of shoulder and turn of stifle; she had an attractive head with a flat skull, long ear leathers and a shallow stop and looked good in profile.

2. **BROOKHAVEN DIAMONDS ARE A GIRLS BEST FRIEND** (Gregory/Ayers) A well broken blenheim with an almost flat skull, black pigment and long ear leathers; she was well balanced with good conformation and moved freely and happily. A quality bitch but I preferred the breed type of 1st.

3. **DARANE OTHERWORLDLY** (Kates) This well broken blenheim had a sweet expression, a flat skull and dark eyes, but I would have preferred them to be a little larger. She was short coupled with a good turn of stifle.

4. **CLOSEBURN DESIGNED IN SECRET** (Fairchild) Lovely rich chestnut colour to her blenheim coat and she had excellent black pigment and dark round eyes. She had a nice turn of stifle but tended to lose her topline on the move.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (6)

1. **ALMEARA SHES SO FINE JW MP** (Whitmire) I liked the size and breed type of this well broken blenheim who had reach of neck, layback of shoulder, spring of rib and she moved soundly. Long ear leathers framed her pretty face and she had large dark round eyes and black pigment.

2. **BROOKHAVEN HERE COMES LOGAN** (Ayers) Another quality blenheim but this time in a slightly smaller frame; her coat was richly marked and she was well constructed. She had a soft gentle expression, dark round eyes, black pigment and long ear leathers framed her face; good breed type.

3. **PROMONTORY HERE TO PARTY** (Solomon) This heavily marked tricolour was short coupled with depth of chest, and she kept a level topline on the move; although her blaze was narrow, she had a sweet expression and dark eyes and pigment.

4. **CLARMARIAN ECLIPSE OF THE HEART** (Young-May/Gogol) Long ear leathers framed this blenheim who had dark eyes and a flat skull, she moved well keeping a level topline but was a little down on her pasterns.

NOVICE BITCH (2)

1. **NIGHTINGALE CUPCAKE** (Mulligan) Just 9 months and very much still a baby but this blenheim was well constructed with good angulation at the rear, a well set on tail and she moved with drive; she had dark eyes and pigment and shows lots of promise but needs time to mature.

2. **CLOSEBURN FIRE DANCING** (Fairchild) This tricolour was in good coat and much more mature, she had rich tan markings and moved well. She had an attractive head with dark eyes and pigment and long ear leathers.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (3)

1. **FALLING SPRINGS SHINING BRIGHTLY** (Grimm Curly) I liked the style and breed type of this young quality blenheim bitch; she has good conformation and has spring of rib, level topline, turn of stifle and well set on tail. Her beautiful head is enhanced by large dark round eyes, black pigment and an almost flat skull. <u>AOM#1</u>

2. **TASSAJARA SOME BUNNY LOVES YOU** (Seidman) Another quality bitch with large dark round eyes, long ear leathers and a soft gentle expression; she had a silky blenheim coat, good neck and shoulders and was well balanced. At first I thought that she would be my winner but she didn't move as well as 1st.

3. **CAMERONA SPITFIRE** (Cameron) Richly marked blenheim complete with lozenge, she had long ear leathers, dark eyes, dense black pigment and a pretty expression. I would have preferred more bone and stronger movement.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (4)

1. **DREAMVALE AMERICAN DYNASTY AT CROWNROSE** (Rosenberg) A heavily marked blenheim who had large dark round eyes, long ear leathers framing a pretty face, scissor bite, a straight front, good neck and shoulders and she moved freely.

2. **CLARMARIAN BE STILL MY HEART** (McFarland/Young-May) I liked this blenheim in profile with her layback of shoulder, reach of neck and level topline, but I preferred the breed type of 1st. However, she did have long ear leathers, dark eyes and a gentle expression and moved well with her tail carried straight off her back

3. **PINNACLEE BABY YOU'RE A FIREWORK** (Gregory/Ayers) A small and compact girl with a jet black coat and rich tan markings, she moved well keeping a level topline. **BEST BLACK & TAN IN SHOW**

4. **KRYSTLE I WILL REMEMBER YOU** (Torgersen) This lightly marked blenheim bitch was only 9-month-old and so lacked maturity. She was well balanced, had dark round eyes, scissor bite and shows promise.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (2)

1. **FIELDSEDGE ANGELS FLYING CLOSE** (Slusher) This well broken blenheim bitch won this class on her overall size and construction; she had reach of neck, layback of shoulder and moved out well with reach and drive. She had large dark round eyes, but I would have preferred darker nose pigment.

2. **TUDORR GIGI JW** (Madden/Mixon) Richly marked blenheim who had a beautiful head with large dark round eyes, black pigment, a scissor bite and a sweet expression; she moved well keeping a level topline.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (1)

1. **GRANASIL FLORENTINE OF SUMARA JW AW MP** (Gentil) This 4 year old stood alone but deserved her 1st place as she had lovely breed type with long ear leathers, large dark round eyes and a gentle expression; she was well made and had reach of neck and layback of shoulder and correct bone. I liked her a lot. *BEST RUBY BITCH*

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN BITCH (1)

1. **AZALEARUN BAILEY'S IRISH CREAM** (Taylor) Only 11 months so lacking in maturity but she had dark round eyes, a nice turn of stifle and she moved with drive

OPEN BITCH (3)

1. **CH FORESTCREEK BUCKLE BUNNY AT MIMRIC JW** (Hodges/Perkins) What a beautiful feminine head this well broken bitch has; high set long ear leathers framed her face, the darkest of eyes which were large and round, jet black pigment, tapered muzzle, scissor bite and soft gentle expression. She was immaculately presented, was well balanced with a straight front, turn of stifle and level topline which she kept on the move, I loved her.

<u>WINNERS BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OF OPPOSITE</u> <u>SEX, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH</u>

2. **CH SORELLA HERE COMES CHLOE JW AW** (Savage Green) A heavier marked blenheim who takes the eye as she enters the ring; she looks good in profile with reach of neck, layback of shoulder, spring of rib, turn of stifle and a level topline which she keeps on the move. She has a long ear leathers, dark round eyes and a gentle feminine expression. I thought she was lovely but I couldn't get past the gorgeous head of 1st <u>RESERVE</u> <u>WINNERS BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH</u>

3. **CH BROOKHAVEN SMARTY PANTS JW AW** (Whitemire/Ayers) A pretty blenheim of excellent breed type presented in good coat and condition; she had reach of neck, layback of shoulders, spring of rib and moved with drive. She had a typical classic head with long ear leathers, dark round eyes and black pigment. <u>AOM#2</u>

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (3)

1. **CH MADRYN PORT ROYAL AW** (Hasser) 9 year old ruby was in good form and moved out well with her tail wagging all of the time; she was well balanced, had a richly marked silky coat, long ear leathers , dark eyes and looked good in profile.

2. **CLOSEBURN BONNY WEE KILT** (Fairchild) Feminine head on this 8 year old bitch with high set ears, slightly rounded skull and dark round eyes. she moved with drive keeping a level topline. **BEST TRICOLOUR BITCH**

3. **KRYSTLE STAR QUALITY** (Torgersen/Torgersen) A 9 year old blenheim who was beginning to show her age, but she had the most glorious large dark round eyes in her pretty face; her construction was good and she moved well.

VETERAN DOG (1)

1. CH BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR VW (Weeks) Best Veteran In Show

(See Senior Open Dog)

VETERAN BITCH (2)

1. CH MADRYN PORT ROYAL AW (Hasser)

(See Senior Open Bitch)

2. CLOSEBURN BONNY WEE KILT (Fairchild)

(see Senior Open Bitch)