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My sincerest gratitude to Cavaliers of the South for inviting me to judge their 34th Annual Puppy Sweepstakes. I could not possibly have been more thrilled with my entry and eventual winners and am eternally grateful to each exhibitor for honoring me with their entry. Many thanks specifically to the show chairs, Gwen Wells, Paula Ayers, Linda Whitmire, and Tia Gregory for putting on such a lovely show and my mother for being my ring steward and right-hand person.

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VETERAN SWEEPS: BRONZE DOG (1)

1. BROOKHAVEN IM A BELIEVER, JW (Dingman)

Handsome 8-year-old Blenheim male with a compact and square body, though still very balanced and with ample bone. He had a sweetly handsome expression with large, round, and dark eyes, well placed face framing ears and a properly flat top skull. He was happy in the ring and light on his feet while on the move. I was proud to award him **BEST VETERAN DOG IN SWEEPSTAKES.**

VETERAN SWEEPS: SILVER BITCH (3)

1. CH MADRYN PORT ROYAL, AW (Hasser/Hasser)

Elegant 10-year-old Ruby girl with huge, dark eyes that immediately draw you into her sweet expression. She had a soft and silky coat that was rich in color with gorgeous copper and amber undertones and no sign of fading. She used her long neck to her advantage and carried herself proudly around the ring, checking in with her owner frequently to ensure she was making her proud. I loved her grace and elegance and was proud to give her the class.

2. DARANE TRUE COLORS, MP (Kates)

Lovely 9-year-old Black & Tan girl with a nice outline on the move and a well presented coat. She was one with her handler and aimed only to please, which she did on all fronts. It was close between her and 1st place where I preferred the fill and expression on number 1 but preferred the outline on number 2, so I could see myself swapping these placements on another day.

3. KRYSTLE STAR QUALITY (Torgersen/Torgersen)

Sweet 10-year-old Blenheim girl with well-broken markings and plush with bone and substance. She had a strong brow bone and lots of cushion to surround those large eyes of hers. Her make and shape was a little more compact and she had a shorter back than the others in her class, which I liked, but she wasn't quite able to keep up the pace with the others to show off her movement.

VETERAN SWEEPS: GOLD BITCH (1)

1. CH DARANE RED SONJA, JW (Kates)

Fantastic 14-year-and-10-month-old Ruby girl with so much pizzazz that seems to defy her age. She had an amazing outline with a wide open side-gait and a naturally proud head carriage as she was shown on a completely loose lead. The lighter hairs on her face that come with age only softened her already sweet expression and amplified her large, dark eyes. She is of a lovely size and has a great spring of rib. Her only goal was to make her handler proud and it made my heart

sing when she skipped for joy during her down and back. I was proud to award her **BEST VETERAN BITCH** and ultimately could not deny her **BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPSTAKES.**

SWEEPS 1: JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (2) - Beautiful, rich ruby coloring on both of these boys!

1. DREAMVALE RED HAIR N BLACK LEATHER (Sage/Colbert)

6-month-old richly colored Ruby boy of a compact stature and brimming with a confidence that made him look up on his toes at all times. He had ample bone and a sweet expression that will only soften as he matures and gains more cushioning. Though he was popping his front in a somewhat hackney fashion tonight, I believe that is something he could potentially outgrow and ultimately could not deny his bubbling personality on the night.

2. BROOKHAVEN AMERICAN PIE (Gregory/Ayers)

5-month-old Ruby boy who also had a stunningly rich color with the blackest of eyes and nose. He was not quite as happy or as confident as number 1, which made it a little hard to see exactly how he carried himself on the move, but the table examination showed a very well-constructed puppy dripping in bone and breed type. As the weekend went on, I saw this boy gain confidence and show off his excellent construction, so I could very well see myself swapping places on another night. Both are quality exhibits which make me excited for the future of Ruby males in our club!

SWEEPS 3: GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (2)

1. RIVERLEIGH HOT OFF THE PRESSES, MP (Dingman)

Handsome nearly 15-month-old Blenheim male with a compact and well balanced outline. He had a beautiful and soft expression, though still clearly masculine. I would prefer a little more neck on him to allow for a smoother transition from the top of the head down to the shoulders, but found his angulation to be balanced overall. He had a striking outline on the move and was groomed and shown to perfection, making him well deserving of **BEST PUPPY DOG AND BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES.**

2. PINACLEE NOBODY BUT ME AT STOREYLAND (Gallagher/Glisson)

Another 15-month-old Ruby boy also with rich pigmentation and a boisterous show attitude. He has a dead-level topline that is only accentuated by the tail that is perfectly carried off his back. He had dark eyes with lots of cushioning, though I preferred the softness in the expression of number 1. He looked a little long and tubular at the moment, but I believe that will change once his ribs spring and he matures further. Another exciting Ruby boy!

SWEEPS 4: JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. WELLSWORTH SUN MOON AND STARS (Wells)

8-month-old typey Blenheim girl with a well broken coat on the whitest of pearly white backgrounds. She had large, dark eyes and a well-placed mask to accentuate her soft expression. Her spunky attitude won me over as she took command of the ring, acting as if she had been in the ring many times before. She made me smile and I was happy to give her the class.

2. LOVEGOODS CELEBRATION (Wicker Shaw/Hickey)

6-month-old Blenheim girl with the richest of chestnuts in the class and perhaps of the entire night. She had an elegant outline but was a little finer on bone than number 1 and had slightly longer hocks. A lovely girl who will only blossom with time.

3. BROOKHAVEN PIE IN THE SKY (Ayers)

5-month-old Blenheim girl of a petite size but with a very proportional build. Though she did not have a lot of confidence tonight, she is naturally very up on her toes, hinting at excellent construction underneath it all. I think with time and confidence, she will have a lot more fun and success.

SWEEPS 5: SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. FIELDSEDGE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD (Slusher/Slusher/Smith)

Flashy 10-month-old Blenheim girl who immediately catches the eye with her fluid and effortless motion complemented by the best topline of the night. She was so well balanced and completely unexaggerated in every way with a short back and lots of drive from the rear. She had ample cushioning around her large, dark eyes and a sweet expression that will only soften with time. She was a clear standout in this class and was in close consideration for top honors tonight, which made it all the more exciting to watch her successes over the remainder of the weekend. A true star in the making!

2. WINDKISS SUMMER LOVIN (Kates/Patkowski)

10-month-old Tri Color girl with a very sporty outline and a very solid topline. She was a little longer cast than number 1, though the visual illusion of that may be alleviated once her ribs spring some. She was light on her feet and had a proud head carriage throughout the class. A quality exhibit who will have some fun in the future!

3. MADRYN HEART PIECE AT RAINHEART (Mautone/Mautone)

11-month-old Blenheim girl with well-broken markings on a stark white background. Her muzzle was a little shorter than what I was looking for. She had somewhat stilted movement, but her worker-bee attitude and desire to please her handler were too endearing to ignore.

4. INGOLD EVENING IN JUNE (Dralle/Pickett/Mullis)

10-month-old Blenheim girl with a beautiful, soft, and silky coat made up of a super rich chestnut and a pearly white background. She was a little reticent this evening, which made it difficult to see her movement and construction, but that will change as she gains more confidence and gets more comfortable in the ring. She had a beautiful, soft expression and some of the longest and most beautiful ears of the entire night.

SWEEPS 6: GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (1)

1. CHADWICK FOXY COUTURE AT HUDSONVIEW (Glynn/Glynn)

Glamorous 14-month-old Blenheim who exemplified the perfect balance of breed type and excellent conformation. Her gorgeous expression was accentuated by her large, dark, round eyes with ample cushioning, and soft, refined features that are the definition of femininity. Upon examination on the table, I was pleased to find a smooth flow from the top of the neck down to the withers, a substantive chest and prominent prosternum, and tight elbows. Her front assembly then transitioned across a fairly short back into properly balanced rear angulation and well let-down hocks. She positively floated around the ring and though she was the only one in her class, I knew she was my star of the night. I could not deny her **[BEST PUPPY BITCH AND BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES](#)**. It was an absolute thrill to see her gain her championship the very next day only to outdo herself one day later with a Best in Show! WHAT A STAR!

ADULT SWEEPS: DOG (2)

1. CHADWICK WELL TEMPERED CLAVIER AT INTRYNZIK

(Goodwin/Eckersley)

Nearly 2-year-old Blenheim boy with what were probably the largest and prettiest eyes of the night. His ears framed his soft expression and his well placed earset created the desired flat top skull. I loved the overall breed type and balance of his boy and found him to be the whole package. It was a joy to award him **BEST ADULT DOG AND BEST ADULT IN SWEEPSTAKES** and I look forward to following his career!

2. MELKS ABBEY SEVENTH SON AT GRAY STONE (Dralle/Dralle)

Nearly 6-year-old Tri Color boy who was groomed to perfection and had glorious pigmentation. He had some of the longest and softest ears of the night and his tan markings were simply striking. I preferred the topline in number 1, but still found this boy to be a lovely example of the breed with a lot of breed type.

ADULT SWEEPS: BITCH (1)

1. AURORA JANE (Lehn)

2-year-old Blenheim girl with a beautifully straight coat presented to perfection. This was a new exhibitor to our club and I felt both the dog and handler did an excellent job. She had a lovely, soft expression that was paired with a very sporty body, which I found quite pleasing. Even though she was the only Adult Bitch entered, she was a lovely exhibit and I hope we will see more of this team in the future! I was so happy to award her **BEST ADULT BITCH IN SWEEPSTAKES.**