

**CAVALIERS OF THE SOUTH, ATLANTA, GA
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First of all, a huge thank you to Cavaliers of the South for inviting me to preside over a large entry of quality dogs and thank you for your well thought out, useful judge's gift. As always at COS shows, it was a fun show, full of interest, laughter, education and camaraderie.

When I judge Cavaliers, I look for a small, cobby dog with a balanced body and clean movement. Whether we like to admit this or not, the hallmark of the breed is their head with plush muzzle and large, limpid, dark eyes set well apart. It is not easy to find all these qualities in one dog since there is no perfect Cavalier, so judging is full of compromises and I found myself having to overlook a few of the aforementioned qualities that simply were not ideal on some of my winners yet they excelled in others.

I think generally we are all doing better at producing dogs with reasonable structure even though there were a number of bad rears and iffy toplines. I was really happy to see so few gay tails at this specialty and temperaments on the whole were pretty stable. Of concern are the many exhibits with small eyes. As I said above, eyes and head/type are the hallmark of the breed and we cannot lose the eyes. Shoulder layback has never been a forte in Cavaliers and I found quite a few upright shoulders – interestingly, mostly in the bitches, not so much the males!

Puppies tend to develop in weird, mysterious ways so a puppy that is butt high or side winding or showing many other undesirable physical traits, may not be doing this in a few months. So fear not if you see your puppy suddenly look all out of balance – wait and it will likely come back to what you saw at 3 months.

I would like to briefly touch on how a dog is presented and shown in the ring and how a dog is stacked on the table. Some of you need to go to handling class so that you can give your dog the best chance of succeeding in the ring. I always say that my job as a judge is to judge the dog you show to me and how you show him. Your job is to present your dog as best you can, knowing your dog's faults (they all have them!), and try to hide those faults from the judge. If you present your Cavalier to me dancing on two back legs, I will judge him that way and he will not succeed. I cannot put up a dog whose movement I am unable to assess. If I cannot handle your dog on the table for whatever reason, again I will be unable to assess him. So, the bottom line is that we all need to train our dogs for the show ring and conformation classes or even obedience class will help tremendously to that end.

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JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (7)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN CATCHING FIRE** (Ayers/Martz) Cobby little Ruby who still has his puppy fuzz. Pretty head, large eyes, moved well coming and going with level topline on the go around.
- 2) **BRIARCREST BEST DRESSED AT TRUELEGANCE** (Cromer/Van Luchene) Blenheim with a pretty head and large dark eyes. Moved well with level topline
- 3) **SREYA HANG ON TO YOUR EGO** (Ayers/Ayers) Rich Ruby color on this immature Ruby. He needs time to body up – not quite together yet. Attractive head that needs to mature.
- 4) **ORCHARDHILL AUSPICIOUS AT TUDORR** (Mixon/Mixon/Venier/Venier) Lots to like on this Blenheim. Pretty head and good movement coming and going. He is a bit butt high at the moment but that will change as he matures.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (4)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN ALMOST PARADISE** (Ayers/Martz) This is an amazing Blenheim puppy that floats effortlessly around the ring with a level topline, tail off his back and well let down short hocks. He is sound moving from every angle. His maturity is correct for his age and he will only get better as he ages. He has those lovely large dark eyes and whilst his head is not that of an adult, it is correct for him. **WINNERS DOG & BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX & BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**
- 2) **FORESTCREEK MAJOR TOM** (Cline/Cline) More mature Blenheim with beautiful head and large dark eyes. Well boned, well coated and moved excellently from the rear. He is definitely a dog of a type I love. He was throwing his front a bit today but he is a pup that needs time for the front to settle into his body. Give him time – he will shine.
- 3) **CEDARCREEK CHANCES ARE AT CREEKSIDE** (Mathies) Up to size exuberant richly colored Blenheim with beautiful straight flowing coat. Attractive head, short coupled body, level topline. He is difficult to judge due to his exuberance but on the move he looks sound.
- 4) **ALMEARA SONG SUNG BLUE AT TUDORR** (Mixon/Mixon) Less mature Blenheim puppy but fourth in this quality is class is still a success. Level topline, moved correctly. Pretty head.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)

- 1) **GRANASIL GOLDEN DELICIOUS OF SUMARA** (Gentil) Up to size richly marked Ruby with large dark eyes and dark pigment all over. Not the head of my choice but wholecolors can change dramatically as they mature. He has everything else in terms of body structure and movement. Will be interesting to see him in another few years.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (2)

- 1) **FIELDSEGE RIDING SHOTGUN** (Slusher/Slusher) This solidly built Blenheim has the best balance of any of the males today. Despite being a solid exhibit, everything about him is moderate. His movement from all angles is excellent and he has an elegance about him due to his beautiful crest of neck. His head is on the heavier side but attractive, nonetheless. I was pleased to award him **RESERVE WINNERS DOG**.

- 2) **CH BROOKHAVEN JUSTIFIED JW** (Ayers/Martz) Completely different type to first place. He has a soft expression, large eyes and is a small, cobby dog with plenty of super rich Blenheim coat. Not the balance of one but a top quality exhibit nonetheless.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

- 1) **NIGHTINGALE WIPEOUT** (Mulligan) This dog excels in rear action. His body is well put together with lovely arch of neck. Not the head type of my choice but as he matures this could change.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (3)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN I'M A BELIEVER JW** (Dingman) Moderately boned dog that moves well around the ring as well as up and back. He has a tendency to sidewind just a little which I believe is behavioral, not structural.
- 2) **HUNTLAND HEISMAN** (Land/Land) Smaller, short cobby Blenheim who carries himself well around the ring. Despite his small size he has plenty of bone and is solidly built. He needs to grow a little more coat to stand out. Moves well from the side and rear is well angulated. Tends to be a hair wide in front. Level topline. Shorter muzzled but with big eyes giving him a very pretty look.
- 3) **TASSAJARA TURN OVER A NEW LEAF** (Seidman-McDonnell/Seidman/True/Carnes) A richly colored Blenheim who moves well going around the ring. Not the balance of the other two. Well angulated rear - movement coming and going is good. Head not my preference.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (7)

- 1) **FORESTCREEK ANGELO** (Byroads/Cline) Up to size Blenheim boy with a gorgeous head and huge dark eyes. Nice crest of neck, level topline and a tail that comes straight off his back. Moderate coat. Moves well around the ring. Much to like about this dog. I was happy to award him **FIRST AWARD OF MERIT**
- 2) **TORRAYLAC BARRINGTON** (Cromer/Gibson) A small, compact and richly marked Blenheim with moderate bone who gaits well around the ring. His movement from all angles is correct. Beautiful head, large eyes and once his ears grow to frame his pretty face, he will be unstoppable.
- 3) **WELLSWORTH HEAVEN'S GATE** (Brumana) Up to size Blenheim boy whose movement could not be denied. Lovely arch of neck, a little longer cast in body, floats around the ring with reach and drive sporting a long flowing straight coat. His head is not that of my choice but still he has big lustrous eyes.
- 4) **ALMEARA FORESTCREEK PATRICK** (Whitmere/Cline) A small compact Blenheim with moderate bone and excellent movement from all angles. Pretty head with large eyes. Profuse coat. A quality exhibit.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (1)

- 1) **TRUELEGANCE LUNAR ECLIPSE** (Cromer/Aldrich) This boy excels in his lovely floating side gait. Well laid back shoulder, beautiful front action and level topline. Pleasing head with large eyes. Straight black coat which can be difficult in the black dogs.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (1)

- 1) **CHOCOLETTO DU CHATEAU NOBLESSE** (Bennett/Bennett) He stands alone in this class which allows him to shine all the more. Gleaming Ruby coat, lots of it and straight and flowing. Moves well around the ring with level topline. Slightly longer cast. Head is soft and beautiful with large eyes, flat skull when alert. He was deserving of the **SECOND AWARD OF MERIT**

SPECIAL LIMIT B/T DOG (1)

- 1) **DREAMVALE GENTLEMAN JACK AT FIELDSEGE** (Smith/Slusher/Slusher) Another quality wholecolor who stands alone in his class. Up to size boy but movement was correct from all angles, level topline and tail off his back. Getting this excellent sweet expression on a B/T is not always that easy – often they look angry depending on where the eyebrows are placed. This dog has that correct soft sweet expression so important in a Cavalier of any color. His coat is a bit dry but moderate in length.

OPEN DOG (6)

- 1) **CH STARMARC ALMEARA GAME ON JW** (Whitmere) Beautifully presented small Tricolor that gaits effortlessly around the ring with a solid level topline with tail straight off his back. Lovely crest of neck gives him that elegant royal appearance. Beautiful correct head with a large dark eye. Seems to be between coats at the moment so not in full bloom right now. It was very close between first and second place.
- 2) **FOXWYN REVOLUTIONARY** (Dingman/Baker Fox) Gleaming coat on this Blenheim, not a hair out of place. Good crest of neck, level topline, moved well from all angles. Moderate coat and bone. Attractive head of a different type from the Tricolor. A quality exhibit.
- 3) **CRANVARL WASHINGTON, ENG JW** (Sage/Crane) Stocky compact Blenheim with plenty of bone and moderate coat. Moves well around the ring with level topline and tail straight off his back. Heavier head type than one and two but beautiful with huge dark eyes.
- 4) **CH LEGENDCREST FINNICKYSKYE DREAM CATCHER JW** (Utych/Utych) Up to size, more moderate head type on this Blenheim. Lovely crest of neck and he moves effortlessly around the ring as well as up and back. Well angulated rear. Nothing out of place as he gaits. This was a tough class so placing in this class would be a win.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (2)

1. **CH BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR** (Weeks/Weeks) Up to size, nicely balanced Tricolor that moves well from all angles. Well angulated rear. Broken markings and straight black gleaming coat. His head is not that of my preference.
2. **STELLAR ROMANCING THE STONE AT TYCWN** (Knauss/Rose) A heavily coated Tricolor that moves well around the ring with level topline. Happy temperament. Pretty head.

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (5)

1. **TUDORR GIGI** (Mixon/Mixon) Well balanced Blenheim with beautiful neck and shoulders transitioning into a level topline. This correct structure allows her to move effortlessly around the ring. Plenty of bone for her size. Full muzzle, large dark eyes – beautiful head. She has a bright future.
2. **FORESTCREEK ANGIE** (Cline) Beautifully headed Blenheim, full of animation, excellent rear action with super angulation. Full coat. Throwing her front a bit today. When she is not so excited, that will hopefully resolve.
3. **FIELDSEGE ANGEL FLYING TOO CLOSE** (Lutz/Slusher/Slusher) Younger, less mature Blenheim with attractive head. Short coupled, strong movement. She needs time.
4. **SREYA KOKOMO** (Ayers/Ayers) A very immature Ruby with pretty head. Typical of Rubies, they take time to mature. The parts are there – plenty of neck, level topline and moves correctly.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

- 1) **SORELLA HERE COMES CHLOE** (Green) beautiful Blenheim that is well balanced in body. Movement is correct from all angles. Plenty of bone for her small compact size. Pretty head with large dark eyes. A top quality exhibit. I was pleased to award her **FIRST AWARD OF MERIT**
- 2) **PROMONTORY SERENDIPITY** (Solomon) Unlucky to be competing with first place. This richly colored Blenheim is also lovely, beautiful head with large eyes. Excellent front action, level topline, plenty of neck. Would like to see more angulation in the rear.
- 3) **BROOKHAVEN MORE THAN SMART** (Ayers/Martz) A lovely little cobby body, well turned stifles, level topline. Not the head type of my preference. She needs just a little more confidence and I think she will do well.
- 4) **NIGHTINGALE SWEET EMOTION** (Mulligan) The baby of the class in maturity. This Blenheim needs time but she is very pretty with nice big eyes and moves around the ring well.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (5)

- 1) **SORELLA BROOKHAVEN TRINITY** (Ayers) Well put together Blenheim with super neck and shoulders. Moves very soundly from all angles. Beautiful head with large dark eyes.
- 2) **TRUELEGANCE MOONLIGHT RHAPSODY** (Cromer/Cromer) Small, compact Tricolor that gaits well around the ring. Beautiful head with large dark eyes. Would prefer just a little more neck.
- 3) **TUDORR LEMON BREELAND JW** (Mixon/Mixon) Elegant Blenheim with plenty of neck and level topline. A little longer cast in body. Moves very well from all angles. Huge eyes on an attractive head.
- 4) **PROMONTORY AREN'T YOU CLEVER** (Solomon) Pretty head on this Blenheim with large dark eyes. Lovely neck and shoulders. Lacks confidence today. Would like to see a bit more bone and rear could be better.

NOVICE BITCH (2)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN WAR OF THE ROSES** (Ayers/Martz) Small compact Ruby with pretty face and large eye. Gaits well around the ring. Needs time to mature.
- 2) **TANGLEWOOD SANTA ANA STAR** (Saban) Up to size more mature BT. Not the head type of my preference. Level topline and very in tune to her handler.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (5)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN SEEING IS BELIEVING** (Ayers/Martz) A small cobby size Blenheim, beautifully balanced body on this bitch, showing off her correct neck that transitions smoothly into well laid back shoulders and level topline. Moderate bone and coat. Tail straight off her back. Well angulated rear. Moves correctly from all angles. Her head is delightful with huge black eyes and full muzzle but not at all masculine. A quality exhibit. I was excited to find her and she deserved her [**WINNERS BITCH & BEST IN SHOW & BEST BRED BY, BEST AMERICAN BRED & BEST BLENHEIM**](#) awards
- 2) **CH MIMRIC THIRTY SIX TWENTY FOUR THIRTY SIX JW** (Perkins/Hodges) another Blenheim in super condition and top drawer in quality. Slightly up to size for me. Her structure was correct from all angles. Attractive head with huge dark eyes. I was pleased to award her [**SECOND AWARD OF MERIT**](#)
- 3) **CH CARLEN CHATEAU STE MICHELLE JW** (Close) gorgeous Ruby whose head type is to die for. Correct length and fullness of muzzle with huge dark eyes. Her movement is correct from every angle in particular well angulated rear that she uses to drive forward. Challenging coat which can be typical of wholecolors. Super quality Ruby overall.
- 4) **CH FIELDSEGE SUGAR MAGNOLIA** (Slusher/Slusher) lovely moving Blenheim who gaits with ease around the ring. Plenty of neck and level topline. Sound coming and going with well angulated rear and well laid back shoulders. A little length of back and her head is not of my preference but attractive nonetheless.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (2)

- 1) **PROMONTORY WHISTLEBLOWER** (Lanier/Solomon) Feminine type Blenheim who moved smoothly with her handler. Moderate coat and bone. Nicely balanced body with level topline. Elbows tight to her chest. Pretty head with big dark eyes. Would like to see a better rear.
- 2) **PARKMOR MOONLIGHT KISS** (Fry) Up to size Blenheim bitch but still feminine in type. Gaits well around the ring with level topline and moderate neck. Head type is not that of my preference.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (7)

- 1) **TUDORR QUIETLY MAKING NOISE AT AMMIK** (Mixon/Madden) A small compact well broken Blenheim with moderate bone and coat. Her movement is excellent even though she did try to sidewind a bit but it's not structural – she is lacking confidence. Also when her handler switched sides, she went straight. She has the most beautiful

head with large dark eyes. Once she has that look at me attitude, she will be on her way to success.

- 2) **NIGHTINGALE OVER THE TOP JW** (Mulligan) Another small compact Blenheim with lots of rear angulation. Plenty of neck. Pretty head with a large dark eye. Tends to throw her front a bit on the move.
- 3) **FORESTCREEK IMAGINE IF** (Goodwin/Cline) Less mature Blenheim with very nice moderate bone and good structure. Looked good on the go around. Pretty head with large eyes. With a little time and maturity she should do well.
- 4) **JAYBA PUMPKIN PATCH** (Lander/Lander) A well structured Blenheim who looks good gaitting around the ring. Plenty of neck and level topline. Beautiful head. She needs a little more confidence to win over the other quality dogs.

HEALTH AND CONFORMATION BITCH (1)

- 1) **BRYTHON KENTUCKY CROWN** (Trad) Up to size Blenheim who clearly enjoys her food! Her coat is a little unruly but she gaits around the ring at one with her handler. Her head whilst not my preference, she did have lovely big dark eyes.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (5)

- 1) **TIBBEDON MISTY MORNING JW, MP** (Tibbetts) gorgeous head and eyes on this Blenheim. Moderate bone with well angulated rear and clean movement coming and going. Plenty of neck, tail off her back. So much to like about this bitch. I could not deny her [**RESERVE WINNER'S BITCH & RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**](#)
- 2) **ANGEL'S PRIDE NESSAJA** (Charen) A beautiful Blenheim who clearly loves her food. I have always liked this bitch as a youngster but having had a litter she has packed on the pounds. Plenty of coat which doesn't help the illusion of a short neck. Her movement is sound. She loves to show and once in condition she should do well. Her head is beautiful with a large eye. Quality exhibit.
- 3) **GRANLAUREL THERE WAS THIS GIRL** (Gregory/Green) An elegant small compact Blenheim, light on coat. Plenty of bone for her size. Moves well coming and going and around the ring. Pretty head with large dark eyes. She looks immature as compared to the others.
- 4) **ALMEARA ONCE SMITTEN TWICE LOVED JW** (Whitmere) Blenheim that moved well with great topline and reach and drive. Her head type is not that of my preference but she is pretty nonetheless.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (3)

- 1) **GRANASIL FLORENTINE OF SUMARA** (Gentil) A straight flat coat on this short coupled Ruby. Lovely neck and shoulders. Tail off her back. She moves well around the ring. Would prefer a stronger rear but on the whole she is a quality bitch.
- 2) **AUTUMNHILL UNFORGETTABLE AT TIDEWATER** (O'Brien/Tatum/Parente) A rich colored Ruby and little up to size and longer cast than one with plenty of bone. Her movement was correct front and rear with good rear angulation. Big personality. Attractive head with big eyes and good pigmentation. A quality bitch.

- 3) **PINNACLEE CYBER MONDAY SIRI WHERE'S THE DEAL** (Aldrich/Cromer) An attractive Ruby that moved out around the ring. She does not have the head type of my preference.

SPECIAL LIMIT B/T BITCH (3)

- 1) **BROOKHAVEN BLACK VELVET SLOW SOUTHERN STYLE** (Bennett/Bennett) A beautiful outline with plenty of neck on this BT. She moved well going around the ring with level topline. Shiny black straight coat which can be difficult to get on a wholecolor. Her head is lovely with large eyes. Rear movement is a little erratic.
- 2) **AUTUMNHILL SUMARA JUST FLIRTING WITH YOU** (Parente/Gentil) A tiny compact BT light on coat. Super balanced body with lots of rear angulation. Her head is beautiful with large eyes. Needs more confidence.
- 3) **LYNSFAIRE MORNING GLORY** (Saban/McDowell) A chunky BT with good bone. Gaits well with her handler around the ring. Pretty head with large eyes.

OPEN BITCH ((3)

- 1) **ANGEL'S PRIDE MISS MAGIC AT MARJORELLE** (Conley) This Blenheim is what I would describe as a sporting type. And there is nothing wrong with that in a breeding program as she gives strong movement. Great personality which makes her a true show dog. Adequate coat. Huge eyes, full muzzle, attractive head.
- 2) **LEGACY CHENIN BLANC WITH EVERA** (True/Lindemaier) A small compact type Blenheim with lots of fluffy coat in immaculate condition albeit a little paler in color. Level topline, plenty of neck and moves/shows very well. Pretty head although I would prefer a fuller muzzle. Still those large dark eyes are most appealing. A quality exhibit.
- 3) **FIELDSEGE NAMASTE** (Smith/Slusher/Slusher) Up to size Blenheim with excellent movement and level topline. Not the head type of my preference but still attractive overall in that she has that large dark eye.

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (2)

- 1) **DREAMVALE HANDS DOWN** (Sage/Colbert) Up to size slightly longer cast Blenheim with fabulous structure and movement. Huge reach and drive, covering plenty of ground. She is 10 ½ years young and you would never know it. Lovely big eyes and attractive head.
- 2) **CH MADRYN PORT ROYAL, AW** (Hasser/Hasser/Weeks/Weeks) A pretty and compact Ruby with large dark eyes and great pigment. Plenty to like about this quality exhibit. Gaited well around the ring.