

Cavaliers Of The Midwest
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Judge: Paula Stark (Tayfern)

I would like to thank the President, Chairman, Show Chair and the Committee for the honour of being invited to judge at the Winter Specialty on 22nd February. I was privileged to have a lovely entry. I was most impressed by the lovely heads, eyes and pigment across the board; type and soundness are of the essence and I was spoilt for choice in many classes. The Blenheims were impressive, closely followed by the Tricolours, but the Wholecolours were not as numerous as the last time I judged. Presentation and showmanship were excellent across the board. It was very satisfying to note that the large majority of the winners were homebred and this bodes well for the future. I would like to say that as a judge I was here to assess the virtues of your dogs – I consider ‘fault judging’ a very negative method of assessing the breed. I would like to convey my thanks to the exhibitors for accepting my decisions in such a sporting manner, it was indeed a memorable day and I hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. I would like to thank the committee and very efficient stewards whose unobtrusive presence enabled me to concentrate solely on the judging. Finally, a BIG THANK YOU for the hospitality and kindness extended to me, and my daughter Anna Charlotte, on this memorable occasion.

Junior Puppy Dog (4)

1. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss (Green) Delightful young richly coloured and heavily marked Blenheim who appealed for type. Masculine head with dark eyes and good pigment framed by long, full, well set ears; nice reach of neck and firm, well ribbed body; he moved with drive and confidence keeping a level topline and tail carriage; a promising youngster who I note is sired by the Best Dog – a well deserved *Best Puppy Dog*.

2. Chadwick Midnight Sun at Hudsonview (Yassky/Glyn) Very attractive heavily marked Tricolour with a good head, dark expressive eyes and rich tan highlights; well made body and strong quarters; he just needs time to mature; moved with drive and kept a level backline. **3. Cruisin Mr Ted E Bear** (Rackler) Immature Ruby of a good rich colour who moved and showed to advantage; correct head shape and large round dark eyes, excellent reach of neck, just needs to body up, but this should come with more maturity. **4. Canyoncrest St Elmos Fire** (Shepard/Du Ross) Another Ruby, whose good coat was of a rich colour, who needs more time to fulfill his potential; good pigmentation throughout, well constructed body which was longer in the coupling than the above

Senior Puppy Dog (4)

1. Jalesto Super Trooper (Gentil) Richly coloured Ruby shown in good coat and condition, lovely head properties with lustrous dark eyes, nicely tapered muzzle and dense pigment, good length of neck and shoulder placement, firm deep cobby body and strong well angulated quarters, he kept a level topline on the move but just needs to tighten up. **2. Bentwood Reason To Believe** (Barton/Harrison) Heavily marked Blenheim of a rich colour with a well shaped masculine head, large dark expressive eyes and dense pigmentation; firm body and well let down quarters, he moved with drive and showed well. **3. Windsea Starbucks** (Sutton) Well broken Blenheim who appealed for type and was shown in good coat; typical head with long full ears and a perfect spot, well made body which was a little longer in the coupling than the above, a happy showman. **4. Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz) Richly coloured Blenheim with a lovely head and gentle expression, good neck and shoulders, firm deep body; he made the most of himself on the move, close up to the above.

Graduate Puppy Dog (5)

1. Chewcreek Three Amigos Dusty Bottoms, JW (DePhillip) Pleasingly marked Blenheim of quality who stood foursquare presenting a balanced overall picture, most appealing head and expression in his large round dark eyes set off by long full ears; good length of neck and shoulder placement, cobby body and well let down quarters, he moved with drive keeping a level backline; a promising exhibit who at 14 months of age has still some maturing to do. **2. Jayba Easy Does It, JW** (Lander) Handsome richly coloured Blenheim who headed a trio of very similar youngsters, shown in good well presented coat, he moved happily keeping a level backline, nicely made well ribbed body which was a little longer in the coupling than the winner. **3. Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion** (Barrett) Very happy well presented youngster who showed off his charms to advantage, lovely head and ‘look at me’ expression, particularly long ears. **4. Canyoncrest Pleasingly Pumpkin** (Du Ross) Rather immature Blenheim constructed on similar lines to the above with very pleasing head properties, he moved with drive but was a little proud of his tail.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)

1. Mtnvista Buffalo Bill Cody (Curtis) Eye-catching well broken compact Blenheim presented in perfect condition; correct head properties enhanced by dark expressive eyes and dense pigment, nice reach of neck and shoulders, cobby body and well angulated quarters; he moved with drive and confidence holding a level backline. **2. Ch Autumnhill Ring of Fire, JW** (Parente) Richly coloured Ruby whose well presented coat gleamed with condition; of an ideal size he was well constructed although a little longer in the coupling than the winner; attractive head properties and very attentive to his handler, he moved with style, another with a pleasing topline.

Junior American Bred Dog (2)

1. Cloudbase Alexander (Scanlan Johnson) Richly coloured and heavily marked young Blenheim who shows much promise; well constructed throughout with good head properties, firm body and good bone, a very attentive showman who moved with drive and excelled in a level backline. **2. Darane Suddenly Seymour** (Kates) Very attractive well

broken Blenheim who just needs to fulfill his undoubted potential, good head, excellent front assembly and cobby body, he just needs to tighten up.

American Bred Dog (6)

1. Brookhaven Dante (Ayers/Martz) Well broken, very handsome Blenheim shown in super coat and condition; he moved with drive and purpose keeping a dead level topline; pleasing head properties, so reminiscent of his illustrious breeding, with beautiful eyes and gentle expression, elegant neck and shoulders, deep firm body and well angulated quarters; an ultimate showman who did all that his handler asked of him; close up in the final line-up. **Best American Bred Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog** **2. Sikeleli I Wanna Be A Rock Star** (Nel) Elegant nicely constructed well broken Tricolour who just needs to body and coat up to trouble the best; correctly shaped head with dark eyes and rich tan markings framed by long full ears, good clean neck and shoulders, cobby body and well let down quarters, he moved and showed well. **3. Darane Jon Bon Jovi** (Kates) Dear little well broken Blenheim complete with the bonus of a perfect spot on the top of his well shaped head; he moved with style and dignity and his silky coat was beautifully presented. **4. Oggbrae Don Ottavio** (Bales) Promising Blenheim whose richly coloured coat is in the process of 'growing in', pleasing head properties and firm well ribbed body which is a little longer in the couplings than the above, a very happy showman.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (6)

1. Miletree Carnival at Shirmont, JW (Henry) This well marked exhibit of a perfect size shown in good coat, which was perfectly presented, caught my eye immediately and did not disappoint on further examination, classic masculine head with lovely dark eyes and gentle expression framed by the longest of full well set on ears, good length of neck, well laid shoulders, firm deep body and strong quarters; he moved with drive and when he settled into the job in hand showed to advantage, very close up in the final challenge. **2. Pinecrest White Lightning, JW** (Eubank) Richly coloured well marked exhibit of quality which was unlucky to meet the winner who was on top form; my notes say 'lovely dog with a beautiful head enhanced by huge dark eyes and a perfect spot', his well constructed frame just needs more body and his movement to settle. **3. Kinvaar's Mile High Club** (Harrison) An attractive dog whose well broken silky coat was well presented, made on more generous lines than the above, he caught my eye for type, a good head with the bonus of a perfect lozenge and pleasing body shape, a good showman but did not move as well as the above. **4. Turretbank Oliver** (Green) Attractively marked exhibit shown in good coat, pleasing short coupled body and good quarters, he showed well with good head carriage, another who needs to tighten up in movement.

Special Limit Tricolour Dog (1)

1. Angel's Pride Love Vegas (Gentil) Eye-catching crisply marked dog of quality with a profuse, perfectly presented coat and rich tan in all the correct places; masculine head of correct proportions with large round dark eyes framed by large correctly placed ears, excellent reach of neck into well laid shoulders and a straight front, deep cobby body and good quarters; he moved with drive whilst exhibiting a proudly carried head and level topline, his quality and showmanship earned him *Reserve Winners Dog* and *Best Tricolor in Show*.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (4)

1. Stepangar's Copper Penny (Martz/Shreffler) Most attractive and typey, richly coloured dog whose coat gleamed with condition; well shaped masculine head with dark eyes and excellent pigmentation throughout, firm cobby body and well let down quarters he moved with drive keeping a level backline at all times and made a pleasing picture with his ever wagging tail action. **Best Ruby in Show** **2. Meadowlake Licence To Kill** (Swanson) Compact exhibit whose good quality coat was not so rich in colour as the winner, attractive head and body of pleasing construction, an attentive showman who moved with drive. I note that he is a half brother to the class winner. **3. Autumnhill Spencer, JW** (Weinstein/Parente) Well coated and presented dog with a well shaped head and beautiful expressive eyes and the longest of correctly placed ears, pleasing body shape that was rather longer in the couplings than the winner – a happy showman. **4. Canyoncrest Cyrillic Sun** (Du Ross) Another exhibit who was a good rich colour and had a pleasing expression, well made body which, like the above, is rather long, he needs time to body up and mature.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (3)

1. Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Schilling) Cobby little dog whose raven black full coat with rich tan markings was well presented, good head properties, balanced construction and strong well angulated quarters which he used to advantage on the move whilst keeping his good topline, I note that he is a half brother to the Best Ruby In Show. **Best Black & Tan Dog** **2. Charma Laid Back Louie at Carlen** (Close) Competent and willing showman who moved with drive, made on slightly longer lines than the winner, masculine head with expressive eyes, firm body which was not so deep at the moment. **4. Meadowlake Blue Devil** (Swanson) Very immature exhibit who needs more time to develop, sweet correctly shaped head with large round eyes and very rich tan highlights, he showed well but needs to tighten up in movement.

Open Dog (6)

1. Ch Pascavale Jackson (Cline) This lovely little Blenheim of a perfect size headed a quartet of quality; put down to perfection his profuse, well broken silky coat gleamed with condition, classic head properties with an appealing expression in his large, dark, round eyes, correct stop and clean muzzle, all framed by long correctly set ears; excellent reach of neck flowing into good shoulders, good angulation, both fore and aft, cobby firm deep body and strong quarters, he moved soundly presenting a very balanced outline; a quality exhibit who showed off his virtues with aplomb and did all his handler asked, a well deserved *Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex* and *Best Blenheim Dog*.

2. Bozi V.H. Lamslag (York) Upstanding well marked Tricolour with very rich tan highlights, shown in full, perfectly presented coat, masculine head with dark eyes which I would have liked to be a little larger, even markings all set off by full, well set ears, body of pleasing proportions and strong quarters, he moved with drive, a great, competent, happy showman. **3. Ch Orchardhill Shirmont Back Talk, JW** (Henny/Venier) Mature heavily coated and well broken Blenheim who appealed for his size and type; masculine head with a gentle outlook and a perfect spot, all framed by the longest of full ears, good neck and a short, deep, cobby body with good quarters, he kept a good backline on the move but did not move as truly as the above. **4. Ch Melrose Gold For Bonitos Companeros, JW** (Magera/Mitchell) Very pretty richly coloured Ruby who showed with confidence, attractive head with beautiful dark eyes, body of good proportions, just needs to grow his coat to complete the picture.

Junior Puppy Bitch (8)

1. Jayba Knockout (Lander) Enchanting, very pretty, cobby little Blenheim who moved with drive and showed off her charms like a veteran; classic very feminine head shape with large, dark eyes and dense pigment, excellent neck and shoulders, firm body and good angulated quarters, good round bone for her ideal size, one I would have loved to have taken home, only missed out for Best Puppy on maturity, I feel sure she is destined for 'top spots'. **2. Hiddencreek Juicy Couture** (Green) Another quality well broken Blenheim, made on similar lines to the winner, who was shown in good coat, sweet head and attentive expression, elegant reach of neck and short well ribbed body, she used her well let down quarters to advantage on the move, a happy showgirl who was close up to the winner. **3. Bekenhall Rock Star** (Vezina/Hall) Typey Blenheim youngster who was well shown and moved with drive, keeping a level backline, another with good conformation throughout and breed type. **4. Pinecrest Flamin Gogh** (Eubank) This very immature and very showy little Blenheim completed a super line-up of very promising youngsters, lovely head properties and pleasing conformation, she moved truly with enthusiasm.

Senior Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Bentwood Chloe of Forestcreek (Cline/Harrison) Captivating nicely marked Blenheim of 11 months, shown in full coat, very feminine evenly marked head with huge dark eyes and dense pigment to match, framed by long full ears, excellent neck and shoulders, firm body and well let down quarters, a happy extrovert showgirl who moved with drive exhibiting a balanced outline, a very promising puppy who was a very worthy *Best Puppy Bitch* and *Best Puppy in Show*.

2. Piccadil Destined To Be Rich, JW (York) Well broken richly coloured Blenheim of a slightly different type, who was full of quality, expertly shown her silky coat was put down to the minute, attractive head, good length of neck, well developed body and strong quarters which produced good movement. **Royalcaper Magic Moment** (Clayton) Very pretty little Blenheim who was not so forward in development as the above at the moment, but I am sure has lots to look forward to; lovely feminine head and outlook, shapely body and good angulation, moved well when she settled, one with potential. **4. Kinvaar La Esperanto** (Johnson) Another nice Blenheim who moved and showed to advantage, good head and pleasing body shape, but a little longer in the back than the above, a very attentive showgirl.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (9)

1. Pinecrest Soul Sister, JW (Eubank) Eye-catching very feminine Blenheim who was put down in perfect condition, beautiful head of the correct shape with large dark eyes and dense pigment, her sweet face was framed by long correctly set ears, elegant length of neck and good shoulder placement, firm cobby body and well let down quarters, she moved with drive and precision keeping a dead level topline and tail carriage, an exciting prospect for the future. **2. Brookhaven In The Garden, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Very pretty and well presented Blenheim of a similar type, typical, well shaped feminine head with beautiful eyes and a gentle expression, body of pleasing proportions, a very attentive quality exhibit who moved and showed well. **3. Chadwick Papparazzi, JW** (Matos) Attractive and shapely Blenheim made on slightly larger lines to the above, but has much quality, feminine well shaped head, complete with the desired lozenge, firm body and good quarters, she enjoyed her showing. **4. Almeara Scrumpdillyicious** (Whitmire) Pretty little heavily marked Tricolour with very rich tan markings who appealed for type and good conformation throughout, she moved and showed with enthusiasm.

Novice Bitch (4)

1. Cloudbase Porcelain Moon (Scanlan Johnson) Nicely broken very feminine Blenheim with a good head, dark round eyes and good pigment, good length of neck, correctly set on a cobby body, good quarters and a level topline, she showed off her charms to advantage and needs to grow more coat to complete the picture. **2. Luxxar Sugar Babe** (Helleston/Companozzi) Another feminine Blenheim of a similar type with a body of correct proportions, she appears to be a little shorter in the neck due to carrying a little too much condition, a happy showgirl. **3. Cruisin De Lil Mermaid** (Rackler), richly coloured rather immature Ruby who just needs more time to fulfill her potential, sweet head with lovely dark eyes, another who was enjoying the show ring. **4. Blackfire Understudy** (Reichardt) Slightly larger B/T with a good length of neck and a level topline, shapely body, another who needs to mature and body up.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (4)

1. Shirmont Apple Macintosh, JW (Henry/Dodson) Very attractive richly coloured and perfectly presented Blenheim who stood four square, feminine head shape and very gentle expression in her dark eyes and excellent pigment, good reach of neck and shoulder placement, firm deep body and strong well angulated quarters, she showed and moved well keeping a level topline and tail carriage at all times. **2. Ch Starmarc I Believe, JW** (Hooper) Most attractive Tricolour with good bone to match her useful size, lovely head with round dark eyes, well marked rich tan highlights and long well set ears, excellent construction throughout, a very attentive showgirl who moved soundly with a proudly carried head, I was delighted to award her *Best Tricolor Bitch*. **3. Tidewater Dazzled By Luv** (O'Brien) Very well presented

Blenheim made on slightly larger lines than the above, good head and pigmentation, firm body, she showed and moved happily. **4. Mtnvista Belle Star** (Curtis) Another nice, typey Blenheim who was made on sound lines, she was giving away over 2 years in age so has some maturing to do, she showed with enthusiasm.

Junior American Bred Bitch (7)

1. Pinecrest Destiny's Child, JW (Eubank) Quality well broken Blenheim whose coat was of a correct silky texture, very pretty evenly marked head with dense pigment, large dark eyes and a perfect spot, very elegant reach of neck and clean well laid shoulders, firm cobby body and well let down strong quarters which produced free flowing movement, she showed happily, keeping a level backline and ever wagging tail action, a super showgirl who just needs time to trouble the best. I note that she is a full sister to the winner of Graduate Puppy, how fortunate for these clever breeders to have two such lovely youngsters. **2. Licketysplit Maybe I'm Amazed** (Geoghegan) Another impressive Blenheim, very similar in type to the above, super head qualities and well constructed body, very happy on the move, she was well shown to enhance all her virtues. **3. Bekenhall Playing With Fire** (Hall) Very pretty cobby little Blenheim who was giving away a few months in age to the above, just needs time to fulfill her potential, sweet head, cobby body and good quarters, very full of her own importance. **4. Sheeba Royal Expression at Foxcreek** (Johnson) Another Blenheim of a similar type to the above, to which the same critique applies, a happy showgirl who just needs to grow into her frame.

American Bred Bitch (8)

1. Jayba Tres Jolie, JW (Lander) Attractive little Blenheim with a beautiful head set off with long well set ears and a very soft expression in her large dark eyes, good length of crested neck, firm well ribbed body and good angulation, a happy exhibit who showed with verve whilst keeping a level backline; close up for top honours. **2. Royalcaper Silk Tassels** (Clayton) Upstanding and rather heavily marked Tricolour with a particularly elegant length of neck and proudly carried well shaped head with long, well fringed ears; good, well ribbed body and strong quarters, a happy exhibit who moved with drive. **3. Tidewater Rebellion** (O'Brien) Pretty Blenheim of a useful size with a neat firm body, she just needs to drop into her frame, very feminine head with dark eyes and a perfect spot, pigment could have been a little denser, she put 'all in' on the move. **4. Darane Casablanca at Chewcreek** (DePhillip) Well broken Tricolour of an 'old fashion' type with a sweet head and expression, well made body and put down in good coat, she enjoyed being in the ring.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (6)

1. Pascavale Kira (Cline) This nicely marked and silky coated exhibit of quality was well presented, attractive head qualities with large round eyes which I would have preferred to have been a shade darker, her conformation, size and deportment were 'spot on', she moved around the ring as if she owned it, a very happy exhibit. **2. Gayhalo Mosaic** (Ayers/Martz) Richly coloured and heavily marked bitch of quality, lovely feminine head framed by long full ears, pleasing neck and shoulders, neat firm body which was a little longer than the above, shown in good coat she moved and showed well. **3. Hadara Soul Speak** (Koch) Another richly coloured well presented exhibit who was made on elegant lines, sweet head with the bonus of a perfect lozenge, pleasing conformation and a good straight front, she moved with enthusiasm. **4. Royalcaper Bluebell Bliss** (Clayton) Very nicely broken pretty exhibit with a cobby deep body, she just needs more coat to complete the picture, she moved with style making the most of her virtues.

Special Limit Tricolour Bitch (3)

1. Emenkay Truly Truly Fair (Peterson) Rather heavily marked aptly named exhibit who moved and showed well, most attractive head qualities so difficult to achieve in this colour, body of correct proportions, a nice sound mover. **2. Riverwood Scarlett O'Hara** (Brian) Dear little exhibit who still has some maturing to do, but has a feminine head and sweet expression, good rich tan in the correct places and the promise of a good coat to come, nicely made body and good quarters, very happy on the move. **3. Benchmark Shameless** (Hoorman) Very attentive exhibit with a correctly shaped head and lovely eyes, made on rather larger lines than the above.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)

1. Laine's Xaviera, JW (Poti) Richly coloured exhibit shown in good coat, with a feminine head, large dark eyes and a gentle expression, good length of neck and short deep body, she moved with drive in a very sedate manner. **Best Ruby Bitch** **2. Brookhaven Lucky Penny** (Schilling/Ayers) Another richly coloured exhibit shown in good coat and condition, sweet typical head and firm well ribbed body which was longer in the coupling than the winner, she moved and showed well.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (1)

1. Roseriver Hallelujah (Young) Quality exhibit with a very feminine head and sweet gentle expression in her large dark eyes, nicely constructed cobby body and strong quarters which she used to advantage on the move, her raven black coat with very rich tan highlights could have been more profuse but it was well presented and gleamed with condition, a typey exhibit of a perfect size which I remember making Best Puppy In Show when I judged in Denver. On this occasion I had the pleasure of awarding her **Best Black & Tan in Show**.

Open Bitch (3) This class, although small, was of such high quality that I was reduced to splitting hairs as each could have been a very worthy winner.

1. Ch Pinecrest Moonshine, JW (Eubank) This very glamorous, well broken and richly coloured little Blenheim headed this class of quality in depth, a true Toy Spaniel who fitted my interpretation of the Breed Standard, correct in all departments with no exaggerations and good round bone to match her ideal size; she has the most beautiful head with just the right amount of cushioning, lustrous dark expressive eyes, good pigment and full, heavily fringed well set ears, excellent reach of neck with the desired crest, flowing into clean well angulated shoulders, nice straight front and short deep, firm body, strong well let down quarters produced a free flowing graceful action whilst keeping a level

backline and proudly carried head; at all times she presented a balanced outline, these qualities together with an immaculately presented silky coat, gentle personality and perfect deportment made her irresistible and I was delighted to award her **Winners Bitch**, and then **Best in Show** over the very worthy Winners Dog; also **Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show**, **Best American Bred in Show**, **Best Blenheim in Show**.

2. Ch Chadwick Embrace, JW (Eckersley) A very difficult decision between these two lovely Blenheim bitches; presented in good coat with a very pretty head and gorgeous eyes framed by heavily fringed ears, good neck and shoulders, another with a straight front, well made body with a firm topline which was a little longer in the couplings than the winner, good quarters produced free true movement, this together with a wagging tail made a pleasing picture, a lovely showgirl who as a very worthy **Reserve Winners Bitch**.

3. Ch Pinecrest Moonlight Madness, JW (Henry) Another quality nicely broken and beautifully presented Blenheim, lovely head qualities, so similar to the winner, sweet attentive expression in her lovely dark eyes and the longest of full ears; adequate length of neck and short cobby body, good well angulated quarters, a very happy showgirl whose movement was not so true as those above, a beautiful typey bitch who, like the above, was only beaten by a whisker. I note that she is a full sister to the winner and has many of her impressive attributes.

Veteran Bitch (1)

1. Ch Pinecrest Takes Two To Tango of Bekenhall (Hall) Very spritely 9 ½ year old Tricolour who was enjoying being in the limelight again; sweet head and expression with rich tan highlights and long ears, a lovely mature lady so typical of her breeding. **Best Veteran in Show**

Brace (1)

1. Hadara Easy Does It & Luxxar Just In Case (Koch) Very well matched and presented Blenheims who moved around the ring in perfect unison, never putting a foot wrong a well deserved **Best Brace**.