

Cavaliers of the Midwest
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Judge: Elaine Berwick (Merrylaine)

First of all I would like to thank the Cavaliers of the Midwest for the honour of judging this show and to thank them for the generous hospitality shown to myself, Cliff and Charlie, with a special thank you to Ginger Harrison who looked after us and to Lana Adair who was my excellent Ring Steward. Thank you to Shawn Barton for the perfect Welcome Bag, the Club for my beautiful gift and also the exhibitors who made us feel so welcome over the weekend. This was the third time I had judged 'across the pond' the first being in 2003 and the depth of quality in the classes was much better than anytime before. In some classes, especially the puppies, dogs were unplaced that I thought were lovely. The standard of the bitches entered was exceptional, class after class had a number of high quality bitches in them. The main winners would, I feel, be able to hold their own anywhere and were a credit to their breeders and owners. Thank you for bringing such quality dogs under me, I thoroughly enjoyed my day.

Junior Puppy Dog (6) What a super class to start the day.

1. Chadwick Paddington Bear (Eckersley) Dear little blen of just 5 months. Super size and bone, everything in proportion. Liked his gentle expression, dark eyes, clear muzzle. Moved very steadily both ways. Evenly marked on his body and coat in lovely condition. Just what I would hope for in a puppy his age. Such a happy disposition for his first show. **2. Forestcreek Franklin** (Cline) Another blen very close up to 1st. Coat a lovely rich colour. Soft expression, clear muzzle, dark eyes. Level topline held well on the move. Showed very well for his age. Lots of promise with this puppy. **3. Rutherford Eros** (Jones) Almost 9 months so more mature than the boys above. Thought he would be my winner when he walked in but he didn't quite settle to the task in hand. Heavier marked than the two above, coat a lovely rich colour. Liked his size. Soft gentle eyes, will watch his future with interest. **4. Closeburn Maciver Alan** (Fairchild/Beard) Rounded off four super Blenheim boys. Finer in head than the 3 above but still has a lovely expression. Dark eyes, his coat was a lovely rich colour and well presented. Level topline held well on the move. Four lovely examples of the breed.

Senior Puppy Dog (5) Another cracking class of puppies.

1. Nightingale The Eyes Have It (Mulligan) Oh my I loved this boy! Beautiful blen who walked into the ring with an air about him that just said look at me. Couldn't stand wrong if he tried. Such a soft expression, deep liquid eyes, good pigment. Moved well both ways, plenty of drive. Absolutely loved him. Thrilled to hear his win the next day gave him his Junior Warrant. Delighted to award him *Best Puppy Dog* and *Best Puppy in Show*.

2. Autumnhill Believe In Me (Parente) Lighter marked blen boy. Another one with promise. Kind gentle expression, clear muzzle, dark eyes. Presented to perfection. Moved very well keeping everything together. **3. Hiddencreek Mason** (Green) Another blen, liked his rich colour and condition of his coat. Shorter in muzzle than those above but this didn't detract from his gentle expression. Was very busy which I think is the reason he is a bit lean, just needs a pound or two and then he will be hard to beat. So much promise I am sure will have a good future. **4. Angel's Pride Just A Gigolo Of Sumara** (Gentil) Another blen, looked nice as he went around the ring. Soft expression, clear muzzle, well marked.

Graduate Puppy Dog (2)

1. Rradac Left At The Top (Darr) Another very promising blen boy. Evenly marked in good coat, clear muzzle, dark eye and good pigment lovely soft expression. Just right about of bone for his size. Promising boy. **2. Ilow Du Jardin De Claire Of Sumara** (Gentil) Ruby who held his topline well on the move. Nice head and dark eye. Showed well.

Novice Dog (2)

1. Mysticknight Orbiting Comet (Brandvold) Ruby of rich colour. Level topline held on the move. Good expression with dark eyes and good pigment. **2. Lynsfair Enchanted Evening** (Boos) Black and tan, slightly heavier in head than above. Moved steadily both ways.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)

1. Ch Dreamvale Motley Crue (Sage/Colbert) Was literally splitting hairs between these two gorgeous Blenheim boys, both who have so much to offer. Lovely head, soft expression and dark eyes, good neck and shoulders, level topline held well on the move. **2. Ch Forestcreek Double O Seven, JW** (Cline) Most beautiful head on this boy with the desired lozenge. Big dark eyes, well marked and shown beautifully. Just didn't have the panache of the first, but so much to like about him.

Junior American Bred Dog (3)

1. Forestcreek Royal Harry (Castrogiovanni) Lovely blen, who was very close up to the main winners. Liked his size and shape. Good pigment, dark eyes, lovely long ears. Moved very well both ways and going around. Will watch his career with interest. **2. Chadwick Cheers At Hudsonview** (Glynn) Smaller sized pretty headed tri boy beautiful big eyes, heavier marked. Liked his size and his shape. Moved steadily. **3. Northview Don Diego** (Babcock) 12 month blen who was giving away a lot in maturity compared to the others. Lighter marked blen with lozenge. Lots to like about him and I am sure he will mature into a lovely boy.

American Bred Dog (7) I was splitting hairs in this class.

1. Oggbrae Don Ottavio (Bales) Headed a nice class of blen boys. Well marked, slightly heavier in head but in no way coarse. Moved well, plenty of bone for his size. Liked his type. **2. Nightingale Wish Upon A Star At Nebyula** (Birbeck) More well broken than above, very pretty head, coat in lovely condition, moved well going around the ring. **3. Clarmarian Classic By Design** (Young May) Another lovely boy, richly marked with lozenge, very gentle expression, moved with plenty of drive. **4. Markley Double Play** (Storey) Slightly shorter in muzzle than those above, dark eye, well marked, good neck and shoulders and moved well.

Health & Conformation Dog (1)

1. Avia Sgt Pepper (Marler) Seven year old Blenheim boy, well marked coat of good rich colour, dark eyes. Good spring of rib. Very attentive to his handler.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (1)

1. Pascavale Kingsley (Ayers/Martz) Heavier marked blen dog. Dark eyes, clear muzzle. Good neck and shoulders, level topline which he held well on the move. Presented very well.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (4)

1. Rosehill Recalculating (Sage/Warshaw) I really liked this tricolour boy, such a pretty head, dark eyes and excellent pigment. Heavier marked over his body but this didn't distract from his lovely shape. Good bone. Liked him a lot. **2. Chadwick Midnight Sun At Hudsonview** (Glynn) Another nice boy whose size and shape I liked, Just needs to fill out a bit. Level topline which he held well on the move. Beautifully presented. **3. Mysticknight Jack Pot** (Hassig) Very well broken boy, tan in all the right places, very attentive to his handler. Moved with plenty of drive. **4. Sikeleli I Wanna Be A Rock Star** (Nel) Another one who is well marked. Slightly plainer in head than those above' Lovely long ear leathers. Attentive to his handler.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (2)

1. Denham Superstorm, JW (Maddox) Liked this boy, lovely rich colour, nice size and shape. Pretty head with dark eyes good pigment. Held his topline well on the move. **2. Sevenwoods Wildberry** (Shidler) Another happy boy, slightly longer in class but also has much to admire. Gentle expression with good pigment. Moved steadily around the ring.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (5)

Roi L Stings Like A Bee (Carter/Lessig) Heavier headed dog, but he had the best shape and size.

Level topline which he held well on the move, very attentive to his handler. Showed very well. **2.**

Darane Leonardo Da Vinci At Nebyula (Birbeck) Heavily coated boy which made him look like he was carrying some weight, which he wasn't. Gentle expression, dark eyes and good pigment. Very close to 1st. **3. Elyzian Double Take** (Arnold) Lovely rich tan, good neck and shoulders. Moved well around the ring. **4. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) Liked his dark eyes and his size, showed very happily, moved like a youngster certainly didn't look 6 years of age.

Open Dog (7) Outstanding class of dogs. Four lovely representatives of the breed.

1. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell (Green/Sloan) Stunning b/t who caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring. Generous head with soft expression, dark liquid eyes, good neck and shoulders, level topline and good spring of rib. Moved extremely well both ways. Shown and presented to perfection.

Delighted to award him *Winners Dog, Best Opposite Sex in Show* and *Best Black & Tan in Show*.

2. Ch Brookhaven Believe It Or Not (Ayers/Martz) Richly marked Blenheim that oozes breed type. Loved his size and shape. Very gentle expression. Just the right bone for his size. Well turned stifles and moved well from behind. Delighted to award him *Reserve Winners Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog, Best Blenheim Dog* and *Best American Bred Dog*.

3. Ch Dreamvale Tri Your Luck At Parkbury, JW (Parker) This lovely tri boy grew on me throughout the class, well marked, nice rich tan, gentle expression, dark eye. Moved very well both ways, lots to like about him. *Best Tricolour in Show* **4. Ch Brookhaven Kid Rock At Almeira, JW** (Whitmire) Blen, built on more elegant lines, another one with so much to like. Beautiful full coat another one who was presented to perfection. Pretty head, dark eye and good ear placement. Level topline held well on the move.

Junior Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Rutherford Electra (Jones) Headed a class of such promising babies, anyone of them I would have been happy to award a first too. This young lady can be described in one word 'busy!'. Loved her, blen girl, well marked. Just the right size for her age. Lovely neck and shoulders. Level topline and good tail carriage. I understand this win gave her her Junior Warrant, congratulations! **2. Truelegance Aria de la Luna** (Cromer) Sweet little blen of 5 months. So much promise. Very well broken coat which was presented well. Not overawed at all by the day. Should have some fun with her. **3. Autumnhill Jessie's Girl** (Parente/Hayes) Another blen, not quite as settled as those above but another showing a lot of promise. Well marked good bone for her size. Moved with plenty of drive. **4. Iloo Dite Ilan Du Jardin De Claire Of Sumara** (Gentil) Dear little b/t with the prettiest of heads. Big dark eyes and good pigment. Nice size and shape. Coat was gleaming black.

Senior Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Ch Chadwick Leura, JW (Eckersley) Pretty headed blen, dark eyes and good pigment. Loved her size and outline. Good neck, shoulders and topline and moved well going around well marked. Delighted to award her *Best Puppy Bitch*.

2. Jayba Nanette (Lander) This owner is to be congratulated of the consistent quality of her dogs, class after class they are like peas in a pod. First was pushed hard by this lovely blen girl who just lost out on maturity. Most beautiful head, dark eyes and good pigment. Level topline which she held well on the move. I understand she became a Champion on the Sunday, many congratulations. **3. Sevenwoods Berrylicious** (Shidler) Another promising girl. Well marked and presented well. Good spring of rib and moved well both ways.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (7) Another excellent class.

1. Hunterest Rumor Has It (Weiner Pope) Very typical of her breeding, lovely blen girl who had it not been for the quality of some of the girls can easily been one of my main winners. So much to like about her. Nice size and shape lovely neck and shoulders level topline which she held well. Handled very well. One whose career I shall watch with interest. **2. Jayba Cookies N Cream** (Lander) Then came this oh so pretty girl. Big dark eyes, sweet expression. Just right amount of bone for her size. Moved very well. Good neck and shoulder placement. Very promising. **3. Foxwyn A Likely Story** (Baker-Fox/Greak/Comer) Such a happy soul! Heavier marked blen, with spot. Another one with a lovely soft expression. Moved well with plenty of drive. **4. Linrica Honey Girl** (Cheng Liu) Another blen who was well broken. Clear muzzle, dark eyes and good pigment. Moved easily around the ring.

Novice Bitch (2)

1. Denham Dark Side Of The Moon (Marshall) Happy b/t with rich tan. Moved steadily. Good spring of rib. Liked her size. Showed very well. *Best Black & Tan Bitch* **2. Kalidunn Started With A Whisper** (Dunn) Blen who was well broken and in good coat. Looked balanced on the move. Sweet expression and clear muzzle.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (2)

1. Ch Kean Ultraviolet, JW (Keane) My notes say gorgeous, gorgeous girl! This young lady was exactly what I had been looking for. Beautiful head, clear muzzle, black nose and gentle eyes. No 'if only'. Lovely neck and should, good spring of rib, level topline held well on the move. Shown and present to perfection. Congratulations to her breeder/owner she has hit the nail right on the head with this one! Delighted to award her *Winners Bitch, Best In Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Blenheim in Show*.

2. Truelegance Eye Candy (Cromer) Another nice blen with spot with lots to like. Gentle expression with dark eyes, good pigment. Moved very well. Very typy. Showed well.

Junior American Bred Bitch (6) Lovely class of girls.

1. Almeara Look At Me (Whitmire) Same sire as previous class who is obviously producing some quality stock. Lovely blen, lighter marked. Most beautiful head. Dark liquid eyes, gentle expression. A bit busy moving but moved very well. Level topline and good spring of rib. **2. Jayba Beatrix** (Lander) What a monkey! She would walk when she wanted to walk. Dear little blen who I thought would be my winner when they came in. Full of breed type. Sweet face, heavier marked and nice rich colour. Good ear placement. When she moved she moved well. Unlucky to meet first today. **3. Marshelle Simply Irresistible** (Stout) Sweet baby of 5 months, whose lovely sister sadly went unplaced in a very strong Junior Puppy. Has everything there, just the size and bone you would want on a puppy of this age. Should have an exciting future. Same sire as 2nd. **4. Padamere Jump Back Jenna** (Miller) Blen girl, heavier marked. Coat in lovely condition and presented well. Dark eye and good pigment. Moved steadily.

American Bred Bitch (7)

1. Jayba Summer Shandy (Lander) Blen, slightly shorter in muzzle. Dark eyes and good pigment. Ideal size and shape. Good neck and shoulders, good spring of rib. Beautifully presented. **2.**

Nightingale Goldilocks At Nebyula (Birbeck) Blen with spot. Nice outline, showed well just needs to

relax a little bit. Moved well both ways. **3. Marshelle Too Hot To Handle** (Smith/Stout) Blen, finer in head than the two above. Another one with the desired lozenge. Liked her size and shape. **4. Denham Moonstruck** (Maddox/Fairchild) Nicely shaped blen, with good spring of rib and level topline which she held well on the move. Very attentive to her handler.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (6)

1. Cobhill Golden Marguerite (Brunson/Rose) Really liked this blen. Liked her size and shape, pretty head, dark eyes and good pigment, clear muzzle. Moved exceedingly well. Topline held well on the move. One I will keep an eye on. **2. Linrica Femme Fatale, JW** (Liu) Another lovely blen girl with lots to like. Showed very well. Liked her head and dark eye, soft expression. Nice size and shape. Very close between these two. **3. Rutherford Byoncee, JW** (Jones) Like the size of this blen girl, very well marked. Attractive head with dark eyes and good pigment. Didn't have the front movement of those above. **4. Harana Madonna** (Klutts) Another well marked pretty headed girl. Very gentle expression, large dark eyes. Moved well with plenty of drive. Level topline.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (1)

1. Brookhaven Rainy Night In Georgia At Lanmar (Hubbard) Heavier marked tri, but with white collar. Tan in all the right places. Sweet head, dark eyes and good pigment. Loved her size and shape. Alone but a quality girl. *Best Tricolour Bitch in Show*

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)

1. Roseriver Fanfare (Young) Two nice rubies girls in this class. Just preferred the movement of the first. Nice colour and coat well presented. Pretty head, with dark eyes and good pigment. Moved well around the ring. Showed well. **2. Brookhaven Lucky Penny** (Schilling/Ayers) Another with lovely rich colour. Good spring of rib and level topline which she held well on the move. Very close between these two.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (3)

1. Roseriver Bedazzled (Young) I see from the catalogue she is sister to the previous class winner. Her long well presented coat makes her look shorter in the leg which she isn't. Lovely head with soft expression. **2. Harana Dragonflye Beyonce** (Klutts) Pretty face with lovely expression. Good pigment. Slightly longer than above. Good bone for her size. Moved well both ways. Presented well. **3. Denham Over The Moon** (Maddox) Close up to the two above. Good tan. Moved very well going around the ring. Level topline held well. This was a stronger class than the black & tan dog class.

Open Bitch (3)

1. Ch Autumnhill Desire Me, JW (Parente) Loved this ruby girl who pushed Ultra Violet all the way! First thing I noticed were her beautiful eyes and head. Lovely ear placement. Good bone for her size which is just right. Moved very well holding her outline as she went around the ring with that extra bit of style. Will watch her career with interest. Delighted to award her *Reserve Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best Ruby in Show*.

2. Nightingale Kit Kat (Mulligan) Smaller sized Blenheim who is in proportion. So much to like about her. Very pretty face, desired lozenge, Good neck and shoulders and level topline held well on the move. Showed extremely well and was beautifully presented. Won her championship the following day, congratulations she is lovely. **3. Brookhaven In The Garden, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Another lovely blen girl with a beautiful expression, dark eyes and good pigment. Lighter marked than the second, coat shown in beautiful condition. Moved very well going around the ring. Three lovely examples of the breed.

Veteran Dog (2)

1. Chadwick Jack In The Box (Storey) Oh my what a lovely boy! He didn't look anywhere near his 12 years of age. Tricolour with lovely soft expression. Moved so well going around. Showed like a trooper! A credit to his owner and breeder. **2. Margann Archibald Leach** (Boos/Susnis) Ruby boy who was 14. Moved well around the ring. Lovely gentle expression.

Veteran Bitch (3)

1. Castlemar's Sophia Grace, C-RE, C-CD (Barton) Small compact dear little blen of 10 and a half. Most beautiful face with big eyes. Moved so well around the ring. Well marked and presented to perfection. *Best Veteran in Show*

2. Avia Referees Call (Marler) 10 year old blen who also moved well. Pretty head. Well marked. Unlucky to meet the Glamour Puss above! **3. Sevenwoods Epiphany** (Neumeier) Nine year old blen, who showed and moved so well, would easily off said she was six or seven. Another one with a pretty head. Thank you for bringing her.