

Cavaliers of the Midwest
07/26/14, Indianapolis, IN
Judge Erica Venier (Orchard Hill)

My judging experience at the Cavaliers of the Midwest show in Indianapolis was thoroughly enjoyable. The venue was extremely comfortable; the ring was large and the exhibitors and club members courteous. Thank-you, everyone. The entry Saturday was outstanding in both type and presentation. The quality of my final cuts in both dogs and bitches was especially gratifying; any one of them would have been deserving of a major. I was sincerely proud of all of them knowing the talent and effort it takes to breed, prepare and ultimately present a Cavalier to top honors. Well done, all of you.

Junior Puppy Dog (6)

1. Rutherford Eros (Jones) Richly-colored Blenheim puppy with large dark round eyes complimented by ample padding beneath. Masculine, attractive head. Top line solid, tail carriage correct. **2. Forestcreek Franklin** (Cline) Another richly-colored Blenheim, this one more well-broken. Lovely dark round eyes, muzzle well-tapered with ample padding under the eyes. Soft expression. Sturdy bone while not being overdone in any way. Preferred the shape of the number one puppy. **3. Chadwick Paddington Bear** (Eckersley) Well-broken Blenheim boy with lovely round eyes and a sweet expression. Small, sturdy and compact with short hocks and correct tail carriage. **4. Closeburn Maciver Alan** (Fairchild) Another well-marked Blenheim baby; dark eyes and a sweet expression; slightly longer in loin than the puppies ahead of him.

Senior Puppy Dog. (5)

1. Nightingale The Eyes Have It (Mulligan/Duke) Well-marked richly colored Blenheim boy with large dark round eyes and a sweet expression. Just enough fill under the eyes to be pleasing yet not overdone at his tender age. Lovely arch of neck sloping into well-laid shoulders. Matching well-angulated rear and well-sprung ribs, hard back and short loin all contributed to holding his top line steady as he moved. A good little showman. **Best Puppy Dog**
2. Hiddencreek Mason (Green) Typey Blenheim boy with a sweet face and large dark eyes. Muzzle well-tapered and complimented by ample padding under the eyes. Level top line, tail carried correctly off the back. **3. Chewcreek Red Solo Cup** (De Phillip) Smaller tricolor boy, darling head and expression with lovely padding beneath dark round eyes. Unfortunately one eye seemed to be tearing and he squinted slightly, marring his expression. He was brave little boy today and showed well in spite of adversity. Another day for this quality exhibit.
4. Autumnhill Believe In Me (Parente) Well-broken, flashy Blenheim boy of a nice shape; moved well holding his top line. Carried his tail correctly off his back.

Graduate Puppy Dog (2)

1. Forestcreek Royal Harry (Castrogiovanni) Larger Blenheim of a deep rich color. Eye-catching from across the ring and did not disappoint upon closer inspection. Typey, plush head, wonderfully padded beneath large dark round eyes. Good spring of rib, ample depth of chest. Straight, silky coat presented in pristine condition. Well balanced front and rear, top line level. Correct tail carriage. **2. How Du Jardin De Claire of Sumara** (Gentil) Lovely ruby with large, dark round eyes correctly placed on the front of his skull. Pigment dark. Balanced front and rear, top line level, tail carriage correct. Lovely entry.

Novice Dog (2)

1. Lynsfair Enchanted Evening (Boos) Black and tan with large dark round eyes. Well balanced front and rear, level top line, tail carriage correct. **2. Mysticknight Orbiting Comet** (Brandvold) Smaller ruby, very short coupled, large dark brown eyes.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (1)

1. Ch Forestcreek Double O Seven, JW (Cline) A beautiful Blenheim dog, moderate in every way. Well-broken and sporting a correct, straight coat. My notes read "TYPE" in capital letters. Large, dark round eyes correctly placed on the front of the skull. Ample padding beneath the eyes helped create the soft, sweet expression we all try to produce. Pigment dark. Lovely arch of neck leading into well-laid shoulders. Ribs well sprung, chest deep. Balanced front and rear with a short loin, so that the top line remained solid while on the move. A true one-piece dog, balanced and wasting no motion. Happy to award him *Reserve Winners Dog, Best Blenheim Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog, Best American Bred Dog.*

Junior American Bred Dog (1)

1. Chadwick Cheers at Hudsonview (Glynn) Heavily marked tricolor with a straight, silky black coat accented by rich tan. Eyes large, round and dark. Moved well, holding his top line on the move, tail wagging. **Best Tricolor Dog American Bred Dog (6)**

1. Oggbrae Don Ottavio (Bales/Bales) Larger, well-made Blenheim with good bone and well-arched neck leading into well-laid shoulders, topline just slightly less-than level, tail carriage correct. Eyes large, dark and round. Pigment dark. Flashy, eye catching. **2. Clamarian Classic By Design** (Young-May) Attractive, well-broken Blenheim with large dark eyes and kind expression. Nice neck, well-laid shoulders and hard back, maintaining his topline on the move. Tail carriage correct. **3. Nightingale Wish Upon A Star at Nebula** (Birbeck) Blenheim dog of a slightly lighter shade than the first two dogs. **4. Bentwood Reason to Believe** (Barton/Harrison) Richly colored Blenheim with a typey head and soft expression. Extremely attractive head with lovely dark eyes. Won his placement on his darling face.

Health & Conformation Dog (1)

1. Avia Sgt. Pepper (Marler) Well-made, typey seven-year-old with lovely eyes, well padded below. Moved well.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (2)

1. Pascavale Kingsley (Ayers/Martz) Pretty head and expression, large dark eyes, well padded below. Unnerved today by an unfortunate incident. Improved as he went along. **2. Althof One N Only** (Hansen) Lovely Blenheim with an attractive outline. Dark, round eyes, pretty expression. Nice outline.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (4)

1. Chadwick Midnight Sun At Hudsonview (Glynn) Heavily marked tricolor with the correct, straight black coat so difficult to produce. Eyes dark, head masculine. Good size and shape, well balanced; holding his topline on the move. Showed well. **2. Kinvaar Son Of A Gun** (Creary) Lovely head, sweet expression with large dark round eyes correctly placed directly on the front of his face. Another heavily marked tri, also with that elusive silky straight black coat. Construction on the first placed dog slightly better. **3. Sikeleli I Wanna Be A Rock Star** (Nel) Attractive face with large, dark, round eyes. Flashy markings, happy showman. **4. Mysticknight Jackpot** (Hassig) Another really flashy tri with an attractive head. Large, round eyes. Coat on the above three dogs in better condition.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (3)

1. Denham Superstorm, JW (Maddox) Lovely shape and balance on this dog; attractive head and expression, large dark round eyes, dark pigment, silky coat of a deep red color. Moved with strength. **2. Darane Hellboy** (Kates) Another rich ruby with a lovely straight coat in excellent condition. Lovely dark eyes correctly placed. Preferred the shape of the first placed dog. **3. Sevenwoods Wildberry** (Shidler) Larger boy with his ruby color just a shade lighter than the dogs in front of him. Dark round eyes, good shape.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (4)

1. Roi L Stings Like A Bee (Carter/Lessig) Black and tan with large, dark, round eyes and a soft expression. Head and muzzle not overdone in any way. Rich tan in all the right places. Pigment dark. Well balanced, moved well. **2. Elyzian Double Take** (Arnold) Nice expression in a slightly larger mold than the first placed dog; coat silky straight, side gait good, moved well coming and going. **3. Lynsfair Above The Law** (Fairchild) Rich tan and correct color and texture of coat. Showed well. **4. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) Showed well. Preferred the shape and balance of the above three dogs.

Open Dog (3)

1. Ch Melrose Gold For Bonitos Companeros, JW (Magera/Mitchell) First impression is of a true toy spaniel happy to be on an outing. Silky, deep red coat presented in perfect condition. Correctly shaped head and sweet face which is soft in expression yet not at all exaggerated. Large, dark round eyes correctly placed on the front of his skull. Dark pigment. Ample cushioning under the eyes and ears placed level with his top skull helped create the soft, gentle expression so difficult to achieve in any color, but especially so in a whole color. Moved with purpose and no wasted motion, using his rear to propel himself smoothly on the move. A real pleasure to go over. Happy to award him *Winners Dog, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Ruby in Show*. **2. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell** (Green/Sloan) Striking black and tan with rich red markings on a silky, straight black background. Beautiful head with large, dark round eyes, well-cushioned. Pigment dark. Ears well-set on his head, creating the almost-flat top skull the standard calls for. Expression soft and gentle. Ribs well sprung, chest deep. Moved well coming and going. Beautifully presented. *Best Black & Tan in Show*. **3. Ch Angel's Pride Love Vegas of Sumara** (Gentil) Striking, well-broken tricolor with rich tan in all the right places. Broad, masculine head; large, dark round eyes with ample cushioning beneath them. Ears set high on his head, expression soft.

Junior Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Rutherford Electra (Jones) Compact Blenheim baby with a solidly made body in a smaller package. Large, dark round eyes, well padded beneath; ears well placed and used to her advantage; nice expression. Moved well although outline marred slightly by tail carriage. A quality puppy nevertheless. **2. Autumnhill Jessie's Girl** (Parente/Hayes) Nicely shaped Blenheim, well balanced and moving well with correct tail carriage. **3. Marshelle Hot Chocolate** (Stout) Little Blenheim show girl with a sparkling personality. Dark, round eyes, sweet expression. Top line held on

the move; driving well with short little hocks. **4. Iloo Dite Ilan Du Jardin De Claire** (Gentil) A lot to like on this lovely black and tan: pretty head and sweet expression; eyes dark, mouth correct. Held her top line on the move.

Senior Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Ch Chadwick Leura, JW (Eckersley) Adorable Blenheim with a compact body; nicely made. Traveled well; top line steady, tail carriage correct. Round, fully pigmented eyes correctly placed; expression soft. The endearing term "doll face" really fits this entry. *Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show*

2. Jayba Nanette (Lander) Another lovely young Blenheim bitch, nicely made, moved well. Dark eyes, sweet expression; pressed the ultimate winner bitch hard for first place but her softer temperament held her back today. **3. Sevenwoods Berrylicious** (Shidler) Smaller, more slightly made Blenheim bitch with dark round eyes. Well broken.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Jayba Cookies N Cream (Lander) Moderate, well-broken Blenheim bitch with ample fill to complement her lovely dark round eyes. Moved well. **2. Huntcrest Rumor Has It** (Weiner-Pope) Larger, well-made Blenheim girl who moved well in all directions. Top line held steady, tail carriage right off her back. **3. Foxwyn A Likely Story** (Fox/Cromer/Greak) Smaller, well broken Blenheim bitch with a pretty face. **4. Linrica Honey Girl** (Liu) Well broken Blenheim girl with large dark eyes and a sweet expression.

Novice Bitch (1)

1. Denham Dark Side Of The Moon (Maddox) Attractive black and tan of good temperament, eyes round and dark, color rich. Top line held on the move, tail carriage correct.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (2)

1. Ch Kean Ultraviolet, JW (Kean) Larger, well-broken bitch of moderate type; not extreme in any way. A one piece dog, well-balanced and moving as a unit; beautifully presented and turned out to perfection, exuding Cavalier type in every way. Moving and standing, a lovely example of the breed. *Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred in Show*

2. Truelegance Eye Candy (Cromer) Attractive Blenheim bitch with large, round eyes and a soft expression. Ample cushioning under the eyes. Moved well.

Junior American Bred Bitch (5)

1. Jayba Beatrix (Lander) Typey, smaller girl with ample fill beneath her large dark round eyes; well-tapered full muzzle; ears placed correctly and using them well, resulting in a sweet expression. Well made, compact body; solid topline. Moving as a unit, a true one-piece dog. **2. Marshelle Simply Irresistible** (Stout) Smaller baby girl with lovely dark eyes and a darling expression; moved well all ways. Typey girl. **3. Autumnhill Turn On the Radio** (Weinstein/Parente) Attractive young ruby with dark round eyes. Nicely made, topline solid and held on the move. Slightly longer in the loin than the above two bitches. **4. Carlen One Singular Sensation** (Close) Well broken, sweet-tempered Blenheim bitch, showing well.

American Bred Bitch (6)

1. Jayba Summer Shandy (Lander) Yet another typey Cavalier from the same breeders as the first place bitch in the preceding class. Compact, well-broken Blenheim with lovely, dark, expressive eyes and a pretty face. Nice to go over, very well made which was proven on the move. **2. Nightingale Goldilocks at Nebyula** (Birbeck) Attractive Blenheim girl with a lovely outline; held her topline on the move; tail carriage correct. **3. Marshelle Too Hot To Handle** (Smith/Stout) Well broken Blenheim girl with gorgeous large dark round eyes. Could have had a tad more padding under her lovely eyes, but expression still sweet. Moved well. **4. Oggbrae Donna Elvira** (Bales) Well broken Blenheim girl with a lovely head and full muzzle, well tapered. Dark round eyes with ample padding below. Showed well.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (5)

1. Cobhill Golden Marguerite (Brunson/Rose) Nicely made, moderate girl with a pretty face; large dark round eyes correctly placed and well padded beneath. Straight front legs; easily the best mover in the class, reaching past her chin and driving from the rear. Top line solid, tail carriage correct. **2. Linrica Femme Fatale, JW** (Liu) Adorable little Blenheim bitch, smaller size but solid. Sweet face with lovely dark eyes, well cushioned below. Expression soft. Showed well. Out moved by the first placed bitch. **3. Harana Madonna** (Klutts) Well-broken Blenheim bitch. Moved well holding her topline. Tail carriage correct. **4. Huntcrest Dance with Me** (Weiner-Pope) Larger Blenheim bitch, well marked, lovely head with full muzzle, ample padding under large dark eyes.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (2)

1. Althof Yours In Spirit (Hansen) Small, typey little girl with a darling head and expression; large, dark round eyes; ample cushioning without being overdone; ears set properly and used well. Slightly higher in the rear but moved well regardless; showing consistently. *Best Tricolor in Show* **2. Brookhaven Rainy Night In Georgia at Lanmar** (Hubbard) Heavily marked tri girl with rich tan markings accenting her correct straight-textured coat. Nicely made, moved well.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (3)

1. Darane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek (DePhillip) Smaller, typey little ruby girl with a nice outline. Pretty face, eyes dark and round and well padded beneath. Pigment dark. Side gait nice to watch: held her top line on the move; tail carriage correct. **2. Roseriver Fanfare** (Young) Larger, pretty girl with the richest red color. Level topline. Tail carriage too high to allow her to do better in this class, but otherwise a lovely girl. **3. Brookhaven Lucky Penny** (Schilling/Ayers) Up-to-size ruby girl, well made with well sprung ribs, solid top line and correct tail carriage.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (3)

1. Denham Over The Moon (Maddox) Pretty face with dark round eyes. Rich tan on solid black. Well sprung ribs, good top line, good shape, moved smoothly with no wasted motion. **Best Black & Tan Bitch** **2. Roseriver Bedazzled** (Young) Another pretty black and tan with pretty dark, round eyes and a soft expression. Not quite the shape of first place bitch. **3. Harana Dragonfly Beyonce** (Klutts) Sweet little girl, showing well. Slightly shorter on leg than the above two bitches.

Open Bitch (3) **1. Nightingale Kit Kat** (Mulligan) Typey, well made Blenheim girl who was pleasingly stocky for her smaller size. Adorable face with large dark round eyes, well cushioned below. Well-tapered, full muzzle. Ears placed correctly and used to her advantage, helping create a sweet-faced little girl who was typey without being overdone. Solid bone with ribs well sprung, chest deep with ample heart room. Loin short, contributing to her solid top line and steady movement. Tail carriage correct. It's always a treat to find a true toy spaniel which is not only pretty but also well made. **Reserve Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show**

2. Brookhaven In The Garden, JW (Ayers/Martz) Another typey Blenheim girl with large dark eyes, the softest expression and a darling, toy spaniel face. Small size, compact body, wagging delightfully. Lovely to look at. Preferred the construction on the first placed bitch. **3. Ch Autumnhill Desire Me, JW** (Parente) Pretty ruby girl with dark round eyes and desired dark pigment. Moved well with a solid top line; tail carriage correct. Not as mature as the first two bitches, but that is appropriate as she is still very young. **Best Ruby Bitch**

Veteran Dog (1)

1. Chadwick Jack In The Box (Storey) Twelve year-old tricolor boy who was happy, happy. Well made and moved well, belying his age.

Veteran Bitch (3)

1. Castlemar Sophia Grace, C-RE, C-CD (Barton) Small, compact Blenheim who was sound and pretty; long, silvery ears framed her sweet face. In excellent condition. **Best Veteran in Show**

2. Avia Referees Call (Marler) Nicely made ten-year-old Blenheim who was sound and happy and moved well. **3. Sevenwoods Epiphany** (Neumeier) Blenheim with an attractive face. Moved soundly. Carried her tail a bit too high but it was still nice to see an older dog move so well.