

Cavaliers of the Midwest
04/19/13, St. Louis, MO
Judge: Judy Wright (Yockley)

I would like to thank the Club for the invitation to judge: this is always a huge honour. My particular thanks must go to Ellen Poti, who made sure that everything went smoothly. The venue was excellent, and the show was very well presented. As for the exhibitors, I can't express how much I admire you all for coming from so far away. The dogs were all immaculately presented. I had some trimmed dogs. I was a pro groomer at one stage and not easily fooled; this should not happen. I found a great variety in heads; some were long muzzled and this always gives a small eye; the other extreme were dogs with very overblown, 'cabbage' heads, too much fill and heavy headed, making the dog frown. Movement in most was fine. Dogs need roadwork to build and tighten their muscles; a good walk on a smooth hard surface will pay dividends. A Cavalier should move with style, tail wagging; so when you do the roadwork, chat to your dogs...even if passersby think you are strange, the dogs love it. I look for a dog that has a lovely head, gentle expression, with a good, well-balanced body (good shoulder placement, with a short, well coupled body and hocks that work well to provide the necessary drive for good movement). As well as all that I look for a happy dog that loves the game. Teach your dogs to stand alert on the table without baiting them. It's impossible to see the facial expression when the dog is looking and sometimes, straining for bait. Only one dog today stood on the table without any assistance from its handler thus allowing me to go about my work easily...the dog perfectly attentive. I was very pleased with my winners, and in some classes some lovely dogs had to go without a card. There were some dogs of great quality. Some of you may know of my journey to the show, 'Through Hell and High Water'. You learn from all experiences, and I don't recommend anyone to walk about in downtown Chicago at midnight, suitcase in tow in a massive thunderstorm! I will be ever grateful to the taxi driver who I asked to "Find me a bed"...Bless him. There is a moral to every story. In my case it's, '*Never* travel without an Umbrella.' Thank you once again, and I wish the Club and all the exhibitors the very best of luck for the future.

Junior Puppy Dog (3)

1. Althof Over N Out (Hansen) Bl. This puppy looked immature against the others, but was very well made, and so self-assured. Good head, and well constructed. He moved with great self-assurance. If all goes well, he should have a bright future. **2. Brookhaven Kid Rock** (Ayers/Martz) Bl. Not quite as forward as the winner, but another puppy with great promise. He's a very good type and time will bring out the very best in him. **3. Starmarc Sugar Bear** (Hooper) Bl. A more mature puppy that is going through a stage that all pups go through. He's at that in-between stage, but it's all there. He is a good type, he needs to fill in face and then it should all come together.

Senior Puppy Dog (5)

1. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss (Green) Bl. A super puppy. Very self-assured. He has a lovely head and eye, a well proportioned frame and moved around the ring as if he owned it. A bright future beckons.

Best Puppy Dog

2. Elyzian Double Take (Arnold) B/T. Beautifully presented with a lovely raven black coat. He is a great mover, but just lacked the great ring presence of the winner. Wholecolours are notoriously slow to mature and this young lad just needs time. **3. Chadwick Midnight Sun at Hudsonview** (Yassky/Glynn) Tri. Another nice puppy in the making. He has a lovely coat, with good tan; so typical of his kennel name. He has a lovely head, with a good neck and a good level topline. Just needs time. **4. Bentwood Reason To Believe** (Barton/Harrison) Bl. A good type, but just not putting it all together today. He has a mature head, and moved very well.

Graduate Puppy Dog (9)

1. Sheeba Just Do It (Hansen/Ostmann) BL. A very nice type of puppy of great style. He has a good head and a nice, balanced body. He moved with great freedom, wagging as he went. This puppy has a very promising future. **2. Jayba Easy Does It, JW** (Lander) BL. This puppy has been very well schooled; he didn't put a foot wrong; I liked him a lot, but he just lacked the great sparkle of the winner. He is a lovely overall shape and well balanced. **3. Chewcreek Three Amigos Dusty Bottoms, JW** (DePhillip) BL. A lightly marked, very nice puppy. He has a good head, with lovely dark eyes. He moved well, very soundly and with aplomb. **4. Cavilera Perfect Storm** (Gentil) BL. A very promising dog in the making. He was a little unsettled on the move, but overall very nice. This was a class of really nice puppies.

Novice Dog (4)

1. Clarmarian Covertly Wicked (Gogol/May) BL. Beautifully presented, this dog had a good head, with good dark eyes. He moved very soundly, and stood fore square. **2. Cruisin Mr. Ted E Bear**

(Rackler) R. At 8 months, he still looks very immature. He had a lovely rich coat and his overall construction is fine; his head needs to fill, but time is on his side. **3. Brookhaven Enchanted Dreamer** (Brown) BL. A good size, with a nice compact, cobby body. His coat was rather wayward, but an overall nice dog. **4. Numen Bryan** (Sage) Well up to size and must stop! A ruby of good, rich colour with a lovely straight coat. Lacking the necessary fill in face, but there is time yet. He moved well.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)

1. Brookhaven Believe It Or Not (Ayers/Martz) BL. A good breed type, of excellent size. He has a nice, masculine head, and presents a good overall picture. Rather a short striding dog, but very smart.

2. Canyoncrest Pleasingly Pumpkin (DuRoss) BL. He has a good head, with dark eye; slightly heavily marked, but a nicely balanced dog. He moved well; close up to winner.

Junior American Bred Dog (2)

1. Brookhaven Morgan at Lanmar (Hubbard) BL. He has a lovely masculine head, with kind eye and a good expression. He is well constructed and he moved well but has a tendency to roach his back... watch the speed he's moved at. **2. Dreamvale Olivander** (Sage/Hallsted) BL. A handsome dog, in great coat; he moved very well, a nicely made, well balanced dog that was just pipped to the post by a dog that was really 'on song'.

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American Bred Dog (4)

1. Clarmarian Kiss And Cry (Young-May) BL. A very nice dog with a lovely head, dark eyes and good ear-set. His richly coloured coat was in lovely condition. A good mover. **2. Kinglys Clint Black of Bekenhall** (Hall/Herrington) BL. A larger dog than winner, his presentation was immaculate. He presented a good overall picture. Well-balanced and moved with drive. **3. Quail Garden Tad O Magic** (Barrett) BL. He has a nice, gentle expression, dark eyes with a nice expression. He just lacked the 'oomph' of 1 and 2, but a very nice dog with good presence. **4. Sikeleli I Wanna Be A Rock Star** (Nel) Tri. A lighter framed dog. His coat is well broken and he was well presented. He moved well and gave good account of himself.

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Health & Conformation Dog (1)

1. Avia Sgt. Pepper (Marler) BL. A really nice, happy lad. He was very well presented. Although he stood alone, he was more than a worthy winner. He moved very soundly.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (6)

1. Clarmarian Classic By Design (Young-May) This dog was nicely presented. He has a good head with a gentle expression. A well constructed dog, good shoulder placement, and a level topline. **Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog** **2. Althof One And Only** (Hansen) A dog with a good make and shape. He moved well, holding a good and level topline. Close up to winner. A very well balanced dog, presenting a good overall picture. **3. Kaishmar Carlos at Canyoncrest** (Du Ross) Such a happy dog! He has a good head and expression, with good neck and shoulder placement; he moved well, using his hocks well. **4. Turretbank Oliver** (Green) A dog of lovely size, but just lacked that lovely soft expression that you get from the eyes. Very well presented.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (4)

1. Stepamgar's Copper Penny (Ayers/Shreffler) A very good type. He is a lovely, rich ruby, with a great expression. Dark, gentle eyes, good ear-set and nice leathers. His neck and shoulder placement are spot on; he has a good, short coupled body, with level topline, and a good tail-set. **Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Ruby in Show, Best American Bred Dog**

2. Harana Shakin Stevens (Bucy) Another good type, but he lacked animation on the move. A very good size, with good coat and well presented; if only that tail had wagged! **3. Jalesto Super Trooper of Sumara** (Gentil) This dog has a great depth of coat colour. It was hair splitting between him and the 2nd and I'm sure they will change places often. He has a lovely expression and outline. **4. Canyoncrest St. Elmos Fire** (Shepard/DuRoss) A real baby and, as yet very immature. He has a lovely coat and outlook on life. It's all there; he just needs time to 'come into himself'.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (2)

1. Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Schilling) A lovely animated dog, which moved with great drive. He has a good head and expression, with good shoulders and a level topline. He was well presented; the tan under his ears and tail was good. **2. Darane Smooth Criminal at Nightingale** (Mulligan) The same comments apply. He has a slightly deeper stop and this alters the expression somewhat. He was well presented and moved very well.

Open Dog (3)

1. Ch Angel's Pride Love Vegas at Sumara (Gentil) Tri. I liked this dog a lot. He is a lovely size and was beautifully presented. He has a good head and expression, with good shoulders, level topline and hocks that he could use. **Reserve Winners Dog, Best Tricolor Dog**

2. Almeara Kiss The Girls (Whitmire) BL. Immaculate presentation. A slighter larger dog, well handled to get the best from him. He is lovely to go over and as sound as a bell. **3. Ch Veribas Point**

Break (Cusick) Tri. A beautifully headed dog with a gentle expression. He's good size and he moved very well. Just not putting it all together today.

Senior Open Dog (2)

1. Marjorelle Love Struck, JW (Conley) Beautifully presented. This dog was very good to see on the move, presenting a good outline and a happy outlook. He had a good head and expression, and was nicely constructed. **2. Margann Archibald Leach** (Boos/Susnis) A remarkable ruby. "Thirteen and a half, going on four" said his owner. He was really enjoying his day out and looked as if he might have run some of the youngster a good race. A huge credit to his connections.

Junior Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Jayba Knockout (Lander/George) BL. A wonderful puppy! She has the sweetest of heads, and a lovely dark eye. She has a lovely make and shape, a really well broken coat and a happy outgoing temperament in abundance. She was so sure of herself. Destined to go far. **Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show**

2. Brookhaven Sexy Sadie (Ayers/Martz) BL. A very promising puppy with a pretty head and expression. She was really unlucky to be against the winner who was in great form today. Should have a bright future. **3. Kean Ultraviolet** (Keane) BL. Another really nice puppy with good prospects. More mature than 1 & 2, but well constructed. She didn't have the animation on the move that I was looking for. **4. Darane The Neverending Story** (Kates) Tri. Looked very immature in the class, but again, a nice puppy. She just needs to fill in face, that will make a huge difference. She moved well.

Senior Puppy Bitch (7)

1. Bekenhall You Had Me From Hello (Hall) BL. I liked this puppy; she was very well schooled and this make a huge difference. Very pretty, with a nice topline. Really good on the move. **2.**

Hiddencreek Juicy Couture (Green) BL. Another lovely puppy with a well broken coat, a pretty head and expression. Close up to the winner, but just lost out on the, 'Look at me' when moving. **3.**

Bekenhall Rock Star (Vezina/Hall) BL. Another pretty little bitch. She needs to fill in face and general mature. Once she does she will be very nice. Moved well. **4. Kinvaar La Esperanto** (Johnson) BL. The same remarks apply to 3rd, just needs to cushion in the face. She moved so well. This was a really lovely class.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (5)

1. Cloudbase Porcelain Moon (Scanlon-Johnson) BL. A very pretty puppy, shown in lovely coat. Her head is very pretty and feminine. She's short coupled and cobby and very promising. **2. Veribas Leaps**

And Bounds (Cusick) BL. A very nice puppy just needing to finish in head to complete the picture.

Well handled and she showed very well. Good on the move. **3. Bonitos Companeros Victoria Secret** (Matters) BL. This bitch is a wonderful rich colour; she has a nice head, but it needs to finish and she moved very well. **4. Almeara Scrumpdillyicious, JW** (Whitmire)Tri. She's not far off the finished article and that will put her in a good position to go on and do well. Very well presented. A class of nice puppies.

Novice Bitch (1)

1. Veribas Pantamine (Fitzgerald/Cusick) BL. A very pretty bitch with dark eyes and a lovely expression. She is well constructed and a good size. She moved very well and was most ably shown by her young handler.

1. Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (4)

1. Ch Lanmar Pometini (Hubbard/Beavers) BL. She is a lovely size, with a pretty head and expression. A level topline both standing and on the move, a nicely balanced bitch who moved with great style. **Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best Blenheim in Show** **2. Althof Silver Lining** (Hansen) BL. Another good bitch, just slightly longer cast than winner but very nicely made. She has a good head and eye and overall a very good outline. Moved well. **3. Ch Starmarc I Believe, JW** (Hooper) Tri. Shown in beautiful order and with a lovely coat. She is a nice bitch, with good head and eye, and she made good use of her hocks when moving. **4. Cruisin Minnie Mouse** (Rackler) B/T. This bitch is nice, but she looked large against the others. Shown in terrific coat and looking a picture. She moved well.

Junior American Bred Bitch (5)

1. Jayba Valentina (Lyman) BL. I loved this bitch! She is very pretty, with a feminine head and lovely expression. She is in good coat and presented a lovely, balanced picture, but there was no animation.

This pegged her back in the challenge. **2. Sheeba Royal Expression at Foxcreek** (Johnson) BL.

Another pretty bitch in lovely coat, she moved well and was happy and animated, but not quite the

overall make up of the winner. **3. Darane All About Eve** (Kates) BL. Immaculately presented. She has

a nice face and is generally a good type. Handled well to get the best from her. **4. Anara Give Me A**

Break (Neumeier) BL. Well presented and she moved well with good animation. I would prefer a prettier expression, but she was otherwise fine.

American Bred Bitch (2)

1. Woodsong Clementine (Kaiser) BL. This bitch was absolutely dripping in coat and looked lovely. She is an excellent type with a feminine head and a nice, short coupled frame. She moved very well and stylishly. **2. Cloudbase Promise The Moon** (Scanlon-Johnson) BL. Another good bitch, being picky, I just preferred the shoulder placement of the winner, but she is a nice, pretty bitch with a lot going for her.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (5)

1. Rockin Rebels Chanel At Turretbank (Green) A very nice bitch and a lovely size. She is very pretty, with good bone and well constructed. She moved happily and well, as good coming as she was going. One to be proud of. **2. Harana Madonna** (Bucy) Another nice one, I preferred the head of the winner, but she was very well made, with a good pair of shoulders and a nice topline and back end. **3. Gayhalo Mosaic** (Ayers/Martz) A super size and well constructed, again moving with great verve. This was a lovely class and I'm sure that all of them will chance places at other shows. **4. Bekenhall Blue Suede Shoes** (Hall/Kent) This was a super class. Another lovely bitch with lots to offer. She moved very well. Hair splitting decisions to be made.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (4)

1. Darane Casablanca at Chewcreek (De Phillips) A really lovely size with a pretty, feminine face. A good neck and shoulders, with a good level topline, held on the move and standing and she moved very well and soundly and happily. Well done. *Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Tricolor in Show, Best American Bred in Show*

2. Cavilera Delta Dawn (Kaiser/Harrison) In lovely coat and a good bitch in all ways, she was just lacking the exuberance of the winner. A very nice bitch indeed. **3. First Capital Daisy Mae** (Arnold) Beautifully handled and she moved well, but very unlucky to meet two bitches on the top of their game. She is a sweet bitch and didn't put a foot wrong. **4. Lynsfaire Spread The News** (Sams/Fairchild) She's pretty and tried her heart out, shown in lovely coat. The same comments apply as 3rd. Just unlucky today.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)

1. Brookhaven Lucky Penny (Schilling/Ayers) A ruby of good rich colour, but a little more coat would complete the picture. A nicely made and quite glamorous bitch with a good back end, she moved very soundly. *Best Ruby Bitch* **2. Chiyoda Hot Tea In Pot** (Lemon) I loved this name for a ruby! She had a lovely coat colour and was well presented. Not quite the overall finish of the winner.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (2)

1. Harana Dragonflye Beyonce (Bucy) A very nice bitch with a pretty head framed by long leathers. Well presented, she moved with great style. She has a good reach of neck, and nice shoulders; a stylish bitch. *Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Black & Tan in Show*

2. Veribas Wild Horses (Fitzgerald/Cusick) She too moved really well, and showed herself off nicely. In good coat with a nice head and a good level topline.

Open Bitch (2)

1. Hadara Soul Speak (Koch) BL. A lovely bitch to go over, everything in the right place and a wonderful coat, one of many good coats today. She moved beautifully and was on the same wavelength as her handler. **2. Ch Pinecrest Shirmont Moonlight Madness, JW** (Henry) BL. Another good bitch, well constructed and very pretty; just a little more coat to complete the picture.

Veteran Dog (1)

1. Margann Archibald Leach (Boos/Susnis) He was 2nd I 'Senior Open Dog'. A wonderful old chap, having a great time and what a great credit to his owners.

Veteran Bitch (2)

1. Castlemar Sophia Grace, C-RE, C-CD (Barton) BL. Born in 2004 and a very bitch. Shown in good order and a joy to watch on the move. I wish her well and congratulate her owner on keeping her so spritely. *Best Veteran in Show*

2. Avia Referee's Call (Marler) BL. Of similar age to the winner, another lovely oldie to cherish. She has retained her looks and belies her years. Hugely well done.