

Cavaliers of the Northeast
06/13/14, Lancaster, PA
Judge: Katherine Li (Avalcier)

Thank you to the CNE CKCS Club, officers and its Board for the honour to judge its Specialty show in Lancaster, PA. I was most impressed with the ring size and the amount of room the exhibits had to show off their virtues and the lovely prizes and ribbons on offer. I am grateful to my able table stewards, gate stewards and in particular my ring steward, Rachel Venier, who kept the ring running smoothly for me and to all the exhibitors who showed under me and accepted my decisions sportingly. Thank you for your generous hospitality, welcome basket of treats and my special gift, which will remind me of my wonderful stay. Pleasingly, I found quality in all 4 colours. I was particularly impressed with the depth of quality in the black and tans. There were quite a few heavily marked tricolours and unfortunately it appears we are losing the tan on inside legs. On a positive note, my eventual winners would win anywhere.

Junior Puppy Dog (9)

1. Rutherford Eros (Jones) Heavily marked blen with a richly coloured coat. Head developing nicely for his age with a flat skull, good ear placement, correct dentition and shallow stop. Well proportioned body and shape. Moved positively and carried tail well. Great attitude, confident, happy and a bright prospect. **2. Valentyne Kilimanjaro** (O'Brien) A blen full of breed type with a delightful expression. Still in his fluffy puppy coat covering an immature but balanced body with decent angulation. Moved well round, driving with short pasterns and showing much promise. Interesting to note that this puppy and the winner are sired by my Winners Dog. **3. Bonitos Companeros Nothing Compares** (Bialek/Kirschbaum) A mature tri puppy with a gorgeous head. Well made front assembly with good width of chest and signs of a wealth of coat to come. Would benefit from a bit more ring training and roadwork to improve rear. **4. Angel's Pride Just A Gigolo** (Gentil) Blen with correct head and stop for age with nice round eyes, depth of pigment and gentle expression. Lovely straight silky well presented coat. A boy that needs a bit more time and topline needs to settle.

Senior Puppy Dog (5)

1. Nightingale The Eyes Have It (Mulligan/Duke) Loved the head and enchanting expression on this boy, bright eyes and good length of ear leathers. Neat shape, short coupled and back with good tail set. Ideal size for age and moved assuredly round the ring. Although there are bits of him which should tighten with maturity, I was won over by his breed type. **Best Puppy Dog**
2. Clopsville Meridian (Rychlik) A quality boy, more mature than winner. Pleasing expression with lovely dark pigment. Well coated with a sound body, proper angulations, longer cast than winner. Drops his top line occasionally and can be a bit unsettled with his tail carriage. Inquisitive boy, with lots of potential. **3. Chewcreek Red Solo Cup** (DePhillip) A heavily marked tri. Attractive in head, nice dark eyes with a higher brow and skull but good ear placement. Smaller but with moderate bone and balance. Lovely breed type with shiny coat. Moved well. **4. Chadwick It's A Paper Moon** (Eckersley) Another heavily marked tri with a nice open face and muzzle well filled. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulders with decent coat coming through. Moved with reach, albeit a bit closer behind but could improve with age.

Graduate Puppy Dog (1)

1. Bonitos Companeros Eldorado, JW (Magera/Mitchell) Glamorous boy, albeit a little effeminate, small and compact and a lovely type. Would prefer better placed eyes but still had an appealing expression. Handled expertly, presented beautifully and moved well with level topline.

Novice Dog (1)

1. Rosehill Recalculating (Sage/Warshaw) A tri, unmistakably masculine with a handsome face, good sized eyes and rich tan. Well ribbed, well boned and soundly constructed. A respectable boy, a little longer cast. Moved steadily, can be a tad happy with his tail and parallel to and fro. **Best Tricolor Dog**

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (3)

1. Ch Milesip Licorice, JW (Skidmore) Eye catching b/t with rich tan and striking in profile. Handsome head, with plenty of cushioning and round, alert, well placed eyes. Lovely to go over, moderate neck, well laid shoulders, good depth of chest and well muscled. He seemed in a hurry today with his full coat to the ground. When settled, held an excellent topline and tail carriage. **Best American Bred Dog** **2. Ch Dreamvale Motley**

Crue (Sage/Colbert) Blen boy not cooperating with his handler today, and hence seemed rather distracted. Liked his head proportions, pleasing expression but lighter in eye. Richly coloured, solid body with good bone, nice size, decent turn of stifle with slight croup and moved well round the ring. Nice type. **3. CA Cambridge Dream Weaver** (Magera/Mitchell) B/t with lovely expressive eyes giving an alluring expression. Lovely reach of neck and lay of shoulders. Not in the best coat condition but covered ground and moved parallel behind.

Junior American Bred Dog (2)

1. Chadwick Cheers At Hudsonview (Glynn) Heavily marked tri with a happy disposition. Kind face, ears well placed. Smaller and slight in body, coat a little unruly, good tail set and carriage on the move but would benefit from road work. **2. Foxwyn A Storybook Romance** (Baker-Fox) Blen of good type, with even face markings contributing to an attractive head, ears a bit further back than preferred. Could be better ribbed under his straight silky coat. Lacked enthusiasm, hence not delivering the head carriage needed on the move.

American Bred Dog (5)

1. Dancasa Cute As A Button, JW (Tiedemann) An ideal sized blen, typey and balanced. Pleasing expression, good eyes, nicely filled clean muzzle. Well ribbed firm body and well angulated, neat outline. Moved positively with great showmanship to win this class. **Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog** **2. Dreamvale Ollivander** (Sage/Hallsted) Best mover in the class. Heavier in type and stronger headed. Nicely constructed body with crest of neck, angles in correct places, good shoulders and stifles well turned. Moved freely with excellent reach and drive. **3. Clarmarian Classic By Design** (Young-May) Attractive blen, scored on type, great eyes and pigment, appropriate size with good textured and richly coloured coat. Well balanced, just preferred the front assemblies and tail set on winners. Moved well in profile. **4. Nightingale Wish Upon A Star at Nebyula** (Birbeck) Fuller headed boy with a very appealing expression and great pigment. Good bone for size with a wealth of coat but paler in colour. Shame that he lacked animation, as he drove well with short pasterns.

Health & Conformation Dog (2)

1. Windham Lost Sailor (McCauley/Hashagen) Ruby with a kind face, well placed eyes, good ear set and long ear featherings. Lost some pigment but coat in good colour and condition for age. Well bone and free flowed round with drive. **2. Avia Sgt. Pepper** (Marler) A blen, though greying around his face, had a melting expression and large expressive eyes. Short coupled, a little more upright in shoulder. Well marked, lost a bit of glamour at his age but showed with aplomb, moved well and was attentive to his handler.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (5)

1. Nightingale Jackson Browne (Birmingham) Lovely example of the breed, oozing type and personality. Beautiful head and expression with good breadth of skull, round eyes and correct length of muzzle. Firm body with good angles. Moved with panache, held head well on the move. A boy with a lot of presence and a bright future. **2. Clarmarian Covertly Wicked** (Gogol/Young-May) A blen, not as mature in body as winner but an ideal size. Nice head shape but not quite the soft expression. Would prefer a higher tail carriage and stronger hind movement but beautifully presented with a gleaming, silky coat of rich chestnut. **3. Alberica Duke Of Earl** (Crommett) Another blen with a wide open face, excellent pigment, black eye rims and the desired lozenge. Longer in back, adequately ribbed and decent angles. Well coated but not in the best condition. Moved well round and freely. **4. Blackfire Plaza Suite** (McLaughlin/Kennedy/Weidig) Immature boy, needing a bit more furnishing but what he had was of quality. Good round expressive eyes that appealed. Short coupled but tended to slope at hindquarters. A busy boy who would do better with concentration. Moved adequately.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (3)

1. Kellene The Black Orlov (Carter) I very much liked the shape of this boy, neat and balanced with a crested neck. Good head proportions, ears framing to give a soft expression. Well marked coat with good tan, albeit a little unruly, requiring a bit more attention. Needs to watch his tail at times on the move but kept a level topline. **2. Blackfire Room Service At Kalais** (Hess/Kennedy/Weidig) Heavily marked body, more prominent in foreface with a charming expression accentuated by a wide blaze, large eyes and well filled muzzle. Tended to crouch which spoilt his outline somewhat and kept his tail a bit lower than ideal. Attentive to handler at all times. **3. Chadwick Midnight Sun At Hudsonview** (Glynn) Attractively headed boy with a narrower blaze, nice bone for size. Would prefer a measure more front angulation but a good turn of stifle. Moved with a super topline and tail carriage, albeit closer behind. Well presented and handled.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (3)

1. Darane Hellboy (Kates) Clear winner of this class. Smaller in stature, neat body with good neck and shoulders. Wonderful toy spaniel with strikingly long silky coat. Expressive large round limpid eyes. Super temperament, happy and attentive. Did not disappoint on the move. **2. AutumnHill Spencer, JW** (Weinstein/Parente) Stronger headed boy with much appeal. Well bodied, good rib, depth of chest in a richly coloured coat. Preferred the balance of winner. Moved soundly with strong reach and drive. **3. Regis Westgate Under Lucky Star** (Weber) Not as forward in foreface and longer in muzzle. Stood well with a nice length of neck and good coat colour. Lost out on maturity, not as free in movement but had great hind action.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (4)

1. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci At Nebyula (Birbeck) Good sized, standing square with a profuse coat. Handsome head with a kind expression, eyes that could be a degree darker. Well made and well angulated. Strong, fast mover who held his topline. **2. Lacouture King Of Rock Of Sumara** (Gentil) Youngest in the class and maturing well in body with good bone. Lovely well filled head with large dark eyes and melting expression. Correctly textured shiny raven coat with more to come. Assured profile mover with strong drive. Liked this boy a lot but was a bit happy with his tail today. **3. Elyzian Double Take** (Arnold) Pleasing, well proportioned head, not overdone. Respectable neck and well laid shoulders. Held a good shape and outline on the stand but would prefer a better set on tail. Longer in pasterns, moved ok but tended to roach. **4. Copperhill Big Tuna** (Mitchell) Strong headed boy with a shiny coat and good tan. Longer cast and shorter in neck. Well ribbed sound dog, prefer a little refinement for type. Moved well with less width behind.

Open Dog (9)

1. Ch Chantismere Chandos Of Valentyne, JW (O'Brien) Heading a class of quality and worthy Champions, this blen dog is soundly made and has a neat compact shape. Face with ample cushioning, tapered muzzle and a lovely expression framed by full feathered ears. Well bodied with a good spring of ribs, correct bone for size, short coupled and balanced. He was unexaggerated and brimming with breed type. In full coat, eye catching on the stand and impressive on the move with correct head carriage, solid topline, coasted round effortlessly.

Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best Of Opposite Sex, Best Blenheim Dog

2. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell (Green/Sloan) B/t with the kindest of expression, hard to achieve in this colour. Not as compact as winner but still has the overall balance. Sound in body and well angulated. Beautifully presented coat of good length, gleaming and in tip top condition. A fast mover with a good tail carriage. *Reserve Winners Dog, Best Black & Tan in Show*

3. Ch Melrose Gold For Bonitos Companeros, JW (Magera/Mitchell) A striking ruby with the richest of colour. Lovely expression with correctly spaced eyes. Good size, not the balance of winners, nevertheless a quality exhibit. Strode out and moved with panache round the ring. *Best Ruby in Show* **4. Ch Bonitos Companeros Kaleo At Diorchavon** (Bialek) Attractive blen, statuette on the stand. Pleasing head with a nice wide blaze. Slighter in body with a wealth of coat. Credit is given to his great profile movement as he flowed round the ring with an excellent tail carriage, but would have preferred more width, forward and aft.

Junior Puppy Bitch (15)

1. Piaffe In The Tulips (Rychlik) A very competitive class of puppies, headed by this lovely well marked young lady. Pretty with a correct head, brow and stop. Beautiful large dark eyes and rims. Good ribs and bone, well laid shoulders, rounded rump with good muscle tone on hindquarters. Self assured, confident and showy with a rosy future. **2. Rutherford Electra** (Jones) Lovely toy spaniel with type in abundance. Correct head, brow and stop, ears set high. Neat little package, short coupled, well coated with a white collar. Showed enthusiastically. Preferred the elegance of winner on the move but she drove strongly with short pasterns. **3. Padamere Timeless Jewels** (Miller) A blen, less mature than those before her with a kind face, shallower in stop. Well made body covered with a wealth of puppy coat which could be a shade darker. Moved with a level topline but could be stronger behind. **4. Clarmarian Here Comes The Sun** (Young-May) Loved the balance on this heavily marked tri girl. Feminine headed and pretty with rich tan. Of a larger mould, shoulders well laid and a strong rear. Moved well.

Senior Puppy Bitch (5)

1. Chadwick Leura (Eckersley) This delightful blen girl with so many outstanding qualities caught my eye as soon as she came into the ring. Her uneven blaze did not detract, correct ear placement framing an attractive head. Good front assembly, balanced in shape. Well coated for her age and looked finished. Her greatest virtue

was her movement, fluent, accurate and foot perfect in all directions. **Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show, Reserve Winners Bitch**

2. Mimric Buffalo Gal (Hodges/Perkins) A heavily marked blen girl, narrow in blaze which somewhat detracts but compensated by large round dark eyes, would prefer ear set to be more forward. Well made, nicely balanced in shape, in the midst of changing into a shiny straight silky coat. Moved steadily with an excellent tail carriage but not as parallel behind. **3. Valentyne Portabello Rd** (O'Brien) A very pretty headed blen with the largest of eyes, topped with a lozenge. Well boned and good angles all round. Prefer coat to be a little less fly away. Moved soundly but tail not carried happily. **4. Clopsville Flirtini** (Rychlik) Another blen, attractive head with good eyes but prefer less prominent cheek bones. Longer cast, well ribbed and sound in body. Moved fluently but doesn't make the best of her topline on the stand.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (9)

1. Linrica Honey Girl (Liu) Stood out in the class with her rich colour. Ears set high, expressive eyes, even blaze and sweet expression. Lovely type, ideal size, well muscled rear, slightly more neck would complete balance. Moved with style, with excellent head and tail carriage. **2. Kenjockety Mia** (Weber) Charming tri girl with round eyes, correct stop, rich tan and a couple of beauty spots. Liked her balance and well ribbed. Clothed with a shiny straight coat of good texture. A bit distracted, could have moved a little faster and needed to carry tail a tad higher. **3. Dreamvale Guns N Roses** (Sage/Colbert) Rounder and forward in head, shorter ears, appealing expression, pigment a shade lighter. Richly coloured, moved with more strength up front than rear and a good head carriage. **4. Foxwyn A Likely Story** (Fox/Comer/Greak) Another blen with coat richly marked. Slimmer in head with profuse ear featherings. Nice size and balance, less mature than winners and prefer more drive on the move.

Novice Bitch (5)

1. Autumnhill Turn On The Radio (Weinstein/Parente) Longer cast ruby with lovely eyes, well filled muzzle, ear featherings to come. Well ribbed with good neck, shoulders and a decent colour. Deserved the class as she was the best profile mover, albeit a little wider in front. **2. Sherah Starry Starry Night** (Crommett) Petite typey tri. Feminine and attractive in head framed by long ear featherings. Eyes a bit startled in look. Nice neck accentuated by a white collar. Moved ok but a bit careless with her topline and not the tail carriage of winner. **3. Dancasa Madison Avenue** (Tiedemann) Blen who is in between coat, longer cast and taller, more angulation needed in front. Narrower blazed with a pretty head and black pigment. Moved ok, a little stifled in rear. **4. Chiffinch And Vesta Syndicate** (Rubino) An up to size ruby, mature in body, broader in shoulders. Gorgeous eyes, longest of ears but not the balance in shape for me. Well coated and rich in colour. Stood carelessly, hence not making the best of herself. Moved with a good tail carriage but close behind.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (2)

1. Ch Kean Ultraviolet, JW (Keane) One of the most exquisite blen bitches I have judged. Screaming quality and breed type, with the sweetest of expression created by large eyes surrounded with black rims and correct head shape. Well marked coat gleaming, balanced in shape, elegant neck flowing into well placed shoulders, angles in all the correct places. Carrying just the right amount of weight, on top form and circled the ring with ease and style. Never putting a foot wrong, she showcased herself at all times. A fine example of the breed and without hesitation I awarded her **Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show.**

2. Licketysplit Unchained Melody (Geoghegan) A blen bitch of a larger mould, pretty in head, even blaze and dark round eyes. Heavier marked with a wide collar. Slightly longer cast and heavier up front for balance. Made use of her good turn of stifle with excellent tail carriage on the move.

Junior American Bred Bitch (8)

1. Blackfire Open Me First (Weidig/Kennedy) Tri with a cushioned foreface, dark expressive eyes, higher in brow, full ears. Neat and square in shape, firm, well made body with slight croup. Moved well round with good reach. Attentive and showy. **2. Foxwyn Tell Me A Story** (Baker-Fox/Fox) Close decision with winner. Loved her type and size. Enchanting head with gorgeous eyes. Lovely neck and correct angles all round with rich colour. Moved steadily with an excellent tail carriage, just went flat when it mattered. **3. Rutherford Byoncee, JW** (Jones) Classically and correctly marked blen, well coated. Preferred expressions of winners. Shapely, cobby body and good rear. Would prefer a better front action but showed happily. **4. Linrica Seven Ten Split** (Liu) A well marked blen who left her clothes at home today, accentuating her less mature body. Taller, hence

not the balance. Lovely head and expression with limpid eyes, long ear featherings. Moved ok but rear not driving enough.

American Bred Bitch (4)

1. Brookhaven Sexy Sadie, JW (Ayers/Martz) Well and richly marked quality blen in a silky coat. Excellent breed type and size. An air of elegance about her, delightful head. Did not disappoint on the move, with good width behind. With a little more maturity in body, her day will come. **2. Nightingale Goldilocks At Nebyula** (Birbeck) A heavier sound blen girl, strong front, well ribbed and short coupled. Attractive head, good pigment and ear set. Well coated but paler. Steady mover with command of the ring. **3. Licketysplit Maybe I'm Amazed** (Geoghegan) Nicely marked blen with a pleasing head and kind expression. Respectable shape with legs set well under. Slight wave to coat. Attentive, moved competently, just preferred tail carriage of winners. **4. Nightingale Kismet at Kyneslane, JW** (Paplauckas) An honest exhibit, well coated, well feathered, albeit unruly. Nicely bodied and firm, pigment could be better. Alert at all times and super temperament. Moved ok but needs a bit more drive.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (5)

1. Linrica Femme Fatale, JW (Liu) Doe eyed girl with a narrow blaze, longer in body, good neck. Tends to overstretch on the stand and not keeping topline. Handler needs to dispel with treats! Lovely type and moved strongly in profile. **2. Cobhill Golden Marguerite** (Brunson/Rose) Feminine heavily marked blen, eyes could be a tad darker. Alert, attentive and moved a dream due to her well-made quarters. **3. Rutherford Wellsley** (Jones) Another heavily marked blen. Excellent pigment, heavier around shoulders, well-muscled rear. Needs a bit more glamour. Moved closer behind but with excellent tail carriage. **4. Kissabella Arabella** (Bronowicka/Carter) Finer headed blen, of a nice type and size. Silky coat, needs more width in body, moved efficiently driving with short pasterns.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (3)

1. Kellene Lady Of The Lake (Marshall) Tri with a pleasing head. Good tan on a heavily marked coat. Ideal size, moderate neck with nice bone. Scored on her dead level topline on the move. **2. First Capital Daisy Mae** (Arnold) Typey girl, with flat skull, good tan and ears, needing more fill in muzzle. Well marked and in between coat. Moved ok. **3. Blackfire October Surprise** (Weidig/Kennedy) Larger girl than winners, pretty, deeper in stop with a well filled head. Nice balance, decent neck length, short coupled and good bone for size. Carried tail well on the move.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)

1. Darane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek (DePhillip) Super typey and very pretty with an open face. Dark round eyes and good pigment. Shorter in neck but reasonable shoulders, wider front, well coated, straight and decent colour. Moved well, acceptable topline. *Best Ruby Bitch*

Special Limit Blank & Tan Bitch (3)

1. Lynsfaire Southern Belle (Gavin) Well bodied girl, carrying weight on shoulders. Best head in the class. Soft expression, eyes a tad lighter. Tail set lower, moved well. *Best Black & Tan Bitch* **2. Copperhill Miss Marcie** (Rubino) Kind head, framed by the longest ear featherings, incomplete dentition. Good depth of chest, coat with dark tan, lacking lustre. Needs more enthusiasm but still the best mover in the class. **3. Kalais Never Too Late To Party** (Hess) Less mature nor had the balance than those before her. Decent head with bright eyes. Lovely straight shiny coat with good tail set. Not as positive in movement nor parallel in front.

Open Bitch (4)

1. Nightingale Kit Kat (Mulligan) Typey blen with a well marked coat. Delightful head, open face, good width of skull and ear placement. Well ribbed body, neat compact shape and suitably muscled. Angulated rear, slight croup and short pasterns. Showed happily and moved soundly round in a steady pace. **2. Ch Prima Quartett Bloody Mary** (Bronowicka/Carter) Nicely balanced and ideal sized tri. Classic in head, correct stop. Well coated with good tan but not in best condition. Moved well with strong rear action and decent width behind. *Best Tricolor in Show* **3. Brookhaven In The Garden, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Upstanding blen with good balance, composure and lovely reach of neck. Well marked with clear markings on correct textured coat. Large eyes, dark pigment, higher in brow. Moved well, not always keeping topline. **4. Ch Autumnhill Desire Me, JW** (Parente) Pretty, sweet ruby, ideal size with nice bone. Good front assembly, immature in body but feminine and elegant. Moved a tad closer behind but showed wholeheartedly.

Veteran Dog (1)

1. Cambridge Celtic Soin (Mitchell) Glamorous well marked Tri with huge round eyes on a well filled head, despite a little greying, completely belies his 11 years of age. Making an impression with his great coat and condition, moved a dream with reach, drive and an excellent tail carriage. ***Best Veteran in Show***

Veteran Bitch (2)

1. Avia Referees Call (Marler) Loved this blen lady's head with the brightest of eyes despite her age. Correct head shape and muzzle with long ear featherings. Short coupled, holding a level topline and elegant head carriage on the move. **2. Ch Nightingale Evening Star** (Mulligan) Blen of an ideal in size, nice type and another pretty senior with lovely eyes. At her age, allowed to be an ounce heavier around the shoulders and moved effortlessly despite a less muscled rear.