

**Cavaliers of the South**  
**03/14/14, Williamsburg, VA**  
**Judge: Lucy Koster (Harana)**

I would like to thank the committee for the invitation to judge at this show. I was much looking forward to the appointment and a super entry of 169 awaited me. On the whole I felt the standard has improved greatly since the last time I judged at an 'Old' Club show back in 2008 and it was particularly heartening that all my major winners were owner bred which goes to prove that the breed is most definitely in safe hands 'across the pond'. I felt the girls had the edge in overall quality, with all the Top Awards going to them, but there were some outstanding boys, and some very exciting youngsters and I would be more than happy for a number of these boys to grace my kennel back home. It was somewhat of a poignant day for me...not only was it the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Fathers death, but as many of you empathised, my very good friend, Curt Bucy was supposed to have been my ring steward. I appreciated the minutes silence held for both of them at the end of the proceedings...followed by the huge round of applause in their honour!! Many thanks to Rachel Venier for stepping into the breach!!

**Junior Puppy Dog (8)** A super class to start the day.

**1. Nightingale The Eyes Have It** (Mulligan/Duke) Lovely blen of 6 mths, gorgeous size and shape, moved really well for such a baby. Has the promise of a good coat which was well marked and of a silky texture. Appealing head, with the desired soft, gentle expression which will mature nicely. **2. Clopsville Meridian** (Rychlik) Another nice blen baby, a little more of him overall than 1. Super sound movement with good angles. Lovely eyes and pigment. **3. Chewcreek Red Solo Cup** (DePhillip) Thought this enchanting tri would be my winner when they first came into the ring. Absolutely loved his size and shape, with good substance all through. Attractively marked, he just didn't possess the head properties to match the first 2 when it came to the crunch, but a puppy that I've no doubt will be a huge star in the breed as he matures. **4. Mimric Moves Like Jagger** (Painter/Hodges) Strongly headed blen who is quality all through...just outshone by the first 3.

**Senior Puppy Dog (8)**

**1. Bonitos Companeros Eldorado, JW** (Magera/Mitchell) Profusely coated blen youngster presented in beautiful condition. Most attractive head and eyes, with super pigment. Nice angles all through with plenty of substance. Moved ok...maybe a little 'mincey' at times...feel this could be improved with more muscle tone in his hind quarters. Impressed me enough to win **Best Puppy Dog**.

**2. Darane Hellboy** (Kates) Another well coated youngster, this time in a ruby jacket, which was of a rich red colour. Huge eyes of a good colour matched by his jet black nose. Has a lot to like, just wish he had more leg under him for better balance. **3. Orchardhill Tough Crowd** (Venier) Quality blen who lost out here to the glamour boys above. Lovely type, with super presence as possessed by all from this kennel. **4. Chadwick Cheers at Hudsonview** (Glynn) Heavily marked tri with good colours all through, useful size and sweet head, couldn't match the first 3 for movement.

**Graduate Puppy Dog (3)**

**1. Foxwyn A Storybook Romance** (Baker Fox) Nicely made blen, maybe a little 'pretty' for me, but he stood out in this class. At that difficult 'in between' stage from puppy to adult and when more mature with a better developed body will be able to hold his own in most company. **2. Denham Superstorm, JW** (Maddox) Richly coloured ruby, of a nice type. Attractive overall outline, with a lot to like, just let himself down on the move. **3. Piccadil Hit Me With Your Best Shot** (York) Well-made tri, of a heavier type, different head properties to 1 and 2, which didn't appeal to me as much.

**Novice Dog (2)**

**1. Wellsworth My Fifty Shades** (Wells/Braiser/Bill) Lovely blen dog of 17 mths. Super size and shape with good angles all through. Really sound mover with an easy flowing gait. Just a little short of furnishings today. **2. Lillium I Am Maximus Sweet** (Sweet/Adkins) Sweet little blen chap, neat size, well marked coat, thoroughly enjoying himself here.

**Bred By Exhibitor Dog (6)**

**1. Ch Brookhaven Believe It Or Not** (Ayers/Martz) The first thing that struck me about this lovely young boy was his neatness!! He is such a cracking little dog...really shapely....a true toy spaniel!! Lovely neck blending into on adequate shoulders, but it is his short, compact body where he really scores. Dogs this short can sometimes be a little bit stilted in their stride when on the move, but because he is so well balanced, he still has a natural flowing gait, allowing him to cover the ground effortlessly. His coat is well broken of a lovely rich chestnut colour. And his head is just to die for....a true Cavalier face, without any exaggeration. Huge eyes with black halos, matching his exemplary nose pigment. Well cushioned foreface all framed by correctly placed, well carried ears. At 2 years I would suspect he is just coming into his own. Quite an easy Winners Dog and Reserve Best In Show.....only pipped to top honours by the out and out glamour of Ultraviolet. A dog I would love to have sitting in my house!! **Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best Blenheim Dog, Best American Bred Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog**

**2. Ch Forestcreek Double O Seven, JW** (Cline) Another super blen...very close up to 1. Very similar in type...would imagine they share some common ancestry. Most lovely head and eye, super pigmentation. Very shapely with good angles...just preferred the front assembly of 1. **3. CA Cambridge Dream Weaver** (Magera/Mitchell) Really nice b&t of 4 yrs. Useful shape, maybe a tad long but was still balanced. Moved well...just had to give way to the youthfulness of the first 2. **4. Ch Orchardhill Why Wonder, JW** (Venier) Slightly up to size, well broken blen in super coat. Lovely type, just not the tail carriage of the above 3.

### **Junior American Bred Dog (7)**

**1. Brookhaven Kid Rock at Almeara, JW** (Whitmire/Ayers/Martz) Quite a mature blen carrying a wealth of coat. Lovely size and shape. Very appealing head, with good pigment all through. Moved really with plenty of drive. Scored for his outline on the move...keeping a super topline and holding his tail correctly. **2. Shirmont Phenominal Phoenix** (Henry) Really liked this neat, shapely boy...just lacking the finish of 1. Nice shape, holding a clean outline on the move. Sweet head. Moved well. **3. Piccadil Dream A Lil Dream Of Me** (York) Well marked tri in good coat, Moved really well which is synonymous with this kennel name. For me his head didn't have such appealing properties as the first 2. **4. Darane Frodo Baggins** (Kates) More immature blen, has all the basics to make a lovely boy, just needs time all through.

### **American Bred Dog (14)**

**1. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss, JW** (Green) Another blen in lovely coat which was sparkling with condition. Had the most glorious of heads...largest, darkest of eye with jet black rims. Not such a plush head as some of the winners here, but he still possessed the true soft cavalier expression. Has a table-top topline, with one of the best tail sets here today. Looked an absolute picture going round...handled to advantage by his owner. If I really had to nit-pick, I would have liked a better depth of colour, but that really is nit-picking, and his abundance of other qualities meant he won a well-deserved *Reserve Winners Dog* and with it, I was delighted to hear, his crown!!

**2. Nightingale Wish Upon A Star** (Birbeck) Well broken blen in good coat. Similar in size and shape as 1, just not the topline or tail carriage. Sweet head, with lovely eyes. **3. Parentes' Brookhaven Jessie** (Parente) Another shapely blen, not quite the coat or condition of the above, but scored on size, showing a lovely outline. A little more extreme in head. **4. Clarmarian Classic By Design** (Young-May) Pretty dog with a really sweet head. Nicely marked and moved well. Couldn't match the first 3 in croup or tail set.

### **Special Limit Blenheim Dog (5)**

**1. Orchardhill Letters Home** (Venier) Well coated boy, who was extremely well balanced. Everything was in proportion. Held the loveliest of outlines on the move, carrying his tail well. Attractive head, maybe a little strong for me, but still has the special cavalier qualities. **2. Orchardhill Only Human** (Wells/Braiser/Bill) Thought this neat little chap would be my winner on first look. Really useful size, with good substance all through. Let himself down with his tail carriage on the move, and head was a little too pretty for me. **3. Aldachell Olympic Gold at Huntland** (Land) Really liked this unassuming guy. Although he didn't have quite the glamour or condition of the first 2, he possessed many qualities. Just didn't project himself enough to take a higher place. **4. Clarmarian Covertly Wicked** (Gogol/Young May) Dog of a nice size. And carrying a good coat of super colour. Appealing head with good pigment.

### **Special Limit Tricolor Dog (4)**

**1. Chadwick Midnight Sun at Hudsonview** (Glynn) Well-made boy wearing a well broken jacket., with rich tan in all the right places. Moved well with style...quite an easy winner of this class. *Best Tricolor Dog* **2. Stellar Romancing The Stone** (Knauss/Rose) Nice chap who wasn't quite in the sparkling condition of 1. Kept a firm level topline on the move, and showed an attractive outline when standing. **3. Orchardhill Play For Keeps** (Darr/Venier) Liked the head on this older boy, heavily coated. Couldn't quite match the tail set and carriage of 1 and 2, but was of an attractive type. **4. Brookhaven Smoke and Mirrors at Granlaurel** (Painter) Stylish, well-marked boy who was lacking the furnishings here today.

### **Special Limit Ruby Dog (3)**

**1. Autumnhill Spencer, JW** (Weinstein/Parente) This richly coloured boy headed this rather disappointing class, with something to spare. Nice size, good shape. Good substance all through. Moved soundly. **2. Blackfire Aquavit N Bordeaux** (Lauve) Lovely old boy of 8 years. Very sweet head, with super dentition for his age. Not as balanced as 1. **3. Cambridge Ruby Dream** (Magera/Mitchell) This boy had left all his clothes at home here. Moved ok, but lacked a little confidence.

### **Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (6)** Another disappointing class.

**1. Elyzian Double Take** (Arnold) This boy scored for outline and size. Really compact type, with sound easy movement. For me is a little plain in head, thus giving a harder expression. **2. Darane Leonardo Da Vinci at Nebyula** (Birbeck) In profuse coat which was clean and well presented. Nice size, lacked the neck and shoulder assembly of 1. **3. Lynsfaire Above The Law** (Fairchild) Finer type of b&t. Moved ok, holding a good topline. Lacking furnishings today. **4. Charteroak Claude Monet** (Obadowski) Well coated boy, but heavier set dog which made him lack elegance on the move.

### **Open Dog (4)**

**1. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell** (Green/Sloan) Lovely b&t headed this competitive class. In super coat which was sparkling. Very attractive head, with large, kind eyes. Neat foreface, without any hint of extremes. Compact shape, with correct angles all through. Very exuberant boy which sadly, could go against him. He is so 'busy' when going round the ring, he can have a tendency to roach over his loin and not keep such a crisp outline, and although he made it into my cut in the challenge, it was this that lost him a higher award. *Best Black & Tan Dog* **2. Ch Melrose Gold For Bonitos Companeros, JW** (Magera/Mitchell) Have judged this striking ruby before, last year when he was still a junior. He has developed as I would have expected. Many of my remarks then still apply..he is the richest of colours, utterly gleaming with condition...just preferred the softer, kinder expression and more compact shape of the b&t. *Best Ruby Dog* **3. Ch Bonitos Companeros Kaleo at Diorchavon, JW** (Bialek) Super sound blen boy. Well marked coat of lovely texture and presented to perfection. Just a little too much of him for me. **4. Ch Dreamvale Tri Your Luck at Parkbury, JW** (Parker) Heavier headed tri, moved well and carrying a good coat.

### **Senior Open Dog (1)**

**1. Stellar Fireball at Twcyn** (Knauss/Gregg) Standing alone, I loved this 9 year gentleman. He seemed to be really enjoying himself and went around the ring with such style and panache. In lovely coat of a good colour...more than worthy of this class win.

### **Junior Puppy Bitch (12)** What a mouth-watering class!!!

**1. Jayba Nanette** (Lander) Oh my...I absolutely loved this beautiful little girl of just 6 mths. Still such a baby but what potential!! At her first showing here, she was a little over-awed with the experience to begin with, but settled as the class progressed. Glorious head and eyes, with super pigment. Neat compact shape, showing a lovely outline both standing and on the move. Such lovely balance at this age. One with an absolutely assured future I have no doubt!! **2. Mimric Buffalo Gal** (Hodges/Perkins) Another lovely blen, who whilst quite different in type possessed all the qualities of 1, making this a very close decision. More self-assured, she was lovely to watch going round. Very pretty head with lovely eyes and expression. Just a little less body and substance at this stage, but with maturity this will come. Another very promising baby. **3. Clopsville Flirtini** (Rychlik) A size larger than 1 and 2 but with similar attributes. Lovely large dark eyes, so typical of her breeding. In nice coat of good colours all through. **4. Ingold Andromeda** (Pickett) Quite a raw baby compared to the above 3, but has it all there to come.

**Senior Puppy Bitch (12)** From one super class to another....as if it could have got any better!!

**1. Autumnhill Desire Me** (Parente) I really thought I had found my BPIS winner in the previous class....then this little red-head walked it the ring.....and utterly floored me.!! From the tip of her jet black nose to the end of her tail she just exudes quality. Richly coloured and carrying a good coat. Has the promise of a very correct head, neat foreface, with enough cushioning. Large dark eyes, and a soft, gentle expression. Moved so well, holding an outline that reminded me of my own Cilla Black...elegant and graceful, yet with super reach and drive. Has such promise, if this little girl doesn't have a place in the breeds history books, it will be a crying shame. A very well deserved Best Puppy In Show, and in the final challenge I couldn't resist her for Reserve Winners Bitch. I understand she has since earned her title at just 13 months....a girl I'm sure we will hear a lot more of. **Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show, Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Ruby In Show**

**2. Dallarock Dora** (Geldermann) After all the praise I have heaped on my 1<sup>st</sup> place, one could be forgiven for thinking she had an easy win in this class, but not so. This enchanting blen was a very close 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ultra feminine head, with the most gentlest of expressions – so very pretty! Neat short back, with lovely croup and tail set. Well marked coat of good quality. Moved well, keeping a clean outline. Another one to watch for the future. **3. Kean Pristine of Valentyne** (Keane/O'Brien) And the riches just kept coming....yet another quality youngster. More mature, and heavier set than the first 2, this is another bitch with tons of promise. Was a little unsettled here, and didn't give the best of herself. **4. Almeara Look At Me** (Whitmire) Lightly marked blen, a little in-between coats here. Sweet head, with a kind eye. Good pigment and stylish movement.

### **Graduate Puppy Bitch (9)**

**1. Glencross Cailin at Shirmont** (Henry) Although my least favourite colour, I admit, I always love to find some nice tris when I am judging, and here was one...and then some. So very pretty, which can be hard to achieve in this colour. Well marked coat, with bright rich tan in all the right places. Neat size, with short level back and adequate neck and shoulders. Large lustrous eyes, moved with drive keeping a nice outline. **Best Tricolor In Show** **2. Mimric A Cappella** (Hodges/Perkins) A heavier marked blen of nice type. A little more of her all over, but it was all in proportion without being over done in any way. Very sound mover, with real drive for well-turned hind quarters. **3. Rutherford Byoncee** (Jones) Loved this girls shape, nice clean crisp outline with good angles all through. Just couldn't match 1 and 2 for eye or softness of expression. **4. Foxwyn Tell Me A Story** (Baker-Fox) Really pretty girl, loved everything about her, just lost out on maturity the girls above her.

### **Novice Bitch (4)**

**1. Chewcreek Piper** (DePhillip) Lovely ruby girl of just 13 months. In good coat which was richly coloured. Useful size, with a nice shapely outlook. Beautiful eyes and outstanding pigment, Her head just needs more time, of which she has plenty. **2. Autumnhill California Dreamin** (Parente) Another ruby of quality. Not carrying quite the coat of 1., and couldn't match her for expression, but again, has time on her side. **3. Cantia Kiss From A Rose** (Kent) Well broken tri of a nice size, Moved ok, keeping a good topline and tail carriage. **4. Chadwick Lace Nightie** (Eckersley) This blen was just a baby, has bags of promise, just not so outgoing as the first 3.

### **Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (5)**

**1. Ch Kean Ultraviolet, JW** (Keane) My notes just say: Wow Wow Wow!!! Judges talk about dogs that possess that 'something', that give you goose bumps when you set eyes on them.....the X Factor.....call it what you will, but this girl has it....in spades!!! She is the ultimate glamour girl....a beautifully presented coat, just sparkling with condition...it was well broken and of the desired rich chestnut on pearly white background. Her head is copybook...flat top skull, well set ears framing a balanced face, with tapered muzzle, all topped off with huge eyes of the correct colour. Excels in neck and shoulder placement, blending onto a short level back with good croup. Straight front, with nice upper arm, giving plenty of reach, matched by her short driving hocks behind. Whichever way you look at her she is all Cavalier, and is truly very hard to fault. One of the best examples of the breed I have seen anywhere, and I was more than pleased to heap yet more accolades on her, to add to the many she already has to her name. **Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Blenheim In Show, Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred in Show**

**2. Royalcaper Bluebell Bliss** (Clayton) Nice bitch giving a little away in age here. Lovely head, with dark eyes of a good size. Moved well, showing the lovely true cavalier temperament...such a happy girl. **3. Ch Piccadil Destined To Be Rich, JW** (York) Worthy champion girl who was a little up to size for me. Ultra sound movement, with good topline and tail carriage. **4. Closeburn Tibbie Stuart** (Fairchild) Lightly marked blen, not in such good coat as the first 3. Nice shape, but would prefer a larger, darker eye.

#### **Junior American Bred Bitch (6)**

**1. Linrica Femme Fatale, JW** (Liu) Really liked this well-made sound blen. While she didn't scream glamour, she was of such a sound honest type, I kept coming back to her. Nice head with all the correct attributes, neat shape, moved well with a firm level topline and correct tail set. On another day could easily have been one of my top 2. **2. Mimric Move Over Boys** (Hodges/Perkins) Lovely blen girl who just had to give way to the maturity of Femme Fatale. Lovely shape with good bone and substance. Moved with style...just unlucky to come up against 1. **3. Shirmont Delightful Capar** (Henry/Rosenberg) Slightly longer cast bitch of nice type. Lovely head and eye, just a little out of coat today. **4. Truluv Eve** (Nikaci) Shapely girl, carrying a good coat. just couldn't match the first 3 for softness of expression.

#### **American Bred Bitch (10)**

**1. Brookhaven Mystic Sky** (Ayers/Martz) Really liked this shapely blen of just under 2 years. Just loved her shape, so well balanced all through. Good neck and shoulders, short level back with proportionate length of leg to body. Topped off with a good croup and tail set. Stylish effortless movement completed the picture. Most lovely eyes and expression, with good pigment....for me she is just a little deep in stop and high in forehead. Pulled into the cut in the challenge and gave the 2 top winners a run for their money. Half-sister, through the dam, of my RBIS winner...what a producer she has been!! **2. Jayba Knockout, JW** (Lander/George) Another lovely blen who was close up to 1. Very similar in type, with many of the same attributes. Appealing head, not quite the soft expression as Mystic Sky. **3. Nightingale Goldilocks at Nebyula** (Birbeck) Slightly larger made girl, in good coat. Moved well, couldn't match first 2 for pigment. **4. TruElegance Raise Your Glass** (Cromer) Longer cast bitch, lovely head and eye....not as outgoing as first 3.

#### **Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (3)**

**1. Brookhaven In The Garden, JW** (Ayers/Martz) And here is the full sister to my RBIS...what a litter!! Lighter marked than her litter mate, she possesses all the qualities that he does....neat compact shape, firm level topline and good tail carriage. Loved her head also, which was all cavalier. Another one to make the cut...just not as positive in hind quarters in such good company. **2. Nightingale Bewitching** (Mulligan) Finer made, richly coloured girl. Moved well, covering the ground with ease. Not as mature as 1. **3. Dancasa Summer Thyme** (Rubino/Tiedemann) Sweet blen with nice head. Lovely large dark eye, in good coat.

#### **Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (6)**

**1. Truluv Aly** (Nikaci) Nice size girl, with good bone and substance. Moved well keeping a good topline and tail carriage. Pretty head, large dark eyes and good pigment. Showed a lovely outline and won with a bit to spare in this class. **2. Orchardhill Unadorned** (Venier) A slightly larger girl than 1, wearing a heavier marked jacket. Very stylish mover, covering the ground with ease. Not as appealing in head or expression as 1. **3. Monarch's That's My Little Margie** (Bellflower) Well broken coat of good colours all through. Pretty head, with large dark eye. Moved ok. **4. Bluesday Fly Me To The Moon** (Gross) Petite bitch, heavier marked. Not the bone or substance of first 3.

#### **Special Limit Ruby Bitch (3)**

**1. Darane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek** (DePhillip) Very pretty girl with huge eyes of the darkest colour. Super pigment, and rich coat colour. Assured mover, holding a firm topline and carrying her tail correctly. A little in-between coats here and would maybe like a little more length of leg to give better balance. **2. Dawnaquinn Paint The Town Red** (Magera) Richly coloured girl. Moved well with drive. Nice size, just couldn't match 1 for eye and expression. **3. Tanglewood Bon Bon Red** (Saban/Gregory) Finer made bitch. Not as mature as the 2 above.

**Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (7)** It was lovely to see this class had been dedicated to Curt...I like to think he would have approved of the winner.

**1. Rutherford Venus W, JW** (Jones) What a lovely bitch this b&t is. Although not the ultimate glamour girl, she has enough. What she really scores on is her super shape and movement. Because she is made so well, she moves wonderfully, with such reach and drive, Her topline is 'table top' level, with her tail coming straight off. Really lovely head, with soft, sweet expression. I pulled her in for further consideration, and when she has the furnishings must surely hit the top. **Best Black & Tan In Show 2. Lynsfair Southern Belle** (Gavin) Another nice girl, who could do with losing a lb or 2. Carrying it over her shoulders making her look stuffy and lacking in neck. Pretty head and eye. **3. Kalais Pirate's Booty** (Hess) Sweet girl who was out of coat. Moved ok, keeping a good topline. **4. Lynsfair Irresistible Charm** (Fairchild) A lot to like about this young lady, just appeared to be over-awed by the proceedings today.

#### **Open Bitch (4)**

**1. Ch Pincrest Moonshine, JW** (Eubank/Storey) Well marked blen with the desired lozenge. Really graceful, elegant mover, holding a lovely shape. Carried her tail correctly. Appealing head, with a lot to like, just couldn't match the top winners for depth of pigment or eye size. **2. Nightingale Kit Kat** (Mulligan) Smaller girl all through who didn't have such the flowing outline as 1. Lovely type, with free easy movement. Nice bone and substance. **3. Ch Prima Quartet Bloody Mary** (Bronowicka/Carter) Heavier set and marked tri. In super coat which was well presented. Not such a soft expression as first 2. **4. Ch Chesham A**

**Minute Of Your Time, JW** (Eckersley/Taub) Nice size to this blen. In good coat, moved well... a little longer cast than the 3 above.

**Senior Open Bitch (1)**

**1. Chadwick Pickerty** (Taub) Sweet 9 yr old tri. Moved well with a real spring in her step. In super coat of good colours which was beautifully presented. A little girl to be proud of.

**Veteran Dog (4)**

**1. Stellar Fireball at Tyewn** (Knauss/Gregg) See Senior Open Dog. **2. Chadwick Jack In The Box** (Storey) Lovely 11 year tri, such a sweet boy. Moved ok, belying his advanced years. **3. Taron Brandys Ricky at Carlen** (Close) 9 yr old b&t, moved well, soundly and with style. **4. Chadwick Star Spangle Banner** (Taub/Eckersley) Sweet blen, lovely dark eyes and soft expression.

**Veteran Bitch (1)**

**1. Ch Orchardhill Never Say Never JW** (Comer/Greak) 7 yr tri carrying a super coat in excellent condition. Moved so easily still with bags of reach and drive. Lovely girl who could hold her own in any line up. ***Best Veteran In Show***