

Cavaliers of the South
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Judge: David Kirkland (Rokirk)

I thank the Board of Cavaliers of the South for the kind invitation to judge over the May show weekend in Atlanta. It was an honor and privilege and I looked forward to this assignment with great anticipation. Thanks to all of the exhibitors for accepting my placements with such good sportsmanship. There was plenty to choose from and I was quite happy with my final lineup in each challenge particularly with my short lists. Apart from my top winners, I am confident others will go on to higher awards. Special thanks to the COS members who helped make my ring and the entire show run so smoothly. I really enjoyed the whole experience including the club dinner and post-dinner hospitality suite. Most of all, I enjoyed spending time with our beloved breed which brings us all together in friendship. It was a grand day for me and I hope you enjoyed yourselves also.

Junior Puppy Dog (9) Nice class overall.

1. Forestcreek Braveheart (Cline) Smashing 8 ½ months blen, quite confident in the ring and happy to show himself off, sweet-faced expression with large dark eyes and generous head tapering to plush muzzle, balanced body shape with good substance for his age, good tail set and carriage, well-presented silky coat, great mover, particularly appreciated his sound rear, predict a bright future. *Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show*

2. Forestcreek Moonraker (Cline) This handsome blen youngster pushed hard for the top spot in this class, another beautifully shaped head with desired large dark eyes, dense pigment and sweet expression, substantial bone and body substance appropriate to age, well-balanced shape, sound from all directions, so well-schooled and spirited, I liked him a lot, he will continue to do well. **3. Nightingale The Eyes Have It** (Mulligan/Duke) Appropriately named, this 8 months blen has the largest and roundest eyes any breeder could want, one just melts right into them, gorgeous short-coupled shape covered in correct silky-textured blen coat, sound mover in all directions, another confident and happy showman, would like a tad more cushioning in the muzzle to be ideal. **4. Huntland Highlander** (Land) Well-broken 8 months blen, sweet-faced expression with large eyes, good body shape and construction enables him to move properly from any angle, also well-schooled and ring savvy, would like a better tail set to complete the picture.

Senior Puppy Dog (3)

1. Hiddencreek Mason (Green) Best overall breed type in the class although he was a bit apprehensive on the move, I believe he may not have appreciated the colorful carpeting and seemed to be dodging sections of it, well-marked blen youngster sporting a beautifully presented silky coat, lovely head shape with desired sweet expression, large round dark eyes and dense pigment, well-balanced body with good bone, just needs to gain more confidence.

2. Du Jardin De Claire Bow (Gentil) 10 months old Ruby boy, stunning head and expression with great big eyes and dense dark pigment, beautiful rich coat color, a tad long in body and weak in rear movement which prevented higher placement. **3. Chewcreek Red Solo Cup** (DePhillip) Nearly 10 months old heavily marked Tri, so confident and happy to be in the ring, well-presented gorgeous silky coat on a well-ribbed short-coupled body, sweet-faced expression but needs more muzzle cushioning, also weak in rear movement.

Graduate Puppy Dog (5)

1. Forestcreek Button Fly (Cline) Quality 13 months blen in full and glorious coat, moved well from all ways, correct short-coupled body shape with good bone, a bit out-of-condition in weight, soft and sweet expression, well-made head with large round eye and well-padded muzzle, admired him. **2. Bonitos Companeros El Dorado, JW** (Magera/Mitchell) 13 months well-broken blen presented in superb coat condition, moved well from all directions, correct short-coupled body with good substance and bone, properly-shaped plush head with great pigment, off in expression due to eye shape/placement. **3. Denham Superstorm, JW** (Maddox) Quality 16 months Ruby, stunning red rich color of correct silky texture, lovely head with characteristic large eye, dark pigment and sweet expression, would improve his tail set. **4. Foxwyn A Storybook Romance** (Baker-Fox) Well-marked 14 months blen, lacks in ribbing and body substance which will come with maturity, admired his beautiful head shape, soft expression and eye, spirited showman who also moves well.

Novice Dog (3)

1. Forestcreek Royal Harry (Castrogiovanni) Loved the classic head shape on this yearling boy, soft expression with great dark and dense pigment, dark chestnut color on this blen who was presented in lovely condition, a picture standing with proper short coupling on a well-ribbed body with good bone and short hocks, moved well from all directions. **2. Tassajara John Steinbeck** (Seidman) Nicely marked 3 year old blen with properly-textured coat in immaculate condition, well-presented and quite an exuberant showman, eye-catching shape, beautiful big eyes, head style is a tad extreme for me and he needs strengthening in rear movement, otherwise I really admired his many

other positive virtues. **3. Cruisin Diamond N De Ruff** (Bird-Whitley/Rackler) 2 ½ year old BT with jet black color on a silky textured coat, really admired his ear placement.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2) Small in number but a lovely class, topline on the move separated them.

1. Ch Forestcreek Double O Seven, JW (Cline) Masculine and mature dog of high quality, gorgeous well-broken coat in pristine condition complete with blen spot, stunning balanced outline, short-coupled with well-ribbed body and good bone, generous head tapering to properly cushioned muzzle with huge, round dark eyes and that melting expression we all love, a real stunner who is so worthy of his championship, to be picky he could drive better from his rear but I was really impressed with his overall breed type, happy to award him #1 *Award of Merit, Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog*, congratulations! **2. Dreamvale Motley Crue** (Sage/Colbert) Another quality blen dog, mature, well-presented and in great condition, showed with exuberance, possesses the many of the same virtues as his rival in head, expression and body, moved well in all ways, I really liked and appreciated this dog.

Junior American Bred Dog (2)

1. Brookhaven Kid Rock At Almeara, JW (Whitmire/Ayers/Martz) Eye-catching mature blen, commanded attention as entered the ring with confidence and failed to disappoint upon further examination, well-broken coat in glorious full bloom, proper outline with short coupling, well-sprung ribs and short neat hocks, plenty of bone, generous masculine head with all of the right essentials for me, big round dark eyes properly set, dark pigment and soft melting expression, moved well from all directions with solid topline, pressed hard by the BBE dog in the challenge but won out due to his strong rear, proud to award him *Reserve Winners Dog, Best American Bred Dog, Best Blenheim Dog*. I understand this win finished his championship, congratulations, a very worthy new champion!

2. Forestcreek Bradley (Mitchell) Quality coat of a rich chestnut color, pleasing head and expression from large round eyes and good pigment, correct body outline but needs to fill out which maturity will bring.

American Bred Dog (6)

1. Nightingale Jackson Browne (Birmingham) Quality larger dog that caught my eye immediately, confident showman presented with style, well-marked masculine and mature blen, loved his head shape and eye size, I would prefer his eyes a shade darker but this did not ruin his overall expression for me, stunning going around the ring with firm topline and tail carriage, super construction with well-balanced outline, edged out by his competition in the challenge but he was in strong consideration for higher awards, really admired him and I predict he will have his day. **2. Oggbrae Don Ottavio** (Bales) Masculine and fully mature blen dog with short substantial body and proper bone, lovely large round eyes on a pleasingly-shaped head with typical sweet expression, did not make a lot of himself on the go around but otherwise a pleasing type overall. **3. Forestcreek Apollo** (Walzer/Cline) Heavier marked blen who was giving his handler a hard time on the move, appreciated his pretty eyes and correct outline. **4. Markley Double Play** (Storey) Pleasing head shape with great pigment but shows a tad of white in one eye, well-marked blen in good coat, lost his neck on the move.

Health & Conformation Dog (2)

1. Grantilley Goodwood At TruElegance (Cromer) 6 year old blen dog shown in such an important class, he really owned the ring as he entered, pretty head and expression with good eye shape although I would prefer them to be set wider, pigment a bit off right now, moved well from all directions with a good firm topline, a quality dog and a credit to the breed. **2. Avia Sgt. Pepper** (Marler) Nearly 7 years old well-broken blen lacking coat on the day, pleasing head shape with nice big eyes, owner should be proud to qualify for this class.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (8)

1. Pascavale Kingsley (Ayers/Martz) Lovely 2 year old dog, prettiest breed type in this class, perfect carriage of topline and tailset on the go around, luxurious blen coat, sweet and soft-faced expression on a well-made head with good dark eye and pigment, right-on for size, appreciated his nice short hocks which he used to advantage in movement, I predict a rosy future. **2. Tassajara Hugh Jackman** (Seidman/Hughes/Berkau) Masculine 5 year old heavier marked blen, full well-constructed head with lovely eyes both contributing to proper expression, nice outline standing with good body substance and bone, trumped by his rival on the go around, nevertheless a quality dog. **3. Covington Kilgharrah at Riverview** (Barrois) Well-broken 2 year old blen, soundest mover overall in this class which deserved recognition, lovely big eyes contribute to his typical soft and sweet expression, appreciated his overall balance. **4. Aldachell Olympic Gold At Huntland** (Land) Nearly 2 years old, another well-broken blen with lovely eyes and good dark pigment, needs a bit more maturity in body which will hopefully come with time.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (3)

1. Piccadil Hit Me With Your Best Shot (York) Nicely marked yearling in good coat and condition, good bone and body substance, pleasing outline maintained on the go around which won him the class, not exactly my style of head although he did have nice eyes, good mover down and back too. **2. Tudorr Tango** (Mixon/Adams) Heavier marked dog nearly 2 years old, preferred this dogs head to the third placed, lovely large round dark eyes and good pigment,

short-coupled outline, happy showman. **3. Brookhaven Smoke and Mirrors at Granlaurel** (Painter) 2 years plus dog with well-marked coat, nice size, presented and shown beautifully, attractive face with sweet expression but a tad extreme for me, proud of his tail on the move although he did move soundly from all ways.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (3)

1. Autumnhill Gone Country (Casey) 2 year old boy with lovely eye but not a head style I prefer, won this class due to his sound movement coming, going and in profile while holding a firm topline, also appreciated his rich red color. **2. Harana Shakin Stevens** (Klutts) Close call between the first and second placed, preferred this 2 year old dog's head and expression but coat is off in color, nice firm topline with good tail carriage. **3. Cambridge Ruby Dream** (Magera/Mitchell) 5 ½ years old gent, off in topline and lacks body substance and coat, sweet face and good eye though.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (1)

1. Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Schilling) He made me smile as he entered the ring like he owned it, energetic with a happy-to-be-there attitude, beautiful coat and presentation, great bone and sound mover, pretty head overall but lacks in expression due to a lighter eye than ideal, pleasing outline albeit a smidge long.

Open Dog (5) Wow, great class with club champions in all four colors!

1. Ch Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros, JW (Magera/Mitchell) Exceptional mature Cavalier presented in top-notch condition and shown to perfection, full silky-textured coat of a gorgeous rich red Ruby color, mature well-proportioned body with lovely crest of neck, short-coupled with good ribbing and short hocks, a study of correct fluid movement shown on a loose lead, commanding attention on the go around maintaining his proper shape with firm topline and well-set and carried tail, gorgeous head with great pigment, flat full top skull and big eyes soulful and melting all framed by high-set long ear fringes, exciting dog in all ways, happy to award him **Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Show, Best Ruby in Show**, congratulations!

2. Ch Piccadil Peppermint Twist (York) Impressive mature 4 year old blen dog who pressed hard for first place, his stunning head has the Ahhh factor, full generous and masculine with sweet expression from well-placed large dark eyes, dense pigment and good muzzle cushioning, proper outline standing and a real picture moving with firm topline and good tail carriage, good body substance and bone, well-presented and shown, in beautiful bloom of coat, a stunning dog of high quality, very proud to give him the #2 **Award of Merit**, congratulations! **3. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell** (Green) I have seen this 2 year old BT dog before and have loved him, he has the most beautiful soft and sweet face, would not change a thing about his head, right-on for size with a perfectly-balanced body standing, full luxurious jet-black coat of the silkiest texture, he came in the ring and looked great but as the class progressed he lost momentum side-winding on his down and back and losing his topline on the go around, I hope he was just having a bad day, nevertheless a very worthy champion. **Best Black & Tan in Show** **4. Ch Angel's Pride Love Vegas of Sumara** (Gentil) 3 ½ year old lovely well-broken Tri with rich tans, gentle expression and big soulful eyes, mature with good body substance and spring of rib, very happy shower and a very worthy champion, presented well and moved soundly. **Best Tricolor in Show**

Senior Open Dog (1)

1. Closeburn Graham Macinnes (Trad) Sweet-faced 9 year old Ruby in great condition and muscle tone, still has nearly all of his teeth which were obviously cared for, deep rich red color, seemed quite happy to be back in the ring.

Junior Puppy Bitch (7)

1. Tudorr La Dolce Vita (Mixon/Cline) Fetching well-broken 8 ½ month old blen, could not miss her as she entered the ring, proper shape with firm topline and correctly carried tail, particularly appreciated her driving rear, well-made head with dark eye, pigment and fill all contributing to her feminine soft and kind expression, loved her, in strong consideration for Best Puppy in Show but was edged out by the slightest of margins. **Best Puppy Bitch**

2. Jayba Nanette (Lander) Lovely overall breed type on this 8 month old blen, soft expression from well-placed round dark eyes and ample muzzle cushioning, good bone and substance for her tender age, pleasing outline with lovely length and crest to her neck, will do well when she decides dog shows are fun. **3. Angel's Pride Jive Sensation** (Gentil) Beautifully marked 7 month blen, sweet faced head and correct body shape and outline, happy girl who showed to advantage. **4. Riverview Too Cool For School** (Barrois) 8 ½ month old lightly marked blen, adored her outline which she maintained on the go, big-sized eyes but showing just a tad of white.

Senior Puppy Bitch (4)

1. Almeara Look At Me (Whitmire) Appealing lightly marked blen nearly 1 year old, beautifully presented, good outline with solid topline and tail carriage, nice short hocks, happy girl who loved showing herself off, stunning head with all the right essentials for a sweet feminine expression, best movement in the class. **2. Blackfire Open Me First** (Weidig/Kennedy) 11 months Tri, loved her outline with good body and substance, beautiful eyes properly set into a well-made head, her forward face mark did not detract from her pretty expression, would like a stronger rear. **3. Azalearun We're In The Money** (Schilling/Ayers) 10 months old Ruby, correct outline standing with lovely

carriage on the move holding a firm topline, gorgeous large dark eyes, would prefer a richer coat color, did not move well down and back on the day. **4. Padamere Indigo** (Miller) 11 ½ month old Tri, happy show girl, nice dark round eyes and good pigment, would prefer a bit more muzzle cushioning and stronger movement.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (8) Nice class.

1. Autumnhill Desire Me, JW (Parente) Glamorous 13 months Cavalier of the Ruby color, caught my eye immediately and did so again in the challenge, harmonious picture on the go around with firm topline, correct tail-set and carriage, also very sound fore and aft, nice package with short-coupled body and lovely reach of neck, right-on for size, high-set ears frame a nicely proportioned head with beautiful eyes and ample muzzle cushioning, loved staring at her soft feminine face, just adored her and wanted to take her home, delighted to award her **Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Ruby Bitch**, understand this completed her championship, congratulations!

2. Foxwyn Once Upon a Time (Baker-Fox/Fox) Lovely well-broken 14 months blen with big soulful dark eyes, good bone and substance right for her size, sound as a dollar in movement, liked her. **3. Dallarock Dora** (Geldermann) Appealing 1 year plus blen with good head shape and sweet feminine expression, lovely eyes, moved well from all directions, eye catching on the go around with nice neck, topline and tail carriage. **4. Foxwyn Tell Me a Story** (Baker-Fox/Fox) Litter mate to the second placed, very pretty head and big eyes, soft and feminine expression, solid topline and properly carried tail on the go around, balanced outline, uncooperative on the down and back which threw off her movement.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (1)

1. Ch Kean Ultraviolet, JW (Kean) Standing alone in this class and in every sense of the word a real standout! I had seen this girl from afar once before but had never gotten my hands on her until this day, she epitomizes the breed standard in living form, text-book essentials in outline, head, expression, coat, color and movement, beautiful breed type from the tip of her nose to the tip of her tail, I could continue to wax eloquent now about all of her dreamy qualities but that would be superfluous, suffice it to say that on the day she truly left me quite speechless, my notes say “unbelievable”, she would be a champion in any part of the world, I was thrilled to award her **Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best Blenheim in Show**, huge congratulations and praise to her breeder/owner/handler!

Junior American Bred Bitch (2)

1. Denham Over The Moon (Maddox) 1 ½ years BT with balanced body shape and proportions, happy show girl sporting a lovely silky coat, appreciated her correct head, expression and eye, off in the rear on the day. **Best Black & Tan Bitch** **2. Brookhaven Penny Lane** (Ayers/Martz) Dark blen color on this 9 months gal, good pigment and big eyes, lost to maturity but time is on her side.

American Bred Bitch (6)

1. Jayba Knockout, JW (Lander/George) Mature well-marked blen with nice big eyes and pretty wide blaze on a sweet faced head, all-of-a-piece in body, short coupled with firm topline and tail carriage, moved with accuracy and quite the picture going around, in lovely coat and presented to perfection, considered for further awards in the challenge, liked her a lot. **2. Tassajara Forestcreek A Fortune** (Cline) Another mature well-broken blen, preferred her head and expression to the first placed, good bone, ribbing, substance, topline and tail carriage, considered her for first but she was a bit lackadaisical in movement, and just a tad longer in body than her rival, these traits cost her the class. **3. Truelegance Raise Your Glass** (Cromer) Nearly 2 years old blen complete with lozenge, shy of coat on the day but a lot to like, sweet expression with large eyes, lacking in body maturity which I hope she gets with time. **4. Brookhaven Rainy Night In Georgia at Lanmar** (Hubbard) A few months shy of 2 years, this heavier marked Tri appeared unhappy on the day with tail hanging and a slight roach over her back when she moved, well-presented in beautiful coat condition, great bone and body, large eyes on a pretty soft face with good tans, many nice qualities of type overall, hopefully just having a bad day, despite this shortcoming she was still **Best Tricolor Bitch**.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (3)

1. Forestcreek Pippa M (Mixon/Cline) Quality fully-matured 3 year old gal with lots of appeal, difficult to miss with her charming disposition and spirited performance, all the right fundamentals, a real picture on the go around with firm topline and tail right off the back, soft feminine expression with large eyes, good textured coat of a deep rich color covers her well-constructed body and correct outline, moved well to advantage with style and accuracy, would like to take her home, proud to award her #1 **Award of Merit**, congratulations! **2. Kissabella Arabella** (Bronowicka/Carter) Mature eye-catcher, stunning in outline and balance with good bone, well-presented and handled, the silkiest of coats in great condition, beautiful big eyes on her sweet face but lacks fill under the eye and plushness to her muzzle to be ideal. **3. Blackfire I Approved This Message** (Weidig/Kennedy) Rich color on this 1 ½ years gal, well-shaped head with lovely eyes, pigment a tad off and not as short-coupled as the prior placed.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (2)

1. My Exotic World Rainbow Beauty Queen (Fry) Nearly 2 years old, pleasing head, expression with good eyes and dense pigment, preferred her short-coupled outline and sound strong movement, positive attributes which won her first in this class. **2. Blackfire October Surprise** (Weidig/Kennedy) Littermate to gal in prior class, overall I liked this bitch's head and expression better, good substance to her body, carrying a lovely coat, unfortunately she did not move well on the day sometimes appearing high in the rear, just a tad longer in body than the winner also. **Special Limit Ruby Bitch (3)** Difficult class for me; I appreciated them all for different reasons and they could easily switch around.

1. Dawnaquinn Paint The Town Red (Magera) Well-shaped head on this 3 ½ years gal with feminine expression and large dark eyes, short on coat on the day but one could easily see her good construction, deep rich red color, best mover in the class. **2. Brookhaven Lucky Penny** (Schilling/Ayers) 3 years plus with sweet face, feminine expression and large dark eyes, eye-catching in profile with good topline and tail carriage, off in rear movement and would prefer her a bit shorter coupled. **3. Darane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek** (DePhillip) 2 years plus showy small gal with soft feminine expression and huge dark eyes, very attentive to owner, good bone and substance for size, short-coupled body but falls off in croup, not as rich in color as I prefer.

Open Bitch (3)

1. Ch Lanmar Pometini (Hubbard/Beavers) Lovely make and shape on this glamorous 4 year old lady, a picture to look at, good bone for size, mature body well-ribbed and substantial, gorgeous soft feminine face from well-placed big eyes and ample cushioning, strong solid movement anyway you looked, nose pigment a bit off but this was minor compared to her other outstanding breed virtues, a very worthy champion and I was proud to give her #2 *Award of Merit*, congratulations! **2. Nightingale Kit Kat** (Mulligan) Nearly 3 years old blen, rich color complete with lozenge on a lovely coat, appreciated her balanced body in a nice-sized package, charming outgoing personality, sweet feminine expression with adorable small kiss mark on a well-shaped head, great big eyes, lost on tailset and not using her legs to full advantage on the day but I really admired this quality gal for her many breed type virtues, she is another one who will do well if she has not already. **3. Ch Pinecrest Moonshine, JW** (Storey/Eubank) Nearly 3 years girl sporting a beautiful well-presented coat complete with lozenge, larger in stature than I prefer, big eyes contribute to her gentle kind expression, a bit longer cast in body than desirable.

Senior Open Bitch (1)

1. Chadwick Pickety (Taub) 9 year old heavier-marked Tri in beautiful coat and condition, large lovely eyes, great topline supported by a short-coupled body, moved solidly, owner has a good sense of humor, during examination she confessed to me that "she was an old bitch showing an old bitch!" It gave me a good laugh at the end of the day. **Veteran Dog (3)** How in the world can one make placements when they are all winners? Since it was required of me, I did, but I wanted to give them all first!

1. Chadwick Jack in the Box (Storey) 12 year old Tri, could not have been happier as evidenced by his fervent tail wagging, pretty eyes, nice crest of neck on a good solid short-coupled body. **2. Closeburn Graham Macinnes** (Trad) See Senior Open Dog. **3. Chadwick Star Spangle Banner** (Taub/Eckersley) 11 year old blen gent, gorgeous big eyes, short solid body with a nice well-presented coat.

Veteran Bitch (1)

1. Avia Referees Call (Marler) 10 year old well-broken blen gal, so sound coming and going and so happy to be back in the ring, sweet soft feminine face with large eyes, she looked up at me as if to say, "Pick me", and I did.

Best Veteran in Show