Cavaliers of the South 05/12/13, Atlanta, GA

Judge: Erica Venier (Orchardhill)

My sincere thanks to the Cavaliers of the South for inviting me to judge at your spring show. As always the venue was outstanding and the organization professional. Thank-you also to the exhibitors who allowed me the opportunity to go over their lovely Cavaliers; every dog I examined was sparkling clean and well turned out; every exhibitor gracious. Proper animal husbandry and good sportsmanship are the very backbone of our sport; well done, everyone. I was happy to see so many pretty faces and large dark eyes. The dogs I was most drawn to were the ones which were not only attractive in head and expression but also pleasing in their shape and balance. Structure, movement, size and shape are integral parts of type: we are fortunate to have many Cavaliers which personify those qualities.

Junior Puppy Dog (6)

- **1. Forestcreek Double O Seven** (Cline) Lovely Blenheim puppy dog with large dark eyes and the softest expression. Correct overall balance; ample bone; smooth on the move, holding his top line. *Best Puppy Dog*
- **2. Brookhaven Kid Rock** (Ayers/Martz) Difficult choice between these two outstanding youngsters: gorgeous head and eye, short hocks, coat coming in well for his tender age. Today his top line was not quite as steady as the first placed puppy; otherwise a quality entry. **3. Darane Frodo Baggins** (Kates) Sweet expression on this Blenheim youngster but head not quite as plush as the above two entries. **4. Tudorose Rembrandt** (Bragg/Mixon) Blenheim baby with a pretty head and dark, round eyes. Great attitude.

Senior Puppy dog (6)

1. Aldachell Olympic Gold at Huntland (Land) Lovely, typey Blenheim boy with large brown eyes, beautifully plush head with desired padding and soft expression. Ample bone. Ears could be placed a tad higher but he used them well. 2. Chadwick Midnight Sun at Hudsonview (Yassky/ Glynn) Nicely made tricolor presently lacking maturity and rib spring. Lovely on the move, top line remaining level. Expression not as soft as the first placed puppy. Well turned out. 3. Blackfire Plaza Suite (McLaughlin/Kenny/Weidig/Kennedy) Sharply marked Blenheim puppy with large brown eyes and a happy attitude. Travels well, well presented. 4. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss, JW (Green) Heavily marked Blenheim with pretty eyes and an attractive, soft expression. Outgoing personality. Front angulation does not match the rear, affecting his outline.

Graduate Puppy Dog (4)

1. Jayba Easy Does It, JW (Lander) Striking Blenheim of nice shape and proportion; large eyes, lovely head with plenty of padding under the eyes creating the plushness we all hope to see. Well made overall with good spring of rib and hard, solid back maintaining a level top line on the move; excellent tail carriage. 2. Bentwood Brighton (Cromer) Blenheim dog with attractive head and large, dark, fully pigmented eyes. Moved smoothly maintaining a level top line. A tad longer in the loin than perfection; rear needs to strengthen. 3. Chewcreek Three Amigos Dusty Bottoms, JW (DePhillip) Adorable, typey Blenheim boy with a sweet expression and showy attitude. Croup flat; would benefit from better angulation front and rear. Excellent size and shape, so important for breed type. 4. Harana Shakin Stevens (Bucy) Typey ruby with a pretty head and lovely eyes. Nice size; stands well under himself: well presented.

Novice Dog (5)

1. Acadiana Louie at Riverview (Barrois/Casey) Attractive Blenheim dog with a pretty head and round dark eyes; mouth correct. Needs maturity but he is still just under a year old. 2. Oggbrae Don Giovanni (Bales) Blenheim dog with ample cushioning beneath pretty eyes: large, dark and round. Good substance. Although not feeling exceptionally brave today he is nonetheless a nice dog, earning his placement on type and overall quality. 3. Brookhaven Enchanted Dreamer (Brown) Well-marked Blenheim with a pretty head and nice eyes, showing no white of eye. Ample cushioning under the eyes. 4. Middlemarsh Rhett Butler at B & B (Bragg) Smaller made Blenheim dog, the youngest in the class. Nice eyes, good cushioning. Elbows not yet tight.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)

- 1. Brookhaven Believe It Or Not (Ayers/Martz) Smaller Blenheim boy, typey and pretty as they come with large, dark round eyes complimented by ample cushioning and a well tapered muzzle. Desirable silky, straight coat. Well-balanced; maintained a level top line on the move. Never let down in the Challenge. *Reserve Winners Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog*
- **2. Krisla Wile E. Coyote** (Jacks) Well-broken larger Blenheim boy with dark eyes and ample cushioning. Lots of coat; well presented, showed well.

Junior American Bred Dog (1)

1. Brookhaven Morgan at Lanmar (Hubbard) Well-marked Blenheim dog with good cushioning and attractive head. Nice expression.

American Bred Dog (6)

1. Oggbrae Don Ottavio (Bales) This Blenheim boy was an absolute pleasure to go over: moderate in all respects with no trace of exaggeration. Attractive head and lovely eyes, ample fill below the eyes and a typical soft Cavalier expression. Well made front and rear; ribs well sprung, strong back, short loin, correct croup and resultant correct tail carriage. Moved well with better than average reach and drive. Showed well. In strong consideration for top honors. A quiet contender: his day will come. 2. Almeara Kiss The Girls (Whitmire) Blenheim boy with large, round dark eyes and an attractive head. Moved and showed well, beautifully presented. Just a "little more dog" than the class winner. 3. Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion (Barrett) Pretty, typey Blenheim dog of good size and shape; a happy boy. Not quite as soft in expression as some of his competitors. 4. Brookhaven Smoke and Mirrors at Granlaurel (Painter) Tricolor with the best attitude ever, nice to see. Eyes dark and round but not as well placed in his skull as the above three dogs. Perfectly straight, correct tricolor coat, difficult to achieve.

Health & Conformation Dog (1)

- **1. Avia Sgt. Pepper** (Marler) A happy boy with a great attitude, so sweet to see! Pretty head and a nice dark eye. **Special Limit Blenheim Dog (4)**
- 1. Brookhaven Dante (Ayers/Martz) Typey, well-broken Blenheim dog with lovely dark eyes. Moved and showed well. 2. Toraylac Bravado for Kean (Keane) Blenheim boy with round, dark eyes and ample cushioning under them. Attractive head. 3. Tudorr Apollo (Mixon) Happy Blenheim boy with lovely dark eyes but not quite the fullness of muzzle or cushioning of the first two dogs. 4. Krisla High Profile (Jacks) Blenheim dog with deep color. Pretty eyes and lots of cushioning but just a touch too much of everything.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (3)

1. Stepamgar's Copper Penny (Ayers/Shreffler) Ruby boy with a fabulous red coat personifying the color. Dark eyes well placed in an attractive head. Moved well maintaining a level topline and correct tail set. *Best Ruby in Show* 2. Jalesto Super Trooper of Sumara (Gentil) Wonderful deep ruby color, dark eyes, good pigment. 3. Autumnhill Spencer, JW (Weinstein/Parente) Ruby dog with dark eyes, well placed. Moved well, holding his topline steady. Showed well, well presented.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (4)

1. Turretbank Magic Spell (Green/Sloan) Our very first Cavalier Club Champion was a Black and Tan male. Whole colors present a special challenge and I congratulate the breeder of this lovely young dog. Bright rust markings on a correctly textured jet black background; pretty head, large eyes, soft expression; well made throughout with sound front and rear, well-sprung ribs, good leg under him and yet not at all "up on leg"; level top line, tail carried correctly off of his back. A quality entry. *Best Black & Tan in Show 2.* Infinidad Grandville Te Amo (Grandemange) Attractive head with rich rust markings; good coat texture; appears slightly lower in the front altering his shape and outline. 3. Blackfire Simple Twist of Fate (McLaughlin/Weidig/Kennedy/Kenny) Pretty head, dark eyes and great color. Not quite in his full coat today. 4. Clamar Midnight in Paris (Clark) Straight black and tan coat of correct texture. Happy boy, at one with his handler.

Open Dog (4)

- 1. Ch Chadwick Scotch On The Rocks at Hudsonview, JW (Yassky/Glynn) Typey, well-broken Blenheim dog of moderate size and pleasing shape. Pretty head with large dark round eyes correctly spaced and placed on the front of his head. Ample cushioning under the eyes; soft, melting expression which was complimented by his happy attitude, allowing him to bring his ears up and make the most of himself. Beautiful balance: going over him one finds a well-laid shoulder and upper arm of a complimentary length creating a well-made front. Well ribbed up, loin short, back solid. A strong mover with a level top line and correct tail carriage. Not overdone in any way but rather a perfectly moderate, perfectly lovely Cavalier. Winners Dog, Best In Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Blenheim in Show
- 2. Ch Pascavale Jackson (Cline) Another lovely, well-marked Blenheim with large, dark round eyes and a soft, sweet expression. Straight, profuse coat. I particularly liked his size and shape. Beautifully presented. 3. Ch Angel's Pride Love Vegas of Sumara (Gentil) Very attractive tricolor with rich tan and striking markings; absolutely no freckles or ticking to distract the eye, so important on a tricolor. Attractive head and eye and a soft expression. 4. B & B's Tobias Bragg Toby (Bragg) Pretty ruby boy with round eyes correctly placed. Found himself in an extremely competitive class today.

Junior Puppy Bitch (7)

1. Brookhaven Rainy Night in Georgia at Lanmar (Hubbard) Tricolor of significant quality: pretty head with large round eyes and a sweet expression. Travels well maintaining a solid top line and correct tail carriage. Won this class on her sound movement along with her overall pleasing type. **2. Keane Ultraviolet** (Keane) Blenheim baby

girl with an absolutely gorgeous head, lovely eye and soft expression. Front assembly and resultant way of going not as strong as first placed dog. **3. Brookhaven Sexy Sadie** (Ayers/Martz) This well-broken Blenheim girl was simply cute as a button. Large, dark round eyes and soft, sweet expression. Out-moved by her half-sister who won this class. **4. Blackfire October Surprise** (Weidig/Kennedy) Tricolor with a pleasing face and a happy attitude; moved well. Well-presented.

Senior Puppy Bitch (5)

1. Jayba Knockout, JW (Lander/George) Well-marked Blenheim bitch with large, dark, round eyes. Attractive head with ample padding under the eyes and a soft expression. Outstanding for her lovely overall balance, correct body shape and crest of neck, attributes which are difficult to produce. Front legs are straight and drop directly down under well-laid shoulders; ample spring of rib for her age. Top line strong, tail carriage correct. A happy attitude completed the picture. One to watch. *Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show*2. My Exotic World Rainbow Beauty Queen (Fry) Tricolor with lovely dark round eyes; bright tan markings on a well-broken black and white coat. Level top line, moved well. 3. Nightingale Bewitching (Mulligan) Blenheim girl with the sweetest face; endearing Cavalier head and expression. Ever-so-slightly shorter on leg than I prefer, effecting her overall outline. 4. TruElegance Raise Your Glass (Cromer) Blenheim girl with a very pretty head and eye. Coat texture not at its best.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Bentwood Chloe of Forest Creek (Cline/Harrison) Heavily-coated well-broken Blenheim. Well-tapered muzzle, ample padding under large dark eyes with resulting lovely expression. Moved well. 2. Jayba Summer Shandy (Lander) Blenheim with a sweet face and soft expression created by large dark eyes with padding under the eyes. Top line level, moved well. 3. My Exotic World Quite a Beauty (Fry). Blenheim girl who was not quite as finished as her competition but still had many positive attributes. including the desired round eyes and soft Cavalier expression.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (3)

1. Nightingale Kit Kat (Mulligan) Smaller, typey, well-broken Blenheim girl with pretty eyes and a lovely head and expression. Standing well under herself, wagging and simply adorable. 2. TruElegance Moonlight Reflection (Cromer) Pretty Blenheim girl with large round eyes, well-tapered muzzle and well-filled under the eyes. Expression sweet; not as well made as her competition. 3. Linrica Sugar Baby (Liu) Well-broken Blenheim bitch with an especially happy attitude. Would benefit from more fill. Well presented.

Junior American Bred Bitch (3)

1. Kean Livin' In Lala (Keane) Smaller, pretty Blenheim bitch with large, round dark eyes and a sweet expression. Very typey; moved well. Personality plus. 2. Darane All About Eve (Kates) Another lovely young Blenheim girl with a typey head, round, dark eyes with plenty of fill under the eyes. Sweet expression; not as compact as the first placed bitch but well made nevertheless. 3. Jayba Pure Poetry (Lander) Dark eyes, well marked Blenheim. Not quite the soft expression of the first two bitches.

American Bred Bitch (6) I was happy to have this particularly strong class of lovely girls. Well done to the breeders who produced them and their owners for conditioning and presenting them so well.

- 1. Chadwick Paparazzi, JW (Matos) Well-broken Blenheim bitch who was well-balanced and moderate in the best sense of the term. Dark, round eyes set correctly on the front of her skull; expression soft. Ears well-placed. Nice to go over with well-laid shoulders and accompanying upper arm of matching length; neck flowed correctly into her shoulders. Strong back, short loin, rear matched her front, creating a balanced animal. On the move her good construction was evident: topline remained level, strong reach and drive with tight limbs close to her body. Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best American Bred Bitch in Show, Best Blenheim Bitch

 2. Darane Casablanca at Chewcreek (DePhillip) Delicious little tricolor bitch with large, dark round eyes correctly placed. Lovely head, nearly flat top skull with well set ears which she used to help produce her sweet expression. Moved well maintaining a level topline and correct tail carriage. A real Toy Spaniel. Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Tricolor in Show
- **3. Primrose Hearts Afire** (Lovett) Blenheim. Yet another typey, moderate, pretty bitch with a pleasing shape and outline. Pretty head and soft expression. **4. Forestcreek Pippa M** (Mixon/Cline) Bright little Blenheim girl with rich color. Large, dark, round eyes and a sweet expression.

Special Limit Blenheim (4)

1. Pascavale Kira (Cline) Well-broken Blenheim bitch of moderate size. Pleasing shape and overall balance; moved well and was immediately eye-catching in profile. Lovely, feminine head, ears well-placed and used to her advantage. Eyes could be darker. **2. Gayhalo Mosaic** (Ayers/Martz) Blenheim bitch of moderate type with dark round eyes and a well-cushioned, well-tapered muzzle. Pleasing expression. **3. Harana Madonna** (Bucy) Another

moderate, typey Blenheim bitch with a pretty head and dark eyes. Moved well, maintaining her solid topline. **4. Loranka's Seraphim at Cuddlemore** (Moulton/Heafey) Happy, well-broken Blenheim bitch with large dark eyes. **Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)**

1. Darane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek (DePhillip) Ruby girl with large dark round eyes correctly placed. Head attractive, expression sweet. Small and compact. Straight front legs; stands four square. On the move her top line remains level, tail carriage is correct. *Best Ruby Bitch* **2. Dawnaquinn Paint The Town Red** (Magera) Richly colored ruby girl with the best attitude possible. She was happiness itself.

Special Limit Black and Tan Bitch (1)

1. Harana Dragonflye Beyonce (Bucy) Richly colored tan markings on a jet black, slick straight coat. Dark eyes. *Best Black & Tan Bitch*

Open Bitch (2)

1. Ch Grandville Butterscotch Kiss of Infinidad (Laliberte) Deeply colored ruby bitch with dark round eyes and ample fill beneath them. Outline ever so slightly off-perfect. Well turned out. A non-stop showgirl. 2. Ch Chesham A Minute of Your Time, JW (Eckersley/Taub) Sweet-faced Blenheim girl with large, dark round eyes; well-broken. A happy girl, behaving so very "Cavalier."