

Cavaliers of the West

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Judge: Brian Rix (Ricksbury)

On the 29th August Sheila Hindle, Ginger Harrison, Ricky Perkins and myself were invited to judge 'Cavaliers of the West'. On arrival at the hotel we were greeted with a welcome gift, taken to our rooms which were excellent rooms. Organisation at the show was first class. At this point on behalf of all the judges, I would like to thank the committee and all the workers for their hard work on running such a well organised show and am sure all the exhibitors would agree that the whole weekend was very enjoyable. On a less positive note I thought it was disappointing to see the same faces having to do all the work, I would like to see, some new younger blood taking on a more active role in running these events because as time goes by if no new people start to work at these events we will eventually run out of people to organise them. That is food for thought for people running these shows. Observation of the show-I was pleasantly surprised of the overall quality of the dogs, I thought eye size was excellent, very few incorrect mouths, coat condition was overall excellent; on a less positive note I thought the tail sets and croups need to be watched and rear hind movement. But I think without exception all the dogs shown under me had excellent temperaments and I was pleased to see the majority tended to be shorter in the back than they are in the UK at this moment in time. All too soon a pleasant weekend came to a close.

Junior Puppy Dog (3)

1. Shirmont Caddo Balliol (Henry) 5 month old Very pretty puppy, perfectly marked. Very sweet head, good body proportions. Correct mouth. Good nose pigment. Good neck and shoulders, leading into level top line with good tail set and croup. A puppy with a bright future. **Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog**

2. Ivyline Toblerone (Bradley) Heavily marked Blen. Really sweet head. Lovely large round dark eyes, which gave a soft gentle expression. Good nose pigment and correct mouth. Slightly longer in back than winner. Kept a level top line on the move. **3. Dulce Mica** (Covell) Blen 5 month, immature to 2. A very good head pattern, dark eyes and good nose pigment. Correct mouth unfortunate face markings, but with a well balanced body, immature at this time.

Senior Puppy Dog (2)

1. Belcarra Straight Shot Remington of Bear River Ranch (Toepfer) Immature Blen with lovely head and expression. Nice round dark eyes, correct stop. Good nose pigment and correct bite. Good neck and shoulders. Attractively marked coat. Just needs more maturity. **2. Pauroi Hocus Pocus at Quail Run** (Kornhi) Very mature puppy in lovely coat and condition. Looked more the finished picture. Just not as pleasing expression at this point for me.

Graduate Puppy Dog (4)

1. Miletree Joshua at Shirmont (Henry) When this class first walked in I just thought wow. What a wonderful class to judge. I was really splitting hairs in this one. The eventual winner was this 16 month old Blen. Beautiful head and expression. Large round dark eyes that were well pigmented. Correct amount of stop. Excellent tapering around the muzzle. Well set ears. Excellent neck and shoulders and good bone, leading into a short back with level top line. Good tail set and croup with well angulated hindquarters. For perfection I would prefer hindquarters to be not so close behind, but this dog's virtues outweighed that one small point. I was happy to award him Winners Dog and Reserve Best In Show. And understand this gave him the title of Champion.

Winners Dog, Reserve Best In Show, Best Blenheim Dog

2. Forestcreek Royal Harry (Castrogiovanni) 17th month Blen. So unlucky to meet winner today. A more heavily marked Blen in fabulous coat and condition, again with large round dark eyes, giving good expression. For perfection I would prefer eyes slightly wider apart. Excellent nose pigment. Correct mouth. Good reach of neck, kept a level topline on the move. Slightly longer in back than winner, but with profuse coat that was in gleaming condition, was more than happy to award this dog Reserve Winners Dog. **Reserve Winners Dog, Best American Bred Dog**

3. Mayfield Charming Chester (Mayfield) Standing 3rd in the class was no disgrace. This was a lovely 2 year old Blen, with a more masculine head and expression, with a well broken coat. Good neck and shoulders, again with a level top line on the more. Excellent bone. When it came to the finer points, just lost out in expression to 1 and 2, a high quality cavalier. **4. Raven's Onyx Gem** (Neely) 16 month old tricolour, with correct head.

Lovely bright tan markings in all the correct places. Nice reach of neck. Short in back, with good bone. Unlucky to meet the ones in front of him. **Best Tricolor Dog**

Junior American Bred Dog (4)

1. Forestcreek Bradley (Mitchell) 17 month old Blen. Very nice head. Nice round dark eyes. Good nose pigment. Correct stop. Good mouth. Good coat and condition. Lovely neck and shoulders, carried a level topline on the move. Correct tail set and croup. Would prefer stronger hindquarters. **2. Del Sol One More Night** (McHenry) Blen 16 month Blen. Similar remarks apply to winner. Again with nice dark round eyes, soft expression. Good nose pigment and correct mouth. Good reach of neck and kept a level top line on the move. Would again prefer stronger hindquarters on the move. Preferred the head proportions on the winner. **3. Hiddencreek Mason** (Green) 13 month old Blen. And very immature for age. Coat was a lovely colour. Good reach of neck which lead into a short back, but at this moment in time, immature to the ones above it . Lovely showing temperament. **4. Kornhi Quail Run The Prime Minister** (Kornhi) 14 month old Blen. Nice head, with round eyes which gave a sweet expression, but with an unfortunate face marking which for me tended to detract. Good body proportions and in nice condition.

American Bred Dog (3)

1. Forestcreek Louisiana Lagniappe (Cline/Mayfield) 2 year old Blen Very eye catching Blen with a beautifully marked coat. Spirit level top line on the move. With nice tail set and croup. Masculine head with round eyes which were well pigmented, good nose pigment and correct mouth. One that I considered for higher honours in the final line up. **2. Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz) Very glamorous Blen more heavily marked than winner. Beautiful head with large round eyes. Good pigment around the eyes. Reverse scissor. Good neck and shoulders. Kept a level top line on the move. Well angulated hindquarters. **3. Hathersage Intoxication, JW** (Fowler) 15 month old very pretty Blen of ideal size. Good neck and shoulders. Kept a level top line on the move. Not in the coat of the 2 who stood above him. Nice round dark eyes, with a correct mouth and a good temperament.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (2)

1. Mayfield Just Can't Wait To Be King (Lunbeck) 4 year old. Lovely neck and shoulders. Good make and shape. Lovely head and expression. Not overdone in head. Correct in skull. Correct mouth. Lovely neck and shoulders, well balanced in leg. Looked good on the move. **2. Charlottetown Just William** (Tyler) 13 month old more heavily marked Blen. Real toy spaniel. Nice round dark eyes. For me too high in forehead, rather low in front leg. But in lovely coat and condition.

Special Limit Ruby Dog, (2)

1. Darane Hellboy, JW (Kates) 18 month old. Ideal size. Very pretty head, a little short in foreface. Nice eyes and good pigment. Correct mouth Good forechest. Good neck and shoulders, kept a level top line on the move. In good coat and condition. Well angulated hindquarters. **2. Brookhaven Rudy** (Jaski) 3 year old larger sized ruby. Beautiful coat colour, but lacking in coat finish. Good temperament. Nice round eye.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (1)

1. Nottingham Mugs (Beebower) 1 year 11 month old. Captivating head and expression A head that you could look into all day long, and never get tired of his expression. Lovely tan markings. Neat neck and shoulders. Excellent temperament.

Open Dog (4)

1. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell (Green/Sloan) 2 year old Black and Tan. Difficult class this. With many different qualities and also negative points in the class. Lovely head and expression. Nice round dark eyes, and good nose pigment. Correct mouth. Good reach of neck. Kept a level top line most of the time, but on occasions could lose it. With excellent bone, and excellent hindquarters which were true on the move, which won him the class today. **Best Black & Tan in Show** **2. Ch Benchmark Up in the Air of On the Mark** (Chan/Mitchell) 5 year old nice Blen with good neck and shoulders. Rather feminine in head compared to winner. Nice round dark eyes, decent bone. Kept a reasonable top line on the move. Moved close behind., but a striking dog when standing in profile. **3. Ch Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros, JW** (Magera/Mitchell) 2 year old Ruby. Glamorous ruby that I judged last year at the Canadian National. In beautiful coat and condition, with a very sweet head and expression. Not moving so well behind today. **Best Ruby in Show** **4. Covington Hopjack at Kendall Kastle** (Ogle) Very striking Blen with nice round dark eyes. Good neck and shoulders but for me lacked in expression, heavier in the head compared to rest of the class. In good coat and condition.

Junior Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Briarcrest Bedtime Story (Van Luchene) 6 month old Blen. Mature for age. Nice dark eyes giving a very soft gentle expression, with good pigment round the eyes and good nose pigment. Correct mouth. Excellent neck and shoulders. Leading into firm top line. Well angulated hindquarters. **Best Puppy Bitch**

2. Briarcrest Sweet Talk (Van Luchene) 6 month old Blen. Litter sister to winner. Smaller built than the winner. Attractively marked coat. Good nose pigment. Incorrect mouth. Needs more bone, and to settle on the move. **3. Briarcrest Back Talk** (Rezowalli) Yet another litter mate to the 2 above it. Most immature of the 3. Well broken coat. With a sweet outgoing temperament. Rather long in rear pasterns. Clearly preferred the 2 above it

Senior Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Rutherford Electra, JW (Jones) Very glamorous Blen. Lovely colour. Great coat and condition. Nice showy temperament. Glorious head. Round dark eyes. Really soft gentle expression. Good nose pigment. Correct mouth. Needs to tighten in front, but hopefully that will come with age. Well angulated hindquarters. Nice class.

2. Windsea Olivia (Sutton) Tricolour, very attractively marked coat. Well broken with bright tan markings. Nice round eyes. Good nose pigment. Would prefer slightly more bone, but with age this should improve. Very nice bitch with a bright future. **Best Tricolor in Show**

3. Brookhaven Bless Your Heart at Sorella (Green/Savage/Ayers) Very unlucky to meet the 2 in front. This class could have been swapped over, as I liked this bitch as well. Very pretty sweet head. Nice eyes, good black pigment round the eyes and good nose pigment. Good reach of neck. Lost her top line a little on the move. Preferred a little more bone, but a quality bitch.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Dallarock Dora, JW (Geldermann) Heavier marked Blen, with a crisp clean outline. Excellent neck and shoulders. Good showing temperament. In lovely coat and condition for age. Well balanced head. Nice round dark eyes, which gave a soft and gentle expression. Good nose and eye pigment. Correct mouth. Well placed ears. Good neck and shoulders leading to a level top line, carried level all the way round on the move. With good bone. Short rear pasterns. More than happy to award her RWB, that I understood gave her the title of Champion. **Reserve Winners Bitch**

2. Covington Hot Dish at Rockcreek (Steagall/Mohn) Very pretty Blen not in the coat and condition of winner. Having said that, she has a pretty head with a sweet gentle expression. Adequate bone for size. Just lacked coat on the day. Nice crest of neck. Level top line and good tail set and croup. **3. Archpark**

Marshmellow Crème (Lyman) Pretty Blen with a nice expression. Round eyes. Good nose pigment. Enough neck. Lost out on top line standing and moving round. But with a very attractively marked coat.

Novice Bitch (1)

1. Nottingham Annalise (Barnfather) 6 year old blen. Lovely coat and condition. Great temperament. Good bone. Nice eyes giving good expression. Really enjoying her day.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (3)

1. Astarring Ought To Be A Lawra (Flowers Foster) Very pretty Blen. Ideal size. Sweet head and expression. Nice round dark eyes with good pigment., Correct mouth. Nicely set ears. Lovely neck and shoulders, leading into short back. Good top line tail set and croup. Correct angulation behind. In good coat and condition. Lovely temperament. **2. Ch Autumnhill Desire Me, JW** (Parente) Ruby. Classic head. Nice round dark eyes again with good pigment. Nicely framed ears. Enough neck. Level top line on the move. Would prefer stronger hindquarters. Not in best coat today. **Best Ruby Bitch** **3. Bear Rivers Sure Shot Kimber** (Toepfer) Tricolour. Attractively marked. Bright tan markings Nice round eye with a soft gentle expression. Good bone for size. Again lacking in coat today.

American Bred Bitch (1)

1. Pinecrest Flamin Gogh (Eubank) Extremely well balanced Blen with beautiful head and expression. Large dark well pigmented eyes that gave the most gentle expression. Good nose pigment and correct mouth. Well tapered muzzle that was not too deep in stop. Excellent neck and shoulders. Short in back, keeping a level top line on the move and standing at all times. Well angulated hindquarters with short rear pasterns that gave this bitch excellent drive when on the move with perfect tail carriage. I was happy to award her the Winners Bitch and Best in Show. **Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show**

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (1)

1. Astarling Pretty Pretty Please (Flowers Foster) 22 month old heavily marked Blen. In good coat and condition. Again with a lovely round dark eye. Good nose pigment and correct mouth. Would prefer a slightly better reach of neck. Kept a level top line on the move. A quality cavalier.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (2)

1. Ravens Rhianna Jewel (Neely/Johns) Difficult class. Winner with more correct head. Nice reach of neck. Would prefer a shorter back. Lacked tan behind the tail. Not in best condition today. **2. Nottingham Kiss Me Kate** (Barnfather) More heavily marked tricolour. A better mover than winner and better size, but preferred the head proportions on the winner.

Open Bitch (3)

1. Briarcrest Beauty Mark (Van Luchene) 4 year old Blen with good head shape, with round eyes. Good nose pigment and correct mouth. Would prefer a softer expression. Good neck and shoulders keeping a level top line at all times. Has true and free movement in both directions. One of the best movers for me on the day. With good tail carriage. **2. Linrica Femme Fatale, JW** (Liu) Sweet headed Blen, longer in body than 1. With more length of leg. Very pretty bitch and looked nice on the move. But preferred the more free mover of winner. **3. Bonitos Campaneros Luna** (McCoy) Ideal size. In lovely coat. Enough neck, not moving so well behind today.

Senior Open Bitch (1)

1. Ringhill Raven Kho-Belle (Neely/Johns) 7 year old tri colour. Heavily marked. Bright tan marking, with good temperament. Enjoying her day. Coat in lovely condition.

Veteran Dog (1)

1. Lymrey Royal Image at Little (Tyler) Trip down memory lane today, judging this old boy. As I used to show him as a young puppy. So clearly I liked him then. Looks incredible for his age, and congratulations to his owner for keeping him in such good condition. Not only coat wise, but health wise as well. ***Best Veteran in Show***