

Cavaliers of the West

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Judge: Lynn Crane (Cranvarl)

May I express my thanks to the Committee for their kind invitation to judge at this most prestigious Speciality Show. It was indeed an honour and I was in no way disappointed neither by the quality of the exhibits nor by the tremendous welcome extended to me during my stay in the beautiful North West. Prior to my judging day, I was particularly grateful to Maggie Weaver who welcomed me and took very good care of me. I had a wonderful day judging and my appreciation must go to my Steward Susan Gonyo who kept me in line and to the exhibitors many of whom had travelled great distances to be there. Without exception all dogs were beautifully presented, which I know is not easy when you are travelling. I had some lovely dogs to assess and some unfortunately had to go card less. Generally, I was impressed with the quality of the dogs, although there does seem to be a problem with tails and for me, some of the heads were too short in muzzle and too deep in stop which unfortunately produces undershot mouths. That being said, there were some lovely exhibits which could give many British dogs a run for their money and I was delighted with my final winners. The show was a great success and had a lovely amicable atmosphere. I was particularly impressed by the camaraderie around the ring, something which of late seems to have disappeared from British shows. Après' show, I enjoyed a few days staying with Monique Tyler and I must express a big thank you to her for her most wonderful hospitality and kindness. I truly had a wonderful time and the memories will remain with me for ever.

Junior Puppy Dog (2)

1. Del Sol One More Night (McHenry) Well-made Blenheim of 5 ½ months. Nice shape and size. Very balanced for one so young. Good head proportions and nice eye with the darkest of pigment. Moved well once settled. Lovely croup and tail set but lost out on maturity in the challenge. Shows good promise. **2. Denham Superstorm** (Maddox) Ruby boy of 8 ½ months. Maturing well- lovely head and large dark eyes. Good front and shoulders. Moved well, but needs to tighten on the rear.

Senior Puppy Dog (3)

1. Brookhaven Kid Rock at Almeara (Whitmire/Ayers/Martz) Very showy Blenheim of 9 ½ months. Loved his shape and size and his attractive markings. Well cushioned head with large dark expressive eyes. Good front, shoulders and hindquarters and moved so well, maintaining an excellent top line throughout. Liked him a lot. **Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show**

2. Jordanic Beniamino (Mitchell) Another quality puppy of 9 ½ months. Slightly bigger and longer than 1. Mature head with nice dark eye and excellent pigment. Good coat with attractive markings. Moved quite well. **3. Robin's Nest November Rain** (Prodanovich) Black and Tan of 9 ½ months. Good coat with tan in all the right places. Nice head and eye. Slightly longer in length and a little fond of his tail today. Needs time to mature.

Graduate Puppy Dog (4)

1. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss, JW (Green) Heavier marked Blenheim of nice shape and size. Well cushioned head and large dark eyes. Good neck and shoulders. Moved well with good rear action and good tail carriage. **2. Covington Elijah Craig** (Mohn) A quality exhibit. Well broken Blenheim. Shorter in muzzle than 1. Nice and compact and perfect size, just preferred rear action on 1. Good tail carriage. **3. Sikeleli Rock Me Gently at Quail Run** (Kornhi) Lovely shaped Blenheim of nice type. Large dark eye and good pigment. Head needs time to mature but nevertheless a nice puppy. Moved well with level top line and good tail carriage. **4. Bentwood Reason to Believe** (Barton/Harrison) Another heavier marked Blenheim. Nice head and eye, but a little shorter in muzzle. Slightly longer cast and fond of his tail at times

Novice Dog (1)

1. Lillycroft Little Knight Madeir (Tyler/Karcher) Small Ruby boy of 19 ½ months with finer frame. Could carry a little more weight. Soft gentle head with nice eye and expression. Nose pigment could be darker. Moved ok

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)

1. Brookhaven Believe It Or Not (Ayers/Martz) Quality exhibit with much to like about him. Compact shape and correct size. Lovely coat with rich chestnut markings. Classic head with soft cushioning and large dark expressive eyes, dense pigment and lovely ear set. Well-constructed dog with lovely neck and good bone. Moved with drive around the ring. Well-deserved RBIS. Interesting to see he has the same sire as my BP. **Reserve Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best American Bred in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best Blenheim in Show**

2. Inez Casino Royale (Hassig) Another nice Blenheim. Well-marked and with a good head. Eyes not as large as 1. Moved well

Junior American Bred Dog (2)

1. Pensrick House of Stewart (Liebeler/Fellows) Soft gentle head with plenty of cushioning, large dark eyes and good pigment. Well balanced dog of nice type. Moved well with correct tail carriage and good top line. **2. Quail Run Rainer** (Henington) Nicely constructed Blenheim, slightly longer cast than 1. Good rich colour, well broken. Good rear action and tail carriage. Preferred eyes on 1

American Bred Dog (4)

1. Orchardhill Letters From Home (Slusher/Venier) Attractive Blenheim. Lovely head with plenty of cushioning and large dark eyes giving a melting expression. Up to size, but well-constructed and moved effortlessly round the ring. Excellent tail carriage and top line at all times. **2. Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz) Heavier marked Blenheim could be richer coloured. Gentle head with dark expressive eyes. Lovely neck and shoulders. Moved very well. **3. Chadwick Snow Drift at Woodbury, JW** (Redniss) Nice sized Blenheim in good coat. Very well cushioned head and large well set eyes. Preferred the tail set of 1 and 2. **4. Lyncrest Up To No Good** (Jones) Nice sized Blenheim. Well-marked with rich chestnut but left his coat at home today.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (4)

1. Covington Krugerrand (Mohn) Strong class. Another quality exhibit of nice type. Soft gentle head with just the right amount of cushioning. Large dark eye with nice expression. Well-constructed with excellent tail set and top line and consequently moved well. Considered for higher honours. **2. Chantismere Caruso of Chadwick** (Eckersley) Close decision. Another lovely boy with classic head and large dark eyes. Well broken coat of rich chestnut colour. Nicely made with good tail carriage. Moved well but just preferred the top line on 1. **3. Alberica Duke of Earl** (Crommett) Well coated dog of nice shape and size. Full in head with round dark eyes showing a little too much white for me. **4. Orchardhill Kid You Not, JW** (Venier) Nice well marked Blenheim. Moved ok, but weaker in rear action than 3.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (2)

1. Legacy Bentlane's My Precious (Benton/Lindemaier) Nice size and type. Well cushioned head and large dark round eyes. Attractive markings with bright tan. Excellent pigment. Moved with drive around the ring. **2. Mystic Knight Jack Pot** (Hassig) Smaller and finer than 1. Nice head with good cushioning and dark eyes but showing some white which affects the expression. Moved ok.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (2)

1. Turretbank Magic Spell (Green/Sloan) A quality exhibit with beautiful masculine head, large melting eyes and well set ears. Raven black coat with bright tan in all the right places. Nice neck and well placed shoulders. Moved well maintaining a level top line and good tail carriage. **Best Black & Tan in Show** **2. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) Well-constructed dog of nice size. Head well cushioned. Eyes could be darker. Moved well with good tail carriage.

Open Dog (5) Best class of the day.

1. Ch Angel's Pride Love Vegas of Sumara (Gentil) Loved the size and shape of this handsome Tri boy. Well cushioned head not overdone in any way. Nice dark eyes, excellent pigment and well-set ears used to advantage. Attractively marked coat with rich tan in all the right places. Nicely arched neck, set on well laid shoulders and good rear angulation. Moved with drive round the ring. Pleased to award him **Winners Dog, Best in Show, Best Tricolor in Show.**

2. Ch Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion (Barrett) Another quality exhibit. Heavier marked Blenheim in good coat and groomed to perfection. Lovely rich colour. Nice shape and size. Gentle head with kind eyes. Moved well. **3. Ch Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros, JW** (Magera/Mitchell) Well coated Ruby of rich chestnut red. Well presented. Sweet head and dark eye. Moved well. **Best Ruby in Show** **4. Ch. Chadwick Scotch on the Rocks at Hudsonview, JW** (Glynn) Well broken Blenheim with nice head and eye. Bigger in size but well-made and moved well.

Junior Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Luxxar Delicious Gilt at Glenelen (Murphy/Campanozzi) Well-constructed puppy of 8 ½ months. Nice size and well balanced. Nice head and good dark eye with lovely dense pigment. Moved well. **2. Del Sol This Love** (McHenry/Meyer) Sweet Blenheim of only 5 ½ months. A lovely puppy of nice type. Good shape and size. Just needs time to mature. **3. – Palanterhof Old Fashioned Love** (Tyler/Kutsch) Very pretty Blenheim of 6 ½ months. Still quite immature in head. Nice shape and size.

Senior Puppy Bitch (2)

1. Shirmont Delightful Caper (Henry/Rosenberg) Well-constructed puppy of nice type. Sweet head with large dark round eyes and good pigment. Attractive coat markings of rich chestnut. Moved very well with a good tail carriage. **Best Puppy Bitch**

2. Blackfire I Approved This Message (Weidig/Kennedy) Sweet Blenheim of 11 ½ months. Lovely eye and good pigment. Good rich markings. Needs time to mature.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Belcarra Goodtime Carly at Ivyline (Giampapa) Well broken Blenheim. Moved well maintaining a level top line throughout. Nicely cushioned head and large dark eyes framed by well-set ears. **2. Legacy Sumpin to Talk About** (Lindemaier) Small well broken Blenheim. Very pretty. Pretty head and nice eye. Moved well. **3. Dulce Salt Water Taffy** (Covell) Sweet headed Blenheim with nice eye. Longer cast but sound and of nice type. Moved well.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (1)

1. Astarring Ought To Be Lawra (Flowers/Foster) Heavier marked Blenheim. Very pretty with lovely dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle. Nice size and shape.

Junior American Bred Bitch (2)

1. Orchardhill Social Secretary (Venier/Slusher) Well broken bitch with very sweet head and expressive eyes. Nicely constructed although slightly longer cast. Moved well whilst maintaining a level top line. Good tail set and croup. **2. Little Enjoy** (Tyler) Smaller and more compact. Well broken. Head well cushioned and very pretty. Eyes not as soft as

1. Moved a little tentatively around the ring.

American Bred Bitch (5)

1. Beckwith Only One For Me (Smith) Small sweet Blenheim of nice type. Very pretty with soft expressive eyes and the longest of ears. Lovely rich colour but a little out of coat today. Moved very well with good tail carriage and top line.

2. Durane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek (DePhillip) Small compact Ruby of nice type. Well cushioned head and large dark eye. Lovely rich colour and good pigment. Very close decision but just preferred the movement on 1. **Best Ruby Bitch** **3. Greyhawk Remembrance At Del Sol** (McHenry) Bigger bitch, but well-constructed with nice shoulders and front. Moved well. Classic head and nice dark eyes. **4. Pinecrest Mountain Dew** (Rosenberg) Sound bitch. Out of coat today but very pretty and with a soft eye and good pigment. Moved well.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (4)

1. Covington Sassy Pants (Mohn) Beautiful heavier marked bitch with the most gorgeous head and large dark expressive eyes all framed by long well feathered ears. Loved her shape and size. Excellent shoulders and front. Moved as one with her handler and beautifully presented. **Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Blenheim Bitch, Best American Bred Bitch**

2. Orchardhill Ever After (Venier) Well broken bitch of nice size. Plain in head but very sound and moved well. **3. Jayba Valentina** (Lyman) Heavier marked Blenheim. Nice size. Very pretty in head. Moved ok. **4. Loranka's Seraphim at Cuddlemore** (Moulton/Heafey) Well broken Blenheim of nice shape and size. Pretty head and nice eye. Out of coat today. Moved ok.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (2)

1. Legacy Heaven Sent (Martin/Lindemaier) Small and compact well broken Tri of lovely type. Well cushioned head with round dark eye. A little out of coat today but nothing to hide. Well-constructed and consequently moved well. Very sweet and truly "Heaven Sent". **Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Tricolor Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor Bitch**

2. Sherah Burlesque (Crommet) Heavier marked. Very pretty with good cushioning and nice dark eye. Moved ok.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (1)

1. Ivyline Halle Berry (Giampapa) More substantial bitch. Well-constructed with good angulation front and rear. Rich ruby with nice dark eye and good pigment. Sweet head. Moved very well.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (1)

1. Legacy Wicked Shadow (Goodwin/Lindemaier) Small well constructed bitch. Nice head. Eyes could be bigger and darker. A little lacking in coat today. Moved well. **Best Black & Tan Bitch**

Open Bitch (4)

1. Ch Chadwick Papparazzi, JW (Matos) Sweet headed Blenheim with soft gentle eye and excellent pigment. Maybe carrying a little excess weight but moved very well. **2. Cedar Creek Isa Jewel** (Owens) Well-constructed Blenheim of nice type. Heavier marked with rich chestnut markings. Shorter in muzzle but with plenty of cushioning and nice eye. **3. Ch Grandville Butterscotch Kiss of Infinidad** (Laliberte) Ruby of nice shape and size. Lovely in profile and moved

well. Good rich colour. Nice head ,eyes not giving the soft expression I like. **4. Covington Elphaba** (Mohn/Gonyo)
More substantial bitch of nice type and construction. Well broken Blenheim. Moved quite well.

Veteran Dog (1)

1. Little Van Amarula (Tyler) 9 1/2 year old Ruby. Sweet head and dark melting eyes. Lovely size and shape belying his advancing years. Moved very well round the ring and enjoying his day out. A credit to his owner and a well-deserved *Best Veteran in Show*.