

Cavaliers of the West
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Thank you to Cavaliers of the West for the invitation to judge, and thank you to the exhibitors for your kindness and patience with a last minute judge change. The quality of the dogs, overall, was much improved over the last time I judged in this area. Rears are, for the most part, much better. A pretty, correct head is absolutely required, but the old adage “they don’t walk on their heads” still holds true. A few exhibits were carrying so much coat it required much effort to discern the dog under the coat! Excess coat, not called for in the standard, can disguise an excellent top line and make a dog appear “short on leg” and “short of neck” while they are not! Moderation in all aspects, and that requisite elegance, called for in the standard, is absolutely required. Thank you for a lovely weekend!

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (5)

“This was a tough class, there is much promise here!”

1. **Intryznik Blasé** (Goodwin/Goodwin)
This little Blenheim boy owned the ring today! He has correct length of loin, with good layback of shoulder, balanced with the correct angle behind. A nice dark, round eye and correct stop. He could do with a bit more weight.
2. **Starmac Man About Town** (Rezowalli/Hooper)
While heavily marked, this Tri has a nice wide, white collar, showing off his lovely length of neck. Good eye, tan in all the right places.
3. **Brookhaven I’m A Believer** (Martz/Ayers)
Lovely head with an excellent eye and correct stop. Was in good weight and very well presented. A bit over angulated in the rear and a bit straight in the front led to less than ideal movement.
4. **Glenellen One Oh One** (Murphy)
Slightly longer in the loin, balanced front and rear. Had a nice white collar to emphasize a nice neck. Tan in all the right places. The few freckles did not distract. Unlucky to meet the competition today.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1. **Glenellen Royal Rookie** (Murphy)
Correct length of loin, and while balanced front and rear, could have presented a more elegant outline, perhaps lacking confidence. Good ear placement, correct stop, lovely eye. **BEST PUPPY DOG**

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (5)

“This was a very strong class, well done to the breeders. Several exhibits could have carried a bit more weight. All my placements could easily change places on another day.”

1. **Del Sol One More Night** (McHenry)
Slightly longer cast, but well balanced front and rear, driving well off his rear and powering around the ring. In good weight and adequate coat. Lovely head with correct

stop. A bit proud of his tail, as were many on this day. A hard fought battle for this class. Pleased to award him...

RESERVE WINNERS DOG AND BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG.

2. **Ch Forestcreek Double O Seven, JW** (Cline)
Correct length of loin and well balanced front and rear, with adequate coat. Lovely head with a deeper stop. Unlucky to meet #1 today.
3. **Veribas Eye Of The Tiger** (Cusick)
Correct length of loin, could have carried another pound easily. Coat was a bit rough. Lovely eye, with a shorter stop.
4. **Crossbow Horton Hears A Who** (Schiffman/Kubin)
Slightly longer cast exhibit who could have benefited from another pound, adequate coat. Lovely eye with correct shallow stop and a shorter muzzle.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (6)

“Another very strong class, arguably the best class of the day. Again splitting hairs in placements, and all could easily change places on another day.”

1. **Rockcreek Mark Me First at Hifft, JW** (Parris/Parris/Steagall) Correct length of loin and in excellent weight. Lovely coat, well presented, he powered around the ring. A lovely eye, deeper stop and slightly shorter muzzle. Pleased to award him an...
AWARD OF MERIT
2. **Legacy Catch Me If You Can** (Williams/Williams)
Spot on in make and shape, excellent balance front and rear, correct construction allowed this exhibit to power around the ring. Somewhat lacking in coat and glamour, excellent head shape, OK eye.
3. **Briarcrest Going For Baroque, JW** (Katz)
This Tricolor was longer cast, but well balanced, coat was silky and adequate, very well presented. Looked a bit like he was frowning due to markings, excellent eye, deeper stop.
4. **Harrington Covington Kingmaker** (Gonyo/Gonyo)
While correct in length of loin, being a bit over angulated in the rear resulted in a sloping top line. Adequate coat. Lovely head and eye with correct stop.

HEALTH AND CONFORMATION DOG (1)

1. **Ch Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz)
5 year old Blenheim still in excellent condition. Well balanced, correct length of loin, with a somewhat rough coat. Adequate eye. A happy boy who moves out very well.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (5)

1. **Belcarra Straight Shot Remington of Bear River Ranch** (Toepfer)
This boy caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring, spot on in make and shape, well balanced with a correct length of loin and adequate coat that was silky and smooth.

While his stop was perhaps deeper than is correct, his head shape is lovely, with an excellent eye and correct cushion. Somewhat distracted today, and it got worse as the day went on! Happy to award him, **WINNERS DOG and ultimately, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX** "I later heard this finished his championship, well deserved!"

2. **Shirmont Caddo Balliol, JW** (Henry/Henry/Rosenberg/Rosenberg)
Splitting hairs with #1, another who was spot on in make and shape, adequate coat, very well presented, nice head shape, with a shorter muzzle, eye was rather distracting, a very happy boy.
3. **Marilee Ray Nitschke** (Junk/Collins)
Slightly longer cast, but well balanced front and rear. A more correct muzzle, lacking in eye and cushion, which gave a more hard expression. Not a happy boy today.
4. **Milbu Lovelace at Dulce** (Covell)
Somewhat straight in front coupled with a wavy coat made him look loaded in the front. Wonderful head and eye, good cushion, rather deeper stop. Not a happy boy today.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (1)

1. **Robin's Nest Deuces Are Wild** (Prodanovich)
A longer exhibit, and a bit underweight, hence lacking coat. Lovely color. Over angulated in the rear, with an OK eye.

OPEN DOG (1)

1. **Ch Brookhaven Here Comes Hogan, JW** (Ayers/Martz)
A lovely package! This boy pushed hard for top honors. While balanced front and rear, could have used a bit more neck. Adequate coat, silky. Very well presented. A lovely eye coupled with a shorter muzzle and deeper stop. Very pleased to award him an **AWARD OF MERIT.**

SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)

1. **Ch Benchmark Up In The Air of On The Mark** (Chan/Mitchell)
A spritely 7 year old in excellent condition! Slightly longer cast, he was a bit over angulated in the rear. Lovely head and eye, good cushion, a deeper stop. His forward face marking did not distract.

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. **Mayfield Miss Winnie** (Lunbeck/Mayfield)
A very nice package, well balanced front and rear, driving well from behind. A lovely head and eye, full of spunk! Happy to award her **BEST PUPPY BITCH and BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.**
2. **Rockcreek Viva La Diva** (Steagall).
Splitting hairs with #1, nicely balanced, was rolling her top line on the day while on the move. Lovely head and eye.

3. **Onthemark Moonstone** (Chan/Mitchell)
Longer cast with abundant puppy fluff, slightly over angulated in the rear. A lovely eye with a deeper stop.
4. **Apolosiera Dame Judith** (Johnston/Novoselov)
A longer cast Tricolor, slightly over angulated in the rear, could have used more bone. Lovely head and markings.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (2)

1. **Ivyline Just Like Sugar** (Giampapa)
A longer cast Blenheim with a sloping top line, adequate coat, very silky in texture. Shallow stop with a lovely eye and good cushion.
2. **Sherah Best Dressed** Crommett.
This Tri baby was correct in length, however appeared croupy today, and with longer hocks. Excellent coat, very silky. Lovely head with good cushion. Not happy today.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (2)

1. **Parlett Pinky Promise** (Williams/Williams)
While both exhibits were small and correct, this girl has better body and bone. Lovely head and eye with good cushion. Happy girl. Pleased to award her an ***AWARD OF MERIT.***
2. **Sheeba Mile High at Intryzik** (Goodwin/Goodwin)
Also small and correct in shape, she has less body and bone, slightly longer in cast. Lovely head and eye with less cushion.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (5)

1. **Benchmark Call Me Maybe** (Hoorman)
While slightly longer in cast, very well balanced, driving from the rear as many of the bitches did not do today. Lovely head and eye with correct stop. A bit lacking in coat. Well deserving of an ***AWARD OF MERIT.***
2. **Ch Tudorr La Dolce Angela, JW** (Mixon/Mixon/Cline)
Also slightly longer in cast, well balanced, longer hocks. Seemed to have a dip in her top line. Lovely head and eye with good cushion.
3. **Ivyline Emma Nem to Laurel Haven** (Bayer/Giampapa)
A more cobby exhibit, she was a bit over angulated in the rear with a longer hock, and pulled her rear under her. Lovely eye with a deeper stop and a forward face marking.
4. **Kolaci Sweet Starburst** (Legerretta/Gray)
Slightly longer exhibit, lighter in color, balanced front and rear. Nice head shape, eye was distracting.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

1. **Forestcreek Fantasy Girl, JW** (Cline/Cline/Cline)

Lots of hair! Under it all I found a well balanced girl with correct length of loin. Lovely head with a shallow stop, excellent eye and good cushion.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (8)

“This was the class I was hoping for all day! I was spoiled for choice, and the majority of exhibits did not disappoint upon inspection. Well done!”

1. **Rockcreek Bindi at Parlett** (Williams/Williams/Steagall)
This Tricolor had an abundance of hair, and beneath it I found an exquisitely constructed girl, well balanced front and rear, she glided around the ring and commanded attention. Lovely, well cushioned head with correct markings. She exhibited glamour and elegance in abundance. She held up well during the challenge and I was very pleased to award her **WINNERS BITCH and ultimately, BEST IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOR BITCH**
2. **Delsol Love In An Elevator, JW** (McHenry)
Splitting hairs with the first three exhibits in this class, I’m sure they will change places many times. This girl was slightly longer, correctly balanced front and rear, driving well from behind. Slightly deeper stop, lovely eye, a very happy girl.
3. **Harrington Covington Pearl Of A Girl** (Gonyo/Gonyo)
Less bone and coat. Slightly straight in front. Shallow stop, OK eye.
4. **Brookhaven Simply Southern** (Toepfer/Martz)
Unlucky to meet #1 and 2 today, another very correct bitch. Very slightly longer, moving well, lovely eye and cushion, a deeper stop.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (1)

1. **Forestcreek Florence** (Cline)
Another girl with excessive coat, under it I found correct length of loin and well balanced construction, driving well from behind. A deeper stop with shorter muzzle, lovely eye and cushion.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (4)

1. **Benchmark Shameless** (Chan/Mitchell)
6 years old and in great condition! Very correctly made, well balanced front and rear, slightly deeper stop with correct eye and rather less cushion, perhaps due to age.
2. **Briarcrest Oh So Rococo** (Van Luchene/Van Luchene)
Another very correctly made bitch, slightly less body than #1, slightly deep stop, OK eye.
3. **Luxxar Real Deal Druzy of Glenellen** (Murphy/Campanozzi)
A bit overweight and so rolling her top line on the move. Good head, good eye, good cushion.
4. **Marilee Reggae** (Collins)

While quite glamorous, her eye distracted. Slightly longer cast, excellent coat in good condition. A deeper stop with a nice head shape.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (2)

“Both bitches were quite young.”

1. **Kolaci Brighton My Day** (Legerretta/Gray)
14 months young, a lovely outline and moves very well, well balanced. Lacked cushion and showing white of eye. **BEST BLACK-and-TAN IN SHOW, BEST BLACK-and-TAN BITCH**
2. **Robin’s Nest Audrey Hepburn** (Prodanovich)
19 months, with less bone and substance, rough coat, quite a deep stop. Significant white on her chin distracts.

OPEN BITCH (1)

1. **Ch Tassajara Forestcreek Cristal** (Cline)
A lovely package, petite with correct bone for her size. A deeper stop with a lovely eye and moderate cushion, correct coat. Forward face marking does not distract. Pleased to award her **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, and RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH.**

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. **Robins Nest Witchy Woman, Prodanovich.**
This Ruby girl was 11 years old! Absolutely correct in size, weight and length of loin. Lacking cushion, but that tends to happen with age. No gray in her muzzle at all. She powered around the ring and demanded my attention. Well done to her breeder. **BEST RUBY IN SHOW, BEST RUBY BITCH, BEST VETERAN IN SHOW, BEST VETERAN BITCH, deservedly so!**