

Cavaliers of the South
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My grateful thanks to the board of Cavaliers of the South for inviting me to judge this show. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and the hospitality of the club was first class. Without exception all the dogs were presented in tip top condition; clean and groomed to perfection. The last time I judged in the States, I found quite a lot of dogs with high tail carriages. This seems to have improved greatly. The only thing that did concern me slightly were steep croups. The vast majority of the dogs here today had level toplines, but there were quite a few where the croup dropped and the tail therefore didn't come straight off the back. But all in all I was quite pleased with my entry.

In recent years in the UK there have been a number of groups forever throwing criticism at dog show exhibitors and breeders, insinuating that we are only in it for the money or to inflate our own egos. Speaking to a few people it appears that the same has also been happening in the States. How wrong these accusations are. The vast majority of show breeders care passionately about their dogs and welfare is their number one priority. First thing in the morning of the show I looked out of my hotel window and saw quite a few exhibitors exercising their dogs on the green. They were playing with them, then picking them up and giving them hugs and it was so apparent just how much love they all had for their dogs. It's seeing this relationship between exhibitors and their dogs that makes the whole thing so worthwhile. Cavaliers, in particular, have a wonderful temperament and it's a thing that we must treasure. I've been a Cavalier addict for the past 38 years!

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (4)

1. **Brookhaven Im A Believer** (*Martz/Ayers*)
A seven month lovely headed Blenheim with a nicely cushioned foreface and appealing eyes and excellent ear carriage. He has a good topline and well laid shoulders. Moved confidently across the ring in a positive and free flowing mode.
2. **Silvermae Huckleberry Finn at Tudorrose** (*Lazar/Mixon*)
Another seven month old Blenheim with large dark eyes and good nose pigment. Good topline and a well rounded ribcage. Has a good coat but was somewhat ruffled on the day.
3. **Darane Happy Song** (*Markijohn/Kates*)
Eight month Black-and-Tan with a lovely head and expression. Good overall outline with a deep chest and a lovely straight topline. Has lots of promise but needs more animation.
4. **Padamere Outsmarted** (*Miller*)
Eight month old Blenheim. Very well marked who moved with style. Slightly longer in the back and topline needs to drop at the rear, but he is still quite young.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (3)

"An excellent class with three puppies who all show extreme promise."

1. **Chadwick Telltale Author** (*Eckersley*)
Very eye catching Blenheim who exudes glamour. He has the most appealing sweet expression with well set ears framing a well cushioned foreface with most expressive eyes. A very stylish outline with well sprung ribs and a good level topline. Covered the ground effortlessly both coming and going. Quality coat and I have no doubt that he is a star in the making.

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY DOG

2. **Almeara I Believe** (*Parente*)

Blenheim who is well angulated with plenty of depth in the ribcage and a strong front. Quite exuberant, but with a great temperament. Took a while to settle down as he thought the whole thing was fun, but once settled he moved extremely well.

3. **Huntland Honour** (*Land/Land*)

Beautifully headed Blenheim with a lovely coat of good texture. Strong front assembly with correct neck and shoulders. Was moving slightly erratically from behind.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (4)

1. **Ch Tudorr Rhythm N Blues, JW** (*Mixon*)

My star of the day! I was absolutely captivated by this Blenheim from the moment that he entered the ring. Quite heavily marked, but wow, what a stunning outline he presents. Completely unexaggerated, he is well balanced and extremely well constructed. Good reach of neck with crest leading to laid back shoulder and level top line. Good turn of stifle. With well proportioned angulation both fore and aft, plus an excellent topline and tailset he moved with effortless and determined grace across the ring; a true epitome of soundness. He has a lovely head with a very soft expression, sweet but also masculine. Good pigmentation and large, dark lustrous eyes. With a quality coat in gleaming condition I could not deny him **BEST IN SHOW, WINNERS DOG, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM DOG**

2. **Ch Forest Creek Double O Seven, JW** (*Cline*)

Sire of the 1st in this class. A top quality Blenheim of excellent make and shape. Gentle expression framed by well feathered ears. Well placed shoulders with good angulation both at the front and rear. Well laid down hock and good turn of stifle. Hindquarters well muscled giving drive and impulsion on the move.

3. **CA Cambridge Rutledge** (*Magera/Mitchell*)

A very attractive Black-and-Tan with a lovely head and expression. Absolutely top quality coat of jet black and rich tan in gleaming condition. Moved confidently with a level topline.

4. **Intrzyzik Out Of The Blue** (*Goodwin*)

Nicely marked Blenheim with a very pleasing expression. A good mover with strong hind drive that propelled him across the ring in a free flowing positive way. He just needs more coat to finish the picture.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)

1. **Clarmarian Heir Apparent** (*Young-May*)

14 month old Blenheim with a nice level topline and a good spring of rib and shoulder placement. Nice coat of a soft and silky texture.

2. **Canyoncrest To The Leader Of The Band** (*Du Ross*)

Another 14 month old dog but this one a Tricolour. Very expressive head and uses his ears well. Nice reach of neck with good angles front and back. Could do with a slightly more rounded rib cage. A good coat, but slightly on the blow today.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (4)

1. **Brookhaven The Dream Lives On At Finickyskye** (*Utych*)

Lovely Blenheim of correct shape and devoid of any exaggeration. Classic head with large, dark, expressive eyes. Well coated with a deep chest and level topline. Moved with good drive.

2. **Woodsong Delta Blues** (*Crancer*)
Another excellent Blenheim dog with very similar attributes to the 1st. Good coat with lengthy feathering. Overall a good make and shape. Moved reasonably well, but his hind movement went a little erratic at times and not as positive as #1.
3. **Tudorose Charlie Bit My Finger** (*Mixon*)
Very attractive and well marked Blenheim. A lovely head with a very soft expression. Quite exuberant.
4. **Oggbrae Don Ottavio** (*Bales*)
A six year old Blenheim. Quite well made, but slower on the move than the others. He has a tendency to amble rather than stepping out. Good bone and overall shape.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR DOG (2)

1. **Pacavale Dodger** (*Jacks*)
Very attractive head with a neatly cushioned foreface that emits a very gentle expression. Lovely coat in tip top gleaming condition. Nicely constructed with lovely neck, shoulders, top line and correct angles all through, he moved impressively with a super sound, elegant gait, and a level topline which he held on the move. Nice body shape with ample bone and looked a delight both standing and moving.
2. **Georjuli Triple Crown** (*Glasgow*)
Another attractive head on this dog. Tricolours are often the hardest to get that lovely expression, but both dogs in this class excelled in head shape and expression. Good coat, good shoulder placement and moved soundly.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (2)

1. **Harana Huey Lewis** (*Gentil*)
Nice size and shape with a good topline, neck and shoulders and well angulated. He appeared a little worried at first, but once settled he moved quite well.
2. **St Jon Professor Chaos** (*Bird-Whitley/Wehking*)
Slightly larger but with good, even colour. Hind movement was OK, but front movement was somewhat erratic.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN DOG (1)

1. **Bonitos Companeros Bulletproof** (*Magera/Mitchell*)
A really nice shape with all round good angulation. Quality coat in gleaming condition. The deep shining black and the rich tan markings around his face highlighted a warm, soft expressions. Moved steady and true.

OPEN DOG (3)

“This was indeed an excellent class.”

1. **Ch Brookhaven Here Comes Hogan, JW** (*Ayers/Martz*)
A top drawer Blenheim Cavalier of outstanding quality. Absolutely adorable with a good neck and shoulders and well angled throughout. He has a beautiful head with those large, dark, lustrous eyes and good pigment. His movement is excellent, powering around the ring in a positive but effortless way and thoroughly enjoying himself.
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, RESERVE WINNERS DOG
2. **Ch Mimric American Heartthrob** (*Bolster/Hodges*)

Another Blenheim of excellent appeal. Well constructed who moves with strong drive. Good coat and a lovely head and expression.

3. **Ch & Eng Ch Stonepit Franco I Believe** (*Gentil/Searle*)

Seven year old Tricolour with a lovely head and expression. Good body shape and well boned. Ample reach of neck and all in all quite a neatly balanced dog.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)

1. **Eng. Ch. & Ch. Pascavale Nathan, ROM**(*Cline/Sedgwick*)

Although aged seven, this Blenheim boy still has lots of youthful exuberance and can still hold his own with the youngsters. Good neck and shoulders and quite well muscled for his age. Moved elegantly maintaining a level topline and a good tail set. Superb head with a nicely cushioned foreface and lovely dark eyes that gives a warm, soft expression.

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW, BEST VETERAN DOG

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (1)

1. **Clarmarian Contemporary Classic** (*Young-May*)

A very sweet Blenheim with a most adorable head and expression with a nicely tapered but well cushioned foreface. Well broken markings on a lovely body shape with well placed shoulders.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. **Brookhaven Pumpkin Pie** (*Ayers/Martz*)

A most delightful Ruby that's so very well angulated and projecting an extremely neat outline. Gorgeous head, very expressive. Well proportioned neck and shoulders and with a silky coat of good texture and even colour.

BEST PUPPY BITCH, BEST RUBY IN SHOW, BEST RUBY BITCH

2. **Partlett Pinky Promise** (*Williams*)

Well coated Blenheim with a deep chest and a well rounded ribcage. Sweet head, but needs more animation when showing.

3. **Huntland Molly Marshall** (*Land/Land*)

Nicely marked Blenheim. Pleasing head with expressive eyes. Moved well and appeared to be enjoying her day out. Needs more body and for her chest to drop, but given time she looks quite promising.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (2)

1. **Bonitos Companeros Medusa** (*Emberton/Magera*)

Blenheim with a good head and well placed neck and shoulders. Quite a nice size and shape, but just wish that she had a slightly better turn of stifle.

2. **Marjorelle Rumour Has It** (*Conley*)

Quite a glamorous Blenheim with a most attractive head and expression, a deep chest and well rounded rib cage. Good tail carriage but rather narrow at the back end when on the move.

NOVICE BITCH (1)

1. **Chadwick Hpnotiq Blu** (*Taub/Eckersley*)

Well broken Blenheim with quite a sweet head. She moves reasonably well, but needs to stride out and hold her head higher when on the move.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (1)

1. Brookhaven Believe In Me (Ayers/Martz)

Gorgeous little Blenheim with a very pretty head. Well set ears with lovely full fringing framing a most adorable expression. Correctly tapered muzzle with sufficient filling that gives a enchanting look. She excels in movement, striding across the ring with ease and confidence. An unexaggerated body of correct proportions.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (3)

“This was a real quality class”

1. Forestcreek Fantasy Girl (Cline/Cline/Cline)

At just 10 months this Blenheim girl exudes glamour through and through and I’m sure is destined to go all the way to the top. A very happy disposition with an abundance of quality coat that’s of a silky texture. Adorable head and a nicely proportioned body. Plenty of width at her rear coupled with good hind angulation gives her good driving locomotion.

2. Chadwick Oh La La (Eckersley/Greak/Connor)

Another Blenheim with a beautiful head and expression. Good ear set and nice head shape. Neat little dog who had many qualities that could not be denied. Well balanced with a pleasing outline that was well put together. She moved well with ease and fluency both ways. An all round good shape with an even topline that she retains on the move.

3. Azalearun Red Hot Valentine (Schilling)

Ruby with a quality silky coat with good fringing. Sweet head and uses her ears well. Also a positive mover.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (3)

1. Tudorr Rock Hill Peach Tea (Mixon)

Blenheim girl who screams quality with a stunning outline that could not be overlooked. Exquisite head with a well filled foreface and beautiful dark eyes, she is a picture of elegance. Nicely proportioned with a lovely coat, not overlong, but in gleaming condition. Good neck and shoulders, strong front, deep chest and well angulated, she ticked all the boxes for good construction. She was beautifully presented which highlighted her qualities and she moved in a most elegant way. Most worthy of her **WINNERS BITCH** and **BEST of OPPOSITE SEX, and BEST BLENHEIM BITCH awards.** After the judging I discovered that she is the litter sister to the Best in Show.

2. Jayba Kit Kat (Lander/Lander)

Yet another quality Blenheim with a sweet head, deep chest, glistening coat and good make and shape. Very well balanced and moved gracefully.

3. Woodsong Angelina, JW (Kaiser)

Well marked with a quality coat. Nicely proportioned head with large, dark eyes.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (4)

“Yet another quality class. Watching them all go round together, each one moved with drive.”

1. Jayba In A Nutshell (Lander)

A dainty, petite Blenheim that’s a real toy spaniel. Small, but with good bone and her outline portrays great elegance and finesse. She has a deep chest, level topline, a good straight front and is extremely pretty. Her movement was accurate and decisive with correct tail carriage.

2. **Forestcreek Florence** (*Cline*)
Super little Blenheim with lots of coat. Very pretty head and nicely marked. Well boned with correct angulation all round.
3. **Cedar Creek Sugar N Spice** (*Owens*)
And yet another Blenheim who oozes quality. With her large, dark, lustrous eyes and well filled foreface she has a very melting expression. Good spring of rib and ample reach of neck, she is a graceful mover.
4. **Mimric Fiddle Dee Dee, JW** (*Hodges & Perkins*)
Good head with a pleasing expression. Good neck and correct shoulder placement with a well rounded ribcage. Well angulated front and rear she has a very clean outline of good proportions.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR BITCH (2)

1. **Jayba Bootilicious** (*Lander*)
What a doll! She is a well balanced girl with a good overall shape. An extremely pretty head that gives a sweet, soft expression. Nicely boned with correct shoulder placement and good reach of neck. Very stylish who moves effortlessly.
2. **Tudorose Legend Of The Primrose Princess** (*Mixon/Cline*)
Very attractive head with large dark eyes and a nicely tapered muzzle. Good angles front and rear and good bone.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (3)

1. **Harana Cleo Laine** (*Ayers/Martz*)
Petite little bitch with a most attractive head and endearing expression. Moved with drive maintaining a level topline.
2. **Brookhaven Lucky Penny** (*Schilling/Ayers*)
Although six years old she is well muscled and does not show her age. Well bodied with an even coloured coat. Large eyes and good ear set.
3. **Padamere Love Potion** (*Miller*)
Similar attributes to 2nd. A steady mover with a good head and a quality coat.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (1)

1. **Kalidunn Texas Tea** (*Magera/Mitchell*)
I was really taken by this most attractive girl. Very feminine and quite a stunner. Gorgeous eyes that really sparkle as she gazes at you. Her make and shape is ideal and with a beautiful gleaming coat, she really stood out as she glided gracefully around the ring.
BEST BLACK-AND-TAN IN SHOW, BEST BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH

OPEN BITCH (2)

1. **Ch Tassajara Forestcreek Cristal** (*Cline*)
Superbly constructed Blenheim with a spirit level topline and correct tail-set that flowed straight off her back. This girl has glamour through and through and is ultra feminine. Such a sweet head with large lustrous eyes and a high quality silky coat that covers her well angulated body.
2. **Iloo Dite Ilan Du Jardin De Clare Of Sumara, JW** (*Gentil*)

A very attractive Black-and-Tan with good all round construction. She has both a lovely strong front and well angulated hindquarters, but just needs a little more animation in the ring to complete the picture.

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. **Ch Chesham A Minute Of Your Time, JW** (*Eckersley/Taub*)

Eight year old Blenheim. Lovely make and shape with a level topline. Very attractive head with a most appealing and melting expression. A good coat with lots of feathering.

BEST VETERAN BITCH

VETERAN DOG (2)

1. **Ch & Eng Ch Pascavale Nathan, ROM** (*Cline/Sedgwick*)

(*See Senior Open Dog*) **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**

2. **Karvale Brookhaven Finn** (*Utych*)

Nine year old Blenheim with an abundance of long, silky coat. Good overall shape and a most expressive and sweet head.