# CAVALIERS OF THE NORTHEAST 06/07/2019, MATAMORAS, PENNSYLVANIA, DENNIS HOMES, LEOGEM CAVALIERS, UK

I am very grateful to the Board of Cavaliers of the Northeast for inviting me to judge this show. The last time I judged this show was six years ago, and I was also a spectator when Tina judged here eleven years ago. Each time I found great hospitality and a very friendly atmosphere. This was actually the fourth time that I have judged in the States, and although show entries have declined slightly on both sides of the Atlantic, I have found that the overall standard of Cavaliers here has improved with some very promising examples of the breed. This bodes well for the future. Presentation throughout was excellent with all dogs groomed to perfection.

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# THE DOG CLASSES

# JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1) NIGHTINGALE GOLD RUSH (Mulligan)

Well-constructed 8-month old Blenheim with good all round proportions. Firm topline and well ribbed. Attractive head with well filled foreface and a very sweet expression. Moved with good drive from the rear.

#### 2) ISLEPOSEA BILLOW AND BREEZE (Hoehn)

5-month old Blenheim and very much a baby. Lovely headed boy with a well cushioned muzzle, dark pigment and a good reach of neck. Just needs his chest to drop.

# **SENIOR PUPPY DOG (2)**

#### LEGENDCREST FINICKYSKYE DREAM CATCHER (Utych/Utych) Well-marked Blenheim almost a year old. Good neck and shoulder placement and wellrounded rib cage. Lovely dark eyes and a good ear set framing his sweet head. Moved well retaining a good firm topline. BEST PUPPY DOG

 SARANADE ROMANCE IN THE RAIN (Knauss) 11-month old Tricolour. Heavily marked but with a nice rich tan and quality coat. Deep chest but could do with a little more neck. Pleasing head.

# **GRADUATE PUPPY DOG** (2)

- BLUEDAY MICH E LOB AT CHEWCREEK, JW (DePhillip) Blenheim with good overall proportions. Good reach of neck and deep chest. Well coated for a 15-month old and his coat texture is of good quality. Moved across the ring with good driving action.
- 2) WATERSEDGE NEW YEAR TREASURE (Walzer/Walzer) Lovely headed boy with large expressive eyes and a well filled foreface. Good coat and well boned with a level topline. Just needs a little more around the ribcage.

# **NOVICE DOG** (1)

1) KALAIS CAPTAIN JACK SPARROW AT JEMANDA (Weinstein)

Ten-month old Black-and-Tan. Lovely proportions with good bone and well angulated front and rear. A pleasing shape, but just needs his chest to drop, which I'm sure it will as he matures. Very outgoing with a fun-loving personality. Coat a little fluffy at the moment but he is still quite a baby.

# **BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG** (2)

#### 1) INFINIDAD INSTANT GRATIFICATION (Laliberte)

Was captivated by this boy from the moment he entered the ring. A Blenheim, of excellent proportion, beautifully put together and so well balanced. Good reach of neck that is well arched. Level topline and good shoulder placement. Well angulated front and rear. Quality coat and with a most adorable head and soft expression. Large dark appealing eyes and a good ear set framing his classic head. Moved across the ring with great ease and really excelled in movement.

WINNERS DOG, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OPPOSITE SEX

2) CH CHADWICK CODE BLACK OF CEILIMOR (McCarty/Eckersley) Well boned Tricolour, lovely long ears and good ear set. Well coated and well-muscled. A good mover with a nice overall shape. I just wish he had a slightly longer neck.

# AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)

"Two very good example of the breed, both Blenheims."

#### 1) CHADWICK BEST DRESSED (Robinson)

Good shape and correctly proportioned with a level topline that was retained on the move. Good hind angulation that gave him a strong hind action. Quality coat, good arched neck and a pleasing expression.

2<sup>ND</sup> AWARD OF MERIT

#### 2) ALMEARA I BELIEVE, JW (Parente)

A slightly more wavy coat on this boy, but good overall construction and a lovely shape. Good turn of stifle, well rounded ribcage and covered the ground well and with ease on the move.

# **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG** (2)

"Two quality dogs and both of a good shape, although both could do with a slightly lower tail set."

- KBPRIDE SCOTTISH WARRIORS THE LION MUFASA (Mitchum/Reardon) Good coat of a silky texture. Beautiful head and expression with a well cushioned foreface. Large dark eyes giving a very soft and melting expression. Well angulated both ends. A good topline when standing four square but tends to dip when he sometimes over extends his hindquarters.
- 2) **LOOKOUT SECRET AGENT MAN** (Knauss/May) Good make and shape, lovely head, level topline and good shoulder placement.

# **SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR DOG** (2)

"Two dogs of a very similar make and shape. Both fairly heavily marked and both with level bites."

1) NIGHTINGALE TATOO (Mulligan/Duke)

Well-constructed with good shoulder placement and adequate reach of neck. Compact in overall shape with both a good front and hindquarters. A good mover both coming and going and in profile.

2) DREAMVALE YOU JUST CAN'T STOP (Sage/Colbert/Perini)

A fifteen-month old with lots of promise. Shiny coat of good quality. Lovely earset framing a sweet head with very expressive eyes.

# **<u>SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG</u>** (1)

1) TOMNEE'S GOLDEN SKY (Meager/Wise)

Outstanding make and shape. An excellent mover with lots of drive. He moved elegantly across the ring with such ease retaining a good topline and tailset. Front assembly well laid and very stylish in outline. He has a most adorable head with well-furnished ears held high, which frame his chocolate box expression. He has a lovely silky coat of ideal texture. I just wish he was a shade darker, but all in all, he is a very beautiful Ruby. *RESERVE WINNERS DOG, BEST RUBY IN SHOW, BEST RUBY DOG* 

# <u>SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN DOG</u> (3)

AUTUMNHILL SILVER JUBILEE (Woodward/Parente)
 18-month old of superb shape, so correctly proportioned. A lovely straight quality coat in
 gleaming condition. Classic head with rich tan on his face. Good reach of neck, level back

and deep chest. Moved well and of ideal size and shape. 1<sup>ST</sup> <u>AWARD OF MERIT</u>, <u>BEST BLACK-AND-TAN IN SHOW</u>, <u>BEST BLACK-AND-TAN DOG</u>

- DREAMVALE TIME WARP (Perini/Sage/Colbert) Quality Black-and-Tan with a good head. Well angulated and a good shape, but I would prefer slightly more reach of neck.
- 3) KALAIS SHIVER ME TIMBERS (Ames/Meager/Hess) Well-constructed with a sweet head and rich tan markings. Slightly wavy coat. He moved well, but his tail was rather high.

# OPEN DOG (5)

- CH DREAMVALE DEVIL WITHOUT A CAUSE (Perini/Sage)
   A Blenheim with a lovely expressive head. Large dark eyes with a good ear-set. Good coat
   and a nice shape. Deep chest, good level top-line and well-marked.
- 2) CH BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNICKYSKYE (Utych/Utych) Well-boned Blenheim of good proportions all round. Moved well, retained a level back.

- 3) CH CHADWICK JET SETTER AT HUDSONVIEW, JW (Glynn/Glynn) Pleasing expression on this attractive Blenheim. Level back and good tail carriage. Well rounded ribcage, large dark eyes and good pigment.
- 4) KHATIBI ONE IN VERMILLION, ENG JW (Maddox) Ruby with good even colour. A nice shape with good head and pleasing expression. Moved well in profile, but had a tendency to move rather close behind.

#### **SENIOR OPEN DOG (2)**

- 1) BACKFIRE SIMPLE TWIST OF FATE (Kennedy/Weidig) Well-made 8-year old Black-and-Tan. Very well-muscled for his age. Good coat quality with rich tan markings. Good angles and straight top-line.
- STELLAR ROMANCING THE STONE AT TYCWN (Knauss/Rose) Eight-year old Tricolour with good bone, lots of coat. Very pleasing head with a soft expression and well cushioned foreface.

# **THE BITCH CLASSES**

# **JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH** (5)

- CHIYODA BLACK PEARL OF JOY AT FALLING SPRINGS (Curley) Very well constructed and scrumptious five-month old Black-and-Tan. Super mover and so well constructed. Rich tan, good top-line and tail set. Very well angulated with a good turn of stifle.
- GRANASIL FLORENTINE (Gentil) Just a baby, but this attractive Ruby holds lots of promise. Good angles front and rear and a lovely head with a good ear set. Once she settled, she moved well.
- HOLLYTREE PINK FLIRTINI (Seymour) Beautifully marked Blenheim with such an adorable head. Excellent coat quality for one so young.
- CHADWICK GOLDEN NUGGET (Eckersley) Blenheim with a strong head but soft expression and a well filled muzzle. Good angulation all round.

# **SENIOR PUPPY BITCH** (4)

"This was a very good class and all four have great promise. Some mouths were not quite scissor bite but level and almost there, so I had to forgive them, as overall they were all good examples of the breed."

 BLUEGARDEN ITSY BITSY (Matos/Glynn) Well -constructed outline and of good proportions. Good bone, reach of neck, angles and top line. A smart, well-broken Blenheim who moved with good drive, and has a most adorable head. She really sparkled today. BEST PUPPY BITCH AND BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

#### 2) NIGHTINGALE OVER THE TOP, JW (Mulligan)

Blenheim that is slightly longer cast than the first, but very well made with a good turn of stifle. Exquisite head with lovely dark pigment.

- 3) CHADWICK PURPLE PASSION (Eckersley) Nicely marked Tricolour, well-proportioned with good tan markings and a lovely soft expression with dark melting eyes. Just needs her chest to drop as she looks a little long on leg at present.
- 4) WATERSEDGE CURTAIN CALL (Walzer/Walzer) Blenheim of ideal size and shape. Pleasing head with a good ear set. Quite nicely proportioned.

#### **GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (8)**

#### 1) ORCHARDHILL CHARGE IT TO DAD (Venier/Venier)

A truly beautifully constructed Blenheim with the most adorable head and expression. Length of muzzle ideal. One look at her large dark melting eyes really tugs at your heart strings. Well- furnished ears held high and framing her beautiful face. She has a good level top line that she retains on the move with a good tail carriage. Well-rounded ribcage and nicely arched neck with good shoulder placement. With her well broken markings she looked a picture on the move, so eye catching and glamorous. *RESERVE WINNERS BITCH* 

#### 2) CARLEN CHATEAU STE MICHELLE, JW (Close)

Ruby of excellent make and shape who moves well with great ease and confidence. Deep chest and good lay of shoulders. Level top-line and super tail set that goes straight off her back.

# 3) INFINIDAD AUTUMNHILL DREAMS (Laliberte)

Well balanced Blenheim with a good top-line coupled with a good turn of stifle. She has a lovely sweet expression but just needs time. She most definitely has promise.

4) NORTHPOINT HEDERA COLCHICA (Mitchum) Blenheim with good bone and well angulated. Quality coat and move well, once settled.

# **BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH** (2)

- DREAMVALE FOLLOW FASHION, JW (Sage/Colbert) A well balanced Blenheim of good all round proportions. Deep chest and well-rounded rib cage. Very pleasing head and expression.
- INFINIDAD VELVET BOX (Laliberte) Ruby, rather exuberant in the ring, but very well constructed throughout. Quality coat of good colour and a very sweet expression. Moved well once settled.

# AMERICAN BRED BITCH (3)

#### 1) **SUNJAYS RUMOR HAS IT** (Hellman)

My star of the day. This four-year old girl had all the attributes that I love in a Cavalier. A soft, melting expression with large, dark expressive eyes. A nicely cushioned foreface and good ear set

that frames her adorable head. She is well angulated both at the front and rear with a nice reach of neck and good turn of stifle. Good bone, well rounded rib cage and an excellent top-line and tail set. She has a quality coat of good texture. She stood herself four square and moved across the ring in such an elegant and effortless way. She has a striking outline that cannot be ignored. The epitome of beauty who just oozes quality. I had no hesitation in awarding her

WINNERS BITCH, BEST IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH.

- 2) CHADWICK SAY YES TO THE DRESS (Eckersley) Another beautifully constructed Blenheim girl of good make and shape. Super head with a nicely filled foreface, good pigmentation and dark expressive eyes.
- 3) **PIAFFE LEMON DROP AT KARMET** (Rychik/Mandeville) Blenheim with a pleasing expression, good pigment, a level top-line and nice shape all round.

# **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH** (4)

- LINRICA REACH FOR THE STARS, JW (Liu) Good head shape with a nicely filled foreface and good nose pigment. Moved well with a good tail set. Good bone and a well-rounded rib cage.
- DARANE WHITE WEDDING (Kates) Lightly marked with a good reach of neck. Lots of coat but rather fluffy at the moment. Short coupled but moved with ease.
- BONITAS COMPANEROS XAVERIA, JW (Lasser) Large dark eyes with a well filled muzzle. A good even top-line and a nice overall shape. Coat slightly on the blow.
- BLACKFIRE I APPROVE THIS MESSAGE (Weidig/Kennedy) Pleasing head and expression. Deep chest and strong hindquarters. Well-marked with good bone and well-muscled.

# **<u>SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR BITCH</u>** (2)

- CHEWCREEK DANCING QUEEN (DePhillip)
   A very soft expression with lovely dark eyes, good ear set and long well-furnished ears. Very well coated. Moved well with a good hind action.

   <u>BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOUR BITCH</u>
- GRACELYN MAKING WAVES (Gregory) Heavier marked with an abundance of coat. Good level topline and a deep chest. Moved OK, but was slightly narrow behind.

# **SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH** (2)

 AUTUMNHILL HONKY TONK ANGEL (Parente) Very feminine head and expression. Quality coat of a silky texture. Good angles and moved with a strong rear drive.

#### 2) INFINIDAD PYROMANIA (Laliberte)

Another sweet headed girl, but slightly finer in body. Needs a little more depth of chest, but overall has a good shape.

# **<u>SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH</u>** (2)

1) AUTUMNHILL LITTLE SURE SHOT (Parente)

A lovely soft, silky coat of raven black and rich tan with a beautiful sheen. Good topline and angles fore and aft. Moved effortlessly across the ring with a good driving action. Very feminine.  $2^{ND}$  <u>AWARD OF MERIT</u>

2) **BLACKFIRE NEVERTHELESS SHE PERSISTED** (Weidig/Kennedy/McLaughlin) Well coated with a lovely rich tan. Good bone and turn of stifle. She has far too much hair on her feet, which can give the illusion of being down on her pasterns, which she most definitely isn't. Moved well.

# **OPEN BITCH** (3)

"Three quality Blenheims."

- CH CHADWICK FREQUENT FLYER AT HUDSONVIEW, JW (Glynn/Eckersley) Ideal make and shape with a good reach of neck. A very attractive head with a well filled muzzle but also very feminine. Moved with style. Lovely coat that glistened as she moved. I<sup>ST</sup> AWARD OF MERIT
- CH CHADWICK IN MY OPINION AT HYTEA, JW (Reichardt/Eckersley) Well coated girl with a soft expressive head. Well boned and of a good shape . Very elegant on the move.
- 3) CH BONITOS COMPANEROS JOSEPHINE OF WELMFORTH (Lasser) Very well marked, but coat slightly on the blow. She has excessive feathering on her feet that could do with being trimmed. She has a good topline and a soft expression.

#### **SENIOR OPEN BITCH** (1)

KISSABELLA ARABELLA (Bronowicka/Carter)
 I judged this Blenheim girl six years ago when I last judged this show. Although she is eight
 years old, she still moves like a youngster. Very well-muscled for her age, she moves
 extremely well with lots of drive covering the ground with ease. Good angles both front and
 rear. She has a very sweet expression with long well-furnished ears framing her cute face.

#### **VETERAN DOG** (2)

 STELLAR ROMANCING THE STONE AT TYCWN (Knauss/Rose) Eight-year old Tricolour with good bone, lots of coat. Very pleasing head with a soft expression and well cushioned foreface.

#### 2) KARVALE BOOKHAVEN FINN (Utych)

Well-marked 11 year old Blenheim. Good neck and shoulders and even topline. Moved effortlessly around the ring.

# **VETERAN BITCH** (1)

#### 1) SUNJAYS GEORGIA PEACH (Hellman)

A nine-year old Blenheim who looks quite youthful for her age. She is of an ideal make and shape, compact and well angulated. She has a beautiful endearing expression with large dark eyes and good pigment. Moved eloquently across the ring with great ease. **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**