

## **CKCSC, USA National Puppy Sweepstakes**

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Thank you so much to the National Club for inviting me to judge the 2018 Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia. The show itself was fabulous with a constant parade of activities and programs and enough gorgeous decorations to satisfy any budding bride. What fun to be a part of such a lovely event!

Thank you, as well, to all the exhibitors who accepted their placements with gracious good spirits. We may be competitors in the ring, but I honestly do believe when it comes to our Cavaliers, we are all on the same team.

As always, I was looking for a lovely head and expression on a well-shaped, well-balanced Cavalier who could move effortlessly, maintaining a smooth outline. I was pleased to have been able to find many entries which filled these requirements. I was actually spoiled for choice at the end, with more than one outstanding puppy to choose from. Congratulations to the breeders for their diligence producing these beautiful dogs and to their owners for conditioning, training and presenting their puppies so well.

### **PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES: THE DOG CLASSES**

#### **JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (1)**

1. **WELLSWORTH REFLECTION** (Wells)  
Darling little Blenheim boy with ample fill beneath his lovely large, dark round eyes. Soft, sweet expression. Mouth perfect. Well-broken. Very promising little man.

#### **SENIOR PUPPY DOG (4)**

1. **MANORHOUSE GUNS N ROSES** (Orns/McCaslin)  
The first thing which caught my eye on this attractive young boy was his lovely shape and balance, so correct for the Breed. He was moderate in every way with ample bone in a compact package. Shoulders well-laid, good spring of rib with chest girth deep. Loin short, creating the armature to maintain a one-piece dog both standing and on the move. Moved as an entity, in one piece, as is correct in a dog of any breed. Side gait smooth and traveled with reach and drive; top line remaining solid both standing and on the move. Tail carriage correct. Beautiful head with all the attributes of a typey Cavalier.
2. **WATERSEEDGE NEW YEARS TREASURE** (Walzer/Walzer)  
Heavily-marked Blenheim boy with a lovely head and large dark round eyes. Nice shape and balance; moved well coming and going. Held his top line standing and on the move; tail carriage correct. Loved his moderate size with ample bone.

3. **TUDOROSE DALTON ANGEL KISSES** (Mixon/Dye)  
Well-broken Blenheim boy with beautiful, large dark eyes correctly set into a well-shaped headpiece. Generous fill beneath his eyes. Top skull appearing flat, ears correctly placed and used to his advantage. Slightly longer in shape than the above two entries with a slightly longer loin.
4. **MAYFIELD HERCULES AT HIFLT** (Parris/Parris)  
Not quite ten-month-old youngster with kind, dark eyes and a handsome head and expression. A super-mover; beautifully balanced and covering ground with reach and drive. Although slightly longer cast than the first three placements, time and maturity may well help this sound-moving young dog achieve his goals.

### **GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)**

1. **COBRNIK REED BUNTING** (Tegg)  
Bright red ruby with a lovely coat of correct texture and in excellent condition. Eyes dark and round. Head slightly overdone, which marred his chances to go further. Moderate size, which was very appealing.

### **PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES: THE BITCH CLASSES**

#### **JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (7)**

1. **LINRICA MIRACLE BABY** (Liu)  
Moderate, well-broken Blenheim girl of a lovely shape and balance. Dark eyes and soft expression. Appropriate fill for a youngster. Top line solid when standing. Pretty baby.
2. **NORTHWESTER HEADER CHICAGO** (Mitchum)  
Another moderate, attractive Blenheim girl who stood up well and moved soundly coming and going. Balanced front and rear, always a plus once the animal begins to gait. Lovely dark round eyes and a soft, sweet expression.
3. **TASSAJARA THIS IS US WEE** (Seidman/Seidman)  
Heavily-marked tricolor with the correct, straight silky coat so desired in a tri. Nicely made with well-laid shoulders and good spring of rib. Chest deep. Shape slightly longer than the Standard calls for, but still a very attractive entry. Moved well.
4. **WINDNSEA BRIDGET BARDOT** (Sutton/Sutton)  
Well-broken tricolor with large, dark round eyes and a soft, sweet expression. Rich tan markings which are so important in a tricolor. Pleasing, moderate shape.

#### **SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)**

1. **KEAN MABELLINE** (Brady?Keane)  
Heavily-marked Blenheim girl with a beautiful head, dark round eyes and soft melting expression with no exaggeration. Pleasing shape and balance; lovely outline standing and on the move. Well-laid shoulders and matching rear angulation. Well-sprung ribs and appropriate depth of chest for her tender age. Structure of this animal was solid, allowing her to move with reach and drive while maintaining her top line; accompanying tail carriage correct. Still green, but definitely one to watch.
2. **TUDOROSE MY BROWN EYED GIRL** (Mixon/Mixon/Madden)  
Small but sturdy, well-broken Blenheim girl. Beautiful head and expression. Moved well coming and going. Side gait smooth. Showed well and beautifully presented.
3. **SHADOWBROOK WISH UPON A STAR** (Moody/Moody)  
Yet another really beautiful Blenheim girl. Beautiful large dark eyes and sweet expression. In tough company as the two entries ahead of her were superlative on the move. Still a very promising youngster.

### **GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (6)**

1. **ASTARRING ALL THE CATS MEOW** (Flowers/Mohn)  
Well-broken Blenheim bitch with an attractive headpiece; round, dark, fully pigmented eyes placed correctly on the front of her face so that they looked directly at the viewer. Generous fill beneath the eyes. Used her ears well to create her soft, melting expression. Mouth correct. Turned out and presented in the best condition. Having been influenced over my career by the iconic Ann Rogers Clark I sincerely felt that any minor imperfections in this exhibit could not override her overall quality and sheer expression of breed type at its utmost. Well done, breeders. Pleased to award her **BEST PUPPY BITCH, BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES**
2. **LINRICA REACH FOR THE STARS, JW** (Lui)  
Lovely Blenheim bitch not quite in the bloom of the first-placed bitch. Large dark round eyes correctly set on the front of her face with ample fill beneath. Top skull approaching flat, ears used to advantage to frame her face. Moved true coming and going.
3. **LIVELYOAK PERSUASION** (Brokopp/Borton/Harrison)  
Moderate, well-broken Blenheim girl of a handy size. Beautiful large dark eyes and a soft, sweet expression. Slightly longer cast than the first two bitches but still a lovely exhibit overall. Beautifully turned out and well-presented.
4. **COVINGTON COGNAC AMBER** (Schiffman)  
Attractive, smooth mover with large dark eyes and a soft, sweet expression. Well angulated shoulders sloping into a lovely arch of neck. Well sprung ribs, good depth of chest. Lacks coat on this particular day but the bones of a very nice animal are right there.

“I would like to make special mention of two particularly outstanding puppies in today’s entry. The winner of the Senior Puppy Dog Class, Manorhouse Guns and Roses, impressed me with his correct shape, balance, way of going and pure, unadulterated charm. I was also quite taken with the well-laid shoulders, short loin and hard, level top line of the Senior Puppy Bitch, Kean Maybelline. I expect these two puppies will each have his or her day in time to come.”

“As breeders we often have the luxury of running on an extremely promising puppy prospect, waiting for the maturity which we hope will come with time. As judges, however, we must make our decisions “on the day,” and on this day the Graduate Puppy Bitch, Astarring All The Cats Meow, was in full bloom and definitely a finished product among an outstanding group of lovely puppies.”