

## **Cavaliers of the West**

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I was delighted to accept the invitation to judge cavaliers at this Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club speciality show. Seattle was an area I was previously unfamiliar with, so it gave me an opportunity to see another part of USA, as well as the honour of being asked to judge. The sightseeing tour arranged for us was fun and informative - very enjoyable and the banquet one of the best I have experienced.

The organisation of the show was excellent and the hospitality shown to my husband and me was very generous and much appreciated. The committee and exhibitors are to be congratulated for all their efforts in making this a very successful show.

Generally I found the overall standard of the exhibits to be very good, and the class winners, especially, exhibited in abundance, the qualities of the breed standard, which I specifically look for.

The last time I judged in USA several dogs were spoiled, in my opinion, by high tail carriages and top-lines dropping off at the croup, which spoiled their overall balance and outline. I was delighted to see a vast improvement in this area. Temperaments were generally very good, with most dogs having the desired outgoing personality. Eye colour throughout the exhibits was also very good, with the desired dark eyes and good pigmentation. I didn't find an abundance of huge lustrous eyes, however. I was delighted not to find obviously trimmed dogs, nor any light eyes.

My class winners generally had the desired large dark expressive eyes, exhibited good breed type, had outgoing and happy temperaments, good proportions, correct fronts, good shoulders and hind angulation, level top-lines and correct tail carriage. The overall presentation of my winners was super and a credit to their groomers, owners and handlers.

Many thanks to the very friendly, hard working team of volunteers, and to all the exhibitors for entering the quality exhibits which made my judging very enjoyable.

#### **JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (5)**

##### **STARMARC MAN ABOUT TOWN (Rezowalli/Hooper)**

This lovely tricolour boy commanded my attention each time he entered the ring. Beautiful head with flat skull and large dark round eyes. Well-tapered muzzle, which is sadly lacking in many exhibits today. Elegant neck, well laidback shoulders, level top-line. Moved and showed with aplomb. Quality coat. He has a lot of maturing to do, but I predict a bright future.

**BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY DOG, BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOUR DOG**

##### **INTRYNZIK BLASÉ (Goodwin/Goodwin)**

Quality well marked Blenheim, complete with lozenge. Shown in excellent condition. Very well constructed throughout, still growing so top-line should level up. Good skull and lovely large dark eyes. Just needs to fill out in muzzle.

##### **INTRYNZIK LE PETITE PRINCE (Sparks/Goodwin/Goodwin)**

Another well marked Blenheim, complete with lozenge. Similar remarks to second place but this boy needs to lengthen in muzzle a little. Excellent temperament.

### **URQHART AMORE GRACED BY LOVE (Schell/Pivonka)**

Lively and outgoing boy who was not disgraced by this position in a strong class. Rich chestnut coat. Top-line needs to level and he is a little feminine, but these can improve with maturity.

### **SENIOR PUPPY DOG (2)**

#### **KEAN CHRISTIAN AT SHIRMONT (Henry/Henry/Keane)**

Top quality richly coloured blenheim of excellent size and substance. Beautiful head with large dark round lustrous eyes and dense nose pigmentation. Mature body. Alert and happy, it was difficult to assess his movement, which just pipped him at the post for best puppy. Another young boy with a bright future I think.

#### **CEDARCREEK RISE N SHINE (Owens)**

Another top quality exhibit who was unlucky to meet number 1. Absolutely sound in every department, he moved and showed beautifully. Very stylish and elegant. Beautiful coat and condition. I just preferred the size and head of my winner.

### **GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (4)**

“I notice my three puppy winners all had the same sire. Impressive!”

#### **1st: ORCHARDHILL ENOUGH SAID (Venier/Venier)**

My notes say this dog was a clear winner in the class. Top quality. Glorious head (which I wouldn't want any stronger), with large dark eyes and dense pigmentation. Well marked and shown in excellent coat and condition. Well made throughout with great temperament, he moved effortlessly round the ring.

#### **2nd: GLENELLEN ROYAL ROOKIE (Murphy)**

Richly marked boy of perfect size. Well constructed throughout, he moved well. Attractive enough head with dark eyes and pigmentation. Well presented but, missing some coat furnishing today.

#### **3rd: ORCHARDHILL SHIRMONT BACK STORY, JW (Henry/Henry)**

Attractive boy shown in good coat and condition. Moved and showed well. Excellent, appealing temperament. Strong, but attractive head, although his eyes were streaming today, which detracted from his expression.

#### **4th: DULCE WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR (Covell)**

Richly marked and well broken. Excellent size. Well enough constructed. Dark eyes and nose pigmentation, but I preferred the heads of the 3 placed above him.

### **JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)**

#### **1st: CLOBEAR ITS ALL ABOUT ME (Rice Waggoner/Mathies)**

Richly marked blenheim with plenty of bone and substance. Well constructed throughout and well schooled, he was very stylish on the move. Good flat skull, dark eyes and pigment.

### **AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)**

#### **1st: ROCKCREEK MARK ME FIRST AT HIFLT JW (Parris/Parris/Steagall)**

Such an attractive little dog of excellent size and substance. Superb rich chestnut coat in excellent condition. Delightful head. I found him quite breathtaking on the table, but was disappointed by his sideways tail-set and needs more drive on the move.

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2nd: **CROSSBOW HORTON HEARS A WHO** (Schiffman/Mittleman)

Richly coloured boy shown in beautiful condition. Up to size. Well constructed, he moved well. Very attentive to his handler, but just lacked animation on the day.

**SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (3)**

1st: **ORCHARDHILL TOY MONEY** (Johns/Venier/Venier)

I was very impressed by the elegant profile of this boy. Arched neck, well-laid back shoulders, level top-line, well-turned strong stifles, correct tail-set. He didn't have the coat and glamour of the others, but had nothing to hide. Excellent size.

2nd: **CHADWICK SHOOTING UPWARDS OF CEILIMOR** (McCarty/Eckersley)

Close up to number 1. Very attractive head with dark eyes and pigment. Well constructed, he moved and showed well holding a level top-line. Shown in super coat, which was just a shade paler than the winner.

3rd: **MARILEE RAY NITSCHKE** (Junk/Collins)

Larger, well-marked boy. Dark eyes and nose. Excellent temperament. Could use more road exercise to remove long slippers.

**SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR (3)**

1st: **TRUELEGANCE PISTOLS AT DAWN** (Ogle)

Heavily marked boy of excellent size and substance. Well constructed throughout with excellent spring of rib, he moved and showed well, holding an excellent top-line. Attractive head with dark round eyes. Shown in lovely coat and condition.

2nd: **MARILEE ODE TO JOY** (Prescott/Collins)

Slightly taller but with good construction and a very stylish boy in profile and on the move. Correct head, but still needs to mature. Shown in excellent coat and condition.

3rd: **MAYFIELD ME AND BOBBIE MCGEE** (Lunbeck/Lunbeck)

A very happy little dog who exuded personality. Showed well. Excellent coat and feathering. Just a little short in leg, neck, and hence, stride.

8 **SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN (2)**

1st: **SALTAYRE CABERNET AT COBRNIK** (Cook)

These 2 dogs were hard to separate. I loved the head and soft expression of this boy, denoting his gentle temperament. Excellent size and substance. Moved well, though tail was a little high.

**BEST BLACK-AND-TAN IN SHOW, BEST BLACK-AND-TAN DOG**

2nd: **LOCKESTAR CAUSE IM UP TO NO GOOD OF KASZURI** (Lockleer/Sweetman/Lockleer)

Another of excellent size with good bone. Shown in glorious silky shiny coat with rich tan markings. I would like a little more fill in muzzle and today, he was a little proud of his tail.

### **OPEN DOG (3)**

1st: **CH CHADWICK JET SETTER AT HUDSONVIEW, JW** (Glynn/Glynn)  
Stunning dog from the top drawer who has such presence, that he commands attention when he enters the ring. Handsome head with flat skull, dark round eyes and dense dark nose pigmentation. Excellent front, shoulder assembly, spring of ribs, angulated hindquarters. He moved freely with level top-line. Just coming to maturity and shown in beautiful condition. He could not be denied top honours.  
**BEST IN SHOW, WINNERS DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM DOG**

2nd: **CH BROOKHAVEN HERE COMES HOGAN, JW** (Ayers/Martz/Green)  
Another top quality dog who catches the eye. Nothing overdone about this boy. Charming head with dark eyes and soft expression. Elegant neck, well laid shoulders, good hindquarters. Top-line is table top both standing and on the move. Silky coat of rich chestnut colour. Lovely temperament. Just pipped to the post on animation.  
**RESERVE WINNERS DOG, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG**

3rd: **Ch Belcarra Straight Shot Remington Of Bear River Ranch** (Toepfer)  
Very handsome boy who showed off his attributes to advantage. A worthy champion. His head was one of the best of the day with large dark round lustrous eyes and dense dark nose pigmentation. Well constructed and sound, he moved and showed well, but was too proud of his tail today.

### **JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (2)**

1st: **URGHART AMORE LADY TRIXIE AT NORTHSHORE** (Ogilvie/Ogilvie)  
Heavily marked little girl shown in gleaming coat. Very nice size, but would like more bone and substance. Delightful temperament and shown in gleaming coat and condition.

2nd: **QUAIL RUN INAGADDADAVIDA** (Kornhi)  
Another heavily marked girl, but with better bone. Happy on the stand. Well enough constructed, but it was difficult to assess movement as she was so reluctant to co-operate.

### **SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)**

1st: **MAYFIELD MISS WINNIE** (Lunbeck/Mayfield)  
Feminine little blenheim of excellent size and substance. Very sound construction and excellent temperame she showed happily. Very pretty head with round dark eyes and black nose. Top quality with a promising future. **BEST PUPPY BITCH**

2nd: **CEDARCREEK SUNSHINE IN MY SOUL OF KENDALLKASTLE** (Owens/Ogle)  
Very sound and showy girl with excellent temperament, construction and movement. Lovely head with goo eyes and nose pigmentation. Just a size larger than I like.

3rd: **DULANEY JULIET** (Barnfather/Barnfather)  
Well marked feminine tri. Good shape and excellent size. Moved well using her little short hocks. Would a better cushioned muzzle and more animation.

4th: **NORTHSHORE COZY SLIPPER** (Ogilvie)  
Well marked blenheim. Good size with just enough bone. Well enough constructed. Trembling and a little unhappy looking. A fuller eye would help her expression.

Class **GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (1)**

1st: **PARLETT PINKY PROMISE** (Williams/Williams)  
Well-marked Blenheim, complete with lozenge. Presentation superb. Correct size and very feminine. Pretty head with soft expression. Well constructed with well-turned stifles and short hocks. Moved and showed happily.

**BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (1)**

1st: **ORCHARDHILL RETAIL THERAPY** (Venier/Venier)  
Another well-marked blenheim with lozenge, shown in super coat and condition. Lovely fringed ears frame a feminine head, although I would like more cushioning under the eyes. Soundly constructed she moved and showed with aplomb.

**JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)**

1st: **QUAIL RUN LOOK FOR THE SUN** (Kornhi)  
Confident little blenheim of excellent size and substance. Well constructed with particularly good reach of neck and short hocks. Pretty head with dark eyes. Well marked, moved and showed well.

**AMERICAN BRED BITCH (4)**

“This class was a temperament test for the dogs as they had to cope with unusual noise from the sound system

1st: **BLUEGARDEN AUSSIE GIRL OF CHADWICK** (Eckersley)  
Very sound and typical girl. Well made throughout, she moved and showed well, holding a level top-line and paying no heed to the noise. Attractive head with round dark eyes and dense nose pigmentation. A quality exhibit.

2nd: **BROOKHAVEN SUZIE Q** (Ayers/Martz)  
Well-marked blenheim shown in super coat and condition. Very attractive feminine head with lustrous eyes and soft expression. Well constructed, but lost her top-line on the move, and she was unfortunately upset by the noise.

3rd: **SIKELELI EMILY BRONTE** (Kornhi)  
Well-marked blenheim complete with lozenge, with silky coat. Constructed well enough and moved OK. Would prefer more bone.

4th: **ROCKCREEK BINDI AT PARLETT** (Williams/Williams/Steagall)  
Beautifully presented heavily marked tri. Stood four square and showed to perfection. Would prefer more length of muzzle and today she was very proud of her tail.

**SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (5)**

1st: **CEDARCREEK SUGAR N SPICE** (Owens)

Top quality well marked blenheim. Lovely size with plenty of bone. Delightful head with large dark eyes and dense nose pigmentation. Very well constructed, she moved and showed well. Carrying a little extra weight on the day.

- 2nd: **IVYLINE EMMA NEM TO LAUREL HAVEN** (Bayer/Giampapa)  
Very feminine pretty little blenheim. Excellent size. Well presented and shown in silky coat. Another top quality girl, the mark on her face just detracted a little from her charm.
- 3rd: **WINDNSEA DANCING QUEEN, C-RN** (Peterson/Peterson)  
Another well-marked blenheim with lozenge, but sadly a little mark on her face. Attractive head with huge dark lustrous eyes. Well enough constructed, she moved and showed well.
- 4th: **CHANTISMERE CARRIEANNA** (Tibbetts)  
Well marked and presented blenheim who showed well and moved OK. She was a little too chiselled in muzzle for my taste.

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

- 1st: **LUXXAR REAL DEAL DRUZY OF GLENELLEN** (Murphy)  
Heavily marked tri. Beautiful head with possibly the best eyes of the day- large round and lustrous. Happy temperament, she moved and showed well. Carrying a little bit of excess weight.
- 2nd: **LA REINA'S WHAT ABOUT ME** (Roberts-Espinosa)  
Very well broken tri with rich tan markings. Lovely head with flat skull and soft expression. Well constructed but carried her tail a little high which spoiled her outline. Super temperament and very showy.
- 3rd: **MARILEE REGGAE** (Collins, DVM)  
Well marked tri with plenty of substance. Nice head with lustrous eyes. Good temperament. Moved OK.
- 4th: **NORTHSHORE FULL OF GRACE** (Pivonka)  
Up to size girl with fine bone. Lovely dark eyes. Well enough marked. Not enough cushioning in muzzle. Moved and showed well enough.

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

“These 2 girls were extremely different types, so it was difficult to differentiate between them and position could change on another day.”

- 1st: **PENSRICK RED SONYA** (Liebeler/Fellows)  
Very feminine and laid back denoting gentle temperament. Attractive head with flat skull. Huge dark eyes Well constructed throughout with good spring of rib. Between coats today.
- 2nd: **AZALEARUN RED HOT VALENTINE** (Taylor)  
Richly coloured girl in gleaming condition. nice outline, with elegant neck and level top-line. Nice head with dark eyes. A live wire, it was difficult to assess her movement when she misbehaved.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (2)**

- 1st: **LOCKESTAR LOVE STRUCK** (Sweetman)  
Excellent size and substance. Well constructed, she moved well. Attractive head with dark eyes and correct dentition. Good temperament and showed happily. Straight silky coat, but missing some tail feathering which is slow in this colour.

2nd: **KOLACI BRIGHTON MY DAY** (Legerretta/Gray)

Attractive girl shown in gleaming coat and condition. Good construction, she moved and showed well with top-line. Lovely round dark eyes but a little masculine in head for me.  
Excellent temperament.

**OPEN BITCH (2)**

“Two stunning girls.”

1st: **CH BROOKHAVEN SIMPLY SOUTHERN AT BEARIVER** (Toepfer/Martz)

This girl oozed breed type and star quality. Delightful, typical head with soft expression. Good reach of neck, well laid back shoulders, level top-line, good spring of rib, plenty of drive. Beautifully presented, she moved and showed beautifully. Excellent temperament. Could not be denied top honours.

**WINNERS BITCH and RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX.**

2nd: **CH TASSAJARA FORESTCREEK CRISTAL** (Cline)

Another star quality girl from the top drawer. Very feminine and showy, with excellent lines throughout, she created a stunning picture. Long straight silky coat completed the picture. Dark eyes and pigmentation. A close call but I just preferred the head type of my winner. **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH**