CAVALIERS OF THE SOUTH SPECIALTY SHOW

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It was wonderful to return to Asheville for this show. This time as a judge, and ,to again, enjoy the warm hospitality of Cavaliers Of The South. The standard of the dogs shown was high and, for the most part, I was able to find what I wanted. A small, well-balanced Cavalier who could move fluently.

My gratitude to the exhibitors and organisers who make this show weekend a highlight of the calendar. While taking the show side very seriously, they acknowledge that it is the festive season, with well supported events including the "Beer Bus Tour" (worth experiencing at least once!!), and the Buffet Dinner with the "Tacky Sweater Competition".

Well done to all of you!

Gordon Inglis

DOG CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (4)

1) LIVELYOAK PREMONITION (Borton)

This smart well-marked Blenheim headed a class of quality puppies. A great start to the day. His head is just right for his age, with dark eyes and correct balance of skull to muzzle. Well-proportioned in body, he moved out with confidence holding a correct profile with level topline and good tail carriage. Coat in excellent condition, he has great promise and was pleased to award him Best Puppy in Show.

2) STARMARC ALMEARA GAME ON OWNER (Whitmire)

Ideal size and balanced outline on this perfectly-marked tricolour. So satisfying in outline on the stand, with good ribs and correct loin. head pleasing but still developing. Good nose pigment and eye size. He moved with style showing great character, holding his outline well. Another very promising puppy who I made

BEST TRICOLOUR DOG

3) FORESTCREEK ORLEANS OWNER (Cline)

Good-sized Blenheim with pleasing markings. Well-developed body of correct shape and balance. Attractive head shape, though eyes are a bit smaller in relation to his overall development in head and body. Very good in profile on the move, but I'd like a tighter front action, but plenty of time to develop.

4) TUDORR PAUL REVERE THE TRAVELER OWNER (Mixon)

Very attractive and appealing head on this well-marked Blenheim of rich colouring. Good skull and ear set, pleasing eyes and muzzle shape, with a soft expression. Coat coming in well, but, as yet, shortish

compared to others in the class. Presented in first class condition. Still getting the hang of the moving part and could be tidier in rear and improve in profile.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (4)

1) TASSAJARA TURN OVER A NEW LEAF (Seidman)

Heavily-marked Blenheim of perfect size with a balanced outline, but at present far too thin. He needs to develop in body to fulfil his potential, having many of the essentials. Very satisfying head type with an appealing expression, great eyes, correct ear set and neat muzzle. He covered the ground so well, holding his shape. Coat well-presented in excellent condition.

2) BROOKHAVEN BLACK TIE AFFAIR (Tegg)

Black and Tan of correct size. Head OK with large dark eyes, teeth not yet perfect. Good shoulders and forequarters, but a tad long in body. I'd like a more positive rear action. Coat of good length and well presented.

3) **PROMONTORY DONOVAN** (Carnes/Solomon)

Good-sized Blenheim with ideal markings of rich colouring. Head shape OK with breadth of skull and correct ear set. Just a little lacking in softness of expression. Good nose pigment. A shade longer in body. Rather narrow in front and could be more positive in rear action.

4) CARLEN MYRDDIN WYLIT AT TYCWN (Knauss/Close)

Good sized Black and Tan. Broad skull with good ear set, but would like a softer outlook and gentler eyes. Rather short in neck and lacking in front angulation. Enough forechest and good ribs. Disappointing in profile on the move. Would like a cleaner outline and better rear action.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)

1) HUNTCREST SECRET AGENT (Pope)

Blenheim of rich colouring, well marked in ideal condition and soft coat texture. Ideal in overall size and when settled showed a pleasing outline, with enough neck, good shoulders and angulation front and rear. Attractive in head with round dark eyes and good balance of skull to muzzle, creating a very soft expression. Rather uncoordinated on the move in front, but with time to settle improved greatly. I'd have liked a better head carriage in profile.

NOVICE DOG (1)

1) AZALEARUN SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS (Taylor)

9 month old Black and Tan of correct size and well developed in body. Enough neck and good shoulders with round ribcage and a balanced outline, though rounding a little over the croup. Head type OK but expression could be softer. Plenty of coat of soft texture. Bright tan colouring, if a little sooty on muzzle. Moving correctly in rear but could be tidier in front.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (4)

- 1) **JAYBA JEAN PIERRE, JW** (Lander)
- 2) CH HUNTCREST MY GUY (Pope)

I liked different things about the first two in this class. Both pleased me very much in head type and expression and were presented in excellent condition. The winner, although longer in body, satisfied me more in profile movement and his general deportment, but rear action could be more positive. 2nd was more balanced in outline, shorter and more compact in body shape, but moving rounded more over the croup and I'd like more muscle on his hindquarters

3) CH SERAPHAVEN RETURN OF THE KING (Gogol)

Tricolour of good size and handsome head type. In excellent coat and body condition, he held his outline well on the move. I'd like a stronger rear action.

4) MARJORELLE CATCH ME IF YOU CAN, JW (Conley)

Good sized Blenheim with enough neck and good shoulders. Attractive head properties. Coat of soft texture was well presented. Would like a cleaner outline on the move.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (3)

1) LEGENDCREST FINICKYSKYE DREAM CATCHER, JW (Utych)

Perfectly marked Blenheim with rich colouring. Well-developed in body and condition with a wealth of coat. Attractive head with gentle outlook and soft expression. Easy winner here, as others were rather juvenile in comparison.

2) DARANE BROWNIE SUNDAE (Kates)

6 month old Tricolour looking still rather babyish. Nice head type and pleasing in body construction. Holds his outline on the move. He has many positive aspects and is a good prospect.

3) HUNTLAND LEOPOLD (Land)

Although about 17 months this Blenheim is still rather juvenile in development. His head is pleasing and has enough neck with good shoulder placement and good rear angulation, but needs overall development in body. would like a stronger rear action and more condition.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (7)

"A very varied class with different sizes and types."

1) BLUEDAY MICH E LOB AT CHEWCREEK, JW (DePhillip)

Fulfilled my requirements in size and balance, with a most attractive head. nothing overdone in any way. Very well-marked coat of good quality and length. Correct angulation front and rear, moving fluently in profile. Could be tidier in front action.

2) BROOKHAVEN MR TAMBOURINE MAN, JW (Ayers/Martz)

Blenheim, a size bigger and well-developed in body and well-muscled. Attractive head, if a shade heavy in muzzle. Good eyes and expression. Coat of quality in top condition.

3) HUNTLAND BROOKHAVEN MARCO (McCauley)

Another Blenheim with pleasing construction, who holds a good outline standing. a shade bigger than winner. Likeable head type and accurate on the move

4) **DARANE HAPPY SONG** (Markijohn/Kates)

Nicely shaped Black and Tan with plenty of coat in great condition, although a few knots under tail. Pleasant head and expression. Movement steady but tail a little high.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (2)

1) WATERSEDGE NEW YEAR TREASURE (Walzer)

Good for size and most attractive head type with dark well-spaced eyes. Solidly marked in body with rich colouring and a white collar to set off a pleasing outline, although coat lacking in length. Carried himself well in profile and accurate front and rear.

2) TUDORR DALTON ANGEL KISSES (Dye/Mixon)

Pleasing in head with gentle dark eyes and lozenge spot. Size and overall balance OK with long luxuriant coat. But beneath this I found him lacking in body and rather shelly to handle. Front action could be more positive and rounding over the croup in profile.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (1)

1) BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR (Weeks)

6 year old with ideal markings. A size bigger that I prefer, but well constructed throughout. Holds a good outline both standing and on the move. Plenty of coat of good length and texture. Shown in top condition. Attractive headpiece. |Moving out with enthusiasm.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (1)

1) CHOCOLETTO DU CHATEAU NOBLESSE (Bennett/Rowe)

The highlight of my day so far. Perfect in size and balance with a pleasing head. Gentle eyes and a soft outlook. Small with a well constructed body covered in a coat of rich colouring, he was turned out in peak condition. So free-moving and willing to please, he floated round the ring most gracefully, covering the ground with ease and accuracy. He possible needs just a tad more body weight, but he fulfilled so many of my requirements, winning

<u>RESERVE WINNERS DOG, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW TODAY & BEST</u> <u>RUBY IN SHOW.</u>

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN DOG (2)

1) AUTUMNHILL SILVER JUBILEE (Woodward/Parente)

Neatly made dog with pleasing head properties and stylish outline. Satisfying in body shape and development. Good for neck, shoulders and topline. Plenty of coat of length and quality. Accurate on the move.

2) CHEWCREEK BOOGIE WONDERLAND (DePhillip)

Good for overall size and a balanced outline. Good skull. although ears rather low set. Large round eyes. A bit sooty in muzzle and not clear definition of tan. Moved steadily but lacking a little in spirit.

OPEN DOG (3)

"A very satisfying class with all three pleasing me so much in size, balance and head type. A good experience watching them move round together."

1) CH ROYALMARK REMINISCENCE (Cameron)

I was captivated by his prefect deportment. Head carriage, topline and tail carriage combined to give my ideal depiction of a Cavalier in profile on the move. He was graceful and flawless. In addition he was perfect for size and well proportioned and bodily mature, with a quantity of coat of rich colouring in lovely condition. His head is so attractive with gentle eyes, and the softest expression. At 5 year old he still has a youthful spring in his step but is relaxed and fluent in what he does.

"It was with pleasure and a great deal of satisfaction that I awarded him **Winners Dog** and ultimately **Best In Show**, with the young Ruby, whom for me matched him for size, construction and fluency of movement, but perhaps not the overall maturity, a close Reserve Best In Show."

WINNERS DOG & BEST IN SHOW

- 2) CH FORESTCREEK KEEGAN, JW (Whitmire/Cline) &
- 3) CH BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNICKYSKYE (Utych)

Both 2nd and 3rd fulfilled many of my requirements and I appreciated the opportunity to handle and view them from a critical perspective.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)

1) TUDORR TANGO (Madden/Mixon)

7 Year old Tricolour. Heavy in body markings and rather short of coat. Good skull and ear set, though a shade longer in muzzle than I prefer. Steady enough on the move with a great attitude and character.

BITCH CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (7)

1) STARMARC SHOW ME (Hooper)

Beautiful head on this Tricolour of correct size who moved very steadily showing off her good overall shape and balance. Has the promise of a coat of quality. Still very much a baby but lots to appreciate.

2) HUNTLAND EASTER BONNET (Land)

Elegant well marked Blenheim with sweet head and expression plus lozenge. Pleasing overall shape and tidy on the move.

3) HUNTCREST IN MY DREAMS (Pope)

Pretty face on this neat Blenheim. Good neck and shoulders and a short compact body. Moved OK for a baby.

4) HUNTCREST RULE BRITANNIA (Pope)

7 month Blenheim. Just starting to go through a rangier stage. Ideal markings. Dark eyes on a shapely head and muzzle. Moved steadily.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1) BROOKHAVEN AZURA'S STAR AT MADRYN (Weeks/Ayers)

Neat Blenheim of ideal size. Very pleasing in head with soft eyes and outlook. Good construction with pleasing angles front and rear. Steady and accurate in movement, holding a correct profile and true front and back.

BEST PUPPY BITCH

2) GRANASIL FLORENTINE OF SUMARA (Gentil)

Pleasing type of Ruby with an attractive head. Good in neck and shoulders. Body shape good in profile but tail carried very low. Nose a bit off colour. Good colouring to coat, but rather short at present.

3) **TUDORR ADA** (Mixon & Degan)

Mature Blenheim of 11 months, carrying a little excess weight. Stunning head and expression and pleasing markings on a richly coloured coat of quality. Dipping a little in topline and rounded over the croup. Could be stronger and tidier in rear action.

4) LEGENDCREST SIGNIN IN THE RAIN AT SILVERMAE (Lazar)

Heavily marked Blenheim. Very striking in profile but rather narrow all the way through. Dark and gentle eyes on an attractive head type. Has many attributes but needs time to mature.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (5)

1) TASSAJARA TUDORR PROSECCO (Mixon/Seidman-McDonnell)

Correct sized Blenheim with sweet head and good eyes. Richly coloured coat of high quality. Shortish back and a firm well-developed body. Moved steadily holding a correct profile. Would like more accurate rear action.

2) GRANLAUREL THERE WAS THIS GIRL (Gregory/Green)

Another Blenheim, just half a size bigger, but much to appreciate. Large round eyes, dark in colour giving a softness to her expression. Enough neck and well-laid shoulders. A shade longer in body than winner. Holds a good outline in profile. Favourably marked and rich in colouring.

3) WATERSEDGE CURTAIN CALL, JW (Walzer)

Another pretty-headed Blenheim. Good for size and balance but would like better front angulation and stronger rear movement. Coat of quality turned out in super condition.

4) **DARANE SOMEBODY TO LOVE** (Ayers/Kates)

Black and Tan of correct size. Good neck and pleasing angles front and rear, with a firm body. Head type OK but would like eyes a shade darker. |Pleasing in profile on the move, but rather close in rear action.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (3)

"A very satisfying and competitive class. All three were Blenheims and had much of what I was looking for."

1) CH BROOKHAVEN FORBIDDEN FRUIT, JW (Ayers/Martz)

This 2 year old in her prime filled the eye perfectly, both standing and on the move. Most attractive head properties with nothing overdone, giving a soft and gentle expression. Bodily so well put together, and so pleasing to handle. Firm and well developed, in top class condition. Holds herself comfortably on the move displaying the correct angulation front and rear and covering the ground so easily and with purpose. My attention was drawn by her particularly strong and accurate rear action, which was the best I saw on the day. Delighted to award her

WINNERS BITCH

2) CH JAYBA OOH LA LA, JW (Lander/George)

Just a little lighter in build than the winner, but again with the requisite angulation front and rear plus the prettiest of heads giving the desired softness in her expression. Ideal in size and perfect markings. She held a good profile on the move losing only to exceptionally good rear of the winner. A close contender for Reserve Winners bitch today.

3) **ONTHEMARK HAPPY ENOUGH** (Chan/Mitchell)

Beautiful head and gentle in expression. Ideal size. Balanced in outline with copybook markings plus lozenge. Moved well enough. Would like a bit more angulation and drive in rear.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (2)

1) TASSAJARA RIESLING (Seidman, Siedman-McDonnell & Frederick)

Striking outline on this heavily marked Blenheim. Beautiful head with dark round and expressive eyes. Quality coat turned out perfectly. Great profile on the move with neck, topline and tail carriage just as I wanted. Rear rear end could be stronger and tidier. Moving rather close.

2) STARMARC MY HEART GOES ON (Hooper)

Just approaching 6 months, this Tricolour baby was giving away too much in development to winner. Pretty in head with clean muzzle and lips. Nose pigment yet to fill. At present rather rangy in body, looking long but correct angulation. Moved adequately.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (7)

1) WELLSWORTH HOLLYWOOD BOMBSHELL (Wells)

A good outline on this Blenheim, with correct shoulders, topline and rear angulation. Head attractive with large dark eyes. Well marked coat of rich colouring. Impressive profile on the move and accurate front and rear.

2) HUNTLAND MOLLY MARSHALL (Land)

Great for size and balance. Standing presents a perfect profile. Sufficient body and rich colouring. Pretty head type and steady on the move.

3) LINRICA MIRACLE BABY, JW (Liu)

Many aspects appealed on this small well-balanced Blenheim. Sometimes she stands lazily with a dip in her topline. Attractive head with appealing expression. Movement good going and coming but would like better profile.

4) ALMEARA ONCE SMITTEN TWICE LOVED, JW (Whitmire)

Very attractive head type with gentle eyes and a soft outlook. Satisfying in body construction with good angulation front and rear. A well-broken coat of quality. Tended to crab in her movement moving away from me, each time I asked.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (3)

1) LINRICA REACH FOR THE STARS, JW (Liu)

Head attractive with large dark eyes. Body firm and well-developed and ideal for size. Good turn of stifle, but perhaps needing a bit more front angulation. Tail rather high on the move.

2) SERAPHAVEN PUT A SPELL ON YOU (Gogol/May)

Well- proportioned and good size. Pleasing head type with correct muzzle shape and clean lips. Movement OK and coat well presented.

3) ANGEL'S PRIDE MISS MAGIC AT MARJORELLE (Conley)

Rather short of coat and looking quite juvenile. Very pleasing head with good eyes and dark pigment. Well distributed makings of good colouring. Would like better angulation in rear. Moved steadily with a good attitude.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR BITCH (2)

1) TASSAJARA THIS IS US WEE (Seidman)

Solid body markings on this black Tricolour and heavily marked on the head. But head shape is correct and expression is pleasant. Well constructed body with good angulation front and rear giving a striking profile on the move. Coat in excellent condition. Overall just a tad bigger than I was seeking.

BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW

2) STARMARC SHOWBOAT (Hooper)

Another black Tricolour. Good angulation front and rear and well constructed body. Tends to round over the croup spoiling the profile. Rich tan markings over eyes and on cheeks. Moved steadily but not the outline of the winner.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (2)

1) MADRYN PORT ROYAL (Weeks)

Nice type with pleasing head properties and soft gentle eyes and correct muzzle shape. Good neck and shoulders. Topline rounding slightly over the croup and tail set not as required. Accurate on the move and presented in first class condition.

2) AZALEARUN RED HOT VALENTINE (Taylor)

Liked the flat skull and high set ears. | head shape but would like a softer expression. Responsive in attitude and willing to please. Rich dark colouring. A shade long in body and dipping a bit behind the shoulders. Not the profile on the move I was seeking.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (1)

1) BROOKHAVEN MAGIC MOLLY (Martz/Ayers)

Perfect for size and very balanced in outline. Well angulated front and rear and correct body length. Pleasing head with gentle expression from well spaced eyes and correct balance of skull to muzzle. Eyes could be a shade darker. Moved purposefully in profile although tail tends to rise. Strong rear action but could be tidier in front.

BEST BLACK AND TAN IN SHOW

OPEN BITCH (2)

1) CH FORESTCREEK AMBLESIDE FLEUR DE LIS AT MIMRIC, JW (Hodges/Cline)

Blenheim with beautiful head, long well feathered ears and the gentlest expression. Particularly strong nose pigmentation. Good overall shape, if a shade longer cast than my ideal. Ideal markings on a coat of quality presented in first class condition. Very accomplished on the move carrying herself effortlessly. Much to be appreciated. On the run off for Reserve Winners Bitch she edged it on overall coat finish on the day.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

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

Pleasing head and expression on this Ruby of correct proportions. Large dark eyes and correct balance of skull to muzzle. Heavier in the body but she holds herself well on the move. Coat colour just a shade lighter in colour.

BEST RUBY BITCH

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1) BLACKFIRE I APPROVED THIS MESSAGE (Weidig/Kennedy/McLaughlin)

7 year old Blenheim with a beautiful unexaggerated head and the softest expression. A wealth of coat presented in lovely condition. A striking outline from good neck, correct angulation. She moved with grace holding a clean outline. Correct in front, but a bit closer in rear. Gentle to look at and in demeanour.

VETERAN DOG (1)

1) KARVALE BROOKHAVEN FINN (Utych)

12 Year old Blenheim with the gentlest face and outlook. Beautiful eyes, broad flat skull with high set ears. Well made body and plenty of coat, and well distributed makings. Happy to parade around the ring showing off his virtues.