

CAVALIERS OF THE NORTHEAST

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My thanks go to the committee of the society for their invitation to judge at their August Specialty Show. Also, my appreciation goes to the ring and table stewards, and to the exhibitors for bringing along some lovely dogs for me to evaluate. From today's observations, I feel the *overall* quality of Cavaliers is as good as in the UK. Some really stunning dogs had to make do with 2nd or even lower placings. Presentation, as always, was excellent. Necks and movement have also improved since my last visit to the US. On the downside, some could benefit from having more rib and a number of toplines/tailsets need keeping an eye on. Hospitality, as always, was first rate - nothing was too much trouble. What was really sTricolourking was the friendliness, consideration and superb sporting attitudes of all exhibitors - a lesson for us all.

THE DOG CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

- 1 **DREAMVALE TIME WARP** (Perini/Sage)
Black-And-Tan with fabulous personality, his tail never stopped. Attractive head, correct for age, with good ear placement and dark eye. Promising baby with good neck and reachy front movement. Lovely bright tan markings.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (3)

- 1 **INFINIDAD INSTANT GRATIFICATION** (Laliberte)
Blenheim, elegant boy with good head and body proportions, classic head with well set on ear, round dark eye, a masculine but soft expression. Nicely made throughout with reachy neck and good bone, moved and showed very well. Another promising youngster. **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY DOG**
- 2 **STONEPIT OLLY MURS** (Gentil)
Blenheim, compact body with level topline, well marked, rich chestnut jacket, moved better than 3. Head set with good eye and pigment, but would prefer slightly more length to nose.
- 3 **AUTUMN HILL LETS DANCE** (Parente/Green)
Blenheim, similar in type to 2, but not the animation nor as positive on the move. Pretty boy with dark eye and great pigment. Good length to richly coloured coat.

NOVICE DOG (1)

- 1 **CHEW CREEK FERNANDO** (DePhillip)
Tricolour boy with bonny head, dark eye, good pigment, wealth of coat, happy disposition, would benefit from more muscle tone, attentive showman.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (2)

- 1 **TRULUV PRINCE CHARMING** (Nikaci)
Well boned all male Blenheim, heavier in head than my ideal, but lovely soft, gentle expression, good ear set and large round, dark eye, deep pigment. Balanced body with good neck and shoulder, deep rib, good turn of stifle, driving from well let down hocks, foot perfect on the move. Well marked, richly coloured, silky coat. Showed well. Pulled out in the final cut.
- 2 **CHEW CREEK UP IN SMOKE** (DePhillip)
Ruby, different type and a size down from winner. Pretty head with large, dark round eye, super nose and lip pigment. Stood four square, but a little erratic on the move.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

1. **ISLEPOSEA WALK ON FERRY, JW** (Hoehn)
Typy masculine Blenheim, who owned the ring. Generous head, soft expression, good ear set and pigment. Eye-catching in profile with correct body proportions, reachy neck, level topline, well set on tail, balanced angles, a positive mover, elegant and precise, liked him a lot. Well-marked chestnut coat. Should have a rosy future. (**RESERVE WINNERS DOG, BEST BLENHEIM DOG IN SHOW**)

AMERICAN BRED DOG (4)

1. **CHADWICK SHOOTING UPWARDS AT CEILMOR** (McCarty/Eckersley)
Balanced Blenheim, liked his size, good front and level topline carrying a wealth of good coloured coat. Strong, but gentle head, well set ear, lovely dark eye, super pigment, gentle expression and a lozenge. Moved a little close behind, good showman.
2. **ALMEARA I BELIEVE, JW** (Whitmire)
Nicely balanced Blenheim, with good ear set and dark eye, gentle expression. Decent neck, good for size and shape. Well-broken coat of good colour. Could be careless with his topline on the move, preferred head and expression over 3, a nice boy.
3. **NIGHTINGALE RIPTIDE** (Mulligan)
Blenheim, difficult to split from 2nd, liked his size, body proportions, short coupled, level topline, moved well coming towards me, but a little erratic in rear movement, may benefit from more muscle tone. Another very nice dog with soft expression, wide blaze, dark eye and good pigmentation. Not the coat of above.
4. **SUNNYACRES FAST AND FURIOUS** (LaRoza)
Blenheim baby of the group and a little unsure of himself, well broken, good for size and shape, nice stifle, needs to fill in head, not as finished as above.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (3)

1. **ORCHAND HILL TOY MONEY** (Venier/Venier)
This upstanding Blenheim just oozes class, lovely head, super eye and pigment, lozenge, lovely reachy neck, good bone and body proportions. Though out of coat, he has nothing to hide, well broken with rich chestnut markings. Just flowed round the ring, handled to show off all his attributes. Huge amount to offer the breed, would love to see him fully dressed. Pulled out in the final cut.
2. **BRAEMARRA RUBEN OF SUMARA** (Gentil)
Pretty head with well set on ear, dark eye. Liked his size and shape, ample well marked coat, moved and showed well.
3. **Dreamvale Devil Without a Cause** (Perini/Sage)
Similar size to 2nd, pretty head, would like more length to nose, ample good well marked and coloured coat.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR DOG (2)

1. **FAIROAKS BERTIE WOOSTER** (Fairchild)
Loved his stunning clear cut head markings, bright tan, good ear set, dark eye and soft expression. He had balanced body proportions, good neck and reachy front, enhanced by shoulder markings. Good bone.
2. **JUST DRESSED TO IMPRESS OF GILLBROOK**
Lighter boned than above. He had an attractive head with deep tan, compact body, level topline. Not the finish or enthusiasm of winner and would prefer more rear angulation.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (2)

1. **KHATIBI ONE IN VERMILLION, ENG JW** (Maddox)
Mature headed with good ear set, dark eye and soft expression. Deep rich colour, silky coat. Good for size I liked his firm, well boned body proportions, short and compact with good rib, though carrying a little too much condition. **BEST RUBY DOG**
2. **TOMNEE'S GOLDEN SKY** (Meager/Wise)
Finer boned and a size down from above, but nice type, with good ear set, lovely dark eye though longer in foreface. Good outline with level topline and better hind movement than winner, though paler in colour and not as finished. Moved and presented well.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN DOG (1)

1. **KALAIS SHIVER ME TIMBERS** (Ames/Meager/Hess)
Full masculine head, but with a lovely soft expression that made me smile. Smart dog, bright tan, good rib, short and compact, level topline. A great showman, very good behind, positive and precise movement. **BEST BLACK-AND-TAN IN SHOW, BEST BLACK-AND-TAN DOG**

OPEN DOG (3)

1. **CH CHADWICK CODE BLACK** (McCarty/Eckersley)
Gorgeous Tricolour caught my eye on entering the ring with a lovely classic soft head, all male and melting expression. Liked his size and well made, balanced short and compact body, reachy neck, good rib, level topline, though a little proud of his tail, all topped off with a wealth of well broken silky coat. He just had to move well. A great showman with a zest for life. First rate presentation, just loved him. **WINNERS DOG, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOUR DOG**
2. **CH CHADWICK JET SETTER AT HUDSONVIEW, JW** (Glynn/Glynn)
Blenheim of lovely type and size. Correct head with soft, gentle expression, well set ears, dark eye and good pigment. Balanced body a touch longer cast than winner, good neck, rib, level topline. Ample rich chestnut coat. Attentive showman who moved and showed well and only just lost out to the Reserve Winners Dog.
3. **CH CHADWICK TELLTALE AUTHOR, JW** (Eckersley)
Another very appealing Blenheim with a wealth of good coloured coat. Pretty head with good earset and lovely dark eye, though shorter in foreface than above. A well made dog, nicely angulated body, good neck, a little longer cast than winner. Moved and presented well, three very nice dogs all worthy of their Championship titles.

THE BITCH CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (8)

1. **TRULUV LENA** (Nikaci)
A bonny Blenheim, appealing head with good ear set, dark eye and super pigment. She is right for size and shape, short and compact with good neck, a well developed body with deep rib. Well broken coat of rich colour. Schooled and shown to advantage. **BEST PUPPY BITCH**
2. **CARLEN CHATEAU STE MICHELLE** (Close)
Super ruby, pretty head with good expression. Loved her body proportions, reachy neck, good topline and turn of stifle, stood foursquare. Good colour for such a youngster.
3. **ORCHARD HILL CHARGE IT TO DAD** (Venier/Venier)
A real doll, pretty as a picture with a great attitude. Liked her short compact body, good topline and neat rear pasterns, good for bone, very promising baby. Plenty of coat, good colour coming through.

4. **LINRICA MIRACLE BABY** (Liu)

Another pretty baby with lovely eyes and super pigment. Nicely balanced body of good shape and turn of stifle. Well broken, rich chestnut coat. Not as accurate as above going away, no shame in being 4th in this class.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. **CHADWICK FREQUENT FLYER** (Eckersley)

Attractive Blenheim with pretty open face, good earset, lovely large, dark, round eye, good pigment, lozenge. At the teenage stage, but handles well on the table. Free moving action, level topline, stands foursquare. Well marked. Just preferred the height/body length proportions.

2. **AUTUMN HILL HONKY TONK ANGEL** (Parente)

A very pretty baby with good ear set and dark eye, head still needs to fill (but she is a puppy). Fabulous deep rich ruby coat on neat body with nice neck, shoulders and rib. Has a great attitude, showed well. Would have preferred a little more leg length, tough decision separating these promising 2 youngsters, different types and could quite easily change places, both showed very well. **[BEST RUBY IN SHOW, BEST RUBY BITCH](#)**

3. **PIAFFE LEMON DROP AT KARMET** (Rychlik/Mandeville)

Feminine Blenheim with dark eye and good pigment, though I would have preferred a slightly flatter skull. A nice size with short compact body. Very attentive to handler, a baby who needs more time.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (2)

1. **CHADWICK RIOTOUS, JW** (Eckersley)

Eye catching typy Tricolour with fabulous cavalier attitude that takes her up a level. Loved her size, make and shape, short and compact balanced body, level topline, good neck and rib. Super free mover. Well marked coat with deep tan. Could easily have taken her home, considered for top honours, but just felt she needs a little more time, but she should trouble the best. **[BEST TRICOLOUR BITCH IN SHOW](#)**

2. **ORCHARD HILL GOTTA ADORE ME** (Venier/Venier)

Nicely presented feminine Blenheim of different type. Pretty head with dark eye and good pigment. Well made throughout, balanced body, good topline. Well marked coat, moved ok but not the ground covering action of winner.

NOVICE BITCH (2)

1. **LINRICA PEONY IN LOVE** (Liu)

Very much raw baby who catches the eye with her great attitude, good shape and colour. A feminine young lady with a good neck, topline and turn of stifle. Moved and showed well.

2. **DARANE JANE EYRE** (Hossler/Kates)

Black-And-Tan. Different type to 1, stronger in head, but with soft, dark eye. Nicely put together though would prefer her slightly shorter coupled, good rib and bone. Well presented, gleaming coat with rich tan. Steady mover but not giving 100% today. **[BEST BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH IN SHOW](#)**

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (3)

1. **PIAFFE WITH A STELLA** (Rychlik/Carson)

Classically headed with dark eye, good pigment and soft expression, well cushioned muzzle. Short, balanced body with nice bone, good rib, and topline, though would have preferred a little more reach of neck. She looked good in profile, liked her markings, moved and showed well.

2. **SUNJAY'S KISS ME KATE** (Hellman)

A lot of plus points for this Blenheim, she has a good neck, bone, ribcage, super topline and tail set. Though preferring the expression of the winner, she had a good ear set, dark eye, shallow stop and black pigmentation. Richly coloured well broken coat, moved well.

3. **CHEW CREEK DANCING QUEEN** (DePhillip)
Ultra feminine Tricolour dressed in a well-marked gorgeous silky coat. A little doll, I loved her attitude, very attentive, showed well.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (3)

1. **CHADWICK SAY YES TO THE DRESS** (Eckersley)
Well broken Blenheim with sweet head, good ear set, open face, large dark, round eye, soft expression, good pigment. Well made with good bone and nice neck.
2. **LINRICA REACH FOR THE STARS** (Liu)
Another pretty, feminine Blenheim from this kennel (they have certainly set a type). Liked her size, shape, compact body, attitude and deep rich chestnut markings. Enthusiastic showgirl, who unfortunately lost her topline on the move. Close decision between these two, just preferred eye and tail set of winner.
3. **INFINADAD PYROMANIA** (Laliberte)
Honest ruby bitch with the loveliest dark round eyes. She was a good shape, short and compact with ample bone. Rich colouring. She may benefit from being moved a little faster.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (4)

1. **CHADWICK IN MY OPINION, JW** (Eckersley)
Sweet headed feminine Blenheim, fits the standard so well. Lovely large, dark round eye, open soft expression.. Pleasing size and shape, well-balanced body with ample neck, good rib and stifle. Moved well. Liked her a lot, took the class on her outgoing personality.
2. **CHADWICK OH LA LA OF CHARDOMONT** (Greak/Comer/Eckersley)
Another sweet face, lovely head with lozenge, good ear set, nice eye, dark pigmentation. A size down from winner, again, a nice shape with good balance to body, moved well. Good coloured well-broken Blenheim coat. Just rather disinterested today.
3. **PIAFFE IN THE TULIPS** (Rychlik)
Stronger headed Blenheim with well set on ear, nice eye and good nose pigment. Balanced compact body, with good bone. Well-marked coat of good colour, moved and showed well.
4. **KRYSTAL STAR QUALITY** (Torgersen/Torgersen)
Well-broken Blenheim. Sturdy, short, compact body of good size, nice bone. Flattish skull with good ear set. Today she was out of coat.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (6)

1. **NIGHTINGALE AGAINST THE WIND AT FALLING SPRINGS, JW** (Curley)
Feminine, typy, Blenheim that doesn't have initial impact, but very well put together, enabling her to cover the ground with ease. Handles well on the table, reachy neck, good rib and is nicely balanced with good angles. Sweet face, dark eye, good nose pigment, melting expression. Well broken coat, the more I looked the more I liked.
2. **LINRICA ROSE PETALS** (Liu)
On entering the ring, thought this Blenheim would be my winner, she is a lovely size, shape and a fabulous colour. Another pretty face with super large, dark liquid eye and pigment. Enthusiastic showgirl who moved well, preferred the tailset of winner.
3. **BONITAS COMPANEROS XAVIER, JW** (Lasser)

Pretty Blenheim, with well set ear, dark eye and good nose pigment, though I would prefer slightly more length in foreface. A very nice bitch with good topline, moved well.

4. **SILVERSPOON LIL ORPHAN ANNIE** (Silverman)
Liked the size of this well marked and richly coloured Blenheim. Appealing head, dark eye, good ear set. Not as good on the move as above.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (2)

1. **KALAIS YESSIREE** (Hess)
Feminine bitch of nice size, large, dark, round eye, good ear set, dark pigmentation. Moved ok, showed well. Coat on the blow.
2. **CARLEN NUTIN BUT TROUBLE FERGIE** (Close)
More mature bitch, a size up, with stronger head, good ear set. A gorgeous colour. Well made with reachy neck, good bone and rib. Not giving her all today.

OPEN BITCH (6)

1. **CH CHADWICK SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY, JW** (Eckersley)
Scrummy, elegant, feminine Blenheim bitch whom I feel fits the standard to a tee. Teeming with quality, she wasn't just a pretty face set with dark eye, good pigment and lovely melting expression, she also had a well made and balanced body with good reach of neck and rib. Loved her size and shape, she looked good from every angle and moved effortlessly round the ring with an air of confidence. All topped with ample rich chestnut coat.
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. **CH CHADWICK DRAMA, JW** (Hoehn/Eckersley)
Another top quality feminine Blenheim bitch, close up to winner in many aspects. Lovely head and eye, open face, soft expression. A touch larger than 1 and not the coat, but a great cavalier, very well made, super mover and a true cavalier attitude. Dam of my Reserve Winners Dog. **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH**
3. **LINRICA MIGNON MOCHI, JW** (Liu)
Blenheim of lovely type, with gorgeous dark, round, limpid eye and good nose pigment, all framed with huge well feathered ears. Eye-catching outline, short and compact body standing four square showing off her many attributes. She had ample coat of excellent deep chestnut, not as precise in action as above, but loved her bubbly personality.
4. **CH FOXWYN A LIKELY STORY OF CHARDOMONT** (Greak/Comer)
Elegant Blenheim, the elder of the class. Loved her type, prettiest of heads with gorgeous eye, good ear set and lozenge. Good for size and shape, well balanced, short coupled, heavy coated. Gave her a 1st when I judged in Dallas 3 years ago.

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. **CH GRANDVILLE BUTTERSCOTCH KISS OF INFINIDAD** (laliberte)
Well-coated richly coloured ruby with fabulous ears, who totally belies her 10 years. Nice size, with good

Karen Sandlan, Judge