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It was a pleasure to judge the COTW Show on Saturday, July 07 at the Oakland Airport Hilton. All weekend there was a happy friendly atmosphere and the awards were warmly applauded throughout. It was not a numerically large entry but the quality of the top award winners was of the highest standard.

Comparing the results after the weekend I see that Sheena and I had the same Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and seventeen of the twenty-one classes had the same winner.

I enjoyed remarkable hospitality and left Oakland feeling happy about the events of the Show, the charming exhibitors and the new friends I had made.

It was also gratifying to see that although American bred, the Winners Dog and Winners bitch both had British sires.

DOG CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (5)

1. SHEEBA SUPERSTITION (Mitchell)

Blenheim baby, of five months, two days. Balanced outline, nice angulation, pleasing head, lovely expression, round dark eyes, nice size and bone, a bit of a fidget, but looked lovely going round. **BEST PUPPYDOG**

- 2. BRIARCREST BY DESIGN AT INTRYNZIC (Goodwin/Van Luchene)
 Blenheim similar age to winner. Very well marked coat, good outline, nicely balanced head, moved with coordination wagging constantly.
- **3. KENDALLKASTLE KNIGHT RANGER AT PARLETT** (Williams/Williams) Well-presented tri of seven months. Lovely neck and topline, happy disposition, moved well, tail a bit high.
- **4.** MAYFIELD HERCULES AT HIFLT (Parris/Parris)
 Heavily marked Blenheim, dark eyes, well set ears, a little long in muzzle and at the leggy stage at present.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

REGISMAISON DUSOLEIL MARCEL (Schuberth)
 Well-marked Blenheim of nine months. Nice outline, good topline and tail carriage.

2. **REGIS MAISON DU SOLEIL PHILIPPE** (Schuberth)

Brother to winner. More heavily marked, rather excited today, very waggy tail, but not so coordinated on the move. **GRADUATE PUPPY DOG** (2)

1. **COBRNIK REED BUNTING** (Tegg)

One year old ruby with lovely dark round eyes. Good nose pigment, well set ears, pleasing outline and tail carriage.

2. DELSOL DRESS TO IMPRESS

Blenheim with lozenge spot. Very pleasing deep tan colour, very good topline, plenty of coat, a bit deep in stop. Preferred the expression of the winner.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (1)

1. CROSSBOW GREYHAWK DANIEL AT KICKAPOO OF ZOOKS

(Schiffman/Middleman)

Blenheim with lots of coat of deep tan colour. Long well set and feathered ears, balanced outline and good eyes, but up to size for me.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

2. **ISLEPOSEA WALK ON FERRY, JW** (Hoehn)

Lovely happy male of fourteen months. Well marked straight coat, lovely head type, well set ears and pleasing expression. Pleasing outline and tail carriage, well handled and presented. I see he is the son of my Winners Bitch. *RESERVE WINNERS DOG*

AMERICAN BRED DOG (5)

1. FORESTCREEK GRAYTON (Cline/Cline)

Two and a half year old compact Blenheim. Pleasing head type and long well set ears. Good body shape and pigment. Moved OK.

2. HARRINGTON HAUTE STUFF (Tompkins/Gonyo/Gonyo)

Honest Blenheim, well presented, nice markings, pleasing outline and tail carriage. Would be ideal one size smaller.

3. ALMEARA I BELIEVE, JW (Parente)

Well handled Blenheim of two years. Excellent nose pigment, waggy tail, a little over angulated behind.

4. **QUAIL RUN UNION MAN** (Bogle/Kornhi)

Lightly marked Blenheim of nice size. A little unsure of himself and not moving as well as those above.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (4)

1. **CEDARCREEK RISE N SHINE** (Owens)

Quality well schooled male of two years. Very pleasing head, eyes and ears. Nice outline, well shaped neck and good layback of shoulder.

2. MILBU JIM DANDY (Sherrin)

Well-presented compact male of three years. Coat of good texture and colour, well sprung ribcage, a bit short in muzzle.

3. CABRNIK HOT ROD LINCOLN AT ROBINSCREEK (Porter/Cook)

Well-coated Blenheim with lozenge spot. Well-set ears, pleasing eyes and expression. A bit longer in coupling.

4. ANGEL'S PRIDE KASANOVA (Covell)

Blenheim of heavier type, not so smooth in outline.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR DOG (2)

1. TRUELEGANCE PISTOLS AT DAWN (Ogle)

Short-coupled male of almost four years. Nice expression, good topline, very pleasing tan markings.

2. STARMARC MAN ABOUT TOWN (Rezowalli/Hooper)

Compact two year old male with good bone. Preferred head type of winner and tail a bit high.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY (3)

1. ENG CH HARANA ERROL BROWN, ENG JW (Ayers/Martz/Green)

Well-proportioned dog of good type. Lovely eyes, nicely cushioned muzzle, well set ears, black nose, pleasing angulation with smooth outline.

BEST RUBY INSHOW, BEST RUBY DOG, AWARD OF MERIT #2

2. KELLENE WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING (Carter)

Quality male of fifteen months. Good size and pleasing angulation. Not so convincing in profile movement as winner.

3. **ROBINS NEST DEUCES ARE WILD** (Prodanovich)

Cheerful four year old male of good colour. A bit long in muzzle and not moving as well as those above.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN DOG (1)

1. SALTAYRE CABERNET AT COBRNIK (Cook)

Five year old male of good size and type. Pleasing outline, good tan markings, kept a level topline on the move.

BEST BLACK-and-TAN IN SHOW, BEST BLACK-and-TAN DOG

OPEN DOG (4)

1. CH BROOKHAVEN HERE COMES HOGAN, JW (Ayers/Martz/Green)

The quality and type of this three and a half year old Blenheim is outstanding. His head, eyes and balance of muzzle to skull are so impressive. His beautifully marked coat of the deepest tan is delightful and watching him moving with reach and drive keeping a level topline with perfect tail carriage ticks all the boxes. It was very easy for me to give him the top awards of WINNERS DOG, BEST IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, BEST BLENHEIM DOG.

2. **CH CHADWICK CODE BLACK** (McCarty/Eckersley)

Happy tricolour with lots of style. Pleasing size and type, enough white markings, attractive expression, reachy driving movement. <u>AWARD OF MERIT #1, BEST TRICOLOUR</u> IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOUR DOG

- 3. **ROCKCREEK MARK ME FIRST AT HIFLT, JW** (Parris/Parris/Steagall) Cobby Blenheim with pleasing outline, good spring of rib and balanced shape. A bit strong in skull and odd tail carriage.
- 4. **BELCARRA STRAIGHT SHOT REMINGTON OF BEARRIVER RANCH** (Toepfer) Very well marked Blenheim with pleasing neck and shoulders and attractive outline. Preferred the expressions of those above.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)

1. **CH BENCHMARK UP IN THE AIR OF ONTHEMARK** (Chan/Mitchell) Blenheim of eight years who was obviously very popular. Lovely size and type, nose pigment black, not many teeth left, but went well and deserved his prize.

BITCH CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (6)

1. **QUAIL RUN FREEDOM** (Kornhi)

Five and a half month Blenheim with lovely markings. Pleasing head and expression, lovely outline, very attractive shape of neck, smooth profile movement and good tail carriage.

2. CAMBRYCE MADEE BLACKMAGIC (Sherrin)

Heavily marked tricolour of good type. Pleasing topline. Stood four square, and I liked her head and eyes.

3. CLOBEAR RENAISSANCE SNOWANGEL (Wagonner/Mathies)

Pretty well marked Blenheim with delightfully waggy tail. Good size. A bit longer in coupling than those above.

4. SHADOWBROOK WISH UPON A STAR (Moody/Moody)

Six month old Blenheim, coat of a very good colour, pretty head, not quite so coordinated as those above on the move.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (6)

1. **IVYLINE POWDER PUFF** (Giampapa)

Gorgeous ten month Blenheim with excellent markings. Balanced outline, nice size, very good topline and tail carriage. Lovely coat texture, showing well and happily to take *BEST PUPPY BITCH and BEST PUPPY IN SHOW*.

2. TUDORR SONG OF ICE AND FIRE, JW (Mixon/Mixon)

Very cheerful one year old Blenheim who was really enjoying herself. Soundly constructed, good topline, lovely large dark round eyes and well set ears. Close decision.

3. NORDICTOUCH STARRY SKY AT KOTATI (Misi)

Pretty well marked Blenheim with lozenge spot. Lovely eyes and well set ears, but not so coordinated as those above on the move.

4. **ONTHEMARK HAPPY ENOUGH** (Chan/Mitchell)

Very feminine cosmetically pleasing Blenheim of ten months. Lovely face markings and lozenge spot, but lost her topline on the move.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (6)

1. BENTWOOD FOREST CREEK DIAMOND AND SILK (Cline)

Blenheim of fourteen months. Well marked, in good coat, nice size, smooth outline, short coupled with good tail carriage, Lovely head and expression.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH

2. **ASTARRING ALL THE CATS MEOW** (Foster/Mohn)

Lovely type of bitch with well-broken markings. Good body shape, waggy tail, very pleasing round dark eyes. *AWARD OF MERIT #1*

3. **CHADWICK IN MY OPINION, JW** (Eckersley)

Eighteen month old Blenheim who was slightly larger and longer. Good spring of rib, pleasing round dark eyes of good size, long well set ears.

4. PARLETT GOSSIP GIRL (Williams/Williams)

Seventeen month old Blenheim of generally good type, short coupled, not much animation, but the sort that might breed something nice.

NOVICE BITCH (2)

1. LILYCROFT QUEEN ANNES REVENGE (Karcher/Karcher)

One year old Black-and-Tan who really started to enjoy herself. Nice angulation, pleasing round dark eyes, still immature, but the makings of a nice bitch.

2. **ROBIN'S NEST LIFE IS A HIGHWAY** (Prodanovich)

Short coupled Black-and-Tan with good tan markings. Pleasing eyes and expression. A close decision between these two, but the winner scored in confidence.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (1)

1. FORESTCREEK FANTASY GIRL, JW (Cline/Cline)

Glamourous Blenheim of lovely type. Lozenge spot. A lot of well marked coat of very good colour and texture. Very pleasing head type, excellent eyes, nicely balanced muzzle. Very well presented and handled.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

 $1. \ \ BLACKFIRE\ NEVERTHELESS\ SHE\ PERSISTED\ \ (Weidig/Kennedy/McLaughlin)$

Sixteen month old Black-and-Tan with lots of quality. Coat of lovely texture, very pleasing head and eyes, very long ears, delightful slashing tail. Nicesize.

BEST BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (5)

1. **PARLETT PINKY PROMISE, JW** (Williams/Williams)

Pretty, well broken Blenheim with lozenge spot. Lovely shape and size, good spring of rib, pleasing eyes and expression, not much animation standing, but did enough in profile movement to win this class and an *AWARD OF MERIT* #2.

2. **MAYFIELD MISS WINNIE**, JW (Lunbeck/Mayfield)

Well marked Blenheim, another with the lozenge spot. Good topline and tail carriage, lovely eyes, showed well, but I preferred the more feminine type of winner.

3. **DELSOL LOVE IN AN ELEVATOR, JW** (McHenry)

Blenheim of excellent colour, another with a lozenge spot, soundly made, balanced outline, decent mover, one size up from those above.

4. SHERRAH ALL DRESSED UP (Crommett)

Good type of Blenheim with long ears and dark round eyes. Lightly marked. Not so self-assured as those above.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (7)

1. CAN CH BONITOS CAMPANEROS TOFFEE (Magera/Mitchell)

The more I looked at this bitch the more she appealed. Overall she has a glamour and style. She moves with reach and drive, has a bright happy expression, pleasing neck and topline and outline and she never stopped showing.

2. **BUTTERFIELD PINK CADILLAC** (Sparks/Sparks)

Soundly made Blenheim with well-broken markings. Lozenge spot. Preferred the reachy driving movement and animation of the winner.

3. ASTARRING EVERY SAILORS DREAM (Foster/Mohn)

Cobby Four square Blenheim with good topline. Very large round dark eyes, long well set ears, preferred the more feminine type of those above.

4. **BROOKHAVEN ARIZONA** (Ayers/Martz)

Two year old Blenheim of lovely colour. Pleasing expression, very good spring of rib, appeared a little long and not projecting today.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR BITCH (4)

1. COVINGTON SASSENACH (Mohn/Mohn)

Well made three year old bitch. Good topline and tail carriage. Nice expression, long well set ears, balanced outline, good spring of rib. Moved well enough to be **BEST TRICOLOUR BITCH**.

2. **QUAIL RUN ONSTRIKE** (Frater/Kornhi)

Bitch of good size with better white markings. Nice neck and shoulders. Not moving so well behind, and I preferred the winner's expression.

3. STARMARC SHOWBOAT (Hooper)

Three year old bitch with good eyes and very long ears. Not so feminine as those above.

4. **DELSOLADORED**

Two year old bitch with good topline. And well sprung ribs. Dark round eyes, stronger in head, and not a scissor bite.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (1)

1. ROBIN'S NEST AUDREY HEPBURN (Prodanovich)

Attractive bitch of good size. Pleasing topline and expression, bright tan markings.

OPEN BITCH (4)

1. **CHADWICK DRAMA** (Hoehn/Eckersley)

Gorgeous feminine bitch of lovely size and type. Very pleasing head and expression, wonderful eyes, most satisfying profile standing and moving, super topline and tail carriage, impressive movement in all directions.

RESERVE BEST INSHOW, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, WINNERS BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH

2. **IVYLINE JUST LIKE SUGAR** (Giampapa)

Well made Blenheim of excellent colour. Pleasing outline, good shape but not quite so feminine as winner.

3. LINRICA MIGNIN MOCHI, JW (Liu)

Lively Blenheim with large round dark eyes. Well set ears of good length. Tail a bit high.

4. **BENCHMARK SHAMELESS** (Chan/Mitchell)

Tricolour with nice soft expression. Really happy and showing well. Larger and longer than those above.