

## **CAVALIERS OF THE NORTHEAST**

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Many thanks to the CNE for inviting me to officiate at this lovely show. I was delighted with the entry that awaited me and found plenty of dogs worthy of the top awards. As always presentation was fabulous and unlike previous years I found very few wrong mouths and only a handful of unacceptable tails. I was a little disappointed that the entry was so dominated by Blenheims, but it was nice to see that there was quality in the few exhibits of other colours that were present. Movement was certainly sound enough throughout the entry, but I was rather disappointed to see so many moving away very close and coming towards rather untidily, in fact overall, I found only a few exhibits who really did move totally accurately in all directions. Eyes were beautiful in many of the exhibits, pigment was good and temperaments were without exception friendly (both dogs and owners!). I had a wonderful trip and thank all the exhibitors for making the effort to show their beautiful dogs under me and accepting the results so sportingly. Thank you, too, to the CNE for their first class hospitality and organization. I really enjoyed my time with you.

#### **JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (4)**

1. **DREAMVALE DEVIL WITHOUT A CAUSE** (Perini/Sage)  
8 month well marked Blenheim who was an easy winner here. Gorgeous head with plenty of cushioning to muzzle and beneath his lovely eyes. Good mouth, dense pigment and high set ears used well. Great little mover, accurate coming and going, maintaining a level top line and correct tail carriage at all times. Soundly made with good reach of neck, well angulated fore and aft with body developing as you'd expect at this age. Really lovely type that should mature very well.
2. **FOXWYN MILES STANDISH** (Baker Fox)  
Slightly larger than 1 with a nice head type that should finish well. Nice dark eyes and long ears frame his face well. Good reach of neck, firm top line, good depth of chest and plenty of substance. Moved freely and happily. Looks a little long at present.
3. **FIELDSEGE IT'S A SMALL WORLD** (Slusher)  
Just 6 months old, this beautifully marked Blenheim was a little apprehensive, but moved well once he relaxed. Lovely masculine head with nice eyes. Nice shape and size with good neck and shoulders and the start of a quality coat.
4. **NEBYULA DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC** (Birbeck)  
Smaller, very well marked Blenheim, complete with lozenge. Nice size and shape, head will need some time, and top line needs to settle.

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

1. **KELLENE BACKSEAT BOY** (Carter)

This 11 month old tri did not make an immediate impact, but the more I looked the more I liked! So soundly constructed with ample neck, slightly crested and leading to well laid shoulders, straight front, well sprung ribs, spirit level top line and well muscled, well angulated rear. Loved his head qualities with dark round eyes, correct length of muzzle, nicely tapered and well cushioned, beautiful long ears set high and falling perfectly to frame his head and enhance his super expression. It was when he started to move that he really caught my eye, proudly striding around the ring with his head held high and ever wagging tail carried straight off his back. A little heavier marked that I prefer and was not always handled to an advantage but his quality was obvious. He had a super, happy temperament and continued to impress me throughout the day. **BEST PUPPY DOG, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOUR IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOUR DOG**

2. **CHADWICK ACE OF SPADES** (Eckersley)

It was lovely to find not one, but two super tri puppies in this class. This one had the edge in showmanship and was always stood to an advantage, eyes fixed on his handler and tail wagging happily! Super markings and plenty of silky coat. Great reach of neck, gently crested and leading to well laid shoulders, attractive size and shape, short loin, good angulation and presented in perfect condition. Correct head shape with really expressive eyes and well tapered muzzle. Moved very well, just felt #1 had the edge in top line and rear action on the day.

3. **ALMEARA I BELIEVE** (Parente)

Masculine Blenheim who was another very good mover holding a firm outline and carrying his tail perfectly as he circled the ring. His head needs some time and he didn't have the coat of those ahead of him, but what he did have was well broken, richly marked and of the correct texture. Nicely constructed with lovely reach of neck, well sprung ribs, short loin and well turned stifles. Lovely temperament.

4. **CHADWICK CODE BLACK** (McCarty/Eckersley)

Heavier marked tri, quite mature for his 11 months. Nice size and shape with nice head type and kind eyes. Shown in lovely condition, his top line and tail carriage let him down on the move.

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

1. **CHADWICK TELLTALE AUTHOR, JW** (Eckersley)

Heavily marked small Blenheim who I'd like just a touch shorter in body. Very sweet head with dark eyes and pigment, short well cushioned muzzle and long correctly set ears. Good reach of neck, well laid shoulders, super top line and nice sweep of stifle. As always, from this exhibitor, a very sound moving dog, covering the ground effortlessly.

### **NOVICE DOG (2)**

1. **NIGHTINGALE TATOO** (Mulligan)

Nice little tri youngster who was lacking a little in coat, but overall presented a nice picture and well balanced outline. Pretty head with correct length of muzzle, shallow stop, kind eyes and lovely ear set and carriage. Small but with good bone, well sprung ribs, good top line and tail set, moved out with super drive from the rear. Could just tighten up a little in front.

2. **CRISTAL'S TROOPER ANGEL** (Solino)

19 month old beautifully marked Blenheim carrying a beautifully presented coat. Taller than #1, but well balanced and all in proportion. Correctly shaped head with dense pigment, dark eyes and long ears set high and used well. Sound mover holding his top line and tail correctly. Very happy boy.

**BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (2)**

1. **CH FORESTCREEK DOUBLE O SEVEN, JW** (Cline)

Mature well marked Blenheim with gorgeous head and beautiful large dark eyes giving such a soft expression. Nice size and well balanced shape with good reach of neck, good angulation, fore and aft, well sprung ribs, good bone and lovely well cushioned feet. Moved very well with a free, effortless gait, just a tad close going away in the final selection for Winners Dog.

2. **CH LINRICA MILAN, JW** (Liu)

More compact 18 month Blenheim with a really crisply marked, perfectly presented coat. No denying his quality and pushed #1 all the way, just slightly preferred the expression of #1, and would like a little more reach of neck. He has a lovely head shape with well tapered muzzle, shallow stop, almost flat skull and long ears. Neat little outline and a super size, moved very soundly holding a level top line at all times.

**JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)**

1. **KELLENE HIT THE ROAD JACK** (Marshall)

Flashily marked litter brother to my BP and built on similar lines. Very sweet head that should finish well with correct length of muzzle, plenty of fill under eyes and a gentle, typical expression. Compact body with good bone and substance, level top line, moderate reach of neck, super spring of rib and correct depth of chest. Moved well, just a little close going away, but accurate coming towards and holding himself well in profile. Nice type.

**AMERICAN BRED DOG (4)**

1. **CHADWICK SHOOTING UPWARDS** (McCarty/Eckersley)

18 month attractively marked Blenheim in super coat who was an easy winner. Still has some maturing to do, but is well constructed with good angulation, moderate reach of neck and lovely top line and tail set. His head is unexaggerated with gorgeous eyes, well tapered muzzle, shallow stop, long ears and such a soft expression. Moved well looking especially good in profile, just a touch close behind. Lovely temperament.

2. **HIDDENCREEK ONE SHOT OF PATRON** (Weinstein/Green)

This little richly marked Blenheim was a bit of a handful and tended to pant a lot, which affected his expression, but he won this place on his body and very good movement, accurate in all directions and holding his top line and tail correctly. His head has plenty of cushioning and nice dark eyes. I liked the smaller size of this boy.

3. **FIELDSAGE AVOGADROS NUMBER** (Slusher/Slusher)

Immature Blenheim who will need a lot of time, but he does have a lovely shape, is a nice size and is very nicely marked. He has attractive head qualities, not overdone in any way, beautiful eyes, correct length of muzzle which is nicely cushioned and well tapered, almost flat top skull and high set ears. Smart action on the move, just a little proud of his tail at times.

4. **TASSAJARA STOLI** (Meager)

Sweet headed Blenheim similar in size to #3, a little pale in colour. Pretty boy with dense pigment, dark eyes and a soft expression, would like a stronger under jaw. Moved freely with tail carried a little high. Needs a little more weight.

**SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (6)**

1. **ALMEARA EXTRA EXTRAORDINARY, JW** (Whitmire)

This 2 year old Blenheim has matured beautifully since I last judged him as a puppy. Great size, small, but with plenty of substance, correct length of leg, good reach of neck and spirit level top line all giving a really attractive, well balanced outline both standing and on the move. Masculine head, with the most gentle expression, wonderful large dark eyes, short plush muzzle, moderate stop, great pigment and neatly finished lips. He had just enough richly marked coat to enhance his outline and even had the desired lozenge. He moved out with purpose and style circling the ring effortlessly whilst maintaining a graceful, firm outline. His typical cavalier attitude was obvious and he showed his socks off whenever he was in the ring. ***RESERVE WINNERS DOG***

2. **DREAMVALE FOLLOW ALL MY MOVES** (Perini/Sage)

Very close up to #1. This boy was so glamorous and couldn't fail to catch my eye. Another beautiful headpiece, not overdone and perfectly proportioned with neatly finished muzzle, gorgeous large dark eyes with plenty of fill beneath, long well feathered ears which he used perfectly to enhance his expression. Really nicely balanced outline with moderate reach of neck, good angulation in front and behind, good depth of chest and spring of rib, firm top line and parallel rear. Moved with style and accuracy, just a shame his tail carriage wasn't better. Nevertheless a dog of super quality, who will no doubt have many admirers, shown in fabulous condition and handled to an advantage.

3. **AVIA MAKE IT WORK** (Poti)

This 3 year old Blenheim is a lovely size and neat shape, but really wasn't making the most of himself in the class. Nicely marked and rich in colour with just enough coat to enhance his outline. Correctly shaped head with dark pigment, eyes could be a touch darker. Correct length of leg with good bone, nice spring of rib, level top line and correctly set tail. Moved well especially in profile, well handled.

4. **BLACKFIRE EXIT POLL** (Weidig/Kennedy)

Attractively marked Blenheim who is a little taller than I prefer, but his sound movement won him this place. Well cushioned face with correct length of muzzle and alert expression, pigment just a little off. Lovely temperament and sympathetically handled.

**SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (1)**

1. **HARANA HUEY LEWIS** (Gentil)

Richly coloured 17 month old with a particularly attractive outline in profile with lovely balance from his moderate reach of neck, short level back, good depth of chest, correct length of leg and well angulated rear. Small, but with good bone, well cushioned feet and in lovely condition. Masculine head with plenty of cushioning, dark eyes, which could be a little larger, dense pigments, high set ears and good dentition, just a little stronger in head than I prefer. Moved freely, just needs a little more confidence.

**SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN DOG (1)**

1. **JOLLY JOUET DU JARDIN DE CLAIRE OF SUMARA** (Gentil)

Smart little lad of a really nice size and shape. His raven black coat contrasts beautifully with his bright tan markings. Well constructed throughout with super top line, good spring of rib, short loin and good rear angulation, which allowed for lovely driving movement with good reach in front. Pretty head with dark eyes, short well cushioned muzzle, good mouth and neatly finished lips. Was panting rather a lot which spoilt his expression.

**BEST BLACK-AND-TAN DOG.**

**OPEN DOG (8)**

“What a super class full of top quality exhibits, who no doubt will all change places on a different day. Without doubt the best class of the day.”

1. **CH VALENTYNE THE IRISH TENOR, JW** (O’Brien)

This perfectly marked Blenheim, for me, is everything I look for in a toy spaniel. Small and compact, but with correct bone and substance, pretty, but obviously a boy and carrying just enough silky, gleaming coat to enhance his appearance. Lovely to go over with gently arched neck, lovely front assembly, perfect top line, short loin and well-angulated, nicely muscled rear. His gorgeous head has lovely dark, limpid eyes, shallow stop, short plush muzzle, plenty of fill beneath his eyes and ears set and carried perfectly to frame his face and enhance his gentle expression. On the move, he was totally accurate and was one of the best coming and going on the day with many others rather close behind. In profile he covers the ground with ease holding his top line firm and tail perfectly behind him. I had previously judged him as a young puppy and saw his potential even then, 18 months on, and I was delighted to have the chance to see how he’d matured and was not disappointed! **WINNERS DOG, BEST IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM DOG**

2. **CHADWICK JET SETTER AT HUDSONVIEW, JW** (Glynn/Glynn)  
Another whom I'd judged as a puppy, and boy! has he matured beautifully! His head is delightful, moderate and correctly set out with beautiful full ears, large dark eyes, well tapered muzzle and just the softest expression you could wish for. Eye-catching outline with good neck and shoulders, perfect top line, good sweep of stifle and parallel rear. In full coat, shown in glorious condition and handled to an advantage. Moved well, just a little close going away.
3. **CH NIGHTINGALE DIORCHAVON BABY ITS YOU, JW** (Bialek)  
Yet another quality Blenheim shown in full bloom, Masculine, unexaggerated head type with correct length of muzzle, nicely tapered and finished, shallow stop and large dark eyes. Sound construction throughout and an attractive, nicely balanced outline. Super free flowing action on the move and a lovely attitude in the ring.
4. **CH FORESTCREEK HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL, JW** (Gregory/Cline)  
There was no shame standing 4<sup>th</sup> here. Lovely, small, sweet Blenheim with such a pretty head, soft expression and lovely large dark eyes. Small, compact frame, but could do with carrying just a little more weight. His silky coat is heavier marked, but a lovely rich colour. Moved smartly.

#### **SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)**

1. **WELMFORTH SHOOTING STAR** (Lasser)  
Very lively 7 year old Blenheim with dark round eyes, decent enough pigment, long high set ears and alert expression. Good reach of neck, level top line, good turn of stifle and moderate bone. Sound on the move with a really sporting attitude.

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

1. **NIGHTINGALE FIREBALL** (Mulligan)  
The baby of the class at just 5 months old, this well marked Blenheim made a wonderful account of herself for one so young and excelled in profile movement. Very pretty, feminine head with gorgeous expression, dark lustrous eyes, shallow stop, clear, even blaze and high set ears. Small, compact frame with lovely bone and substance, great spring of rib, short loin, level top line and correctly set tail. Full of beans and showing her little heart out, moving with great style and accuracy with top line held firm and tail carried perfectly at all times. Loved her typical, happy, outgoing temperament which clinched her this place and later **BEST PUPPY BITCH**
2. **BONITOS COMPANEROS XAVIERA OF WELMFORTH** (Lasser)  
Another nice baby of a lovely type and very sound throughout. Ample reach of neck, good spring of rib and depth of chest, tail set a little low, but carried correctly. Nice head qualities with dark round eyes, well cushioned muzzle and gentle expression. Not as outgoing as #1, but plenty to like.
3. **LINRICA IRIS BLEU** (Hsiung/Liu)

Very compact, ultra showy Blenheim who moved very smartly. Sweet, feminine head with super eyes and nicely tapered muzzle. Good depth of chest and ribbing, short loin, shoulders could be better and would like a little more length to neck.

4. **KALAIS AVAST YE** (Hess)

Very raw Black-and-Tan that will take a while to come into her own, but her sound movement won her this place. Small and compact with good tail set and carriage. Sweet head and expression and such a happy little person.

**SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (5)**

1. **CHADWICK SECRET CODE** (Eckersley)

Beautifully marked 11 month old Blenheim of obvious quality. Attractive head properties with dense pigment, large dark eyes, good muzzle length with ample fill, shallow stop. High set ears frame her face and enhance her soulful expression. Lovely neck and shoulder, level top line and correctly set tail. Moderate bone, well cushioned feet, well angulated rear and carrying a good body for her age. Moved very well, especially in profile.

2. **FOXWYN CHARMED IM SURE** (Baker-Fox)

Quite similar to #1 in head and shape, just a fraction taller and a little lighter marked. Equally good on the move and soundly made. Lovely head and super expression with good ear set and dark eyes. Will only improve with maturity.

3. **SHERAH BEST DRESSED** (Crommett)

Nice size tri in plenty of lovely silky coat, tail just a little low set. Correctly shaped head with dark eyes, just showing a little white in one, bright tan markings and good pigment. Moved freely.

4. **FOXWYN IN THE RIBBONS** (Baker-Fox)

Well marked Blenheim, another of a nice type from this kennel. Very sweet head and expression, nice size and good shape, just not as mature as those ahead at the moment. Moved happily.

**GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (1)**

1. **LINRICA ROSE PETALS** (Liu)

This richly coloured Blenheim stood alone, but was a worthy winner. Correct size, compact body, just fell away a little at the croup. In super condition, moderate bone, good spring of rib, short loin and level top line. Very pretty, unexaggerated head with neat, well-tapered muzzle, shallow stop and pretty eyes. Accurate on the move coming and going and displaying good reach and drive going around.

**NOVICE BITCH (5)**

1. **BONITOS COMPANEROS JOSEPHINE OF WELMFORTH** (Lasser)

This well marked Blenheim nearing 2 years old was an easy choice here. Still raw for her age but was the best for type and shape. Square, well balanced outline with enough neck, level top line and correct tail set. Very pretty, feminine head with super eyes and expression. Best mover in the class and good attitude in the ring.

2. **KELLENE QUEEN BEE** (Marshall)

Black-and-Tan who won on movement. Didn't have the soft expression I was looking for, but her eyes are round and muzzle is the correct length. Fabulous neck and shoulders, good top line and tail set both standing and on the move, compact frame and super raven black coat with bright tan highlights. Moved with plenty of reach and drive.

3. **KALAIS NUTTIN' BUT LOVE** (Hess)

7 month tri who really looked like a baby in this class. Soundly made and attractively marked with a very sweet face and lovely expressive eyes. Small, compact and a smart little mover. Lovely, happy outlook.

4. **CARLEN AMBER MARSALA SPICE** (Close)

Larger type of Blenheim who is very soundly made and this was reflected in her effortless movement. Lovely markings complete with lozenge and plenty of silky coat. Nice unexaggerated head type, just too much of her.

### **BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (2)**

1. **LINRICA KISSED BY AN ANGEL** (Liu)

Quality Blenheim who still needs time to mature fully in body and get her full coat but is a super shape and size with good reach of neck, level top line and short loin. She has such a pretty, feminine face with large round eyes, shallow stop, dense pigment, well-tapered muzzle and enough cushioning. Moved very well in all directions with a sound, positive gait. As with all from this exhibitor was presented in fabulous condition and handled to an advantage.

2. **HOLLYTREE LOLLIPOP** (Seymour)

Well marked Blenheim of a similar size to #1. Only 15 months old and not in her best coat yet, but is a lovely happy girl who moved freely, good reach of neck and level top line, just falling away a little behind. Pretty face with dark round eyes and high set ears used well.

### **JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (2)**

1. **CHADWICK OH LA LA** (Eckersley/Greak/Comer)

I really liked this beautiful 15 month old Blenheim. Her outline is so well balanced, small with good substance, moderate bone, well sprung ribs, adequate neck and good front and rear angulation. Loved her pretty head with large dark eyes, plush muzzle, dense pigment, correct dentition and well-feathered ears framing her face and accentuating her gentle expression. Held her top line level and carried her tail perfectly off her back as she moved around the ring. I shortlisted her to the final few for winners bitch and was so disappointed when she took a dislike to something in the ring and became unwilling to move throwing away her chance at higher awards, of which she would have been a strong contender. I hope she was



just having a bad day as she has such lovely type and sound conformation and certainly deserves to carry her title.

2. **DIORCHAVON PS I LOVE YOU** (Bialek)

Another nice Blenheim, just a little narrower in body than #1 and less mature, but has a nice outline in profile with attractive markings complete with perfect lozenge. A little shorter in muzzle with stronger under-jaw, lovely round dark eyes and correctly set ears. Moved happily, but not the reach and drive of #1.

### **AMERICAN BRED BITCH (5)**

1. **PIAFFE IN THE TULIPS** (Rychlik)

Beautifully marked Blenheim of lovely type with very happy outgoing attitude. Prettiest of heads with plenty of cushioning, gorgeous large dark eyes, long high set ears with good width between, nose pigment could have been a little darker. Very nicely constructed with ample reach of neck, very nice shoulder placement, level top line, well sprung ribs, good depth of chest, well angulated rear and correctly set tail. In good coat and condition, moving very soundly around the ring.

2. **KISSABELLA ARABELLA** (Bronowicka/Carter)

Very confident, heavier marked Blenheim. Neat shape and nice size and every inch the showgirl. Her super long, well feathered ears frame her feminine head which could do with a touch more fill to muzzle. Good reach of neck, well laid shoulders, super top line, well sprung ribs and short loin. Covered the ground effortlessly as she circled the ring, holding her outline firm. Preferred the eyes of #1.

3. **FIELDSEGE MISS GOTWALS** (Slusher/Slusher)

18 month old Blenheim with a beautifully marked coat, just as described in the standard with a pearly white background and well broken markings. Was the youngest in the class, which was obvious as she still has a little more maturing to do and coat to grow, but is a nice neat shape with good angulation, level top line and well sprung ribs. Front could be straighter and eyes could be a little larger, but she has a pretty, unexaggerated head and alert expression.

4. **KELLENE COPACABANA** (Marshall)

Larger, heavier Blenheim bitch who has good front and rear angulation, which she put to good use on the move, striding out with super reach and drive, which won her this place.

### **HEALTH & CONFORMATION BITCH (1)**

1. **CLOPSVILLE SANTA ANA** ((Rychlik)

6 ½ year Blenheim who looked a picture moving in profile around the ring. Small and compact with good bone and substance and a nicely marked coat. Very soundly made all through which was reflected in her sound action, holding her top line and tail perfectly, just a little wide coming towards. Her head is ultra feminine and so pretty with some of the best eyes of the day, plenty of cushioning, just a touch short in muzzle.

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

### **1. LINRICA MIGNON MOCHI, JW (Liu)**

I really liked this heavily marked young Blenheim who, although wasn't in her best coat, had nothing to hide. Loved her smart, elegant outline with gently crested neck, perfect top line, good chest and ribs, lovely front and rear angles, moderate bone and nicely cushioned feet. Her head is well-proportioned and free from exaggeration, with fabulous large dark eyes and long high set ears all set around a perfect blaze with correct length of muzzle, good mouth and endearing expression. She moved accurately in all directions with plenty of reach and drive never putting a foot wrong. A quality exhibit whom I shortlisted for higher awards and seriously considered, but she just lacked a little finish compared to my final winners. She would be unlucky not to gain her title. **BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH.**

### **2. CHANTISMERE CARRIEANNA (Tibbetts)**

A more mature and better coated Blenheim, but couldn't match the top line and tail of #1. Lovely head type, pretty with well-feathered ears, nicely tapered muzzle with adequate cushioning and pretty, round eyes. Good bone and body with well sprung ribs, straight front and parallel rear. In lovely silky coat presented perfectly. Preferred the more elegant profile of #1.

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

### **1. KELLENE LADY OF THE LAKE (Marshall)**

Heavily marked and not in the best coat, but has a well balanced shape with correct length of leg, superb top line and tail, good reach of neck and good angulation fore and aft. Correctly shaped head with dark round eyes, bright tan highlights and lovely expression. Very soundly made, which was obvious when she moved striding out with plenty of reach and drive maintaining a level top line and correctly carried tail at all times.

### **2. SHERAH SOPHIA LOREN (Crommett)**

More glamorous exhibit and better marked coat, but couldn't match the sound construction and movement of #1. Very pretty headpiece with super ears. Nice small size.

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

### **1. AVIA CORAL (Poti)**

This richly coloured ruby looked a picture standing, but unfortunately didn't hold her outline on the move, roaching her top line a little and falling away behind. Lovely size, ultra feminine, and in just enough quality coat to enhance her outline. Attractive head with large dark eyes, which could just do with a little more fill beneath, dense pigment and beautiful, correctly set ears, used well to frame her face. **BEST RUBY BITCH**

### **2. INFINIDAD CHOCOLATE BOX (Laliberte)**

Another richly coloured ruby, but I found her head far too extreme with very short muzzle, deep stop and large eyes that could be a touch darker. Good reach of neck and lay of shoulder, good body just a bit longer than ideal. Moved very freely, but tail carriage could be better.

### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (4)**

1. **ROSEARBOR BIJOU** (Eckersley)

This beautiful Black-and-Tan was right up my street! Easily had the best head in the class with large soulful eyes and ample fill beneath, correct length of plush muzzle, almost flat skull with high set well-used ears and clear bright tans enhancing her expression. Beautifully made throughout with good reach of neck, gently crested and leading to a good front assembly, good depth of chest, spring of rib, firm top line and super rear angulation. Maybe could be just a fraction more compact, nevertheless she presents a really nicely balanced, attractive outline and is in gleaming condition with just enough substance and raven black coat to enhance her shape. Moved with style and grace, covering the ground effortlessly looking a picture going around the ring. Still only young and I'm sure the best is yet to come but she pulled out all the stops in the challenge to take RWB in lovely company. **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, BEST BLACK-and-TAN IN SHOW, BEST BLACK-and-TAN BITCH**

2. **HARANA NENEH CHERRY** (Gentil)

Another very nice quality Black-and-Tan, again a lovely size and neat shape with an eye-catching outline. Pretty, well cushioned head, but not quite as soft an expression as #1. Super angulation, correct length of leg, good reach of neck and level top line. Her coat was beautifully presented with lovely bright tans.

3. **KALAIS ONE DAY MORE** (Hess)

Slightly larger girl with lovely happy outlook. Good neck and shoulders, level top line and well turned stifles, moved a little close behind and tail carriage was too high.

4. **CARLEN FIRST PICT SANGIOVESE** (Close)

Larger type and not as feminine in head as the others, but her shape is well balanced with correct length of leg and back, short coupled and well sprung ribs. Moved soundly.

### **OPEN BITCH (3)**

1. **CH FOXWYN A LIKELY STORY** (Greak/Comer/Baker-Fox)

This little Blenheim caught my eye the moment she entered the ring. Such a neat shape, small yet with good bone and substance, heavier marked but rich in colour and carrying a lovely silky coat. Standing she presents the typical, correctly balanced outline I was looking for, from her crested neck, level top line, well angulated rear and correctly set, ever wagging tail. So nicely constructed with everything exactly where it should be, and flowing perfectly from head to tail. Her head is practically perfection with nothing exaggerated, enough cushioning to her muzzle, neatly finished lips, correct mouth, shallow stop, gorgeous large dark eyes, almost flat skull with long, well furnished ears set high and well apart falling forward perfectly to frame her beautiful face and enhance her soft, typical expression. She moved like a train, never faltering and always holding her head high and top line perfectly. Her typical cavalier attitude was plain to see and her eagerness to please was obvious. The more I saw her, the more I liked and after topping this quality class she returned to the challenge and could not be denied the top spot. A really beautiful example of the breed whom I thought matched the dog perfectly in the final challenge where she narrowly missed out on the top

spot. **WINNERS BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH.**

2. **CH TASSAJARA FORESTCREEK CRISTAL** (Cline)

Different in type, but another top quality bitch who has much to admire. Prettiest of heads with glorious eyes and a soulful expression, dense pigment, short plush muzzle and well feathered ears. Well-balanced outline with good neck and shoulders, straight front, good ribs and chest, short loin and good turn of stifle. Quality, silky coat which I'd like a little richer in colour. Moved soundly and accurately with a confident gait, just didn't have that 'look at me' attitude which I love. Nevertheless, a super exhibit whom I'm sure has many admirers.

3. **ILOO DITE DU JARDIN DE CLAIRE OF SUMARA, JW** (Gentil)

Small and compact Black-and-Tan, who was not disgraced in standing 3<sup>rd</sup> in this class. Well constructed throughout with good substance and bone for her size, good top line and correct angulation. Nicely shaped head with lovely dark eyes, short muzzle, bright tans and lovely long ears. Moved well in all directions, another that could have made more of herself.

**SENIOR OPEN BITCH (2)**

1. **CH PRIMA QUARTETT BLOODY MARY** (Bronowicka/Carter)

Quality tri hiding her 7 years very well and presented in fabulous coat and condition. Pretty, correctly shaped head with dark eyes and soft expression. Would like a little more neck, but she has lovely front and rear angulation, a level top line, short loin and good ribbing. Very feminine and ultra showy with a sound, happy gait on the move. **BEST TRICOLOUR BITCH**

2. **AVIA CAMELLIA** (Poti)

Another 7 year old, this one a Black-and-Tan whose wavy coat detracts from what is actually a nice little shape. Liked her head shape, but her eyes could be a touch darker. Nice bright tan markings and happy on the move.

**VETERAN DOG (1)**

1. **CH NIGHTINGALE HEAT WAVE, JW** (Mulligan)

Fabulous little Blenheim nearing 10 years old, who quite honestly was one of the best moving dogs I saw all day. Masculine head with the most beautiful dark eyes and densely pigmented rims, correct length of muzzle, shallow stop, high set ears, which he used perfectly, and a really lovely gentle expression. His sound construction was obvious and he was still in lovely condition with super body, muscle and coat for his age. He was a delight to watch moving, holding a spirit level top line and carrying his tail straight off his back. A real credit to his owners, and I'm not surprised to see he has a title before his name. **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**

**BRACE (1)**

1. **AVIA LOGO & AVIA CAMELLIA** (Poti)

Two very similar Black-and-Tans whose head properties matched very well, with round eyes and good cushioning to muzzle and face. Both had bright tan and were in plenty of coat. They moved in unison holding good top lines.