

## **CKCSC USA, PUPPY OF THE YEAR 2019**

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First of all, I must thank the committee for inviting me to judge this competition, it really was a great honour and an appointment that I won't forget! As always, in the USA a warm welcome awaited me and my time spent with everyone and their lovely dogs was wonderful. The show room and ring looked so pretty in the evening with fairy lights twinkling and beautiful rosettes ready to be won! I had about 25 cavaliers present with more of those being bitches and a vast majority over 17months. It was just a shame not to see more wholecolours in the entry.

The under 17 month dog group was won by **DIORCHAVON DOCTOR LOU ON CALL**. A very smart Blenheim with super outline in profile which he held perfectly as he moved effortlessly around the ring. He still has maturing to do but is an exciting prospect who should gain his title easily.

Next came the 17 – 21month age group where the Blenheim **CH ISLEPOSEA WALK ON FERRY, JW** impressed me most. There's more of him than I like, but he is a quality dog with beautiful head properties and a sound, flowing gait and was presented to perfection. I wasn't surprised to see a title before his name!

Finally, and ending up [BEST PUPPY DOG](#) was the winner of the over 21month age group Lander's **JAYBA JEAN PIERRE, JW**, another Blenheim. A lovely toy spaniel with such a sweet head, lovely dark eyes, plush muzzle and high set ears framing his face and enhancing his soulful expression. Lovely to go over with good angulation, firm topline and good spring if rib. Moved with a nice action, covering the ground easily and holding his outline well. Presented in full, richly marked coat and handled to an advantage. He tried his best, but he didn't have the extra sparkle of the bitch in the final challenge!

Next came the girls and winning the youngest age group was **CHADWICK FREQUENT FLYER AT HUDSONVIEW, JW**, a beautifully marked Blenheim with such a crisp outline which maintained both standing and moving. Her head is a delight with gorgeous eyes and plenty of cushioning to give a super expression. Smart little mover and undoubtedly a future champion.

The over 21month group was topped by a super tricolour **CH. CHADWICK RIOTOUS, JW** who ticked plenty of boxes for size, shape, type and movement. She has nice head qualities with a gentle expression and as always from this kennel presentation was flawless.

Winning the 17-21month bitch group, [BEST PUPPY BITCH](#), and eventually [PUPPY OF THE YEAR 2019](#) was Flowers Foster & Mohn's 20month Blenheim, **CH ASTARRING ALL THE CATS MEOW, JW**. When she walked into the ring my heart melted and I just wanted to look into those beautiful eyes all night! Just right for size and shape, beautifully balanced outline with lovely neck and shoulders, good spring of rib, well-turned stifles and just enough substance. Her silky, well broken coat was groomed without a hair out of place and she moved with purpose, head held high and topline firm with tail carried correctly at all times. With that said, it was her head that I couldn't resist! Evenly marked with quite fabulous eyes both for colour and size, short well filled muzzle finished neatly, plenty of fill beneath her eyes and high set, long ears used perfectly to enhance her gentle expression. A quality toy spaniel who would be hard to ignore in any company.