

**CAVALIERS OF THE SOUTH
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Thank you to the Cavaliers of the South for inviting me to judge the April 2017 annual show in Atlanta, Georgia. A great deal of effort goes into a specialty show. I truly appreciate the club members' many hours before, during, and after to give us a seamless and enjoyable experience. Thanks to every COS member who stewarded on Saturday. Stewarding is tiring work and splits your attention between show mechanics and show presentation. The stewards I worked with maintained a pleasant demeanor and kept the show running smoothly all day. Thanks to COS for taking care of me throughout the weekend, including getting me a cake for my birthday judging assignment! And finally, thanks especially to the exhibitors. I have always been impressed with the sporting attitude of exhibitors at CKCSC, USA, shows, and this weekend was no different. Every exhibit was in show condition and the entry had depth of quality.

I started in Cavaliers over 20 years ago and I care deeply about maintaining the breed's type and soundness, both physical and mental. Throughout the day, I was looking for a moderate dog with gentle Cavalier expression, classic outline, in balance with himself, and of one piece both standing and moving. I was also looking for a dog exhibiting classic Cavalier character. Cavaliers are always to be "fearless and sporting . . . gentle and affectionate." I was very happy with the dogs rewarded this day. They are a credit to their breeders and owners, and to the dogs behind them.

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (5)

- 1. Brookhaven I'm a Believer** (Ayers/Martz)
Seven month old blenheim with lovely shape and type. Handsome moderate head, large dark eyes well pigmented. Cobby with correct proportion shoulder to elbow, elbow to ground. Short hocks, good tail set and carriage, silky straight coat texture.
- 2. Padamere Outsmarted** (Miller)
Slightly larger seven month old blenheim boy. Dark eyes, moderate head. Strong moving dog with good reach and drive.
- 3. Darane Happy Song** (Markijohn/Kates)
Smaller black-and-tan boy, eight months old. Appealing head and expression. Good outline standing, hocks well let down. Straight silky coat texture.
- 4. Silvermae Huckleberry Finn at Tudorose** (Lazar/Mixon)
Eight month old blenheim boy. Moderate headpiece. Good reach and drive. I enjoyed watching him move from across the ring.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (3)

- 1. Chadwick Telltale Author** (Eckersley)
Handsome young blenheim man. Masculine head, well cushioned, and large, dark eyes which gave him a pleasing expression. Good prosterum, well-sprung ribs, hard level topline. Strong mover with very good drive and tail carried right off his back. True coming and going.
BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY DOG

2. **Almeara I Believe** (Parente)
Another big moving blenheim boy. Large dark eyes frontally placed on moderate headpiece. Very pleasing sidegait, moving with reach and drive. Scopey puppy growing into himself.
3. **Huntland Honour** (Land/Land)
Smaller, pretty boy. Lovely eyes and soft expression. Good pigment and coat.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)

1. **Harana Gypsy King** (Gentil)
Well-made, balanced young dog with good angulation front and rear. Smooth sidegait with reach and drive. Nice, large round eyes, well-cushioned muzzle. Well off for coat.

NOVICE DOG (1)

1. **Georjuli Triple Crown** (Glasgow)
Tri dog, with pleasing head. Large round eyes. Good shape and proportion. Strong drive off well-muscled hind quarter. Beautiful straight coat which is so desirable in a tri dog.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (5)

1. **Ch Tudorr Rhythm N Blues, JW** (Mixon)
“This dog took my eye the moment he came in the ring, even in his strong class.”
Moderate in every respect. Captivating, classic Cavalier headpiece with no exaggeration. Correct proportions of skull with each piece transitioning smoothly into the next, largest darkest frontally placed eyes and slight fill underneath. Lovely crest of neck transitioning into well laid shoulders, well-sprung ribs, short loin, and well-developed hind-quarters. He was balanced with good reach and drive creating a lovely side gait. Well-muscled, correct weight, with silky, straight coat in full bloom, rich red color and black pigment. I was happy to give him RWD, RBIS in a quality-filled dog entry. **RESERVE WINNERS DOG, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**
2. **Ch Forestcreek Double O Seven, JW** (Cline)
Cobby, smaller dog with very good bone and handsome headpiece. Big round eyes frontally placed and generous cushioning. Good reach of neck leading to well-laid shoulders, good prosternum and well-sprung ribs.
3. **Ch Mimric American Hearthrob** (Bolster/Hodges)
Slightly larger blenheim dog well balanced with a beautiful outline. Correct proportion of leg and length. Hard topline which he held at all times. Well laid shoulders. Well deserving of his title.
4. **Cambridge Rutledge** (Magera/Mitchell)
Small cobby black-and-tan dog. Lovely head with large eyes and soft expression. Balanced movement. Presented in beautiful condition.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

1. **Clarmarian Heir Apparent** (Young May)
Larger cast young blenheim dog. Masculine head with dark eyes frontally placed. Balanced with correct shape. Lovely neck. Hard topline. Moves with reach and drive.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (4)

1. **Brookhaven The Dream Lives on at Finnickyskye** (Utych/Utych)
I really enjoyed judging this typey little blenheim dog. Beautiful headpiece. Soft head with limpid expression. Good prosternum and spring of rib. Short coupled with short hocks. Well muscled. Balanced and correct proportion standing and on the move. A lot of dog in a small package.
2. **Tudorose Charlie Bit My Finger** (Mixon)
Another compact blenheim dog presented beautifully. Pretty head, silky straight coat.
3. **Hiddencreek One Shot of Patron** (Weinstein/Green)
Blenheim dog with good type in head and outline. Good side gait and showing well.
4. **Oggbrae Don Ottavio** (Bales/Bales)
Larger blenheim boy who knows his job in the ring! Handsome head with lovely soft expression. Good front assembly.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (2)

1. **Almeara Extra Extraordinary** (Whitmire)
Gorgeous cobby little blenheim dog. Moderate size, beautiful, classic headpiece with the biggest dark, round frontally-placed eyes with slight cushioning underneath, giving him a melting expression. A lot of dog under your hand for his moderate size. Exceptional front assembly on a Cavalier. Good prosternum and well-sprung ribs, hard topline, hocks well let down. Presented in impeccable physical condition, well muscled, and a good showman.
AWARD OF MERIT
2. **Woodsong Delta Blues** (Crancer)
Another lovely blenheim dog. Slightly larger with more masculine head. Big eyes. Nice outline--not too long and with correct amount of leg under him. Hard level topline which he held at all times. Both dogs in this class were presented in top condition in every respect, from coat to muscle to ring presence.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (2)

1. **Pascavale Dodger** (Jacks)
Cobby tri dog presented in beautiful condition. Pretty head and soft expression. Balanced movement, carrying tail off his back. Good depth of chest and well muscled.
2. **Canyoncrest To the Leader of the Band** (DuRoss)
3. Younger moderate tri dog, just coming together.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (2)

1. **Harana Huey Lewis** (Gentil)
Cobby dog with good bone. Handsome masculine headpiece. Big round eyes, well cushioned beneath. Moved with very nice reach and drive, holding his topline, tail off his back. Silky coat texture.
2. **St. Jon Professor Chaos** (Bird-Whitley/Wehking)

Sporty ruby boy. Very pretty dark round eyes. Good reach and drive on sidegait.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN DOG (1)

1. Bonitos Companeros Bulletproof (Magera/Mitchell)

Glamorous quality black-and-tan dog. Gorgeous eyes, softest expression. Good depth of chest, well-sprung ribs, hard topline. Balanced movement. Abundant coat, jet black with rich red tan.

OPEN DOG (5)

1. Ch. Brookhaven Here Comes Hogan, JW (Ayers/Martz)

The watchword for the Cavalier is “moderate,” and this blenheim dog was that in every respect. He demonstrates that a dog needs no exaggeration to take your breath. Correct and classic headpiece: proper proportion of foreskull to backskull; ears set high but not close; slight stop; big, round, large eyes frontally placed well apart with slight cushioning beneath. Lovely arched neck, hard topline and short loin. Held his outline at all times. Balanced and clean movement from all angles with his tail right off his back. Beautifully presented, exhibiting correct Cavalier character. I admired this dog for his type, headpiece, and correct shape. A classic Cavalier. I was happy to give him ***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, and BEST BLENHEIM DOG*** in a quality-packed entry.

2. Ch & Eng Ch Stonepit Franco I Believe (Gentil)

I enjoyed judging this cobby tri dog who needs no introduction to the ring. Abundant coat and well-broken markings, rich tan. Handsome plush head with soft expression. Good substance on a dog of moderate size. Very pleasing picture.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)

1. Ch & Eng Ch Pascavale Nathan, ROM (Cline/Sedgwick)

It was a joy to see this outstanding little senior. Gorgeous eyes, melting expression. Small with great substance. Good depth of chest and arch of neck, well laid shoulders, and, at over seven years old, still moving with a hard level topline and good reach and drive. Beautifully conditioned and presented elder statesman. A credit to his breeders and owners.

AWARD OF MERIT

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (2)

1. Brookhaven Spend a Penny (Ayers/Martz)

My notes have a little heart next to her name. Pretty, balanced, little blenheim girl with good bone. Lovely Cavalier head: skull just slightly domed but appearing flat when she used her well-set ears, large dark eyes frontally placed, and slight cushioning beneath eyes. Lovely neck to shoulder transition, short hocks, good rear angle, properly tail set. Clean coming and going and moved freely with drive, carrying her tail off her back. ***BEST PUPPY BITCH IN SHOW***

2. Clarmarian Contemporary Classic (Young May)

Another moderate baby of five-and-a-half months. Very sound moving girl with good proportion of body. Moderate head just developing, nice eyes. Balanced with a good topline.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. **Brookhaven Pumpkin Pie** (Ayers/Martz)
Cobby little ruby girl with the sweetest expression. Pretty head coming along, correct proportion, good angles front and rear, hard topline, short loin, excellent bone. Balanced movement with her tail off her back.
2. **Parlett Pinky Promise** (Williams/Williams)
Very pretty feminine blenheim girl. I loved her headpiece. Good shape, great coat quality. Presented in beautiful condition.
3. **Huntland Molly Marshall** (Land/Land)
Beautiful big eyes on this pretty little girl. I liked her outline and neck to shoulder transition. She just needs to body up.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. **Bonitos Companeros Medusa** (Emberton/Magera)
Lovely little blenheim girl. Pretty, moderate headpiece with the largest, darkest eyes. Balanced sidegait, holding her topline level at all times. Good shape and proportion, silky coat.
2. **Silvermae Laser Light** (Lazar/Mixon)
Slightly larger blenheim girl. Balanced and clean moving.
3. **Marjorelle Rumor Has It** (Conley)
Beautiful soft headpiece with big dark eyes, limpid expression. Not feeling her best today.

NOVICE BITCH (2)

1. **Chadwick HpnotiQ** (Eckersley)
Pretty, moderate head on a moderate dog. Good angulation.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (1)

1. **Brookhaven Believe in Me** (Ayers/Martz)
Pretty, cobby girl of moderate size. Pretty Cavalier head: skull just slightly domed but appearing flat when she used her well-set ears, large dark eyes frontally placed, and slight cushioning beneath eyes. Level topline, short coupled. Balanced movement carrying her tail off her back.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (3)

1. **Forestcreek Fantasy Girl** (Cline/Cline/Cline)
Glamorous young blenheim girl. Beautiful head and breed type. Moderate size with good bone, nice front assembly, well sprung ribs, short hocks. Nice little show dog.
2. **Chadwick Oh La La** (Greak/Comer/Eckersley)
Quality, sound little girl. Beautiful moderate head of correct proportion and no exaggeration. Lovely Cavalier eyes. Good angles, level topline, short loin, good tail set, good turn of stifle, and short hocks. Pleasing sidegait, moving in balance with reach and drive, holding her topline level and tail off her back. I thought this was a very good quality bitch, who just needs time to hone her show dog skills.

3. **Azalearun Red Hot Valentine** (Taylor)

Pretty young red head. Lovely large dark eyes. Especially good sidegait, balanced with good reach and drive. Outstanding rich red color and dark pigment--important qualities for ruby type.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (4) “A very strong class.”

1. **Tudorr Rock Hill Peach Tea** (Mixon)

I was so happy to see this girl today. With her overall balance, clean silhouette, and elegant correct movement, she took my eye immediately and held it. She was a very pleasing dog to examine. Classic head with slight fill beneath her dark round eyes, ears set high but not close, framing her face and beautiful big dark eyes. Elegant arched neck leading to a very good front assembly. Balanced front and rear with a deep forechest, tight elbows, good spring of rib, strong topline and short loin. She moved with exceptional reach and drive, her tail carried right off her back. Presented in top condition physically and mentally. It was a pleasure to watch her working in harmony with her handler, gliding around the ring on a loose lead and free baiting four square at all times. After the show I learned that she is a litter sibling to today's RWD, RBIS, and that her win today made her up. She is well deserving of the title. **WINNERS BITCH, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX**

2. **Mimric Fiddle Dee Dee, JW** (Hodges/Perkins)

Another lovely girl with very pleasing outline and balance. Soft head, well cushioned, and big dark eyes. Well made with a level topline which she held at all times.

3. **Woodsong Angelina, JW** (Kaiser)

Glamour girl! I could look at her lovely soft head all day. Abundant blenheim coat with rich red color and dark pigment.

4. **Jayba Kit Kat** (Lander/Lander)

Another gorgeous girl, well balanced and well angulated. Not an experienced show dog, but I think she will have her day.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (5)

1. **Jayba In a Nutshell** (Lander/Lander)

Fitting name for this tidy little bitch. Small, cobby, with good substance. Short-coupled. Beautiful soft headpiece with big dark eyes.

2. **Bonitos Comaneros Uhura** (Magera/Mitchell)

Adorable little blenheim girl. Sweetest expression. Like the girl in front of her, she was small, cobby, and short coupled. Presented in beautiful condition. She never let down.

3. **Forestcreek Florence** (Cline)

Slightly larger girl with more cushioned head. Like all from the kennel today, she had beautiful dark eyes. Slightly longer cast than the two in front of her, but a very sound moving dog with pleasing balanced sidegait holding her topline level.

4. **Tudorr Mercedes** (Lazar/Mixon)

Pretty, clean girl, balanced front and rear. Her head was of correct proportion, good earset, pleasing expression. Correct proportion of body--slightly longer than tall.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (2)

1. Jayba Bootylicious (Lander/Lander)

Well made strong moving tri girl. Pleasing headpiece. Well-laid shoulders, good neck to shoulder transition. Good depth of chest with well-sprung ribs. Strong, muscular thigh. Moved with very good reach and drive, carrying her tail off her back. It is very hard to breed a good tri dog and I think her breeders did that.

AWARD OF MERIT, BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOR BITCH

2. Tudorose Legend of the Primrose Princess (Mixon/Mixon)

Slightly larger tri girl. Frontally placed eyes, balanced standing and moving. Lovely rich tan well placed, good coat texture--all important characteristics in a tri dog.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (3)

1. Harana Cleo Laine (Ayers/Martz)

Really lovely young ruby girl. Moderate head with beautiful eyes. Long well-arched neck into well-laid shoulders. Level topline and elegant sidegait which made it a pleasure to watch her across the ring.

2. Brookhaven Lucky Penny (Taylor/Ayers)

Slightly larger girl, sound moving holding her shape at all times. Lovely eyes and rich red color.

3. Padamere Love Potion (Miller)

Another sound girl with pretty eyes and good proportion.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (2)

1. Kalidunn Texas Tea (Magera/Mitchell)

Very pretty, cobby girl conditioned to a T. Lovely head of correct proportion, ears set high but not close, and big, round eyes with slight cushioning beneath. She had qualities that are hard to achieve on a small dog: good bone, short coupling, good spring of rib, hard topline. Balanced with moderate angulation and tail carried level, she created a pleasing picture from every angle, standing or moving. The image was finished by lush straight coat with rich, clear tan. A good little show girl in harmony with her handler and demonstrating quintessential Cavalier character. For these qualities I was happy to give her **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH** in a strong entry.

2. Mary Poppins Du Jardin De Claire of Sumara (Gentil)

This girl looked still a baby. Balanced, pleasing sidegait, correct shape, lovely headpiece. Just learning to be a show dog.

OPEN BITCH (3) "Three lovely champion girls in this class."

1. Ch. Tassajara Forestcreek Cristal, JW (Cline)

A glamorous girl in all respects. Beautiful eyes with soft expression. Like others in her family today, she was moderate size with ample body and bone. A pretty picture in full bloom with ample coat of rich blenheim and pearly white. **AWARD OF MERIT**

2. Ch. Iloo Dite Ilan Du Jardin De Claire of Sumara, JW (Gentil)

I loved the shape and type on this black-and-tan girl. Moderate headpiece with no exaggeration. Lovely eyes and soft expression. Balanced sidegait and showing in good coat and conditioning.

3. **Ch. Foxwyn A Likely Story** (Baker-Fox/Greak/Comer)

Classic beautiful headpiece with no exaggeration. I liked her outline. She has the correct amount of leg under her and is not too long in body, short coupled, level topline. Balanced front and rear.

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. **Ch Chesham a Minute of Your Time** (Taub/Eckersley)

This little senior needs no introduction to the ring and always gives me a smile. Classic Cavalier head, beautiful soft expression. A well made dog in front, rear, and topline.

VETERAN DOG (1)

1. **Karvale Brookhaven Finn** (Utych)

Nine-and-a-half year old boy with lovely soft head. Still in balance and sound moving at his age. He was clearly a team with his handler, which was most enjoyable to see.

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW, BEST VETERAN DOG