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I always feel a sort of homecoming when I return to a COTW show. Having spent years in California, COTW was the first regional club I played an active role in. With that history, I was delighted to join the club at their 2018 September show in Denver, Colorado. As usual, I was well taken care of by the club and its members. The exhibitors presented me with a quality entry - particularly strong in the bitch classes. All exhibits were well turned out and well presented, making for a most enjoyable day of judging. My sincere thanks to the club and exhibitors, and congratulations to all of the day's winners.

THE DOG CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

 <u>FORESTCREEK ATCHFALAYA</u> (Cline) Six month old Blenheim boy. Beautiful classic head, well cushioned. Loveliest dark round eyes. Correct proportion, balanced with pleasing sidegait, and good topline, tailset, and carriage.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

- <u>INTRYNZIK LUCKY STAR</u> (Goodwin/Goodwin) Blenheim dog of ten months. Balanced Blenheim with pleasing head, good coat texture, nice front movement, level topline and correct tail carriage.
- <u>STONEPIT OLLY MURS</u> (Gentil) Another ten-month-old Blenheim boy. Sweet soft head and expression, lovely eyes and well cushioned muzzle. Straight silky coat. Just getting his legs under him today.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (3)

- 1. <u>COBRNIK REED BUNTING</u> (Tegg) Ruby dog, balanced and the best side gait in his class today.
- 2. <u>DELSOL DRESS TO IMPRESS</u> (Macrae/McHenry) Showy Blenheim dog. Large eyes, well cushioned muzzle. Well balanced.
- 3. <u>COBRNIK BIRTIE AT INTRYNZIK</u> (Goodwin/Cook) Black-and-tan dog with pretty expression. Lovely straight silky coat texture.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (3)

- <u>CH FORESTCREEK GRAYTON</u> (Cline/Cline) Glamorous Blenheim dog with the most beautiful headpiece. Soft, gentle expression. Correct shape and proportion. Good bone, depth of chest, and spring of rib. Short loin. Pleasing sidegait.
- 2. HUNTCREST MY GUY (Pope)

Another beautiful Blenheim dog in this class. Plush head, large dark eyes. Level topline, balanced, fluid sidegait. Lovely straight silky coat. Just needed to use himself a little more today.

3. <u>CROSSBOW GREYHAWK DANIEL AT KICKAPOO OF ZOOKS</u> (Schiffman/Mittleman) Larger Blenheim dog with handsome headpiece and lovely eyes. Hard topline, balanced movement, silky coat texture.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

 <u>CANYONCREST AUGUST RENOIR</u> (DuRoss) Twelve-month-old black-and-tan dog. Good angulation front and rear. Sporty dog moving with reach and drive. Happy and showing well. <u>BEST BLACK-AND-TAN DOG, BEST BLACK-AND-TAN IN SHOW</u>

AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

1. FORESTCREEK STARMAN (Cline)

Another glamorous Blenheim dog in full coat. Soft head with ample cushioning and round, dark eyes. Good bone on a moderate-sized dog. Good prosternum, depth of chest, spring of rib, strong topline, wellmuscled hind end. Lovely sidegait with reach and drive, correct tailset and carriage.

HEALTH AND CONFORMATION DOG (1)

1. <u>CH BRIARCREST BURBERRY</u> (Katz)

Blenheim dog looking great at six and a half. Classic head with no exaggeration. Sweet, melting expression. Correct proportion shoulder to elbow, elbow to ground, and correct length, slightly longer than tall. True coming and going, balanced sidegait with reach and drive.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (4)

1. <u>CEDARCREEK RISE N SHINE</u> (Owens)

This dog was outstanding for his overall balance and free movement, covering a lot of ground for his size. He caught my eye immediately when he entered the ring with his big movement and driving rear, holding his topline dead level and tail right off his back. Closer examination gave me more to love: Beautiful headpiece of correct proportion with large dark frontally placed eyes and slight fill underneath, giving him the characteristic soft Cavalier expression. Ears set high but not close, skull slightly rounded, moderate stop. Fairly long, arched neck. Presented in good physical condition. I was delighted to award him *WINNERS DOG and BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX*, and believe he should have more to come in the future.

2. MILBU JIM DANDY (Sherrin)

I loved this cobby little dog for his glamour and compact make and shape. Melting expression with large, dark, limpid eyes. Ample cushioning. Small and compact body with plenty of substance, good spring of rib, short loin. Silky straight rich red Blenheim coat and dark pigment.

- <u>INTRYNZIK BLASÉ</u> (Goodwin/Goodwin)
 20-month-old Blenheim dog. Pleasing head with dark well pigmented eyes. Nice sidegait. Looking a bit young in this class but wagging and wagging!
- INTRYNZIK LE PETIT PRINCE (Sparks/Goodwin/Goodwin) Another 20-month-old Blenheim dog. A bit more dog than the three in front of him. Lovely eyes and coat.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (2)

1. KENDREY'S U.S. MARSHALL (Byroads/Byroads/Johnson/Johnson)

Mature tricolor dog who initially took my eye for his outline and balance. Masculine headpiece with soft Cavalier expression. Lovely silky straight coat clear of ticking or freckles, with rich correct tan markings, well placed--all important characteristics in a tri dog. Clean coming and going, balanced sidegait moving with reach and drive and tail just slightly above his back. In outstanding physical condition, presented beautifully and displaying quintessential Cavalier character at all times. I enjoyed having him in the ring and awarding him

RESERVE WINNERS DOG, BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW, BEST TRICOLOR DOG IN SHOW.

2. CANYONCREST TO THE LEADER OF THE BAND (DuRoss)

Two-year-old tricolor dog who created a pleasing overall picture from across the ring. Moderate size and bone. Moved with reach and drive.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (2)

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

Mature three-year-old ruby dog. Correct proportion--slightly longer than tall, equal distance shoulder to elbow, elbow to ground. Handsome head with big, dark eyes frontally placed. Arched neck leading to well-placed shoulders. Lovely picture on the move with good reach. Outstanding silky, straight, red coat and rich pigment. He pressed for Winners today.

2. SNOWBIRD HOCUS POCUS (Miller)

Ruby boy with lovely dark round eyes. Slightly longer than the dog in front of him. Good substance with moderate size. Very happy.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN (1)

 <u>INTRYNZIK COBRNIK MALIBU</u> (Cook) One-year-old boy more up on leg. Lovely straight coat with correct tan markings. Moderate headpiece. Balanced on the move.

$\underline{OPEN DOG}$ (3)

1. <u>CH BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNICKYSKYE</u> (Utych/Utych)

I've judged this little Blenheim dog before and always liked him. Smaller, cobby dog with moderate bone, correct proportion of leg, short loin, good spring of rib. Lovely head with correct proportion of skull, dark, round eyes with slight fill beneath. Clean coming and going, balanced sidegait, tail just above his back. Gentle, happy Cavalier.

2. <u>CH CHADWICK CODE BLACK OF CEILIMOR</u> (McCarty/Eckersley)

Flashy, mature tri dog, clear of ticking and freckles with richest abundant tan markings. Masculine head with lovely round dark eyes frontally placed. Good bone, depth of chest, spring of rib. Fit with muscular hind end. Beautifully presented in outstanding condition. A charming dog showing sporting, affectionate character at all times.

3. BONITOS COMPANEROS REINGOLD (Lemon)

Larger, handsome Blenheim dog with more head than the two in front of him. Rich red Blenheim and dark pigment. Eye-catching sidegait, moving with reach and drive and tail right off his back.

THE BITCH CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (5)

1. **<u>KEAN MAYBELLINE</u>** (Keane)

I was initially taken with this pretty little Blenheim girl's breed type. Glamorous feminine head, lovely dark eyes with slight fill beneath. As I continued to watch her, she held my eye with her balanced fluid movement showing reach and drive, holding a hard level topline at all times, tail straight off her back. Good coat texture.

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

Another very nice puppy in this class. Appealing headpiece with lovely eyes. Good outline standing, with correct proportion. I liked that she was compact with a short loin. Pleasing sidegait.

3. <u>PAWLIES FARM HALLIE</u> (Cherry)

Five-and-a-half month old Blenheim girl with the most beautiful, classic headpiece. Balanced and nice outline standing.

4. <u>ROSERIVER LOTTIE SUGARPLUM</u> (Young)

Black-and-tan bitch of eight-and-half months. Good proportion, substance, and spring of rib. Lovely silky straight coat, and good tan.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. CAMBRYCE MADEE BLACK MAGIC (Sherrin)

Gorgeous nine-month-old tri bitch. Classic head: proper proportion and angles (slightly rounded topskull appearing flat, moderate stop, slight fill beneath eyes) and huge, dark, round eyes, frontally placed, giving her the softest expression, so hard to achieve on a tri dog. She was of a piece, in balance with correct proportion (slightly longer than tall and equal distance shoulder to elbow, elbow to ground), moderate angulation front and rear, hocks well let down. Held a strong level topline both standing and on the move.

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY BITCH

- <u>AUTUMNHILL UNFORGETTABLE</u> (O'Brien/Tatum/Parente) Ruby girl of almost 12 months. Moderate head with dark eyes. Big, fluid sidegait with equally strong reach and drive, tail right off her back. Good color and pigment.
- 3. <u>INTRYNZIK DANCIN IN THE RAIN</u> (Sparks/Goodwin) Blenheim girl, ten months. Pretty feminine head and round eyes. Good shape and strong topline.
- KIMARK STARS IN HER EYES AT MERAKI (Miller/Baillie/Baillie) Black-and-tan girl of one year. Big eyes frontally placed. Silky coat and good tan markings.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (5)

 <u>TUDORR SONG OF ICE AND FIRE, JW</u> (Mixon/Mixon) Thirteen-month-old Blenheim bitch. Gorgeous, classic headpiece with no exaggeration and largest, limpid eyes. Good outline with correct proportion, reachy neck leading to well laid shoulders, level topline, moderate length of back, rear angle equal to front. Smooth sidegait with equal reach and drive, holding her tail off her back.

2. ANGEL'S PRIDE KATELYNN (Lemon)

Sixteen-month-old Blenheim bitch. A little stockier build than #1, pleasing headpiece, dark round eyes. Lots of substance with well sprung ribs. Nice sidegait.

- <u>ROSERIVER STARBRIGHT</u> (Young) Attractive fifteen-month-old Blenheim girl. Good proportion and balance. Big eyes well cushioned beneath.
- 4. <u>COVINGTON COGNAC AMBER</u> (Schiffman) Another fifteen-month-old bitch. Feminine head and lovely dark eyes.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (3)

1. **<u>IVYLINE JUST LIKE SUGAR</u>** (Giampapa)

I loved this two-year-old Blenheim bitch for her classic Cavalier type, balance, and moderation. Beautiful head with slight fill beneath her dark round eyes, ears set high but not close, framing her face. She was a one-piece dog, slightly longer than tall and equal proportion shoulder to elbow, elbow to ground. Balanced front and rear, tight elbows, good spring of rib, strong topline. She created an elegant picture on the move, balanced, fluid, holding her topline, tail carried right off her back. She earned **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW** in very tough bitch competition. I was pleased to learn that she gained her title with the win.

2. BENTWOOD FORESTCREEK DIAMOND AND SILK, JW (Cline)

Cobby Blenheim bitch just a tad lower on leg that #1. Softest expression. Fluid sidegait with good reach, tail carried off her back.

3. <u>KENDALKASTLE LUCKY IN LOVE</u> (Ogle)

Moderate, pretty head on this two-year-old Blenheim girl. Correct proportion of body, straight coat texture, showing well.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (2)

- <u>PARLETT PINKY PROMISE, JW</u> (Williams/Williams) Feminine Blenheim girl, two years old. Big eyes on a pretty head. Nice outline when stacked, with correct proportion and length. Showing very well, well muscled, coat in bloom.
- <u>INTRYNZIK LA FLEUR CHLOE</u> (Goodwin/Cook) Two-year-old Blenheim bitch. Lovely eyes on a moderate head. Very happy and showing Cavalier character at all times.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (5)

1. ASTARRING EVERY SAILORS DREAM (Foster/Mohn)

Four-year-old Blenheim bitch. Stunning headpiece, beautiful limpid dark eyes. Balanced front and rear, good proportions with sufficient leg under her. Good spring of rib, hocks well let down. Elegant sidegait. Lovely rich red color and dark pigment. She pressed hard in a competitive winners class.

2. <u>PARLETT GOSSIP GIRL</u> (Williams/Williams)

Eighteen-month-old Blenheim girl. I liked this girl's overall balance and proportion. Hard topline, good reach and drive on sidegait. Pleasing head with big dark eyes.

3. HUNTCREST EARLY EDITION (Pope)

Another lovely girl in this class. Moderate head with beautiful eyes and soft expression. Big, reachy sidegait. Presented in beautiful coat and condition.

4. <u>COBRNIK AT LAST</u> (Cook/Goodwin) Moderate Blenheim of three years. Large eyes and pleasing sidegait.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (4)

- MILBU HILLARY (Sherrin/Hofschulte) Four-year-old blanket tri bitch. Correct proportion and shape. Pleasing moderate head. Large dark eyes, frontally placed. Fluid, balanced sidegait. Lovely tan placement and color, silkly straight coat. BEST TRICOLOR BITCH
- 2. <u>DELSOL ADORED</u> (McHenry) Pretty, cobby tri bitch. Soft feminine headpiece. Balanced sidegait with moderate reach and drive.
- LA REINA'S WHAT ABOUT ME (Roberts-Espinosa) Waggiest tri bitch with huge dark eyes, frontally placed. Good cushioning. Well broken tri, which we're seeing less and less.
- 4. **<u>QUAIL RUN ON STRIKE</u>** (Frater/Kornhi) Two-year-old tri girl. Moderate bitch with balanced sidegait. Very happy!

<u>SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH</u> (1)

 <u>MADRYN PORT ROYAL</u> (Weeks/Weeks) Six-year-old ruby bitch, looking very good at her age. Moderate head, good sidegait with reach and drive, tail carried off her back. Rich red color.

OPEN BITCH (3)

1. CH CHADWICK SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY, JW (Eckersley)

I loved this bitch for her type, size and shape: moderate size, cobby girl with ample bone, sufficient leg under her, and good angulation. Gorgeous headpiece with huge, frontally placed eyes, giving her the quintessential soft Cavalier expression. Headpiece was beautiful without being overdone, slight cushioning under her large round eyes, correct proportions of skull. Ears set high but not close, fanning forward to frame her face when alert. Good arch of neck leading to a moderate shoulder angle, good depth of chest, spring of rib, short loin, strong hindquarters. Her rear angle matched her front, hocks well let down, tail carried off her back. True coming and going. She was a nonstop show dog.

WINNER'S BITCH, BEST IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH

2. <u>CH FORESTCREEK FANTASY GIRL, JW</u> (Cline/Cline)

Glamourous Blenheim girl of moderate size with ample bone and good musculature. Big dark eyes on well-cushioned head. Abundant silky straight coat. A great little show dog!

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

Pretty, feminine Blenheim girl of moderate size. Beautiful, classic headpiece. Correct shape, good bone.

<u>SENIOR OPEN BITCH</u> (1)

1. MADRYN CHAMPAGNE N DIAMONDS

Beautiful eyes on this eight-and-a-half year old girl. Big, dark limpid eyes. Still moving with reach and drive, tail off her back. I enjoyed watching her own the ring!