CAVALIERS OF THE MIDWEST

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I was delighted to be invited to judge at this prestigious event and I was treated with such kindness and warmth...thank you. Thanks must go to my stewards who were super-efficient and kept me advised of the correct procedure at my first CKCSC show. It was a large entry of quality dogs and I was spoilt for choice. A lovely big ring filled with pretty dogs and sporting owners awaited me. A special thanks to ring steward Chris Degan who 'held my hand' all day.

I was looking for a dog that showed the Hallmarks of the breed; size, silhouette, a typical Cavalier head with warm large, round, forward facing eyes set well apart and enough coat to be described as long and silky and a sweet biddable temperament. I found these in abundance.

Thank you for your entry.

Mary Lunningham

THE DOG CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (7)

1) ORCHARDHILL DONE TALKING (Venier/Venier)

A fluffy boy with a big attitude at his first show. Lots to admire with his handsome, correctly proportioned head, big dark eyes and tapered muzzle. His expression made me smile. I preferred his topline and croup at his stage of development in this class and he shows flashes of brilliance...fleeting ...but there.

BEST PUPPY DOG, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

2) FORESTCREEK GOLDFINGER (Cline)

Another promising boy. Well-schooled and with a lovely head, dark sparkling eyes and nicely shaped muzzle. He's a good size and sports a very deeply colored coat of silky texture. Moved well with glimpses of reach and drive, still a little high at the rear yet.

3) TASSAJARA TURN OVER A NEW LEAF (Seidman/Seidman-McDonnell/Carnes/True)

A smallish puppy in a richly colored coat, well boned and with a sweet head. High at the rear still and a little stilted in gait going around.

4) CLOSEBURN REMMINGTON (Fairchild)

This pup had much to commend him, promising shape, firm topline with precise movement but his heads need to break to complete the picture.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1) CHADWICK ONE WAY TICKET (Dodds/Eckersley)

A mature looking blenheim boy with substance. He is well coated and of a good texture, has a firm topline and good proud head carriage. His head is mild and sweet and he has dark round eyes. An active mover but I'd prefer him to cover more ground when gaiting.

2) FOXWYN FINE YOUNG GENT (Guzy/Baker-Fox)

This youngster had my favourite type of coat, rich, totally straight and of a rich color. He is a little slack in structure and movement still and although I liked his head, I'd prefer a bigger eye.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (2)

1) SHIRMONT CUSTOM BUILT (Henry/Henry)

The correct silhouette of a male cavalier, all boy this one. His angles are balanced and topline firm. He went with his tail straight off his back showing reach. He has a well-proportioned head with large dark eyes and an appealing expression.

2) LEGENDNCREST FINNICKYSKYE DREAM CATCHER (Utych)

A neat little dog with a pretty shape, firm topline and well-marked coat. Didn't quite have the balance of the winner and I would prefer a bigger eye.

NOVICE DOG (1)

1) ATHERCROFT SEAQUINN JACQUARD (Anderson/Anderson)

A neat, compact and lightly marked little dog. Good big eyes and correct bite. He was handled well to show off his balance and shape.

BRED BY EHIBITOR DOG (5)

1) CH SERAPHAVEN RETURN OF THE KING (Gogol)

A well-presented tricolour with good markings and tan highlights. Of excellent size and shoulder balance showing a lovely shape on the move with his tail out behind. He possesses a sweet, moderate head with a kind expression largely emanating from his large dark eyes.

2) CH CHADWICK BEST DRESSED (Robinson/Eckersley-Robins)

A typey Blenheim with a very pleasing head with big well placed eyes and good skull to muzzle ratio. A little rangier in balance but went stylishly.

3) HUNTCREST MY GUY (Weiner-Pope)

A great compact shape on this exhibit with balance front and rear angles allowing good movement. A little strong and rounded in skull.

4) WATERSEDGE NEW YEARS TREASURE (Walzer/Walzer)

A handsome Blenheim with a mild and sweet face. Good front but raises his topline from time to time. Good type.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

1) KELLENE TOP GUN (Carter)

A richly coloured ruby of good type. He has a handsome head, dark eyes and the blackest of pigment to eye rims, lips and nose. Moved very freely with a well held tail. Raw. But flashes of the dog he will become were seen.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (3)

1) JAYBA JEAN PIERRE JW (Lander/Lander)

This is my interpretation of the correct silhouette of the breed. Balanced angles, reachy neck, a firm and compact topline with his tail streaming off his back. A masculine head, sweet and open with warm dark, round eyes facing forward, well set ears carried to frame the face. Neat muzzle with tight lips and perfect bite. The balanced angles propel this dog across the ground and his firm topline holds his shape. He shows quality in abundance.

WINNERS DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, BEST BLENHEIM DOG

2) ROYALMARK REMINISCENCE (Cameron)

Such a pretty, glamorous and typey dog with a sweet face and big round dark eyes and a fabulous coat. Moved and stacked well but I'd prefer a more reachy neck for balance and elegance.

3) CANYONCREST TO THE LEADER OF THE BAND (Du Ross)

A well-marked tri boy with a good front but falls away over the croup but he went soundly.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (1)

1) KIDDLE CAMBRYCE DAREDEVIL AT MADEE (Hofschulte)

A charming young tri boy with a flat shiny coat, lovely tan highlights and in wonderful condition. Of a nice size and shape, he has a firm compact topline, good ribbing and he moved well. His head is balanced with well-set ears and generous muzzle. A bigger eye would enhance his expression.

BEST TRICOLOR DOG, BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (2)

1) KELLEN WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING (Carter)

Mature looking Ruby of good type, compact and well ribbed and with a handsome head showing large, round, dark eyes. His firm and balance construction ensured strong movement.

BEST RUBY IN SHOW

2) MYSTICKNIGHT DOG DAYS OF SUMMER (Brandvold)

Stronger colored boy with a nice topline but narrower all through and tail carriage a little high today.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN DOG (1)

1) CANYONCREST AUGUST RENOIR (Du Ross)

A neat, petite well-structured boy but lacking in coat today. A handsome face with good round dark eyes and neat muzzle. He moved soundly around the ring.

OPEN DOG (8)

1) PASCAVALE TOMMY (Cline)

A well-made typey Blenheim who excels in outline and head. He is a powerful mover which showcases his firm topline, reachy neck and ideally carried tail. A delightful head, big forward-facing eyes and well placed and carried ears give the desired look we strive for. For Winners dog I chose the youthful and more collected boy on the day but both of the same excellent type.

RESERVE WINNERS DOG

2) CH MILBU JIM DANDY (Sherrin)

Ultra-glamorous boy with heaps of virtues. Huge dark eyes, correct mouth and well furnished ears. He is compact, perhaps too compact but well ribbed and firm in topline. An active mover showing drive but I was looking for a better tail carriage in my winners. An outstanding boy none the less, so deserving of his place in this great line-up.

3) CH BROOKHAVEN THE DREAM LIVES ON AT FINNICKYSKYE (Utych)

A neat and balanced dog with a firm topline and good angles. A real toy spaniel who is well presented and carries himself well. His head is balanced with well formed muzzle and neatly placed, well feathered ears. He didn't have expression in eyes I was seeking.

4) CH CHADWICK CODE BLACK OF CEILIMOR (McCarty/Eckersley)

A lovely tri boy, well-marked and coated. A size bigger and longer cast than the first three but great angles and topline. Moved well and with drive.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)

1) CH CLARMARIAN CLASSIC BY DESIGN (Young-May)

An older boy of lovely size, type and temperament. So compact and sound with super front and solid rear ensuring he covered the ground effortlessly. Such a handsome head with a warm expression. In excellent condition, he compared well with all the other class winners.

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW

THE BITCH CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (7)

1) GRANLAUREL THERE WAS THIS GIRL (Gregory/Green)

This puppy had a typical shape for the breed, immature of course but very promising. Solid topline, desired balanced angles, elegant neck and her head is just right for her age with big dark eyes, neat muzzle and correct skull shape. Her firm topline and excellent tail carriage are very eye catching as is her well-marked silky coat. A puppy that spot on in her development. Should do well.

2) TUDOROSE ADA (Mixon/Mixon)

A neater, more petite young girl with lots of promise. Pretty head and good finish to her muzzle, ears well placed and carried. Loose in movement at this stage but should tighten. Lots of promise for the future here in this little one.

3) GRANASIL FLORENTINE (Gentil)

A little ruby with all the right attributes but just at the raw stage this colour seems to go through. Went with a good reachy stride holding her shape well, this bodes well for her future. The words Patience ..and Ruby seem to go hand in hand.

4) HUNTCREST ENDEARMENT (Pope)

A sweet bitch with a well broken coat pattern, correct shape and huge eyes. Needs time to tighten in structure.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (2)

1) CHIYODA BLACK PEARL OF JOY AT FALLING SPRINGS (Curley)

An utterly charming black and tan girl with the prettiest of shapes both standing and on the move, she showed non-stop. Her head is lovely with big sparkling eyes, neat ears and bright tan highlights to enhance her expression. It was a very close decision for Best puppy, she is very promising indeed.

BEST PUPPY BITCH, BEST BLACK AND TAN IN SHOW

2) MADEE MIRROR IMAGE (Hofschulte)

A Smart as Paint young Blenheim with a pretty head, round dark eyes and neat muzzle. A wellconstructed bitch, moving fluidly in profile today. A very nice type.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (3)

1) FORESTCREEK AMBLESIDE FLEUR DE LIS AT MIMRIC (Hodges/Cline)

The one to beat the moment she stepped into the ring. She is a checklist of the standard...Well broken, silky coated, firm topline, tail carried level with the back.... Her head is delicious, big round, forward facing eyes set in a correctly proportioned head, ears set and carried to frame her face. Expression is vital in this pretty breed and she excels in this respect. On the move she is powerful and holds the typical Cavalier shape so well. When observing this bitch, both standing and moving, nothing jars, everything flows and she is my interpretation of a top quality Cavalier bitch.

<u>WINNERS BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BRED BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM</u> <u>BITCH, BEST IN SHOW</u>

2) WATERSEDGE CURTAIN CALL (Walzer/Walzer)

A smaller and darker coated bitch who is all quality. Such a pretty head with lovely big dark eyes and so well-proportioned in skull to muzzle ratio. She moved very well and possesses great breed type but just couldn't match the topline nor charisma of the winner.

3) BLUEGARDEN ITSY BITSY (Matos/Glynn)

Pretty head with nice finish to face and good eyes, lovely shape and enthusiasm for showing. Good type.

NOVICE BITCH (2)

1) TASSAJARA REISLING (Seidman/Seidman-McDonnell/Frederick)

This a promising youngster but still narrow and raw looking. Firmest of compact toplines, a great shape and moved so well. Head is very promising, eyes dark and round and sufficient padding to her muzzle. I liked her size and bone, a pretty girl.

2) LINRICA CLAIRE DE LUNE (Hsiung/Liu)

A lovely silky coated girl with a smart outline. She moved fairly well but just a little over angulated behind for balance.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (3)

"THE MOST CHALLENGING CLASS TO JUDGE. ALL WERE SUCH LOVELY QUALITY BITCHES AND SO LITTLE BETWEEN THEM."

1) CH CHADWICK IN MY OPINION AT HYTEA JW (Reichardt/Eckersley)

An extremely pretty girl with much of what we strive for. Excellent angles and topline, typical cavalier shape both standing and on the move with her tail carried straight off her back. She possesses a delightful head with great ratio of muzzle to skull and correct eyes. A very typey cavalier.

2) CH TUDOR SONG ICE AND FIRE JW (Mixon/Mixon)

Another quality girl this time a little longer but nicely made with good angles and firm topline. Prettiest of heads with large dark eyes and nicely carried ears giving a charming expression.

3) CH JAYBA OH LA LA JW (Lander/Lander-Hamilton/George)

Yet another lovely girl, this time lighter marked silky coat. Much to admire on this quality bitch but to split these three pretty girls I just preferred the less rounded top skull of the other two.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (2)

1) NIGHTINGALE OVER THE TOP JW (Mulligan)

What a shapely young girl. Loveliest of toplines and firm rear angles. Loved her compact silhouette, well carried tail and her strong movement. Her head is delightful with an open kind expression.

2) KELLENE THIS IS IT (Marshall)

This girl lacked coat but had the shape I was looking for with a firm topline and correct angles. Pretty face with lovely eyes. Promising.

3) CHADWICK PURPLE PASSION (Eckersley)

A tri with much to like, a pretty face with neat, well filled muzzle and good eyes. Prettily marked and with a good front but falls away at the croup.

4) **REDBUD OH ME OH MY (Scott)**

A nice dark eyed puppy with an appealing look. Lovely well marked silky coat and much breed type. Rather strutting on the move and head needs to finish.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (2)

1) LINRICA REACH FOR THE STARS JW (Liu)

A very typey little bitch with the loveliest of heads, large dark round eyes, jet black pigment and sweet expression. Moved with reach and drive.

2) BROOKHAVEN DON'T STOP BELIEVIN (Marler/Ayers/Martz)

A nice type with a well coated and firmly made body with good bone for size. Pretty head with wellshaped eyes and a tapered muzzle. Could drive more on the move.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (8)

1) ANGELSPRIDE KATELYNN (Lemon/Lemon)

Everything is moderation on this pretty girl, the loveliest of heads with good ratio of muzzle to skull, large limpid dark eyes and a neat muzzle all carried on an elegant neck and well laid shoulders. Her good bone, firm topline and well carried tail looked a picture standing and on the move. Close up for top honors.

2) FORESTCREEK ANGELINA (Cline/Cline)

A very glamorous and heavily coated bitch, up to size but firm in topline, good angles and bone and showed great style on the move with a perfectly carried tail.

3) ORCHARDHILL GOTTA ADORE ME JW (Venier/Venier)

A most delicious head with eyes that draw you in, dark, round and soft in expression and neatly carried ears to frame this. Beautifully furnished is soft silky coat. Not the topline or tail carriage of the winners.

4) LINRICA MIRACLE BABY JW (Liu)

Pretty bitch with a lovely rich colouring and super pigment. More coat and maturity will surely enhance this typey bitch.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (2)

1) TASSAJARA THIS IS US WEE (Seidman-McDonnell)

Being blanketed this girl's firm topline really showed on the move, neat angles and well moulded croup gave her the advantage here. Pretty head with correct eyes.

2) CLOSEBURN BONNIE WEE KILT (Fairchild)

A charming smaller girl with a sweet head and beautifully marked. Close decision here but topline decided.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN BITCH (3)

1) BONITOS CAMPANEROS BISCAYA AT CHIYODA (Lemon/Lemon)

A mature lady in full jet black coat draped over a well-made, if a little chubby, body. Good topline with lovely neck and shoulder, she moved with style. A pretty feminine head.

2) HYTEA PUDDLE JUMPER (Greak/Comer)

Less compact than the winner, rangy in fact but a lovely head and dark sparkling eyes, she moved well.

3) AUTUMNHILL LITTLE SURE SHOT (Parente)

Smaller and compact bitch who seemed a little overawed today.

OPEN BITCH (7)

"A WONDERFUL CLASS TO JUDGE, FULL OF TOP-QUALITY EXHIBITS."

1) CH ORCHARDHILL CHARGE IT TO DAD JW (Venier/Venier)

A bitch of exquisite type, size and temperament. Her head is her fortune; her eyes are large, dark, well placed and so kindly ...they draw you in. She has lovely bone for her size, balanced angles and a well-marked and presented coat.

<u>RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH,</u> <u>RESERVE BEST IN SHOW</u>

2) BONITOS CAMPANEROS JOSEPHINE OF WELMFORTH (Lasser)

A totally moderate bitch with a lovely outline both standing and on the move. Topline and tail set and carriage was first class. Her coat was perhaps a little unruly today but of great breed type.

3) CH CHADWICK FREQUENT FLYER AT HUDSONVIEW JW (Glynn/Eckersley-Robins)

An upstanding bitch of lovely type, well coated, nicely proportioned with balanced angles. She has such lovely eyes in her typical and balanced head. Topline and tailset were impressive. So much to admire in this spirited girl.

4) CH LIVELYOAK PERSUASION JW (Brokopp/Borton/Harrison)

Another lovely girl on display today, so feminine and elegant. So much to like here with her lovely silhouette and glamorous coat. Sadly, lifting her topline on the move which lost her some places in this very competitive class today.

VETERAN BITCH (2)

"A CLOSE DECISION HERE, BOTH QUALITY GIRLS NEITHER SHOWING THEIR AGE."

1) GAYHALO MOSAIC (Anderson/Anderson)

So reminiscent of her illustrious sire in type. Solidly marked and with a rock solid topline she moved with grace and fluidity. She has a pretty head with large dark eyes, I found a charming expression on this bitch.

2) CH PINECREST MOONSHINE AT MARKLEY (Storey)

She possesses a well broken coat if a little woolly now, is well made all through and has a very pleasing feminine head with large dark eyes. A quality Cavalier.