

**Cavaliers of the West**  
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It was both an honor and a privilege to judge this show and I wish to thank Cavaliers of the West for inviting me. The show was well run and the stewards were just great. And the California hospitality was incredible! I wish to express my appreciation to all involved with putting on this event. It was a pleasure to see so many fine examples of the breed. It was gratifying to see a preponderance of good bites and dark eyes. I was surprised to see so few wholecolors as they seem to be on the ascendancy in the East. I wish to thank the exhibitors who allowed me to evaluate their wonderful Cavaliers and I will have many fond memories of this enjoyable assignment.

**JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (3)**

1. **Crossbow Greyhawk Daniel A Kickapoo Of Zoots** (Kubin/Schiffman) Just 6 months old, he has dark pigment, a pleasing neck, level topline and nice turn of stifle. While not my favorite head style, there's a lot to like about this little Blenheim.
2. **Briarcrest Harris Tweed** (Rezowalli/Van Luchene) 8 months old Blenheim, larger and a bit longer cast. He has super dark pigment and is very mature and masculine.
3. **Rutherford Renee** (Jones/Kruse) Another 8 month old Blenheim with a pretty head and a happy tail. Small, well marked with rich chestnut and dark pigment. Moving a bit close in rear today.

**SENIOR PUPPY DOG (3)**

1. **Briarcrest Going For Baroque** (Katz) 9 month old heavily marked tri with rich tan markings. He has a lovely outline; handsome, mature head and dark pigment and was the best mover in this class, ***BEST PUPPY DOG, BEST TRICOLOR DOG***
2. **Dallarock Flight Thyme** (Geldermann) Blenheim of almost 10 months, a bit long with good angulation, an appealing head and lovely neck. Not moving well today.
3. **Dulce Carmel Awesome Sauce** (Covell) Another longer cast Blenheim, 9 months old with dark eyes and a nice neck. He was very happy in the ring and a bit hard to handle.

**GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)**

1. **Astarring Love Davy Crockett** (Foster) Lightly marked and heavily coated Blenheim of almost 18 months. Well muscled and in lovely condition. Good dark pigment. Level topline on the move. Alert, paying excellent attention to handler.

**NOVICE (1)**

1. **Crossbow Horton Hears A Who** (Kubin/Schiffman) Blenheim of 6 months, similar to junior puppy dog of same exhibitor. Not as good a mover, and topline was off on movement, but correct on standing. Good tail placement, dark pigment.

### **BRED BY EXHIBITOR ( 3)**

1. **Ch Brookhaven Here Comes Hogan, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Blenheim with a lovely outline, dark eyes, rich chestnut color and a lozenge. Handsome head with lovely dark eyes, dark pigment and good ear set. Super moving dog in excellent condition.
2. **Shirmont Caddo Balliol, JW** (Henry/Rosenberg) Pushing hard for first place, this is a well-broken Blenheim with dark eyes, good ear and tail set. Quite happy in the ring, this is a lovely show dog.
3. **Ch Jadestone Legend Has It, JW** (Peek) A compact Blenheim, not moving well today. Lovely expressive eyes.

### **AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)**

1. **Harrington Haute Stuff** (Tompkins/Gonyo) Very mature Blenheim of almost 2 years, nice outline, good pigment, dark eyes, pretty head. He's a good mover with a level topline, good tailset and a nice coat.
2. **Delsol One More Look At Quail Run** (Kornhi/Wells) Rich chestnut color on this Blenheim, whose movement was off today. He is a handsome boy with a well-feathered tail.

### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (5)**

1. **Rockcreek Mark Me First At Hift, JW** (Parris/Steagall) Lovely dog, although his tail is not his best feature. A pretty head with beautiful eyes and in good coat condition. Moves well.
2. **Creekside Watch Out For Me!** (Mathies) Solidly built with good chest development, a level topline and good tail set. Full lips and good pigment.
3. **Bekenhall Shirmont Hes The Ticket** (Henry) Topline off today. A pretty head and neck, well balanced and good chest development. Good movement.
4. **Covington Hopjack At Kendallkastle** (Ogle) A pretty boy, though bigger than I prefer and not as much chest as I like. Level topline, nice short hocks, dark pigment and wide set eyes.

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

1. **Eng. Ch. Stonepit Franco I Believe** (Gentil & Searle) Handsome 5 year old with loads of coat. He has good spring of rib and excellent chest. Good tailset, topline off today. Very happy on the move.
2. **Mayfield Me And Bobbie McGee** (Lunbeck) A pretty head on this heavily marked exhibit. Compact body, happy, well-set tail. Needs more leg to improve movement.

### **SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (1)**

1. **Kolaci Magic Cinnamon Spice** (Legerretta/Gray) Good rich ruby color, good tailset, proper chest, level topline. A pretty head with lovely dark eyes, pigment could be darker. Works well with handler. **BEST RUBY DOG, BEST RUBY IN SHOW**

## OPEN DOG (5)

1. **Ch & Eng Ch Brookhaven Believe It Or Not** (Ayers/Martz) Almost 5 years old, this Blenheim has it all. Gorgeous outline, good bone, beautiful head and neck, correct shoulder layback and spring of rib. Rich chestnut color, dark eyes and pigment. Flawless movement maintaining a good topline and correct tail placement. Excellent coat and body condition and luxurious ears. **WINNERS DOG, BEST IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW.**
2. **Ch Forestcreek Heart Of Rock N Roll, JW** (Painter/Cline) Much of what was said of the winner applies to this 2 year old Blenheim. A very well cushioned mouth and appealing expression highlight his handsome head. He showed extremely well and I was happy to award him **RESERVE WINNERS DOG.**
3. **Ch Pascavale Bijou** (Cline) Tricolor, heavily marked with dark eyes and pigment, and a well balanced outline. Well arched neck and a shorter muzzle than I prefer. Shows well.
4. **Ch Covington True Blood** (Gonyo/Mohn) A larger Blenheim, good, happy mover with good angulation, a level topline and nice neck. A very pretty boy, though not my favorite head style.

## SENIOR OPEN DOG (1)

**Ch Orchardhill Shirmont Back Talk, JW** (Henry/Jones/Scott) 9.5 years old and heart clear. Indulge me as I reminisce about a sweepstakes I judged in 2007 in Connecticut. This is what I wrote about a certain puppy, who reportedly was entering the show ring for the first time: "At just under six months of age, this well-broken Blenheim is a stunning combination of substance and style. His correctly formed frame is perfectly balanced. He has impressive movement with wonderful reach and drive. He has a terrific amount of showmanship for a baby. He has a lovely head and a most appealing expression. He has great promise if he continues to develop as beautifully as he done so far. I look forward to seeing him mature. It was my great pleasure to award this puppy "Best in Match." This puppy indeed matured beautifully and achieved great things in the dog world. He won our National Specialty last year from the Senior Open class and today he is still a worthy competitor. It was thrilling to see him again and award him **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.**

## JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

**Delsol Love In An Elevator** (McHenry) A well-broken 6 month old Blenheim with good bone, a pretty head and dark eyes. She has a level topline and good, happy movement, though a bit close going round.

**Crownrose Tempest In A Teapot** (Rosenberg/Rosenberg) 5 month old tri, very much a baby, lighter boned than first place, with crisp white color.

**Sonesta California Dreaming** (Ellingson/Pennington) Lightly boned and marked, this pretty headed baby was having fun in the ring. She needs more work and maturation.

## SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1. **Forestcreek Florence** (Cline) Gorgeous Blenheim with a beautiful head and outline, good chest, nice dark eyes, and a lovely mouth. Well trained, happy in the ring, she is a most promising showgirl. **BEST PUPPY BITCH, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**
2. **Rutherford Pippa** (Jones) Good rich chestnut on this Blenheim, not as well trained as first place, good topline, tailset and dark eyes. Happy going around the ring.
3. **Briarcrest Oh So Rococo** (Van Luchene) Attractive tricolor whose topline was a bit off. Good angles and bone, good tailset and a pretty head.

#### **GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (4)**

1. **Mimric Fiddle Dee Dee, JW** (Hodges/Perkins) Solidly built and well conditioned Blenheim with rich chestnut color. Pretty head with large dark eyes and pigment. Nice angles and good chest development. Well trained, moving beautifully and happily for her handler.
2. **Astarring Love Always** (Foster) Smaller, well balanced Blenheim with not as dark coat coloring, a pretty girl who reminded me of my beloved Sprite and made me want to take her home. Happy in ring, her well groomed coat in beautiful condition, a very appealing head and good chest development.
3. **Ivyline Sugar Puff** (Giampapa) A pretty, , Blenheim girl with a nicely feathered tail; chestnut not too dark, black nose and lovely dark eyes.
4. **Gentleline's True Love** (Fowler) Blenheim wild child, hard to handle on the table. Dark eyes and pigment, good angulation and good tailset, though not the best topline and not the movement of the others.

#### **JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (4)**

1. **Forestcreek Bewitching Girl** (Cline) Bewitching indeed. This year old Blenheim is well put together with a beautiful head, good chest and spring of rib; she moves and shows well with animation and drive. Dark pigment and eyes, melting expression, excellent bone; a well trained show girl with an abundance of coat and the perfect Cavalier attitude. **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, BEST BLENHEIM BITCH**
2. **Sikeleli Emily Bronte** (Kornhi) Blenheim with a nice outline, good angles, lovely neck, good bone, dark pigment, and a sweet expression. Her well-set tail is in constant motion. A very pretty girl.
3. **Harrington Covington Pearl Of A Girl** (Gonyo) A pretty head and large dark eyes on this Blenheim. Nicely arched neck, level topline, good angles and good chest development, moving a bit close in the rear.
4. **Quail Run Charlotte Elizabeth** (Frater/Kornhi) Smaller and finer boned, but good muscle tone on this lightly marked athletic Blenheim with rich chestnut and a pretty head.

#### **AMERICAN BRED BITCH (4)**

1. **Tassajara Forestcreek Cristal** (Cline) Absolutely beautiful eyes, gorgeous outline, great angulation, nicely arched neck. This Blenheim shows well and happily in the ring. Considered for top honors.
2. **Brookhaven Bless Your Heart At Sorella, JW** (Green/Savage/Ayers/Martz) Another stunning Blenheim, this one with dark chestnut, dark eyes and nose, good

chest development, well muscled and great outline. Lost first by being too close in rear on movement.

3. **Jadestone Legendary Story** (Peek) Muzzle a bit short for my taste, but a lovely Blenheim with a sweet expression, beautiful dark eyes, good coat and well feathered tail in constant motion.
4. **Sherah Oops A Daisy** (Crommett) Happy, lightly marked Blenheim girl with not as much coat as the others. This pretty girl shows well, has good angles, but her topline goes off on movement and can be somewhat close in the rear.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (6) “All good movers in this class.”**

1. **Cedar Creek Sugar N Spice** (Owens) Pretty, richly colored Blenheim who was happy to be in the ring. She has good bone, nice outline and lovely angles. Lots to like here.
2. **Dreamvale Follow Fashion, JW** (Sage/Colbert) Similar to first, though heavier boned, more muscle and a shorter muzzle. A pretty head and dark eyes and pigment, a nice even blaze, good chest and correct tailset.
3. **Sigma Chi Marigold At Shirmont** (Henry/Whitney) Another pretty headed bitch, well balanced with nice neck, shallower stop. Tail a bit high on the move.
4. **Rockcreek Girls Chase Boys** (Steagall) Nicely arched neck, shorter muzzle, on a pretty head with lovely eyes. She has an excellent coat, good topline and moves well, but not as well as the others.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (3)**

1. **Windnsea Olivia** (Sutton) Pretty head on this tri with a nice neck and good topline, but not as much chest development as I would like to see, and chestnut not very dark. Best mover in the class.
2. **Benchmark Shameless** (Chan/Mitchell) Dark pigment and a very silky coat. Tail in constant motion.
3. **Shadowbrook Delta Darlin** (Moody) Cobby tri with a very pretty face, a bit overweight and short of neck. Tan could be darker and coat needs conditioning.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (1)**

1. **Kalidunn Cherry Chill at Lilycroft** (Karcher/Karcher) Nice cobby outline with level topline and good tailset. Happy in the ring, nose pigment could be darker.  
**BEST RUBY BITCH**

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH (1)**

1. **Legacy Wicked Shadow** (Goodwin/Stevens-Lindemaier) Very pretty 4 year old black-and-tan. A happy, good moving showgirl with a nicely put together body and a lovely head. Nose pigment could be darker. **BEST BLACK-AND-TAN BITCH, BEST BLACK-AND-TAN IN SHOW**

#### **OPEN BITCH (4) “A challenging class with loads of quality.”**

1. **Ch Linrica Just A Dream, JW** (Hsiung/Liu) A very sound, well balanced and feminine two and a half year old tricolor, nicely put together, moving elegantly in concert with her handler. She has a very pretty head and neck, lovely shoulder

structure, level topline, correct tailset and excellent angulation. Large dark eyes, coat has glossy black and rich tan in the right places. This very lovely girl with a winning expression is my **WINNERS BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH, BEST AMERICAN BITCH AND BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW.**

2. **Ch Foxwyn A Likely Story** (Baker-Fox/Greak/Comer) Heavily marked Blenheim with lozenge, a lovely head but could use more cushioning in the face. Well balanced, good angles and movement.
3. **Ch Jayba Delicious** (Lander) Lovely coated Blenheim with a pretty face, great outline, good tail and earset, nice dark nose and good cushioning. Moves well with great attention to her handler.
4. **Ch Carmas Penne Pasta At Crizwood** (Moulton/Wornall) Larger than the others, this Blenheim is a little narrower in face, a good mover with excellent coat condition and good muscle tone.

#### **VETERAN DOG (1)**

1. **Ch Orchardhill Shirmont Back Talk, JW** (Henry/Jones/Scott) See Senior Open Dog.