Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, USA National Weekend

Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes

October 7, 2021

Thank you to the CKCSC,USA BOD and Membership for the invitation to judge the 2021 National Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes. There was excitement in the air this year, after a skip in 2020 due to COVID. Good times with friends creating happy memories. This honor is a memory I will cherish. A special appreciation to Liz Greak, Breda McCarty our Show Chairs, and to my Ring Steward Kevin Ellingson.

The Exhibits both young and old were top drawer and presented well, kudos to both owners and their breeders. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to have a hands on.

Mimi Hodges, Mimric Cavaliers

Veteran Sweeps:

BRONZE, DOG (2)

1. ALMEARA VISIONANAIRE (Utych/Whitmire)

7 year old blenheim, handsome manly head with large round eyes, proper ear-set, great level topline and croup, balanced front and rear with good angulation and muscle; which allows him to move freely with good reach and drive. Has great bone and substance, coat in good condition and nicely presented. BEST VETERAN DOG & BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPS

2. CH. BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR (Weeks/Weeks)

Lovely head piece on this handsome well broken cleanly marked tricolor with rich tan markings...a worthy champion. Correctly placed ears, dark round eyes. Good substance. Short coupled; attentive dynamo showing well today. Falls off the croup slightly which was my deciding factor between the placement of one and two. Both lovely.

GOLD, DOG (1)

1. **CH. CHADWICK SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS AT HUDSONVIEW, JW, CRN** (Glynn/Glynn) Handsome 12 year old champion who STILL struts around the ring maintaining a dead level topline. Proper tail set carried directly off his back. Lovely neck. Well conditioned and balanced front and rear. Enjoyed seeing this Veteran whom I have seen so many times years ago, animation makes it obvious he still loves the ring.

BRONZE, BITCH (3)

1. **SERAPHAVEN PUT A SPELL ON YOU** (Gogol/May)

8.5 year old bitch. Good substance and bone very similar to my second place bitch, but slightly better neck and shoulder. Level topline and tail set. Moved well coming and going. Pretty head, correct high placement of long flowing ears, correct length of nose and well tapered muzzle. A pinch of white in one eye, but did not distract from her sweet expression. **BEST VETERAN BITCH**

2. **CH. FOXWYN A LIKELY STORY OF CHARDOMONT** (Greak/Comer)

Wonderful small and short coupled package who excelled at her side gait. Pretty pretty dark, round eyes in a very lovely feminine head. I really appreciate her compact size. Carrying a bit too much weight on the day, which loaded her shoulders and thicken her neck. The deciding factor between my first and second. Both similar and lovely.

3. **CH. MADRYN PORT ROYAL, AW** (Hasser/Weeks/Weeks) A richly colored ruby with a nicely arched neck flowing into moderate shoulder angulation. Balanced front and rear. Happy happy happy. Dark pigment and eyes.

Puppy Sweeps:

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (5)

1. **GRANASIL STRUDEL** (Gentil)

Lovely neck graduating into a level topline. Balanced front and rear with good side gait and front and rear movement. Pretty moderate face with round dark eyes. Presents a lovely outline standing and on the move. I suspect a bright future for this lovely happy black and tan.

2. **BROOKHAVEN NUMBER NINE DREAM** (Utych/Utych)

Correct sound moderate overall Cavalier. Not overdone in any way. Handsome head with great dark pigment and shallow moderate stop. Balanced angulation front and rear. Level topline, but carrying tail a little high today on the move.

3. TUDORR RETURN OF THE VELVET TEDDY BEAR (Mixon/Mixon)

A little high in the rear today as only turning 5 months by one day, this I suspect will level with age. Adorable head with lovely expression and dark eyes. I would take this green youngster home with me!

 FALLING SPRINGS JUST YOU WAIT AT CROWNROSE (Rosenberg/Rosenberg) Again a nice neck Really loved the dark dark pigment on eye rims and nose on this puppy. Moderate handsome head with correctly placed ears.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (3)

1. **ORCHARDHILL AUSPICIOUS AT TUDORR** (Mixon/Mixon/Venier/Venier) Masculine head with HUGE round eyes and ears set well. Nicely angulated which shows as he moves around the ring and away and to. Good bone and substance. Nice spring of ribs. Correct coat.

2. LINRICA OVER THE MOON BABY (Liu/Liu)

Nicely arched neck, the head on this puppy caught my eye and kept it, beautiful expression. One of the handsomest heads and expressions on the day. Dark eye rims, and overall pigment. Lovely rich chestnut on a well broken coat. Liked his size, deciding factor today was topline. He tended to roach his back on the move. As he relaxes and falls into himself, I envision this will change.

3. **SREYA HANG ON TO YOU YOUR EGO** (Ayers/Ayers) A handsome ruby with gorgeous deep color. Moderate angles with a pleasing head. Not as mature as 1 and 2.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (4)

"A class of exhibits all of quality; so nice to go over. Thank you."

1. FORESTCREEK MAJOR TOM (Cline/Cline)

This boy oozes glamour, beautiful head with shallow stop and soft expression, I found him simply striking. Deep dark pigment, round and luminous eyes with a broad fore skull and ear placement. Excellent conditioned flowing coat, level topline that was maintained as he moved around the ring. Good bone and substance while appearing as a gay compact toy spaniel. This mature 15 month graduate puppy caught my eye the moment he stepped into the ring and glided into a nice free stack. A little erratic on down and back; he settled in the challenge; happy to award him <u>BEST PUPPY DOG & BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPS</u>

2. **CH. BROOKHAVEN ALMOST PARADISE, JW** (Ayers/Martz)

This boy also has a lovely topline. A petite boy with a nice neck with moderate angles, nicely balanced and short hocks. Like his overall shape. A cute boyish sweet head with sweet expression, dark eyes and rims. Deep rich chestnut.

3. **KB PRIDE RUBENS AT HUDSONVIEW** (Glynn/Glynn) Another deep richly colored blenheim with good length of neck. A handsome pretty head with nice black pigment, not overdone in anyway. Eyes nice and dark, just not as large and round as my 1 and 2.

4. FALLING SPRINGS RAMBLIN GAMBLIN MAN, JW (Curley)

A wonderfully marked tri, needs a little more time to gain confidence and to mature. Seemed the baby in this class of boys. He will continue to mature and get better and better, I believe. A nice topline and front and rear angles which was seen in his movement. Correctly textured coat; soft and silky.

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (8)

So many lovely tricolors in one class!

1. **CHADWICK BACCARAT OF CEILIMOR, JW** (McCarty/Eckersley)

A cobby little show girl with great look at me attitude that sparked with me. Angulation balanced, good reach and drive, level topline. Sweet pretty head with nice expression. Rich tan markings. Sometimes a narrow blaze can affect the expression, NOT so in this case.

2. CHADWICK ROULETTE (Eckersley) Almost twins,

I have in my notes: almost a twin to number one (I see now they are littermates), again level topline and balanced. Great rear angles. Prefer the expression and head of 1.

3. LINRICA POEME D'AMOUR (Liu/Liu)

Loved this tri too! Short coupled. Pretty feminine head and expression. Jet black and shiny coat of silky texture. Not moving with confidence today; she will in time get there. A sweet pretty package that I noticed improved as the weekend progressed.

4. FORESTCREEK VIVIAN (Cline)

Another youngster that evolved in ring attitude and presence from Thursday to Sunday. She has a head and expression that you are drawn to, with round eyes and dark eye rims and nose pigment. Level topline.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (7)

1. **FORESTCREEK ANGIE** (Cline)

Wow factor on the head. Feminine and very pretty. Lots of breed type and overall package. Glamour girl with balanced angles and good length of neck. Strongly considered in the puppy bitch challenge, but preferred the firm topline of my puppy bitch winner.

2. **FIELDSEDGE TRUTH BE TOLD** (Slusher/Slusher) Very pretty bitch, with a sweet expression. A little insecure yet. My notes say nice length of neck. Well broken, great dark nose and eye pigment. Dark round eyes.

3. TUDORR GIGI, JW (Mixon/Mixon)

A sound mover with nice length of neck; good topline both stacked and gaiting about the ring. Balanced with a good tail set.

 FIELDSEDGE ANGEL FLYNG CLOSE (Lusk/Slusher/Slusher) Lovely head with correct earset framing her soft face. Rich chestnut with dark pigmenting.
Movement not as clean going away today. Good substance and bone.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (6)

1. **BROOKHAVEN MARY JANE** (Ayers/Martz)

So much to like with this gal. Pretty moderate head with round dark eyes and pigment. She has nice angulation, perfectly held topline and tail-set coming directly off the back. Moved correct and clean coming and going and dead level side gait. A nicely sized bitch. So happy to award her **BEST PUPPY BITCH**.

2. TRUELEGANCE MOONLIGHT RHAPSODY (Cromer/Cromer)

A pretty tri, adorable head and soft expression and well-set ears. Cobby and balanced. I really liked the overall size of this bitch as well.

3. CHIYODA JUST MY CUP OF TEA OF GLENELLEN (Murphy)

Not quite the angles as 1 and 2 but nicely balanced. A sporty bitch on the move; up on size when compared to those in the class. A gentle face with a nice round eye.

4. CHADWICK STARBURST OF SUNJAYS (Hellman/Eckersley)

Pretty feminine face with nice ear placement on this blanketed tri. Coat soft and silky. Nice rear angles; clean movement coming and going.