

CAVALIERS OF THE NORTHEAST
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What a great job was done by Breda McCarty, Liz Greak, and Barbara Comer to put this show together! The double-whammy of a COVID resurgence and a hurricane threat had no chance against this winning team. In addition, I don't know where I would have been were it not for my stewarding team, with Fran Hellman at the gate, and Nikki Parente in the ring. Fran had every class ready and waiting in the ring, and Nikki's expertise allowed me to focus on the dogs, with nary a thought to what came next.

The biggest thanks go to the exhibitors who presented such a fine lineup of possibilities to me. In the dog classes, I found some of the best examples of the breed I have yet encountered, and there was such depth in bitches that, if I had made my picks by throwing darts at the catalog, I likely would have wound up with some excellent winners. Of course, with so many fine entries, I was able to set the bar pretty high. As a result, there were plenty of entries waiting in the wings who did not get the call this time. It is my hope that those exhibitors will return to compete another day, when the results could be quite different.

I think it is noteworthy that, aside from the attractive typey heads we expect to see at a Cavalier specialty, I was pleased to find many entries with excellent angulation, both front and back. In those instances when these two structural elements are up to standard and in balance, the result is a smooth gait that appears almost effortless. There is nothing that compares to watching a Cavalier carrying an attractive head proudly as it glides around the ring, and I was happy to see it in a number of entries on this day.

Charlie Weidig

DOG CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (2)

- 1) **DIORCHAVON LIFE IN THE FAST LANE ENZO** (Bialek) This Blenheim presents a lovely outline, highlighted by an attractive head with enough cushioning to give him a mature look beyond his 8 months of age. Excellent proportions, well-turned stifles, and a nice silky coat complete the image.
- 2) **KENJOCKETY UNDER PRESSURE** (Weber) I just loved the exuberance and good energy that is so evident in this Blenheim, also 8 months old. With lots of strength in his rear, he looked nice going away, but at this stage of his life, he is a bit too much up on leg to match the profile of number one.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (1)

- 1) **LINRICA OVER THE MOON BABY** (Liu) Once I got past the perfect pigmenting on the eyes, nose, lips, and well-broken coat of this 9 month old Blenheim, I couldn't help but notice the lovely arched neck that allows him to

carry his splendid head proudly. He knew just where to place each foot as he showed off his excellent proportions with fluid movement around the ring. I had no hesitation naming him [BEST PUPPY DOG](#).

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)

- 1) **FALLING SPRINGS RAMBLIN GAMBLIN MAN, JW** (Curley) Gorgeous markings on this one year old Tricolor with plenty of strength to propel him around the ring efficiently. He is solidly built with good proportions, and he has enough neck to present his very pleasing head properly when standing.

NOVICE DOG (1)

- 1) **DARANE THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING** (Solino) I have to admit that I found the eyes on this blanketed Tri of a year and a half to be properly round, well pigmented, and simply captivating, although his head would appeal to me even more with a bit more cushioning. A good strong front helps to bring in the ground when he is on the move.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (1)

- 1) **CHADWICK PURSUIT OF PERFECTION, JW** (Eckersley) I love the head on this heavily marked year and a half old Blenheim, from his enchanting eyes to his black nose to his excellent bite. A well-muscled boy, he has an especially strong front, and looked great moving toward me.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

- 1) **NIGHTINGALE WIPEOUT, JW** (Mulligan) Good arch with lots of muscle in the neck of this 17 month old Blenheim, but he would be well served with a better shoulder layback. Good turn of stifle and well let down hocks give him the rear dexterity needed to drive him around the ring. When standing, his dazzling eyes called out to me.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (2)

- 1) **CHADWICK MELODRAMA** (McCarty/Eckersley) I loved watching the legs move on this 2 year old Blenheim with such parallel and precise movement, especially going away. He sports excellent proportions, and his attractive head is supported by a strong neck, and complemented by a heavily marked, silky coat.
- 2) **NIGHTINGALE HEART OF GOLD** (Weeks) This 2 year old Blenheim has an excellent front, starting with a classic arch of neck leading to properly laid back shoulders, and highlighted by a well-developed chest. Like number one in this class, he has a nice head of good type, but he could use a stronger rear assembly to match the reach he has on the move.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG (3)

- 1) **NIGHTINGALE LET IT BE** (Mulligan) I was blown away by the outstanding neck on this boy of nearly 2 years, who also presents the correct shoulder layback so often lacking in our Cavaliers. Despite falling a bit short on rear drive to

match his excellent reach, he carries his happy tail very nicely, indicative of his generally gregarious and energetic attitude in the ring.

- 2) **KEAN INTENTION** (Keane-Carcieri) This solid and well-proportioned 2 year old is very well put together, from the abundant fill in his forechest to the robust muscle in his strong loin. He was just a bit distracted today to show off his best movement.
- 3) **MARILEE RAY NITSCHKE** (Junk/Collins) At nearly 6 years old, this balanced boy stacks up well against his younger competitors. Although he doesn't have the superior reach of the class winner, he was very precise with every placement of his front feet, giving him a nice appearance on the move. With a pleasing head and an abundant coat, he remains as competitive as he was when I last saw him two years ago.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG (1)

- 1) **LORANKA'S FEARLESS LEADER** (Weber) Nice clean and well-broken markings on a 1 ½ year old, who was one of the best put-together dogs I saw on the day. Lots of muscle, good shoulder layback, plenty of depth of chest, all working together nicely in his movement, as he placed every rear foot in the spot just vacated by the front, and glided around the ring. I would have liked his head more if the lips were a bit less full, but all in all this is a very nice package.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (1)

- 1) **INFINIDAD CELTIC CROSS** (Laliberte) My first reaction to this 21 month old was just "Wow!" A wonderful head, framed by nicely set ears and accented by eyes that just pull you in, is held proudly on a long and gracefully arched neck, which in turn leads to beautifully laid back shoulders. On the move, he tended to lower his head a bit, but his sound structure gave him unparalleled reach and drive. Wrap it all up in an exquisitely pigmented coat, and I had him on my short list for top honors right up to the end. With a bit more maturity, he will undoubtedly do great things, but for now there is no question he is deserving of **BEST RUBY IN SHOW.**

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN DOG (2)

- 1) **KALAIS CAPTAIN JACK SPARROW AT JEMANDA** (Weinstein) Great to see another entry with excellent shoulder layback in this boy of nearly 3 years. His rear is sufficiently built to give him the balance he needs to move smoothly, but he is so energetic in the ring that a bit more focus will allow him to live up to his potential. Happy to name him **BEST BLACK AND TAN DOG.**
- 2) **CHARTEROAK CAPTAIN JACK** (Obadowski) Full of muscle and stronger than number one, this 2 ½ year old impressed me with how solidly put together he is. With ample coat, he presents a nice picture while standing, but he missed the opportunity to hold his head high while on the move.

OPEN DOG (2)

- 1) **CH CHADWICK BEST SELLER II, JW** (Eckersley) The more I looked at this accomplished 2 year old Blenheim, the more I started to fall in love with his

stunning head that manages to scream masculinity without being overdone. His richly pigmented eyes and nose stand perfectly framed by rich chestnut markings around a properly wide blaze. Impeccably presented, his sound construction shows up best in his side movement; superior shoulder layback allows him to sport an impressive profile as he carries a dead level topline. He had all the qualifications to be named **WINNERS DOG, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG AND BEST BLENHEIM DOG.**

- 2) **ORCHARDHILL SAY IT'S TRUE, JW** (Venier/Venier/Johns) Rounding what was unquestionably a superior class, this Blenheim of almost 3 years was very close in quality to number one in the class. I found his head to be just as fine a representation of the breed, and he presented a handsome picture in the lineup. His shoulder layback and angulation screamed soundness, but on this day he did not seem to want to carry his head quite as proudly as I would like to have seen while on the move.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (2)

- 1) **CH BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR** (Weeks) My brain did a double-take when I was told that this striking Tricolor was 8 years old. My examination revealed the strength of a much younger boy, with solid construction including an outstandingly well-developed rib cage. His top-quality front assembly made itself evident on the move, as he easily pulled in the ground in front of him. In the challenge, I kept going back to his cleanly marked head that managed to retain the softness of expression I love to see in a Tricolor, and I was thrilled to award him **RESERVE WINNERS DOG & BEST TRICOLOR IN SHOW.**
- 2) **CH CHANTISMERE CAST A SPELL ON CORDUKE** (Mulligan) Just days shy of his twelfth birthday, this Blenheim stands as a credit to both his breeder and his owner. Showing just as much strength as the other entry in this fine class, his silky coat is nicely marked, and his movement was equally impressive both coming and going. He showed excellent balance as he moved smoothly around the ring.

BITCH CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (6)

- 1) **LINRICA DANCING QUEEN** (Liu) I found this nicely pigmented 8 month old Blenheim girl to be the epitome of balance, from her excellent shoulder layback and front angulation to an equally impressive turn of stifle and tail carriage. She moves true both coming and going, and her foot placement was remarkably precise as she looked smooth as silk gaitting around the ring. Most worthy of being named **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.**
- 2) **CHADWICK BACCARAT OF CEILIMOR** (McCarty and Eckersley) What a nice picture this 7 month old Tricolor presents, with just the right amount of cushioning under the eyes to give her the type of head I love to see. She presents a well-proportioned picture when standing, of good length, and not at all up on

leg. With so much strength in the rear, I was pleased to see such uniform movement from this worthy competitor.

- 3) **LINRICA POEME D'AMOUR** (Liu) This heavily marked Tricolor of only 5 months is already a great mover. Although her shoulder layback was not quite up to the first two in this class, she puts her well-angulated structural elements to good use, pushing off nicely from the rear and moving true to form.
- 4) **MADRYN COUNTRY ROADS** (Weeks) I loved the type on this 5 month old Blenheim youngster, and I was impressed by her sound front assembly. Another with exceptionally good shoulder layback, she displays equally notable angulation. A bit stiff in the rear, she lacks the drive of the others in this class and was moving a bit close behind on this day.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (5)

- 1) **LINRICA DANCING WITH THE STARS** (Liu) I thought this 10 month old Blenheim girl was rather stunning, with well-developed ears to frame her pretty face and a perfect scissors bite. It was a pleasure to see her attractive profile, from solid front support to excellent turn of stifle to a tail that wagged gently and constantly. She didn't hurry her steps at all as she glided around the ring, covering ground with great efficiency, and cementing her first place win.
- 2) **CHARTEROAK ROSE ALL DAY** (Obadowski) This 11-month-old girl will benefit if she develops some more cushioning under her eyes, but her rich Ruby pigment gives her a striking appearance in the lineup. She has plenty of strength to propel herself around the ring, and she looked very nice moving away and back.
- 3) **CARLEN LITTLE WHITE DOVE** (Close) At just a few days shy of her first birthday, this richly pigmented Black and Tan is at an awkward stage where she appears to be up on leg. She was so excited to be here on this day, but she is a very confident mover, and when she settled down she moved quite true to form, especially going away. Hard to match her exuberance!
- 4) **SHERAH PERFECTLY WICKED** (Pickett/Crommett) Nice pigment and markings on this 9 month old Blenheim, with a promising head to match. Strong in muscle and sound in structure, she was a bit hesitant on the move, and would present a better picture if she carried her head a bit more proudly. Although calm and well behaved the whole time she was in the ring, that tail started wagging properly each time she set out.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (4)

- 1) **CHADWICK STARBURST OF SUNJAYS** (Hellman/Eckersley) I simply loved the look of the head on this heavily marked Tricolor of one year. Framed by exquisitely full ears, accented by dark expressive eyes, and with plenty of cushioning to fill it out, this girl's type really appeals to me. Her graceful neck complements what was easily the strongest angulation in the class on this day, and her strength allowed her to move as well as any more seasoned entry. I was happy to name her **BEST TRICOLOR BITCH.**
- 2) **CHADWICK JABOT** (Eckersley) This one year old Blenheim from the same breeder as the class winner has all the ingredients to give her the same classic

look. When she stands, she appears to be a bit straighter in the rear than number one, but she has a relaxed and balanced look about her as she moves, holding a solid topline all the way.

- 3) **WELMFORTH ANGEL IN DISGUISE** (Lasser) At 13 months, this nicely broken Blenheim has yet to realize the potential of what appears to be a very solid front assembly, lacking the reach of some of her competitors. Somewhat hesitant on the move, she shows her potential much better on a loose lead. She has a head that lives up to the quality in this class, and I was impressed by her well-muscled body and ample spring of rib.
- 4) **OLD HUNDRED FOURTH LEAF** (Scanlan) This 15 month old Blenheim rounded out a class of nicely pigmented adolescent bitches of appealing type. Although her loin is very strong, she presented a better reach from her front, and looked better coming back than going away. She appeared just a touch overwhelmed, as she tended to carry her tail low.

NOVICE BITCH (4)

- 1) **NIGHTINGALE SWEET EMOTION** (Mulligan) Dark eyes, well pigmented nose, and a cleanly marked muzzle drew me in to this 14 month old Blenheim. At just 14 months, she is still not quite sure what is expected of her in the ring, but she is a solid mover and hopefully she will soon realize her potential.
- 2) **CHADWICK ROULETTE** (Eckersley) At just 6 months of age, this Tricolor is still quite hesitant in the ring, but she has all of the elements going for her to do very well. Nice markings highlight a sound and balanced body with an excellent tailset, and she is a really smooth mover. Lots of potential here.
- 3) **KENJOCKETY KISSED BY AN ANGEL** (Weber) Blenheim girl with nice dark eyes and ample coat. Quite solid and well-developed for a 2 year old, she moved well, but looked better coming than going, and would present an even nicer profile if she could carry her head a bit more proudly.
- 4) **JEMANDA PRINCESS LEIA** (Weinstein) Nicely pigmented year and a half old Black and Tan with dark, attentive eyes and a silky coat. Strong in the neck and shoulders, she drives well despite a slight falling off at the croup. With a little more cushioning under her eyes, she would make an even nicer presentation.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (4)

- 1) **ORCHARDHILL PRETTY CLOSE** (Venier) Not just “pretty close” – this year and 8 month old Blenheim has it all. I was smitten when I first approached her in the lineup, perfectly stacked, showing off her wonderful head and proper proportions, with a visibly good turn of stifle. Her correct shoulder layback is complemented by textbook angulation in both front and rear. It all comes together when she moves around the ring, smoothly and with good form from all points of view. It was an easy decision to award her **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, AND BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW.**
- 2) **ISLEPOSEA WONDERLUST** (Hoehn) Two year old Blenheim who, on another day, could easily have won top honors. Although I slightly preferred the head of number one, I found this girl’s head to be one of the finest of the day,

with a clean muzzle, attractive blaze, and a classic earset. She covered ground efficiently and smoothly, carrying a nice topline all the way.

- 3) **CHADWICK FLYING ON CLOUD NINE** (Greak/Comer/Eckersley) I loved the sweet expression on this 3 year old Blenheim, enhanced by a well-cushioned muzzle framed by excellent markings and plentiful ears. Looking fine on the move, she appeared to be strongest in the rear, pushing off with resilient drive all the way.
- 4) **HOLLYTREE PINK FLIRTINI** (Seymour) What a sweet temperament on this two and a half year old Blenheim. Her solid structure allows her to move true, carrying her tail properly extended from a level topline. With ample coat, I preferred the silky smooth look of the others in this wonderful class.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

- 1) **LINRICA TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR** (Liu) Ample bone provides excellent front support for this 5 month old Blenheim, who already seems to know what is expected of her in the ring. She covers ground well, straight and true coming and going, and carrying a strong topline all the way.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (3)

- 1) **KRYSTLE ITS ALL ABOUT AMY** (Torgersen) I suspect that the picture of this superb two year old Blenheim is now permanently etched in my memory. It's impossible to forget approaching that poster girl head, with seductive eyes and perfect ears, held regally on a graceful neck, as if calling out to me. Impeccably presented and so well put together, from great shoulder layback to effective turn of stifle, she moves with elegance, carrying her tail level and wagging affably. Once the judging was over and I learned who she was, I realized that I had admired this girl from ringside at a previous show. I felt privileged to have the opportunity on this day to examine her up close, and I was honored to award her **WINNERS BITCH, BEST IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, AND BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW.**
- 2) **BLUEGARDEN JOY RIDER** (Matos/Glynn) Great head on this Blenheim of nearly two years. She has plenty of substance, and even though she came up a bit short of the superior angulation of number one in this class, she moves with great balance, carrying a solid topline leading to a proper tailset.
- 3) **SHERAH ALL DRESSED UP** (Crommett) Robust Blenheim of a larger size than the others, celebrating her fifth birthday with us on this day. She is very lightly marked, but amply coated with the pearliest of silky white coat, and she still sports plenty of muscle for a girl of her age. Regrettably, she seemed very hesitant to strut her stuff for us, and it was not possible to accurately assess her gait.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (4)

- 1) **BLUEGARDEN FINAL EDITION OF CHARDOMONT** (Greak/Cromer) Once I got past the pretty picture of this well-proportioned two and a half year old presenting a lovely profile with lots of silky coat, I found a sturdy girl with a strong and graceful neck, an equally strong loin, and good depth of chest. The

- effect of her well turned stifles was evident in her strong drive, especially manifested in her movement going away. All this, and a charming head too!
- 2) **DIORCHAVON HEARTS ON FIRE** (Bialek) Very close in coat and type to number one in the class, this one year and 8 month old would have presented better with more feathering on her feet. Definitely stronger in her excellent front assembly, it was hard for her to live up to the rear power of number one in the class.
 - 3) **ORCHARDHILL HIGH DRAMA** (Venier) Well put-together girl of almost 2 years, showing off a lovely feminine head of good characteristic type. She certainly knows how to stack herself, and it seems that her strength on the move comes mostly from a superior front assembly.
 - 4) **ROCKCREEK EXCUSE ME BOYS AT DULCE** (Covell) This well pigmented two and a half year old makes a nice appearance, but couldn't quite match the verve of the others in this class. Moving around the ring, she managed to gait with great efficiency, carrying a proper topline leading to a nicely carried tail.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR BITCH (1)

- 1) **AUTUMNHILL SUMARA WALK THE LINE** (Parente/Gentil) Nice markings on this year and 9 month old girl who does a great job of propelling herself around the ring with enough muscle to produce a suitable gait. Limited in angulation, she has plenty of neck and uses it to present a good profile.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (1)

- 1) **AUTUMNHILL UNFORGETTABLE AT TIDEWATER** (O'Brien/Tatum,/Parente) At almost 4 years of age, she still has a silky coat and dark eyes, making a pretty appearance despite having lost some of the depth of pigment in her nose. She is particularly sturdy in the rear, allowing her to cover ground efficiently with strong drive. Happy to name her **BEST RUBY BITCH**.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN BITCH (1)

- 1) **VERIBAS BLACK EYED PEA AT TIDEWATER** (O'Brien/Tatum) Everything falls into place for this solid 2 year old. With a sweet temperament, she looked fabulous in profile, with a lovely head, wonderfully expressive eyes, and a silky jet-black coat. Sound in construction, it was no wonder that her foot timing was near perfection as she gaited around the ring. I loved the way she looked in motion, even with a tail that was carried a bit high.

OPEN BITCH (4)

- 1) **CHIYODA BLACK PEARL OF JOY AT FALLING SPRINGS, JW** (Curley) There is so much going for this nearly 3 year old – great size and proportions, an abundant and richly colored coat, and the type of head that really appeals to me. Her long and graceful neck flows perfectly into her well-angulated front, and her equally sound rear allows her graceful passage around the ring. Moving away, she kept her rear pasterns in perfect parallel alignment, and her elbows were

- properly tucked coming back. A close contender for top honors, she most certainly deserved **BEST BLACK AND TAN IN SHOW.**
- 2) **ISLEPOSEA WONDERLUST** (Hoehn) Another gorgeous head type on this 2 year old Blenheim, solidly put together and smooth in her movement. Giving a slightly longer appearance than number one, and without quite the same shoulder layback, she nevertheless traversed the ring with the same alacrity and polish, carrying her head grandly, and her tail properly following a solid topline.
 - 3) **KENJOCKETY KISSED BY THE MOON** (Weber) I preferred this 2 year old Blenheim over her equally strong and solid litter sister in the Novice class. With sparse markings on a pristine pearly white ground, she looks great in her side gait, carrying her head like a queen. With plenty of bone to support a well-angulated structure, she moves with balance, notwithstanding her excitement at being in the ring.
 - 4) **BONITOS COMPANEROS XAVERIA OF WELMFORTH, JW** (Lasser) Four year old Blenheim with an appealing head of excellent type, and a good skeletal structure. She would have placed higher but for her movement, not carrying her head or her tail in true position while gaiting.

VETERAN DOG (1)

- 1) **CH BELLA SOGNI DOLCI DE AMOR** (Weeks) Critiqued above in Senior Open Dog Class. Happy to also name him **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.**

VETERAN BITCH (1)

- 1) **CH FOXWYN A LIKELY STORY OF CHARDOMONT** (Greak/Comer/ Fox) So nice to see this 8½ year old Blenheim standing majestically for inspection, her beautiful head held high with eyes fixed on her owner, and her wagging tail belying her years. Well-constructed, she also moves like a youngster, and stands as a credit to her breeder and owners.