Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Canada National Specialty
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I so enjoyed returning to Canada to judge the Cavaliers at the National Specialty. Thank you to everyone who made me feel so welcome. It had been a while since I had seen my friends Donna Robillard and co judge Cesar Cortes so that added to the memorable occasion. What fabulous results for the Rubies taking Best in Show every day. Kudos to those breeders for achieving these dizzy heights. Rubies rocked the show and set the bar high.

Junior Puppy Dog
1st MYSTIC SKYNIE RIVERBAD RICHIE.
The first to be judged, a lovely 8 month tricolour puppy. It was his balance that first caught my eye and his posture was such that he went around the ring proudly showing off his classic silhouette. Blanketed markings but his black coat was silky and shiny and served to highlight a fluid outline. Great angles allowed him good reach and drive.
Tidy tail carriage. Good looking with masculine head piece. Although young he saw off the competition of his more mature rivals. **Winners Dog.**

Senior Puppy Dog
1st VELARIS EMBEE'S WANDERING TROUBADOUR
Outgoing honest tricolour who had above average qualities and at 10 months should continue to do well. Looked good across the ring showing an enviable outline. Sported a narrow blaze but looking beyond this his head was handsome with good balance of skull to muzzle. Dark, round eyes. Rich tan. Moved with accuracy

2nd WINDANCER MURPHY'S LAW
Biddable Blenheim with a kind face and a warm friendly personality. Tidy make and shape with short back and he was a decent mover. Text book markings made him easy on the eye. More neck would add elegance to his outline and his mouth finish pegged him back.

Bred by Exhibitor Dog
1st EMBEE BREWING UP A DREAM AT KOLACI.
Lots to like about this 3 year old Blenheim but wished him a size smaller. Stallion like. Full-bodied with neck shoulders and top line blending seamlessly. He had strong pigmentation in coat,eyes and nose that made him eye catching. Blessed with good looks and his head was masculine and generous in expression. Scored for outline and tail carriage and circled the ring with enthusiasm. **RESERVE WINNERS DOG** just preferred refinement and size of the Junior Puppy

Junior Puppy Bitch
1st EMBEE'S SEDONA RISING AT SADIELANE
Such a stylish Ruby puppy with mouthwatering qualities. I see she carried the same affix as the Best in Show Ruby. A great day for the Embees.
Not a lot I would alter and she ticked so many boxes. Size, shape, coat colouring, eyes, construction, movement all fitted the bill. So pretty in facial features and had a sweet nature. At 7 months the world is her oyster and I predict a rosy future. **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**

2nd SADIELANE CALL ME MAYBE
Very raw tricolour baby who needs time to acclimatise to a show environment. Good for size and her face was gentle with sweet expression. Rich tan points. Gleaming coat. By the end of the class she was starting to enjoy herself. Just unsure of what was expected of her today and needs more outings.

Senior Puppy Bitch
A mixed class and a variety of good and not so good points
1st HAVEADREAM JOY OF MY LIFE
Showy Black and Tan, full of wag, with a glossy coat of raven black. Ok for size but would benefit from a tad more bone. Splitting hairs over 1 and 2 but winner scored on outline going around. Both pretty girls.

2nd CEMPA'S PASSION AND PERSEVERANCE
On first glance thought she was my winner as she presents a lovely clean outline when stood. A touch sweeter in expression with plenty of cushioning. Big round eyes. Another who showed well and no problem stepping out with confidence. A bit careless with her tail spoiling her side view on the move.

3rd WINDANCER ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE
Blenheim with big eyes who won her place moving well on the out and back. Bigger than my ideal and will look more at home in the adult classes. Happy to show herself off.

4th MINGCHEN FRESH BREEZE
A small feminine Blenheim who needs time to develop and today felt her very lean and narrow and not moving her best. Good for size with lovely eyes and a black nose. Rich chestnut and white coat. Will have better days once she bodies up and fills out.

Juvenile Bitch
1st MINGCHEN FIELD OF DREAMS FOR BEINNBHREAGH
Loved the fizzy performance of this little Blenheim. Very visually appealing with a sweet face with excellent eyes. Large, dark and round. Flat skull. Long ears. Well broken coat. Close behind and her front and rear angulation could be better.

Canadian Bred Bitch
1st CHERRYWOOD WINTER WONDERLAND
A bit on the large side but this Blenheim manages to retain her femininity. Pretty face with a very gentle expression full of sweetness. Lovely nature and she was happy. Went around the ring carrying her tail correctly. Nicely textured coat with good distribution of chestnut and white.

2nd BRUNSWICK'S APPLE OF MY EYE
Blenheim whose face was her fortune. Again would like her a size smaller and more compact. Round, dark mellow eyes set in a sweet face framed by long ears. A cheery girl who was smart on the move.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch
1st CEMPA HOLD ON SHE'S COMING.
One of the exciting Ruby finds on the day. After judging her I thought she would take some beating.
as she had so many key points on my list of must-haves. Small, correctly made, oozed breed type, ultra feminine, elegant and switched on. Pretty girly outlook with large eyes, warm and expressive. Black nose. I wrote 'really nice' twice in my notes. Sets herself up nicely and stood happily showing her balanced outline and was full of get up and go on the move. Swept around the ring with confidence. She pushed hard for the top spot, just preferred the less furrowed shading on face of winner. It was that close. Another earning her much deserved Ch title on the day. Pleased to award her **RESERVE WINNERS BITCH.**

Open Blenheim Bitch
1st MARDIGRAIS BOBBY DAZZLER
Sunny personality on this 6 year old Blenheim bitch who scored for head and expression and coat properties. Well named and had the glamour that sets some dogs apart. 2 went better but point for point 'Bobby Dazzler's' first rate breed traits saw her come out on top

2nd SIGMA CHI'S NANCY WHISKEY AT DAWNAQUINN
Lovely moving Blenheim whose outline on the move was impressive but she was as bald as a coot. A sweet tempered girl who showed happily. Dark eyes but could not match winner's more feminine expression

Open Black/Tan Bitch
A class varied in size.
1st BARRINGTON'S SANDPIPER IN VELARIS
The best sized and her plus points were many. Gentle face, good confirmation and presented in good coat. Flat skull and long ears. Held a level topline on the move showing off her reachy neck, well laid shoulders and good rear angulation. Very showy and asked for the class.

2nd LLOVIZNA LANE CHANTILLY LACE
Attractive girl just one size up who impressed on the go around showing a good outine. Lots of coat. Flat skull with dark expressive eyes. Just rangier than winner.

3rd BARRINGTONS SPARKLING SAPPHIRE
The other end of the scale. A very small girl with short legs. Has the sweetest of heads with face features that appealed very much. Beautiful eyes and good ratio of skull to muzzle. Would win on heads alone but sadly did not have the construction to match and this showed in her movement. A very pretty girl with an ideal cavalier temperament.

Open Ruby Bitch
1st EMBEE KARLEE GRAY STONE REMINISCING
Stunning Ruby who went on to **WINNERS BITCH, BEST OF WINNERS and ultimately BEST OF BREED.** One of the best bitches I have had the pleasure to judge over the years. She really is something special and in my opinion could hold her own anywhere in the world. Almost 2 years old and she looked fabulous. Tidy size with good body proportions. Enough daylight below to not appear short legged. Her outline both stood and in motion showed lovely neck, shoulders, top line and tail set. A pretty feminine head with high set ears, large expressive eyes and good width of skull. Ruby coats should be rich red, not washed out and she had good depth of colour. Moved with ease covering the ground with accuracy. She was impressive and I later learnt she was made up to Champion with this win. Congratulations she is just lovely.
A pat on the back to the Canadian breeders who have strived for excellence in this colour. Not bad considering that Rubies used to be regarded as the “poor relations” when I first started showing. Now they hold their own in the best company.

Veteran Male
1st GCH GCHB JEWELCROFT’S GOING CONCERN AGX AGXJ CGN CDX RM SDM
12 year old Ruby renewing an earlier acquaintance. I liked him on our first meeting and he continued to appeal. Carried a glorious rich red coat that shone with well being. Had great muscle tone and was in mint condition which showed in his firm topline and strong movement. A showman with sparkling personality. Dark soulful eyes set in a handsome head. Had lots of ring presence. Long may he continue to grace the ring. **Best Veteran in Show**

Veteran Bitch
1st SUNSHINE KISSANANGEL G’MORNING CGN CDX RM ETD
Agile tricolour whose condition was to be applauded. Her titles show she is no couch potato and at 7 years old was shown in hard condition. She was a wagger and her friendly outgoing temperament showed she was well adjusted and more

than willing to go through her paces. Super mover with complimentary angles front and rear. Feminine outlook with long ears.

Best Opposite Sex
GCHB JEWELCROFT'S RETURN ON INVESTMENT CGN RN SDM.
Quality Rubies kept on appearing. A 3 year old son of the Ruby Veteran dog. Super temperament as were all of this exhibitors dogs. My notes were all positive. Stunning coat of rich red, sound free mover, handsome head with dark expressive eyes. His fluid outline was impressive. Has ring presence. A size smaller than his sire and had no hesitation in awarding him this award.

Select Dog
GCH FIELDS EDGE RIDING SHOTGUN
Quite the pin up boy who looked the part in his lush Blenheim coat groomed to perfection. Not a hair out of place. Huge ears framed a strong masculine head with wide skull, shallow stop and well filled muzzle. A smart fluid outline showing ample neck, satisfactory lay of shoulder and firm topline. Lots of glamour twinned with decent construction. Worthy winner.

Select Bitch
CH SIGMA CHI'S EPIC STYLE AT MARDIGRAIS
Classy tricolour who moved around the ring with style. The prettiest of heads with kind eyes giving a gentle expression. Looked a picture in her well broken coat and at 2 is in her prime. One to be proud of.

Awards of Merit
Litter brother and sister took the first two awards of merit.
CH RIVERHAUS GOLD SOVEREIGN AGNJ CD PCD RA JT VN DJ NTD
Good looking 3 year old Blenheim boy whose titles show he had brains as well as beauty. Super eyes giving mellow expression and he had wonderful breed type. Long ears. A size up from my ideal but other adherences to the breed standard saw him feature in the top awards.

GCH RIVERHAUS GOLD FINNISH
Female equivalent and clearly I recognised the same qualities as her brother. A happy girl who moved nicely with firm topline. Well marked coat and her pretty face caught my interest.

GCH MARDIGRAIS DAZZLING GEM OF FIRE
Cavaliers should have a face that is kissable. This Blenheim is definitely fit for purpose. Full of Cavalier charm with expressive eyes, large, dark and round. Beautifully presented and her text book markings are an enhancement. Must watch her weight .

Brace
1st GCH MARDIGRAIS DAZZLING GEM OF FIRE/CH MARDIGRAIS LITTLE RAY O' SUNSHINE
Two sister combo. They matched each other so well with their sweet faces and lush well broken Blenheim coats. Twins that stepped out well displaying sunny personalities. Lovely girls full of cavalier appeal.

Brood Bitch and Progeny
1st MARDIGRAIS BOBBY DAZZLER
A 6 year old Blenheim proudly appearing with two of her daughters. They looked like a family all having soft gentle expressions and Mum's lovely eyes. A very glamorous group presented in lovely condition who circled the ring with purpose. Super breed type. Clever mum who had produced two champions in the one litter.

Baby Puppy Bitch
1st SIGMA'S CHI'S MAPLE SUGAR AT MARDIGRAIS
Blenheim who was very collected on the move and a month older than her competitor so had a slight advantage. Complimentary markings and a sweet face added to her appeal. Has potential, just needs cushioning T o fill out below eyes that hopefully should come with maturity

2nd CASTLETON CAVALIERS CHYNA WITH A Y AT SIGMA CHI
At 4 months old no one should expect a regimented performance and this baby tri was having fun rather than follow her owner's tuition. Super size and her markings were well distributed. Cheeky expression bright and animated. High set ears used to advantage. The next few months will see a lot of development and she has plenty of T ime to become ring wise

Altered Bitch
1st WINDANCER JUST BEFORE DAWN
The soft gentle expression on this sweet natured Blenheim appealed greatly and in her well marked profuse coat she was eye catching. But I have to admit that her weight and lazy pacing mode made me think I was judging a veteran and so it was a great surprise to discover she was only 18 months old. I realise if not monitored that spayed bitches can pile on the pounds but I also know with correct feeding and a heathy lifestyle, bitches can retain their figure. We do our dogs no favour by allowing them to have higher than healthy body fat. I do hope the owners take on board my well meaning observations.

Judge …..Norma Inglis (Craigowl)