**JUDGE’S CRITIQUE FOR THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF VICTORIA INC, 57TH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW, SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2023**

**JUDGE: Marian Mynott (Honeybet) UK**

Thank you to the committee of the CKCS Club of Victoria Inc for inviting me to be the replacement judge for your championship show on 11th June. I was so thrilled to take up this opportunity and grateful to be in the area, so to speak.

Thank you to all the exhibitors for entrusting me with assessing your dogs. You have a lot of quality dogs, and in many classes, it was difficult to choose the best in class. When we breed, we strive to improve our line. When the magic winning formula is found the skill is to maintain the consistency going forwards. There are a number of kennels that have achieved a consistency of quality and type.

**DOGS**

**Baby Puppy Dogs (10)**

**1st** R.McCullough **BURFORD TALK ABOUT YOU AT CARIBELLE –** This 5 month old baby blenheim is a nice shape and outline. He moved out well. With nothing to hide under his coat at this age he has a lovely neck and shoulders. The topline is good. His eyes are of good colour and well placed. His head is right for his age and showing promise of a handsome finished head on maturity. **Best Baby Puppy in Show**

**2nd** Kim Brooksby **CAVASHON JET LAG** – This baby tricolour is just 5 months old. He has a lovely outline and stands four square when setting himself up. He move well. He has a well-marked broken coat with a lovely gloss to the black. The head is maturing nicely with bright tan points in all the right places. He is a very promising prospect for the future.

**3rd** Ms D L Petersen **DAPSEN IF YOU KNOW YOU KNOW(AI)** – Blenheim boy with a lovely head. His outline showing off his elegant neck, good front and level topline. I feel sure there is more to come from this promising boy. Moved well.

**4th**  Ms. V R McLaughlin **KQRAC TELL EM WHATEVER U WANT –** At 3 months old this little man was the baby of the class. What a lovely baby, with quite the puppy coat and whiskers suggesting a good adult coat to come. Well presented, good angulation, and he moved out well.

**5th** R.McCullough **BURFORD TALK ABOUT ME AT CARIBELLE** – Promising 5 month old boy. Good head for age but I feel needs time to develop in body and tighten up , which I am sure will come. Lovely tailset straight off the back. He is litter brother to the class winner. Two very promising puppies from that litter. Slightly different in shape and outline, with this baby a little shorter across the loin. One to watch for the future.

**Baby Puppy Bitch (9)**

**1st** KimBrooksby **CAVASHON HELLO KITTY** – This little blenhiem lady is just a day off 5 months old. Such a lovely rich colour to her well broken up markings. She already has a good fill to her forface under the eyes and such lovely eyes giving a sweet expression. Good pigment. Her outline from head to tail is very pleasing, with lovely neck and lay of shoulders, level topline and good rear angulation. She moved out very well. Still some maturing to come, but everything is there.

**2nd**  Karen Camilleri **KANDCCAMO GOOD NEWS FROM SPAIN** –Liked this 5 month old puppy as she entered the ring. Some fill to come under her large dark eyes. She is a lovely size and shape. Already with a good rich colour to her blenheim coat. She moves very well with a good reach from the front when viewed in profile, and drive from rear. She shows promise at this stage in her development.

**3rd**  Ms J Kelly & Ms C van der Wolde **CLARELLY IN FLANDERS FIELDS –** What a poppet black & tan baby. Sweet expression. Lovely arched crest to her neck and moderate length. Good bright tan points on her sweet head. Lovely shine and texture to her coat. Moved out well, showing great promise.

**4th** Mrs S G Boyce **ALEXABELLE TWO POINT OH** – Another promising youngster, nearly 5 months old. Well made with good outline, typical for age. Lovely temperament and outlook. She should fill out and drop into herself as she matures. Her coat has the richest of tan markings and is well-broken. Moved out well.

**5th** Ms. V R McLaughlin **KQRAC TELL EM THEY ARE DREAMIN** – The real baby of the class at 3 months old. This sweet faced blenheim girl was full of herself, she performed so well for her handler. She has a good body for age. Still sporting her fluffy puppy body-coat. Her ear-set is good and already showing the almost flat skull we look for.

**Minor Puppy Dog (2)**

**1st** Karen Camilleri **KANDCCAMO MUSIC TO MY EYES** – A 6 month old blenheim boy with promise. Softness to head is coming. Standing 4 square with good overall body and angulation. Good length to neck and well laid shoulders moving into a level topline. A little up on leg just now and needs to tighten up on the rear as he develops muscle tone. Moved out well with drive from well-angulated rear.

**2nd**  Mrs A J Kleinitz **BLACKTREE ICEBREAKER** – This 7-month-old puppy is a nice size and developing well in the body with a good spring of rib and good bone. Short across the loin, dropping slightly at the croup. Lovely rich tan colour to markings on coat. Good head with complete with the valued spot in the centre of his generous blaze between the ears. Lovely eyes, large and dark. Moved out well.

**Puppy Dog (6)**

**1st** Sally Paterson **CABROOK COCKNEY CLASSIC ( A.I.)** – Well structured 9.5-month-old puppy. Well-bodied with moderate bone and good spring of rib. He has a masculine, moderate head, with well-placed large dark eyes, outlined with black pigment and softness given by a well-filled foreface. He has a lovely neck and lay of shoulder, short coupled body and good turn of stifle allowing him to move out positively and with drive. Happy, outgoing temperament. **Puppy In Show**

**2nd** Mrs J Humphries **LOOKINGGLASS DANCING FEVER** – Lighter in body this 11-month-old blenheim has a sweet head. Lovely eyes and pleasing expression. Richly coloured tan, heavier marked coat with enough white. Elegant neck, strong, level topline and good rear angulation. Nothing to hide. Moved very well and is showing promise for the future.

**3rd**  Kym Brooksby **CAVASHON MAGIC MIKE** – Blenheim boy of 11 months. Already sporting a full coat of well broken rich tan on pearly white ground. Good head, coming along nicely, super black pigment to nose and eye rims surrounding large dark eyes. Good rear angulation and good tail-set. Moved with drive. I would like a little more length to the neck to give the desired elegance and overall balanced outline.

**4th** Kym Brooksby **CH. CAVASHON BLACK ART**– Lovely tri puppy, short coupled across the loin. He has a very attractive outline. Short strong hock and well angulated rear. Head is very well proportioned and the tan points bright in all the right places. Coat is of a lovely texture and presented in glossy condition. Moved out very well. Topline falls away a little at the croup for me, giving a slightly lower tail-set than ideal.

**5th** L M Lewis **FREDRICOS COWBOY BEBOP** – Liked this black & tan boy very much. Nice head and good dark eyes. Bright tan points. It was a shame that he was not happy today. He has a lovely topline. A little longer cast than I prefer, not quite the shape and balance of my other winners.

**Junior Dog (7,1abs)**

**1st** Ms D L Petersen **DAPSEN THE SECRETS WE SHARE** – Very nice tricolour boy. Well-made throughout. Good lay of shoulder and moderate length of neck with the elegance of good head carriage on the move, with good front angulation providing reach. Strong drive from the rear propelling him around the ring with ease. He has lovely expressive eyes and the required softness of fill on the foreface. All this dressed in a well-broken, well-presented coat.

**2nd** Dr V Peachey **MATMOR TALLY HO** – Ruby boy of lovely shape. Good pigment, nice head with gentle expression. Richly coloured ruby jacket over a very well made frame. Short across the loin and well angled front and rear. It was a shame that he was a little unsure of himself on the day, He did move out very well with drive.

**3rd** Ms J Kelly & Ms C van der Wolde **CLARELLY SWEET MUSIC MAN** – A ruby boy of different proportions, being slightly longer cast. A nice size overall. Very animated with a lovely temperament. A super rich chestnut ruby colour. Good pigment to nose and eye rims. I feel this boy will come into his own a little later, as is often the way with whole-colour Cavaliers, they take time. He moves out strongly

**4th**  Kym Brooksby **CH. APSOLOOTLY INK JETT -** Well boned tricolour boy with strong masculine head, slightly shorter on muzzle, well cushioned under eyes and good tan points where required. Compact size and short coupled body of pleasing shape, with good turn of stifle, well angulated rear. Front assembly not quite as strong, losing a little in the movement.

**5th** Ms Michelle Creek **LAKEISHA TIME TO SHINE** – Thisyoung blenhiem boy was a little unsettled and did not seem to be enjoying his day. He is overall a lovely boy. He moved out well. He seemed happier by the end of the class.

**Intermediate Dog (5)**

**1ST** Mrs S Boyce **CH ALEXABELLE BILLY ELLIOT** – Lovely headed boy with soft expression from warm dark eyes. His head is masculine and soft with well tapered muzzle of correct length. He has a nice balanced outline. Well developed body with good spring of rib, and level topline, sporting a well-broken coat with rich tan markings and white ground. His front legs are straight, moderately boned and set well under the shoulders. Good angulation front and rear. Well-turned stifles and short hocks propelling him from the rear. Holding himself well on the move with his head set on a neck of moderate length, giving him elegance as he flowed around the ring. **Reserve Best Dog**.

**2nd**  Ms. V R McLaughlin **AUST. CH. KQRAC THE RING OF STEEL** – Close up to 1st placed, this blenheim boy is also well-made. Good well-developed ribs and body. His head is a little different in type but still of good proportions, with typical features, full well feathered ears, well-set, giving the almost flat top skull. Large dark, eyes finish the picture. He has a lovely well-broken coat in super condition with silky finish and rich tan markings. Moving in tune with handler he went very well.

**3rd** Joy McInnes **INNESVEIL RIVERBOAT DREAMS (AI)** – Another handsome boy with good head properties. Lovely eyes and expression. Good overall body with well-sprung ribs and level topline. A little short on upper arm, tipping the lay of shoulder up a little, shortening the forward reach when moving. He has a moderate, elegant neck. Moved out with driving from the rear. Lovely outgoing temperament.

**4th** Ms D L Petersen **CH. DAPSEN NOBODYS FOOL** – This blenheim boy made a bid to escape my assessment, slipping his lead. Lovely rich colour to the tan in his well-broken coat. Nicely made overall. Moved well. A very enthusiastic boy, with outgoing temperament, giving his handler a lot to do to show him off.

**5th** Bethany Murdoch **BRIMARVAN FOREVER YOUNG** – This boy excelled in head, with even markings and good blaze. Lovely eyes, good ear-set, almost flat skull between ears as required. Well-feathered ears and lovely richly coloured coat of good texture. He is short coupled, and a little square in outline. The standard is looking for the back to be slightly longer than the height at the withers. This helps the dog to move out without over-reaching on the rear drive. He needs a little more strength in the rear.

**Limit Dog (4)**

**1st** Mathew Morse & Will Henderson **MATMOR ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY** – A well presented black & tan boy with a lovely outline. Well-balanced head properties with rich tan points in all the right places. Well-positioned dark eyes. A softness to the expression from his well-cushioned head. His black coat is straight and silky, groomed to perfection. Underneath this coat is a dog with a strong level topline, held on the move. Lovely neck and shoulders. When he moves he flows with grace and elegance, driving off short hocks and with a good reach, carrying his head proudly and his tail straight off his back.

**2nd** Greg Browne **EIREANNMADA KINGS CROSS** – A nice blenheim boy, presented in good order with a straight, well-broken coat of rich tan markings on a white ground. He has a very lovely head. A good outline, slightly longer cast than the class winner, but still in balance overall. Tail set-on right, coming straight off the back, carried well on the move. He moves well, but I felt he was constrained by the pulling up of the leash. I would like to see him on a looser leash, allowing him to find his natural rhythm and movement. At times he was inclined to overstretch on the stand which spoils the outline. He is very worthy.

**3rd** Mrs A J Kleinitz **BLACKTREE DOUBLE THE LUCK** – A compact boy with lovely bone. Short across the loin and a good size. Head with gently tapering muzzle. Lovely big, dark eyes and soft expression. He moves out with drive, but could be stronger in the rear, he is inclined to move a little close behind.

**4th** Ms VR McLaughlin **KQRAC THE RING OF FIRE AT CAIREEN** – This blenheim boy is a little plainer in head, still with lovely large, dark, expressive eyes. He is well angulated overall, better in front. His rear is not as strong. He is a touch longer on his rear pasterns from floor to hock joint, tending to turn them in, moving close behind. I would prefer to see the tail a little higher set, coming off the back, although it was carried well on the move.

**Australian Bred Dog (7)**

**1st** Joy McInnes **CH INNESVEIL NORTHERN DREAM (AI)** – Nice blenhiem boy, elegant in outline. He is well coated, with rich colour to the tan patches and presented in excellent condition. He has a soft, well-cushioned, masculine head, with deep, dark, well-placed eyes and correct gentle expression. All framed by well-set and well-feathered ears. He is well made, with good angulation front and rear, moving out smoothly and steadily.

**2nd** Caribelle Knls **CH CARIBELLE RIDING SHOTGUN (AI)** – Another lovely blenheim boy. Slightly heavier set than 1st placed in body. Well-developed ribs, good fore-chest with plenty of heart-room. Balanced in outline. Soft, masculine head, with good pigmentation and soft, warm expression from his large, dark eyes. He has a level top-line and good tail-set. He is well coated, cleanly marked and presented. He is curious and interested in his surroundings, showing his outgoing temperament. He moves out with strong drive from well-angulated and toned rear.

**3rd** Karen Camilleri **CH KANDCCAMO ICE COLD BY KNIGHT** – Liked this blenheim boy a lot. He has many of the qualities of those placed above him in this class. The top three places were very close up on quality and performance with minor points dividing them. He has a correct head, almost flat between the ears and with dark warm eyes. His fur jacket is heavier marked in a rich tan colour showing off his level back and continuing straight on to his well set-on and carried tail. He moves out with drive.

**4th** Kym Brooksby **CH. CAVASHON ORIGINAL SIN** – Short-coupled blenheim boy – nice size. Richest of tan markings on clear white background. Good angulation on front and shoulders. Handsome, masculine head and good expression. Not quite as strong on rear, moved out well.

**5th** Ms D L Petersen **CH. DAPSEN HIGH FLYER** – Another blenheim boy of neat size and good shape. Soft expression from well cushioned head, long well feathered ears. Moderate length to neck. His front assembly is not quite as well-set, with shorter upper arm and less lay of shoulder. He has good rear angulation and well-turned stifles. Moving out with drive from rear.

**Open Dog (6,1abs)**

**1st** Mathew Morse & Will Henderson **SUPREME CH MATMOR POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE (AI)** – A super, well-presented, richly coloured ruby boy presented in shining condition. I could not deny him the class. He has a lovely outline. When he moves he owns the ring, flowing effortlessly, with drive and elegance, expertly handled to get the best from him. Showcasing his good construction and attributes. He has a moderate, masculine head with lustrous large dark eyes, black pigmentation of nose and eye-rims, and a soft expression. **Best In Show**

**2nd** B Wright and PR Micklem **CH KANDCCAMO CHAMPAGNE SUPERNOVA** – This ruby boy slighter framed than my winner, is still of good quality with a lovely richness of colour and good construction. He has nothing to hide with his moderate coat. He moves well. His head is unexaggerated with a gentle, alert expression, with good ear placement and feathering. He moved out with drive and reach from his well-angulated front and rear. The length and crest of neck giving an elegant head-carriage on the move. A smart outline standing and moving.

**3rd** Ms D L Petersen **CH. DAPSEN CHIP OFF THE OL BLOCK** – A well-presented blenheim boy with moderate neck and well laid shoulders. Sweet masculine head with a typical gentle, kind expression. Great, temperament, happy and friendly He moved out with a strong, positive stride, looking good in profile.

**4th** Ms. V. R. McLaughlin & Mrs K. Ostmann **AM. GRAND CH. AUST. SUPREME CH. SHEEBA ALTHOF RED IS BACK (IMP. USA)** – An attractive blenheim boy, longer cast from ribs to hips. A little soft across the loin, dropping his topline a bit when standing. When moving he held his top-line and moved out well with good tail carriage. He has a strong masculine head with soft expression, enhanced by his large dark eyes. I would like the ear-set a little higher for the desired flat appearance to the top-skull, and more length of neck to give extra elegance to the head carriage.

**5th** Greg Browne **CH. EIREANNMADA REUBEN JAMES** – This ruby boy has a lovely coat of a rich colour to his body. His head is soft. He is short coupled. I felt that the lay of shoulder and angulation could be better, it has the effect of shortening the neck, losing elegance. He has a good rear and turn of stifle, moving out well from the rear.

**Veteran 7+ Dog (2)**

**1st** Caribelle Knls **SUP CH CARIBELLE ICY COLD BUT COOL (AI)** – What a delightful 7.5-year-old blenheim boy of quality. Richly coloured tan markings on his well-presented coat. Good neck and shoulders, correct degree of angulation to his front. Rear angulation is good. Lovely symetrical head markings with typical soft expression from his dark eyes. He still has lovely black pigment to his nose, lips, and eye rims. He moved out very well with good driving action and flow. **Best Veteran in Show**

**2nd** Jacqueline Giggins **CH INNESVEIL LOVES DESIGN JC** Another lovely 7-year-old blenheim veteran. Great character and temperament. Richly coloured markings to his well-broken coat. I liked his overall shape. He is well-made and moves out well. There can only be one winner of a class and I had to be very fussy to split these two sweet, handsome veterans.

**BITCHES**

**Minor Puppy Bitch (7,1abs)**

**1st** Joy McInnes **MATMOR DARE TO DREAM –** A sweet, almost 9-month-old ruby puppy girl. Well balanced in outline, with plenty of shining rich red coat. She has good structure properties with level topline. Her head is lovely, right for her age with more to come as she matures. Good black pigment to nose and eye-rims, giving her that attractive appearance of eyeliner around her dark eyes. She moved out using her well angulated rear for drive. **Best Minor Puppy & Best Overall Puppy in Show, Jack Burgess Memorial Trophy (From Minor and Puppy Classes).**

**2nd** D Peterson **DAPSEN HOW FUN IS THIS** – Tricolour girl with shapely outline. Sweet head with bright tan markings in all the required places. There is more fill to come under the eyes and softening of foreface. Well-developed ribs, good spring and depth. She is developing well without any loss of balance overall. She moves out well.

**3rd** Caribelle Knls **CARIBELLE BLUEBERRY BLISS** – Well-bodied blenheim girl 7.5 months old. Soundly constructed. She has a correct head, well-developed for her age with super dark eyes and good ear-set used well and giving a soft frame to her face. She moved out positively.

**4th** Mrs A J Kleinitz **BLACKTREE LUCK RUNS MY WAY** – What a sweet baby blenhiem. Smallest in the class at 6 months old. She has a good shape and is well-made. The promise is there of more to come in both body and head. It is good to have slower maturing girls, they will take longer to reach their best. She has the most appealing expression and I hope she proves herself as she grows.

**5th** Christine Bryant **OLD ROWLEY ORLAITH (IMP NZ)** – Cleanly marked, well-coated blenheim girl with a sweet head. Looking a little longer in body when compared to my other winners at this stage. As she fills out and matures this may balance out. Very promising. Moved out well.

**Puppy Bitch (5)**

**1st** Kym Brooksby **CAVASHON LADY OF THE NIGHT** – Very nice, neat tricolour girl. Loved her outline, very much up my street. Well-marked coat. Level topline, short over a firm loin between ribs and hips. Good tailset. She has a correct head, tapered muzzle and well-set ears giving the almost flat skull between the ears. Her tan points are bright and well positioned over her dark eyes, to add to her lovely soft look. She has a moderate neck. Good angulation to the rear. She moved out well with drive and good head carriage. This puppy should have a very promising future.

**2nd** Joy McInnes **INNESVEIL NORTHERN TREASURE** – A blenheim girl of quality. Good balance between length and height on legs. Sweet soft expression. Dark well-positioned eyes. Good topline and angulation throughout. Elegant neck with slight arch and well-laid shoulders. She moved with drive and elegance.

**3rd** Ms J Kelly & Ms C van der Wolde **CLARELLY NO FIXED ADDRESS** – Another nice puppy, a little longer in back than my 2nd placed. As she grows and develops in body the shape may change. She has all the right ingredients in place with good angulation front and rear. She moves out well and positively.

**4th** B Wright **BELLJARI INTOXICATING LOVE** – Ruby girl of rich colour presented in good condition. Her ribcage needs to spring and develop. She needs to drop into herself to give width to her front and shape overall. Wholecolours take more time to come together, and she was unlucky to meet puppies that are more finished in this class.

**5th** Mrs A J Kleinitz **BLACKTREE ICE ANGEL –** Cobby shape to this girl. She has a nice head. Her nose pigment is a little off today. I liked her overall shape. She has a lovely length of neck, well sprung ribs, and deep ribcage. Time will tell with this girl as she matures.

**Junior Bitch (9,1abs)**

**1st** Mr S Wraith & Ms L Walsh **CH ARATACI CASE IN QUESTION** – What a lovely richly coloured ruby girl. She is very balanced in outline. She has an attractive head with good length to her well-tapered muzzle, lips meeting neatly with black pigment to the lip-lines. She has good angulation front and rear. Good spring and depth to ribs. Good breast and for-chest. She moved out happily with a level topline. When standing herself naturally she sets up with straight front legs positioned under her shoulders showing good angulation connecting the front structure. She moves out happily with good reach, and driving from the rear.

**2nd** Ms Michelle Creek **LAKEISHA DESIGNED TO SHINE**- Sweet girl, lots to like about her. Soft expression with correct large dark eyes and good fill under the eyes. Good topline held standing and moving. Elegant neck and well-placed shoulders. Rear angulation between pelvis and hock joint good, supporting good drive when moving. Moved out true with smooth action, parallel coming and going.

**3rd** Mr P J Nichols **DUNSFOLD PRISCILLA** – Blenheim girl with plenty of well coloured tan markings in her coat. Just shy of 15 months she is developing well with time on her side to mature more. Structurally she has everything in place, just needs to get more furnishings to finish the picture. She is well balanced overall. She moved out well.

**4th** Dr V Peachey **MATMOR GARDEN PARTY** – Small, neat ruby girl well within the breed standard for size. Good colour to her coat and plenty of feathering. A loud bang within the venue gave her a bit of a fright, knocking her confidence a little during the class. I liked her overall shape and very typey look. Gorgeous eyes and good pigment. She moved out well. By the end of the class, she was more settled.

**5th** Daventri Kennels **CH. DAVENTRI FIRE LILY** – I liked the body shape and overall expression of this blenheim girl. She needs time to firm up and mature. She moved out well, but I would recommend relaxing the leash to allow her to move more naturally and her front to make more ground contact.

**Intermediate Bitch (12,1abs)**

**1st** Ms D L Petersen **CH. DAPSEN DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE** – This little lady filled my eye in the class. She moved around the ring with drive, style, and elegance, carrying her head proudly on a moderate, gracefully arched neck. Her tail coming off her level topline correctly carried. She has a lovely, unexaggerated head, soft and feminine, with warm dark eyes and good black pigment to nose, and eye-rims. There wasn’t much more I could ask for.

**2nd** Sally Paterson **CABROOK AM I PRETTY ENOUGH( AI)** – This young girl has a slightly heavier build than the class winner but with many of the same qualities. I liked her outline and short coupled body. She is a little wider on the front with good width to her chest. She has a lovely head, very typical with good fill and softness under the eyes and around the muzzle. She moves out very well using her well angulated and toned rear for drive.

**3rd** Kym Brooksby **CH. CAVASHON CHIT CHAT** – What a pretty feminine head this girl has. She has such a melting expression. Small and neat outline. She is well ribbed with a good topline across the loin but falls away slightly over the croup giving a slightly lower tailset. She moved well.

**4th** G & J Wilshier **CH CAVLAMOUR POMP AND PIZAZZ** – This girl showed herself off well. Lovely head, and good pigment. Sweet expression. Well coated with rich tan patches on a clean white background. Well presented, and moved out with drive from good rear assembly. A little soft on her topline.

**5th** Greg Browne **EIREANNMADA THAT'LL BE THE DAY** – Lightly marked girl in clear white coat with well-spaced small rich tan patches. The coat is of a good texture. Loved her attitude and outline. Her structure is good, and she moves out well.

**Limit Bitch (10,1abs)**

**1st** Miss C T Taylor **DAPSEN WHATEVER IT TAKES** – Nicely balanced tricolour girl with lovely eyes and expression. She has a lovely, cushioned head and bright tan points. From her moderate neck you come to a good lay of shoulder with a straight line from point of shoulder to her elbow, the angulation with the upper arm is good. Her rear is also well built between hip and hock with a good turn of stifle and low hock providing the drive for movement. She has a level topline with short firm loin. Good spring of rib completes the picture. Her black coat was presented in shining condition with enough white to break up the black. She moved out very well.

**2nd** Joy McInnes **INNESVEIL RIVERBOAT PRINCESS (AI)**– Nice quality blenheim bitch. Short-coupled, well-boned and with a good spring of rib. Good length to her neck and a good lay of shoulder. She is well angulated throughout and moved with drive. She has a moderate feminine head with shallow stop and well tapered muzzle.

**3rd** Daventri Kennels **DAVENTRI THYME TRAVELLER** – Lightly marked blenheim girl with an attractive outline and sporting the much valued ‘spot’ on top of her head. She has a good coat, with nothing to hide. Moderate length of neck, good lay of shoulder and level topline. Well angulated front and rear giving a free-flowing movement, looking good in profile.

**4th** S Irvine **TORQUELLA ITS ABOUT TIME** – Shapley girl with well-broken blenheim coat. She has a sweet expression and lovely eyes. Moderate length of neck. She moved out well using her well angulated rear for drive.

**5th** Mrs A J Kleinitz **BLACKTREE QUEEN OF MYSTERY** – Small, neat package this characterful blenheim girl seemed distracted by the draw of outside. She has a well-developed body with good spring of rib and depth of chest. Short coupled and well-coated, she appears a little shorter on leg than I prefer for balance.

**Australian Bred Bitch (10)**

**1st** Mathew Morse & Will Henderson **CH MATMOR THRILLED TO BITS** – Lovely ruby bitch from the consistent mould that appears to be a feature of this kennel. Such a nice outline. Head set with lovely dark eyes and good black pigment to nose, eye-rims, and lip-line. She is well angulated throughout with a strong rear for drive and good front assembly for reach. When she moves, she flows effortlessly around the ring with her handler allowing her to move out at her pace. **Reserve Best Bitch.**

**2nd** Bronwyn Schmidt **BRADES JAMAYA** – Lovely outline to this blenheim girl. She is well-bodied, with good spring of rib and level topline. She has a good length to her neck, leading into well laid shoulders. Sweetest of expressions from a moderate head of lovely proportions with long fringed ears framing her head. Her movement is good from well angled rear and front.

**3rd** Mr S Wraith **CH MATMOR SET THE STAGE** – Lovely black & tan girl, super neck with well carried head. Lovely sized dark eyes set well apart giving a good expression. She engages you with a direct look from those dark eyes that says, “look at me” and cannot be ignored. The tan points over the eyes and are rich and bright enhancing her expression. She moves out very well using her well-turned stifles and good front.

**4th** Ms D L Petersen **CH. DAPSEN THE SECRETS WE KEEP** – A sweet tricoloured girl. Missing some of her clothes just now on her well-broken marked body. Nothing to hide here. She has a mature, well-developed body with lovely rich tan in the right places. Her black and white markings are very striking. She has a well-appointed head. Moved out very well.

**5th** Mrs A J Kleinitz **CH BLACKTREE STEAL MY HEART** – Sweet girl, petite and nicely balanced length to height ratio. Head with warm, dark eyes. She is well made, just needs a little more length of leg for me.

**Open Bitch (8,1abs)**

A richness of quality in this class making the choices hair-splitting.

**1st** Ms D L Petersen **SUP CH. DAPSEN MIRROR MIRROR** – What a super lovely blenheim girl. Topline dead level with the tail coming off the spine straight out and carried well. Lovely head features, flat to top of skull between ears, super ear set with long fringing framing her head. Great expression from lustrous-dark eyes. Good pigment to nose, eye-rims and lipline. Well angulated and structured throughout. She had such grace and style as she flowed around the ring. A joy to go over this lovely girl. **Best Bitch &** **Reserve Best in Show**

**2nd** Mr S Wraith **SUP CH MATMOR IN THE SOCIETY PAGES** – Well-balanced ruby girl with overall good structure and lovely lines. Rich ruby colour to her coat presented in gleaming condition. She has a lovely, elegant outline with her graceful, moderate neck and balance of height to length and substance. She has a pretty head and nice flat top- skull between her very long well-feathered ears. Good rear angulation giving drive. Moved out very elegantly with style.

**3rd** Mathew Morse & Will Henderson **CH MATMOR LA STUPENDA (AI) –** Another ruby girl of quality. A little shorter on leg than I prefer. She has a well presented, richly coloured coat of lovely texture. Good shoulder placement. Moved out well, not quite the positive reach and drive of my 2nd placed. She has such a sweet head.

**4th** Kym Brooksby **CH CAVASHON TICK OF APROVAL** – A sweet smaller built blenheim girl Well-bodied. Lovely expressive dark eyes and gentle, sweet look from her balanced head properties. Such a character, lovely temperament. Moved out well. Lost out on minor points.

**5th** Mr P J Nichols **BLACKTREE COME FROM AWAY** – Sweet blenheim girl with a neat short-coupled, well-developed body. Slightly shorter on leg than I prefer. She has a well marked coat with rich tan. She has a lovely head with good expression. Not the strongest mover in this class.

**Veteran 7+ Bitch (1)**

**1st** Joy McInnes **AUST CH INNESVEIL LOVE SPELL** – Lovely 8-year-old little lady having a great day out. She is well bodied with a pretty head and good pigment. She is lightly marked with good rich tan patches. Her topline is holding well, but she can drop it when standing at times. She moved out well.

**Neuter Dog (4)**

**1st** Jacqueline Giggins **NEUT. R CH CAVALRITE SIR LANCELOT** – Lovely black & tan boy presented in shining condition. Well-coated raven black with bright tan markings. In great condition and shape. He moves out with lovely flow and drive. **Best Neuter in Show**

**2nd** Miss A Newlands **BINDYK PRIM N PROPER** –Well-coated blenheim with a nice outline. Good head. Moved out at speed with great grace and elegance. Well presented. **Reserve Best Neuter in Show.**

**3rd** S Irvine **AUSTRADAN ICE COOL BOMBADIER** – Sweet blenheim boy, thoroughly enjoying his showing. He has good front assembly and a soft masculine head. He has lost some darkness of pigment to his nose. He is in a lovely condition. Moved out well.

**4th** Miss A Newlands **BINDYK ARCHER ON LANDALE TK.S** – Blenheim boy with good topline, nice length to his neck and good shoulders. He has a sweet face, but lacks a little fill under the eyes. He moves out very well.

**Neuter Bitch (3,1abs)**

**1st** Sue Smith **CH NUETER CH JESSICAV KISS ME I'M HOT SWN –** Lovely tricolour girl in very good condition and weight. Well-marked body of broken up black and white. Lovely head with good tan points above eyes, on cheeks and under ears. She moved out well and true with well held topline.

**2nd** Retrac Kennels **RETRAC IN THE LINE OF FIRE** – This girl is carrying a little more weight than ideal. She has a good coat with a little wave. She has a very sweet head and expression with large dark eyes. She is well made, short coupled. Moved well.

**End of Critique**