

2013 ROYAL HECHT AWARDS

1. CIMARRON'S RAGING RAMPAGE

AWARD: ROYAL HECHT BRED-BY AWARD, defeated 60

OWNER / BREEDER: STEVE DOBBINS

Sire: Cimarron's King of Wishful Thinking

Dam: GCH CH Cimarron's Lovin' Touchin' Squeezin

Steve managed the Website & Assistant show chair

Cimarron's Raging Rampage was one of five boy puppies from a **very** unplanned litter. Based on the circumstances of the breeding, I should have known this litter was going to be trouble, and trouble it was.

Rampage is a very vocal dog. He yells out a blood curdling scream when he wants to go outside. Much like Forrest Gump did in the movie in the part where the school principal seduces Forrest's mom.

Rampage almost won the German Shepherd Dog Club of St Louis Best Bred By **AND** Best Puppy award in the same year, but he was narrowly beat out for Best Puppy by his wanna be sister, Blah Blah.

I don't know how thru all this Utter Chaos what I will do with another Rowdy dog that likes Raisin' A Ruckus. I don't know how if I could keep myself from going on a Raging Rampage to figure out how I can be better protected from Mayhem Like Me.

2. Select Excellent Grand Champion Marquis' Horse With No Name (aka Caballo)

TITLE: Select Excellent #7

Owners: Dan and Liana New, Liz Oster, and Judy DeRousse

Sire: 2007 Can. GV, 2X Can. Select, US Maturity Victor, Best in Show Winner, 4X US Select Excellent, GC Marquis' Stealing the Show, ROM, TC, OFA

Dam: Fut Victrix, BIF, Mat. Victrix, Sel CH Marquis' Blond Bombshell

Liana was secretary of the puppy match.

Caballo earned his Champion Title in 6 weeks with 17 points in 4 shows, including MW Best in Maturity before he was 2 yr. old. Then in 6 shows, Caballo completed his GChampionship under Dave Rinke, With Dave judging the National, we thought it could be a opportunity for a Select. Judy DeRousse & I had no plans to go to Penn. But we did it.

Liz Oster called me up & said "Hey let's get Caballo out & see what he looks like, enter him in the Michigan shows. Choking on my coffee & looking to my left, Caballo was laying on on the couch eating treats. This dog hasn't been shown in almost a year & he's been doing nothing but hanging out & growing up.

Dan & I got to work bathing, nails, exercise & cutting out his treats. He wasn't very happy about no treats. Well, at the Michigan Shows, he went Best of Breed all 3 shows. Then Liz said she wanted to show him at the National. WOW

At the National Caballo went Select #7 & it was Judy DeRousses' first Select dog. What an accomplishment for Liz Oster, as she is the Breeder of Caballo's parents & Caballo!

Shown very sparingly, he spends most of the time on the couch. He is now 5 years old & no future plans to show him again. He has partied with a couple of girlfriends, too. First & foremost he is a member of our family & Dan's best 4 legged buddy. He is a super cool dog!

3. B&B GUSSTAV VOM WIELAND, ORT, CGC, TDI (aka Guss)

TITLES EARNED: ORT, (ODOR RECOGNITION TEST), CGC (CANINE GOOD CITIZEN), TDI (THERAPY DOG)

Guss had 3 min. to find the scent took 29 seconds.

OWNERS: BILL & BETTE SILL

BREEDER: RACHEL ROBINSON

SIRE: BARON VOM SILBERSBERGWERK

DAM: ERIN VOM HAUS GALBREATH

Guss is known as "Mr. Hollywood" He loves working with everyone. His mission is to make people happy. His size, his good looks, and his kindness make a lasting impression. His reputation truly precedes him.

4. GCH CH CIMARRON'S LOVIN' TOUCHIN' SQUEEZIN' (aka Charmin)

AWARD: GRAND CHAMPION

OWNER: STEVE DOBBINS

BREEDER: STEVE DOBBINS

Sire: CH Cimarron's Refugee

Dam: CH Cimarron's Tokyo Rose, ROM

Steve served as Website manager, Assistant Show Chair.

GCH CH Cimarron's Lovin' Touchin' Squeezin' (aka "Charmin" or the "Little Shit") is my most recent Grand Champion, now totaling four. She is from a litter that had songs from the group, Journey, as the litter's theme. She got her call name Charmin from the Lovin' Touchin' Squeezin' part of her registered name and from the commercial Please Don't Squeeze the Charmin. People ask me why I would name the dog after toilet paper - I say 'Why Not?'. Her second call name came about because she was tiny as a puppy. Went I first entered her in the 6 to 9 puppy class, she was the size of about a 4 month old puppy. Hence she got the name, Little Shit. Besides, her brother's call name is Dingleberry. People ask me why I would call a dog Dingleberry. Again, I say 'Why Not?' Besides aren't dingleberries, little shits, and charmin all related?

Charmin never went very far in the conformation ring in her early showing career, more than likely a result of her lack of size and show attitude. Then in the summer of 2011, something changed. She started playing in ring and having a good time. It was like someone put a rocket up her butt as she now enjoyed zooming around the ring. Winners bitch became almost automatic and expected, that is, until she went "naked". Late July and August were hard on her coat as the heat of summer combined with the pre-seasonal hormonal changes took her coat to almost nothing. Then her coat came back, and the Little Shit zoomed around the ring once again to more points and her second major in the fall. She finished her regular championship in November of 2011. Even though she is not a Bred By champion, all but two of her points were won from the Bred By class and she accumulated all of her championship points in less than 6 months.

For her Grand Championship, Charmin almost earned that title with just a much ease, other than she had to take 6 months off in the year 2012 to raise a litter of pups. Charmin completed the requirements for her Grand Championship in January of 2013. She is now well on her way to earning her second level of her Grand Championship having won over half of the 100 points required for her Bronze Grand Championship (which is four times the amount needed for the first level grand champion).

5. CH MASSTANA'S Mariah The PARTY'S On, TT, OFA (aka Mariah)

TITLE EARNED: CHAMPION

OWNERS: Glenn & Kelly Murphy

BREEDERS: John & Nancy Vaught

Sire: CH Sirius Park's Kojak Bihari, OFA

Dam: CH Masstana's Haley's Comet, OFA

Glenn & Kelly served on the Board & Cards & Flowers committee

Mariah was born on New Years & thus the New Year's Theme to her name.

We purchased Mariah from John & Nancy Vaught in CT of Masstana German Shepherds. I saw their New Litter Notice on the GSD Show list & started searching Pedigrees & looking up dog backgrounds & health issues. Everything looked great.

So I contacted them & was told they had 3 show prospects out of the litter & they were keeping 2 of them. Several weeks later my son & I drove to CT & back in about 36 hours. (includes 4 hrs. sleep)

John brought Mariah & the two other dogs out into the yard & as soon as I saw her move I knew she was the one. They weren't as convinced as I was & sold her to me as a pet with no co-ownership or Puppy back.

We brought her home & with Elizabeth's help started training her for the ring. Her 3rd show, her first all-breed show, she took a 4 pt major from the puppy class with Elizabeth on the lead at Sullivan MO.

I call the Vaughts to tell them the news. I really thought John was going to stroke out. He couldn't believe it. Mariah finished her CH in Jan of 2013 ahead of her two litter mates that the breeder had as their pick pups. The Vaughts were ecstatic.

Mariah won in both All-Breed & Specialty Shows. All but one of the wins were under a GSD Judge (someone who bred GSD) Her 2nd major was under Linda Robey in AR who did not breed GSDs Butch kept telling me that the non-GSD Judges simply didn't know what they were looking at because of her being black & the way she moved.

It took Kelly & I 15 years to get our first Champion. Along the way we have learned a lot mostly by making mistakes & learning from them. We have received advice from many people along the way, some solicited & mostly unsolicited. I think the biggest thing we have learned is to listen to the advice of many people & then decide what is best for us & to do our homework as far as the pedigrees & health of the dogs produced in the pedigrees.

Mariah also blessed us with a tremendous litter of 5 pups, four of which are solid black out of Gail & Butch's Select CH Nick. They are 10 months old now & 3 of the 5 have very promising show careers.

We are working on our 2nd champion now.

Thank you.

6. MARQUIS' CIMARRON TOUGH NOOGIES (aka Blah Blah)

AWARD: Best Puppy, defeated 57 .

OWNER: STEVE DOBBINS

BREEDER: LIZ OSTER, LIANA NEW and PAUL JOHNSON

Sire: Can GV 2X Can Sel, 4X US Sel., Mat. Victor, GCH Marquis Stealing The Show TC, ROM, OFA

Dam: Anne-Isle's Ellie

Steve has managed the Website & Assistant Show Chair.

In late August of 2012, I saw a cute little female puppy that Liana was showing off at Judy DeRousse's house. Liana asked if I wanted to take the puppy home. I thought to myself that I needed another puppy like I need a hole in the head, since I already had five 4 month old puppy boys. After a while I gave in. Besides who could resist such a cute face? Liana started rattling on about what I should name this pup. She said name her something like "Marquis Blah Blah Blah....." So "Blah Blah" became her call name and almost her registered name.

Blah Blah hit her show career running. She almost always won her puppy class. In her five months of being shown in the puppy class in 2013, Blah Blah went winners bitch 4 times, including a major, and she went reserve winners bitch 3 times, including a major reserve. She narrowly beat out my other pup, Rampage, for best puppy.

Blah Blah has yet to be shown outside the puppy class because she is waiting for her teenage gawky body to mature; at the same time, she has been waiting for her coat to recover from two pre-seasonal coat blows.

7.MONTANA'S SECOND CHANCE, CGC, ATT, BN, CD (aka Chance)

TITLES EARNED: BN (beginner's novice) & CD

OWNER: GERALYN BOLHOFNER

BREEDERS: Tonya Linderer, Lindy Kennels

Sire: Zeus' Almighty Thunder

Dam: Hall's Brandy Sophia of HP

Geralyn served on the K-9 awards, obedience training & obedience trials

Chance is a certified therapy dog. I love that all the dogs put smiles on the resident's faces, whether they are in the hall or in their rooms. Besides his regular therapy work, Chance has helped an employee overcome her fear of big dogs since she had been bitten by one. At first, she wouldn't come near him, then she was touching him with an outstretched hand & finally standing next to him & petting him. I am so proud of this big goof.

CHANCE ALSO RECEIVES THE 2013 GSDC OF ST.LOUIS NOVICE OBEDIENCE AWARD

8. CH MARI-FIORI'S RAMJETEKO OF PRAIRIEHOME HIC HT ORT CGC JHD PT (aka Teko)

TITLES EARNED: CHAMPION, JUNIOR HERDING DOG, PRE TRIAL

OWNER: JUDY MCDOWELL

BREEDER: MARILEE WILKINSON

SIRE: CH MARI-FIORI'S RIVER OF DREAMS TC

DAM: JOELLE'S FOX LADY v MARI-FIORI

JUDY SERVED AS THE SPECIALTY SHOW SECRETARY AND WEBSITE MAINTENANCE.

I started my puppy search exactly four years ago (from this writing – December 24), knowing my Faithful Companion Tonto wouldn't be with me very long due to degenerative myelopathy. I knew I wanted similar bloodlines to Rocky and started looking for breeders. I contacted Marilee Wilkinson based on something I saw in an old GSDCSL newsletter and as it turned out, not only did her dogs have similar lines, but she was expecting a litter, and planning another breeding for April. I visited her home in February 2010 and liked what I saw. The Jimi/Dreamer puppies arrived May 31 and my introduction to them was July 4. By that time, Marilee had been observing them for five weeks and knew each one's personality and prospects. She knew I wanted a working Shepherd, for performance and eventually therapy work, so she had a candidate selected for me. "This puppy is always watching you" she told me. I trusted her judgment and agreed with her choice. When I went back at the end of the month to bring him home, she also said "I think you could show him....." Again, I trusted her judgment and have not been disappointed.

Teko earned a Hecht award in 2012 for herding and earning a CGC, and he racked up five points in the conformation ring.

2013 was very busy for Teko.

We inched through an ice storm in January to the St. Charles KC show for a big 4-point win over very tough competition, many from our club. This gave us his second major, so the pressure was off. Next, he wowed the home crowd by getting a 3-point major at the Columbia show in March, then off to Purina Farms for another 3-point major in May ("the 4th was with me") to complete his conformation title with a record of 2-3-4-3-3 in just 10 months, and not quite three years old. He was expertly presented by Julia Foster-Hess in all his winning venues.

We were able to work in the herding arena most of last winter with only a few cancellations due to snow. 2013 herding proved to be another successful endeavor for CH Wild Man. He started in March by qualifying on consecutive days for his AHBA (American Herding Breed Association) Junior Herding Dog title (JHD). In April, again on consecutive days, he qualified for his AKC Pre-Trial test title (PT). These achievements enabled him to receive the GSDCA Dual Title award in July. (The GSDCA Dual Title award is given to dogs completing a performance title in addition to a conformation championship. Their names are printed in the National catalogue, the GSD Review, and are read at the annual meeting at Nationals.)

When we finally returned to herding after finishing his conformation championship, Teko had his own ideas about it. He refused to work for his trainer. He pulled out everything in his little doggie bag of tricks to avoid working the sheep - his favorite was looking for me and running to the gate. He went from the "A" field (a pasture of at least 100 x 200 feet), to the "HT" field (100 x 100 feet), to the round pen (50 x 50 feet), to the holding pen (about 10 x 10 feet), all with complete shutdown. In the holding pen, he was in very close quarters with three head of sheep and had no interest in them at all. I was about to give up on him, when my trainer made a final suggestion – that I be the one to work him. I was very reluctant to enter the arena again, but the transformation in Teko was amazing. His interest in sheep returned instantly and was working again as he had in the past. My trainer attributes this to typical GSD devotion to his one and only person –

me. We are ready to get back to herding in 2014 and see what we can do as a team. I have a lot to learn yet, but we will keep at it.

Another milestone was attained with his OFA certification for both hips and elbows.

And yes, he's still watching me.

9. CH CIMARRON'S DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' (aka Dingleberry)

AWARD: CHAMPION

OWNER / BREEDER: STEVE DOBBINS

SIRE: CH Cimarron's Refugee

Dam: CH Cimarron's Tokyo Rose, ROM

Steve manages the website & was assistant show chair.

Cimarron's Don't Stop Believin' is one of three boys from a litter sired by my Koko son, Ch Cimarron's Refugee OFA and my kennel slut, Ch Cimarron's Tokyo Rose. Dingleberry, as I call him, was such an annoying 'pest' while he was growing up and still is to this day. He would literally try to hump anything with a heartbeat, including males. Dingleberry was not particularly a good mover as a puppy, but he was flashy, especially with his enriched red pigment. He did this enough that one time as he was being shown in the puppy class as a filler dog, he stole the major from his dad.

Dingleberry was showing very well in the fall of 2012, almost getting his second major. Then came that fateful evening in October while on my way to a dog show, I swerved to avoid a deer and lost control of my truck. The truck went across my two lanes of traffic, thru the median, across the oncoming two lanes of traffic, before rolling over in the far ditch. I had two dogs, Dingleberry and his sister Charmin in the cab of the truck. Had they been in the camper section, they would have been crushed. If Dingleberry hadn't moved from the passenger seat to the jump seat area in the back of the cab, he would have been thrown from the truck. The paramedics in the ambulance kept insisting that I go to the hospital, but I wouldn't go. Since I was not bleeding to death, I WOULD NOT LEAVE MY DOGS! The highway patrol officer covering the accident said I was lucky to be alive, let alone being able to walk away from it. Thankfully, these two dogs also walked away from the scene, shaken up both physically and emotionally. They were probably bruised up from being thrown about in the back of the cab. Time would eventually show that Charmin has some longer term emotional issues and Dingleberry has been showing an irregular gait in his rear as a result of the accident. He was able to squeak out his second major in early 2013, and then was able to get his last two singles in 'kansas', of all places. He narrowly beat out his nephew, Rampage for the points. Plus, I had difficulty finding someone to take Rampage back in the ring because there were no shepherd people in kansas. It just goes to show you that Friends don't let Friends go to kansas!

10. CH CIMARRON'S TOKYO ROSE, ROM (aka Pearl)

AWARD: Register of Merit. Highest award a dog/bitch can attain from the Parent Club.

A bitch must produce at least 2 Champions & 2 progeny with major reserves.

A dog with a performance title and a class win in the conformation ring counts toward the award.

OWNER / BREEDER: STEVE DOBBINS

Sire: BlackOaks' Wiseguy v Hadori

Dam: Cimarron's Stevie Nicks

Steve manages the website & was assistant show chair.

PROGENY:

GCH CH CIMARRON'S LOVIN' TOUCHIN' SQUEEZIN'
CH CIMARRON'S ANY WAY YOU WANT IT
CH CIMARRON'S DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'
CIMARRON'S WHEEL IN THE SKY

Back on December 7, 2003, I sent an email to Marcia saying "The Red Coats Are Coming!", when one of my Uecker / Rhiannon daughters started whelping a litter of pups. To which, Marcia simply replied, 'There better not be any coats, if these were babies from her Joey. Well, coats there were not, but RED pups there were. These red-no coats were sired by Marcia's big red dog, Black Oak's Wiseguy v Hadori, and were out of GV Uecker / and my Rhiannon daughter, Cimarron's Stevie Nicks.

Being whelped on Pearl Harbor day, it made for an easy theme name for the litter. Pearl is CH Cimarron's Tokyo Rose and this goes along with her two sisters, Tsunami Sue and Tarawa, and with her brothers Tora-Tora-Tora and Twilight's Last Gleaming.

Pearl was always a favorite, the red collar accented her red coat, and ears that were up solid when she was just over FOUR weeks old. She is a petite, feminine girl with a strong under jaw, ears and back; to go along with a nicely curved stifle and tiny little hocks.

Pearl finished her championship in early 2008 after taking almost a year off to whelp some pups, and get back into condition. Pearl has had two litters, the first one was very unplanned during her show career, so many of these pups were expeditiously sent to pet homes. The second litter was planned and was a repeat of the first litter, sired by CH Cimarron's Refugee OFA, who is the seventh champion from my record tying 8-champion Karen Hynek's Koko and my other Uecker / Rhiannon daughter, Cimarron's Nightlife ROM litter.

Three of the five pups in the second Joey / Pearl litter have finished their championships. A fourth has won a major reserve. The fifth pup from the litter is a typey little dark female that Marcia affectionately nicknamed Ass-Biter; since the day after Marcia saw her, she ran up and bit Marcia right in the ass. Her name is Faith. Pearl's other daughter, Charmin, already has ROM points from her litter of five boys. So the legacy continues.....