



# *The Cavalier Communique*

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## Westminster 2023: A New Venue

Flushing, New York was the new venue for the 147th Westminster Kennel club (WKC) dog shows. Mother Nature provided gorgeous weather for the May competitive events. In an indoor ring, Breeder Judge Ted Eubank (Pinecrest) evaluated champion Cavaliers. The venue provided ample seating and excellent lighting to view the exhibitors. Judge Eubank awarded Best of Breed to GCHP CH Castle Peak Field of Dreams CGC bred by Patricia Johnson and owned by Rebecca Lofholm, Janet Talmy and Patricia Johnson. Pride and emotion overwhelmed expert handler Janice Hayes when handed the coveted WBC BOB rosette.

Other winners in the Cavalier class included:

Best of Opposite Sex (BOS): GCHB CH Crownheir Hallelujah breeder/owner Kelly Fadel

Select Dog (SD): GCHS Ellemich Secreteriat breeders Michelle Chapman and Tanya Ireland, owners Patty Kanan and Cindy Huggins

Select Bitch (SB): CH Chadwick Trivial Pursuit breeder Anne Eckersley, owners Anne Eckersley and Margaret Reed

Award of Merits (AOM): GCHB CH Carlen Myrddin Wylit at Tycwn, breeder Carla Close, owners

Ann Knauss and Carla Close

GCH CH Sheeba Ladies Man: breeders Jasmin Becker and Karin Ostmann; owners Karin Ostmann, Idelle Cahn and Danna Robinson-Saathof

GCHB CH Northpointe Intoxicating: breeder/owner Deborah Mitchum

I am fond of whole color Cavaliers. My heart melted when I saw a gorgeous Ruby male gaiting in the ring. I was hopeful that Judge Eubank would recognize the exquisite movement and presentation of this outstanding Cavalier. It is often challenging for a whole color Cavalier to ribbon at a major show. Judge Eubank, a seasoned Cavalier breeder, awarded SD to GCHS Ellemich Secreteriat. “Robbie” is owned and loved by Patty Kanan and Cindy Huggins. I learned that Robbie’s accolades include Gold Grand Champion, RBIS and MBISS.

A gorgeous black and tan male Cavalier caught my eye. GCHB CH Carlen Myrddin Wylit at Tycwn, affectionately known as Magic, won an AOM. Although I had seen him compete earlier in the year, he was shown in tip-top coat, musculature and condition. He was clearly happy to be showing. His owners, Ann Knauss and breeder Carla Close were beaming with pride at ringside.

Sporting, Working and other large breeds exhibited in spacious outdoor rings that offered covered tenting. Spectator seating was ample offering excellent visibility of each exhibitor. Covered grooming areas were large and offered more than adequate electrical outlets. The grounds of the Billy Jean King tennis center consists of spacious grassy paths and walk ways. Shuttle service transported spectators and exhibitors from local hotels to the show sight. For exhibitors with oversized loads, a shuttle with a lift was routinely available. The atmosphere of the WKC 2023 shows was relaxed and congenial. Clearly, the WKC staff was well organized, knowledgeable and offered assistance to all attendees. Access to the loading and unloading areas was well choreographed by seasoned staff.

On the last night, watching the group judging was exciting and educational. I was impressed by the decisive choices of Mr. Frank Kane who judged the sporting group. Mr. Kane’s judging style is a joy to watch. He had a very large group of exquisite canines to evaluate. He tried to “keep things moving” yet he showed kindness to each handler and dog.

The TV crew caught the exact moment when Judge Beth Sweigart arrived at the center. With poise and grace, she entered the arena. Her methodical and decisive judging is educational to watch. She awarded Reserve Best in Show to the Perkingese, GCH CH Pequest Rum Dum breed, owned and handled by David Fitzpatrick. Her top choice was a rather rare breed from the hound group, the Petit Basset Griffons Vendéen affectionately known as the PBGV’s. Judge Sweigart awarded Best in Show to CH Soletreader Buddy Holly breed by Gavin and Sara Robertson, expertly shown by handler Janice Hayes and owned by Janice Hayes, Lizzie Canmore, Cathy Oneill and Donna Moore.

As I reminisce about past WKC shows, I realize that adaptability to change is necessary to thrive in today’s world. I must admit that I prefer going to a dog show in early summer rather than in the dead of winter. Growing up in New England, I was never a fan of the snow, ice or bitter freezing temperatures of New York City in February. When I contemplate of what we did as exhibitors at past WKC shows, I wonder in amazement, how we did it. I attribute this energy from our love of the breed plus our competitive drive which often appears a little “crazy” to those who don’t show dogs.

WKC is a celebration of champion purebred dogs where canine athletes compete in numerous events. WKC is a wonderful educational opportunity to learn about various breeds. This year’s venue offered a relaxed atmosphere to mingle with the world’s top breeders and seasoned handlers. I await in anticipation the location and date of 2024 WKC. Kudos to the WKC organizers, judges and exhibitors of champion purebred dogs. Congratulations to all the winners and exhibitors who participated in WKC.

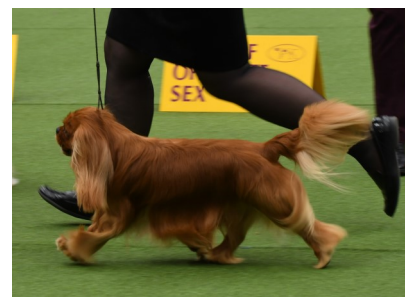
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Select Dog