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Clumber Spaniel puppy "Moose" bred by Shannon Van Norman

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# Dog and Litter Registrations

Please email <u>erin-leblanc@hotmail.com</u> to have your litter or available dogs listed in the newsletter!

On January 11th, 2018 Tricklecreek Clumber Spaniels were blessed with 6 beautiful puppies!

Clussexx Fetch My Purse "Harley" and MBIS Can Ch. Tricklecreek Bacardi Breezer "Bacardi"



# Canadian Point Standings 2017

As of
April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018
(Unofficial)

1. Tricklecreek Friend Of Mine	610
2. Bulwinkle's Rocket J Squirrel	145
3. Fingleton Fergus	118
4. Whidbey's Chevelle SS	2
5. Velcoff's Cruz Ramirez	1

RESULTS OBTAINED VIA CANUCK DOGS RESULTS

## Titles Awarded

(Unofficially)

Erin & Elliott LeBlanc would like to congratulate Chewy's daughter "Elvira" on finishing her Am CH. Going BOB for a major over specials and continued to a Group 4<sup>th</sup>! A Nice way to finish. Congratulations to Elvira's Breeders Milford Cole, Peggy Holman, Dennis Fitzpatrick and Owners Milford Cole/Peggy Holman. Elvira is AmCh.Cajun's Mistress of the Dark

Reminder if you have dogs with new titles in Canada or the USA please email the newsletter editor Erin LeBlanc to have your news included. erin-leblanc@hotmail.com

## CLUMBER SPANIEL CLUB OF CANADA

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The newsletter cannot be held responsible for ads accepted in good faith which may prove otherwise. Only "Registered" dogs may be advertised in "Dogs for Sale".

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#### Deadlines for submissions are:

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(in Canadian \$)

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Back Cover B/W	40.00
Breeders Directory	5.00
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Litter Box (Non-Members)	5.00
Business Cards (4 issues)	15.00

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Front Cover Color	\$80.00
Back Cover Color	60.00
Full Page Color	50.00
½ Page Color	40.00

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ALL ADS MUST BE COPY READY!!!!

PLEASE NO POLAROID'S

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Please send all written articles, photos, ads, mail & notes to the Editor . Photos will be returned by regular mail.

Our Website

http://clumbercanada.webs.com

We are also on Facebook!

## President's Message

#### President's Message

As I write my first message as President of the Clumber Spaniel Club of Canada, I am thinking about how exciting it is to be a part of this club, I'm thinking about all the events coming up this year and I'm thinking about how the heck I got here!

It is a winter's winter in Saskatoon this year with long stretches of very cold weather. The dogs really don't seem to mind and we are able to get out for lovely field walks (well, we almost never walk - just full-on gallops).

Our club is hosting the Avidog Transformational Puppy Rearing seminar with Gayle Watkins in Edmonton March 17-18. Thanks to Shannon Van Norman and Sharon Beaulieu for organizing this. I am very excited to attend and to learn at this well-regarded seminar.

I am also happy to announce that the Clumber Spaniel Club of Canada's 2018 National Specialty will be held in Saskatoon on Labour Day weekend! We will share our banquet with the Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada's 2018 National Specialty. This will be my first Clumber specialty and I am so looking forward to seeing several examples of this breed in one place. If you can possibly make it out to Saskatoon, we will welcome you in true Prairie spirit. Saskatoon, the Paris of the Prairies, is a great destination with an awesome culture. Come on out and see why we were chosen by the NY Times to be one of the top 52 places to see in 2018! You can even extend your trip a little and drive on to the magnificent Canadian Rockies, passing through the paleontologically famous Drumheller en route.

Wishing you and your dogs a happy and healthy rest of the winter with dreams of a warm, but not too muddy spring!

#### French Version:

Le message de la présidente

En écrivant ce premier message comme présidente du club du Clumber spaniel du Canada, je reflète sur le fait qu'il est excitant de faire partie de ce club, je pense aussi aux divers évènements qui seront tenus cette année et enfin, comment je me suis rendu ici!

C'est un vrai hiver à Saskatoon cette année avec de longues périodes de températures très froides. Les chiens ne semblent pas trop s'en faire et nous sommes quand même capables de faire de belles promenades dans les champs près de chez nous. (à la course toutefois)

Notre club sera l'hôte d'un séminaire de formation Avidog par Gayle Watkins à Edmonton les 17 et 18 mars 2018 –dont le sujet est l'élevage de chiots en sante. De grands remerciements à Shannon Van Norman et Sharon Beaulieu pour avoir organiser le séminaire. Je suis très excitée d'y participer.

Je suis heureuse d'annoncer que la spécialité nationale 2018 de notre club se tiendra à Saskatoon pendant la longue fin de semaine de la fête de travail ! Nous partagerons notre banquet avec le club national de chiens terre-neuve qui tiendra aussi leur spécialité nationale. Ce sera ma première spécialité de Clumber spaniel et j'ai bien hâte de voir plusieurs Clumber au même endroit et en même temps. Venez voir pourquoi le New York Times a choisi Saskatoon comme une de 52 places à voir en 2018 ! Vous pouvez prolonger votre voyage dans les Prairies en continuant vers les Rocheuses, en passant par les Badlands et Drumheller!

Bonne fin d'hiver en anticipant un printemps chaud, mais pas trop boueux.

Brenda Vanstone

#### CLUMBER SPANIEL CLUB OF CANADA REVENUE & EXPENSE STATEMENT September 1st, 2017

Balance at Dec 19, 2017	\$7,851.92
Deposits Made:	
Memberships	\$557.44
Avidog Registrations	. \$6,525.00
Specialty Donations	\$295.00
Avidog Sponsors	\$2,000.00
Total Revenue	. <u>\$9,377.44</u>
Expenses:	
Avidog Seminar desposit Bank Charges -PayPal/Etrans Shipment of Trophies	\$15.92
Total Expenses	\$5,897.78
Balance as at Mar 30th, 2018	<u>\$11,331.58</u>
<u>Paypal funds:</u> Total Paypal	<u>\$00.00</u>
Total Bank	\$11,331.58
Total Bank & Paypal Balance:	\$11,331.58
Club Breakdowns as at Sept 1st, 2	2017:
Rescue	. \$2,030.04

Respectfully Submitted.

Sharon Beaulieu Treasurer

## Editors Report

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all had a good winter! Here on the east coast this year we made out well with very little accumulations of snow in the Nova Scotia area. I'll gladly take any year that doesn't require shoveling tons of the white stuff!

With spring arriving I'm sure many of you are gearing up or have already started the 2018 show season. I would like to wish everyone success at the shows whether you are reading this in Canada or the USE or abroad.

This next section I am putting in BOLD as I'm hoping folks will read it. The newsletter is only as good as the support it receives. I am always looking for info from members related to happenings with your Clumber Spaniels, Articles that may of be interest to our members, member submission of the "How I/We got into Clumber Spaniels" (there is an article in this issue YAY – Thank you Brenda). Please email me with any/all info you would like to see included in the newsletter!!!

Back to the non-bold and will hope everyone read it LOL.

Best wishes to everyone for a great Spring!!!

Erin LeBlanc



# How We Got Into Clumber Spaniels

By Brenda Vanstone

Question: How did we get into Clumber Spaniels?

Answer: Red wine.....and Facebook (that means you, Kyrsten...)

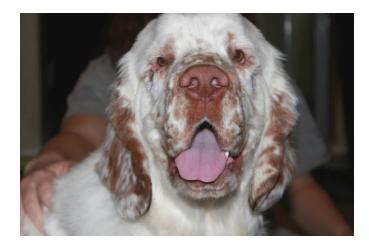
We have always loved Clumber Spaniels! Why does this breed tug so much at the heart strings of Newfoundland dog owners? It's something about that head. I read a description of Newfoundlands in a breed book published in 1905. It mentioned that Clumbers were the only breed other than Newfoundlands with that "water on the brain" look.

Marc and I met our first Clumber a number of years ago at an event in Toronto. The dog was not overly friendly, but we were smitten anyway. Over the years, we saw them from time to time on tv and dreamed of knowing one better. More recently, I lived vicariously through posts from a friend on Facebook who bred Newfoundland dogs and also had a beautiful Clumber Spaniel. I kept saying, see? We're not the only Newf/Clumber weirdos on the planet. Little did I know...

One early December night after a couple of glasses of red wine, I saw a post on Facebook from my friend letting people know that some young Clumbers were available from the breeder of her male (who I had always liked). I had no idea that TrickleCreek was based in relatively nearby Edmonton and that Shannon was the breeder. (We knew of Shannon through the Newfoundland club). Well, the red wine had kicked in and after much pestering from Marc, we gave Shannon a shout and told her that we'd be interested in seeing her dogs.

We have done this before - "we're just coming to look, we're not choosing one". That plan never works for us, especially if we bring one of the kids along.... 5 Newfs in the house and off Marc and Christian go for a weekend in Edmonton - just to look.....

Well, it was love at first sight, naturally. Shannon decided that we should probably have a show prospect since we showed our Newfs, and she couldn't show them all. McGraw (Tricklecreek's Give it tome Strait), at 7 months, was ready for a home. He had been shown a couple of times and we knew he enjoyed showing. But how would he fit in with our Newfs and the cats?



Christian and Marc would arrive late on the Sunday night and Arielle and I sat at home thinking how are we going to introduce this new guy to the crew? I decided that before he came in the house, we'd take each Newf separately on a leash and walk the Clumber and the Newf together down and up the 300' driveway. We did that with no issues, lots of happy tails and kisses.

# How We Got Into Clumber Spaniels

Continued.....

Well, as it turns out, I didn't need to worry - this pup was good as gold in the car and he basically walked into the house and blended with the pack as if he'd been born and raised there. Phew! That could have gone an entirely different way. He did take a while to learn to speak cat - but they are friends now.



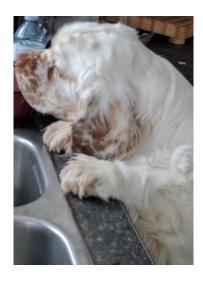
On our first field walk, I kept him on a leash - but it was soon clear that he was fine to run and play with everyone. Amazing how that coat is perfect camouflage for the prairies in winter.





There was some opposition to the name McGraw, although I thought it was a nice soft name for a Clumber. Being Sherlock fans, and having my dad's love of puns, we re-named this puppy Benny (short for Benedict Clumberbatch - I know, right? so clever....moving on...).

Clumber's are a different breed to say the least. 5 newfs in the house and guess who is the countersurfer? I have said this many many times, but I swear Clumber means *thief* in old English. Benny walked into the house and stole every toy. At dinner time, he plots to get the others' food, even when not eating his own. We think he gets away with it because they all think he's a puppy - well, I guess he was when he arrived.



# How We Got Into Clumber Spaniels

Continued.....

I have told Shannon that Benny does not fit the standard for Clumbers - aloof with strangers? HAHAHAHA! Benny has never met someone he didn't like - I guess he's never met a stranger. The least active of the spaniels? This guy can go all day long. I can't tell you how many people have come up to us at shows to talk about the famously lazy Clumber Spaniel - as Benny is running up and down and all around jumping on people.... I just always tell them that he hasn't read the standard.



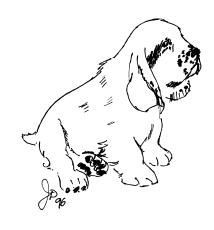
At least when he does slow down, he is a very sweet cuddle buddy on a cold winter's night.



We may have waited a while to get our first Clumber, but I don't think we'll ever be without one!



Brenda Vanstone and Marc Sabourín
Vent du Nord Newfoundlands
and Benny, the Clumber





### Clumber Spaniel Club Of America Dear fellow Clumber fanciers:

While there is no doubt, our breed has come a long way in the last 25 years, health issues such as immune mediated hemolytic anemia, disc disease, cardiomyopathy and hemangiosarcoma are taking many of our Clumbers much too early in life. It is our responsibility to act.

The Clumber Spaniel Health Foundation calls upon you to help make a difference, to establish a true resource for Clumber health. Our mission is to help Clumbers, and through our work any other dog, live longer, healthier lives, and you can be our champions.

Banding together internationally, we can promote and fund research into the diseases that are breaking our hearts. We can also educate fanciers on other health issues that affect our dogs. This takes commitment, it takes time, and it takes money. But it can be done.

Your support is needed and will be appreciated. We pledge, as a Board, to handle your contributions with utmost care and respect. We will abide by the Donor Bill of Rights© and strong ethical guidelines and will keep you informed on our work and advances.

Dedicated Clumber fanciers around the world can make a real difference. Whether we have bred them or adopted them into our homes and hearts, these dogs we love so much deserve no less.

Please, be a part of this dream: give the gift of health.

Jennifer Amundsen
CSHF President

Please visit the Health Foundations website to donate towards this very important cause <a href="http://www.clumberhealth.org/">http://www.clumberhealth.org/</a>

## Secretary's Report

Hello everyone and Happy Spring or at least I hope it's starting to look like spring in your neck of the woods. The ice in our little bay behind our house is starting to recede, the "rough ice" from the North has started to trickle down along the island and we even have an iceberg within view. So spring has sprung here in Newfoundland, thank goodness!

There is not much to submit for the secretary's report except that the CSCC's date for the 2018 National has been accepted by the CKC. Our National Specialty will be held September 2nd in Saskatoon in conjunction with the Saskatoon Kennel and Obedience Club. The judge will be William (Sandy) Gunn and our Sweepstakes judge will be Diane Nowlan of Shotshell German Shorthaired Pointers. I'm going to do all I can to attend this years National, especially seeing the NDCC (Newfoundland dog Club of Canada) will be holding their National then as well. It should be a great time in Saskatchewan and I'm looking forward to finally meeting people in person!

On a personal note, as I don't think I submitted a report for the last issue of the Crier, we are overjoyed to announce that we added another Clumber boy to our family in October. He comes from Lana Levai in Croatia and his name is Bongo. Bongo's registered name is Big Booms Incredible Bongo and he is sired by Spice Twice Whomper out of Big Booms Incredible Boomalina. He's incredible to say the least.. we have not had as many shoes and boots chewed ever but on the upside he leaves his toys intact unlike his big brother Pez and he gives new meaning to the "velcro dog".. as well inside this small body we swear must be a slinky! I must say, that after owning, breeding and showing Newfoundlands for over 28 years, having two of these wee white beasties in the house has been an experience to say the least and when I look at these two beautiful boys I can't help but think about how lucky I am. We are looking forward to the day when we can add another one to our family and we will then buy stocks in lint rollers. ;) Wishing you all a wonderful spring and may April showers bring May flowers! Take care everyone till next time...

*Kyrsten Adams*Secretary – CSCC

# Using Canine Nomographs to Better Time Puppy Vaccinations





#### INTRODUCTION

We were introduced to canine nomographs 15 years ago by Dr. Ronald Schultz from the University of Wisconsin's School of Veterinary Medicine. Since then, we have used them to time our pups' vaccinations. This simple, inexpensive tool has enabled us to overcome the two conflicting pressures that dog breeders face—how do we ensure every puppy is fully socialized during its first 16 weeks of age while keeping them safe from distemper and parvovirus?



Nomographs have proven to be the answer for us and thousands of our colleagues and students. So, with the help of Dr. Laurie at the Companion Animal Vaccines and Immuno-Diagnostic Service Laboratory (CAVIDS Lab), we have written this ebook for other breeders. We hope it will be useful to you!

Like you, we are simply dog breeders so be sure to discuss this process with your veterinarians! Feel free to share this booklet with them.

Gayle, Marcy and Lise

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Our thanks to the CAVIDS Lab, Dr. Ron Schultz and Dr. Laurie Larson for providing this invaluable service to dog breeders and puppy owners across North America!! Please visit the lab's website for more information and details.

https://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/lab/cavids/

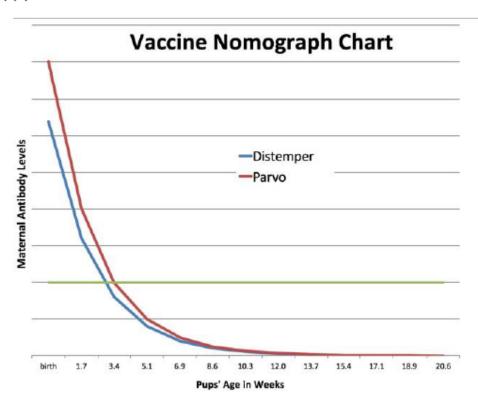
#### WHAT ARE CANINE NOMOGRAPHS?

Nomographs are simple blood tests that estimate the amount of distemper and parvovirus antibodies passed from a dam to her puppies via her colostrum, or first milk. Nomographs are useful for breeders and puppy owners because they can help predict when pups:

- are no longer protected by maternal antibodies and
- will be able to respond to distemper and/or parvo vaccines.

During a puppy's first 12 hours of life, its intestinal tract allows antibodies in colostrum to pass into the bloodstream and thus start protecting it from the diseases that its mother is protected from. As the puppy grows up, maternal antibodies break down in approximately two-week "half-lives" until they are no longer present in the pup.

While a puppy's maternal antibodies are high, they neutralize viruses such as canine parvovirus and canine distemper virus. This keeps the pup safe from these potentially fatal diseases. However, this same neutralization also blocks vaccines so the puppy will not be able to be immunized.



Maternal antibodies against distemper and parvo are independent of each other; a bitch can and usually will have different levels of protection against these diseases. In our experience, bitches' titers can range from as low as 4 and as high as 5280. These levels mean a pup's maternal antibodies can disappear as early as a few days after birth to as late as 18 weeks of age! With these last pups, if we had stopped vaccinating them at 16 weeks, as is commonly done, the pups would not have been protected!

In fact, maternal antibody interference is one of the most common causes of vaccine failure in puppies! We usually give pups multiple doses of vaccine every two to three weeks during puppyhood because we don't know their maternal antibody titers. So, we don't know when a vaccine will be effective. Nomograph testing helps us understand the best timing of vaccination to ensure a litter will be effectively immunized with the fewest vaccines as early as possible in their life.

We can measure the antibodies that a bitch has to pass on to her puppies using antibody titers, a simple blood test. If that test is done at the CAVIDS Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin Veterinary School, a nomograph can then be run on those results, allowing us to predict the optimal time to vaccinate her puppies.

#### **USING A NOMOGRAPH FOR YOUR LITTER**

To use a nomograph to better time your litter's distemper and parvo vaccinations, you will need to ship serum from your bitch to the CAVIDS Lab. The ideal time for the blood draw is either two weeks before or two weeks after the puppies are whelped. You may find it more convenient to do the blood draw when your bitch is at your veterinarian's for progesterone testing or a pregnancy ultrasound. Similarly, bitches that are bred more than once a year do not have to have a second nomograph that year. However, the further from whelping the blood is drawn, the more risk you take that your bitch has come in contact with distemper or parvo and mounted an immune response that won't be revealed in her titer. You'll have to decide how great that risk is based on your bitch's activities and the amount of parvo or distemper in your area. Personally, we stick with drawing blood either two weeks before or two weeks after whelping.

Prepare and ship the blood according to the Blood Preparation Procedures in the next section and the Nomograph Submission Form on page 10. Follow the example submission form on page 11. It is particularly helpful to the lab if you provide your dam's vaccination history. At a minimum, fill out her distemper (CDV) and parvovirus (CPV-2) vaccination history.

**Nomograph Report.** In about a week, you will receive an email report from the lab similar to the one on page 12. The report will give you your bitch's parvo and distemper titers in the box, and then below that is the protective standard for this lab. A little further down the page will be the nomograph information for the litter, indicating the age at which the pups can be vaccinated and for which diseases. On these reports, **D** indicates a distemper vaccine, **A** indications an adenovirus-2 vaccine, and **P** indicates a parvovirus-2 vaccine. The report then goes on to give further information about confirming the pups' immune response.

**Pups' "At-Risk" Period**. Prior to the recommended vaccination dates, the pups are at risk for getting distemper or parvo if they come in contact with it. At the same time, it is critical that we fully socialize and develop our pups prior to 16 weeks of age. So breeders must practice good biosecurity while still socializing puppies during the weeks prior to the vaccinations. If you want to know more about how to do this, check out Avidog's Transformational Puppy Rearing video series.

**Send Reports to New Homes**. Provide a copy of the nomograph report with each pup's vaccination record to its new owners so they can provide them to their veterinarian on the first visit. This enables the pup's vet to tailor the pup's vaccines to its individual needs.

**Confirming Pups' Responses to Vaccines**. Every pup, no matter what vaccination protocol it receives, should have a confirmatory titer drawn to ensure that it is protected. We have personally bred litters that could and did not respond to the parvo vaccine until after 17 weeks of age. If their owners had stopped vaccinating at the typical 16 weeks, those pups would have been left unprotected against parvo. They would have had a good chance of coming down with the disease in their first year, since they were competition dogs and thus out and about.

You or your owners can use the CAVIDS Lab for your pups' confirmatory titers. Use the same submission form and blood draw instructions but this time, do not check the nomograph block. Attach a copy of the dam's nomograph with the submission form. You will receive a report like the one on page 13. If an owner doesn't do a confirmatory titer after the puppy series, that pup should be vaccinated against distemper, parvo and adeno at a year of age, when all chance of maternal antibodies is gone.

High Risk Conditions. In high risk situations, such as kennels that have had parvo outbreaks, you should take the additional step of running a titer on at least one pup in a litter BEFORE vaccination is begun. The nomograph on the dam is helpful, but a pup's actual antibody level provides even better information in this risky situation. When Not to Use Nomographs. Nomographs are useful tools to help breeders predict when vaccinations can be successful in their pups. However, to successfully use nomographs to schedule a puppy's distemper and parvovirus vaccines, that puppy must have ingested colostrum from its dam during its first 12 hours of life. If for some reason that did not happen, either due to issues with the puppy or its mother, then a nomograph cannot be used and the puppy should be vaccinated using the more standard vaccination protocols, like those recommended by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association, which can be found at <a href="https://www.wsava.org/guidelines/vaccination-guidelines">www.wsava.org/guidelines/vaccination-guidelines</a>.



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#### Wags N' Brags

The Clumber Spaniel Club of Canada would like to congratulate Sarah Bulwinkle and her boy "Rocky" on his newest "Wags N' Brags":

From Sarah: Very proud of Rocky he was best of breed at the Ontario breeder's series of shows in Lindsay ending up with a Group 2<sup>nd</sup> in a very large and competitive sporting group. At the Nickel District shows he had two Group 1<sup>st</sup> placements and is currently the number two clumber in Canada!



CanCh.Bulwinkle's Rocket J Squirrel

Clumber Spaniel Club Of Canada would like to congratulate Shannon Van Norman on her successful trip to the CSCA National/Regional Specialties!

From Shannon: Tricklecreek had a very successful trip to the Clumber Spaniel Club of America National Specialty Show and the trailer show, Chintimini Kennel Club. Here are our results;

RBIS Can Am CH. Tricklecreek Friend of Mine "Joey" attained his American Championship at the trailer show with Best of Winners. At the Clumber Spaniel Club of America National Specialty, Joey received the first Award of Merit.



Am/RBIS CavCh. Tricklecreek Friend of Mine

Can Am CH. Tricklecreek This Kiss "Faith" attained her American Championship at the trailer show with Winners Bitch and a Best of Opposite. At the CSCA National Specialty, Faith competed in obedience and Rally and got her first leg in both competitions including a high in class in beginner Rally. Faith also got her American CGN then went off to win Select Bitch at the Regional Specialty.



Clussexx That's What Girls Are Made Of "Daisy" won Best Puppy and Reserve Winners Female at the Regional Specialty from the 6-9 month class and first day in the ring ever. Daisy also won her class at the Sweepstakes and National Specialty.