

Older CWCL members will remember the lovely Milly, who made history as the first Cardigan to win Best in Show at a CWCL Champ Show - and she did it two years in a row !!

In memory of..... Milly. (2003-2018)

NZ BISS/NZ/AM CH. COPPERLEAF ROSE OF SHARON Rom b

Milly was born in a litter of 4, 3 reds and 1 brindle, sired by red Copperleaf Gold n Bold from brindle Ch. Copperleaf Stardust, both progeny of red Copperleaf Mari Gold. Her sire and several in her background were unshown due to my belief that, in these instances, the right stud was not necessarily to be found in the show ring. Suffice to say I knew the bloodlines very well.



At 6 weeks *Milly* dazzled, and so it proved. I took it slowly and didn't show her till 6 months of age. By 7 months, at her first 6 All Breed Ch. shows, she had done the unbelievable for a Cardigan, winning 6 Best of Breed, 6 BEST PUPPY OF GROUP - 1 BEST OF GROUP - 1 RESERVE BEST OF GROUP - 3 BEST PUPPY IN SHOW awards. *Milly* was all my hopes come true - the culmination of 40 odd years of breeding and showing Cardigans, and dreaming of All Breed show wins.

Milly was exhibited in 33 shows in NZ for :
29 Best of Breed, 3 Reserve Best of Breed, 1 Reserve Bitch, 9 Best Puppy Of Group, 1 Best NZ Bred of Group, 1 Best Junior of Group, 4 Best Intermediate of Group, 3 Best of Group, 4 Reserve

Best of Group, 5 BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, 3 BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW, 2 BEST INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW, 2 BEST IN SHOW Specialty, 1 BEST IN SHOW All Breed, 2 RES. BEST IN SHOW.

At CWCL Ch shows she won BIS 2004 & 2005, RBIS 2006. In awarding "Milly" her first CWCL BIS in April 2004, Britain's Fran Fricker wrote:- "Nine month old female, brindle and white, with great ring presence, head of correct proportions, good eye and expression, well shaped and placed ears, good length of neck on to well angulated shoulders, correct front and hind construction, strong bone, firm topline held on the move, good body conformation with defined waistline. Well padded feet so typical of the breed. A free mover with drive, super showgirl. Her many qualities could not be denied and one I am sure we will hear more of in future".

Milly went to *Dragonpatch Kennels* in the USA in 2006, just before her 3rd birthday.

She finished her US Championship in just two weekends of showing and was a group placer. *Dragonpatch* bred her twice, both times to their NZ dog *Simon* - **NL BISS /NZ/NL/US CH. COPPERLEAF BURNT SPICE** - litter brother of her double grandmother. These 2 litters produced multiple BISS winners, group placers, group winners and offspring which exhibited at Westminster.



One son, Multiple Champion *Dragonpatch Big Papa Foster*, won BOB at the World Dog Show in Europe 3 years in succession and specialty Res.CC in the UK. Many of these have become top producers themselves. You have done me proud, *Milly*.

Pamela-Joy Hickey - COPPERLEAF