THE USKBTC NATIONAL SPECIALTY OCTOBER 10, 2021

It was an HONOR to judge my HEART BREED at Montgomery Country Kennel Club 2021

To all the exhibitors, breeders, owners and handlers – thank you for sharing your best at the USKBTC National Specialty at Montgomery County Kennel Club show October 10, 2021. I was thrilled with the entry. Those COVID babies were so special and so many of them were awesome! I love puppy classes because they are so new to all of the show "things"! All the LOLLIPOPS were magical.

I am so proud of today's Kerry Blue breeders – I believe the breed is in good hands and will make great strides in the coming years getting our breed once again recognized on the Terrier Group level.

One thing off the top – the weather could not have been better for Terriers! All the dogs were enjoying the cool mist and breeze for sure.

I also want to say a Hugh THANK YOU for the gifts from the USKBTC for my years of dictation to my heart breed – the Kerry Blue Terrier! This breed has been my passion for years and the love and dictation from all Kerry breeders has been true to the breed for eons! My beautiful mirror with the Kerry collage is hanging in our home office so I get to smile at it daily.

Scott Kellogg – the club trophies were AWESOME and you should have received a round of applause.

Thank you for the fabulous memories and wonderful long lasting friendships!

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Puppy 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs

1st – #59 Kerifield Lugwig Von Seigfried 02/02/21 Breeder: Virginia Harding & Jennifer Manders & Jose Ramos. By CH Dinnyesvarcosi Undercover – Brenril Beltane Things Are A Changin' @ Kerifield Owner: Virginia Harding & Thelmarys Hernandez & Jose Ramos.

This puppy had a great time in the ring and I enjoyed the puppy in him completely.

Puppy 9 & Under 12 Months, Dogs

1st – #27 Kiluntin Turbo's Double Double Toil and Trouble 10/15/20 Breeder: Scott J Wasserman By Turbo's In the Chase – CH Wekay's Kiluntin Raisin Cane Owner: Deborah Kay Durkin & Kenneth Robert Bertini

Another puppy that was fun to have in my ring. Kerry puppies are wonderful and so much fun. He will be more adjusted to the show ring before long.

Puppy 15 & Under 18 Months, Dogs

1st – #9 Lughnasa's Hennessy VS 05/02/20 Breeders: Gene Possidento & Darrell Hardy By Symphonie's Checkmate – Lughnasa's Speaks Truth To Power Owners: Breeders

This young dog is starting the clearing process to his adult coat – it SHOULD be a beautiful one. He has a nice head piece with properly placed ears – he was busy using them a lot during the time he was in the ring. He covers ground nicely on the side gait.

2nd – #45 Connell's Reaching For The Stars 05/15/20 Breeders: Sarah Lagassa & Jackie & Lewis Conn. By CH Connell's Roaring Thru Irish Hills – CH Conn's Fighting Irish Owner: Sarah Lagassa

This young dog has a nice puppy coat that will take a while longer before it begins to clear color. His outline is going to be great once he realizes he has to use his head to see to get around the ring. He will mature much slower but will be the better for that slowness down the road.

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

1st - #25 Blulake's Did My Heart Love Till Now 01/13/20 Breeders: Philip Lemieux & Jose Benavidez By GCHG CH Cross The Rubicon Korvin Ray CGC – GCHCH Paxon's Lady Sapphire Lakeland Jewel CGC Owners: Breeders

What a beautiful example of a young Kerry male. He held his own space in the ring, his outline was typical for this age, a beautiful neck set on flowing into the level topline, standing and on the move. He is a very good walker.

2nd - #55 Keystone BlueCrushThe Irishman 11/14/20 Breeders: Linda R Pheasant & E Clair Pheasant & Eva Hart Hansen & Blake C Hansen By GCHS CH BlueCrush Freedom And Whiskey – GCH SandDollars Keystone Lucky Charm Owners: Breeders

Beautiful head length, proper ear placement and used them well, a bit tail lazy today but can get it higher when actively looking at another dog. He has beautiful strong bone and substance for his age. He is in the process of developing attitude; he already has the Kerry outline just need time to develop in to that outline. He will be a fun young dog to watch develop to mature color and attitude.

3rd - #69 Krisma's Quest For Satisfaction 02/26/20 Breeders: Lois & Ted Grier By CH Dinnyesvarosi Satisfaction At Krisma – CH Krisma's Dream On Desi Ve Owner: Breeders

This is a very nice young male, loved his near the ground hocks with well bent stifle. He should have beautiful color as an adult. He did not use himself as well today as I think he should but each dog has their day of opps! Another young dog I will enjoy watching mature.

4th - #45 Artifact's Pleasure of Achievement 06/09/18 Breeders: David Summers & Ezekiel Barnes & Youlia Anderson By GCH Class Act By Hullsblue – Pennterra's Queen Of Knight Owner: Yuliya Brown & Youlia Anderson

Very pretty color of Grey and the coat was good texture. Liked the dark points too. A wee bit longer in loin than the others in the class. Beautiful groom job for sure.

Open Dogs

1st - #28 Wildside's Sargent Major At Arms 05/23/19 Breeders: Diane C Harrison By GCH CH Wildside Cherished Moments – CH Wildside's High Five Owners: William & Jennifer Harrison

Beautiful coat and color with great Marcel waves – thank you for taking the time to let the Marcel process into the coat. Good length to head, dark eye, with correct ear placement and used the ears well. Had a lazy tail today, but over-all outline was very nice standing and on the side gait.

2nd - #57 Kerifield Krisma Back To The Future 05/28/18 Breeders: Virginia Harding & Lois Grier & Judy Agnew & Irina Pinkusevich By GCH CH KerifieldKerionForever Time Traveler – GCH CH Krisma-Beltane's Whistlin' Dixie Owners: Virginia Harding & Irina Pinkusevich & Lois Grier & Jose Ramos.

Very pretty head length, ears could have been set a bit better (I do not hold unique ear sets against any dog because that is man-made!) His ears are placed on his head on the proper position. Personally, I think this dog was giving his handler a hard time today, which Kerry males love to do often.

Both of these Open Dogs should finish easily.....

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Puppy 6 & Under 9 Months Bitches

1st - #20 H&M And Kallehan's Lucky Karma 03/06/21 Breeders: Hanson Siu & Donna Yuan By Takumi's Bright Blue Sky Via Kallehan – CH H&M Kiera Dark As Night Owners: Alexander Jones & Hanson Siu

I wish I knew if this puppy owner/handler! I was so proud of him during their time in the ring. She was a total HAND-FUL! However, the handler never lost his cool with her which was awesome to see – you are to be commented for your patience shown with her. She will settle one of these days and you will have so much fun. Loved her attitude. She has a very nice texture to her puppy coat, nice dark eye, that is full of Irish mischief.

12 & Under 15 Months Bitches

1st - #56 Krisma's Radiant Riverdance Of Khilandon 07/16/20 Breeders: Lois Grier & Don & Hilda Allen By GCH CH Kerifieldkerionforever Time Traveler – CH Krisma's Devine Design Owners: Breeders

This young girl was a whirl-wind in the ring. She has plenty of attitude, her head has not had the final muzzle length of growth yet but the "bee sting" is there waiting to fill out – hopefully soon. She has the Irish eye, dark and almond shaped with proper ear set. She is a very slow maturing (which to me is great because they do not coarsen out at all). She has a Kerry Outline which needs to mature. I think she will be slow to clear color but the coat should be correct texture once that happens. This is another young pup to watch grow into herself over the next year or so.

2nd - #60 Kerifield Da Vigilante 07/12/20 Breeders: Virginia Harding & Jennifer Manders By GCH CH Kerifieldkerionkrisma Triple O Gee – GCH CH Kerifieldkerion Forever Georgia Girl Owners: Virginia Harding & Irina Pinkusevich

Another slow mature – also will be slow to clear color but should be worth the wait for color. She has a good head for her age, dark eye and good ear set. Her neck set on flows well into the level topline.

3rd - #88 Krisma's Remember Greer Garson 07/16/20 Breeders: Lois & Ted Grier By GCH CH Kerfieldkerionforever Time Traveler – CH Krisma's Devine Design Owners: Andi & James Pool & Lois Grier

Somehow this bitch did not get into the placement photo. I am so sorry but I do not have any reference from which to view this placement.

15 & Under 18 Months Bitches

1st - #36 Lughnasa's Sio's Sounds Of Summer 05/02/20 Breeders: Gene Possidento & Darrell Hardy By Symphonie's Checkmate – Lugnasa's Speaks Truth To Power Owner: Siobhan Mannion & Albert Rotella & Gene Possidento

Another very nicely presented young bitch. She has good muzzle length for age, dark eye, well placed ear set and used them nicely. She covered ground but could move better at a bit slower pace – today she moved too fast to be able to get her legs under her properly. She will slow down with guidance and help from the handler. Lovely tail set for a bitch.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

1st - #96 Wildside's Stirring p A Storm 09-19/18 Breeders: Angela Chase & Diane Harrison By Camshron's Nijinsky – GCH CH Wildside's No More Drama Owners: Angela Chase & Connor Maplethorpe

WOW – I got goose bumps when this bitch entered the ring and was last to go around. Her side gait was superb – foot timing was awesome – moved at the perfect pace for her to shine. She has a coat that shined even though the weather was overcast. Her dark eye was full of the Irish blarney and her stance on her toes said "bring it on I AM READY! Her coat and color was perfect; again, I loved the dark points. . She never let her handler down and "owned" the win completely.

2nd - #18 Erinwood's Irish Lass Of Blujac 12/14/19 Breeders: Janie MacBryde & Carl & Jaimie Ashby By GCHS CH Cross The Rubicon Korvin Ray CGC – CH Blujac's Tullamore Dew At Erinwood Owners: Breeders

Once more this class amazed me – this bitch was groomed and shown to perfection. She too had the beautiful dark almond shaped eye, and well placed ear set. Neck set on well into the level topline, coat and color have started the process of clearing (going through a brown stage today) which should be complete before long. She also used the best of herself on the go around covering ground with freedom of action.

3rd - #46 BlueAire's Flaming Locks Of Low Country 01/01/19 Breeders: Texas Eddie Dulaney & Tuesday Hanna & Kathy & Tiffany Ninnes By GCH BlueAire's The Man – GCH Regenstauf No Compromise Owners: Texas Eddie Dulaney & Jason Schafer & Tuesday Hanna

I have to admit, it was so nice to see so many Kerries with dark points in the classes today. I think the dark points on a fully gray coated Kerry are stunning! This bitch as so many nice things going for her. She covered ground beautifully and used herself well. She has plenty of attitude, and beautiful head length. She was a strong contender for a higher placement in this class.

4th - #70 Kellsenberg HowToTrainYourDragon 09/26/18 Breeders: Megan VandanBerg & Jennifer Hecker By GCHS Gaelgorm Shades Of Darkness – CH Kellsenberg's Lollipop Lollipop Owners: Breeders

This bitch tried to the best of her ability to complete with the others in this class. She was moved at the best pace but just could not keep it going. She has many nice qualities as a Kerry bitch including a wonderful attitude.

American-Bred Bitches

1st - #64 Cross The Rubicon Koh-I-Noor Of Aristocrat 05/11/17 Breeders: Natalia Kunze By CH Gellent Hot Lord Of The Rings At Rubicon – CH Aristocrat's Firebrand Of Cross The Rubicon Owners: Diane Beaulieu & Natalia Kunza

This bitch has quality coat and color. Her muscling is in good condition and she was ready to do anything her handler ask! She is a bit longer in loin so covered ground by getting her legs under her. The hindquarters are a bit more than her front can handle. However, she managed herself well in the ring today.

2nd - #24 Cavan's In The Nick Of Time At Kerrylink 02/16/20 Breeders: Georgianne Maureen Reiling & Thomas Charles Reiling By GCHE CH Kerrisel's Here's Looking At You CGCA – GCH CH Cavan's Little Bit Of Heaven Owners: Danny Mann & Brian Cross & Georgianna Maureen Reiling

This young girl has much going for her – she has a lot of growth to happen before she will really develop into what she SHOULD be. She has the "Bee Sting" on her muzzle waiting for the right time to length, a dark almond shaped eye, proper ear placement and uses them well. Neck set on has not developed or settled in at this time, but should soon. Her topline was a bit bouncy today probably because she is not carrying weight.

3rd - #98 Black Sails Release The Kraken 11/19/19 Breeder: Kathryn Dixon By Symphonie's Checkmate – CH High Five's Queen Anne's Revenge CGCA CGCU Owners: Kathryn Dixon & Tiffany Cowart

This is a very slow mature which as I said before, that is GOOD! She also has so much going for her as she becomes an adult. She too will only get better as she grows into herself.

4th - #26 Blue Yonder's Don't Call Me Shirley 04/21/19 Breeders: Suzanne & Hugh Bower By GCHB Bluebeard's Barnum – Bonnie Blu N Shades Sweet Macaroon CGC TKN Owners: Breeders

Again, the placement photo missed getting this bitch into the picture. Sorry for this mistake again...

Open Bitches

1st - #30 Wildside's Fight Song 05/23/19 Breeder: Diane Harrison By GCH Wildside Cherished Moments – CH Wildside's High Five Owners: Diane Harrison & Kathleen Reilly-Santamero & Jennifer Prawel-Tirone

Beautiful coat and color on this first place bitch. She was nicely groomed and her dark points were so pretty. She covered the ground on the go around. Her head length was proper, with dark almond shaped eyes, well placed ears and used them nicely.

2nd - #68 Camshron's Mind Your Biscuits 07-10-19 Breeders: Billie Kneale & Scott Kellogg DVM By CH Camshron's Connor Conn – CH Camshron's Zuzu's Petals Owners: Breeders

Another nicely coated and color with dark points. She used herself well in the ring on the go around. For some reason she and her handler were not in sink on the down and back.

3rd - #90 Riotstone's Thriller Girl 06/04/18 Breeder: Ronald Petronelli By CH Riotstone's The Winner Takes It All – CH Riotstone's Lady This Is It Owner: Breeder

This bitch was nicely presented (groomed) but could have been moved as a better pace. She did not use herself and really was not sure she wanted to be there. Her handler did the best he could but just not enough today.

4th - #76 Kerrisel's Dublin Dharma Girl 03/14/16 Breeder: Reita & Craig Nicholson By GCHB Kerrisel's Here's Looking At You CGCA – GCH Kerrisel's Fight Like A Girl CGCA Owners: Christopher & Deborah Cline

I have no idea why classes with four placements were so difficult to take with all the dogs in the photos – again I apologize for missing the fourth placed bitch in the class.

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VETERAN - 7 YEARS & OVER BITCHES

1ST - #42 GCHB Cheron's Dirty Water 02/11/11 Breeder: Cheryl & Ronald Purcell By CH Calix Miles To Go – GCH Cheron's Once In A Blue Moon Owners: Breeders

Well Knit and in good balance, showing a well-developed and muscular body with definite terrier style and character. Coat and color are important – both are beautiful. Great walker, clean down and back and on the side gait – always a level topline. That is the Veteran Bitch!

BEST OF BREED - #39 GCHS CH BLUECRUSH FREEDOM AND WHISKEY 11/02/17
BREEDER: EVA HART-HANSON BY GCHS CH DAISTAR II DIVO – CH KINGAEL BLUECRUSH DRACARYS BCAT (DOG) OWNER/BREEDER

UPSTANDING! On his tip toes ready for anything! Well-knit and of good balance in terrier outline. A well-developed muscular body with terrier character. Correct coat and color.

19 ½ inches at the withers! Legs moderately long with plenty of bone and muscle. Head long and in proportion to the rest of the body. Dark eyes, with a keen terrier expression, ear placement proper, black, large and wide, nostrils. Neck moderately long flowing into well set on neck into short level back. Correct coat texture soft, dense and wavy, covering the body with neat trim. Coat color is beautiful shades of light to medium blue gray. Full freedom of action on the go around. That is my picture of the Best of Breed winner of the USKBTC National Specialty 2021.

It was an honor to judge my Heart Breed today.

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BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX - #42 GCHB Cheron's Dirty Water 02/11/11 Breeder: Cheryl & Ronald Purcell By CH Calix Miles To Go – GCH Cheron's Once In A Blue Moon Owners: Breeders

SELECT DOG – #35 GCHB CH Low Country's Spirit In The Sky 10/13/17 Breeders: George & Tuesday Hanna By Symphonie's Checkmate – GCHS Kerzmin's Diamonds Are Forever Owners: Conni Adams & Tuesday Hanna

SELECT BITCH - #48 GCH CH Lughnasa's Karma Police 05/29/17 Breeder: Gene Possidento By GCH Keribou's Lucky Enough To Be Irish – CH Lughnasa's The Song Is You Owner: Elizabeth P Ansell

IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER

AWARDS OF MERIT

#15 GCHG CH Cross The Rubicon Korvin Ray CGC 05/11/17 Breeder/Owner: Natalia Kunze DVM DACT

#37 CH Dinnyesvarosi Undercover Agent 01/07/18 Breeder: Katalin Burovincz Owners: Breeder & George & Tuesday Hanna

#58 GCH CH Kerifield Violets Are Blue 03/22/19 Breeders/Owners: Virginia Harding, Jose & Jomarys Ramos & Thelmarys Hernandez

#86 GCH Krisma's Illuminati 11/24/17 Breeders/Owners: Lois & Ted Grier

#47 CH Kilgawny Working Class Boy 05/06/19 Breeders/Owners: John & Kathy Garahan

#10 CH Kerrisel's Clean Sweep 03/06/18 Breeders: Craig & Reita Nicholson Owner: Kathryn Metke

BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR - #86 GCH Krisma's Illuminati 11/24/17 Breeders/Owners: Lois & Ted Grier By GCH Kerifieldkerionforever Time Traveler – GCHE Krisma's Xiss Of Xcstasy

BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN CLASSES - #96 Wildside's Stirring p A Storm 09-19/18 Breeders: Angela Chase & Diane Harrison By Camshron's Nijinsky – GCH CH Wildside's No More Drama Owners: Angela Chase & Connor Maplethorpe

OWNER HANDLED BEST OF BREED - #42 GCHB Cheron's Dirty Water 02/11/11 Breeder: Cheryl & Ronald Purcell By CH Calix Miles To Go – GCH Cheron's Once In A Blue Moon Owners: Breeders

BREEDER OF BEST OF BREED - BREEDER: EVA HART-HANSON

BREEDER OF BEST OF OPPOSITE - Breeders: Cheryl & Ronald Purcell

BREEDER OF WINNERS DOG - Breeders: Philip Lemieux & Jose Benavidez

BREEDER OF WINNERS BITCH - Breeders: Angela Chase & Diane Harrison