

Turning a "Paige" at Westminster 2003!

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What's newsworthy? Well in the min pin world the talk is all about front page news. More specifically about BISS CH Nicolerin's Front Paige News that is, after winning the Best of Breed award at Westminster this year, making "Paige" and her breeder/owner Sandee White household names in the min pin fancy. Sandee is an active participant in the min pin arena, and has been a member of MPCA for 8 years. She currently serves as Chair for the Miniature Pinscher Club of America Breeder Referral and Grievance Committees.

Owner handled for the start of her career, and winning two BOB awards from the 6-9 month old class, this red three year old "Top Dog" was ranked #1 bitch during 2001 and 2002. Paige was shown by Larry Proffitt during most of her career, including the 2001 MPCA National Specialty, and has been in the official MPCA Top 20 rankings for two years, before going into semi-retirement (#3 Min Pin, #1 Bitch), which dropped her out of the Top 20 for a brief time. Handler Pamela Campbell-Dziuk brought Paige out of retirement for a successful return to the show ring moving her standings from #30 to #17 in one weekend, and then on to a Best of Breed win at Westminster!

It's not surprising that Paige has that arrogant Top Dog attitude; after all, her sire is BISA, BISS CH Whitehouse's OH Danny Boy (Danny) and her dam is CH Pevensey's Nickels Worth, and Sandee White is fortunate to own them both.

A nurse by day and a dog show person on weekends, Sandee started showing Boxers in 1969 and has been "in" min pins for 9 years. With husband Dave babysitting at home the dogs not currently showing, Sandee and granddaughter Kaylee head for the dogs shows on the weekends. (Editor's note: capable, uncomplaining weekend babysitters/spouses are worth their weight in gold. Grandchildren who enjoy going off to shows with you are indescribable treasures! I wonder - why is there no special phone booth like superman had, where "show" people enter dressed in their business attire and emerge; wearing sensible shoes and clothes that have bait pockets and don't show dog hair?)

A standout in her litter from the beginning, Paige was a nosey puppy with a penchant for tearing toilet paper and finding trouble around most any corner and is a clown all the time. She is a silly girl amongst the others in the min pin family and not particularly bossy, however she acts as though they should bow down to her when she comes home from a show.

"Paige is my "Golden Girl" says White. "She is what I have been trying to breed as my ideal Min Pin. She is a delight and I'm grateful she has Nicolerin as her home".

For more information on Miniature Pinschers and to see pictures of Paige and other Specialty and National show winners please visit the MPCA web page at: www.minpin.org. Faith K. Gordon, 15 Elkhart Street, Lackawanna, NY 14218 maudminpin@aol.com