

MPCA Nationals 2006

Gosh, I can't believe that I'm already home from our 2006 MPCA Nationals that were held in Louisville, KY in March. The weather was horrid wet, windy and cold, which made it too uncomfortable for socializing out by the x-pens and no time for sightseeing. Which was a bummer for me as I adore Kentucky and haven't been there for many years and was hoping to get out and about. But the temperamental weather was off-set by true Southern hospitality, good food, a very accommodating hotel staff and a good pal to drive down and share a room with! Add to that a lovely show, beautiful min pins everywhere you looked and the most amazing sense of easy camaraderie and genuine friendship between competitors and it makes for a lovely memory to sustain oneself until their next National.

2005 in TN was my first National and I thought that easy show attitude was a fluke, but it is not. So I must encourage anyone who has not attended a National to please try and do so. This is not like a regular dog show. It is a "Who's Who" of the movers and shakers and probably a nightmare for the judges with so many stunningly beautiful min pins to choose from in each class. Our judges did outstanding jobs and we thank them for their hard work. Our next Pinscher Patter should have a critique of the classes from each of the judges and this will also be posted on the MPCA website Articles section.

By the time this is published our MPCA website should have the winners posted from all the classes and you can go there and check out all the winners that I am unable to recognize in this column along with pictures in some cases. HUGE congrats to all the winners and exhibitors this year. Your dogs were stunning and it was my personal privilege to meet new people this year and renew old acquaintances. And I hope to see some of you at shows here in my area. (Hint: a little Rite fabric dye in tan or soft yellow takes the retina burn out of those day-glo bright colors on our Specialty T-shirts and sweats. (I took this drastic step after I wore mine outside on Saturday and my neighbor fell off of his ladder). Yes this made the shirts more environmentally friendly. I love the logo design and I plan to "chic" up my newly toned down T-shirt. This will involve a trip to the craft store, some fabric glue and some colored crystals.

TA DA! Drum roll and please join me in clapping loudly for Pamela Dzuik! Pam and her husband Eddie are tireless workers for the MPCA, but this is certainly Pam's year in the show ring. Not only does she own and handle the 2006 Westminster Breed Winner, BISS CH Wannabee Nancy Nagsalot, (Breeders: Ken and Carole Rerko), but Pam also handled "Nancy" to Best of Breed at our National Specialty. Pam is one of the nicest ladies you'll ever meet and is very gracious about her big wins. No stranger to wins at Westminster, Pam was also the "handler" on four of the last six Westminster Breed winners, and I had to pull that information out of her.

Please take the time to view the winners on our MPCA website at www.minpin.org and if you are considering adding a min pin (or any AKC breed) to your family, remember that you don't find this quality in pet stores or from most ads in the newspapers. Please check out the AKC Breeder Referral or any National Breed Club if you are looking for a quality pet. If you have lots of love in your heart, please consider a min pin that needs to be re-homed from Internet Miniature Pinscher Service (IMPS) our breed rescue group.

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