

Ch. Redwing's On The Cutting Edge

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Most anyone who has followed Miniature Pinschers for the last twelve years knows who was fondly referred to as "Cutter". What he accomplished in the ring and as a sire both here and overseas will be known for generations to come. His contributions to the breed are with the help of some very dedicated and caring people. There were numerous offspring who themselves were top producers of quality. For the efforts of the people and the gifts of the dogs, we must always remain grateful. The purpose in writing this is to inform you of some unknown notables that are attached to Cutter's beginnings. Where did he come from? Furthermore, why? This is an attempt to answer this with a little background history of his pedigree. As most of us would agree pedigrees are blueprints for what we hope to attain. Cutter was no exception to this theory, however his coming into being was highly improbable given the following.

In 1988 Ch. Sunbrook Smooth Operator alias Tory owned by Mrs. Ruth H. Norwood, won the Empire Specialty and Redwing's Above Suspicion alias Eve, co-owned as well by Mrs. Norwood and Irvine and Linda Stevens, won the Sweeps at the same event. It was decided shortly after that time the two would be mated. The breeding was repeated on several occasions. Amongst their many champion offspring were Sunbrook Buckskin Gal, Dances with Wolves, Indian Lullaby and Montauk Daisy, all of whom were U.S. Best in Show winners and another Ch. Sunbrook Smooth Ride who acquired a BIS in Manila. Cutter's sire Ch. Sunbrook Smooth Character was from the second mating but by no means was he a second rate dog. Chief, as he was fondly called, aptly displayed his abilities. His mother was Ch. Redwing's Brandy Jubilee who was the result of a mating of two BIS dogs named Ch. Kingpin's Hawkeye and Ch. Budlee's Spittin' Image.

Brandy was sold as a puppy to two ladies from Chattanooga Tennessee. Belle Hunt and her daughter, Sally Strickland, bought her with the understanding that she would be show to her championship by Buddy and Linda Stevens, her breeders. Shortly thereafter, Buddy had to take six months off of showing. Brandy was sent to her new owners to rear. It was at the end of those six months Brandy was brought out at the Smoky Mountain Cluster in Knoxville, Tennessee. Brandy won every day taking the breed over several specials on the last day. That weekend produced four majors and a total of 13 or 14 points. The next weekend out she finished!

The new owners informed the Stevens of their plans to spay Brandy as they didn't want to raise a litter. Not believing his ears, Buddy insisted that she be bred at least once. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Stickland agreed on the conditions that the Stevens breed Brandy and shelp the litter. It was decided that Chief was the male best suited for her. They asked for only a pet puppy in return, that being a small but rather well put together bitch. Her name was Redwing's Jubilee Belle.

It was from this litter that Cutter emerged. As a puppy he made his presence known wherever he was. So much so, that Randy and Paula Gibson refused to leave a dog show in Saint Louis, Missouri until they had him in their possession. It was never the intention of the Stevens to let this dog go but the Gibsons wer most persistent! Cutter went to them with the understanding they could show him to fourteen points into his Championship so that the Stevens could present him at the MPCA National in Virginia. Cutter won winners dog to finish at the Nationals and his brother Redwings Smooth Image, owned by John and Elaine Bingham, was reserve winners dog under Robert Dondon. Their sister, Redwing's Jubilee Belle won the sweepstakes under Mrs. Masie Booher Sumners.

Cutter was now on his way to a most notable show career and is numbered in the breed's most memorable studs. This would not have been possible without the admiration and help of Helen C. Greene.

Cutter's notoriety won him a trip abroad under ownership of Mario Magsaysay where he left an indelible mark on the breed in Manila. Understanding how much Cutter was missed by Paula and Randy, Mario agreed to let him come back to the states to live out his life in their loving care.

Cutter was the result of the hearts and minds of those who came together with a comraderie filled with the spirit of trust and mutual love for a little dog who's spirit was indomitable. Cutter brought much happiness to those who were engaged in the same spirit of sportsmanship, breeding and showing. Perhaps this is why Cutter came into being. could we ever forget the real legacy he left with us, his unconditional love?