

Hall of Fame Record - All-Breed Best In Shows for bitches



CH Majestics Cenicienta

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Ch. Majestic's Cenicienta, known as "Cinderella" to those who know and love her, was born in Argentina the end of April in 1995. I was visiting there for a short time showing Saint Bernards for a client who wanted international titles on his newly acquired Saints that were under my care.

Cinderella's dam, Ch. Belyns Sara O'Lynchcreek C.D.X, HF, PE., was my first real quality Saint Bernard and was acquired from Doug and Penny Mahon in California. Sara finished her Championship in three weekends of shows in the month of June 1992. I proceeded to breed her on her next season. I chose a lovely longhaired male from Horst and Winnie Vogel's kennel, Ch. High Chateau's Conan. I was so excited about this breeding for I just knew I would get some quality Saint Bernards.

Sara was pregnant when I left for Argentina. While I was showing my client's dogs there, Sara had five beautiful puppies, all born naturally. I brought two bitches back to the USA when I was done with my travels in South America. One of the two bitches I kept was Ch. Majestic's Conchita. I started showing her first since she was the bigger of the two bitches and more mature looking. She, like her sister, did a lot of winning at dog shows and was nationally ranked the #1 Saint Bernard bitch and #2 overall for the year 1997. In July of 1997, I decided to retire Conchita from showing and concentrate on showing her litter sister, Cinderella.

Cinderella seemed to be very well accepted by both all-breed and specialty judges and acquired numerous Best of Breeds and Group placings right away. She also was winning Saint Bernard Specialty shows by record number. Her first Best in Show was in September of 1997 under Jean Fancy from California. It was the first time that I had ever won Best in Show at an all-breed show. In addition, I believe it had been almost 20 years since a Saint Bernard bitch had won Best in Show at an all-breed show. I can't even begin to explain what a thrill that was for me as Cinderella's breeder, owner and handler.

Cinderella continued to do very well at the all-breed shows and acquired hundreds of Best of Breed awards and nearly 100 Group placements in her show career, more than 39 of those were Firsts in the Working Group. Cinderella won six all-breed Best in Shows, breaking yet another record for bitches.

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Cinderella did so remarkable and was racking up the wins so quickly that I was breaking records and making new ones with her and not even knowing it. She was the #1 Saint Bernard bitch all systems for the four years I campaigned her.

The one record I worked diligently on was the "Most Independent Specialty wins" for bitches. Ch. Opdykes Pure Sugar held that record for more than 20 years. Cinderella broke that record at the Saint Bernard Club of South Florida's annual winter specialty in December of 2002 under specialty judge Mr. Terry Temple. That was a very special win for me for not only had she surpassed a great bitch's record before her, but she did it at a specialty show where I got started in Saint Bernards back in 1990, in my hometown, Miami, Florida.

Cinderella went on to continue winning Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex at numerous independent specialty shows. In fact, she is still today the only bitch that has ever won Best of Breed at the prestigious "Buckeye Saint Holiday" specialty shows where there is always an entry of over 100 Saint Bernards.

Three of her independent specialty wins were at the Saint Bernard Club of America's annual national specialty shows, where she won Best of Opposite Sex for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, and she also won an Award of Merit in 1998 making her a national specialty winner four times in her career. Cinderella retired at the 2002 National Specialty show where she went Best of Opposite Sex for the third time in a row at the national under breeder judge Mr. Ken Buxton.

It was a clean sweep for Cinderella at the 2002 national week of shows, for not only did she go Best of Opposite Sex at the national, but she won Best of Opposite Sex at two of the SBCA National "pre-shows" and won Best of Breed at one of the national "pre-shows" under specialty judge Clyde Rogers from the Netherlands.

Cinderella retired from showing after this grand week of independent specialty shows, but she still ended up the #1 Saint Bernard for specialty wins even though she never saw the inside of a dog show ring again. She now is living the life of a retired show dog here at our home on an offshore island in Stonington, Maine. I was very blessed to have such a great dog in my life.

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<u>CH</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u># of P.</u>	<u>BIS</u>	<u># BIS</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
CH	Majestics Cenicienta		September 27, 1998	Vacationland DC of Maine, ME	13	BIS	1	503		f
CH	Majestics Cenicienta		May 16, 1999	Furniture City KC, NC	47	BIS	2	770		f
CH	Majestics Cenicienta		September 12, 1999	Carrol County KC, NH	65	BIS	3	550		f
CH	Majestics Cenicienta		October 03, 1999	Vacationland DC of Maine, ME	67	BIS	4	359		f
CH	Majestics Cenicienta		July 15, 2000	Champlain Valley KC, VT	79	BIS	5	763		f
CH	Majestics Cenicienta		October 28, 2001	Charlottesville Albemarie KC, VA	95	BIS	6	796		f

Totals:

6

of P. = Number of placements in Group at the time of the BIS win

Comp. = Number of dogs in competition at the show

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