

PROPOSED CHALLENGE TROPHY TO HONOR . . .

CARMEN LEONARD, LISARA COLLIES

The National Trophy Committee wishes to present the following proposal for a new challenge trophy to be included on the CCA National Trophy table in Peoria this coming spring. Please let me know if you have concerns or questions.

Judy Pitt
CCA Trophy Chair

Proposal for New CCA Challenge Trophy:

We request approval for a memorial challenge trophy (description below) in memory of Carmen Leonard of Lisara Collies, to be awarded for BREEDER of SMOOTH BEST OF VARIETY, at the Collie Club of America National Specialty Show. The 2024 National is being held in her memory, so it is fitting to debut the trophy at the beginning of this show.

Catalog Description:

CCA NATIONAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (valued over \$2500.00) Breeder of Smooth Best of Variety - THE CARMEN LEONARD MEMORIAL TROPHY, Bronze Figure of a Smooth and Rough Collie on a Wooden Base. This is a challenge trophy awarded to Breeder of Smooth Best of Variety, to be offered through the Collie Club of America Inc. at its National Specialty Show only, to be won three (3) times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive shows, for permanent possession. Proposal from The Friends & Family of Carmen Leonard

Proposal from the Friends and Family of Carmen Leonard:

A Bronze statue of a Smooth and Rough Collie standing is placed upon a custom wooden base. It will stand approximately 12 inches tall by 10 inches wide. The bronze itself is a numbered Virginia Perry Gardner that came from the estate of Carmen Leonard. The trophy is valued over \$2500 and will include a secure case from the Star Case Company for safe travels.

As many are aware, Carmen Leonard passed away on May 10th, 2022. She was a long-time mentor, breeder, judge, and friend to many. She started breeding Collies in Southern California in the early 70's under the Lisara prefix. Since then, she has dedicated her life to collies and the Collie Club of America. She was a previous officer of the Collie Club of America, Collie Health Foundation, and was active in many other organizations.

Carmen started her journey in Southern California in the early 70's getting her first collie from the Colemans of Merrytime collies. Ch. Lisara's Merrytime Drambuie was her first Champion who finished in 1973. Boo was bred shortly after that to Tawny Miss of Glenayre who produced the first homebred Lisara collie – Ch. Lisara's Scheherazade. Since then, Carmen has bred over 150 champions with 2 more finishing after she had passed. I would argue that her legacy lives on in the majority of the smooth kennels around today. She bred several great dogs including the incomparable Dutch. Dutch, Ch. Lisara's Morning After, who was a two-time winner of both Best of Variety Smooth and Best of Opposite to Best of Breed at CCA. She has bred several national Best of Variety winners including Ch. Lisara's Morning After, Ch. Lisara's Knaughty Knight, and Ch. Lisara's Music of the Night.

Carmen was an AKC judge for several decades and was invited to judge internationally on a few occasions. She was also privileged enough to judge the Collie Club of America National Specialty on two

separate occasions in 2001 and 2008. She was also very involved with the Collie Club of America, serving as a past Secretary. She was also very involved with the Collie Health Foundation and received the Right Stuff Award in 2011 at the Quarter Century Collie Group Banquet.

Carmen was very involved with the Collie Club of America, serving as Secretary for several years, as well as working with the Collie Health Foundation in several capacities from the early years on. Her husband, Larry, served as the Health Foundation Auctioneer for several years.

Through her dedication to the Club of America, the Collie Health Foundation, and those that she mentored along the way, her legacy will live on our pedigrees for a long time.

REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL TROPHY COMMITTEE . . .

AL FORTHAL TROPHY

The National Trophy Committee has received a request from Mike Van Tassell to add Helene Forthal's name to the dedication plaque on The Al Forthal Memorial Trophy. The cost of a new plaque would be covered by Mike Van Tassell and a new plaque can be made and adhered to the trophy while it resides with the committee at this coming years CCA National.

We respectfully request the approval of the board for this request to be approved.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Pitt, Chair
CCA National Trophy Committee.