Welcome to the 2024 Top Paw Health Awards

The 2024 Health Committee

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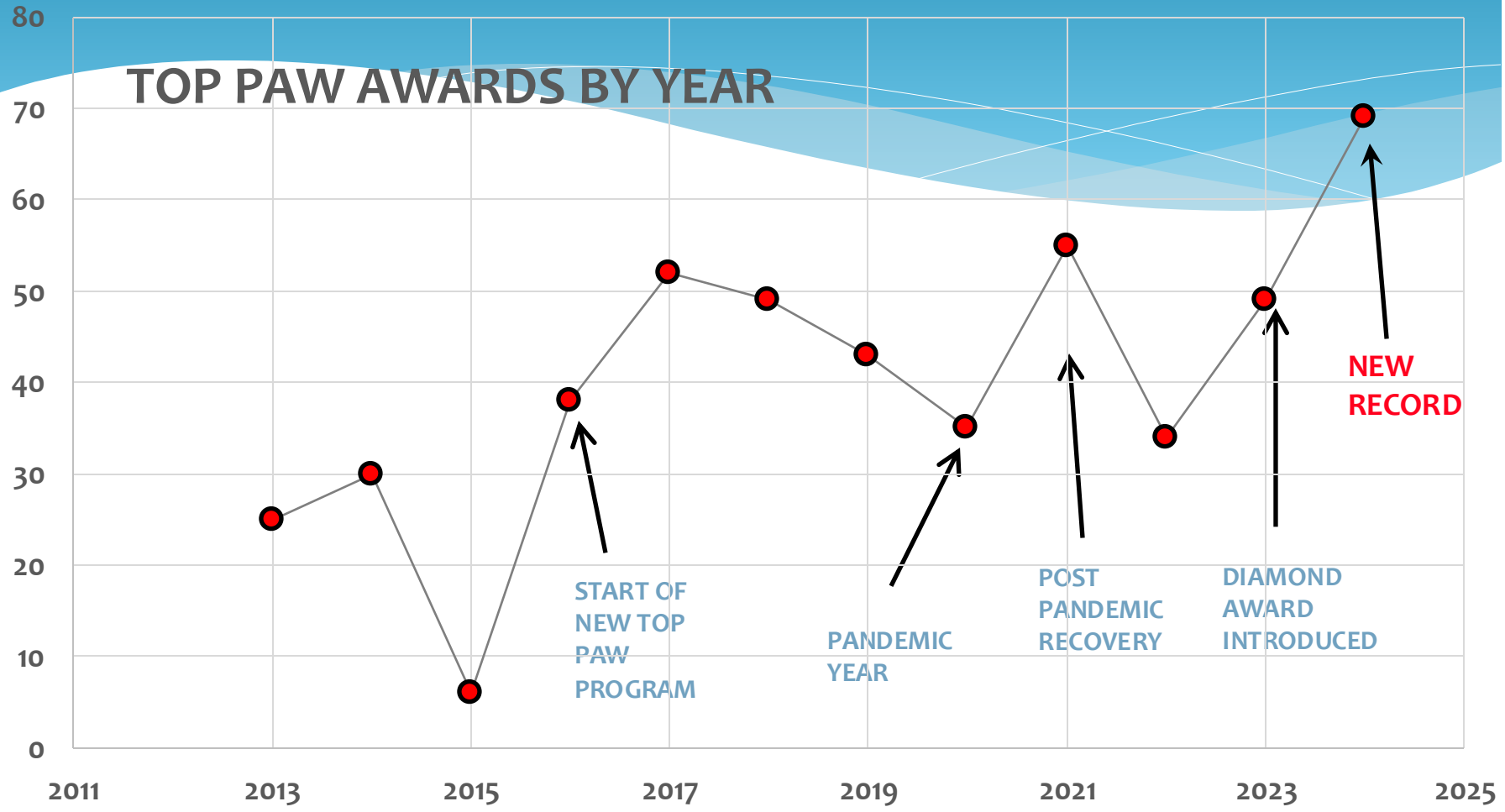
2024 Health Committee News

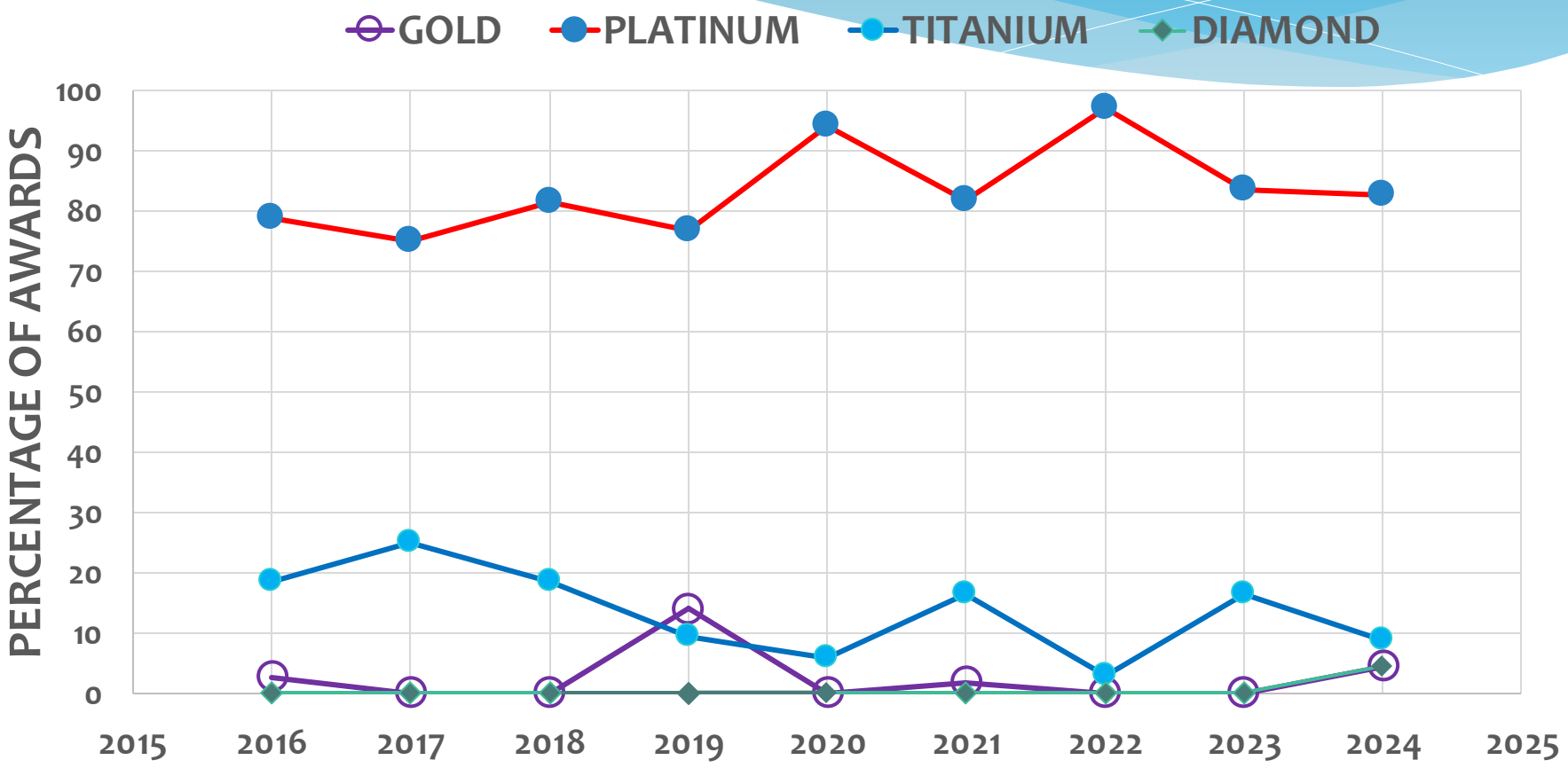
* Increased participation in Top Paw Awards program
  27 HCA Owner's this year – [Up from 23 last year]
* 69 TOP PAW AWARDS This Year – [Up from 49 last year]
  * 3 Gold [CHIC]
  * 57 Platinum [CHIC + Additional Test(s)]
  * 6 Titanium [Senior Dogs > 7 years]
  * 3 Diamond [Titanium + Health Tested Older Dogs]
* Slow decline in Titanium % and increase in Platinum and Gold % marks aging and rejuvenation of the population.
* Diamond Award provides a new venue for older dogs (and it counts towards Recognition Award) [First 3 This Year]
* 8 Dogs in TOP PAW RECOGNITION AWARD

2024 Top Paw Awards Program – Participation Remains Extremely Strong and Growing!



The Aging Population Takes Toll on Titanium Awards. The Introduction of Diamond Award Should Compensate. The Rise in Gold & Platinum Awards Reflects Our New Generations

AWARDS BY YEAR (%)



Additional Testing For This Year and For Future Awards

- **All but 3 did not do Cardiovascular testing (the GOLD AWARDS)**
- **BAER testing is no longer required for the CHIC, but can now be used as an additional test for the Platinum Award**
- **Diamond Award has been introduced to allow annual entry of older dogs who already have Titanium Award but are still being health tested.**
  - **Results (Pass – or – Fail) must be reported to OFA**
- **Based on results of the Rainbow Bridge Survey, the Health Committee continues to strongly recommend annual cardiovascular testing by auscultation of adults after age ~5 years be done.**
  - **Ideally performed by a cardiologist, it provides early detection of age-related cardiovascular issues and the early start of treatment to prolong / improve the quality of life.**

2024 Top Paw Awards

- Congratulations to this year's HCA recipients:

* Michelle Abels
* Richard Atkerson
* Connie Banitt
* Rebecca Chittenden
* Patrice Day
* Sara Dellorto
* Chris Disser
* Lisa Estrada
* Anna Faust
* Mary King
* Margaret & Edmund Kloske
* Lucy Lancaster
* Maureen McKowen
* Theresa & Michael Page
* Carolina Palacios
* Suzanne Peck
* Maria Elena Pereira
* Rafe H. Schindler
* Katherine Shanklin
* Kat Smith
* David Stout
* Julie Vogel
* Mary J. Watt
* Tom & Donna Wogan

The Winners of Top Paw 2024*

--- Gold --- Platinum --- Titanium --Diamond

* In No Particular Order

GCH LUV BUG'S HOLLY JOLLY	GCHG BRYLEE'S WALK THE PLANK	GCH CH OHANA DETERMINED TO BE AN OUTLAW, FCAT2
CH LUV BUG'S HIPS DON'T LIE	GCH BRYLEE'S MAGDALENA SANGRAAL	CH OHANA HAD ME A BLAST DCAT
GCHB LUV BUG'S PRETTY WOMAN	GCHB BRYLEE'S SHIVER ME LIL BOOTY	CH AMOR OHANA DROP DEAD DIVA
GCH LUV BUG'S SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT	CH BRYLEE'S TO THE MOON	LANCASTER'S SONORAN DESERT DAISY, CGC
CH LUV BUG'S GRANDE AMBER-BRANDY	BRYLEE'S A MERMAID'S TALE	LANCASTER'S SENSATIONAL SAM-I-AM
CH LUV BUG'S ISLAND COCONUT GIRL	CH BRYLEE'S FIRE AND SPICE	CH LANCASTER'S LIFE OF THE PARTI, CGCA
CH NARWYN STARS WERE BRIGHT FERNANDO, FITB CA	CH BRYLEE'S LORNA DOONE	CH AMISTOSA'S LANCASTER AT JASPER
LUV BUG'S N CASSIMERE QUEEN OF IMPRESSION	GCHG HARBOR'S MAD ABOUT YOU	CH LEIGHWAY N LYNROC THE DEVIL'S IN THE SAUCE
LUV BUG'S N CASSIMERE WING MAN	CH HARBOR'S TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS	LIBERTY LIONSWATCH LEATHER N LACE
GCH NIRVANA SARDI YOU HAD ME FROM HELLO	GCHP ZONA ROSA'S' I'LL TAKE A MANHATTEN	CH OESTE'S RESPECT
GCG SARDI I'VE GOT THE MUSIC IN ME	GCHP ZONA ROSA'S TRAVELLING TO INFINITY	GCHP2 OESTE'S IN THE NAME OF LOVE ROM
GCH SARDI LIL SCAMPE GREAT BALLZ OF FIRE	GCHG ZONA ROSA'S IN A NEW YORK MINUTE	FAUSTHOUSE, ONE WITH US SING ME A NOELL
GCH SARDI DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC	CH NAUTI HEARTFIRST SASHA MA NON TROPPO, TKN RN RI CGCA	GCH FAUSTHOUSE CHRISTMAS EVE, GIFT OF LOVE, CGC
SARDI DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'	CH LOS PERRITOS I PLEAGE ALLEGIANCE AT MORNING STAR	FAUSTHOUSE LITL' PIECE OF AN ECLIPSE
SARDI ONE TOO MANY	GCH LOS PERRITOS GIORGIO AT MORNING STAR	CH FAUSTHOUSE A GOOD MORNING WITH JOSIE CAPPUCCINO
GCHS SARDI I'LL THINK OF A REASON LATER	SEVEN SEAS PROTÉGÉ KSTAR BLACK PEARL, TKI TKN	FAUSTHOUSE LASSO'S SASSY SMURF, RE OA AXJ OF RN
SARDI CHANTILLY LACE	GCHB DEVEN SEAS ULTIMO CUBANO DEL REY, BCAR TKN TKI	CARA DULCE'S FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOREVER
SARDI PLEASE DON'T EAT THE DAISYS	GCHS GRANDVIEW'S PROTÉGÉ AT SEVEN SEAS	CARA DULCE'S IN A KINGDOM BY THE SEA, CGC
CH NIRVANA SARDI THIS IS COUNTRY MUSIC	GCH HAVDISS A NEW HOPE, CGC	CARA DULCE'S A SONG OF LOVE CGC
CH SARDI DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART	GCH HAVDISS DUTCHESS OF MY HEART, CGC TKN	GCHB CARA DULCE'S GEMA DE MI VIDA
GCHB SARDI DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN	CH HAVDISS PRINCESS IZZY BELLE	CH CARA DULCE'S CONCERTO DE MI VIDA
GCH SAYSEZ' STARRY NIGHT AT ETERNITIES GATE	GCH HAVDISS HALLELUJAH FULL OF GRACE	CH CARA DULCE'S NOBODY DOES IT BETTER
GCH KOLMAR'S BRIGHTEST STAR AT SUNDOWN	GCG KOLMAR'S RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR	GCHB ANGELHEART'S BRIGHT STAR OF CARA DULCE

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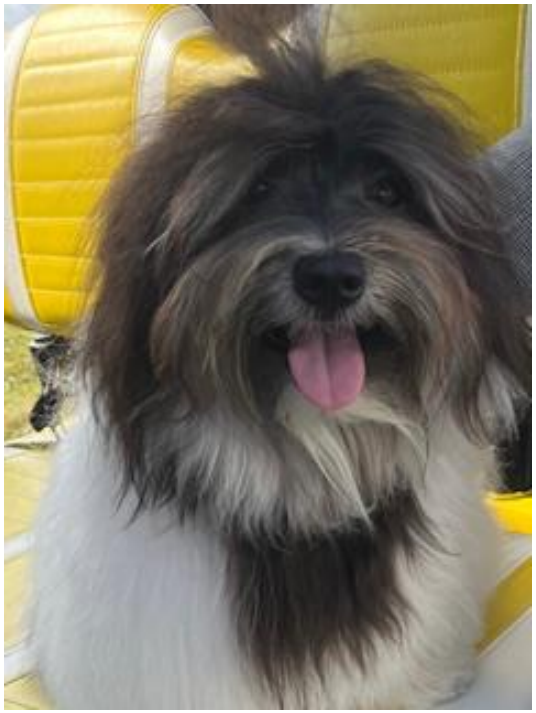
Giorgio



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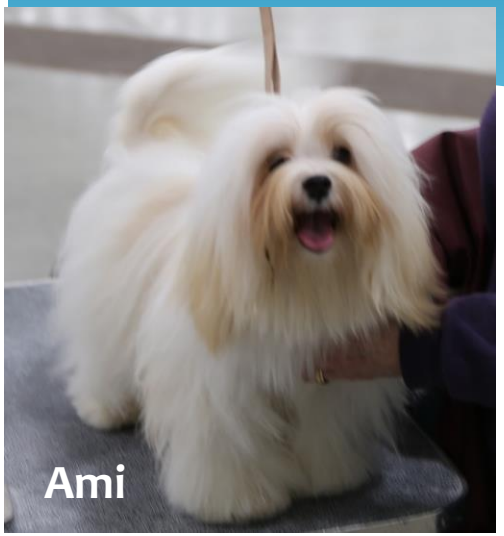

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DOLLY

RINGO

VINCENT

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Whirly

Brooklyn

Cassie

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Summer

Nick

Jainie

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SASHA

TONI

ROSALYN

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BOOTY

LORNA

MAGDA

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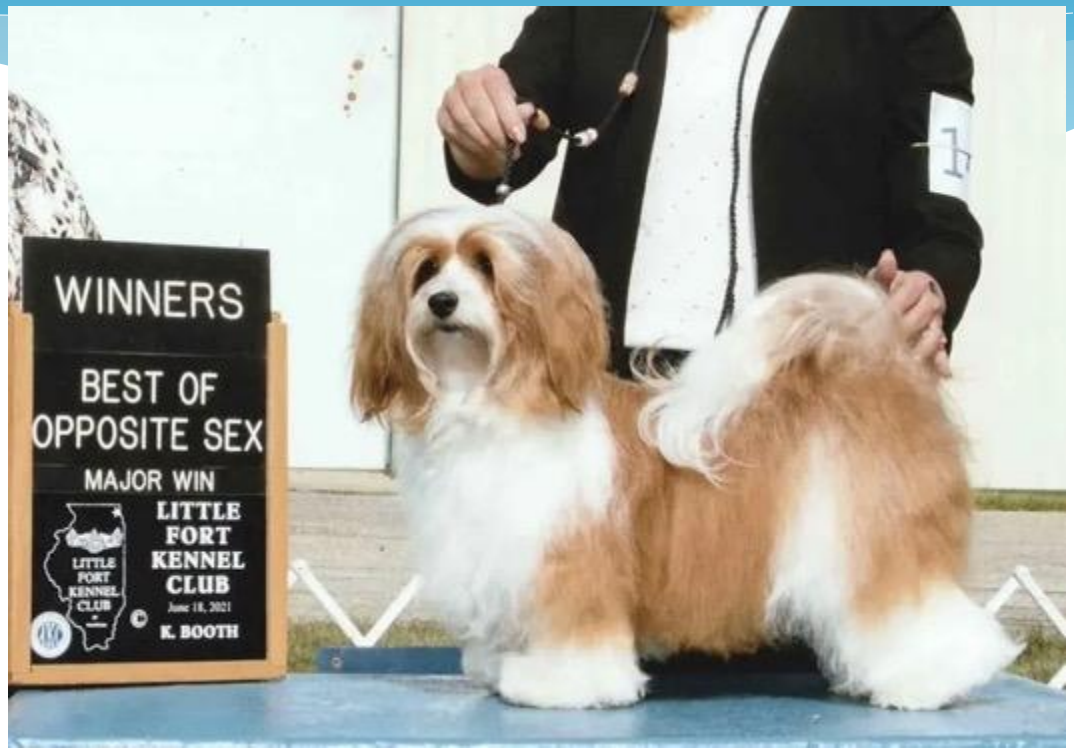

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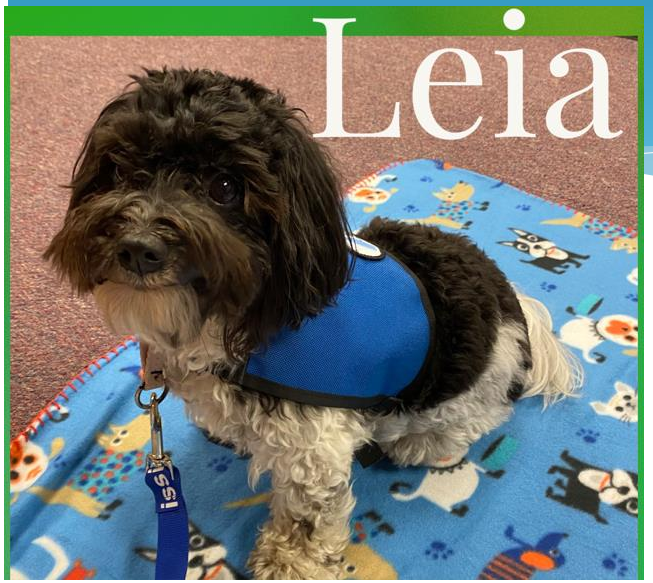

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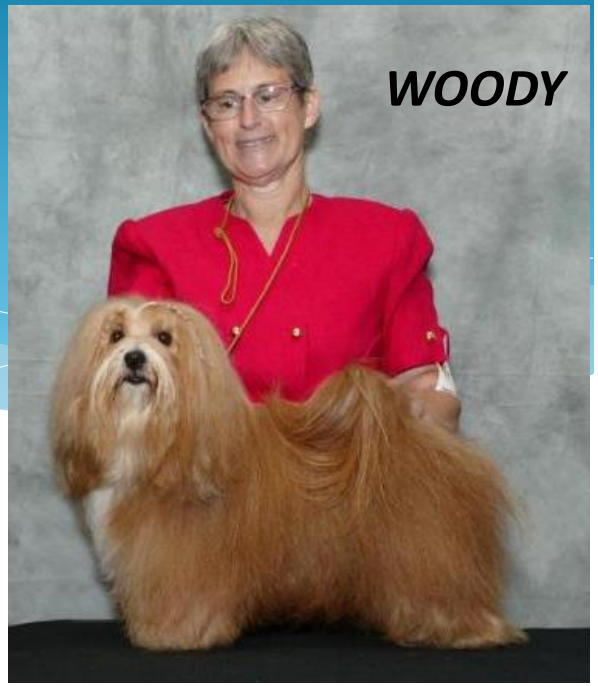

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LIZZIE

PARKER

MAMBO

Congratulations to Connie Banitt !
2024 Top Paw Recognition Award Winner

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LUV BUG'S N CASSIMERE WING MAN	GOLD

* **Connie Will Receive $100 Credit For Ticketed Items at Nationals**

Words of Wisdom For Next Year's Applicants

From: Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are a-Changin " (1964)

… Come writers and critics
Who prophesize with your pen

And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again

And don't speak too soon
For the wheel's still in spin

And there's no tellin' who
That it's namin'

For the loser now
Will be later to win

For the times they are a-changin'

(A favorite of Steve Jobs)

Congratulations to all the 2024 Top Paw & Top Paw Recognition Award Recipients !

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With Special Thanx To Blanca Clothier For Compiling Applications

Music: *Cat Steven's "Peace Train" (Original recording 1971)*

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