



ANDY VELLA (CINDERLAIC)

Having both grown up with dogs my ex-wife and I decided that our family of 3 small boys would benefit from having a family pet and after looking at several different breeds we chose the Cavalier for its sweet nature and appealing expression, after all these years, I still think it was an excellent choice.

Woody – Carolus Tamarisk – came to live with us in January 1995. We took him back when he was a little older to meet his breeders, Chris & Bill Knight, who suggested that we could have some fun showing him. We entered a few shows, won a rosette and were “bitten by the show bug”.

We registered the affix Cinderlace in 1996. Our first competitive bitch was a Blenheim, Fennyfare Violet Elizabeth at Cinderlace. Mated to Ch. Cavaleigh Alexander she produced Cinderlace Sweet Violet who was our first Crufts qualifier from our first litter. We bought in a bitch from Peter and Ruta Towse - Miletree Classic Dream at Cinderlace who was sired by our own dog Cinderlace Country Classic. She won 1 CC and 4 Reserve CCs, our first to win either of these awards. C. Country Classic and his litter brother, C. Country Style, born in 2000, were our first home bred stud book number winners and many have commented that these two boys were the first they noticed us with.



It was in 2007 that we bred a “litter of a lifetime” – it produced our first UK Champion – Ch. Cinderlace Cromwell JW (pictured left) and his brother & sister that went to Pat Lander in the USA - Ch. Cinderlace Bramble at Jayba and Ch. Cinderlace Harmony at Jayba.

Having separated from my then wife and unable to keep the Cinderlace affix, I registered Cindaic (pronounced cinder-ace) as my new one and in 2013 I was thrilled to breed my first Champion under this affix – Ch. Cindaic Seduction JW.(pictured right) who has been accompanied at the shows by four further stud book number winners carrying this affix. The current top winning Cindaic showgirl is C. Taboo



who at the moment, has won 1 CC and 3 RCC's.

I have owned, bred and shown all four colours over the years. Now, with my new wife, Sheena, and mother-in-law Diana Maclaine, I have had a huge amount of fun campaigning the rubies – Ch. Lochbuie Taken as Red, her full and equally sassy sister, Lochbuie Reddy for Anything and the dog, Ch. Lochbuie Cappuccino, who at the time of writing has just become the top winning ruby in the breed, as well as championship show winners in the other colours.

I have been on the committee of the Eastern Counties CKCS Society since 2000 where I have performed a number of duties to assist in running the club and the shows, including kitchen duties, tombola, stewarding, safety officer and show manager. I also currently serve our local society, Chelmsford & District Canine Society.

Having judged the breed since 2002, I awarded CCs in the UK for the first time at Manchester championship show in January 2015 and then judged the Southern CKCS Clubs championship show in the following year. Awarding CC's has given me the opportunity to judge overseas and I have now had the pleasure of judging Cavaliers of the South in Atlanta, USA, my first overseas appointment. This has been followed by appointments in Finland and Sweden.

I am looking forward to judging for the Norsk Cavalier Club in November