



Magic Charm

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My husband, Egil, and I live in a town named Sandnes on the west coast of Norway. We share our home with our twenty Cavaliers, five of which are oldies ranging from seven to ten years old. We are also running on a few youngsters. My husband works on an oil platform in the North Sea. He is gone for two weeks and then home for four weeks. Our home is about twenty minutes from the beach, and when Egil is home he takes the dogs to the water every morning so they can run freely and have a good time.

As a schoolgirl I spent nearly the whole summer holiday with my sister and her family on their farm. I loved being there with the animals. Since my parents didn't allow me to have any pets, I borrowed the neighbors Norwegian Buhund and walked him every day. There was also a wild cat that lived in our shed. When she had kittens I hid them, brought them food, and enjoyed petting them until my parents discovered and put a stop to it. I got the firm message that if I wanted a cat or dog, it would have to wait until I grew up and moved out. So that dream was sacked and not woken to life until long after I was an adult. When I had my own family and children, we did a lot of traveling when the children were small, so a dog still didn't fit into our plans. When the children were older, the dream of a dog once more emerged. At that time, I had no idea what owning my first Cavalier would start for me.

It was 1989, and I wanted a Cocker Spaniel. We contacted family members who had dog experience, and they advised us not to get one because of frequent bad tempers within the breed. Shortly thereafter, we had our first meeting with a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Our friend, Siv Jendersen, of Nordictouch Cavaliers now in the USA, brought a Cavalier bitch named Roxangens Roxanne, "Tøffi," to our house. Toffi charmed us off our feet with her lovely disposition, and we were in love.

We got inline to get a pup from Tøffi, and Siv's first



Unni winning BOB and BOS with father and daughter - N DK UCH NW-05-06 Ricksbury Royal Crusader and NUCH NW-06 Magic Charm's Free and Easy

bitch became mother of our first Cavalier: Sea View's Be Happy, "Happy," born November 1989. She was bought as a pet and at that time I had no intentions of showing her, but Siv wanted me to give it a try. We began showing Happy in 1990, but with little success. I was a newcomer with ten thumbs, and all Happy wanted was to go home to dad. We decided to let her stay home. She had two litters. We kept "Gipsy," a tricolor bitch by her. However, she was shy, so we placed her as a pet. Siv helped me a lot with everything from whelping my first litter to ring training, and I thank her for all of that good help and advice that got me started as a breeder.

I started to look around for a new Cavalier bitch. I saw some very nice Cavaliers from Tatanja's kennel. I especially noticed a little bitch with a wonderful head and large eyes named

Ch. Tatanja's White Rose. When she was bred and had five blenheim female pups in 1991, we were lucky to be able to purchase third choice in the litter. In July, "Kikki," Tatanja's Golden Flower, a lovely, compact puppy with the most beautiful personality and big dark eyes, came to live with us. I started to train her early; this time I wanted everything to be perfect. I still remember the first show in junior class when Kikki placed third with an honor prize. I was so proud. She went on doing very well in the show ring, winning two CC's and a lot of RCC's. She became mother of our third litter, which was born in January 1993. She is in nearly all of our present dogs' pedigrees, and became mother to five champions. Kikki especially reproduced her beautiful, big, dark, eyes and her great show temperament. For her last litter, we bred her to "Louie," and a boy was sold to our friend Siv, who had now moved to Montana, USA. This dog was Magic Charm's Indian Gold, and he became our first AKC Champion.

When I had to choose my kennel name I wanted to pick it from my two first Cavaliers, Happy and Kikki. These were my first two choices, and the third choice was a total coincidence, as I



Nordic Ch. Magic Charm's Lord Protector and Magic Charm's Indian Rose with six lovely puppies



Unni and "Happy" at their first show



Ch. Annatika Lady Pollyanna winning BISS

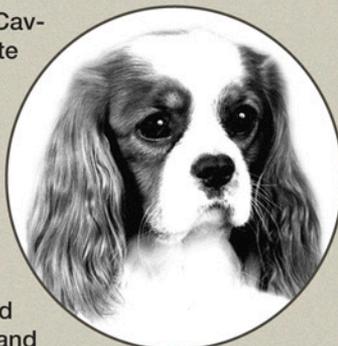


AKC Ch. Magic Charm's Indian Gold with Siv Jendresen

had read in a UK magazine that Cavaliers have magic charm. I wrote it down for my third choice, and so it happened, MAGIC CHARM was born.

In 1993, I came in contact with Jenny MacAlpine of Annatika and Hazel Edwards of Delhaze, when they judged in Norway. This was also a total coincidence. We had rented a cabin at the show grounds and sat outside grilling when these English women happened to walk past. We invited them to eat with us and, of course, the conversation was all about Cavaliers. They invited us to England. The first show I watched was Bornemouth Champion Show in August of 1993. There I saw Ch. Spring Tide At Alansmere, who impressed me with his movement and overall balance. I had never seen such a beautiful Cavalier.

Annatika had a litter of two girls and a boy sired by a son of Spring Tide (Delhaze Springforth x Annatika Debutante). I fell for one of the girls, and



NUCH Delhaze Springforth (left) and Nordic Ch. Magic Charm's Indian Warrior (right)

asked to buy her. However, I did not get an answer. Jenny had to think about it. A couple of months after I returned from England, Jenny called, and told me that I could have this pup, Annatika Lady Pollyanna, "Polly." You guessed right, I was screaming with joy! She was such a beautiful bitch, and she was a totally different type, with a head not often seen at that time. She quickly became a star in the show ring and won Best in Specialty Show in 1994. That is a day I will never forget. She won another Best in Specialty Show in 1995. The judges were Mr. George Donaldson and Mrs. E. J. Nugent.

In 1994, she was Top Cavalier in Norway. She became my first Champion and gave us much joy, both at home and in the show ring. She was mother of three Champions and the Top Cavalier in Norway in 1997. They are as follows: NUCH Magic Charm's Winds O'Hope; Nordic Ch. Magic Charm's Lord Protector, "Pelle," who won Best in Show in Sweden in 1999, under Judge Mr. John Evans; and "Mimi", AKC Ch. Magic Charm's American Lady, (who later produced three AKC Champions).

In the summer of 1994 we were very happy when NUCH Delhaze Springforth, "Jasper," joined us. He was my first male. He had a very big influence in our breeding program and was influential in

overall Cavalier breeding in Norway as well. He is Sire, Grandsire and Great Grandsire to many top winning children such as: NUCH Annatika Lady Pollyanna (Top Cavalier 1994); NUCH Magic Charm's Golden Springchoice, "Thomas" (Top Dog 1996 and my first homebred Champion); NUCH NordicW-98 Con Calore's Magic Spring Charm, "Emmy" (Top Bitch 1997); and his Grandson in England, GB Ch. Storm Trooper by Delhaze who became Best of Breed at Crufts in 1998 (owned by Eddie & Hazel Edwards)

I was visiting Annatika in the summer of 1994 and this time they had a litter sired by Ch. Cherokee of Rosssonny at Delhaze and out of Madame Kirsten at Delhaze, with four girls line bred on Ch. Homeranne Caption. They were the most beautiful pups I had ever seen. In the end of 1994, one of these bitch pups came to us. Her name was Annatika Winema, "Bunty." She was so pretty, so showy, and she had a big personality.



Magic Charm's first homebred Champion NUCH Magic Charm's Golden Springchoice



Nordic Ch. Magic Charm's Indian Warrior winning an All-Breed BIS



N S UCH Magic Charm's Indian Rainbow



NUCH Magic Charm's Rainbows End

She also has had a big influence on our breeding program. She became a Norwegian Champion and gave us some really lovely children. In May of 1996 we bred her to International Ch. Pamedna Lord Louis, who had been imported to Sweden. In that litter there were four bitches and one dog named Nordic Ch. NV-00 Magic Charm's Indian Warrior. He had a brilliant show career and was a top stud dog. He's had a very big influence in our breeding and has been influential in overall Cavalier breeding in Norway. He is the sire of top winning children, thirteen Champions, and the Top Cavalier in 1999. He went Best in Show at the Specialty Show in 1997, 1998, 1999; Best in Show in Sweden in 1998; and Top Cavalier in 2000. His son, NUCH Magic Charm's Par Avion, "Emil," was Best in Show at the Specialty Show in 2005, under Judges Mark Sedgwick and Michael Levy, of Pascavale.



NUCH Magic Charm's Par Avion



NUCH/Nordic W-98 Con Calore's Magic Spring Charm

His litter sister "Sara," S NUCH Magic Charm's Indian Rainbow was a great show girl and brood bitch. We bred her in 1998 to "Thomas," and seven lovely puppies were born. "Nina," NUCH NW-00 Magic Charm's Chasing Rainbow stayed with us and "Kirsty," NUCH Magic Charm's Rainbows End, was sold to my friend Liv Anne Klubben of Jørsi

Cavaliers. Working together with Liv Anne has shown to be of great value for both of us. We share the same interest for learning and gaining knowledge about our breed so that we can have the best foundation as breeders.

Together we visit the older breeders in Norway, Sweden, and England so that we may gain knowledge from what they have established. We have also been lucky to be able to buy quality Cavaliers with good breed type. I think this is why we have had good success in our effort to breed top winning dogs.

On my second trip to England, I saw the brothers GB Ch. Lymrey Royal Scandal of Ricksbury and GB Ch. Lymrey Royal Reflection of Ricksbury. I contacted Brian Rix and Kevan Berry of Ricksbury in hopes of buying a son to one of these dogs. Once again we were lucky. We imported NUCH Ricksbury Carlton, "Eddie," (Scandal x Ricksbury Albis), who sired six Champions, one International Champion, and the Top Cavalier of 2003. Some years later we imported N DK UCH NW-05-06 Ricksbury Royal Crusader, "Corky," sire of top winning children and four Champions. We also imported his litter brother, NUCH Ricksbury Royal Aristocrat, "Tommy,"



NUCH NW-00 Magic Charm's Chasing Rainbow at 10 years old



N DK UCH NW-05-06 Ricksbury Royal Crusader



Unni taking BOB with N DK UCH NW-05-06 Ricksbury Royal Crusader



N DK UCH Lymrey Allure



Ricksbuy Royal Rose
artwork by Lena Svalling Ekdahl

sire of six Champions. They are by GB Ch. Ricksbury Tommy x GB Ch. Ricksbury Royal Temptress. These two boys really did a great job for us, bettering our type, construction, and coats. Also helping us to improve is our N DK UCH Lymrey Allure, "Minnie," (GB Ch. Ricksbury Tommy x Lymrey Jennifer). She is mother of six Champions, including two AKC Champions. They all have had a very big influence in our breeding program and also for the Norwegian Cavaliers in general.

N DK UCH NW-05-06 Ricksbury Royal Crusader, "Corky," was a handsome, heavily marked blenheim, brought in as a potential stud dog. However, Corky did not want to stay home. When he came here in March of 2003, at four months old, we could see right away that Corky was a natural showman. He had such ring presence and glamour. We had so many great times together. He was Top Cavalier in 2004 and 2006, Best in Show Specialty in May and August of 2006, under Judges Sheena Maclaine of Lochbuie, and Rob Samson of Byermoor. Corky sired Cavaliers that were

very strong in type. However, not everything is joyful when you are a dog owner and breeder. Corky suddenly got cancer and died a short time later. It was a total shock and one of the worst days of my life. I had never before experienced the loss of a dog that young. I still have problems understanding that this boy I loved so much is not here anymore. At times like this it is good to know he will keep on living through his children and grandchildren.

In August of 2003 Liv Anne bred her bitch, NUCH Magic Charm's Rainbows End to Ch Ricksbury Royal Aristocrat and got the Top Winning Cavalier in Norway 2005 and 2006, N DK UCH Jørsi's Heldiggris. He is a great grandchild of Tatanja's Golden Flower, Ch. Delhaze Spingforth, and Ch. Annatika Wine-ma. He sired International Ch. Magic Charm's Royal Luck and NUCH NW-07 Magic Charm's Royal Love, and also our new hopeful, Magic Charm's Jamaica. They are the fifth generation by "Kikki," "Jasper," and "Bunty."

Our latest import from Brian and Kevan is Ricksbury Royal Rose. She is

a sweet little bitch and very correct in type. We will see what the future holds for her.

Liv Anne persuaded me to try breeding wholecolors. We purchased "Fancy," Ryberget's Fransesca, a very pretty ruby girl from Øyvind Jensen of Kennel Rydberget in the Spring of 1997. Her sire is the well-known ruby male, International Ch. Sorata Frank. In the fall of 1998, we saw the UK import NUCH Homerbrent Perry, and knew we had found the mate for Fancy. We kept "Fia," NUCH Jørsi's First Ruby. Her litter sister was sold to another breeder and also became a Champion.

In 2004 Fia was bred to Corky and got six puppies - all rubies. I kept the girl I called "Fliss," NUCH NW-06 Magic Charm's Free And Easy, who was Top Bitch in Norway in 2006, and BIS Specialty in 2006 under Judge Lucy Koster of Harana.

Since it was difficult in Norway to find a wholecolor male good enough to use on Fancy, we decided to re-do the breeding to Ch. Homerbrent Perry. In March of 2000, "Fiffi," Int. NUCH NW-01



International Ch. Magic Charm's Royal Luck



NUCH NW-07 Magic Charm's Royal Love



NUCH NW-06 Magic Charm's
Free and Easy



Int. NUCH NW-01
Magic Charm's Felicia



BOB - NUCH NW-03 Jorsi's Purple Rain and
BOB - NUCH NW-01 Magic Charm's Felicia

Magic Charm's Felicia was born. She was not great looking when she was growing up, and often I was on the verge of selling her. I'm so lucky that I didn't. She was the ugly duckling that grew into a beautiful ruby girl who won under all type of judges, including all arounders and specialty judges. She was BIS Specialty May 2002 under Wendy Hilberts Goodman of Royal Companion; BISS in September 2002 under Judge Jan Sonne-Smith; BISS in May 2003 under Judge Shealagh Waters of Maibee; BISS in September 2003, under Judge Øivind Jensen of Rybergets; BISS in May of 2004 under Judge: Norma Inglis of Craigowl; Best Veteran in Show Specialty in May 2007 under Judge: Lorraine Hughes of Loranka. In 2002 she was the first ruby bitch to become Top Cavalier in Norway. She also became Top Bitch in 2003. It is sad, however, that she did not prove to be the best brood bitch for us. She only conceived one litter. She was bred to Corky and had three pups. I kept Magic Charm's Felicity, but she had too much white, so I let her stay home. In December of 2007, she had a lovely litter of four with our black and tan import male from Germany, Boni-

tos Companeros Platinum And Gold, "Cicco," (Pascavale Stanley x Int. Ch. Rattlebridge Roses are Red. We kept a ruby girl, Magic Charm Fantasia, and look forward to showing Felicia's granddaughter in 2009.

Cicco's litter brother, NUCH Bonitos Companeros Polish Gold, "Hollywood," became a champion in five shows and BISS winner in May 2008 under Judge Ken Town of Barsac. The following day he became second best male, only to be beaten by his former kennel mate, Bonitos Companeros X-treme, "Xander." Xander is by one of my favorites, GB Ch. Aranel Cosmic. In only three shows, he has received three CC's and a BISS under Judge Mrs. Gill Baker of Nevhill. He is a handsome boy, easy to live with, and such a showman. I am very excited about the future with these lovely boys.

The handsome tricolor boy, Bonitos Companeros Lokomotion, (2 x CC), by the famous GB Ch. Craigowl Billy Elliot, won BISS in May of 2007 under Judge Lorraine Hughes of Loranka. We had three lovely puppies by Lokomotion and Magic Charm's Royal Popstar. Magic Charm's Lulu, Lollipop, and Lullaby, who took first, second, and third in

the puppy class under Judge Ken Town. Lulu, owned by Liv Anne, became Best Puppy in Show, May 2008, under Judge Gill Baker of Nevhill.

We are ever so grateful to Klaus and Markus of Bonitos Companeros for letting us have these three lovely boys and also "Paula," Bonitos Companeros Only You, who was bred to Paddington and gave us Magic Charm's Pauline.

In the summer of 2005 I visited Norma & Gordon of Craigowl to pick up a lovely dog, NUCH Craigowl Frank N'Furter (GB Ch. Miletree Nijinski x Craigowl Clare Vale). To date he has sired three champions. He was bred to "Minnie," Ch Lymrey Allure, and had three puppies. We kept Magic Charm's Romeo (4CC) and N DK UCH Ch. Magic Charm's Juliet. She was Top Bitch in 2007.

A year later we bred a daughter of Minnie and Louie (Magic Charm's Savannah) to Frankie and got Magic Charm's Paddington, who now lives in Finland and has started his show career by winning CC, CACIB, and BOB.

When I first started breeding I only outcrossed. We would get one nice pup in a litter and the rest were pets. As the



NUCH Bonitos Companeros Polish Gold



Bonitos Companeros X-treme

years went by, I managed to buy good quality dogs, and then I carefully started to linebreed, using dogs that had what I needed to improve my line. That is how I got type and more even litters. I still find from time to time that it is necessary to outcross to keep my gene pool larger. As we all know, we have certain health issues in this breed that make it necessary to outcross now and then. I make sure the "new" blood has what I need to strengthen, without losing the type I like. I admit that I'm a breeder who focuses a lot on heads. I feel that is of utmost importance, as it was the reason I fell for this breed in the first place.

So far we have finished 55 Championships in total. Out of these, 38 are homebred Champions, four have International titles, and five are Nordic Champions. We have six Champions abroad. In the USA we have: AKC/CKC Ch. Magic Charm's Indian Gold, AKC Ch. Magic Charm's American Lady, and AKC Ch. Magic Charm's Golden Moment at Nordictouch. All of these dogs reside with Siv and Gary Jendresen of Nordictouch Cavaliers. In Sweden, Marie and Roger Karlsson of Festivitas own Int. Ch. Magic Charm's Let it Be, and Anett Larsson of Peach Passion owns S DK UCH Charm's Simply the Best. In Finland Liisa Kananen of Keetan's owns Int. Ch. Magic Charm's Royal Luck.

I have bred all four colors and have champions in blenheim, tricolor and ruby. I like all four colors, but blenheim is my favorite.

During the years there have been so many memorable moments at shows with my Cavaliers. Some I will never forget are:

- All-breed BIS - Nordic Ch NW-00 Magic Charm's Indian Warrior and 4x BISS
- BIS at the Toy Group Show - NUCH NW-03 Jørsi's Purple Rain
- 5 x BISS and 1 BIS Veteran - Int. Nordic Ch. NW-01 Magic Charm's Felicia



Magic Charm's Alexandra, Philadelphia, and Melting Moments

- 2 x BISS N DK UCH NW-04-06 Ricksbury Royal Crusader
- All-breed BIS Veteran - NUCH Magic Charm's Golden Springchoice
- BISS with each of these dogs: S NUCH Magic Charm's Lord Protector, NUCH Magic Charm's Par Avion, NUCH Magic Charm's Free and Easy, Magic Charm's Alexandra, Bonitos Companeros Lokomotion, and Bonitos Companeros Xtreme
- Along with all of the numerous BOB and group placings as well

In Norway there is a competition called breeder's group, where a breeder presents a group of several dogs they have bred. At the big Norwegian Winner Show in 1997, at least twelve breeder groups were entered. I am proud to say, we took home first place. The judge was Goran Bodegaard of Sweden.

There are many Cavaliers I have admired over the years. Some of my favorites are: Ch. Spring Tide at Alansmere, Ch. Cherokee of Rossonny at Delhaze, Ch. Ricksbury's Royal Reflection, Ch. Ricksbury's Royal Scandal, Ch. Ricksbury Royal Temptress, Ch. Aldachell Victoria Rose, Ch. Lymrey Love Story, Ch. Harana Nina Simone, Ch. Campanards Purple Rose, Ch. Craigowl Billy Elliot, Ch. Keyingham Branwell, Ch. Aranel Cosmic, and Ch. Craigowl Norah Batty.

In the years I have bred Cavaliers,

I see a big difference in the Norwegian Cavaliers. They used to be quite large, with long noses, and without type. I still remember one of my first shows in England I thought the females were all pups. The imports of a few years ago seem to have been a good influence here. They have gotten smaller, with more breed type, and a lot better heads. More recently, however, it is sad to observe what is happening within our breed. When a breed becomes very popular, it is easy to sell puppies for full price, no

matter what they look like. Now newcomers have started up as breeders, and they don't put the breed standard as the most important part in their breeding program. This is what many Americans might call a backyard breeder, and we are now getting them in Norway as well.

Being a breeder has many challenges such as health issues like MVD, SM, and so on. In addition we are trying to breed well constructed dogs that also have type and beautiful heads, along with the essential that made me fall for this breed: large dark eyes and the melting expression. Today at dog shows I can see the quality on average is going the wrong direction. The type is disappearing. Construction is ok on some, but the overall quality is going backwards.

We have had several English imports, mainly from Annatika, Delhaze, and Ricksbury kennels. We are very grateful to these breeders. We would never be where we are today without them.

Here at Magic Charm, we strive to keep Cavaliers that are typical of the breed, with all the important breed features that caused us to become dedicated admirers of this fabulous breed in the first place. Keeping beautiful Cavaliers in a sound body should be an important goal for every Cavalier breeder.

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Magic Charm's Romeo and Paddington Sired by NUCH Craigowl Frank N' Furter



Unni winning Best Breeder in Show under Judge Rob Samson



N DK UCH Magic Charm's Juliet