It was truly an honor to be asked to judge the Sweepstakes at the 2023 BTCA National. The judge's gift, the BT clock, will hold a special place in our home. I would like to thank the membership for the outstanding entry and the good quality of the upcoming youngsters. Thank you to my steward, Scott Ibbitson, who shared his expertise with me and kept the ring moving and to Marcia Speer and Barb Deevers who were both very accommodating. It was a wonderful experience.

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PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

JUDGE REBECCA MARTIN

BEST PUPPY (COLORED) IN SWEEPSTAKES

Martinez/ Martinez, **CANCERBEROTHE9THWONDER** (CH Jedi Mind Tricks 1926 - Nemesis Noil Black) Black Brindle and white dog whose ring presence caught my eye. Pleasing profile and finish, wide muzzle with ample fill. Good expression. Mouth is good. A longer neck would be more pleasant. Shoulder is decent. Straight front with nice round bone right down to his cat-like feet. Moved well, a bit close in the rear. Well presented and shown in beautiful rock hard condition.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY (COLORED)

Blackwell/Kibler/Poole/Poole, **ROCKY TOP'S CHASING DREAMS** (GCHS CH Hawthorn Dragons Heart – GCH CH Rocky Top's Sweetest Dream) Lovely solid brindle terrier type bitch with strong head, good fill and finish. Small dark eyes with proper ear placement giving that overall varmity expression. Mouth is good. Held her topline and she moved with purpose in both directions. Well presented.

BEST PUPPY (WHITE) IN SWEEPSTAKES AND BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES

Baxter/Bankus, **ARAGON BORN TO FLYE AT OHANAS** (CH Clansmann Super Flye Guy – GCH CH Bobuddy Neptune) Beautiful white with brindle bitch with small dark triangular shaped eye projecting that wicked expression. Profile was the best of the day, sweeping from top of head down to that Roman finish! Neck is elegant connecting to good layback of shoulder. Proper topline and tail set. Adequate bone for her size. Front is straight with strong pasterns. Rear angulation is good. She move with purpose in both directions and on the go around. Well presented and never took her eyes off her handler. She caught my eye as she entered the ring and did not disappoint showing herself to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY (WHITE) AND BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN SWEEPSTAKES

Shaw/Shaw, **SECOND2NONE THE KING OF COOL** (CH Apex Presents The Italian Stallion in Action – GCHB CH Secondtonone Crown Jewel) Heavy boned youngster with proper ear placement and gentle profile. Tiny triangular dark eyes and beautiful expression with good width of muzzle and head length. Moves well in all directions with strong topline. Hard to believe that this youngster is under 9 months old with well developed front and deep chest. He moved well and was beautifully presented. His maturity at this young age, good movement placed him as Best of Opposite Sex to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes.

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VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

JUDGE REBECCA MARTIN

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (COLORED) AND BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPSTAKES

Prater-Piles, **GCHB CH FORMULA FOR A POWER FILLED GINGER** (Emred Huntsman – GCH CH Action Headed for Power) Feminine red smut bitch with pretty head. Pleasing profile. Mouth correct. Straight front with good forechest. Tidy cat-like feet. Moved well around the ring. Well presented. She was on top of her game today to propel her to Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (COLORED) - NO ENTRY

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (WHITE) AND BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPSTAKES

Heniser/Davis, **GCHB CH ENVOYS HARD CIDER CD BN RA SWN SEA SBA CGC TKN** (GCHS CH Magor Galactic Agent – CH Envoy Return to Rome) Handsome and smart veteran dog with titles at both ends of his name! Strong head and muzzle with gentle profile. Well set dark eyes. Pleasing length of neck that lays into good shoulders. Straight on front with nice round bone, tidy feet. Good rear angulation moving with drive and purpose. Owner and dog make an amazing team.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (WHITE)

Prater-Piles/Berez, **GCH CH ACTIONS FORMULA FOR A QUEEN CGC** (CH Moonflower Scofield of Carradice – CH Action Drama Queen) What a career this remarkable bitch has had both in the show ring and the whelping box! She is the complete package, well balanced with smooth lines. Spot on front with a strong well angulated rear with a striking headpiece with tiny eyes that stops one in his tracks. A gift from her sire! One could go on and on about this veteran bitch's many virtues, but unfortunately on this day, her owner stepped on her front foot and her gait was not up to par.