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Ch. Chelsea Blonde Bombshell

Cover Story



In every breeder's lives, there comes those times when you just have a feeling that a particular puppy has that "certain something". From the beginning Harlow was one of those puppies. Her dam, Ch. Chelsea CoCo Chanel, is one of my favorites and because of our move to Southern Cal, breeding her was delayed until she was 5 years old. Harlow's sire, Ch. Chelsea T'Crown Regent of Squire, HIC (Ch. Chelsea The Crown Prince ex Ch. Chelsea Charidan Carte Blanc, ROM) owned by Tim & Marilyn Mothersell was almost 9 years old when it came time to breed CoCo Chanel, and yet I felt so strongly about the breeding, that I was willing to take the chance. Two months later, I was rewarded with a beautiful litter of 9. The first puppy born was a big beautiful, blonde puppy bitch. As I dried her off, I knew this was the one! She was robust and animated with a take charge personality from the moment she emerged. As she continued to grow I became more and more excited when suddenly I felt the rug pulled out from under me. While playing out in the yard, she injured her rear leg. When my Vet told me she would require major surgery, my hopes began to diminish, but her recovery time was quick, and in no time at all, she was good as new. A good reminder..... to never lose faith or patience!!

At two years old in the Spring 2011, Harlow was entered in five shows and ended that show season with two (4) point specialty wins. She returned to the ring in the Fall and won another 4 point specialty major, this time going Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed over specials. Her next outing was not until the following year, when she came out needing just a single point to finish. She ended up once again going BOS to Best of Breed at yet another specialty, over specials and a 5 point major to boot! Thank you Roz Durham for this most memorable way to finish!!! Harlow was shown exclusively in the Bred By Exhibitor class!!

Most rewarding to me, however, is the fact that she is 12 generations Chelsea breeding and she traces on both sides of her pedigree to just about every specialty winning champion we

have bred over the course of the last 40 years. This includes her 2X's lookalike great, great, great, great grandmother Ch. Chelsea Shadowgold, whelped in 1980. Whether it is something in her demeanor.....a twist of the head, her similar rich coloring, her stance, or even in the way she plays with the other dogs, she looks just like she could be Shadowgold's daughter. This is the most gratifying part of breeding a continuing family line and one of the most satisfying aspects of breeding your own dogs!

Cover photo by Randy Smith

2012 was a very good year ...

Harlow's half-brother Grissom also finished with four specialty majors including a 5 point "Best of Breed" from the classes. Beautifully presented by Heather Newcomb!

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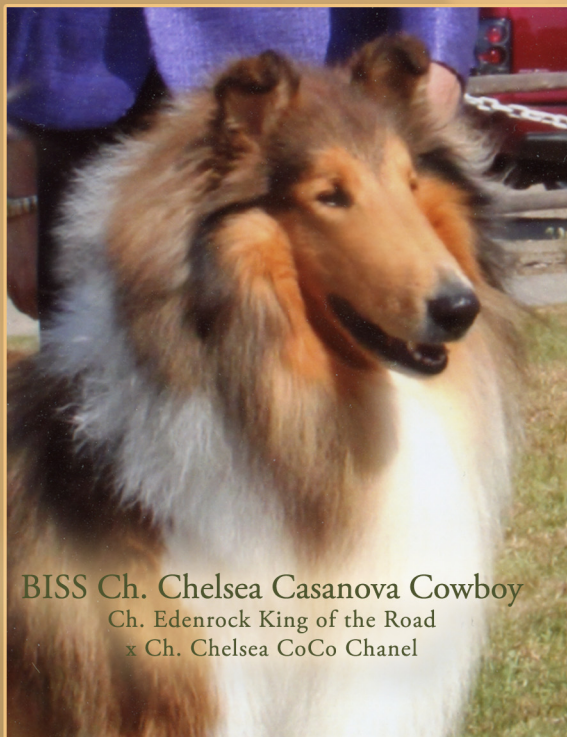
Chelsea N Squire Film Noir (Ch. Barksdale Lochlaren Liaison, ROM ex Ch. Chelsea Summer Blonde) on winning a 5 point specialty major for owners Tim & Marilyn Mothersell. Gable is 8 years old and hadn't been shown since a puppy!

Chelsea Twilight Time (Ch. Chelsea Casanova Cowboy ex Chelsea Diamonds and Pearls). A specialty Major Reserve & Best Puppy her very first show! Owned by Tom & Jeannette Poling.

Chelsea Black Eyed Pea (Ch. Chelsea Casanova Cowboy ex Chelsea Diamonds and Pearls) - First Futurity Finalist at the Fall 2012 Southern California Collie Club show.

Waiting in the wings..... **Chelsea California Gold** (Ch. Chelsea Casanova Cowboy ex Chelsea Diamonds and Pearls). "Best in Match" South Bay Collie Fanciers.

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