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## Mariah wins first Breeders Sweeps



*Allen Odom and Cindy Scott, national chair, present rosettes to GCHS Snow Hill Devils Dance in Me, SC, shown by Susanne Hughes*

*Photo and story by Russell McFadden*

Tuesday evening saw the first and possibly only AWC Breeders Sweepstakes competition. The event, which was a new event at this year's national, in all probability won't be offered next year because of scheduling time constraints resulting from AWC hosting the International Whippet Congress in conjunction with the 2018 national. The classes this year were judged by breeder judge Allen Odom who had an entry of 21 dogs and 32 bitches.

In the dog class, Allen chose **GCh DC Ableaim Patent Pending, MC, ROMXX** as his eventual winner. "Patent's" breeders are Gail, Jenny, and Chuck Boyd, Tad Brooks and Linda Johnson. He was shown to this impressive win by breeder/co-owner Jenny Boyd.

In the bitch class Allen chose GCh Snow Hill Devils Dance In Me as his winner. "Mariah" was shown by her breeder/owner Susanne Hughes, DVM. Mariah was also Allen's ultimate choice for Best In Breeders Sweepstakes. Dr. Hughes was very obviously thrilled with the prestigious recognition awarded her beautiful black and white bitch by a fellow breeder.

The lovely winner took home the cash prize of \$520!

## What a day in Futurity and Maturity!

*Story and photo by Holly Hill*

The AWC 2017 Futurity Winner is....**Northwind's Sound Off One Two** known at home as Cadence, a great, great granddaughter of the 2004 Futurity winner **Northwind's Sojourn De Sud**!

This exciting win was awarded by Crystal McNulty of Hycks Hollow Whippets. The 60 entries in this year's competition included 29 dogs and 31 bitches.

Following judging I asked Crystal her thoughts on the future of our breed and she had this to say, "The bitches I saw today were deep in quality and the dogs over the past 2 years have excelled. I feel like the future of our breed is in good hands."

Cadence was handled by her owner/breeder Kay, who told me "Winning Futurity at the national is one of the best experiences. Betting on what you've done and being recognized for that is wonderful."

The 411 on Cadence is: She loves everything, her favorite toy is anything, and "She's the happiest waggiest girl ever!"

The Maturity was a new event this year. The winner was **Ch. Windborn One Crazy Summer**, a bitch bred by Lori Wilson-Paust, Robert Paust and Terri Erickson, and owned by Jimmy Caballo, Lori Wilson-Paust and Terri Erickson.

She was shown by Lori Wilson. Seventeen whippets were entered in the Maturity competition.

*Judge Crystal McNulty at the photo stand with Kay Nierengarten and Futurity winner Cadence, Barbara Henderson presenting the Whippoorwill trophy, and Rhonda Giffords, Futurity/Maturity chair.*

