

Who were some of your first champions?

Nancy: My first was bought as a champion from Sea Isle—Ch Sheltie Glen Lance (Sheltie Glen Hallmark ex Sheltie Glen Gay Of Bagaduce). He was one of my all-time favorite males. He'd



Ch Sheltie Glen Lance with Roy, Ellen, and his pups in the late 1950s.

follow me everywhere around the apartment, often accidentally getting stuck in the linen closet as a result. He loved my children and took wonderful care of the kids.

Dick: We finished our first champion in 1975, Ch Neilly O'Havic. We bought "Neilly" from Hazel Mott. She was the 22nd, and last, champion sired by BIS/BISS Am/Can Ch Malpsh Great Scott, ROM, CC.

Nancy: Our first homebred champion was a blue merle bitch, Ch Cindahope Heavenly Songfest, CD ("Jan"), who finished in 1981. Dick trained "Jan" to her CD when she was 10 years old.

Which of your dogs stand out the most in your mind?

Nancy: I have always become very attached to the males we've had, and I've bonded with them all. Our current stud dog, "Teddy" (Am/Can/UKC Ch Halstor Cindahope Trueheart), enjoys riding on the scooter with me at the shows. He gets to see the scenery go by, and he always watches everything around him very carefully. The sudden starts, stops, and huge bumps don't bother him in the least!

Dick: One of my favorites was "Heidi." She wasn't a show dog, but I had a special bond with her because she was my first Sheltie. Of course, "Tess" (BIS/BISS Ch Cindahope Golden Girl, AOM) would be anyone's all-time favorite. She lived to be 18, and she was still pretty lively up until age 17 1/2.

And we can't forget about "Tasha" (Ch Cindahope Farmer's Daughter—see photo to the right), a "Tess" daughter by Sunblest I'm On Fire. Nancy evaluated "Tasha" at eight weeks and decided she was a pet. Three months later, the family who had bought



The Hildreths' first homebred champion, Ch Cindahope Heavenly Songfest, CD.

Gailie Krook photo

her called to tell us they couldn't keep her anymore. They lived in an upstairs apartment and "Tasha" would run from one window to another barking nonstop. Needless to say, she didn't endear herself to the family's landlord or neighbors! We will take any dog back regardless of circumstances, so we told them to bring her right back. Well, when they walked in the door and I saw what "Tasha" looked like, I couldn't take the money out of my pocket fast enough. I think the family was a little surprised to get their full purchase price refunded so quickly.

"Tasha" was my constant companion and went with me everywhere. She loved to herd our goats whether they liked it or not. She might not have had very good apartment manners, but she made a great show dog and became very attached to Nioma Coen while being shown. The Coens finished her for us in 1990, and then specialied her to 19 BBs and many Group placements.

Cindahope is known for its wonderful line of bitches. Tell us about them.

Nancy: Ch Beltane Bonnie Jean was our most successful foundation bitch. She was a "Peter" daughter out of Ch Beltane Kitty MacLeish, who we'd bought as a nine-week-old puppy from Barbara and Paul Curry. Starting with "Bonnie Jean" we have owned/co-owned or bred/co-bred six generations of champions on the tail-female line through Ch Cindahope Farmer's Daughter and Ch Sunnybrook's Cindahope SinD, and there are eight generations ending with Ch Kylene Cindahope Pretty As A Picture. And if you include "Bonnie Jean's" dam and grandam, you have a tail-female line of eight and ten generations of champions, respectively.

"Bonnie Jean" produced two champions from a litter by Am/Can Ch Barwoods Weather Report, ROM—Ch Cindahope Bonnie Prospect, who we sold to Connie Porter, and Ch Cindahope



Cindahope's most successful foundation bitch, Ch Beltane Bonnie Jean.



Ch Cindahope Farmer's Daughter was a great show dog and a constant companion.

Tammy MacPherson, who we kept. We bred "Tammy" to Cindahope Bad News Bear, a "Bonnie" grandson, who was also a "Weather Report" son. This breeding produced Am/Can Ch Cindahope's Ruffian, CD. Linda More handled "Ruffian" to