

CARILLON BEDLINGTONS

For most people, the acquisition of a Bedlington Terrier brings a high level of joy and pleasure. For Lucy Heyman, it brought not only ultimate enjoyment and pleasure, it provided an avocation and a passionate interest in the health and welfare of her Terriers. The first dog, Glen Valley's I Am Music, was purchased as a pet for Lucy in the summer of 1977 to provide companionship after giving up a challenging broadcasting career in Chicago to marry Bill Heyman and relocate to the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Lucy never intended to show or breed, rather gave the breeders that she inquired with the assurance that the dog would be neutered as soon as possible. The couple soon moved to Corpus Christi, Texas and the person that groomed their Bedlington suggested that they might want to show him and made a referral to a professional handler. In the meantime, a puppy bitch was acquired, Claremont Lana, who was the 4th pick from the last litter sired by Ch. Jolee Jingle Bells of Dovert. Eight months later, the dogs, Lucy and the handler Andrea Frazier made the trip to Pennsylvania for the national specialty at the Montgomery County Kennel Club. They didn't do badly for newcomers, with the puppy being Reserve Winners at Devon and the boy became a Champion, being awarded Best of Winners at the National by John Marvin. He was never used in the breeding program, but Ch. Claremont Lana who finished with multiple Group placements from the classes, can claim well over 350 Champion descendants.

Like many others, Lucy never intended to start a breeding program. After much study, thought and consideration, Ch. Tenby Toast, a distantly related dog that was an all-time Top Producer and negative for copper toxicosis was selected to sire Lana's first litter. Lucy had first class mentors in Gene McGuire, Toast's owner, and her handler's parents Bob and Hazel Gregory who are renowned breeder-Judges of Great Danes. Hazel's seminar "How To Establish Your Own Bloodline" was helpful to Lucy, so lacking in knowledge and experience. Starting with an outcrossed dog was a challenge, but very typical of Bedlington pedigrees of the time when Retinal Dysplasia was prevalent. The daughter of Lana and Toast, Ch. Carillon Concord was bred back to Lana's Best In Show winning littermate, Ch. Claremont Anchor Man, who was owned by Lucy at the time. That breeding produced the true foundation sire, Ch. Maximum Strength Carillon and a subsequent breeding of Lana to a Jingles grand-son, Ch. Whirlwynd's Renegade produced Ch. Carillon Nova Stellarr, the first of a dynasty of top producing bitches that includes the breed's Top Producing dam of all time, Ch. Carillon Salsa Serendipity dam of 16 Champions. Currently, Carillon claims 109 Bedlington Terrier Champions, including many Group placing and winning dogs and national and regional specialty breed and class winners. The kennel can also claim 5 all time top producers; the aforementioned top dam of all time, her dam Ch. Carillon Serendipity (8), her son Ch. Carillon Boulevardier (29), her daughter Champion Carillon Serendipity Calypso (10) and the breed's current top living sire Ch. Carillon Fuzzi Logic (19).