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His turn as "Prince Charles of Canongate" earned Charlie the poodle a finalist spot in the 2020 America's Top Dog Model Fairy Tails contest.



A local poodle is a finalist for this year's America's Top Dog Model contest.

Charlie, a toy poodle from Sharpsburg, comes from a family of dog model finalists and winners.

His sister, Rose, was named America's Top Dog Model in 2014. Rose's aunt Katie was a finalist in 2008, Rose's uncle Pepe was a finalist in 2010, her mother Penny was a 2009 finalist, and Charlie's sister Mocha was a 2017 finalist.

The poodles are owned by Wendy Foskey.

While winners and finalists in the annual contest can go on to get modeling jobs in magazines and on television, Foskey has never sought a modeling career for her dogs. However, they have appeared in photo shoots in several magazines, including Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan's Cesar's Way magazine.

For Foskey, having her dogs photographed in designer attire and attending events related to the Top Dog Model contest is her hobby. For several years, she also created designer carriages – made from children’s strollers – for the smaller dogs.

Foskey got the inspiration for the carriages when Katie suddenly became sick a few weeks before she was set to walk the red carpet at an awards event. She took the carriages to Pet Fashion Week in New York and even drove across the country to take them to the Oscars in Los Angeles.

Foskey said this will probably be their last year of

competing in the contest because she has started losing her vision. She can no longer pick out the best photos of her dogs, or do the precise sewing for the carriages.

But it’s been something she has very much enjoyed. “It’s been fun,” she said.

This year’s contest theme was “fairy tails,” and contestants were photographed in a scene from a fairy tale. Charlie was “Prince Charles of Canongate,” with Cinderella’s glass slipper.

“This is Prince Charming Charlie,” Foskey said. She decided to do the fairy tale from the prince’s perspective instead of Cinderella’s.

The costumes are all custom made by Foskey’s friend, Tammy Peace, and photos are by C4 Pet Photography in Columbus.

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Foskey said that over the years, she has encouraged some of her friends with dogs to get into dog modeling. And she's always singing the praises of pets. She recalled talking to people who would say, "Oh, I used to have a dog like that, I really miss them."

"I say – if you have that much love to give to an animal, why don't you get another one? Because there are so many out there that need homes. It is just unconditional love they give – and there's nothing like it," Foskey said.
