



# CONGRATULATIONS

Emily, Reo & Bev!

**Westminster Kennel Club 2012 Dog Show**

**Best of Breed Winner**

**Ch Mistytrails Double Stuf'd Oreo**

**Breed:** [Havanese](#)

**Sex:** Bitch

**AKC:** TR 54583501

**Date of Birth:** March 06, 2006

**Breeder:** Emily Dorma & Bev Dorma

**Sire:** Poco Tesoros Los Gabatos

**Dam:** Mistytrails Catreeya Byemmy

**Owner:** Emily Dorma & Bev Dorma

**Photos:** [Breed judging](#)

**Judge:** Mrs. Sari Tietjen

**Day:** February 13, 2012

**Time:** 1:00

**Ring:** 7

## Earlier this year in The Cowichan News Leader



**Cobble Hill home to a world-class show dog**  
By Ashley Degraaf - Cowichan News Leader  
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Cobble Hill's Emily Dorma's got the Cesar Millan touch. That's how Dorma's mom Bev describes her daughter's way with dogs.

The 16-year-old recently took top spot in one of the world's largest dog shows, the Eukanuba Nationals in Orlando, Florida.

The invitation-only competition took place Dec. 17/18.

"The number one male and number one female Havanese are invited to attend," Bev explained. "She was competing against champion and grand champion top dogs from across North America."

Dorma's Havanese pooch Reo suited up against 25 other females.

"She won best female Havanese and she now qualifies to go to Westminster and apparently to Crufts (dog show) in England," Bev explained.

Bragging rights are not a new thing to Dorma and six-year-old Reo.

"She's brought Reo to be number one female in Canada two years in a row now," Bev said.

The younger Dorma's been showing dogs since she was six-years-old.

"She has connection with dogs sort of like Cesar Millan," Bev said. "You can stick any dog with her and she just automatically speaks the same language as the dog. She can get the dog to do whatever she wants."

She's showed many different types of dogs too, including English mastiffs and American Cockers, Afgans and Boston Terriers.

"I have shown many breed of dogs... I love them all," Dorma says on her website. "We are all here for the same reason...because we all love dogs, and to have fun."

Dorma writes a column for Dogs in Canada called "Just Juniors."

The mom-daughter duo have also combined their experience for their breeding business Misty Trails Havanese.

Dorma's currently preparing for her next gigs, including the show in Westminster as well as the Kennel Club of England's Crufts competition.



# Victoria Times Colonist



## February 15th, 2012

A Vancouver Island dog has been named Best of Breed at the prestigious 136th annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City.

Judges at Madison Square Garden awarded Best of Breed to Mistytrails Double Stuf'd Oreo, or Reo for short, a nearly six-year-old Havanese toy dog from Cobble

owners it was the fulfillment of a long-time dream.

"Now we can come home knowing we won Westminster," Bev said in a telephone interview from New York. "We came down and the hope was to win, but we never thought we would."

The Westminster Kennel Club's annual dog show was first held in 1877. According to the



Hill, owned by Bev Dorma and her 15-year-old daughter Emily.

Reo earned the title Monday by beating out 21 other Havanese from around the world. For her



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club, that makes the event the second-longest continuously held sporting event in the U.S., behind only the Kentucky Derby.

It's a show open only to champions — dogs that have won enough conformation shows, where dogs are evaluated on how closely they approach the breed's written standards. At Westminster this year, 2,000 dogs representing 185 breeds went on show to be judged in three pools: Best of Breed, Best of Group and the coveted Best of Show.

Bev said the Havanese is a relatively new breed, having been recognized by kennel clubs in Canada only 10

years ago. It's a breed known for its good nature, non-allergenic hair and popularity with seniors.

"You don't get any better than Havanese," said Bev.

There were 18 dogs  
in the Havanese Ring.  
Seventeen were  
Grand Champions.

"Grandparents love them because they don't have to put them away when the kids come over."

She breeds the dogs at her kennel operation in Cobble Hill, Misty Trails Havanese. Daughter Emily has also been working with dogs for years, training, grooming and showing them, and the two have formed a close team.

Emily also has two other dogs — another Havanese, named Eddie, just starting to show, and an English Mastiff (her favourite breed) named Thumbelina, a Canadian champion.

Ultimately at Westminster, Reo didn't advance beyond her breed category. She was not granted an

award for Best of Group, which in Reo's case is toy dogs.

Bev said that result didn't surprise her because it was generally conceded a Pekingese or an Affenpinscher would take the prize. A Pekingese, Palacegarden Malachy, came first in the toy group and an Affenpinscher, Banana Joe V. Tani Kazari, came second.

"That's OK," said Bev. "To win what we won was a huge honour and so we are ecstatic."

Emily, a Grade 10 student at Frances Kelsey Secondary School in Mill Bay, said in the weeks before leaving home "everybody" said they didn't stand a chance of winning anything at Westminster. But she said she never felt nervous or intimidated. And Reo took the entire affair with characteristic cool.

"It was just another show for her," Emily said.



# Cowichan News Leader

**Cobble Hill dog beats out all comers in prestigious show**

By John McKinley - Cowichan News Leader  
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In a dog's life there is no bigger stage.

But it only took Reo one shot to prove she belonged

For Emily Dorma's five-year-old Havanese, holding her head high is simply a matter of good breeding. But she may be holding it a little higher this morning.

The Cobble Hill show dog was honoured as best in breed during the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club show in New York city — the most high-profile dog show in the world.

Reo, or Mistytrails Double Stuf'D Oreo, as she is more formally known, took top spot after a Monday afternoon showing where she wowed the judge at the Madison Square Garden event, broadcast on national TV.

Dorma, a 16-year-old Frances Kelsey student is a rising star in dog show circles. She qualified for Westminster last year and owns Reo along with her mom, Bev Dorma.

The News Leader Pictorial is attempting to track them down for an interview.

Billed as America's first and only champions only dog show, entry in the Westminster show is limited to

2,000 of the world's best show dogs.

First held in 1877, it is America's second-longest continuously held sporting event, behind only the Kentucky Derby.

The Havanese is the National Dog of Cuba, described as beloved as a friendly, playful, alert and intelligent Toy dog with a mischievous expression.



# Cowichan Valley Citizen

## Top Dog: Havanese Takes prestigious Show Title

BY KEVIN ROTHBAUER, CITIZEN  
FEBRUARY 17, 2012

A Cobble Hill canine has been dubbed the best of its kind in the world.

Eukanuba National Championship, where Reo was similarly honoured. Westminster, however, is a step above that. Only the top five dogs from each breed are invited.

"It's as high as you can get," said Bev.

Dogs go through three stages at

Rock of Ages - visited Times Square and the Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum, and made a trip to Macy's, where they picked up some show suits for Emily. The handler's appearance and personality is vital at dog shows, said Bev.

"Emily has great poise in the ring," she explained. "Her timing is perfect, and she watches the judge to know what she may be looking for and when."

The Westminster was Reo's last show, having reached the pinnacle of her field.

"She's retiring," said Bev.

"Where can she go from here? She's at the top."

The Dormas have six Havanese: three male and three female. Emily will now focus on showing Eddie, a Havanese who is ranked first in Canada. Eddie is "corded," meaning his fur is all neatly braided.

"Emily has spent hours and hours cording his coat," said Bev. "It's all in dreadlocks."

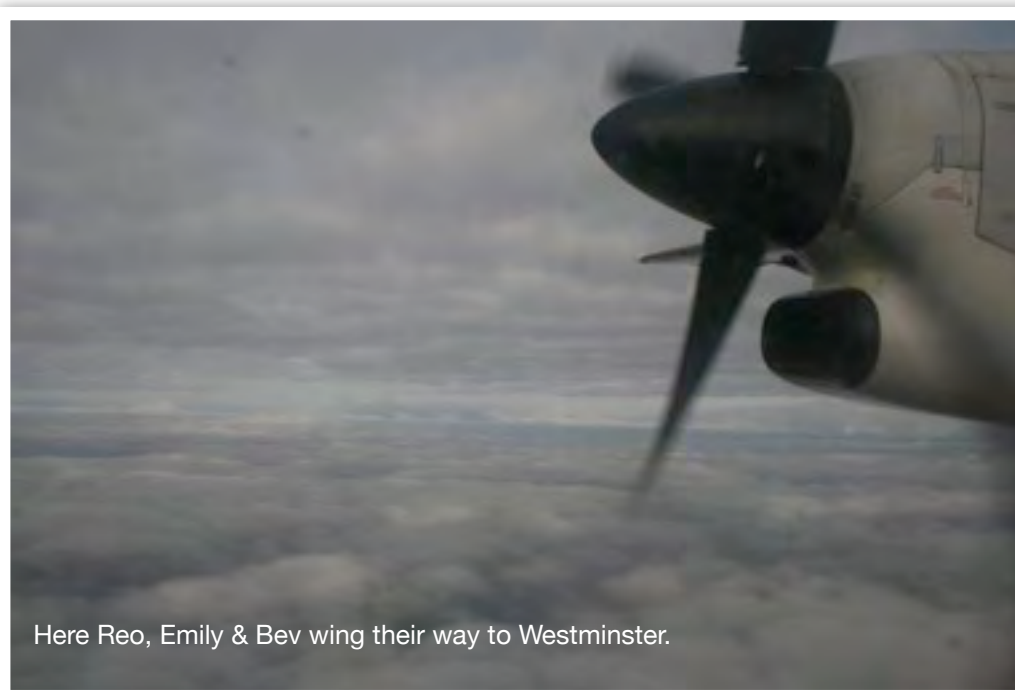
Emily has also showed an English Mastiff named Thumbelina, another Canadian champion.

The Havanese - originally bred in Cuba, as its name would suggest - is a relatively new breed, having received recognition from Canadian kennel clubs just 10 years ago.

Due to its size, hypoallergenic qualities and temperament, it is catching on rapidly.

"It is becoming a very popular breed," said Bev.

The Dormas do breed the dogs, but raise them in the kitchen, and not in kennels. Based on the results, they appear to be doing things right - including showing the dogs.



Here Reo, Emily & Bev wing their way to Westminster.

Reo - short for Mistytrails Double Stuf 'd Oreo - a Havanese owned by 15-year-old Emily Dorma, received the Best of Breed award at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City.

Reo beat out 17 other dogs, all grand champions in their own right, for the honour.

Both Emily and her mom, Bev, who joined her for the trip, were thrilled with the result.

"It was amazing," said Emily, a student at Frances Kelsey Secondary School. "It was shocking. I wasn't expecting that."

It was the Dormas' first visit to the Westminster, which boasts 136 years of history. In December, they made their first trip to the

the Westminster: Best of Breed, Best of Group, and Best of Show. Best of Group - toy dogs, in Reo's case - went to a Pekingese named Palacegarden Malachy, who also went on to win Best of Show.

Emily takes care of all the hands-on work with Reo, overseen by Bev, who has raised the dogs for all of Emily's life.

"We have worked together, mother and daughter for 15 years," said Bev. "Emily does almost everything now; she does the grooming, training and showing and makes breeding decisions very selectively with me."

The trip to New York provided some opportunities for the Dormas to be tourists. Bev and Emily went to two musicals - Spider Man and

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"We do shows to keep the breeds to their original standard and what they are bred for. Havanese are to be approximately 10 to 12 pounds and without showing they would be six to 30 pounds and lose their original look and temperament," she said.

"They would not be structurally sound and would not be able to do the jobs they were bred to do. So, winning this means we breed to standard."



# Cowichan News Leader

## Sestminster Kennel Club success? Blame it on Reo

By Ann Anderson - Cowichan News Leader

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A diminutive Cobble Hill dog had a huge win earlier this week at the prestigious Westminster Kennel club show in New York city.

And owner Emily Dorma who showed her is over the moon.

Emily, 16, and her six-year-old Havanese dog Reo won best in breed during the world-famous international show in the Big Apple. The Westminster show is the most high-profile dog show in the world.

Reo, or Mistytrails Double Stuf'D Oreo, as she is more formally known, was judged Monday top Havanese at the annual Madison Square Garden event that was broadcast on national TV.

"It was awesome and New York was draining," said a tired Emily from Vancouver Wednesday as she prepared for another show this weekend.

"Reo is a good dog and she's my pet first," said the Frances Kelsey Grade 10 student.

"It was our first time there, and we were up against 18 grand champions from around the world," said Emily's mom Bev as she deplaned from a New York flight at Cassidy Wednesday.

Mother and daughter are co-owners of Reo who was bred at their Cobble Hill Misty Trails Havanese kennel and grew up in the household kitchen.

"She rocked it. She won over a lot of top dogs shown by professional handlers," Bev said. "This is a huge prestigious show that we dreamed of winning one day and are ecstatic to have won."

Bev said the win is confirmation their kennel breeds to standard.

Mother and daughter have worked together for 15 years.

"Emily does almost everything now; she does the grooming, training and showing and makes breeding decisions very selectively with me," said the proud mom.

For Emily, the shows are a family group of friends, and she gets a lot of mentoring said Bev.

"We have a group that always sets up together and Emily calls it her village."

Bev said a large part of Emily's success is that she has great poise in the ring, her timing is perfect, and she watches the judge to know what she may be looking for and when.

"We talked to people who'd been coming (to the show) for between eight and 20 years and had never won," she said.

"People come for years and years."

In a show only open to champions, 2,000 dogs representing 185 breeds competed in best of breed, best of group and top spot best of show.

"It takes years of selective breeding

"And it's a costly hobby," she added.

Emily qualified for the Westminster show last year at the Eukanuba Nationals in Florida, and Reo was the number one female Havanese in Canada two years in a row.

Family friend Dianne Wilbee of Cobble Hill's Keopah Havanese kennel, who works alongside the Dormas in Havanese breeding, was impressed by the win.

"They have worked so hard for this," said the owner of Reo's sister Nanuk.

"Absolutely I'm thrilled."

And Kelsey staff are pleased with Dorma's success.

There's a picture of the Grade 10 student pinned up in the staffroom, said school counsellor Sharon Heyd when she heard the news.

The Westminster show was Reo's swan song as far as shows go.

"She's retired now," said Emily.

"She's still my pet and she may have a litter of puppies in the future."



This weekend Emily is showing Reo's nephew Eddy — who's already the number one Havanese in Canada — in a Vancouver dog show.

And what did the duo think of New York, where the mother-daughter combo took in a couple of shows,

went to Macy's, and visited Times Square?

"You don't sleep there," exclaimed Bev.

to produce dogs that qualify for these events," said Bev.

She explained that health structure, temperament and pedigrees all play a role.



# The Globe and Mail

**At the Westminster Dog Show, a Havanese that has it all**

TOM HAWTHORN |

VICTORIA— From Monday's Globe and Mail Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012

The princess strode with her tiny head held high, her shiny coat swaying above the carpet like a veil of chiffon.

Spectators clapped and whooped, though she ignored the ovation, instead fixing brown eyes on her companion, 15-year-old Emily Dorma, a Grade 10 student from Vancouver Island.

It was show time for toy dogs on the green carpet inside Ring 7 at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Westminster Kennel Club was conducting its 136th annual dog show, which it describes as a combination Super Bowl and Academy Awards for “canine athletes.”

A six-year-old female Havanese named Mistytrails Double Stuf'D Oreo, or Reo for short, was presented by the high-schooler. The dog had travelled from Cobble Hill to Manhattan, where she shared a bed in a room in the New Yorker Hotel. The art deco wonder made available grooming stations, treadmills and indoor potty areas covered by synthetic grass for its four-legged guests.

On judging day, those who qualified to be inside the ring showed impeccable grooming. They had been scrubbed and cleaned. Nary a hair was out of place.

The dogs, too, looked their best.

The Havanese, a toy breed known for a gentle disposition and kewpie-doll cuddliness, were rated

by Sari Brewster Tietjen, of Rhineback, N.Y., a stern-faced adjudicator.

Looking over the scene was Bev Dorma, a long-time dog breeder and Emily's mother. She fretted that the appraiser was overlooking Reo, Canada's reigning female Havanese champion.

“The judge ignored Emily the whole time,” she said. “We figured we weren't going to win.”

Indeed, in a video of the judging posted by the kennel club, the judge barely glances at Reo, instead surveying the other little dogs with an unblinking gaze.

“She had poker face on,” Ms. Dorma said. “Later you realize she was looking for her second-, third- and fourth-place winners. After her first going over and watching [the dog] move, she knew Reo was her winner.”

Indeed, the judge chose Reo as the show's best in breed, a decision popular with the crowd.

“When she pulled Reo out of the front of the line, my whole body went into this shaking, oh-my-goodness mode,” Ms. Dorma said. “Am I really seeing this? You're so overjoyed. I don't know who I was prouder of, my daughter or the dog. Both.”

A crying mother and stoic daughter celebrated with an embrace across the velvet rope, little Reo the meat in their hug sandwich.

Now back home, a proud mother sings the praises of her daughter.

“She wasn't down on the ground like all the professional handlers. She did not have to keep Reo in a death grip for the judge to see her. Emily had the complete package. Not only did she have a perfect

dog, but she presented herself and that dog to a T. She nailed it.”

The Havanese judging lasted nearly an hour, an eternity for even the best behaved pooch.

“The hardest thing is keeping your dog sparkling. And looking up. Looking happy and not bored for 45 minutes.”

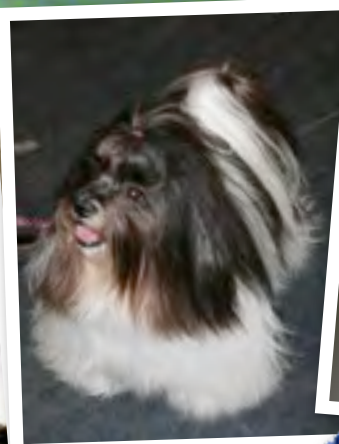
Earlier, mother and daughter visited a Manhattan delicatessen to pick up chicken livers and hearts as bait for a dog's undivided attention. On judgment day, Reo had to skip breakfast, a temporary sacrifice.

“She was a trooper,” Ms. Dorma said. “Solid as a rock. None of it bothered her. She didn't get stressed.”

“Her tail never stops wagging, she loves everybody, and she knows she's special. She smiles and sneezes, smiles and sneezes.”

Reo was a home-raised pup. She obeys commands to stand, stay, sit, come, go and heel. As a purebred, her lineage can be traced back farther than that of some families. She was born on March 6, 2006, sired by Pocotesoros Los Gabatos, known as Zorro, out of Mistytrails Catreeya Byemmy. (Catreeya, a champion brood bitch, now lives in a Victoria suburb, where she is a familiar figure teasingly known as the Queen of Sidney.) Reo's grandmother still lives at the Dorma home.

On the return home, flight attendants permitted Reo to leave the crate to sit on the lap of her human companions, fitting status for a four-legged champion.



Bev says, "I'm still a little bit proud."

Bev, you, Emily & Reo have accomplished something truly amazing! We send you hugs and we say, "Job well done! You deserve to be very proud!"

