

The Red Splendors

→ One of the Breeds most Versatile Cow Families

The featured cow family for this edition has already been in the notebooks of Sire Analysts for several years and the diversity of lines is immense, way too much to all cover in one article or even in one magazine. The cow family has some tremendously successful branches in black & white and polled segments of the breed but most successful in recent years is perhaps the red line of the Splendors.

The Beginning

The Splendor story starts with a black & white five-year-old cow owned by the Dymment family of Dundas, Ontario. “My dad bought the foundation cow of this family back in 1966 and we eventually worked with seven generations of this family,” states David Dymment who was a part of the Glen Drummond operation owned by his parents Roger and Betty. This cow was Ferglynn Rag Apple Bertha VG-CAN, a Romandale Shalimar daughter and a tremendous producer. Dymment mentions, “In one lactation she made over 1300 pounds of fat and produced over 200,000 pounds of milk in her lifetime. That was a lot of milk for a cow in Canada in the late 1960s!” Several different branches of the family did well for the Dymments and many of the good cows had heifer calves, “Which was sometimes half the battle in the days before we could use extensive ET work,” according to Dymment.

After a few generations, the ET work really took off, especially with Glen Drummond S C Jo Beth EX-90 (s. Sir Christopher), her Enhancer daughter, Glen Drummond Shower EX-90-CAN, and her Aerostar

granddaughter Glen Drummond Aero Flower *RC VG-88-CAN. “They flushed extremely well once we started utilizing them for embryo transfer,” Dymment comments.

David Dymment, Dymmentholm

“While the Sir Christopher, the Enhancer and the Aerostar were a bit rangier than most family members, a typical Splendor to me is wide-chested and powerful with great udders.”

Somebody who agrees with that is Harry Schuiling, Sales Manager Western Europe, Asia and South Africa for Semex. “When we used to talk about the Glen Drummond family, we always talked about the Aerostar and her Enhancer dam, who is also granddam of the popular bull Pursuit September Storm and was born at the same time as I started with Semex. Since then, every time I visited breeders in Ontario or Quebec, the members of the Flower/Splendor family always impressed me with their great udders, especially the rear udders. The bulls from this family also transmit great rear udders. Eventually, her Formation daughter, Glen Drummond Splendor, took over her role as the main foundation cow, and proved herself a great brood cow.”

“The choice to mate Aero Flower to Formation was because I wanted to add more milk from U.S. bloodlines to the family. Right around that same time, I saw a progeny group of Formation daughters and





K-Manor Sensational-Red PP GTPI+2058
 One of the Highest Homozygous Red Polled Females in the World
 Sold for \$125,000 Genomic Giant Sale



Snowbiz Sympatico Sofia Red GTPI+2526
 No. 1 GTPI and GPA-LPI Red Heifer in the Breed
 Sold for \$195,000 Holstein Plaza Online Heifer Sale



Dymenthalm Sunview Sassy *RC GTPI+2403
 No. 1 GTPI *RC/Red Cow in the U.S.
 Dam of the No. 2 GTPI Red Heifer in the U.S.

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this sealed the decision. Aero Flower was a tremendous transmitter, so we weren't afraid using some different bulls on her," shared Dymment. The Formation mating resulted in the headline individual of this cow family report, Glen Drummond Splendor *RC.

Splendor sold in the 1997 Sale of Stars to the Gen-I-Beq syndicate. Julien Chabot, a Semex sire analyst, was sitting next to the members of the group at the sale and explains: "At the time Splendor was selling on the Sale of Stars, she hadn't yet been tested for red carrier, but the members really liked the calf and the group decided the buy her. As we look back, this was, of course, a tremendous deal for them." At Gen-I-Beq, Splendor developed a fantastic career as a brood cow resulting in several great lines tracing back to her.

Splendor Offspring

A prolific flush cow, Splendor was mated to a wide variety of bulls. An early flush to Convincer resulted in Gen-I-Beq Salto *RC who was a popular bull at Semex. A mating with Igniter resulted in the EX-91 daughter Gen-I-Beq Igniter Sacha *RC, owned by Lorika Holsteins, Quebec. Sacha's VG-88 red Lichtblick daughter in turn has a VG-85 polled red Mitey P daughter, Alampco LO Shana Mity Red *PO, that is the dam of Alampco Shanosber *PO *RC (s. Observer) marketed by Trans America Genetics. Another daughter of Splendor by Stormatic, Gen-I-Beq Stormatic Spendissa *RC EX-91 is the granddam of Lanzarote-Red, the No. 2 gRZG Laron P son in Germany (owned by RUW).

Gen-I-Beq Talent Spectra *RC VG-85, a Talent daughter of Splendor, is the basis of a promising and developing line. Her VG-89 FBI daughter is the dam of Charpentier Mr Burns Sisi EX-90 who has exciting offspring by Arron Doon West Port Magna *P *RC. "The resulting bull from this combination, Lookout P Survivor-Red, is a popular sire within the Semex program and has been used as a mating sire," according to Schuiling.

Survivor's full sister from this mating, Lookout Pesce Mag Sarah-Red, is one of the highest milking red polled females in the breed. She sold for \$82,000 in the 2011 World Classic Sale and is owned by Pristine Genetics, Illinois. Her Ladd P daughter, K-Manor Sensational-Red PP, is one of the highest homozygous polled red females in the breed and sold on the Genomic Giant Sale for \$125,000 to Butlerview, Illinois. Declan Patten, Marketing Manager at Butlerview, comments: "Sensational was a heifer that we thought could change the breed. When we purchased her she was the No. 1 Red Homozygous Heifer in

the World. Today she is the dam of two Mardi Gras heifers who are the No. 4 and No. 5 GTPI Polled Heifers in the Breed and she has pregnancies by Main Event, Powerball and Supershot."

Declan Patten, Butlerview
 "Her [Sensational] being homozygous makes her a unique female of her age group to throw the highest polled progeny. We are excited to see how she can influence the breed!"

But the most successful Splendor mating was arguably with Durham, a decision that resulted in two great daughters. One of the Durhams, Gen-I-Beq Durham Sunshine VG-88, is the granddam of the popular red bull Durham-Red (Mr Burns x Goldwyn) while the other daughter is Gen-I-Beq Durham Sherry *RC VG-87. Sherry herself has emerged as a notable brood cow in a family of great brood cows and several prolific lines are developing from her branch of the family.

The Tremendous Boltons

Dick Reuslag of Schreur Holsteins, Netherlands, is a European breeder who had lots of success with offspring of Durham Sherry. His successful lines trace back to two Shottle daughters. One Shottle daughter became the dam of the popular Lawn Boy son, Laron P. The other Shottle, Belis Sher *RC VG-85-FR started a noteworthy branch in France. Her Baxter daughter, Dinas Sher, is the dam of genomic sire Fontoy *RC with a GTPI of +2156, while his sister is one of the highest milking red carrier females in the breed, Fily Sher VG-86-FR +2240 GTPI. Sher is now owned by Schreur Holsteins and Diamond Genetics. She has been in an extensive flush program and was mated to bulls like Olympian, Missouri, Supershot, Label P and Powerball and her first Balisto calves have just been born.

More recently, Schreur Holsteins, Hul-Stein and Diamond Genetics invested together in a Cashcoin daughter from Dymenthalm Sunview Sunday *RC VG-87-2YR-USA (more to come on Sunday). The Reuslag family is excited about developing the different branches from the Splendors in the future.

Undoubtedly, the most successful cross on Durham Sherry was Goldwyn, resulting in Gen-I-Beq Goldwyn Secret *RC VG-87-2YR-CAN. Secret was sold for \$160,000 to RockyMountain Holsteins, Alberta where she had a tremendous career. Secret is the dam of proven bulls





Hotspots Covergirl of the Spring 2014 issue: Fily Sher *RC
 *RC Man-O-Man x Baxter x Shottle x Gen-I-Beq Durham Shery
 The former No. 1 *RC Cow in the Breed

Mr Savage (s. Shottle) at Taurus and the Crackholm Secure-Red (s. Dudoc Mr Burns) at Genervations. Before she sold to RockyMountain, Secret was flushed to Bolton resulting in three exceptional females: Season, Silence and Secretly. Silence and Secretly were red carriers and through their offspring, they will have a significant influence on the future of the red breed.

Gen-I-Beq Bolton Secretly VG-87-CAN is the dam of two VG-85-2YR-CAN Snowman daughters who sold to the Snowbiz I.G. syndicate, a group formed to invest in a number of interesting Snowman females. Both Snowman daughters were flushed extensively as heifers and sold fresh to Cedarwal Holsteins, British Columbia. Mike Barnum, Cedarwal Holsteins, explains that he likes the marketability of this family on both the cow and the bull side. "The reason for the acquisition of Summer and Spring was that they are something different. Because they are an outcross for the red breed, we love the many options of sires we can use on the two cows. We have used, and will continue to use, a wide variety of bulls on Spring and Summer, with the main focus on producing red and polled offspring. We also admire the ability of this family to transmit to the next generation."

Mike Barnum, Cedarwal

"We purchased both Spring and Summer because the Splendors have a great reputation of putting bulls in A.I. and producing subsequent generations that have a strong balance of production and type."

At this moment, in addition to Summer and Spring who have about 30 pregnancies coming, Cedarwal is also doing IVF work on a +2323 GTPI *RC Supersire daughter of Summer.

During their "Snowbiz time", both Snowman daughters made a name for themselves as great transmitters. The mating of Summer to Sympatico *RC is especially of note. That cross resulted in the current No.

1 GTPI and GPA-LPI Red Heifer in the Breed, Snowbiz Sympatico Sofia Red +2526 GTPI sold for \$195,000 during the Holstein Plaza Online Heifer Sale to the Sofia Syndicate, Illinois. Another high seller is the Ladd-P daughter of Summer who topped the Snowbiz Dispersal Sale, selling for \$200,000. From her, several choices topped other sales like the 2014 Perfectly Polled Sale. Summer also has two high testing Sympatico sons at GTPI+2470 (Snowbiz Symion) and GTPI+2468 (Snowbiz Swinger Twin) who are owned by SBS and AI Total and will be available later this year.

The "other" Bolton, Silence, also proved herself as an outstanding transmitter. Her America daughter, Des-Y-Gen Sugar-Red VG-85-FR kicked off a great career and has been a very successful brood and flush cow. Currently, her beautiful milking Larson daughter gets most of the spotlight: DKR Larson Sally Red scored VG-85 very fresh in France and will re-score later in this lactation. She is the former No. 1 GTPI red & white heifer in Europe and has red progeny already from Aikman, Olympian, Perfect Aiko and others. One of her daughters is presently the No. 3 Red Perfect Aiko daughter in the breed.

While Sugar did very well in Europe, her Planet sister Des-Y-Gen Planet Silk *RC EX-90 is writing her own chapter in the red & white breed history. Silk still is the No. 15 *RC/Red cow on the Locator list and has many successful daughters. Silk was only 10-months old when she was purchased by David Dymont of Dymenthholm Genetics and Sebastien Dion of Sunview Holsteins. "For me, Silk was special since the day she was purchased, she is the type buyers are looking for because she is the TOTAL package," comments Dion. Dymont also enjoyed his ownership of the Planet daughter, "There is no doubt that my favorite *RC Splendor is Silk!"

In April 2012, Silk, along with her daughters, sold as a package for \$1 million to the Josey LLC group, Wisconsin. This was shortly after Silk freshened and scored VG-87 as a two-year-old. Many of the early Silk daughters (by Lobster, Sudan, Epic and Alchemy) have freshened and Neil McDonah of Speek-NJ Holsteins, Wisconsin, where they are housed, is impressed with the results. "The Silk daughters have her awesome mammary system and good legs. All the Silk daughters milk, it seems to be really easy for the family and above all, they are easy keepers and aggressive eaters." Silk has been in an extensive flush program and her embryos have sold to Australia, Canada, Germany and the U.S. McDonah is excited about the future and the continued development of the Silk daughters.

From the fresh Silk daughters, Dymenthholm Sunview Sunday *RC is now the highest classified at VG-87-2YR and has high testing daughters by Cashcoin and a gRZG+156 *RC Cashcoin son (Sunfish) that will have semen available soon. While Sunday is the official No. 1 GTPI *RC/Red cow on the Locator list, her recently fresh Epic sister, Dymenthholm Sunview Sassy VG-85-2YR is the unofficial No. 1 GTPI *RC Cow in the Breed at +2403 GTPI. She has a +2428 GTPI Red Dakker daughter at Leaderwin Holsteins, Pennsylvania.

Sunday's full sister, Des-Y-Gen Snowman Selina *RC, born in Germany, became the top seller of the 2013 Hessens Zukunft Sale for €23,000, where she sold to Diamond Genetics, Anderstrup Holsteins and Nobsch Holsteins. Her first calves are being born now and she has several more pregnancies to come. Selina is one of the top ranking *RC heifers in the breed for GTPI, GLPI and RZG.

A Larson *RC daughter of Silk, Dymenthholm Sunview Sienna VG-86-2YR-CAN is owned by Mapel Wood, OConnors and Generations and her red Aikman daughter, OConnors Aikman Scarlet-Red +2433 GTPI, topped the 2013 World Classic Sale.

Neil McDonah, Speek-NJ

“I started finding out how special Silk was when people and visitors would call and drive for hours to see her. Sometimes she was the only cow they cared to see!

And so many visitors came with stories about a family member, a daughter, or offspring from Sympatico, etc. There has always been a lot of positivity and success surrounding the cow family all around the globe!

Embryos from Silk daughters have sold all over the world. One buyer was Arno Grengs from Luxembourg. Grengs explains, “The family always has been strong in the female line and more recently they also produced strong bulls, of which September Storm was the first. The family always gets attention as they are able to produce offspring that rank well in different times and also in different systems. They are very stable over the years and with the *RC and Red, they offer even more opportunities!” His investment in embryos from the Silk line resulted in a red Aikman daughter who is one of the highest RZG red females in the breed scoring gRZG +150 and she sells in the 2014 German Masters Sale.

The excitement in the Silk branch isn't limited to the female side of the

pedigree. Silk has several high GTPI Red Carrier sons who are also making an impact. Bulls like Seneca *RC, Stoic *RC and Sympatico *RC will have a continuing influence on the red breed. Both Schuiling and Chabot of Semex are very enthusiastic about the sons of Sympatico that will have semen available soon. Chabot adds, “While the family at first didn't rank extremely high, the family members have always been mated to the best bulls that were available. Due to smart breeding decisions, the family has always stayed in the spotlight.” Schuiling adds, “There will be several high ranking Sympatico sons joining the line-up soon and we are extremely excited about them. Sympatico *RC and his sons have what breeders demand: high production and good type with again impressive rear udders.”

Another interesting branch from Goldwyn Secret resulted in one of the leading polled families in Europe. DKR Silence Secret *RC, a Socrates daughter of Secret, is the dam of the polled heifer, Capnation Sosecret P *RC. She was purchased by David Dymont and Diamond Genetics from a 2012 Eurogenes Online Heifer Sale for €29,000 and has proven herself, in the tradition of her dams, to be a great transmitter. Her Earnhardt daughters are some of the highest homozygous polled females in Europe while her red and polled Aikman daughter scores gRZG+150!

Dymont concludes, “I have many great memories about the Splendors and the animals I've owned from this family over the years. They've always been very good to me and worked exceptionally well.”

And as times change and breeding goals change, the Splendor family has always been able to produce the kind that the market is looking for due to smart matings by the owners and the exceptional transmitting ability of each generation. As a bonus, they carry the valuable red gene which means we'll be hearing more from this tremendous cow family.

Dymenthholm Sunview Sunday *RC VG-87-2YR-USA | GTPI+2281

Snowman x Des-Y-Gen Planet Silk I No. 1 GTPI *RC / Red Cow on the Locator List 8/14
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THE 'RED' SPLENDORS

♀ **Ferglynn Rag Apple Bertha VG-CAN**
(s. Romandale Shalimar)

♀ **Glen Drummond Marquis Beth VG-CAN**
(s. Romandale Reflection Marquis)

♀ **Glen Drummond Matt Beth VG-85**
(s. Browndale Sir Christopher)

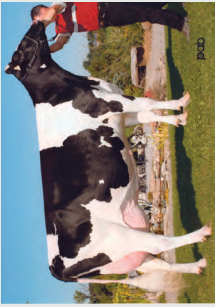
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(s. Glenafion Enhancer)

♀ **Glen Drummond Aero Flower *RC VG-88-CAN**
(s. Madawaska Aerostar)

♀ **Glen Drummond Splendor *RC VG-86-CAN**
(s. Shen-Val NV LM Formation)



♀ **Gen-I-Beq Durham Sherry *RC VG-87-CAN**
(s. Regancrest Elton Durhham)



♀ **Gen-I-Beq Talent Spectra-Red VG-85-CAN**
(s. Laddino Park Talent *RC)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq Igniter Sacha *RC EX-91-CAN**
(s. Summershade Igniter)

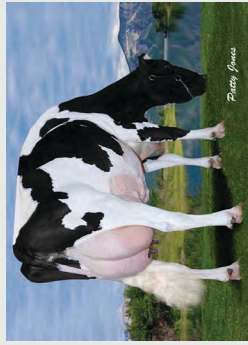
♂ **Gen-I-Beq Salto *RC**
(s. Wa-Dei Convincer)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq Stormatic Spendissa *RC EX-91-CAN**
(s. Comestiar Stormatic)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq Durham Sunshine *RC VG-88-CAN**
(s. Regancrest Elton Durhham)

♀ **Glen Drummond Shimmer *RC VG-85-2YR-CAN**
(s. Duregal Astre Starbuck)

♂ **Pursuit September Storm *RC**
(s. Maughlin Storm)



♀ **Gen-I-Beq Goldwyn Secret *RC VG-87-2YR**
(s. Braedale Goldwyn)



♀ **Gen-I-Beq Bolton Secretly *RC VG-87-CAN**
(s. Sandy-Valley Bolton)

♂ **Mr Savage *RC**
(s. Picston Shottle)

♂ **Crackholm Secure-Red**
(s. Dudoc Mr Burns *RC)

♀ **DKR Steady *RC VG-87-DE**
(s. Diamond-Oak Armstead)

♀ **DKR Silence Secret *RC**
(s. Velvet-View-KJ Socrates)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq Bolton Silence *RC VG-CAN**
(s. Sandy-Valley Bolton)

♀ **Des-Y-Gen Sugar-Red VG-85-FR**
(s. Sure-View America-Red)



♀ **Des-Y-Gen Planet Silk *RC EX-90**
(s. Ensejada Taboo Planet)

♀ **Dinas Sher *RC VG-86-FR**
(s. Emerald-Acr-SA Baxter)

♂ **Laron P-Red**
(s. Aggravation Lawn Boy-Red P)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq Snowman Summer *RC VG-85-2YR**
(s. Flevo Genetics Snowman)



♀ **Gen-I-Beq Snowman Spring *RC VG-85-2YR**
(s. Flevo Genetics Snowman)

♀ **Capnation Sosecret P *RC**
(s. Sandy-Valley Colt P-Red)

♀ **DKR Larson Sally-Red GTPI+1938**
(s. Willisbro Larson *RC)

♀ **Des-Y-Gen Snowman Selina *RC GTPI+2211**
(s. Flevo Genetics Snowman)

♀ **Dymentholm Sunview Sunday *RC VG-87 GTPI+2281**
(s. Flevo Genetics Snowman)

♂ **Dymentholm S Sympatco *RC *RC GTPI+2276**
(s. Flevo Genetics Snowman)

♀ **Josey-LLC Uno Sangaria *RC GTPI+2386**
(s. Amighetti Numero Uno)

♀ **Josey-LLC Splendor-Red GTPI+2222**
(s. Co-Op Upd Paige)

♀ **Dymentholm Sunview Sassy *RC VG-85 GTPI+2403**
(s. Generations Epic)

♀ **Dymentholm Sunview Sienna *RC VG-86-2YR**
(s. Willisbro Larson *RC)

♀ **Dymentholm Sunview Selma *RC**
(s. Generations Epic)

♀ **Snowbiz Sympatco Sofia-Red GTPI+2526**
(s. Dymentholm S Sympatco *RC)

♀ **Snowbiz Sympatco Shae Red GTPI+2422**
(s. Dymentholm S Sympatco *RC)

♀ **Snowbiz Sympatco Sal *RC GTPI+2376**
(s. Dymentholm S Sympatco *RC)

♀ **Snowbiz Ladd P Sunshine *RC *PC GTPI+2358**
(s. Dymentholm S Sympatco *RC)

♂ **Snowbiz Symion GTPI+2470**
(s. Dymentholm S Sympatco *RC)

♂ **Snowbiz Swinger Twin GTPI+2368**
(s. Dymentholm S Sympatco *RC)

♀ **Snowbiz Sympatco Shyla *RC GTPI+2372**
(s. Dymentholm S Sympatco *RC)

♀ **Snowbiz Symion GTPI+2470**
(s. Dymentholm S Sympatco *RC)

♀ **DG Dymnet Earnsecret PP GTPI+2164**
(s. Da-So-Burn MOM Earnhardt *P)

♀ **DG Dymnet Shakira-Red *P GRZG+150**
(s. Gen-I-Beq Alkman *RC)

♀ **DG Dymnet Earnso PP GTPI+2058**
(s. Da-So-Burn MOM Earnhardt *P)

♂ **Mr Sunview Coin Sunfish *RC GRZG+156**
(s. Famear-TBR-BH Cashcoin)

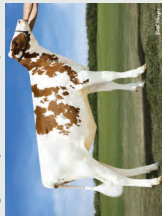
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(s. Famear-TBR-BH Cashcoin)

♀ **Mis Sunview Coin Sunglow *RC GTPI+2297**
(s. Famear-TBR-BH Cashcoin)

♀ **Josey-LLC Dker Spice-Red GTPI+2428**
(s. Kings-Ransom O Dakker *RC)

♀ **OConnors Alkman Scarlet-Red GTPI+2433**
(s. Gen-I-Beq Alkman *RC)

♀ **AB Sirene 8163-Red GRZG+150**
(s. Gen-I-Beq Alkman *RC)



♀ **Pristine Sarah Coin 8299 *RC GTPI+2316**
(s. Famear-TBR-BH Cashcoin)

♀ **Pristine Sarah Uno *RC *PC GTPI+2301**
(s. Amighetti Numero Uno)

♀ **K-Manor Sensational-Red PP GTPI+2058**
(s. Tiger-Lily Ladd-P-Red)

♀ **IHG Mardi Sens 9020 *RC *PO GTPI+2450**
(s. Mr Moviestar Mardi Gras)

♀ **IHG Mardi Sens 9017 *RC *PO GTPI+2445**
(s. Mr Moviestar Mardi Gras)

♀ **IHG Flame Sally *RC *PO GTPI+2326**
(s. Vieuxsaule Flame)

♀ **Fly Sher *RC VG-86-FR**
(s. Long-Langs Oman Oman)

♂ **Fontoy *RC**
(s. Long-Langs Oman Oman)

♀ **Lookout Pesce Mag Sarah-Red P GP-84-USA**
(s. Arron Doon West Port Magna P *RC)

♂ **Alampco Shanosber *RC *PO GTPI+1922**
(s. De-Su Observer)

♀ **Willisbro S Destry Saskia-Red VG-85-UK**
(s. Scientific Destry *RC)

♂ **Nugget *RC GRZG+155**
(s. Amighetti Numero Uno)

♀ **Charpentier Mr Burns Sisi-Red EX-90**
(s. Dudoc Mr Burns *RC)

♀ **Alampco LO Shana Mity-Red *PO VG-85-CAN**
(s. West Port Arron Doon Mitye *RC *PO)

♀ **AJDH Saskia Red VG-87-UK**
(s. Aggravation Lawn Boy P-Red)

♂ **Lanzarote-Red GRZG+140**
(s. Laron P)

♂ **Durham-Red**
(s. Dudoc Mr Burns *RC)

♀ **Bontemps Goldwyn Belfast *RC VG-86-FR**
(s. Braedale Goldwyn)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq Mr Burns Splendy-Red VG-87-CAN**
(s. Dudoc Mr Burns *RC)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq September Sacha-Red VG-89-CAN**
(s. Pursuit September Storm *RC)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq Igniter Sacha *RC EX-91-CAN**
(s. Summershade Igniter)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq Stormatic Spendissa *RC EX-91-CAN**
(s. Comestiar Stormatic)

♀ **Gen-I-Beq Durham Sunshine *RC VG-88-CAN**
(s. Regancrest Elton Durhham)