

***In Memory of BIS Champion
Mahzian Winter Storm
and to all Champion Mothers
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“ Winter Passage “

One November day a sow was born
Who found a home during a January Storm
Her mark was near perfection and thus a
Canadian & American Champion she became;
Yet her duties as a Mother would mark her fame.

She delivered the first four, fancy free –
Known as the Storm Girls –
they would become to be.

Then, one stormy winter day,
Her second litter arrived,
A litter of seven, in which (6) would survive.
Being a Champion on tables, but most in heart,
Winter only pushed further,
to give her babies a life start.

The tiniest baby was weaned a month later,
To Winter, her babies survival,
meant nothing greater.
Within 36 hours of her last fledgling leaving the nest,
– this sow who gave so much –
Finally passed over to eternal rest.

Her last “Winter” girls join the “Storm” girls in a legacy;
For the sow who came to be
and left as a Winter Storm,
gave every last breath of life for life
and my heart she had torn.

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