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Bred & owned by P & G. Keays
at the time of this award.

Dianthus was born on the 5th August 2006 out of ACh Gheringhaven Fleurdelise *Q*3 by Kunapippi Monarch after an AI mating. She had a twin sister, Delphine, who was also a lovely doe and in their pre-milking days they competed strongly against each other with Dianthus winning the 06/07 British Alpine Dairy Kid of the Year.

Dianthus' first mating was to Osory Estrada by AI which yielded a buck & a doe kid. Dianthus herself showed potential as a first lactation milker with a good udder, but was a rather gawky immature animal. However, her second kidding to Gheringhaven Florian, produced triplet does and Dianthus really blossomed. She milked extremely well, grew into herself and was a big showy doe. It was during this season that she achieved her Australian Champion Award.

One of her doe kids from that mating is very like her mother and I have high hopes of her doing well in the show ring, although due to various hiccups we have not been able to attend many shows over the last couple of years.

Dianthus now resides with Rick Howard and I sincerely hope she continues to produce lovely offspring for him.

Glenis Keays (VIC.)



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