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Who Served



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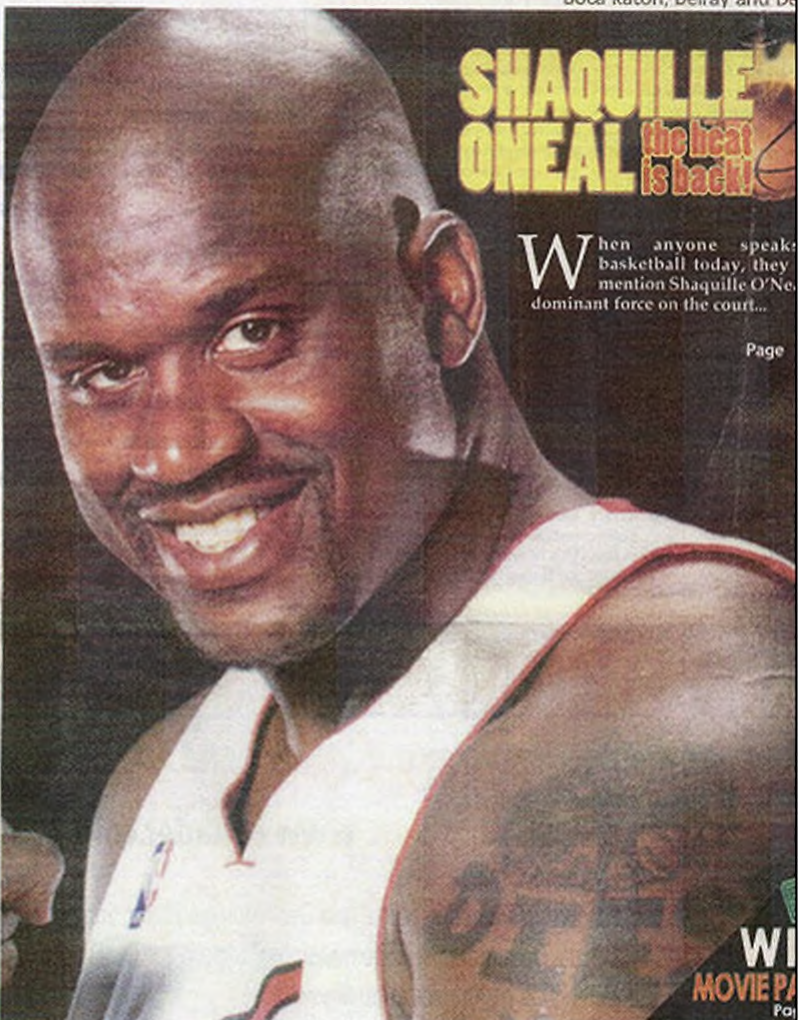


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the heat
is back!

When anyone speaks
basketball today, they
mention Shaquille O'Neal,
dominant force on the court...

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From Rags To The Red Carpet

By Jo Jo Harder



Mia's winning photo

included the cover of America's Top Dog Model 2007 Calendar, a feature story in *New York Dog* and *Hollywood Dog Magazines*, custom designed Swarovski crown from Dorothy Bauer Designs, a pet chaise from Posh Living, pet pillow from Red for People & Pets, one year membership from Dog Actors Guild in New York City, and a doggie dream house from America's Top Dog Model.™

On August 17, 2006, Mia took her first plane ride to Florida.

There she attended Dogs Days of Summer Fundraiser, at Robb & Stucky Interiors, in Boca Raton. Appearing as Queen for the day, Mia

Six years ago, Mia, a miniature dachshund, lived in squalor conditions, in Valencia, California. Now she wears a Swarovski crystal crown and walks the red carpet, as America's Top Dog Model™ 2006 Contest winner.

was introduced on the red carpet along with eleven contest finalists.

America's Top Dog Model™ 2007 winner will be announced in May. The theme is Travel with Style!

In March 2000, Pam Ruckelshausen found Mia through a newspaper ad. Upon her arrival at a local breeder's house, the Ruckelshausen family was horrified by the stench and filth. The family was distressed, and everyone returned to the car except Pam who was in a state of shock. When she got back to the car, Pam was presented with an adorable black and tan miniature dachshund, which her daughter bought when no one was looking. Pam's sister came up with the name M.I.A. which represents "missing in action."

From day one, Pam felt that Mia belonged on the cover of a calendar. When Pam discovered America's Top Dog Model™ 2006 Contest on the internet, she sent in Mia's photo. The theme for the contest was "home is where the heart is" and the judges decided that Mia best represented the contest theme.

Mia's grand prize winnings



Mia on the red carpet at Dog Days of Summer.