



Espen Engh - Norway

Born into a family where greyhounds have been part of everyday life since 1955, Espen Engh has been very actively involved in the dogs from a very early age. The first litter of greyhounds carrying the prefix Jet's was bred by Espen and his late mother Kari in 1975.

The Jet's are the top winning greyhound kennel of all time, having made up 224 individual homebred champions, including 106 FCI International champions. The Jet's bitch line includes a unique ten consecutive generations of Best in Show winning international champion bitches. Int.Ch. Jet's Once Upon A Dream was Norway's Dog of the Year in 2001, Int.Ch. Jet's Something In The Way U Smile in 2003, Int.Ch. Jet's Just Take Me Home Tonight in 2013 and Int.Ch. Jet's Man in the Moon in 2016.

Espen has also co-owned several Afghan Hound and Whippet champions with his life partner Åge Gjetnes. Their latest venture is Griffon Bruxellois where several Jet's homebred champions have been made up, including the first ever English and American champion bitch in the breed. Åge won the group at Crufts 2015 with his home-bred Miniature Poodle. Espen judged his first dog show in 1984 and was approved to judge at championship show level in 1987. He was authorized to judge all breeds by the Norwegian Kennel Club and FCI in 2011. He has officiated in 98 countries around the world, including all-breed Best in Show in 60+ of them.

Appointments include more than 160 specialties and fourteen FCI World show. He has judged three times at Westminster and will be judging at Crufts for the tenth time in 2024 when he will have the honour of judging the Hound group.

A veterinarian by education, Espen finished his Doctoral Thesis at the Norwegian College of Veterinary Medicine, his work has been focused on promoting animal welfare.



Honey Anne Glendinning - Canada

I started my journey in the world of show dogs in my 16th year. I was given a registered Irish Setter for my birthday and the breeder introduced to dog shows. That started my devotion to the Sporting / Gun dog breeds.

I raised Irish for several years then changed breeds to the English Setter. I bred and showed them for almost 52 years and produced the Top Dog All breed in Canada, who won a total of 52 Best in Shows. Along the way produced almost 100 Champions and a total of 6 Best in Show winners.

When I decided to take on the challenge of becoming a judge I felt I needed to know more about the other Sporting breeds, their history, hunting styles, hunting environment and why there was a need for them to be developed in the first place. So I went to upland field trials, water retrieving trials and flushing trials. I talked to long time breeders and discussed their breeds purpose and watched them work.

I take pride in the fact I am not only a Canadian Kennel Club All Breed judge but also an AKC judge of Sporting, Working, Herding and several breeds in other groups. With this I have judged in the AKC and CKC show systems but also in countries that are recognized under the FCI system. As the FCI recognized breeds that are not yet in the AKC and CKC system it sent me back to the books to make sure when judging these breeds I did them justice.

I feel as a judge we can never stop learning. With ease of travel, dogs of great quality are arriving in North America and breeder owners are working hard on having these breeds fully recognized in AKC and CKC not just in the FCI system.



Ann Ingram - Ireland

I was born into the dog world, with a father who was a Terrier Specialist and a mother who introduced the Boxer Breed to Ireland, both were All Breeds Judges. I began to show dogs almost as soon as I could walk and under the Tirkane Prefix, I have bred or owned, over 100 Irish and 31 UK champions in Boxers, Boston Terriers, Poodles, and Lhasa Apsos, also 2 World Winners.

Past President of The Poodle Club of Ireland and Irish Boxer Dog Club and currently chair of Munster Agricultural Club, Canine Section.

I was 16 when I started to judge, awarded CCs (UK) in Boxers aged 25, the youngest person ever to do so, and became an F.C.I. All Breeds judge in 1984. I have judged in more than 50 countries, including Australian Royals, Several World Shows, AKC Shows, Orlando & Westminster, and I am approved to judge all the groups and Best In Show in the UK.

I retired from breeding and showing a few years ago after an involvement of over 50 years but still retain a keen interest in the breeding and development of the breeds. Currently I judge regularly around the world and this year I judged the Working Group at Crufts, (2024 I will judge Best in Show) and will travel to Canada, Peru and other European Countries over the next few months.



David L Kittredge – U.S.A.

I have been actively involved in pure-bred dogs since 1972, when I purchased my first American Cocker Spaniel for show and breeding. From then until 1997, I bred and co-bred many AKC champions under the Dur-Bet and Kittcar prefixes, as well as handling some top winners.

I have been approved as an AKC judge since 1997, and currently judge the Sporting, Toy and Non-Sporting groups, as well as Miscellaneous classes, Junior Showmanship and Best in Show.

Some of the most memorable events in my judging career have been judging abroad in Great Britain, Europe, Scandinavia, China, Russia, South Korea and Australia, and I have had the honor of judging my own breed at the American Spaniel Club National event seven times.

My approach to judging has always been to put overall breed type above any single attribute. It is important to investigate all the points addressed in a standard when evaluating an exhibit. However, I feel that, too often, the overall picture can be ignored in the final analysis. General unity of structure, harmony of proportion, functioning of the structure in movement, and correctness of all features for the breed's intended purpose is of greater importance than any factor considered separately. Of course, as a judge, I want it all!

Thank you for the honor of judging at these shows.



Heather Langfeld - Canada

I began exhibiting and breeding Gordon Setters in 1974 and then Afghan Hounds in 1976 under the kennel name "Madadhduh" (Gaelic for 'black dog'). I bred on a very limited basis but was quite successful producing Gordon Setter and numerous Afghan Hound champions including Afghan Hound group winners and a multiple Best in Show and Best in Specialty Show winner.

I started my judging career in 1993 and reached All Breed status in 2008. I have judged all breeds across Canada and have been honored to judge numerous breed and group specialties. I have also judged in the USA, Mexico, Japan, Columbia, Finland, Estonia, China and Australia. Over the years, in addition to the Gordons and Afghans, I have owned and exhibited - Standard Poodle, Whippet, Mini Wire and Mini Long Hair Dachshunds, Border Terrier and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

Currently, I share my home with my Border Terrier and two lovely Cavaliers.

I am a Life Member of the Canadian Kennel Club and have belonged to numerous breed clubs over the years. I am currently the Show Chair and President of the Ontario County Kennel Club and a member of Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Canada, the Eastlake Cavalier Club and Durham Region Canine Athletes.



Susan E. Smith – WHIMSY Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Halifax, NS

I have been involved with the purebred dog fancy for over 30 years. Along with Peter Schwark, I have been breeding and exhibiting Cavaliers under the WHIMSY kennel name. I am an active member of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Canada, a member of its Board of Directors for over 20 years, including 2 terms as President, Past President and 10+ years as the Health & Education Chair.

I am at the outset of my conformation judging career and am looking forward to where that may take me. I am honoured to be invited to judge at the Trillium Dog Fanciers in October of 2023.



Joe Walton- USA

My wife Roberta (Bobbi) and I began exhibiting Shih Tzu under the Shen Wah prefix in the early 1970's. To date, we have owned, bred or finished more than 80 champions. We also bred a number of Chihuahuas, and showed Pugs as well. We have had many Toy Group, and specialty winning dogs as well as three all-breed BIS Shih Tzu and a multi-National Specialty BIS winner as well. We moved to Chapel Hill NC in 2007. Are enjoying retired life here.

I am approved to judge the AKC Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, and Non-Groups. I began judging in 1987 and have judged many Shih Tzu specialties, here and abroad including the Australian, Canadian, Japanese, and Dutch Nationals. I have judged the ASTC National Specialty four times. I have judged all breed shows, and specialties several times in Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands, China, and Taiwan. I have judged a number of National Specialties in other breeds, including Boerboel, Tibetan Terrier, Lhasa Apso, Chinese Shar Pei, Chihuahua, Miniature Pinscher, Soft Coated Wheaten, Kerry Blue Terriers, Otterhound, and American Foxhounds. I have judge specialties for almost the entire Toy Group, and most of the Non-Sporting group as well. I have judge the Top Twenty Competition in many of the Toy Non-Sporting , and Working breeds.

We have been members of the American Shih Tzu Club for more 40 years. I am the past President of the American Shih Tzu Club. I am also a member of the ASTC Judge's Education committee and an approved breed mentor. I have held many offices in the national club and was the first AKC Judges Education Chairman of the ASTC. I have given seminars in every corner of the US as well as Canada, Australia and Europe.

I have authored many articles on Shih Tzu, and Non-Sporting breeds. I served on the board of the Chihuahua Club of America, the board of the Dog Judges Association of America and served as their annual seminar chairman. I was also the Toy and Non-Sporting Group Education Coordinator of the Los Angeles Area Dog Judges Educational Association. For years, I served as Show Chairman of the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club in California, and was a board member, founding member and past president of the Toy Dog Fanciers of Southern California.

Professionally, I hold a BA in German, and studied at the University of Heidelberg Germany, and hold an MA in Educational Administration. I taught high school for 35 years; retiring in 2002. I taught German, English, and Art and Music History at the high

school level, and served for more than 30 years as chairman of the Foreign Language Department, and coached football and basketball, and our schools Academic Decathlon team. Away from work and dogs, I am an avid amateur home cook, and love listening to jazz and classical music. Reading is another passion, particularly history. David McCullough, Jon Meacham, and Doris Kearns Goodwin, Jon Le Carre, and Scott Turow, are my favorite authors.



Dr. Michael Woods - Canada

Dr. Michael Woods has been involved with dogs as a breeder, exhibitor and judge for over 45 years. His original breed is Labrador Retrievers, and he has also owned Border and Smooth Fox Terriers.

Michael is a CKC All-Breed and All-Obedience Class judge and has judged extensively throughout Canada and the United States, as well as in Japan, Korea, China, France, Thailand, Indonesia, Bermuda, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Colombia, Ireland, Finland, Holland, Mexico, Puerto Rico, New Zealand, and Australia.

Dr. Woods has published on the Labrador Retriever, Conformation Judging, Retrievers, and Ethics in the dog fancy and has presented numerous canine related seminars.

Michael was Vice-President in charge of judge's education for the Dog Judges Association of Canada. He has served as a member of the Canadian Kennel Club's National Appeals Committee, Ethics Committee, and Events Officiating Committee. He is now retired from his position as a University Professor of English and divides his time between Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and Charlestown, Rhode Island.