

Richterportrait

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I started in dogs 1967, my family's first breed was the Great Dane, a pet but from the world famous kennel Airways(S) of Ulla Magnusson, but our first show dog was acquired from Kennel Majestatis (S), her name was Gadget. I made here up to INT o NORDIC CH. Our next dog came from the USA. It was 1972. and her name were Danelough's Alfilde from Miss Nancy Caroll Draper and later in 1975 we brought in a male Mayo of Magnus from Mrs Paddy Magnuson both of them got there titles.

1980 I met Paul Stanton and got introduced to his dogs and after that no Great Danes has been in the home but the breed still holds a big place in my heart. Paul and I have since then bred dogs together under his (now our) prefix Tintavon. We breed Lhasa Apso and Tibetan Terrier and since 1988 Whippets all under Kennel Tintavon. 1992 we were awarded the Swedish KC.s "Hamilton Plaque" for outstanding breeding of Lhasa Apso, the first time for this breed. We have bred BIS winners in Lhasas and Tibetan Terriers and group winners in Whippets.

I have also a big interest in handling dogs and enjoy judging Junior Handling (finals in Sweden, Norway and New Zealand) I also sit on the Swedish K.C./SHU junior handlers committee. I still hold handling classes and coaching for small groups in different breeds.

I have also been involved in different club societies. In the Lhasa Apso Club as secretary and Chairman, Chairman in Tibetan Terrier club and also in Great Dane club mid Sweden section. I was involved in starting the Swedish club for Tibetan breeds which includes Tibetan terriers, Tibetan Mastiffs and Lhasa Apso and was their first chairman (2001-2004) and am now again Chairman (since 2007). I have also been member of the board of the Swedish judges association.

I started judging at Championship shows in 1992 and am now FCI licensed to judge some 108 breeds including all breeds in group 9 & 10 plus of course Great Danes and quite a few other breeds in group 2 plus some breeds in groups 1, 3,5,6,7 & 8.

I have had the pleasure of judging specialty (club) shows for Lhasa Apso (S & AUS) Tibetan Terriers, Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Breeds (D), Shih Tzus (S & Russia), Papillon, Phalene, Great Danes (S & AUS), Newfoundlands (S, N & NZ), Bearded Collies, OES, Lagotto Romagnolo, Schnauzer/Pinscher, Salukis and Sighthound group shows (S, N, & DK).

I have judged at Championship shows in the following countries, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Ireland, Denmark, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, France, Spain, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Holland, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Brazil, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain.

Licensed to award CC.s in the UK for Lhasa Apsos, Whippets and Gt. Danes.

Looking forward to judge again at TDE in Germany and KTR-Clubshow.

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