



## **Mrs. Cate Elizabeth Cartledge**

Kennel Name: Ryslip

All Rounder

C. E. (Liz) Cartledge, of Bracknell, Berkshire, United Kingdom, has been a leading figure on the U.K. show scene for more than 35 years. Best known, with her late husband, Joe, for Pembroke Welsh Corgis, she nonetheless brought the Swedish Vallhund to the United Kingdom, imported some of the first Japanese Spitz, and is the proud owner of three Lancashire Heelers.

Mrs. Cartledge, who judges six groups and well over 100 Kennel Club breeds, has presented Best in Show at Crufts. Abroad, she has worked the Santa Barbara (Terriers), AKC/Eukanuba, and Westminster (Pulik and Pembrokes) shows in America, and the Corgi National and Sydney Royal in Australia.

Mrs. Cartledge serves on Kennel Club committees, is a longstanding member of the Ladies Kennel Association Committee, and is vice chairman of the Windsor Dog Show Society. She is honorary secretary of the Junior Handling Association and attaches special importance to encouraging young people.

Operating Ryslip Kennels, doing committee work, and judging on two continents leaves her little leisure, but Mrs. Cartledge fits in visits to the theater and dining out. Also, "I am keen on all kinds of sport."

Born in Gothenburg, Sweden in 1944, Liz became a dog crazy teenager who decided quite early on in life that England was the country she wanted to live in. She worked as a kennel girl in idyllic Kent the summer of 1963 looking after a small kennel of Pembroke Corgis, Beagles and Bassets. By then she had well and truly got the bug. She returned to Sweden for a few years to finish her education and then worked to build up a little nest egg until 1967 when she set sail for England.

Liz married Joe Cartledge in 1971. Joe was a true Terrier man who had retired from professional handling after winning BIS at Crufts in 1961 with an Airedale, CH Riverina Tweedsbairn, to take up judging. This he did at the same time building up a successful boarding (and later quarantine) kennel, pet shop and export business. Having always had Corgis, Liz felt that being married to a Terrier man, she should have a Terrier breed. They were, in fact, given a Norfolk bitch puppy as a wedding present, CH Nanfan Wedding Present, the foundation of a successful Norfolk Terrier kennel, housing 6 English champions. Sadly Joe died of cancer in 1982 but Liz has continued with the business and now runs it with their two sons plus Jane Miller of "Brio" Scottish Terrier fame.

One of the UK's top all-rounders, over the years Liz has totted up a fair few "plum" judging appointments - four groups and BIS at Crufts, Sydney Royal, to name just a few. She is passed for 87 breeds across the 7 Groups (UK), all Groups except Gundogs plus Best In Show at championship show level. Liz is heavily involved with various canine administrations — member of Crufts and Judges sub-committees (KC) LKA & Windsor show committees, honorable secretary of the Junior Handling Association, promoting and encouraging children and young people towards sound dog ownership and developing their handling skills.