



Francesco Cochetti
All rounder

Born in year 1963 in Rome, Italy, in a “dog family”, his father was a judge and bred together with mother Poodles with the prefix “Della Perla Grigia”. His affix “Di San Gimignano” was recognized by the Italian Kennel Club in the year 1984. San Gimignano is a beautiful medieval town in Toscana. At that time he bred Poodles, the lines came from England, from Tiopepi Kennel. He began to breed and show Chihuahuas year 1996 after marrying a Chihuahua breeder Tuula Lehtinen-Cochetti (Misty Meadow’s Chihuahuas). They have won many Championship titles with their Chihuahuas including World and European Winners. Together with his wife we bred more than 300 Champions. He became a judge in year 1992 and in March 2013 he became an all-rounder.

He is listed in Italian Kennel Club (ENCI) a specialist in the breeds he has bred, Poodles and Chihuahuas. He is also a teacher of these breeds to new judges. He is currently breeding Jack Russell Terriers in a small scale as well.

At the moment he is the president of the Rome Kennel Club and Board member of the Italian Maltese and Bolognese Club and he has been a committee member of Club Cani Compagnia and the president of the Chihuahua Club (under Club Cani Compagnia). He has judged all over the world, including World and European Shows. He has judged BIS in Germany, Italy, Norway, Thailand, Taiwan, Philippines and I had the honor to judge the group nine final at the European Show 2012. He has participated as judge at the most important specialties for Toy and Terrier breeds. He is the writer of a Chihuahua’s book which has been translated in different languages.