



Marja Talvitie, frá Finnlandi, allrounder

Dogs

I have spent all my life with dogs. My parents had German Shepherds and later St. Bernhard's, long haired, even one BIS-winner.

At my own home I first during the years 1966 - 98 had Lapponian Herders and also many years Finnish Lapphund. I bred many Champions, and dogs bred by me were also working as Reindeer Herders in Lappland. That's the reason I'm still very interested in all herding breeds. My Prefix was Toiska, and one of my daughters continues some Years breeding Lapponian Herders.

When we moved to city year 1984, I had to think also different kind of breed. That's how I turn to terriers, first Scottish Terriers, in which I had some litters, among them many Champions and some International Champions. Not breeding anymore.

Year 1986 I got the first Dandie Dinmont Terrier. Under prefix Winterway's I have bred with my youngest daughter many litters in Dandies. Among dogs bred or owned by us are many International Champions as well as European Winners (1990-91, -98, -04), Junior World Winners (-92, -95, -98), and of course many Finnish Champions. We have export dogs to USA, Italy, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, England and Portugal I have had two Bouvier des Flandres, a male and a bitch from Holland. I have so far bred one litter of the breed.

Activities

I have been member and chairman of Stud Committee in Finnish Spitz Club (for Lapponian Herders), chairman for The Finnish Terrier Club. Member of the Stud Committee for The Finnish Basenji Club for many years and still am. I have got a Silver Honour Mark from the Club. As well I have got a Golden Honour Mark from The Chow Chow Club of Finland of my long lasting work educating judges for the breed and doing different kind of education for the breeders in this fascinating breed.

I am The Honour Member of Finnish Akita and Shiba Club.

I was elected Chairman for Lappalaiskoirat ry (breed club for Finnish Lapdog, Lapponian herder and Swedish Lappdog) starting 1.1.2000.

I was working as Educational Secretary in Finnish Kennel Club 1984-89, same time I was the Secretary of Judges and Show Committee of the FKC.

At the moment I am the member of General Meeting (1993 -), I was member of the

Board of Finnish Kennel Club (1995-2005), and was re-elected 2008, acting as Vice President.

Chairman of the Judges and Show Committee in Finnish Kennel Club, representing Finland in FCI:s Judges and Show Committee, and I was President for the Show Committee of FCI year 1996 - 2006

Working as a member at the World Dog Show 1998 and European Winner Shows 1991 and 2006 committee of FKC.

I also have the Golden Honour Mark of Finnish Kennel Club.

Since 1982 I have been judging in different countries all over the Europe and also three times in Australia, Mexico, and Chile, plus in Costa Rica, Central America and many times in Canada, North America. Yearly I have about 30 Shows to judge.

The most important Shows have been World Dog Show in Bryssel -95 (Siberian Husky males and Scottish Terrier males) and World Dog Show in Helsinki 1998 (Rottweiler junior classes and Lapponian herder and Finnish lappdog), FCI-Supreme Champion of Champions -97, Basel, Group 5 (Spitzes in FCI system), the World Dog Show in Portugal 2001 as well as at 5. Asian Winner in Tokyo 2001, World Dog Show in Dortmund 2003 (Parson Russell Terriers and Tibetan Terriers), World Dog Show Bratislava 2009, European Winner 2003 Bratislava, European Winner 2004 Barcelona, European Winner in Zagreb 2007 and Dublin 2009. Bundessieger, Germany, three times Amsterdam Winner and many other big international Shows in Europe, Russia (Eurasia Winner three times) and Scandinavia and Baltic countries.

In Finland we have about 2.000 to 3.000 dogs at national shows and between 4.000 to 9.000 dogs at international shows, which gives a good ground for judging most of the FCI breeds.