

Introducing the judges for this year's National Dog Show



Luis Catalan *Portugal*

Luis has been involved in the breeding of English and American Cocker Spaniel, Basset Hound, Dobermann and Whippet.

As a Speciality Judge (including national Specialities) he has been invited to judge and give formation in judge's seminars

on the following breeds: Basset Hound,

Dobermann, Gundogs, Sight Hounds and all Portuguese Breeds, in several countries in Europe, Asia and America. International Judge of Portuguese Water Dog Trials.

International FCI All Breeds Judge, he has officiated at Championship dog shows in the majority of the European countries, Africa,

Australia, Asia, Canada, Central and South America, USA and FCI World and Section Championships (Europe, America and Caribbean and Asia, Africa and Oceania).

He has also held management positions in several breed clubs (Associação Dobermann de Portugal, Basset Hound Clube de Portugal and Whippet Clube de Portugal) and his many positions in domestic and international canine organisation include Leader of the Clube Português de Canicultura (CPC) Shows Commission 1996-2021, member of the FCI Shows Commission 1997-2021, Vice-President of the FCI Shows Commission 2016-2020, President of the Clube Português de Spaniels, Vice-President of the Associação para a Proteção do Cão de Água Português.

Marko Lepasaar *Estonia*

Since childhood Marko always had dogs. They were hunting dogs such as Spaniels and Dachshunds. Marko and his wife Siret's kennel name is ALDERISLAND. They have together bred Dalmatians and Basset Fauve de Bretagnes for many years. Today, they have at home a Basset Fauve De Bretagne, two Tibetan Terriers, a Chihuahua and a Whippet.

Over the past 20 years Marko has been involved in organising over 150 different dog shows in Estonia (speciality shows, national all breeds and international shows). He has licence to judge all breeds. Marko has judged in 54 FCI

countries and he judged WW 2016 in Moscow and EW 2017 in Kyiv, WW 2017 in Leipzig, WW 2018 in Amsterdam and EW 2018 in Warsaw, The Americas and the Caribbean Winner 2019 in Mexico, WW 2020 in Madrid, EW 2021 in Budapest and EW 2022 in Paris, WW 2023 in Geneva and WW 2024 in Zagreb, Croatia.



Siret Lepasaar *Estonia*

From childhood on I always had dogs in my family. They were hunting dogs, such as Russian Hounds.

My first Dalmatian became to our home in 1998. She was a liver-spotted Dalmatian bitch, Bella. And thanks to her I started to visit dog shows and became friends with so many nice people from all Europe. Because of her, Dalmatians will have a special place in my heart forever.

Our kennel ALDERISLAND (our family name Lepasaar translated to English) produced our first Dalmatian litter in 2001. Since 2005, we also have Basset Fauve De Bretagnes (BFDB). We have bred several good-looking Dalmatians and BFDBs with nice temperaments. And we are very happy that all our puppies have loving families. But we have reached big show success with BFDBs (some European Winners and Junior World Winners).

Today, we have at home a BFDB, two Tibetan Terriers, a Chihuahua and a Whippet.

I have worked many years as ring steward.

For the last 20 years, I've been involved in organising different dog shows in Estonia

(Dalmatian speciality shows, national all breeds and international shows). My first

breed as a judge was Dalmatian and now I'm licensed to judge all FCI groups. I have judged in more than 40 FCI countries.

At shows in my ring I'm looking forward to see lot of healthy well-balanced dogs with pleasant temperament, moving with attitude.

I'm loving to be here doing my 'job'!



Kaye Finlayson *New Zealand*

Thank you to Dogs New Zealand Executive Council for the invitation to judge at the prestigious Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show.

As a Conformation judge for over 40 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences within the dog world.

During my involvement for close on 50

years I bred Cavalier King Charles Spaniels for almost 30 of those years. Along the way I bred and showed Griffon Bruxellois a much-loved breed, and at one time owned and exhibited an American Cocker Spaniel. For a few years our Smooth haired Dachshund Gordon, now coming up 14, was also shown. Gordon and Basil our Cavalier (almost seven although not now shown) are the house kids. Prior to our current dogs we lived with a beautiful German Shepherd Dog and a gorgeous Staffordshire Bull Terrier for a while. I have had the pleasure during my travels internationally to judge in many different countries, all states of Australia, and extensively throughout New Zealand at All Breed, Group and Specialty Shows.

Over the last 50 years, I have been involved with the following New Zealand organisations: Canterbury Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, President, Foundation & Life Member; Canterbury Toy Dog Society, Patron & Life Member (Immediate Past President); Canterbury Ladies Kennel Association, Life Member (Previous Past President & VP); Canterbury Kennel Association, Life Member; New Zealand Dog Judges Association, Previous Board Member and a Past Vice President; and NZDJA Christchurch Branch, Past Chairman current member and mentor.

On a personal note, I am retired from real estate and property management and a contract with the Covid Vaccination Help Line. Currently Mike and I have created a shop of both exclusive distributorships to NZ and interesting dog products for sale at shows and other events. I love the personal venture within the dog world which keeps me involved where you meet and enjoy the company of lots of different folk from different places with a common interest. Add judging to this and you experience the great joy and pleasure to judge dogs of every shape size and variety, an honour exhibitors give with their entries