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Of Summer's Joy Whippets



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In 1962 my parents bought me my first Whippet. This Whippet was a great grandson of the famous UK Ch. Marksman of Always. I was twelve years old and had no idea about the importance of famous Ancestors in pedigrees.

Thanks to the inspiration of the breeder of this first Whippet, I developed an enthusiasm for showing dogs. Quite a few times with success but also of course without, which is good for learning the relativity of dog-showing. Nevertheless, I still like to show my dogs until this very day.

Under my prefix 'Of Summer's Joy' fourteen Whippet litters were born since 1993. Mainly bred from old English bloodlines such as Dondelayo, Oakbark, Welstar and Shalfleet. I have always bred on a small scale. However, fourteen of my dogs gained their Champion title, of

which seven also their International title. A few puppies were exported abroad, among others to the UK and Sweden.

For twenty-three years I have been active as a member of the Dutch Whippet Club. Eleven years as an organizer of club events and twelve years as a treasurer and secretary in the committee. During these twelve years my involvement in health-issues was extensive. In Europe we were the only Whippet-Club that performs obligatory eye-checking for breeding animals. Since 2015 I have accepted the request to become chairman of our Dutch Whippet club and was thus appointed at the general meeting of that year.

In 2000 I published the book 'Nederlandse Whippetkampioenen 1950-1990' (Dutch Whippet Champions), which was updated in 2004 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Dutch Whippet Club. Also in 2000 the booklet 'De Whippet en Het Italiaanse Windhondje' (The Whippet and The Italian Greyhound) came out.

Since 1982 I was given the opportunity to judge open shows in France, Germany, England, Sweden and the Netherlands. In 2004 I was appointed by the Dutch Kennel Club as a judge for Whippets. Since 2004 this appointment has been extended to all the Sighthounds in FCI group 10, including the Half-Sighthounds in FCI group 5.

So far I have judged in the Netherlands, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and Australia at CAC/CACIB level. A highlight in my judging career was judging Whippets at the 2018 World Show in Amsterdam.

I am looking forward to meeting you and your lovely Sighthounds.