

FCI-Judge Mrs. Marja Talvitie – Finland



I have spent all my life with dogs. My parents had German Shepherds and later St. Bernhards, long haired, even one BIS-winner. After moving from home I got a Lapponian Herder and this lovely breed I bred between 1966-1998 under the prefix "Toiskan". I bred many Show Champions and dogs bred by me were working as reindeer herders in Lapland. Also Finnish Lapphunds I had during many years. When we moved to Helsinki city year 1984, I had to think a different kind of breed. That's how I turn into terriers, first Scottish Terriers, in which I had some litters, among them many Champions and some International Champions. Year 1986 I got the first Dandie Dinmont Terrier and under prefix "Winterway's" I have bred with my youngest daughter many litters. Among dogs bred or owned by us are many International Champions as well as European Winners, Junior World Winners and of course many Finnish Champions. We have exported dogs to USA, Italy, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, England and Portugal. I have had also two Bouvier des Flandres, a male and a bitch from Holland, I have so far bred one litter of the breed. I have got my judging license in 1982 and I am now judging all breeds. I have judged all over the Europe, in Australia, Mexico, Chile, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Costa Rica and Canada and have had the pleasure of judging in many FCI European and World Dog Shows as well as Asian Winner, German Bundessieger and Amsterdam Winner. I have also acted in different positions in different breed clubs. I have been member of the Board of the Finnish Kennel Club in 1996-2006, Chairman of the Judges and Show Committee of the Finnish Kennel Club, member of the Judges and Show Committee of the FCI and Chairman of the FCI Show Committee in 1996-2006. At the moment I am member of the Council of the Finnish Kennel Club.

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