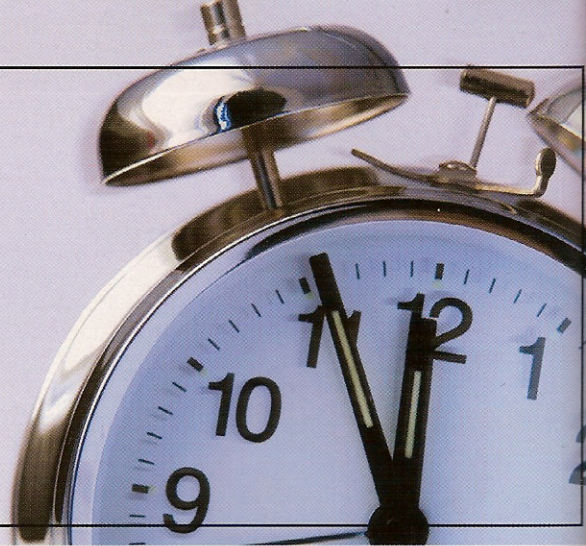


5 Minutes with...

Esther Joseph



The Questions

How much do we know about the judges? These are the questions DR asked:

1. How did you first become involved in dogs? What breeds have you been involved with?
2. Did you or do you have a mentor?
3. What prompted you to get your judging approval? When? What breeds are you currently approved for?
4. What is or was your profession?
5. What has been your most memorable experience in dogs?
6. How do you spend your spare time?

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1. I first became involved in dogs as a child. My parents bought me a Border Collie. I am an only child and 'Pasha' became my best friend! For my 21st birthday I was given an Irish Setter by a close friend. This dog was "from champion stock with a wonderful pedigree" (according to my friend!) so I felt I should show this beautiful Irish Setter. Like all new beginners I believed he was the best representation of the breed but soon found out differently. That was my introduction to dog showing and I became hooked.

It was not too long before I bought an English Setter and a Gordon Setter. That is how the Triseter kennel prefix came about.

I have handled most of the breeds in the Gundog/Sporting Group. We have also had Tibetan Terriers and we still have one 14-year-old at home. Currently I am heavily involved with Pugs, but my life and passion

has always been with Gordon Setters.

2. I have never had any single mentor. I have a number of great friends who have done well with their breeds and I have been able to bounce ideas off these people. I have traveled extensively and have visited many kennels around the world, developing my ideas from a wide range of knowledgeable people. I feel this has helped me NOT to have tunnel vision on my breed. Gordon Setters in Australia have been developed by small groups of devoted people. I have been able to work with these people, particularly Robyn Wallis, in the earlier days of my breeding Gordon Setters.

3. After showing for over 20 years judging just seemed the next step to take. A good friend, Max Winch, talked me into taking the first step. I would have never got to where I am today with my judging without the complete support and help from Michael Looby, my best friend and partner with Triseter Kennels. I am currently approved for the Toy, Terrier, Gundog/Sporting, Utility and Non-Sporting Groups in Australia.



Esther Joseph with Aust. Ch. Triseter Ebonie Zeus.

4. I have held down different jobs in a number of fields, more recently as a dog groomer in a veterinarian practice. Bringing up three children of whom I am very proud has taken up much of my life.

5. Having Aust. NZ Can. Am. Ch. Triseter Ebonie Nirvana win at the Gordon Setter National in the U.S., and take BOB at Westminster; now his son, 'Nike,' (Am. and Aust. Ch. Brodruggan Black Knight) is in the States and has just won two BIS all-breeds.

Previously I handled Nirvana's litter sister, Triseter Ebonie Nerissa, who lived in Finland and had traveled to the U.K. for a major British Gordon Setter show called Gordons 2000. Nerissa won BCC and reserve BIS.

On a different note, in 1998 at the World Winners Show in Helsinki, Finland, a Curly Coated Retriever breeder friend of mine, Tiina Illukka, asked me to handle her Curly Coated Retriever and I was able to take her beautiful bitch through to win Best In Group! That evening will live in my memory forever.

6. My wonderful children have taken up a lot of my life. For the past 20 years, now that they no longer live in the family home, I am able to travel more. I have been lucky to be invited to judge in a number of countries throughout Europe, the U.K., South Africa, Japan, New Zealand and the U.S. Traveling to these beautiful countries and experiencing their history and culture is just wonderful.

I live on 25 acres, and have a wonderful garden with an extensive rose beds; I love spending any spare time out in the garden. Spending time on my balcony during the evening eating and drinking with friends while looking over my beautiful garden is very relaxing, and what better way to spend any spare time.

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