

Presentation – Andrew Jones

My wife Jane and I bred and showed the Shenmore parti-coloured cocker spaniels from 1985 to 2019. Based in the beautiful Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire, England, we ran a small kennel producing only one or two litters a year, with a concentration on construction and temperament across most particolour shades.

Our first UK show champion was a blue, Sh. Ch. Shenmore Seeing Stars, who gained her title in 1995, going on to win a total of ten challenge certificates and along the way being runner-up for Cocker of the Year 1995 to the great Sh. Ch. Canigou Cambrai. Her ten CC's included one as a veteran. One of our proudest moments was winning the bitch challenge certificate (her first) at the Cocker Spaniel Club's Centenary Championship show 2002 in a record total entry of over 500, with Sh. Ch. Caefardre Caprice at Shenmore, who went on to win four CC's. We were also successful with orange and whites, Sh. Ch. Shenmore Sunflower being Cocker Spaniel Puppy of the Year in 2002 before becoming a champion in 2004. Her son Shenmore Sunny Jim won two CC's.

In 2004 I visited the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America National Speciality for the first time and in 2009 we imported the tricolour bitch American Champion Whitfield's Tri and Stop Me. She returned to the U. S. after three years with her two sons, now American Grand Champion Shenmore Stateside and Am Gr Ch Shenmore Special Request, but left us with a tricolour daughter Shenmore She's a Rainbow, winner of Reserve Challenge Certificate at Crufts 2015 and later mother to our blue bitch Shenmore She's the One, a daughter of the remarkable Sh. Ch. Veratey Vincenzo at Cassom, who finished her show career with one CC and two Res CC's.

I first judged cockers in 1991 and in 2001, after judging several breed club open shows, judged for the first time at championship level, doing bitches at the Cocker Spaniel Club of Scotland. Since that time I have judged regularly in the UK at championship level and was delighted to judge bitches at the Cocker Spaniel Club Championship show in 2014. I have also judged regularly overseas, officiating in the Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Czech Republic, Ireland, Italy, Australia and the United States as well as Sweden on two previous occasions.

I have served on several canine committees including the parent club, the Cocker Spaniel Club, for eighteen years, and was also chairman of the West of England Cocker Spaniel Club for several years. I helped to organise judging seminars for both clubs. Over the years I also served on general canine society committees, often acting as treasurer or auditor as a result of my professional accountancy background.

I am delighted and honoured to be invited to judge at this year's Swedish Cocker Spaniel Show.

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