

I live in the Derbyshire countryside and have done so for almost 40 years. Our house was once 2 miners cottagers and the field at the side of the house is called the Coal Acre, hence our Prefix.

In the 80's both my mother and I had a separate interest in the prefix and we both bred Beardies individually but they were all registered as Coalacre. My first homebred Champion was C.Crackerjack born in 1987. After that we joined forces and registered Coalacre as a joint prefix. Since then we have been very lucky and have bred Champions all over the World, having bred the #1 Beardie in Norway and also the US at one time with C. Just Johnny. I have 2 youngsters that I am just starting out with and look forward to having some fun as my boy cannot keep all 4 feet on the ground at the same time!

I first started judging in 1980 and currently award CC's in Bearded Collies & Affenpinschers, having judged both at Crufts. I also own and show Portuguese Podengo's and have had in the past - GSD's, a Chinese Crested, Cairn Terriers, Shetland Sheepdogs & an Ibizan Hound. My family have also owned Westies & a Boxer.

I have judged in the US twice before - the first time in 1990, the second time in 2000 and hopefully (Ash Cloud permitting) this time in 2010. I have also Judged in Sweden 3 times - the last time being the World Championship show held in conjunction with the World Show), France, Holland twice, Slovakia, Denmark and Finland.

I don't do a lot of judging and do not judge a lot of other breeds as it would curtail my showing and I enjoy that too much. I do however judge the Groups and BIS at Open show level. I try to go to either the European or World show every year as I thoroughly enjoy watching different breeds and meeting friends.

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