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My first show dog was a Great Dane purchased as a companion from a breeder of quality. She turned out to have some outstanding attributes that eventually led to her being shown, owner-handled, with great success. When she was awarded Winners Bitch at the national specialty I knew that I had begun a lifelong devotion to the sport of purebred dogs.

Under the kennel name of Justamere I concentrated on breeding Great Danes that were sound and typey show dogs and good family companions. Eventually my owner-handling led to a career as an all breed handler. I had the opportunity to represent clients that entrusted me with dogs that to this day remain as outstanding representations of their

respective breeds. I finished the first uncropped Great Dane in the US and was also awarded WD with the first natural eared Great Dane to win at a national specialty.

I had fallen in love with the Australian Shepherd breed and have had them in my home for many years now. The pleasure of having my companions also be highly competitive, BIS and specialty winning dogs is proof that you can have it all.

I have served as an officer, board member, judges education chairperson, show chairperson, and several various committees in a number of clubs over the years. It has been my pleasure to judge, on a number of occasions, outside the US; France, Sweden, Finland, Germany, England and Australia with a future assignment in Brussels. It has also been an honor to be invited to judge a number of national and regional specialties of various breeds, as well as 4 Top 20 competitions at various national specialties. Among previous assignments are the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club and The Eukanuba National Championship Shows. I am currently licensed to judge BIS, all Working and Sporting breeds, and various breeds in the Hound, Toy and Herding Groups.

I have enjoyed volunteer work at the Women's Center at a local hospital and also worked with the Equine Program for the Handicapped. Prior to my involvement in the sport of dogs I had trained and shown Morgan Horses (the old type).

Wishing all exhibitors, breeders and spectators a most enjoyable show! For all of us the passion for our sport has enriched our lives with friendships, support and fond memories. May they continue. Thank you for the invitation to be a part of this event.