



Sandy Booth's Bio

Wheatens became my world when they found me in 1990 after I spotted these devilishly delightful long-legged 'Dougals' whilst stewarding at the TC Show, at that point I had been showing Samoyeds since 1986.

An advert in the dog paper saw me leap at the chance of having a puppy from Steve & Lyn Howe, the last litter from his Ch Clondaw Jill from up the Hill at Stevelyn, a previous CC record holder. Baby Kougs joined the Cheltenham gang of 2 Samoyeds and 1 Basenji in July 1991 & completely changed my life, and theirs ... I'm not sure they'd seen a whirling dervish before! I am indebted to Steve & Lyn for trusting with this magical boy, who incidentally was 3rd out of 3 at his 1st Championship Show! I remember asking Steve at the time if he'd sold me a duffer 😊.

Kougs outdid all of my expectations and proves that no matter how rubbish a handler you are or how badly you trim (and boy did I have some bloopers!) a good dog will always shine. Kougs followed in Jill's pawprints and became the CC record holder, amassing 34 CC's in total. He was campaigned in Ireland and gained his Irish title, the first UK bred Wheaten to do so. Crufts was his lucky show, and he was awarded 5 CC's there over the years, 3 with Best of Breed, each one with a Terrier Group placing: 2nd in 1997, 3rd in 1998 & 3rd in 1999 aged 8, still the most consistent Wheaten placed at this prestigious show.

I campaigned his son Kincaid, Ch Kariskiye Kyanite Kizmet, to 17 CC's who also achieved a Best of Breed at Crufts. Over the years I have been owned by 6 Wheaties and currently still have my 14-year-old going on 6 months 'wild child' Lissa who still keeps me on my toes.

I've awarded CC's in Wheatens since 2002 and was highly honoured to be asked to judge Crufts in 2016, an absolutely amazing experience and a memory that will never be forgotten.

My Civil Service career saw me primarily working as an HR professional: Heading up Pay (which included negotiating the annual pay award with HM Treasury) and Pensions. Introducing, interpreting and updating policy and process for many HR functions including sickness absence and dismissal. I am a trained counsellor and mediator and my last role saw me as Head of the Legal Proceedings team.

I served on the Committee from 1995 to 2000, undertaking a variety of roles and returned as Bulletin Editor 2003-2006. I currently serve as an Area Representative.