

Phil Freer - Switherland

I have been involved in the world of dogs, exhibiting, judging and breeding since 1980.

Basset Hounds are my principal breed and I have been the top breeder for the last 20 consecutive years here in the UK. I have made up a total of 43 UK champions of which 35 are home bred and I have won over 260 challenge certificates in the breed. This makes Switherland the number one Basset Hound kennel in the UK of all time.



My second breed is the Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit). I have made up a total of 10 champions and won over 50 challenge certificates with this breed.

I award Challenge Certificates in 6 Hound breeds in the UK and have bred, owned or shown all the breeds I award CC's in. I also judge the Hound Group at Championship show level. At open show level I judge all the hound breeds along with all the groups and best in show.

I have been fortunate enough to have been invited to judge internationally in the Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland, Finland, Germany, USA, Russia, Poland and the Czech Republic.

My first association with Sweden came when exporting Ch Switherland Sandpiper to Maria Hartwig in the early 1990's. In 1995 Maria imported her second basset hound from me Ch Tripacia White Burbone with Switherland. Both dogs were very successful in the show ring in Sweden and were very influential in the breeding program.

Probably the most famous Basset Hound I have bred and owned is CH. Switherland Blue Jeans who is at the back of many of the Basset Hound pedigrees in Sweden and around the world.

I am very much looking forward to judging Basset Hounds in Sweden for the first time and thank everyone involved for the kind invitation.