

Hello. Periodically Terrier World will update you with what we regard is important information. As you are probably aware, Terrier World has been running a campaign about the ethics of Professional Handlers judging and should it be allowed by the Kennel Club.

The American Kennel Club does not allow this Practice, moreover, if you live in the same house as a Professional Handler in America you as well as the handler are not allowed to judge.

We now have here in the United Kingdom a Professional Handler who has been invited to judge Best In Show at Crufts 2013 and he has accepted the invitation.

This is an absurd situation that has been growing for some years and The Kennel Club are embracing and encouraging this practice. At Crufts 2012 Professional Handler Geoff Corish Judged The Utility Group and in the Toy Group that followed on, his partner whom he lives with exhibited their Bichon Frise. It was a Best Of Breed winner and was placed 3rd in the Toy Group. Hang on a minute you might say; Mr Corish hasn't broken any rules because the dog is only registered in his partners name. Yes this is true; but it's a shitty way of operating and smacks of sharp practice in any language.

Crufts Utility Group Judge



Crufts Toy Group 3 Bichon Frise



The Utility Group And The Toy Group Were Consecutive On Thursday March 8 2012

Notwithstanding the fact that Professional Handlers who judge are open to accusations of venality; your partner exhibiting in the very next Group after the one you have just judged cannot be ethical.

The big question is; why does the Hierarchy at The Kennel Club actively encourage this handler? You may also ask the question; why is it that only Geoff Corish is named in particular?

This is because the Kennel club have allowed and encouraged this Handler to set the precedent.

Mr Corish awards CCs in 36 breeds:

GUNDOGS: 1
HOUNDS: 2
PASTORAL: 3
TERRIER: 13
TOYS: 2
UTILITY: 14
WORKING 1

Surely reading the above one must conclude that Mr Corish is also a Professional Judge with a CV that boasts this amount of judging qualifications.

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This observation below came to Terrier World via our Letters:

“Handlers judging is a serious matter. Since the beginning of the year Geoff Corish has judged or will be;

**Manchester: Chows
Crufts: Utility Group
Bath: Keeshounds and Min Schnauzer
Southern counties: Borders
Three Counties: Bichons
City Of Birmingham: Terrier Group
Midland Counties: Dandie Dinmont; Irish; Standard Poodle; Schnauzer
(Belfast and LKA No Information To Date.)
Crufts BIS 2013**

It would appear that Mr Corish - if he isn't being paid to handle at a show, is languishing in the hospitality lounges or the restaurants with all of the merry go round circuit judges. Nice work if you can get it; eat and make merry with them one week and exhibit under them the next.”

If you think that this practice is wrong, why not let the Chairman of The Kennel Club Professor Steve Dean know about your concerns. Below are his contact details:

Professor S P Dean
Beechwood
Oakley Green Road
Oakley Green
Berkshire SL4 4QF
Email stevedean@tyrianborder.com Phone 01628 782787

Or, Contact Mr Corish directly and tell him if you think he should voluntarily give up Judging whilst he pursues a career in Handling. Below are his contact details:

Mr G Corish
White House Farm Kennels
Gill Lane, Longton
Preston
Lancashire
PR4 4SS
Email geoff@corish.freeserve.co.uk Phone 01772 612939



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Below is a list of Judges who are approved by The Kennel Club to award Best In Show at General Championship Shows.

From 86 names listed, one name sticks out like a sore thumb; this is because he is also a Professional Handler.

Mr C J Adlercreutz Sweden
Mrs A Arch Lancashire
Mr P Bailey Lancashire
Mrs B Banbury Surrey
Mrs Michele L Billings USA
Mr J B Bispham Lancashire
Dr M Boggia Black Kent
Mrs E B Bothwell Dumfriesshire
Mr A H Brace Gwent
Mr W Browne-Cole Bristol
Mrs C E Cartledge Berkshire
Mr D C Cavill Wiltshire
Miss P Clayton Lincolnshire
Mrs J E Collis-Cosme Hertfordshire
Mr G Corish Lancashire
Mrs D Courtney Dorset
Mrs C E Coxall Somerset
Mr E W Darby Derbyshire
Dr P Dondina Italy
Mr D Ericsson Sweden
Mr G Flyckt-Pedersen NC 28374
Mrs V O Foss Cheshire
Mr M C Freeman Nottinghamshire
Mr M J Gadsby Lancashire
Mr P J Green USA
Mr R H Gregory Cheshire
Miss A T E Haapaniemi Finland
Mr S W Hall Lancashire
Mrs E P Hollings West Yorkshire
Mr J Horswell Derbyshire
Mr R Hubenthal Sweden
Mrs J E Hungerland PhD USA
Miss E Ann Ingram Republic Of Ireland
Mr W R Irving Oxfordshire
Dr T Jakkal Hungary
Dr R W James Cambridgeshire
Mr K Jarvinen Finland
Mr T H Johnston MPhil Dumfriesshire
Mr F Kane Cleveland
Mrs D A Kenis Pordham West Sussex
Mr J Kirk County Antrim
Miss J M Lanning JP Hampshire
Mr H T Lehtinen Vantaa Finland

Mrs G J Lilley West Sussex
Mr J Luscott Lincolnshire
Mr H Peter Luyten Australia
Mr A MacKenzie Oxfordshire
Mrs F MacKenzie Canada
Mr S J Mallard Nottinghamshire
Mrs F N Marshall County Durham
Mr T D Mather JP Merseyside
Mr J McManus Stirlingshire
Mr R H Menaker Florida USA 33496
Mrs M Micklethwaite Worcestershire
Mr G Mitchell Derbyshire
Mrs C Molinari Portugal
Mr K A Nathan Nottinghamshire
Mr T R C Nethercott Middlesex
Mr K R Newhouse Lancashire
Mr R P Oldham Nottinghamshire
Mr E M Paterson JP Northumberland
Mrs J Peak Merseyside
Miss M A E Persson Sweden
Mr L M V Pinto Teixeira Portugal
Mr S Plane County Durham
Mr M S Quinney Cambridgeshire
Mr James G Reynolds Canada
Mr B W Reynolds-Frost Hertfordshire
Mr G C Rual Mid Glamorgan
Mrs J I Rual Mid Glamorgan
Mr R A W Searle South Yorkshire
Mr K D Sinclair Gloucestershire
Mr D Smith Cheshire
Dr H Smith USA
Mrs F A Somerfield Worcestershire
Miss D Spavin West Midlands
Mrs R Sporre-Willes Sweden
Mr O J Staunskjaer Denmark
Mrs Z Thorn-Andrews Worcestershire
Mr J J H Van Den Berg Holland
Mr R Vuorinen Finland
Mrs D Welsh USA
Mr A Wight Midlothian
Mrs K S Wilberg Wiltshire
Mr K S Wilberg Wiltshire
Miss V Williams Surrey