

## JUDGE PRESENTATION:

Katriina Huhtinen, Kennel Tashi-Gong

I was involved in Tibetan Spaniels in 1979 when our family bought a black and tan Tibetan Spaniel male, just for beloved pet. Soon after him I interested in dogshows and in 1981 I was allowed to have another tibble boy FI CH Of Zlazano Zilvio, with who I startated out showing and junior handling.

My affix, Tashi-Gong, was confirmed in 1984 and first litter was born in 1986 to my first bitch INT & NORD CH Sajasan Isadora. I was also fortunate to get two of her half sisters as a foundation for my breeding which ten years later was awarded by the Finnish Kennelclub highest award for top quality breeding.

Nowadays we have two affixes in the same house, as my husband Pasi Huhtinen started to breed Tibetan Spaniels beside me in 2010 under his own affix Playpoint. I suppose it is not surprising, that we do "quite a close" co-operation with our tibbies and where is Tashi-Gongs there are Playpoints too. We have imported tibbies from Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Sweden and UK and exported to almost all over the world for selected breeders. Until now, we have bred 42 Champions (including several International Champions) and 21 CAC winners, and many of our bred tibbies have been the BIS /res.BIS –winners in the big Finnish specialties during these years.

In 2014 I completed the FCI showjudge rights, and judged first time Tibetan Spaniels in 2015. Until now I have judged tibbies officially four times and been honoured to be invited to judge Tibetan Spaniel Open Show in United Kingdom last fall. Just before your specialty in Kalmar 2017, I am doing exciting trip to Australia beginning of July, getting a lovely possibility to judge Tibetan Spaniels in Melbourne Tibetan Spaniel Show.

I am expecting my judging appointment in your specialty very much and feel honoured that you have given me this opportunity. Hope to see you all soon!

