

About



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Heather Donnelly

I have lived and shared my life with Border Collies from a very young age, first with Lassie, a docked Welsh Border Collie when I lived at home with my parents, to the present day living with Puds, Sketch and my latest edition Toffee a Working Cocker Spaniel.

For over 25 years I have competed in Working Trials with [my dogs](#). Three of these obtained the “Tracking Dog Excellent” (TDex) qualification and I twice won the ‘best nose-work’ award at this level.

Trainer

In 2001 I completed the City and Guilds teacher’s training certificate 7303. I provided 10 week courses and one day courses for the adult education departments at Milton Keynes adult education and Northampton college. These days I like to apply my knowledge and skills to helping people with training their dogs.

As an instructor at Banbury Dog Training Club and as a guest trainer for other clubs, I have provided training and helped others to train their dogs for working trials, either in groups or on a one to one basis.

I have also trained people for the Kennel Club Good Citizens tests and for agility. I compete in agility myself and have recently reached Grade 7 with my Working Cocker Spaniel, Toffee.



Heather Donnelly with Sketch & Puds

Breeder

As a breeder I have bred two show champions. I have owned or bred four dogs that have gained their stud book number and won first prizes at Crufts dog show.

The affix Woolram was applied for when I bred my first litter in 1990 and since then I have bred a further five litters resulting in two bitches becoming Show Champions.

One of these, Sh Ch Woolram Elegance, also gained the working trials qualifications CDex, UDex and WDex . She is still the only dog in the UK to have both show and breed titles.

From my last litter I kept a male dog – Woolram Lothario CDex UDex WDex TDex (AWB) (Sketch) who is the only Border Collie to have gained both Working Trials and agility titles. He has currently sired 8 litters and recently one of his son's,

'Tyke' has just passed the L1 – Novice tracking test.

Judge



As a Kennel Club approved judge, I judge Border Collies at breed shows at championship level and shall be judging the prestigious 'Border Collie puppy of the year' competition later this year.

At working trials I judge both at open and championship level, and also all three levels of the Kennel Club Good Citizen tests.