

## My Cynological Life



It started in 1976 during my study period in Salzburg with a red Cocker Spaniel female “Donna” from a pet shop. As she died at the age of 2 years at an accident my sadness was great and on the spot a Spaniel should come into my family again. “Niki” (Picador of Hilltop), a 2 years old blue roan male from the kennel of Rosemary Charrington in Hallein near Salzburg entered our life. With him and through him my husband and me learned hunting with flushing Spaniels and already in autumn 1978 “Anschl von der Scheuchermühle” – a black and tan bitch – moved into our lives.

Remarkable show results and especially the successful passing of hunting tests infected me with the Spaniel virus. The first litter of solid coloured Cockers on 6.1.1981 (both parents tested in field trials of the highest level in Austria) in my kennel “Hatstone’s” was a milestone in successful breeding Spaniels, which was continued with the first litter of Welsh Springer Spaniels in Austria in 1989 and persists to this day.

In 2000 the last litter Cocker Spaniels was bred and since then the breeding focus is on Welsh Springer Spaniels. Imports of Welsh Springers from Czech Republic and France formed my health breeding stock, the progeny is successful in shows and the daily use as gundogs.

My breeding aim has always been dual purpose “Beauty combined with natural abilities” with special consideration on health and character of the breeding line and the puppies. Pleased owners and handlers of “Hatstone’s” Spaniels are living in different European countries.

At the moment I am proud of my successful young bitch “Hatstone’s Xenia”, called Jolly (born 1.6.2010 out of Hatstone’s Vanessy by Uilliam des Terres Froides), a beautiful girl with nice temperament, best hips and eyes, starting her show career in May 2011, won several times BOB, became Austrian Junior Champion and won a Junior CC in Switzerland. I hope to handle her in the field in spring 2012.

In the early eighties an English Pointer “Lynn” came to my life – especially trained for hunting and successful in Field Trials all over Europe – since then my interest in pointing dogs increased. As a hunter I always placed value on well-trained hunting dogs, I handled all my dogs at hunting tests in Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Czech Republic. I subsequently became a trial judge.

After a period of showing dogs and organizing the Club shows in Austria the Austrian Spaniel Club invited me to become a show judge – in 1986 I started my judging career with Spaniels, followed by English Pointers and German Pointers. In the meantime I am approved judge for the FCI-groups VII, VIII and X.

I followed invitations for judging not only in Austria, but also in Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain (Championship Show in Malvern), Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia, Italy, France, Poland, Denmark and – last but not least – the Netherlands.

I am very pleased and think it’s a great honor for me to judge at the Weimaraner Club Show in the Netherlands in 2012.

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