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CANINE JUDGE'S CV

I started out in the world of Show Dogs in South Africa in 1973. My first breed was the Old English Sheepdog. I was also riding competitively in the sport of Dressage with my Thoroughbred Horse. But it was the world of Showing Dogs that eventually won my heart and I went on to import two Bobtails from the U.K., and with selective breeding I made up many Champions in this breed, culminating in 5 x Best in Show and BISS wins.

Over the years I have had the pleasure of extensively campaigning and championing several other breeds amongst which were: German Shepherds, Dobermanns, Great Danes, Newfoundlands, Briards, English Setters, Ridgebacks, and of course now, since 2001 - the Australian Shepherd. I have owned, bred, and handled multiple dogs, belonging both to myself and others, who have become Champions, Group winners and BIS/BISS winners. My Kennel Name is "Mysticlight", and my Australian Shepherds are multiple Group and BIS/BISS winners in South Africa, and since moving to the UK, with 3 of my homebred dogs, one has already become a UK Champion and a multi BISS Winner.

I started judging Herding breeds at Open Show level in 1983 and have been on the Kennel Union SA Panel of Licensed Judges (awarding CC's, CAC's/CACIB's & Groups) for all Working and Herding breeds since 1990, Gundogs (plus Group) since 2014, and Hounds (plus Group) since 2015, which made me a Senior Judge in SA, and qualified me to judge "Best in Show". In SA, I was also a Judges' Assessor and Mentor. The skill of Handling has also been very close to my heart, and in 1980 I won the Handler of the Year contest, and my daughter at the age of 10 won the Child Handler of the Year competition. I am on the KUSA Panel to Judge all Show Handler classes and I also teach both adult and junior handlers.

I have judged extensively throughout South Africa, and also had the honour of judging in Germany, Slovenia, Austria, Perth, Australia and Ireland.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele Colborne', written over a horizontal line.

Michele Colborne

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