

Nick Smith – My life with Collies.

I have been involved with and have shown collies for over 35 years, but my family had a Rough Collie when I was born. Although looking back at old photo's he looked like an oversized Sheltie! We first owned a Rough Collie in 1985 purchased what was to be our first show dog. Her name was Bonnie Lass of Moyles (Jade) and we purchased her from Carole Smedley (Antoc). Although only purchased as a pet she had a wonderful pedigree containing some of the best kennels of the time. (Antoc, Rokeby, Corydon, Ugony, Brettonpark).



Bonnie Lass of Moyle at Tentola



& Grandson Tentola Everlasting Dream



Night Flirtation of Rubec

Jade was a natural born show girl, and although she never got any titles, she had two very memorable wins from big (20+) open classes. One from Hazel Hunt (Riflesea) and the other from Audrey Chatfield (Dunsinane). I think looking back if we had more experience, she would have done so much better. For me the 1980's were the heyday for the Rough & Smooth Collies and at the point where they had developed from good construction, but not so good in head qualities to being glamorous, but still retaining the balance that makes a collie, or as the standard says "Appears as dog of great beauty, standing with impassive dignity, with no part out of proportion to whole, giving the appearance of working capability."

Towards the late 80's many Rough Collies for us were changing from what we liked to something different. So now hooked with the show bug we looked at different breeds, but still couldn't get past the collies. We had never really looked at or known about Smooth Collies, but saw them at a show and decided that was the next breed for us. So in 1989 we purchased Ghyllmoire Night Flame for Tentola (Tara) who went on to be a GB Ch. She was bred by Roy Stott who not only had had collies for most of his life, but was taught by some of the best UK breeders and much of this knowledge he passed onto us. Tara also had a great pedigree, with the Ch Sylbec Draught Guinness of Foxearth being her grandfather on one side and the well-known Rough Ch Danvis Blue Macade on the other.



CH. Ghyllmoire Night Flame of Tentola and her Niece NL Ch Tentola Mooncradle Mabel

We have never been big breeders as with work and showing we had little time for puppies, but bred the occasional litter to keep something or for others wanting puppies from us. We have continuously shown Rough & Smooths for 33 years and still have the same passion for both. In 2003 we relocated to Spain where we continued to show until we returned to the UK in 2019.



*Multi Ch. Brooklynson Estupenda Tentola*



*Multi Ch Brooklynson Santa Rhonda of Tentola*



*Multi Ch Winter Is coming to Tentola*

I have been judging since 1995 and am passed to award CC's in Rough & Smooth collies in the UK and FCI G1. I have had the honour of judging some beautiful dogs from all around the world. I have been privileged to her judged in Germany, Finland, Austraila, Czech Republic, Norway , Denmark , Gibraltar as well as the UK. I look forward to judging in Slovenia for the first time in October.



Pictured here with a very young Multi Champion PAHLEX DREAM BABY "Wima"

Regards

Nick Smith (Tentola).