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I was born into the canine world, starting out as a child handler, on to exhibiting, then breeding & eventually judging.

My first contact with a Bull Terrier was in 1976 when I met Matilda House (HUNKPAPA). My first Specialty was in 1978 in Canberra which was judged by world renowned Mrs Eva Wetherill (SOUPERLATIVE). I purchased my first Bully in 1980 from Mike Plane (XIPHERES), then in 1981 I purchased Hunkpapa Chequicto. Over the years I handled exclusively for HUNKPAPA & I had much success with my "DOLLY" (Ch Hunkpapa China Doll) who was a multi award winning bitch.

In 1990 myself, along with Matilda House (HUNKPAPA), Mike & Di Cross (MISSIGAI), Mike Plane (XIPHERES) & other breed enthusiasts the ACT Bull Terrier Club was formed where I had the honour of being appointed the founding Secretary.

Throughout my 43 year involvement in the breed I have bred multiple litters under several prefixes, have competed at Specialty shows throughout Australia. I was ringside at the inaugural Trophy Show in 1979. Whilst watching Bully judging in the UK, I was fortunate enough to sit with Carol Larkin (BOOKSALE) where we discussed the breed at length. I also had the honour of watching Tom Horner (TARTARY) judge & later had the opportunity to talk with him.

In 2007 I commenced judging, with the Terrier Group. I am now a licensed ANKC Championship Show Judge for Toys, Terriers, Hounds, Utility & have my Dobermann Specialty License. Over the years I have judged numerous Bullies.

Since obtaining ROM status in 2018 I have had the honour & privilege to judge:

- Miniature Bull Terrier Club of Victoria
- 2020 Bull Terrier Club of Victoria Champ Show

Living in the Northern Territory restricts me from attending Specialties on a regular basis, however, I take full advantage when the opportunity arises. In 2017 I attended the Bi-Ennial Trophy Show & would love to attend it again in 2019.

2009 saw a Bully back in my life again - "MADDY" (Ch Maolmhin Madison Avenue) & until her untimely passing I successfully campaigned her to multiple Groups, In-Group & In-Show awards. 10 years on, I now have "BAKU" (Maolmhin Azerbaijan).