

Joy Schafer.. Profile

Schardale Kennel was established in 1974 when I bought my first Bull Terrier to show. My late husband's family had always owned Bull Terriers for pets, my family had always had Airedale Terriers, I remember the first time I saw a Bull Terrier; I was fascinated. I had never seen a dog like this before.

My first show dog (Ch Applejack Amber) was not a world beater, but she won her share. A lifelong passion was born. I bred my first registered litter of Bull Terriers in 1977.

My first homebred Bull Terrier champion was Ch Schardale Sweet Angel (Angel). She gained her final points in March 1980 by winning Best in Terrier Group. My favourite to this day was Ch. Schardale Sheza Showpiece, she was a natural showgirl and always performed, one of her big wins being Best Opposite Sex in the Terrier group at the prestigious Sydney Royal Easter Show, in 1991.

In 2007 through to 2012, I imported 5 Bull Terriers from the UK in partnership with Jessie Barrett (Faringdon Kennels) with whom I bred a few litters under a dual kennel name; JayandJay. I was mostly breeding Minis by this time; Jessie took care of the Bull Terriers.

In 1985, quite by chance, I was introduced to the Miniature Bull Terrier, via a video taken by friends on their honeymoon in the U.K. I was so impressed by the power and the type in a small package; I immediately set out to get one. The kennel was Erenden.

In December 1986, I imported a miniature bitch, Aust.Ch. Erenden Roxana (J.W) from Valerie and Eric Allenden in the UK. This was the start of the love affair! Roxy proved to be an excellent ambassador and had an outstanding show temperament. I was later to import Eng Ch Erenden Whisky Sangaree, another beautiful bitch from Erenden kennels. Roxy was my first love and will always hold that special place in my heart.

I am responsible for the re-introduction of the Breed to N.S.W (Australia) and along with some very stalwart supporters fought hard for its recognition and acceptance in Australia. My late husband Brian supported me strongly, doing a lot of the work behind the scenes and always being there for me during some turbulent times. Almost all the Minis in Australia will trace right back to Roxana and her imported son Aust Ch Erenden Unctious Ullock (imp UK). I'm very proud to have played a part in helping to re-establish this wonderful breed.

Schardale has produced a total of 99 Mini Champions, (including 4 Australian Grand Champions). Thirty of those are Champions abroad. Schardale Minis have 24 R.O.M'S to their credit. I'm very proud of my kennel's achievements on the world stage and hope in some small way they have contributed to the development of the breed in those countries.

At 1993 Sydney Royal Easter Show (Australia's largest and most prestigious Royal Show) I was awarded Runner Up in Terrier Group, with Ch Schardale Miss Icepepper - the 1st and only Mini to date to win this award at a Royal Show in Australia.

I have held various positions in The Bull Terrier Club inc. NSW) and The Northern Districts Bull Terrier Club of N.S.W., of which I am a founding member. I regularly prepare and present the Bull Terrier/ Bull Terrier (Miniature) lecture for DOGS NSW Judges Training Scheme.

I have been honoured to judge all over the world: The Miniature Bull Terrier Club Open Show in the UK (1997); the inaugural Singapore Bull Terrier Club Open Show (2000); Sweepstakes at the MBTCA in Gettysburg (2013); the prestigious VHTS in California (2014) and again in 2024 in Tennessee alongside esteemed BT judges David Alexander (USA) and Gary Newberry (UK); the MBTC International Teams event in the UK with well known and respected judge Frank Kane (2017). More recently at home The BTCMV Open show in Victoria (2024) and The NDBTC open Show in NSW (2025)

I was honoured to be offered the opportunity to judge in Belgium, Easter 2026 where I co judged CETS Trophy and Open shows. CETS is the most prestigious trophy show in Europe modelled on The UK BT Shows. The invited dogs compete for the title of the Best Bull Terrier and Miniature BT on the continent for that year.

My most recent appointment was for the Canterbury Bull Terrier Club in Christchurch NZ, May 2026 where I had the pleasure of putting my hands on some beautiful Bts and BT (Miniatures).