

Kerry "Kitty" Hellsten - Kahmins Kennels Victoria Australia

I was born and raised in a dog breeding/conformation showing family, growing up in the "burbs" of Sydney. My great grandparents bred, raced and later showed Greyhounds and I first started my showing career as a Junior Handler showing the family whippets at the age of 10.

Our family owned and later bred whippets from "Martinique" Kennels NSW as well as breeding Afghan Hounds. I spent my school holidays at my grandmothers, helping raise litters of Whippets as well as brushing/grooming my uncle's Afghan Hounds.

At age 21, I relocated to Melbourne where I owned and handled Afghan Hounds, Whippets and dogs for other people at shows. I became involved in two all breeds show committees, located in Central Victoria.

Around 1999 I began searching for a new breed, though unsuccessful in my search within Victoria, I eventually purchased a mini puppy from Ms Jessie Barrett - Faringdon Kennels in NSW. I welcomed "Maggie" Faringdon Tiny Maggie May (FD FDX AFCH) into my life in 2000 and this was where my love affair with the Bull Terrier Miniature and Bull Terrier began.

Unfortunately, Maggie May hated the show ring and found her passion doing obedience and flyball. Maggie reached Australian Flyball Championship level before retiring to the whelping box to give me a start in breeding miniatures. I initially bred under a joint prefix - Kerken Kennels. However, I later registered my own prefix "Kahmins" Kennels.

Maggie produced several lovely bitches including "Nikki" - Kerken Strawberry Kisses (x Minibrook Jack Flash) and "Iris" Kahmins Krystalys (x Bodalla Marshall Stone ROM) before retiring completely. Nikki produce a small litter of 4, and I successfully showed two "Monty" Ch. Kahmins Harvest Moon ROM and "Mahlee" Ch. Kahmins Electric Tango ROM to their Aust Ch and ROM titles. We even sent "Ziggy" Kahmins Emerald Swords to Susan McMillan of Sleek Kennels in Taranaki NZ who also gained his NZ Championship title.

The Kahmins success has continued, having now bred numerous Best in Shows winners, 12 Australian Champions and we now have 10 dogs who either hold or have qualified for their Recognition of Merit titles. I also owned and showed Bull Terriers and Boston Terriers.

In 2013 I became the Secretary of the Bull Terrier Miniature Club of Victoria and continue to hold this position. I have also been the Secretary for the Sporting Terrier Club of Victoria and still work on committee.

In 2018 I took the next logical step in my association with conformation dog activities and completed my Group 2 (Terrier) licence enabling me to now award CC's and judge the Terrier Group at a Championship level. I am also now recognised on the National Bull Terrier Council of Australia as a Recognition of Merit Judge and have judged at international speciality level.

Even after 23 years of owning Bull Terrier Miniatures, I continue to develop my knowledge of this breed and see being able to own, breed and show Bull Terriers or Miniatures as a privilege. This breed is one you need to have complete dedication and passion for. One prerequisite is to have, and maintain, a healthy sense of humour. Just when you think you have a handle on this fun loving, mischievous, cheeky breed, they totally flip the box on you.

Previous Appointments

Sporting Terrier Club of Victoria – June 2018	Bull Terrier Miniature Club of Victoria – May 2018	Bull Terrier Club of Victoria – November 2017
Jack Russell Terrier Club – November 2017	Cairn Terrier Club of Victoria – October 2017	Border Terrier Club of Victoria – June 2017
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club Vic – March 2019	Dogs ACT – Terrier Championship Show April 2019	Bull Terrier Club of Western Australia Nov 2019
Classic Dog Club (Group 2) February 2020	Sporting Terrier Club of Tasmania (Group 2) January 2021	Berwick All Breeds Club (Group 2) February 2021
Bull Terrier Club of Victoria May 2021	Bull Terrier Club of Queensland June 2022	Junior Kennel Club (Group 2) July 2022

MBTCA Palm Springs National Speciality Show weekend – Parent Specialty 1 – November 2022



To name a few of the bred by or owned by Kahmins Kennels

Ch. Kahmins Fire Twirler (ROM)



Ch. Kahmins Harvest Moon (ROM)



Faringdon Tiny Maggie May (FD, FDX, AFCH)



Am Ch Kahmins Tempest (Imp Aus)



Kahmins Oriental Moon



Kahmins Evocative



Ch. Kahmins Electric Tango (ROM)



Kahmins Chasing Faith (ROM)