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Missigai Bull Terriers

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My passion for Bull Terriers was kindled in 1973 when we bought our first Bull Terrier – a daughter of Eng. Ch. Brobar Headliner (Imp UK). Since then we have always had a few Bull Terriers around the home.

Over the years, as work and family commitments dictated, I have been showing at Bull Terrier Specialist and All Breeds Shows with In-Show success at both. We have bred numerous Australian Champions and in 1999 at the Australian Bull Terrier Trophy Show, our home bred Ch Missigai Black Id Susan ROM won the Ormandy Bitch Box under USA Breed Specialist Dr Franne Berez. Whilst we are a small kennel and have bred sparingly (particularly whilst our children were growing up), we nonetheless have remained dedicated to and passionate about the breed.

In 1987, my husband and I spending a month travelling around England visiting kennels and attending shows. A highlight was visiting White Waltham and morning tea with Eva Weatherill and Tom Horner! We then travelled to the USA and attended the Montgomery Kennel Club Show and then our first Silverwood at Ventura. In recent years, I have attended the USA Silverwood weekends in 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2017, as well as the Montgomery Weekend shows. In 2016, I attended Westminster in New York and then in the UK, the BTC (UK) Trophy Show, Crufts and two Bull Terrier Championship Shows.

At the 2017 Silverwood Weekend in the USA, I was honoured to judge the Futurity Sweepstakes for the Bull Terrier Club of America and the 'Egg Head Competition' for the Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America. In September 2018 in Australia, I judged the Open Show for the Northern Districts Bull Terrier Club at their 2nd Ironbark Weekend with an entry of 102.

I was Secretary of the National Bull Terrier Council (Australia) from 1994 to 2003 and 2006 to 2017. I have also been Secretary of the Australian Capital Territory Bull Terrier Club since 1990.

After finally deciding to do my Bull Terrier license, I commenced my training in 2016 and have completed the requisite training required by the Australian National Kennel Control and DogsNSW. I was awarded my Championship license for Bull Terriers and Bull Terriers (Miniature) on 2 Nov 18.

I am approved to judge by the American Kennel Club (AKC 105421) and am approved by the Bull Terrier Club of America to award ROM points. Furthermore I am listed on the Bull Terrier Club (UK) Overseas Judges list and the South East Counties Bull Terrier Club (UK) A3 List.