

PICOZZI

UPTON DEAN

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Why Westies? – I think the breed is outstanding. Not only are they intelligent little dogs, but also they have a nice appearance and such wonderful personalities, each one is different – happy, fun loving, full of mischief and a pleasure to be owned by.

I purchased my first Westie in 1972 as a pet from a family in England; her name was “Snowy.” She was a great dog and my veterinarian advised me to show her to Mr. Fred Fraser. When Fred saw her and studied her pedigree he said we should breed her. We followed his advice, but there was only one puppy in that first litter. We bred her later and she at that time she had five puppies.

Upton Dean Kennels was established in 1973.

I purchased my first male here in Ottawa; He was -Can., Am. Ch. Pride & Joy Upton Dean(Dandy). I purchased three dogs from Backmuir Kennels in Scotland (two females and one male) Misty, Bonnie and Robbie – all became Canadian champions. Robbie, more formally known as Backmuir Regent, also became an American champion and was awarded a shadow box from the WHWTCA.

I have exhibited in Canada, the United States and Bermuda. Over the years I have participated in conformation, obedience, terrier trials and races and lastly agility.

In 1985-87 I was President of the Canadian West Highland White Terrier Club. I assisted in putting together two of our Club’s year books – 1981 and 1987. I later served another term as President in 2001-2004.

The Ottawa Junior Kennel Club was a big part of my life and my dogs’ lives for 22 years. I organized sanction matches and raised money for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and money for children in need from Chernobyl, Russia. I took young members of the club together with their dogs and even some who did not own dogs to local shows. The youngster who did not have their own dogs were loaned some of our dogs so they could participate in junior handling competitions.

I am a Life Member of the Canadian Kennel Club, the Canadian West Highland White Terrier Club and The West Highland White Terrier Club of America.

One of my memorable Montgomery County moments was when both of my boys “Robbie” and “Dandy” were in the final cut – “Robbie” in 3rd place and “Dandy” in 5th place.

I subsequently purchased the very beautiful Can. Ch.Crinan Carolyre “Cola”from Barbara Hands.

The celebrated author/artist Barbara Hands is one of my mentors. I have one of her paintings that I bought on a visit to Crufts, its title – “Rubba Dub Dub Three Pups In A Tub.”

I would like to see more Westies enjoying the job that they were originally bred for -- “Ratting”. It is so much fun for them to hunt and also for those who participate with them.