

# ***Judges Resumé***

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Christine's life has always been surrounded by pure-bred dogs. Her Mother bred a variety of breeds and as a teenager, Christine chose Welsh Springer Spaniels as the breed to specialise in, and has bred these under the Northey affix for the last 35 years – with much success in the many Show Champions, most of which were also qualified in the working field. She has exported Welsh Springers to Scandinavia, the Netherlands, USA and New Zealand – which have all become Champions; the latter forming a main part of the nucleus of breed development.

She and her husband Andrew own the first and only Hungarian Vizsla with Champion titles in both show and field disciplines. There are currently only 4 dogs in the UK with this DUAL accolade.

Christine's first judging appointment was in 1983, and she awarded Challenge Certificates (CC) to Welsh Springer Spaniels for the first time in 1989. At CC level she judges Welsh Springer Spaniels, Hungarian Vizslas, Hungarian Wire Haired Vizslas, Brittanys, Large Munsterlanders, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels (pending), Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers (pending), and has judged twice at Crufts with a further appointment booked for 2017.

She is approved to judge the Gundog Group in the UK at Championship level and judges all gundogs and Best in Show at Open Shows. She has judged in the Netherlands, USA and in Scandinavia many times. In 1990, she came to New Zealand to judge a Ribbon Parade including the majority of Welsh Springers in New Zealand in the time.

Christine says, "I would like to thank the committee of the Golden Retriever Club Inc. for the kind invitation to judge your Specialty Show in October 2014 and am very much looking forward the appointment."