

My name is Sue Ader, I live in the U.K. and my Kennel is Passim Border Collies.

I first became involved with the world of showing dogs in 1964, when I took a Saturday job in the local kennels – which just happened to belong to Claire Coxall, she was a great mentor, and I soon fell in love with the world of dog showing. The rest, as they say, is History !

I obtained my first Border collie in 1975, a working dog, who taught me to work stock, helped teach my children to walk and respect animals, and gave me my love for this breed, a wonderful boy who will never be forgotten.

Over the years I have bred a good number of dogs that have been successful in breed, obedience and agility, as well as explosive search dogs, search and rescue, and assistance dogs, and feel that health, type and temperament are all equally important in our breed. When judging I like to imagine the dog, in my mind, doing the job it was bred for, and in this way I hope that my winners have, at least the conformation, to do the job they were originally designed to do.

I have always been very interested in genetics and how the different colours are produced, and have spoken at seminars on this subject, as well as sitting on training panels for future judges, also serving for many years on the committee of the Border collie club of GB, and currently on the West of England B.C.C, where, along with other duties, I am the clubs representative on the breed council.

My first judging appointment for Border Collies was in 1984 at an open show, I continued to judge Border collies, along with the rest of the pastoral group, at open show level up to 2011, when I awarded my first Challenge Certificates in Border Collies, at South Wales Championship show. In total I have awarded challenge certificates to Border Collies 7 times in the UK, as well as awarding CAC's in Slovakia, Denmark and the Czech Republic, and I am due to judge Border collie bitches at Crufts 2019.

I rarely show these days, but I do love judging, and feel that by not showing myself, I am able to view the dogs with a completely unbiased eye – as I no longer see any dog as possible future competition to my own. I get great pleasure seeing a dog I have placed highly, go on to get top honours elsewhere.

I consider it an honour to be nominated to judge at the Border Collie National Specialty, and should I be privileged enough to be offered the appointment, would judge to the best of my ability.

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