

PCA Regular & Sweepstake Nominees 2019

Regular Classes

**Thomas Curley, Pekeden
(Carlton Place, Canada)**



Thomas Curley's love of purebred dogs began 57 years ago with Rough Collies and progressed to Irish Wolfhounds and finally Pekingese. He has handled all breeds for many years with his better half Diane. They have had the joy of breeding and winning most of the major awards all over the world, in Pekingese their beloved breed.

They also breed Chihuahuas, Miniature Poodles and Chinese Crested. Tom has won Best in Shows on too many breeds to mention in his years of handling. His greatest joy is still the breeding and raising their latest litter of Pekingese pups.

**Albert Easdon, Yakee
(Dunfries, Scotland)**



Bert Easdon has shown dogs since he was at school starting with Boston Terriers, King Charles Spaniels, Shih Tzu's and finally Pekingese. Bert has owned and bred champions in all four breeds and awards CC's in 20 Toy Breeds and 16 Utility Breeds, 2 Terrier and 1 Working also the Toy and Utility Groups at Championship Shows.

Bert bred the 2003 Crufts Best in Show winner and Top Dog all Breeds both in the UK and USA. He is an International Championship Show Judge with experience in many countries all over the world. He has bred over 50 UK champions and countless overseas champions. Toy and Utility dogs are his specialty. He has judged Toy & Utility Groups and Best in Show for over 25 years at Open Shows.

**Jason Hoke
(Madison, WI)**



Jason Hoke began in the sport of pure bred dogs exhibiting and breeding German Shepherds with his family in the early 1980's. Soon after, they purchased our first Great Dane from Kismet Kennels. In the following years he was mentored by the likes of Anna Mary Kauffman of the famed Mt. Dania kennels and Don and Mary Lou Carmody, of Don Lou Kennels as well as others such as Leon Reimert and Marilyn Draper, all of whom imparted wonderful knowledge to him. We began breeding under the prefix of Jamara and had wonderful success.

During the 90's Jason began apprenticing to become a professional handler with Leroy Stage and Wood Wornall, after which he began a career as a professional handler. They exhibited all-breeds professionally and were fortunate to exhibit dogs from all seven groups to #1 rankings in their respective breeds and well as their groups.

Jason lives in Madison, WI and owns two businesses, one of which is SPA WOOF, a boutique boarding, grooming, and daycare facility able to maintain over one hundred dogs daily. He is licensed by the American Kennel Club to judge thirty three breeds and Junior Showmanship. He has always loved the sport of purebred dogs and looks forward to his future as a judge and continuing to learn every day.

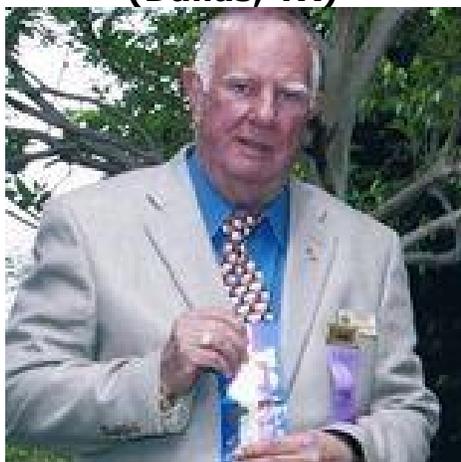
**Douglas Johnson, Clussexx
(Bloomington, IN)**



Douglas Johnson of Bloomington, IN., has had a lifetime of dedication to the sport of purebred dogs. Breeding under the world-famous Clussexx prefix, he has produced more than 250 AKC Champion Clumber Spaniels, Sussex Spaniels, Welsh Springer Spaniels, English Toy Spaniels and Pekingese. He has a passion for breeding dogs and continues to run a top breeding program today. His current passion is the English Toy Spaniel and he has successfully built a kennel which includes 4 all-breed best in show winners, two National Specialty winners and several group winning dogs.

Doug respects the time-honored traditions of showing and the history of the individual breeds. As most of you already know, Doug takes his time in the ring very seriously; he is committed to doing his best and will always adjudicate fairly and to his own beliefs. Not shy of opinions, Doug has a true vision of the breeds he is approved to judge and stays consistent in his desire to reward.

Don Sutton, Sutton Place (Dallas, TX)



Don Sutton is a retired Comptroller for Lone Star Company an employee owned Liquor & Wine Distributor in Dallas, Texas. He has also owned a Dog & Cat Grooming Shop selling dog and cat supplies and most recently has been heavily involved in the 'Used Car' business in Dallas, TX.

Don is very active in the Texas Kennel Club- All Breed Club, the Dallas Fort Worth Toy Dog Group Club, the Pekingese Club of Texas and the Pekingese Association of New York, currently holding a position as an officer in all clubs. Don (SUTTON PLACE PEKINGESE) has been involved in the Pekingese breed for over 40+ years.

Over the years Don has been very fortunate to enjoy many successes in his life. One success, which he has mutually shared with his Life Partner, Dr. Steve Keating, included breeding and owning one of the most wonderful breeds of dogs – the Pekingese. While actively breeding they had the privilege of owning and handling to title 36 Pekingese champions, of which 24 were OWNER, BREEDER and HANDLED to title. As an American Kennel Club (AKC) judge, Don Sutton is approved for three groups (Sporting Group, Toy Group, Non-Sporting Group), Junior Showmanship, Manchester Terriers and Miscellaneous Breeds, as well as Best-in-Show.

Sweepstakes Classes

Dorothy Cooper, Celebrations (Hillsdale, NJ)



Dorothy (Dotti) Cooper is the mother of a wonderful daughter, a widow, a retired educator who has MS and MA degrees, a Real Estate person, family involved in Pick Your Own farms, but most of all she loves being a Pekingese Fancier that loves our Breed.

Dotti's involvement with Pekingese began in 1987 when she purchased a Pekingese Show quality female. As she was recently widowed the little female Peke was not shown but joined another Pekingese as her much-loved pets.

Dotti has had the privilege of being mentored by iconic members of the breed for which she is so thankful. Dotti is surrounded by her beloved Celebration Pekingese Champions, GCH, BIS, etc. whose breedings are based on Pequest, Yakee, and Livanda. She is humbled by what her Celebration Pekingese have achieved. Their existence has been her ongoing education to become learned as a Pekingese evaluator.

Her other experiences in animal judging has been in the horse arena. She has been involved in showing and judging gaited horses.

Dotti also serves as a Board Director and Public Education Coordinator for the PCNJ. She is the National Rescue Coordinator for PCF and has chaired the Meet The Breed Booth in NYC, a very necessary public relation event for our breed. It would be her honor to be selected to judge Sweepstakes in 2021.

**Laura Markham, Mar-Kee
(Warren, OR)**



After Laura Markham's youngest son left for college, she went to work for Windemere Pekingese as part-time kennel help. That was in 2009, and within a year, Joy Thoms had her traveling and showing with her. Being a part of the Windemere family, she had the opportunity for a lot of hands on learning about the breed.

Laura bred her first litter in 2014 and takes great pride in showing in the BBE class. She helped to evaluate litters and show prospects, and although she no longer works at the kennel, she continues to be involved in that process with Joy. Laura studies the standard and carries a copy in her grooming bag.

**Deborah Thompson, Happy Tail
(West Des Moines, IA)**



Deborah Thompson's love affair with the Pekingese breed goes back to Life Magazine covers and a feature article on Ch. Chik T' Sun of Caversham. She bought her first show Pekingese from Arlon Duit in 2001 and has been actively showing and breeding since. She is a member of Des Moines Kennel Club, the NCIPC, the PANY, and PCA. The AKC has recognized her as a Breeder of Merit. PCA has presented her with the ROM Award for Breeder of Merit, and the PA has presented her with the BOE Award as well as Breeder of the Year Award and Exhibitor of the Year Award for 2013.

Though Deb's only breed is the Pekingese, she has had the privilege of being the sweepstakes judge for the Pomeranian Club of Greater Des Moines, the Des Moines Shetland Sheepdog Club, the English Toy Spaniel Club of America, Inc. Regional Specialty, as well as sweeps for Springer Spaniels. She has also had the fun of judging all-breed local fun matches.

Pekingese are her first love. In her lifetime observation of the breed, she has come to see virtues in every Pekingese that she has met. Deb would welcome the opportunity to be selected to be the Pekingese Sweepstakes Judge at the PCA National Specialty in Bloomington in 2021.