

SHORT CV OF JACKIE BEARE, 2018

Born and raised in Switzerland, I currently live near Geneva with my husband and our 2 dogs. After a successful career in finance, I retired in 2014, and can now devote my energy to my canine activities.

My involvement with dogs goes back to the early sixties, and my mother Grace Servais acquired our first Basset Hound bitch in 1978 from Mrs Mildred Seiffert (Maycombe). Shortly thereafter, we joined the Swiss club, and started showing and breeding on a small scale under the Bellecombe affix from 1984 onwards, at first using English and European bloodlines. In the late 80s my mother imported an American champion bitch in order to broaden our gene pool and attenuate some of the exaggerations that we felt had crept into the breed in Europe. Over the years, the happy combination of European and American bloodlines has enabled us to produce several beautiful hounds who became International and Swiss champions. Since 2008, I co-own the family affix New Bellecombe with my mother. Our first joint litter was born in 2009 out of Bellecombe No no Nanette, who was made up in the USA in record time! She subsequently won four more national championships and became an International (FCI) Champion. Her daughter, CH New Bellecombe Tuppence was shown recently in the UK and has won 2 CCs to-date, as well as several European CH titles.

I started judging Basset Hounds as an FCI breed specialist in Switzerland in 2005, and began my International career in 2008 at an Open Hound Show in the UK. From 2010 onwards, I also judged this breed in other European countries at CAC and/or CACIB shows. More recently, I was asked to judge bassets in the USA, at a Special Veterans competition at the US Nationals in 2013, and then at the BHCA's Futurity/Maturity competition in 2014, as well as at a few Breed Specialties. Apart from Basset Hounds, I am licensed to judge various rare scenthounds in FCI countries, and currently also stand on the "B" list in the UK for Bassets Fauves de Bretagne, and on the "C" list for PBGV and GBGV. Over the years, I have become interested in hunting (although I do not hunt myself), since I am convinced that this activity is vital to keep scenthounds functional.

I belong to numerous breed clubs in Switzerland and abroad, including the UK, USA, and Europe, and have been responsible for shows and judging matters for the Basset Hound Club of Switzerland (BHCS) for several years. In 2011, I became a member of its Breeding Commission, and I was elected President of the BHCS in 2006, a function which I still hold.

