



NZ DOG JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Information for voting for the Board 2021

Position	Candidate	Voting
President	Ray Greer	No Voting
Vice President	Pam Douglas	No Voting
Secretary	Robynne Trainor	No Voting
Treasurer	Lesley Chalmers	No Voting

Position	Candidate	Voting – Indicate your order of preference with 1, 2 or 3. *see notes below.
North Island Board Member	Betty Parker	
	Kathleen Hardwick	
	Linda Strongman	
	Kirsten Price	
	Bronwyn Murdoch	

South Island Board Members (you are voting for a two year term for the highest polling candidate)	Lavina Diamanti	
	Charmaine Hoeben	

Name	NZKC number
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Please complete and return these voting papers no later than **12 noon 4th June 2021**

All judges are entitled to vote for **all** candidates using the above voting form. A bio is attached of each candidate to assist you.

20.5 Voting will be on a preferential basis and in the case of a tie the first and second preference for the position will be included in the vote.

Please send your completed voting forms to

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or scan and email to Colleen Begg- email address members@dogsnz.org.nz

and please also copy your email to secretarynzdj@gmail.com

CVS FOR NOMINEES NORTH ISLAND BOARD MEMBERS

BETTY PARKER

OBJECTIVE

I am seeking re-election to the National Board of the NZ Judges Association

I have a wealth of knowledge and experience on the administration side of the dog world and have a clear idea of what is required from a Board Member.

I have served on the Board of the NZ Dog Judges Assn. since 2014 and have the time and enthusiasm to continue working as a Board Member.

DOG WORLD EXPERIENCE

In 1979 I was elected Treasurer to the Manawatu Kennel Assn. and I resigned from that position in 2001. In 1980 I was elected Secretary, a position I hold today. I have served an enjoyable and challenging 42 years on the committee.

In 1983 I joined the Manawatu Branch of the NZ Dog Judges Assn. and the following year was elected Secretary. Since that time I have alternated between being Secretary, President, Secretary and lastly as President.

In 2008 I was recruited as Show Secretary for the National Dog Show, a position that requires planning, communication, decision-making, delegation and most importantly problem solving skills. I held the NDS Show Secretary position until 2015.

WORK EXPERIENCE

I started my working career at an Accountants firm balancing the books for small business owners and when the principal retired, I was employed at one of the largest law firms in Palmerston North in the Finance Department until I retired.

SKILLS

- ♦ Good listener
- ♦ Team player
- ♦ Excellent communication skills
- ♦ Proficient computer knowledge
- ♦ Experience with the Microsoft Office suite of products

KATHLEEN HARDWICK

Dear Fellow Judges

I am pleased to offer my services to the NZDJA Board for a further term.

I have been an All Breeds licensed Judge in NZ since 2007 and now of course we have our Official FCI Status.

I have previously served many years as both Secretary and Treasurer for Auckland Branch. And approximately 12 years as a Delegate to NZKC (Dogs NZ) Annual Conference, representing Group and Multi-Breed Clubs. This year I will represent Specialist Breed Clubs.

One of my current Roles on the Board is overseeing the Theoretical and Practical Exams in conjunction with the Secretaries of Auckland and Christchurch Branches and co-ordinating with the Examiners. Also assisting in the update of the Open Book Modules to clarify these for the new judges joining this profession.

I have judged extensively overseas and always take the opportunity to visit kennels and speak with breeders and my fellow judges about Dogs in general, judging techniques and especially about those breeds which we

do not see in our part of the world. We never stop learning and expanding our knowledge.

I am always available to assist my fellow judges, and for our newer judges to assist them in their journey through the judging process, whether it be as a Mentor for Ringside or coaching for Exams.

Our current management team is strong and stable and I look forward to continue working with them for the betterment of our Sport.

I thank you in advance for your Vote

LINDA STRONGMAN

It is with pleasure that I accept this nomination for Board of the New Zealand Dog Judges Assn.

As I have previous served on the NZDJA board with great pleasure. It has always been at the foremost front of my mind to give my utmost to the dog world. Which I have always tried since becoming a judge myself.

At present I am serving as vice chair of the Waikato Judges Branch. I have always tried to help with the training of our up and coming judges. Also impart any knowledge I have with others. I cannot be the judge of how well I have done of this. That would only the people that I try to help.

So, I am prepared again to put myself up for the board, and give my time freely in the hope of once again trying to the help and formulate a competent board of the NZDJA.

Thank you

KIRSTEN PRICE

I am currently the President of the Manawatu Judges Association and the Central Golden Retriever Club and have been involved with breeding and showing dogs from childhood. As long as I can remember I have enjoyed judging livestock and nothing pleases me more than looking at a beautiful example of a breed who has the capability to do the job they were bred for.

Judging is a privilege and a responsibility and can directly influence the direction of a breed. I take my role seriously and believe that as a judge I am undertaking a continuous journey as a lifelong learner.

The education process for judges must be thorough, consistent and fair. As a professional educator in both the secondary and tertiary sectors I believe that I have the knowledge and experience to make an effective contribution to the training and education of New Zealand judges as a board Member.

New Zealand judges are widely respected internationally and despite our relative geographical isolation we can foot it with the best. In order to maintain our reputation we need to ensure that our judges' education is fair, thorough and consistent across the country. I have the practical, digital communication skills that will help every judge to have the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge required no matter where they live. I look forward to making a positive contribution to the judging community of New Zealand as a board member

BRONWYN MURDOCH



Fortunately we have a Judges Association supporting a rigorous judges training scheme that sees our judges highly respected internationally. However, our world is experiencing exceptional times and this is impacting on the capacity to show our dogs.

Dogs NZ and the Judges Association are to be commended for the steps taken to address the situation in the short term. However, to mitigate the short-fall in judges and to ensure the sustainability of dog shows, I believe it is time to review the training and examination of judges. There are excellent aspects of the training scheme particularly in the area of “hands on coaching” and these need to be retained. However, there is scope for improvement through alternative learning techniques aligning to contemporary adult education approaches and technology such as on-line learning.

I have 45-years-experience as a breeder and exhibitor of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and got my first Japanese Chin in 1999. I have judged locally and internationally for the past 30 years. I am a lecturer for the Open Polytechnic and teach adult learners both on-line and face-to-face. My experience as a breeder, judge and educator gives me the skillset to contribute to the training and development of our judges.

With my husband Bill, we acquired our first Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in 1976 and shortly after registered our ‘Old Rowley’ kennel name. Together we have bred and exhibited Cavaliers in New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong with many winners of Best In Show at Speciality, Group and All Breeds level. I have also been involved and shown Japanese Chins since 1999.

I have been judging all the Toy breeds at Championship Show level since 1991 and I also judge the Utility group at Championship Show level. I have judged Toy breeds in New Zealand, Australia, Thailand, and Philippines at Championship Show level. I have also judged Toy breeds in the UK at open show level and recently judged a number of toy breeds at Three Counties Pekingese and Cavalier Society Open Show. I have judged specialty Cavalier King Charles Spaniel championship shows in New Zealand and Australia. My most recent appointment was in 2018 when I judged the Queensland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Championship Show. I have previously issued CC’s for Cavalier King Charles Spaniels on three occasions in the UK. I judged 187 Cavalier bitches at the Welsh Kennel Club in 1993, 113 Cavalier dogs at Bournemouth Canine Association in 1999 and 178 Cavalier Bitches at Bath Canine Society 2000.

I have also actively participated in the administration at Specialty, Group and All Breed Club level. I was the Secretary on the Hong Kong Kennel Club. I am currently President of the Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Society All Breeds Club, Secretary of the Central Cavalier and King Charles Spaniel Club and a committee member of the Heretaunga Plains Toy Dog Society. I have also recently accepted a position on the management committee of the New Zealand Kennel Club’s Wellington Exhibition Centre.