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“TISSALIAN”

I was born in the North-East of England, and as a child there was always a dog in our family, one day my Dad brought home a Labrador male for our family pet and I have never ever changed my mind about the breed I love.

In 1966 Ian, I and our son Alan moved to Leicestershire, we have always had a dog, yes - you are right: a Labrador!

In 1982 we purchased Elvelege Emblem from Ray and Sue Hill, as a pet for our family, she was absolutely beautiful and having seen her siblings and parents, we decided to attend some shows “just to watch”.

We were hooked and then some years later purchased a “Newinn” bitch to which most of our stock goes back to. She did not win well, but I did learn a lot from her.

Well, once you’ve got the bug it never stops.

We were very lucky purchasing a beautiful black bitch in 1999 Newinn Old Hinnie at Tissalian and her winning 5cc`s and 1rcc. In 2000 we bred Tissalian Oh Sanchia who also won 5cc`s and 2 rcc`s, Oh Sanchia won her second CC at Crufts in 2003. Both have the same sire Rocheby Old Smokey, an old favourite of mine. We have a comparatively small kennel, and breed for type and temperament, one of the many attributes of this breed and something we strive for today.

All our breeding has Rocheby - Sandylands in their pedigree.

I enjoy everything connected with the dogs, breeding, showing, spectating, exercising and even the cleaning regime.

My first judging appointment was in 1991 and then awarding CC`s in 2007.

I have been a committee member of Midland Counties Labrador Club since 1999; I have judged in Sweden, Finland, Holland, Italy, and Spain and now have been given the privilege to judge your breed club in Prague, over the years we have become friends with lots of Labrador people in England and Abroad, without this wonderful breed none of this would have been possible.