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Canine Council, who was judging at the World Dog Show, was standing at ringside. I also met the President of the Irish Kennel Club - Dublin who was a very interesting person to talk to.

Friday 5 July was spent assisting on the Netherlands Cattle Dog and Kelpie Breeders stand at the show for part of the day. The Dutch people really support our Aussie breeds in a big way. The stand looked brilliant with lots of photographs of the Cattle Dogs and Australian Kelpies, a beautiful rug that was made in England with Cattle Dogs working cattle and videos of the Aussie breeds working stock, also doing agility and obedience. (picture 3).

During the day I had a break and wandered off to look at the judging and to take more photographs. In the afternoon some of the groups were

being judged in the main arena. The World Championships Junior Handling was also judged. The entry was huge and the judge, Mrs Liz Cartledge from England, had a very difficult task, as many of the young handlers were so good. Mrs Cartledge has recently judged the Working Dog Group at Sydney Royal in March this year.

## At The World Show

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I watched the Great Japanese Fighting Dog (what we know as the Akita) and the Japanese Akita being shown. The judges showered the top-winning dogs with gifts and had numerous photographs taken with the winners. I saw Akitas from America and Russia and firmly believe that our dogs here in Australia would really hold their own in Europe. During my walk I found a really lovely black/tan Shiba Inu and an excellent Cattle Dog puppy from France (picture 6). In my humble opinion I found the Cavalier King Charles Spaniels very heavy - some nearly as big as a Cocker Spaniels. The Dalmatians were also very big and heavy in front. It was strange to see a Cocker Spaniel with a long tail - as with many others the other breeds such as the Rottweiler, Weimaraner and the Pembroke Corgi.

Saturday 6 July was our special day - the Australian Kelpies were to be shown. The dogs had all been washed on the Wednesday before the show in order that their coats would settle down. We rose early and set off to the showgrounds and collected some people in Rotterdam who also exhibited Kelpies.

Before entering the grounds all dogs have to be vetted to see if they are healthy and that the females are not in season. All the dogs were vetted and we set off to find our ring. The dogs are all placed in large crates with wooden floors around the outside of the rings against the walls. All our team were dressed in suits - so everyone looked immaculate.

What a show - Arjan and Henny my Dutch friends of the Uluru Kennels' fame from Holland scooped the pool with dogs of their breeding! Both Dog and Bitch Challenge where from the Uluru Kennels. (picture 7). The bitch then went on to win Best of Breed (pictures 1 and 4) and she is **Netherlands Champion Bluey Jillaroo Uluru** who is by Netherlands Champion Butterbone Black Cougar (imp Aust) from the famous Butterbone Kennels owned by Dr Chris Walker of Kentlyn, NSW and out of Netherlands Ch Wingdari Black Bess (imp Aust). The winning dog was **Funny Flying Future Uluru** (picture 2) who is from Netherlands Champion Wingdari Ewe Jillaroo (imp Aust) by Netherlands Champion Mountainmist Strummer (imp Aust) - Strummer is by

Aust Ch Wingdari Swaggies Banjo It was a great experience for me as I showed my exported bitch, Junior, World, and Netherlands Champion Wingdari Ewe Jillaroo (the dam of the winning male, and a daughter of the living legend Aust Grand Champion Wingdari Uluru, Australia's top winning Kelpie of all time). Many of the dogs placed in the positions of 1st, 2nds and 3rds. Six of the dogs were critiqued as Excellent. These dogs were great ambassadors for our great Australian breed, the Kelpie.

Lots of photographs were taken. There were Kelpie breeders from Victoria watching the judging. Aussies supporting our true Aussie dogs. Ralph and Henny Kammer, Stavast Kennels near Mittagong who have the Bouvier De Flanders (picture 5) were also ringside talking to Sylvia Gartner. There were celebrations all around with great Australian red wines and brilliant Dutch cheeses for our winning team.

Sunday 7 July was the final day of the show. Again we were back early in the morning to walk the corridors again to see the final day's judging of the dogs.

The main ring was busy with all the final groups being judged. There was doggie dancing - a Border Collie and his handler dancing to country and western music. The parade of all the obedience and agility teams from all over the world was spectacular. The winning team being 1st Sweden, 2nd Norway and 3rd Denmark. The flags, the colourful tracksuits that the teams wear make it a sight that you do not forget. The centre ring was always full of dogs being judged, Veterans, and Breeder's Groups - sometimes containing anything up to six dogs being handled by the one person. It was great to see a lady handling a mixture of Smooth and Long coated Chihuahuas (six in all) - this group placed third in this breeder's event.

General Specials was not until 9.30pm that evening so it ended up being a very long and tiring day. These four days I would not have missed for anything.

**If you ever have the opportunity to go to a World Dog Show - GO!!!!**



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Oh what a feeling!!!!!! Being one of 53,000 people and 16,000 dogs who attended the recent World Dog Show in Amsterdam.

Thursday 4 July Arjan and I set off early to obtain a good parking spot. Arjan and Henny Monster are from the Uluru Kennels and have imported five Australian Kelpies into Holland from the Wingdari Kennels. These are the people that I stayed with whilst in Europe.

The first hall we entered contained the agility competition. This was great to watch - the

first dog to come through was a Jack Russell Terrier and he did exceptionally well. I was a little worried about the carpet under the agility jumps as many of the dogs slipped on the quick turns.

Next Arjan and I walked around the many large rings, all of which were inside very large halls, which were all connected together with long corridors filled with dog displays and various shops. The atmosphere was wonderful. In Europe I was amazed that many of the exhibitors wore casual clothes and did not bath their dogs before being exhibited. The handling of the dogs was also very different - very casual with the dogs allowed to spin around on the end of the lead also being strung up on a tight lead.

The doggy shops were great and the quality of the merchandise was exceptional - far better than we have here in Australia a larger variety of goods to choose from. The dogs in Europe are really part of the family and are allowed to go to restaurants, motels, hotels and any where else for that matter as the dogs are all obedience trained and are so well mannered.

The remainder of the day was spent photographing the various breeds and observing dogs being judged.

I went to look for Jocelyn Cansdell of Myrmidon Kennels Wagunyah, Murringo, NSW who was there showing some of Jack Russell Terriers. I located Jocelyn amongst a group of other Aussies visiting the show. Wes Stacey from the Royal NSW



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