



**SPECIALIST TO HOLD SEMINARS ON AKITAS
AND BREED STANDARDS**

Breed Specialist judge Ms Meg Purnell Carpenter will be holding a seminar after judging the Akita Club of Victoria Specialty on 20 September 2009 at Venue: Bulla Exhibition Centre, Calabria Club, 5 Uniting Lane Bulla.

Meg will also be holding 2 seminars in Sydney, firstly an Akita seminar for aspiring judges and breeders, and secondly, as Meg is the Vice Chairmen of the Breed Standards committee in the UK, she will also be holding a seminar in regards to amendments made to Standards; Meg will bring with her updated Standards for all breeds and will be able to answer all of your questions.

In Sydney, the Akita breed seminar is on 15 September at Erskine Park and the Breed Standards seminar is on 16 September at Erskine Park. Both start at 7.30 pm.

Born in Somerset, the South-West corner of England, Meg has been involved with dogs since the age of 16. She began by looking after other peoples' dogs to fund her own breeding plans.

Meg's first love in the dog world was the German Shepherd and she went on to breed many of these dogs for use by the Police and Prison Services. She has bred working trials champions and Police National champions, in addition many much loved pets.

In the 1980s Meg came to know and love Akitas and in fact bred the first litter of Akitas in the UK. She has since bred Akitas which have become champions in eight countries.

In the 1990s she began breeding Beaucerons and in recent years the Korean Jindo has joined the Overhill 'family'.

In addition to running a busy boarding, breeding, pet transport and quarantine kennels, Meg is a member of the English Kennel Club General Committee. She is Vice-Chair of the Kennel Club Breed Standards and Stud Book Committee, also a member of the Kennel Club Health and Strategy Group. These committees have been closely involved over the past six years in re drafting all of the Kennel Club registered Breed Standards. She is also Patron of the South-West Working Breeds Society, President of the South-West Rottweiler Association, President of the National Australian Shepherd Association and Secretary of British Utility Breeds association.

In the world of judging, Meg awards CCs in the Working, Pastoral and Utility Groups in the UK and has also judged overseas in Europe, Australasia and Asia. She has presided over numerous seminars and published a number of books.

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