

Hans Stigt



My name is Hans Stigt, 59 years old and I live with my partner Rodney and our 3 Labradors in The Netherlands.

As a little boy I was crazy about dogs and therefore very happy that my parents always had them in the house.

So all my life I have felt a great love for dogs, purebred or not.

Only when we were adults did we get our first shared dog in our lives, Cooper, a Labrador Retriever.

He has greatly inspired our love for the breed and the purebred dog and since 2002 we have continuously lived with Labradors at home.

We have trained with great pleasure and still breed and show our dogs with great success. I have learnt so much about dogs and had the privilege to know what it means to share your life with them.

I have been a FCI judge for the Labrador Retriever since 2012 and since then I have delved into many other breeds.

I have been a group 8 judge; Retrievers, Spaniels & Waterdogs, since 2022 and I can also judge a number of breeds in group 2, 3, 6 and 7.

I am fortunate that I have been able to judge in a large number of European countries.

I passed my breed exam for the Leonberger Dog in 2018, which I am still very happy about.

It is a wonderful breed: strong yet elegant, confident calmness yet with a lively temperament.

So judging and going over them is very special and an absolute pleasure for me!

I judge with my heart and respect is paramount in my judging. Respect for the dog, respect for the breed and respect for the exhibitor.

I always enjoy preparing for my judging!

It is an honour every time that I am asked by a show organisation to judge, place or qualify another person's most precious possession.

I enjoy the dogs so much and I always try to show this.

I am very honoured to have been asked by the committee of the Dutch Leonberger Association to come and judge at the 6th IULH World Championship Show and the Dutch Leonberger Club 60th Championship Show on the 13th & 14th June 2026.

I am so much looking forward meeting you and your wonderful Leonberger dogs! Let's make it a wonderful event together!

Warm regards,

Hans Stigt