

Kerry Rushby



My life with Leonberger began when I was six years old.

Too young to be involved with showing so I spent a lot of time watching and learning. At the age of 13 my first Leonberger was born.

Bred by my parents, David and Joan Rushby, this female I owned became a UK champion, and she was the first Leonberger to win back to back CCs at Crufts in 2003 (BOS) and Crufts 2004 (Best of Breed).

Her name was Champion Jocolda Georgio.

I have bred and owned multiple UK Champions, and New Zealand Champions. Currently I co own the breed record holder in the UK, 'Neville' Ch Am Ch Corleone Navigator at Kalizmar with my good friend, Lee Studholme.

Neville is currently the Top Leonberger in the USA all systems 2025, and he is the first and only Leonberger to make breed history in the UK, being the FIRST Working group winner at CRUFTS, the FIRST Reserve Best in Show All Breeds winner in the UK, and winner of multiple group placings in the UK.

My first litter was born in 2006 and to date I have bred just eight litters.

From those eight litters, six are UK Champions plus two NZ champions. I have owned a further two UK champions of which were imports.

I began judging in my late teens at local open shows and started to travel across the UK to advance my judging of Leonbergers.

In 2013 I awarded CCs for the first time in the UK, and from then I have judged in the UK on multiple occasions.

I am still the youngest person in the breed to award CCs and also judge Leonberger at the highest level across Europe and the World.

I have had the honour of judging Leonbergers in Norway, Finland, France, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, Holland, Belgium, USA, and Russia.

I truly enjoy judging Leonbergers and I always learn so much from the experience.

With my many years involved in the breed across breeding, showing and judging, I honestly believe that my judging opinions on the day are the very best of my ability.

Conducted in a fair and kind manner to all exhibitors.