

# **Ms Denise Jones**

## **Paramali Shetland Sheepdogs**

### **ANKC Licensed judge for group 5 – Working Dogs granted 1986.**

I was born in Ireland and owned my first sheltie at the age of 15. The dog was bred in the Shetland Islands. This is where my love for shelties began and it has never left me.

I came to Australia as a nurse in 1976. In 1977 I purchased my first Australian bred sheltie as a pet from an unknown breeder. It wasn't until I met a registered breeder Mrs Topham "Élitas" at a veterinary clinic that I was encouraged to become involve in the dog show world . It was then that Ma Topham (as I affectionately called her) and I became close friends and before I knew it I had purchased a puppy from her which later became my foundation for Paramali.

I have had my share of milestones. I bred the first litter of Black & Whites here in Perth, two champions in that litter one being a bitch who NZ titled and the other a dog with an Aust Ch title. Aust & NZ Ch Paramali Beau Jangles was my stand out dog. Beau ticked all the boxes in Australia. Wins included BIS at the 1982 Victorian Sheltie Championship show under K Jefferies (UK) with an entry of 270. Beau was the second West Australia bred sheltie to gain a NZ title along with many NZ & Australian multi in show awards.

In past years my late husband Warren and I decided to go to the UK to see what was offering in the way of blood lines. We had the great opportunity to stay with some very famous shelties breeders , Margaret Searle/Norman and the Herbert sisters which was a wonderful experience. We then travelled back to Ireland to check out the Sheltie scene and found ourselves in the company of some of the most influential sheltie breeders/judges known. Our ears and eyes were wide open and we both learnt so much from them about this beautiful breed . Returning from Ireland with all this knowledge we then decided to check out the shelties at Crufts. It was an absolute smorgasbord of quality before our very eyes, something that we would remember for a very long time.

Family life, Warren's business commitments, three children and a change of address all became my priority and sadly for a while the dog show scene took a back seat. Now a solo grandmother of four and a couple of small dogs I find myself enjoying what life has to offer. I often look at my photos of my shelties with adoring eyes and have such fond memories - the love for the breed will never change.

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