I have been involved in the dog world as an exhibitor for just on 50 years. My passion and love has always been the hound group, in particular sighthounds. I originally started showing dogs in Victoria when I was 8 years old and bought my first Afghan when I was 12, from there I was completely hooked.

 Some 20 years later a very dear friend of mine Mr. Brian Wilson of the Famous Noholme Whippet Kennels gave me my first female whippet as a gift and that was the start of something special. The rest is history as the say.

I have now been breeding and exhibiting whippets successfully under the “Arjai” prefix for around 30 years.

In 2003 my daughter and I made a huge decision and headed West across the Nullabor with the Arjai team in tow.

I like to think of myself as a “Boutique Breeder” going for quality over quantity. As a result I have had the honor of breeding, owning and showing two “once in a lifetime” whippets.

Grand Champion Arjai Fields O’ Passion (Tori) one of the very first whippets to win multiple in show awards! One of my fondest memories that will be with me forever is when Tori won back to back Best in Shows at the prestigious Sunbury All Breeds Championship Shows held over the Melbourne Cup weekend in the mid-nineties. To win one of these shows was amazing but to do it back to back was out of this world. Tori also went on to win Best in Group at the Melbourne Royal in 1999. At the sad time of her passing she had a massive 47 All Breed Best in Shows and 27 Runner up Best in Shows and so many other amazing accomplishments. For a whippet at the time this was and still is an amazing and outstanding record. This record stood for many years and is one I never imagined would be broken well then along came “Willow”…..

Supreme Champion Arjai Almost Criminal (Willow) who simply rewrote “Tori” record book, and set a new one for herself.. Having won 51 Best in Show and some 33 runner up Best In Shows “Willow” has achieved so many records it is very hard to list what stands out the most, but who can top winning best in show at Melbourne Royal in 2011 and then going on to Win the Victoria’s Top Dog competition (with a WA bred dog), WHAT A NIGHT! Willow would also go on to be the all breeds number 1 Dog in Western Australia on 4 separate occasions, 3 consecutive years then a Second then back to Number 1 the following year.

I am so very proud of my dogs and I could never imagine my life without a whippet by my side.

Regards,

Jo Kramer