

Resume for Erica Whitehead

I first became involved in Dog Showing in 1997 when my husband, Bob, and I bought our first Bedlington Terrier. We quickly became besotted with this unique breed and wished to showcase the breed to others. For the first few years we regularly travelled from Tennant Creek to Alice Springs to attend Championship Dog Shows. We bought a lovely bitch in 1998 and became Registered Breeders shortly after using the prefix, Wurroit. Due to the small gene pool in Australia and the issue of Copper Toxicosis within the breed, we have imported dogs from Sweden and New Zealand to strengthen our breeding programme. We have had several litters and have had successfully campaigned 8 dogs to Australian Champion. Last year Eric, AKA Isotop's Viking (Imp Swe) achieved his Supreme Championship.

After moving to Alice Springs 12 years ago I became interested in becoming a steward commencing with charts. This was quickly followed by Certificate Writing and Assembly Stewarding. I became a Ring Steward 5 years ago. I was the Dog Steward for CASS for 3 years during this time. In 2010 I became a committee member of ASKC and was elected as President, a position I held for 3 years. During that time the Club was renamed the ASK&DSC and it was decided that the only way forward was to increase the number of shows held in the Red Centre. The ASK&DSC now run 19 shows a year and assist in running the CASS and TC&DSS shows. From 2013 I have held the position of secretary within the club.

I have been on numerous community committees over the past 40 years including, school councils, Scout & Cub, Marching, Little Athletics, Desert Harmony and Craft Council in Tennant Creek. I have worked as a physiotherapist for 7 years in Tennant Creek and as a Remote therapist for 9 years. For the past 3 years I have been the Manager of the Aged Care Unit in Alice Springs.

I became a DogsNT councillor following the untimely death of Greg Eastwood because I felt that it was essential that DogsNT have a Central Australian representative. The dog showing world is in decline but the ASK&DSC has maintained its membership and exhibitor numbers. To achieve this, risks were taken and solutions were considered "outside the box". This is the way of the future and I hope to contribute in a positive way to the ongoing success of Dog Showing in the NT

I believe I have much experience and knowledge (both professionally and personally) that can be utilised within the Dog Showing Community as a member on Council of DogsNT.

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