

Gordon Hayburn – Judging Biography (Labrador Specialty)

Whilst my family have owned dogs for as long as I can remember, my own first dogs were a Golden Retriever and an English Setter, who were registered with the UK Kennel Club in 1991. This was my introduction to conformation showing. They were followed by another English Setter, an Irish Red and White Setter and finally a Labrador Retriever, owned in partnership with Linda Harvey Major of the Linjor Kennels in the UK

My first judging appointment in the UK was in 1997 and since then I have progressed to awarding Challenge Certificates in both English Setters and Irish Red and White Setters.

I first judged Labrador Retrievers in the UK in 1998.

I moved to Canada in 2011 and became a CKC Judge for Sporting Breeds, including Labradors, in 2013. I am also approved to judge the breed at AKC Shows.

My involvement with Dog Show Clubs is extensive having been involved with several breed clubs in the UK and in 2019 took over the role as Show Director for the Oakville Club in Ontario.

I also co-own and have, very occasionally (and successfully) shown a beautiful English Setter here in Canada. He was the No1 English Setter and No4 Sporting Dog in Canada in 2020.

I consider judging a privilege and I have been fortunate to judge many groups and specialties for the Sporting Breeds, in the UK, USA and Canada, and I am honoured and very much looking forward to judging my first N American Labrador Specialty. I would like to thank the club and its members for this prestigious invitation.

