

Papillon Club of America Health & Genetics



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My life has centered around animals for as long as I can remember. I grew up on a dairy farm and was involved in 4-H from the age of eight. I started with chickens and rabbits and moved on to showing dairy cattle and horses. I was on the State Dairy judging team winning a trip to the National competition. I think this beginning has motivated me to be competitive and enabled me to understand structure and animal husbandry.

My husband, Chris, and I live in the beautiful state of Washington near the Columbia River, within a short drive to scenic Mt. Hood or the Pacific Ocean. It truly is a lovely place to live even though the winters are a bit wet. The area abounds with dog shows, with the Rose City Cluster about 25 minutes from home.

I obtained my first Papillon in 1985 as a pet, and then a couple of years later being completely smitten with the breed I purchased a show male and started showing. I bred my first litter in 1988. Since

that time, I have produced multiple champions as well as Group and Specialty winning Papillons. I joined Papillon Club of America in 1989 and also that year attended my first National Specialty. Since then I have attended all but two of the National Specialties and have attended every Specialty held by Papillon Association of Puget Sound, except for one. I have held several positions with Papillon Association of Puget Sound, and currently I am President and Historian of that club.

I served two terms as a Director of the Papillon Club of America and am an Honorary Lifetime Member. I have served on the Genetics committee and Phalene committee for several years at different times.

My first champion was a male Papillon I was fortunate enough to have imported from England, CH Chisobee Little Rembrandt, and he really gave me the start I needed in this breed. I also had the opportunity to import a dog from Japan from the Queen Bless Kennel, who became the PCA Golden Butterfly winner in 2005 and also won a Best in Show, with the help of co-owner and handler, Tammie Wilcox, Jareaux. Previous to that I was owner/breeder and handler of the Number 2 Papillon in 1999, AM/CN CH La Ren Smooth Talker.

Presently I am involved in breeding the Phalene. I have had them show up in my Papillon litters since 1991, so I decided to breed them intentionally - not an easy task. Proper drop ears are elusive but will provide future goals and challenges.

The health of this lovely breed is very important to me, and I hope that working together with the Genetics committee, we as breeders can ensure that our beloved Papillons continue to be known as a happy, healthy breed and a joy to own.