

SYDNEY ROYAL CAVY SHOW 2024 – JUDGES’ PROFILES

DONNA WRIGHT, Kalora Cavies - Queensland

I began this journey in 2008 with a couple of longhair pets until 12 months later I saw a picture of Hedon ‘Unique’, a sheltie exhibited by Peter Wright and I instantly fell in love.

In 2009, I registered Kolora Cavy Stud and are currently breeding and exhibiting Merinos, Coronets, Texels and my favourite, Shelties. I have since branched out into shorthaired breeds, exhibiting and breeding Self, Satin and Crested – Pink Eyed Whites, Dark Eyed Whites and Dark Eyed Creams along with Silver Agoutis and Lemon Agoutis.

My greatest achievements to date are winning ‘Best in Show’ and ‘Reserve in Show’ at the 2016 Queensland State Titles, with my Sheltie boar Qld Grand Champion Kolora ‘Sentinal’, winning ‘Best in Show’ and the gorgeous English Crested Pink Eyed White, The Spinney ‘Paper Orchid’, ‘Reserve in Show’. Later that year, ‘Sentinal’ again went on to win ‘Best in Show’ at the 2016 Australian National Cavy Show. And more recently I was awarded 4th Best in Show with my home bred Lemon Agouti Kolora ‘Milton’ at the 2019 National Cavy Show in Dubbo.



I began my judges training in 2014 almost where my journey began, under the mentorship of Peter Wright. I completed my training and was appointed a fully qualified ANCC Judge in September 2017. Since that time, I have had the pleasure of judging many shows within Australia including, Queensland, Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia as well as at the New Zealand National Cavy Show in 2019.

PETER WRIGHT, Hedon Cavies - Queensland



I started in cavies at the tender age of 10 in New Zealand with a couple of pets – MANY moons ago now! (50 years). I have bred and exhibited in all 7 groups and have excellent results at shows when I have exhibited myself and when owners of my cavies have exhibited them as well.

Currently I am breeding and exhibiting Selves in Golden, Beige and Slate as well as Peruvians & Alpacas under the breeding prefix of Hedon. I pride myself on the quality and reputation that my lines have gained over the years both here in Australia and in New Zealand.

With regards to my credentials, I commenced my Judges training in New Zealand in 1987 and since completing at the end of 1998 I have judged in New Zealand at various club shows including the NZ National and since migrating to Australia in December 1989 I have judged in ALL states at club level, State Championships and various Royal Agricultural shows – even the Northern Territory! I have judged at the Australian National 5 times – 1990, 1998, 2004, 2010 and 2016!

I have been a Cavy Judge for 36 years and I still get just as much enjoyment from that side of the fancy as I do from breeding and exhibiting. A couple of particular highlights in my judging experiences have been to judge at the wonderful International Nordic Championship show in Sweden with exhibitors from Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway – a fabulous experience especially when appointed head judge for the show and a week later judging at the prestigious Real London show. This will be my 3rd time judging cavies at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and I look forward to returning as a judge and again as an exhibitor in due course.