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**Conformation &
4-6mo.Beginner Puppy
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Cavaliers came to my life already in 1965 when my dad and I went to buy a pet from one of the first litters of Cavaliers born in Finland. As I became a keen horse girl and competitor in show jumping, I slowly grew interest in training and showing our pet. Campaigned her in 1971 to become a champion – I was just 14 years old then.

Keen to learn more and do more, I went to England and became a student of Mrs Amice Pitt, the Grand Lady of our breed. My first Cavaliers came from her, later also from Mrs Daphne Murray and Mrs Molly Coaker.

With school work and later university years, it was not very easy to combine dogs, breeding and showing. Studying for my Ph.D at New York University, I had a chance to meet Miss Spalding and was happy to get two dogs from her. This was back in the 80's and I campaigned Int Ch Kilspindie Secret Service – possibly the first American cavalier to win a title in Europe. Then it was time to start a family, then moving to Britain in 1996 where I had the lovely years of really immersing into the Cavalier world. As the only foreign member of the Cavalier Club's committee, I helped organize health events and also the first ever International conference.

Moving back to Finland in 2001 and having been Cavalier judge since 1986, I began to study other toy breeds, then terriers, etc. I have been an FCI all breeds judge since 2010 and judged in all continents. Some major appointments being Toy group at World Dog Show in Paris in 2011 and Richmond Ch show in 2016, Best in Show at Sydney Royal, Australia in 2016 and Helsinki Winner Show in 2016 with over 6000 entries.

I have been priviledged to award CCs to Cavaliers in their home country since 2001, all in all six times. I've bred some 60 Champions, health issues having allways been close to my heart, also soundness due to my horse back ground – but now I focus even more on preserving the Classic Cavalier – not over done but just right. I am looking forward your show. Thank you for having me!