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In spite of telling my mother at age 15 that I was going to raise cats and dogs, not kids—my first dog didn't enter my life till I was 32. Eleven years later my first AKC registered dog, a Golden Retriever, changed my life forever and I would



like to think the better. I had gotten hooked on author Susan Conant's Dog Lover's Mystery series books and like her heroine I trained him for obedience. We got a CD, but both found hunting tests far more agreeable. It was in 1993 I made my first pilgrimage to the Garden, with two friends and tickets to excellent seats for the Groups, provided by the late Rachel Page Elliott. It was a bitch by the name of Ch. Altana's Mystique, that sparked my interest in conformation. I wish I could say it was smooth trip down that road with Golden Retrievers, but it was anything but, so I began a search for a breed I could show myself and was known to be healthy.

It was at some shows in Virginia Beach, VA around 2000 or 2001 I saw my first Tibbies. How ironic that another author by the name of Susan would be my guide into the world of Tibetan Spaniels. I've been an active-owner-handler exhibitor and breeder of Tibbies since that first Tibbie entered my life in 2003.

In 2015 I was selected by the members of the Tibetan Spaniel Club of America, Inc. to judge the National Specialty Sweepstakes and that was the push I needed to submit my application to judge the breed.

PS My mother died with a Grandmother's Brag Book full of dog photos.

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