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For me it is really “a tale of a tail”. My parents had Cocker Spaniels when I was little and when I discovered Cavaliers in the late 1960’s, I was charmed by their diminutive size and by their long waving tails. I have now had and bred Cavaliers for 50 years.

I have bred/owned 122 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel champions. These dogs have won 34 All Breed BIS and 33 Specialty BIS both in Australia and overseas. Among the most notable were Australian & NZ Ch Elvenhome Buckthorn at one time the record holding Australian bred Cavalier, Aust & Am Ch Elvenhome Elrohir Top Cavalier USA 1998, BIS at the second National Specialty (a very proud moment for me!), Best of Breed Westminster Kennel Club 1999, and I am honoured to say Katie Eldred’s Can & Am Ch Elvenhome Boykinia, the last Cavalier owned by the doyen of our breed. More recently I was blessed to have bred Finnish, Estonian, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, F.C.I. International Ch & Australian Supreme Ch Elvenhome Finlandia, an All Breed Best in Show winner in both Finland and Australia.

Since 1978 my dogs have won the NSW Cavalier Club annual Trophies for Stud Dog 9 times, Brood Bitch 16 times, Senior Point Score 14 times and Junior Point Score 11 times. I am a Life Member and Patron of the CKCSC of NSW.

I have been judging since 1980 and am now licensed A.N.K.C. AKC and FCI All Breed judge. I first judged Cavaliers in the UK in 1981, first awarding CCs in 1985 and a number of times since then. In 2010 I was very honoured to judge dogs at the UK Cavalier Club very special show held at the ancestral home of our breed, Blenheim Palace. It was an experience to live in the memory. I have judged many breed specialties internationally, including the Swedish Cavalier Club, Dutch Cavalier Club, Canadian Cavalier Club National and numerous breed club shows in America. It has been a great honour to judge the ACKCSC National Specialty twice, in 2003 and the 20th Anniversary National 2014.

All those years ago, little did I know how Cavaliers would change my life. I am forever grateful to them for their love and companionship and for opening doors to great friendships and experiences.

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Elvenhome Cavaliers