

## Adrian Dornford-Smith



I was introduced to the joy of dogs by my partner Rachel and had my first dog only fifteen years ago when I was thirty five. Kya was a Tibetan Terrier and was just over the height for large. He was a plucky Agility competitor and I believe he might have been the first (and possibly only) Tibetan Terrier to get to grade six Large, (unless you know differently!). He also got his Beginners Excellent award in Obedience and his Gold Good Citizen award. I am very proud of him and miss him.

I now have two dogs, Cockle (grade five) another Tibetan Terrier, and Lita (grade four) a Spanish Water Dog. Both have their Bronze Agility Warrants and Gold Good Citizen awards. They were both bred by Rachel and myself. We are Kennel Club Assured Breeders and also enjoy breed showing.

I have been judging Agility for six years. I also judge Obedience, Breed judge and I am a Good Citizen examiner.

Our dogs are our companions, who we love doing all sorts of canine activities with. My favourite is Agility and I love the feeling I (sometimes!) get when you are working as a team with your dog, flying smoothly over a well thought out course.

I am the Web master of Agility NI which lists all Agility competitions in Northern Ireland, so if you ever find yourself over the water, please do come along to an event and get in touch.

I passionately believe that Agility is for all dogs of all standards and levels of commitment of handlers. I believe this is its future and current success. Thus I believe that the views of all agility handlers should be represented to the Kennel Club to keep the sport we all love, the fun and rewarding activity it is.