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DEWMIST

GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

The following 42 pages feature this world renowned kennel's history, past achievements and current hopefuls.

Pictured are Sh Ch Dewmist Divalicious with breeder Henric Fryckstrand.
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How to begin the Dewmist Tale

ell, to start from the very beginning I wasn't born in a so-called doggy family, quite the contrary. We did however have a Standard

Wire Dachshund when I was a toddler. Sadly it was discovered that I was very allergic to dogs which meant we could not keep the dog. It was obvious that I was an animal lover from an early age, but a dog was out of the question. Instead, we had guinea pigs, tortoises, birds, fish and mice. However this didn't make up for not having a dog.

Needless to say, I was heartbroken not being able to have a dog which was my dream.

My parents talked to the Swedish Kennel Club seeking advice if there were any breeds that were not so predominant for allergy. The advice was to contact breeders of Poodles or Terriers. This we did, but I was very allergic to those breeds as well.

I was incredibly sad and continued walking the neighbours' dogs after school as many kids do who can't have a dog of their own. One of our neighbours had two Welsh Springer Spaniels and one Golden Retriever.

At the time I was reading Enid Blyton's books about "The Famous Five" which I loved. The dog in the story was a Golden Retriever named "Tim". After reading those books I knew it was a Golden Retriever I wanted.



Ch Dainty's Bachelor Girl

After learning as much as possible about allergy my parents contacted a specialist in Stockholm who did several tests on me. This was towards the end of 60's and the specialists had started to perform hyper-sensibilisation. This meant daily injections which were later followed by weekly treatment and then monthly injections. I was to have 200 injections before even thinking of bringing a puppy home. I continued having those monthly injections for five years.

My mother contacted one of the pioneer breeders in Sweden who had started with Golden Retrievers in 1953. This was Mona Lilliehöök of the famous affix Apport. I will never forget the first time we visited her kennel just south of Stockholm. This was in 1967. I was full of anticipation and thrilled to meet the dogs and look at puppies. However,

we were told that the waiting list for a female was about two years! Two years when you are a child is like a lifetime...



Ch Apports Angelique

When I had had my 200 injections, we found a puppy from another breeder. My first dog arrived in 1968 and she was actually born on my birthday. Her name was Lady. It was like a dream come true. We did obedience, tracking and plenty of training together. I took her to a few dog shows with not very good results. Later it was discovered she had very bad hip dysplasia, but she lived till old age. My interest for showing was a fact and I realized Lady was simply not a show dog at all.

In 1969 I worked for a short time as a kennel boy at another well-known kennel of the time. This was Ylva Braunerhjelm's famous kennel Sandemar. I learnt so much about dogs, breeding, pedigrees, looking at puppies etc.

After another contact with Mona Lilliehöök she promised me a puppy who arrived in May 1971. Her name was Ch Apports Angelique. The same year I also bought Ch Dainty's Bachelor Girl, bred by Filip Johnsson from his second litter ever. Both bitches were closely related and from the lineage of the famous Camrose and Stubblesdown kennels in the UK. These two bitches became my foundation and can now be found 15 generations behind some of my dogs of today. I am forever grateful to these two breeders for support and teaching me so much about breeding.

Both Angelique and Bachelor Girl were sound in all respects and at their debuts in the showring they both won the CC much to my delight and surprise.

The feeling when going home with a first ever CC and BOB with a 12-month-old junior was just unbelievable. The successes in the show ring continued and soon my dream was to have a champion.

To get a champion title in Sweden you needed a 2nd prize at a field trial plus the obligatory three CCs. When the two bitches were 18 months old, I took them to a field trial session held by one of the best trainers of the time. I wanted to get his opinion of their capacity to possibly have some success at field trials. One of the girls, Angelique,

was not keen to retrieve in water while the other girl was more positive about this new project. I could only train one of them which I did.

After several training courses over a period of three years Bachelor Girl managed the required merit to be a Swedish champion. She became the 3rd bitch ever in Sweden to get her International and Nordic champion title. Angelique won her champion title in Norway as the Norwegian rules didn't require a field trial award.

I was as proud as punch!

The first Dewmist Litter

The first Dewmist litter was born in 1973. Angelique was mated to a grandson of the legendary Ch Camrose Cabus Christopher, which meant linebreeding to the well-known Camrose dogs.

When Bachelor Girl had her first litter the year after I used Davern Fergus, a UK import, who had two Camrose parents. This was again linebreeding which is something I have always believed in to get consistency of type and quality.

I visited Crufts for the first time in 1972, when it was held in Olympia in London. I was overwhelmed by the number and the quality of the dogs. I decided I wanted to try to import a male. He won his Norwegian title in three shows, but sadly had awfully bad hips so was obviously never bred from. My next import had cataract. So, my idea of importing a nice male didn't turn out so well in the beginning.

When I graduated from school in 1974, I lived in England for a length of time to study dogs. I went to numerous shows, visited kennels and tried to learn as much as possible about Golden Retrievers and British dogdom.

It was during this period that I was driving to one of the Scottish shows together with one of my English friends when we came up with my prefix. It was an early morning and it was a lot of DEW but also quite MISTY, hence the name DEWMIST.

My two mentors of the time, Marigold Timson of Gyrima fame and Hazel Hinks of the iconic Styal kennel both took me under their wings. They were so generous and helped me so much over the years to come.

I will never forget all the marvellous breeders I met and all the fantastic dogs of the era I had the chance to see.

I also went to numerous field trials to understand how a retriever should work and what they were meant to do. Also, the importance of correct construction to be able to perform a day's work in the field. Not to forget the double coat of the correct texture.



Since then, I have been a frequent visitor to the English soil but more about this later.

I was very lucky to own Gyrima Moongleam, who was a son of the famous Ch Nortonwood Faunus from his first mating in 1976. The mother was Ch Gyrima Pipparetta, this was a half-brother and sister mating to Ch Camrose Cabus Christopher. Moongleam was a very dominant stud dog and was a perfect complement to the line I had newly started. A few years later I imported Ch Gyrima Zacharias. It was rewarding to see how well Zacharias suited Moongleam daughters and several champions were made up. The type that emerged was just my cup of tea. I took Zacharias

Gyrima Moongleam



to some field trials but he never got his Swedish title, but won his Norwegian title.

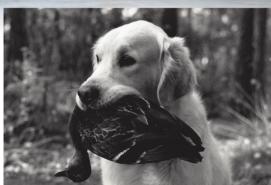


Ch Dewmist Chrysander



Ch Dewmist Corindabella

In 1977 I imported Nortonwood Jasamanda. She was from Christopher's last litter. She whelped a lovely litter in 1980. My choice of stud was a son of Ch Camrose Fabius Tarquin, the lovely Ch Noravon Lucius who lived in Norway. Again, close linebreeding which resulted in Ch Dewmist Chrysander, owned by Karin Eriksson. He was the first Swedish bred Golden Retriever to win Best in Show at an all-breed Ch Show. He was only 18



months of age when the much-admired Mr Hans Lehtinen saw his potential and awarded Chrysander his first top win. He went on to win many Groups over the years. I am especially proud of him as he also had a 1st prize at Field Trials, which was something quite difficult to achieve. A wonderful Best in Show winning daughter was Ch Dewmist Corindabella. Her daughter Dewmist Cloudburst introduced a new blood line for



Ch Gyrima Zacharias

Xanthos kennel in the UK. Another daughter and granddaughter were Ch Dewmist Constellation and Ch Dewmist Castellina

Karin Eriksson and I imported a few stud dogs during the 80's. The two most prolific stud dogs were Styal Samarkand and Ch Sansue Golden Arrow. These imports had two very well-known brothers in the UK, Ch Styal Scott of Glengilde and Ch Sansue Golden Ruler. Both Samarkand and Arrow contributed by adding further successes for many breeders in Scandinavia and for my Dewmist line. Karin also campaigned Arrow at field trials, so he achieved his Swedish champion title.

The Samarkand granddaughter Ch Dewmist Deirdre Dee kept the flag flying at home and she is behind many winners of today. Three famous grandsons were Canadian Ch Dewmist Davenport who was exported to the Kyon kennel in Canada and became a most influential stud dog. Dewmist Dallingho was campaigned in the US to his American champion title by his owner Donald Sturz.

Dewmist Dawn Flight, born in 1990, won several 1st prizes at Field Trials and was very close to getting his Field Trial Champion title in Denmark.



Ch Dewmist Deirdre Dee

A hallmark in my breeding

In 1985 I used Arrow on one of my Zacharias' daughters and I got a lovely litter of five champions. This litter had immense importance in my breeding as several of the bitches were bred on to produce further champions, especially Ch Dewmist Santinella, owned by the Solstrimman kennel in north Sweden, I kept Ch Dewmist Solitaire. Herself a big winner and will be remembered for her lovely progeny.

Ch Dewmist Swinging On A Star



Her son, Ch Dewmist Swinging On A Star, twice won the Swedish Club Show and was also Best In Show at an all breeds Champ show in 1999. An important Solitaire daughter was Ch Dewmist Shade of Pale who carried the line to further successes and became the mother of several champions including Ch Dewmist Silveretta.

The sister Ch Dewmist Silverinda achieved her Canadian champion title while her owner, Ulrika Zetterfeldt, was working in Canada.

The granddaughter Ch Dewmist
Starcadia became the mother of several
champions, especially Ch Dewmist Star of the
Blue Hope who was exported to Budapest.
She had a lovely career including BOB at the
World show in Salzburg 2012. She was always
shown and handled by Zsolt Hano. A top winning
son of hers is Ch Dewmist Hope of Harlequin who
also lives in Hungary while Ch Dewmist Highway
of Hope won his Australian title.



Ch Styal Sheer Scandal

1993 saw the arrival of Ch Styal Sheer Scandal who was closely linebred to the Styal dogs and contributed to further successes as did Ch Marjamez Masterpiece who joined my team in 1997. Masterpiece was a son of Ch Elswood The Highlander.

These two stud dogs were important during that decade. In 2001 they were joined by Ch Telkaro Diamond Dust a son of Ch Erinderry Diamond Edge of Glenavis, another good producer.

Ch Dewmist Santiago, a Sheer Scandal son, was exported to Belgium and was a dual-purpose dog as he also had field trial awards together with all his show merits.

His sister Ch Dewmist Savannah and the granddaughter Ch Dewmist Shaquille became very important in my breeding. The next generation saw Ch Dewmist Serenella making her debut in the UK 2004 winning the CC & BOB with



Ch Dewmist Shaquille



Ch Dewmist Starcadia, Ch Dewmist Star of Africa, Ch Dewmist Glamourizer and lying down Ch Dewmist Silverinda.

co-owner Yvette Mannings of Gatchell fame.
Serenellas siblings did very well as Ch Dewmist
Satellite in the Netherlands was an important stud
dog. The same goes for Ch Dewmist Servantes in
Belgium and Ch Dewmist Samsonite was
campaigned in Australia. In Hungary
Ch Dewmist Serendica was good brood bitch.
Shaquille produced 12 champions.



Ch Dewmist Solitaire

In 1999 I had the pleasure to lease
Ch Kulawand Rainbow Man from his
breeders Sandy and Bob Lane. He arrived in
December one week before the well-known
Stockholm International show. He made a
fantastic debut by winning BOB, Best Gundog and
BIS 3 out of nearly 7000 dogs. During the following
year he won numerous Group wins and was Top
Gundog in Sweden before he returned to the UK.



Ch Dewmist Savannah,
CH Dewmist Shade of Pale and
CH Dewmist Corindabella



Ch Styal Silksilla



Ch Styal Silksilla

Ch Styal Silksilla was born 1998 and came to be one of the brightest stars of my kennel. Not only did she have the most fabulous character but from day one she was a star. She won her first CC at one year of age and finished her career in style at the age of 10 years winning BOB at the World Dog Show in Stockholm 2008. There was a record entry with over 300 entries. Judges were Anne Woodcock and Margaret Woods. Silksilla was also Best in Show at our club show during the same weekend. I always take great pride in winning with my veterans but always stop at the top. What an amazing career she had!

She was Top Gundog and amongst top dogs all breeds in 2001.

In December 2004 she won the Gundog group at the Stockholm show and was 4th Best in Show. She won 12 Groups and one of the highlights was being awarded Best in Show at an all-breed KC show.

She was also a marvellous brood bitch and the mother of 13 champions. The most shining star was Ch Dewmist Silk Screen who lived in Hungary and was handled by Zsolt Hano to Group wins at the Euro and World shows. He was one of the top winning Goldens ever in Europe with multiple Best in Shows. Silk Screen finished his career with BOB and Group 4 and Best Veteran in Show all breeds at 11 years at the World show in Milan 2015.



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Ch Styal Silksilla

In Silksilla's first litter four of the males achieved their titles. Ch Dewmist Silkmarillion spent a year in Spain winning BOBs as well as in Gibraltar. Ch Dewmist Silkventure, a lovely show dog but above all a very sound stud dog siring many winners as did his son Ch Dewmist Side By Side who also competed successfully winning numerous Freestyle titles for his owner Kerstin Eklund.



Ch Dewmist Silkventure

Two well-known sisters of Side by Sides were Ch Dewmist Singin in the Rain and Ch Dewmist Sweet Charity. Ch Dewmist Glitter'n Glamour was shown in Sweden and Ch Dewmist Glitter'n Glance was campaigned in Iceland.

My third bitch line was thus established from Silksilla. Her most famous daughter was



Ch Dewmist Silky Rainbow

Ch Dewmist Silky Rainbow and she has together with the granddaughter Ch Dewmist Rainfall and her newly crowned great granddaughter Ch Dewmist Single Rain carried the line to further successes. The Silky Rainbow sons Ch Dewmist Rainbow Warrior in Belgium and Ch Dewmist Rainbow Quest in Portugal have been successfully used at stud.

" Finn "



Ch Erinderry Gaelic Minstrel, Ch Dewmist Shaquille & Ch Dewmist Silksilla

Another dog whose impact is unquestionable was Ch Erinderry Gaelic Minstrel, "Finn", who came to me at the age of four. He was born 1999 in Ireland at the home of Catherine and Alex Collins. He was tightly linebred and a son of the well-known Ch Erinderry Diamond Edge of Glenavis.

When I saw him for the first time it was instant admiration for "Finn". The plan was that he was going to be in Sweden for maybe a year. Much to my delight and the generosity of his breeders he was a gift to me and stayed with me till old age. A truly loveable dog and a most brilliant stud dog as well. His legacy will forever be remembered. When mated to Silksilla it resulted in six champions. The above-mentioned Silk Screen and his brother in Poland Ch Dewmist Silk Symphony were both sons of his. Another sibling was Ch Dewmist

Ch Erinderry Gaelic Minstrel



Silk'n Satin who produced one of recent years' top winning dogs, Ch Dewmist Sympatico, born in 2012. Another successful sister was Ch Dewmist Silk'n Sequins. Gaelic Minstrel was also the sire of the champions siblings Dewmist Serrano and Serendipity. The brother Ch Dewmist Servantes

" Down Under "



Painted by Artur Walter

Ch Ralun Versace

who was exported to Belgium. Ch Dewmist Sunsprite was another daughter who had plenty of successes. Ch Dewmist Silverling was exported to the Chaleur kennel in Australia and has been a fabulous brood bitch. In Sweden Ch Dewmist Star of India and Ch Dewmist Star of Africa were campaigned to their titles.

I also exported the "Finn" daughter Ch Dewmist Glitterissa to Ireland and the Erinderry kennel where she won her Irish title while I kept Ch Dewmist Glitterinda.



Ch Ralun Versace

When judging in Perth 2007, Western Australia, I had the pleasure of judging an outstanding junior dog who later became an Australian Champion. This was Ralun Versace and he came to Sweden at the age of four. History repeats itself as the plan was, as with Gaelic Minstrel, he was staying here for a year. The breeder of "Cabus" was Robyn Peirce and she later gave him to me as a present and he lived till he was 15,5 years. A charming dog in all respects and a true gentleman. My constant companion and always slept next to my bed.



Ch Dewmist Storm From Above

He did a lot of winning including BIS at Retriever shows and twice Top Golden of the Year. His daughter Ch Endicott Pearl of Pearls was handled to plenty of top awards by Fanny Hellström. This lovely daughter came to be my fourth bitch line. She had an all-British background despite having an Australian born father. She only had one litter and I imported chilled semen from Ch Dewmist Silk Screen and kept Ch Dewmist Storm From Above. The "Cabus" son Ch Dewmist Sandyville was exported to Israel where he has made a great impact on the breeding.

The great grandson of Pearl of Pearls, Ch Dewmist Taste of Adventure, was crowned at the age of two years in 2021 as were his brothers Ch Dewmist Taste of Splendour in Norway and Ch Dewmist Taste of the Wild in Poland.

Ch Dewmist Leading Lady



Ch Dewmist Leading Lady

"A lovely bitch who appealed for her lovely typical head and expression, correct length of neck with good shoulder placement, level topline, strong quarters with good turn of stifle. Moved with drive covering the ground well. She was handled and presented to perfection. A real quality golden and I was delighted to give her the CC in a large and quality entry" Anne Falconer - Crufts 2008

Ch Dewmist Leading Lady, a granddaughter of Ch Dewmist Savannah, won the bitch CC at Crufts 2008 under Anne Falconer and she was handled by Ulrika Zetterfeldt. Lady created history by being the first Continental bred Golden Retriever to win the CC at this prestigious show. Lady was also best bitch at the Euro show under Tamas Jakkel in Budapest the same year. She had a phenomenal career during her entire life.

Lady produced 15 champions in three litters, but her very best litter was born 2010 when my ultimate choice for her was a lovely male in Spain. Ch Ritzilyn Rick 'O Shay was a UK import and an excellent stud dog whom I had judged a few times since puppyhood. I was incredibly lucky as the owners came to Sweden with him for the mating and it resulted in eight puppies. I kept Ch Dewmist Lawrence of Arabia and Ch Dewmist Lady of Arcadia. I am extremely proud as all the siblings won their show champion titles. Quite a record!

Ch Dewmist Lure of the Circus was campaigned in Norway and Ch Dewmist Lost in la Mancha lived in Denmark. Lady of Arcadia had a litter by A.l. from earlier mentioned Silkventure and four of the six puppies were titled. The only male, Ch Dewmist Lexington, has been shown in Norway and in South Africa Ch Dewmist Lextravaganza won her champion title.



Ch Dewmist Lexitude was crowned at nearly 8 years at the Swedish club show 2021 and finished the day by winning Best in Show.

An amazing brood bitch

One outstanding daughter of Lawrence of Arabia was Ch Dewmist Diversity who besides being a top winner in the showring made me very proud as she was an outstanding brood bitch. Her brother Ch Dewmist Dalrymple was exported to Japan and has had an amazing career and been a superb stud dog for his owner and helped to establish the English type.

When Diversity was going to be bred for the first time, I decided to use the Top stud dog all breeds in the UK. I drove to Wales to use the Spanish import, Sh Ch Zampanzar Say it Again Shardanell. He was a grandson of my Gaelic Minstrel.



Ch Dewmist Lawrence Of Arabia

Diversity had 11 puppies. Ten of them won their champion titles and the 11th sibling won a CC. I am immensely proud of this remarkable litter. The litter was born in 2014 and to mention a few of them are the brothers Ch Dewmist Dawson Creek and Ch Dewmist Dante's Peak who have won many BOBs over the years. The sisters Ch Dewmist Darwinsky, Ch Dewmist Diplomacy and Ch Dewmist Divinity have also done a lot of winning in various countries. CH Dewmist Cape Reinga is group winning daughter of Dante's Peak.

Ch Dewmist Diversity and her two daughters Ch Dewmist Darwinsky & Ch Dewmist Duplicity





Ch Dewmist Diversity

In Norway Ch Dewmist Double Jeopardy has been a top stud dog and Ch Dewmist Duplicity has kept the flag flying in Finland both as a showgirl and as a brood bitch. Ch Dewmist Dare Devil won his title in Canada. I repeated the mating and I kept Ch Dewmist Delicacy.

When Diversity was mated in Finland to Ch Zampanzar Sweet Seconds a few years later it resulted in the champion sisters Dewmist Divalicious, Dewmist Devonesque and Dewmist Dignitaire. Diversity is so far the proud mother of 17 champions.

In 2014 the siblings Ch Zampanzar Step in Time and his sister Zampanzar Just in Time arrived from Spain, being grandchildren of my Gaelic Minstrel. Step in Time has proved to be a valuable stud dog with numerous of champion progeny here and abroad. Also, the sister Just in Time is the mother of champions and has been good for my breeding. She introduced my 5th bitch line.



Ch Zampanzar Step In Time and Ch Dewmist Divalicious

Icing on the cake

When I started judging almost 35 years ago it opened new horizons to my breeding. I am honoured to have been invited to judge wonderful dogs all over the globe who have given me excellent input when breeding. I am licenced to judge all Gundogs and have several times been to Australia, New Zealand, North America and all over Europe and also in South Africa. Judging BOB at the US National in Colorado in 2010 was an absolute thrill. The same goes for the two Canadian Nationals I have judged.

I am most honoured to have judged several times in the UK since my first open show back in 1981. I have up to date judged Golden Retriever 10 times with CCs in the UK including bitches at Crufts 2011. The knowledge about various dogs and the development in the breed over the years have been most valuable. This also applies to the other gundog breeds.



Ch Dewmist Sympatico

One of the very first dogs that really filled my eye when judging was the lovely Ch Standfast Angus who was bred in the UK but lived in the Netherlands. A fantastic stud dog and in 1993 I imported chilled semen from him and I kept his son Ch Dewmist Sacramento. A few years later I judged a lovely young dog in Norway. This was Ch Shanlimore Baronet, another UK import with excellent pedigree. The earlier mentioned Ch Dewmist Swinging On A Star was a son of his

and in Italy his sister Ch Dewmist Sky is the Limit was successful.

In Spain I judged the impressive Ch Ritzilyn Rick O'Shay. He was a wonderful stud dog who sired a super litter of 8 champions in 2010, see above.

The same year I used the stunning Ch Ashbury Angel Heart who lived in France. I was privileged to judge him a few times and again I was blessed with a few lovely champions and Ch Dewmist Glamourizer was a group winner in Sweden. The Angel Heart son, Ch Mad About You de Ria Vela, who lived in Spain was a magnificent dog I had previously judged and he was also a great producer.

In 2012 I used him and kept his son Ch Dewmist Sympatico. I also imported a son of Mad About de Ria Vela, Ch Xanthos Machiavelli.

Through judging, I have come across beautiful dogs and met talented breeders in many corners of the world. Imports have arrived and not only from the UK but also from Europe and as far away as Australia.

A.I. has also played a huge part of my success as I have imported chilled or frozen semen from abroad

Highlights

Some highlights that stand out over the years must be when one of my foundation bitches. Ch Apports Angelique won Best in Show as a veteran at the famous Spaniel and Retriever show in 1978 under the legendary Joe Braddon. The same year she also won the gundog group under L.C. James.

I am very proud of my three BEST IN SHOW winners at all breed championship shows. First out in 1982 was Ch Dewmist Chrysander, Ch Dewmist Swinging On A Star was BIS in 1999 and Ch Styal Silksilla was BIS in 2001.

Silksilla finished her career at 10 years of age by winning BIS at the Swedish club show and BOB at the World Dog Show in Stockholm in 2008 where both she and Ch Erinderry Gaelic Minstrel won the Veteran World Winner titles. Ch Dewmist World of Spice was Junior World Winner.

When Ch Dewmist Stravinsky was 2nd in Open Class at Crufts 2004 judged by Valerie Foss, he was the first Swedish Golden Retriever ever shown in the UK.





Ch Dewmist Swingin On A Star

Ch Dewmist Serenella was the first overseas bitch to win a CC & BOB in the UK judged by Audrey Richardson in 2004. At the World dog show in Germany 2003 Serenella was Junior World Winner out of 91 junior bitches judged by Kari Järvinen.



Ch Dewmist Serenella with the late Yvette Mannings

At the Euro show in Austria 2005 Ch Dewmist Silk Screen won the Junior World Winner title and became BIS-2 Junior all breeds.

Ch Dewmist Leading Lady created history in 2008 being the first Continental bred Golden to win the CC at Crufts under judge Anne Falconer.





Ch Dewmist Silk Screen

2008 Ch Dewmist Silk Screen was BOB with the brother Ch Dewmist Silk Symphony as runner up. Ch Dewmist Leading Lady was BOS.

In Slovakia 2009 at the World Dog Show Ch Dewmist Silk Screen was BOB and won the Gundog Group.

Something I am especially proud is when the Dewmist breeders group at the World Dog Show in Denmark 2010 was awarded Best in Show among all the competing groups judged by Marianne Holm-Hansen. Ch Dewmist Glitterinda was Junior World Winner.



Ch Dewmist Silk Screen was BOB and 2nd in the Gundog group at the World Dog Show in Paris 2011.

The World Dog Show in Austria 2012 saw
Ch Dewmist Star of the Blue Hope winning BOB
while her son Ch Dewmist Hope of Harlequin was
the Junior World Winner.

In Italy at the World Dog Show 2015 Ch Dewmist Silk Screen ended his outstanding career at 11 years winning BOB and 4th in the group and BIS veteran.

At the Euro show in Brussels 2016 Ch Dewmist Sympatico topped the breed.

Dewmist dogs have also been successful at tracking, obedience, freestyle, nosework and several have field trial awards.

The Dewmist kennel have since 2001 been the top show kennel in Sweden.

At the time of writing 221 champions are owned or bred here with nearly 1300 CCs and countless BOBs.

Dewmist dogs have won champion titles in more than 50 countries.

I am one of the founder members of the GRC of Sweden in 1973.

Over the years I have held seminars for breed clubs in many countries ie, in Europe but also Australia, Canada, Argentina and Israel.

It has been a sheer delight and honour to have been asked to write a few articles for Valerie Foss' excellent books about our lovely breed.

The Hamilton Plaque is the highest merit a breeder in Sweden can achieve. This is a once-in-a-lifetime award for a breeder. In 2013 my kennel was awarded the Hamilton Plaque for outstanding achievement as a breeder.

I am deeply honoured the Swedish KC considered me for this wonderful accolade.

Teamwork

I consider myself incredibly lucky as I have a wonderful team of friends both in Sweden and overseas having dogs from my breeding. They look after their dogs in the best of ways and campaign them to many successes in various fields.

It would be quite impossible to achieve what the Dewmist dogs have done over the years without these wonderful friends. I am so grateful for what they have done and the support they have shown me in so many ways during these years.

Nowadays internet has made the world so much smaller. We can easily communicate with breeders from far away. My advice to newer breeders is to visit the country of origin as in no other country is there greater depth of quality in Golden Retrievers than in the UK.

I am proud to have been a mentor to a few breeders of the younger generation. I believe the mentors are paramount and we are all here to help each other to improve our breed in every way we can. I had first-class mentors when I started. They gave me so much support which has been a help ever since when breeding.

I am delighted that many of my exports have over the years been both successful and left a contribution to overseas breeders in well in over 50 countries. The possibility of exporting chilled or frozen semen has certainly opened new horizons and progeny of my stud dogs can be found in many parts of the world.

Breeding

I have always believed in type- and linebreeding as my mentors in the early 70's taught me. This is something I have always done as it has worked so very well for me. When I am looking for a new stud dog to complement my line, I want the stud dog to be of at least 25% of the same phenotype or genotype as my bitches. My motto is to have no boundaries when choosing a stud dog wherever he lives. I have never used the "flavour of the month".

I have only once done a total outcross and for me it didn't work out the way I expected.

In many breeds there are plenty of health issues, also in Golden Retrievers, which you must take into consideration when breeding. The soundness and character are paramount of course. It is necessary to know the background and the dogs you are linebreeding to. Studying pedigrees is so important.

Breeding is trial and error and breeding dogs is certainly an art and a passion.

Anybody can breed dogs, but being a BREEDER is a different thing altogether.

You need "green fingers" and talent combined with dedication and "lady luck". You must never forget the dogs must be fit to function. Sometimes you make bad decisions which many of us have experienced over the years. Then you must put your thinking cap on and try to understand why things went wrong. To always be humble and never too old to learn is something you must remember as well. The strength of any kennel is the bitch line and I am lucky to have five different bitch lines which have worked out so well for me. I sometimes combine them, but I also have them separate.

Besides the breeding part it is also of utmost importance to have the correct condition on the dogs. We should never forget that nutrition and grooming is the only thing we can influence on a daily basis. At kennel Dewmist we have been feeding Eukanuba many years ever since it arrived on the Swedish market. I have been extremely pleased and the dogs love it. The puppies grow well and combined with condition and grooming it is a winning concept.

I am forever thankful for the incredible support and encouragement I have had from so many British breeders. The appreciation the Dewmist dogs have achieved from well-established and famous judges from all over the world have been most encouraging and kept me going over the years.

A big thank you from the bottom of my heart.

"Showing is a game, breeding is an art!"

Fun facts...

That Golden Retrievers have attracted families all over the globe for decades is a well-known fact. The Royal family of Spain is no exception and they had their first Golden Retrievers in the 70's. Some were imported from North America but also from the top kennels in the UK. They imported a couple of Styal bitches from Hazel Hinks in the mid 70's. I was quite a surprised when they wanted to import a male from my breeding. I will never forget the day when I met the King and Queen's handler Senor Pando, the chief executive of IBERIA, the Spanish ambassador at Stockholm airport. This was in the beginning of the 90's. I was there to bring Dewmist Smile 'n Laughter (a Styal Samarkand son) as he was being exported. He later was campaigned to his Spanish title and he was used a few times at stud.

Another special moment is having flown in a one or a two-engine private plane to various dog shows, especially to the west and the north coast of Norway was a treat.

One of my friends had a plane and wanted more hours in the air. It was awesome with a 2-3-hour flight to the dog show instead of being in the car for 18-20 hours, one-way! We left in the early morning and back in the evening. The dogs travelled so well. A really fantastic experience! I remember once when we got stuck in Helsinki as a snowstorm had arrived during the day of the show. The pilot said we had to stay overnight. We didn't even have a toothbrush! A lovely friend put



us up for the night and the next morning it was lovely sunshine and we got home safe and sound.

In 1983 I organized a much-appreciated trip to the UK for 25 Scandinavian breeders. This included a visit to the club show which had a huge quality entry.

Another highlight was visiting the famous Holway field trial kennel and seeing the owners working their dogs. We also went to various seminars about health issues, grooming, breed history and by kind invitation we also visited a few kennels which was exciting. There was also time for greyhound racing, sightseeing, musicals and shopping!

Because of various circumstances the earlier mentioned Ch Dewmist Diversity came back to me after having spent the first 18 months with Ragnhild Ulin the owner of the famous Almanza Flat Coated Retriever kennel. We have been friends since we were in our teens. She had asked me several times for a puppy so when I felt a had a really promising puppy I gave her Diversity. I was more than happy to get her back as she was a wonderful bitch in all respects and an amazing brood bitch with 17 progeny winning their show champion titles.

Last but not least, my partner in crime for almost 20 years, Sjoerd Jobse, has with his enthusiasm contributed and enriched my life and breeding in more than one way. To be able to share the life of a breeder and our hobby with somebody who has the same dedication is wonderful. Our lives also include travelling, theatre and various other things that make life worth living. We now also have a couple of energetic Irish Red Setters in the household and they are a joy to live with.

Pictured are Sjoerd & Henric



Just because of the dogs ...

I enjoy life every day

I have met many wonderful people

I have seen numerous places in the world

I have made friends for life

I never have a dull moment

I have had the pleasure to work with Anna Szabo on this project

I would like to thank all my friends for being part of this journey

I am able to extend my thanks to the Our Dogs Team for this opportunity

YOU are able to read the Dewmist Tale

Special thanks to Ulrika Zetterfeldt for portraying so many of the dogs in the Dewmist Tale.





SH CH DEWMIST LAWRENCE OF ARABIA & SH CH DEWMIST LADY OF ARCADIA

(Sh Ch Ritzilyn Rick O'Shay x Sh Ch Dewmist Leading Lady)

Gunilla Granath & Helmuth Gretzer, Sweden





SH CH DEWMIST GLITTER'N GLAMOUR & SH CH DEWMIST CAPE REINGA

(Sh Ch Dewmist Silkventure x Sh Ch Dewmist Glitterinda) (Sh Ch Dewmist Dante's Peak x Sh Ch Dewmist Cape of Good Hope)

Ulrika Zetterfeldt, Sweden - Kennel Silversign www.silversign.se



Full of quality and breed type

SH CH DEWMIST TASTE OF ADVENTURE

(Sh Ch Zampanzar Hemingway Daiquiri x Dewmist Stormtastique)



Beauty comes with age and stays even at ... 13 years!

SH CH DEWMIST RAINFALL

(Sh Ch Kephles Keep In Touch x Sh Ch Dewmist Silky Rainbow)



The strength of a kennel is in its bitches

SH CH DEWMIST SINGLE RAIN

(Sh Ch Zampanzar Step In Time x Sh Ch Dewmist Rainfall)

SH CH DEWMIST RAINFALL

(Sh Ch Kephles Keep In Touch x Sh Ch Dewmist Silky Rainbow)



DEWMIST LARISSA

(Sh Ch Summeramba Last Orders x Sh Ch Dewmist Diversity)

SH CH DEWMIST DAVALINDA

(Sh Ch Sunny Delight's Say It Out Loud x Sh Ch Dewmist Lady of the Lake)

Signe Sangnaes, Norway - Kennel Bildvin www.bildvin.com



The youth is the future

JUNIOR SH CH & JWW'21 DEWMIST JUST A SPELL

(Sh Ch Endicott Hero x Zampanzar Just In Time)

Eszter Bardossy, Hungary - Kennel Shamrock www.shamrock.hu





A symmetrical powerful dog

SH CH DEWMIST DAWSON CREEK

(Sh Ch Zampanzar Say It Again Shardanell x Sh Ch Dewmist Diversity)

Annica Rydell, Sweden - Kennel Cloudwings www.cloudwingsgoldens.se



DEWMIST D'ARTAGNAN

(Sh Ch Zampanzar Say It Again Shardanell x Sh Ch Dewmist Diversity)

Helena Hellström & Fanny Hellström de Wolfe, Sweden - Kennel Heatwave www.heatwave.se



JUNIOR SH CH DEWMIST DIAMANTIQUE

(Sh Ch Dewmist Taste of Adventure x Sh Ch Dewmist Delicacy)

Piero Mastrolonardo, Italy - Kennel Much More www.muchmoregolden.it



SH CH DEWMIST STORM FROM ABOVE & DEWMIST STORMTASTIQUE

(Sh Ch Dewmist Silk Screen x Sh Ch Endicott Pearl of Pearls) (Sh Ch Dewmist Rainbow Quest x Sh Ch Dewmist Storm From Above)

Henric Fryckstrand & Christina Hammarström, Sweden www.dewmist.com



Keep looking forward but keep your feet on the ground

DEWMIST DYNAMIQUE

(Sh Ch Dewmist Taste of Adventure x Sh Ch Dewmist Delicacy)



Only life with a Golden is a life worthwhile

DEWMIST STORM'N BLIZZARD

(Sh Ch Zampanzar Step In Time x Sh Ch Dewmist Storm From Above)

Camilla Bäckman, Sweden - Kennel Gleska www.gleska.se



DEWMIST TIME TO TANGO

(Sh Ch Dewmist Dante's Peak & Zampanzar Just In Time)

DEWMIST DEVONIQUE

(Sh Ch Dewmist Taste of Adventure x Sh Ch Dewmist Delicacy)

Ann-Charlotte & Carolin Andersson, Sweden - Kennel Guldåkra kennel-guldakras.webnode.se



JUNIOR SH CH DEWMIST DECORATIVO

(Sh Ch Dewmist Sympatico x Sh Ch Dewmist Divalicious)

Kathy Braeckman & Brigitte Braeckman-Bracke, Belgium - Kennel Glitters & Golden Rose Bay www.Glitters.website www.goldenrosebays.be



SH CH DEWMIST LEXINGTON & SH CH DEWMIST DOUBLE JEOPARDY

(Sh Ch Dewmist Silkventure x Sh Ch Dewmist Lady of Arcadia) (Sh Ch Zampanzar Say It Again Shardanell x Sh Ch Dewmist Diversity)

Allan Tingstveit & Mona Skyrudshaugen, Norway - Kennel Dancewood www.dancewood.no





A great gentleman

SH CH DEWMIST DANTE'S PEAK

(Sh Ch Zampanzar Say It Again Shardanell x Sh Ch Dewmist Diversity)

Henric Fryckstrand and Margaretha Hedman, Sweden www.dewmist.com



SH CH DEWMIST TASTE OF THE WILD

(Sh Ch Zampanzar Hemingway Daiquiri x Dewmist Stormtastique)

Luiza Nilsson, Poland - Kennel Anarchia-Box FCI www.anarchia-box.com



SH CH DEWMIST GLAMOURIZER

(Sh Ch Ashbury Angel Heart x Sh Ch Dewmist Star of Africa)

Ann Britt & Ingvar Lavestedt, Sweden



(Sh Ch Zampanzar Sweet Seconds x Sh Ch Dewmist Diversity)

Astrid Darling, Sweden - Kennel Boisendale www.boisendale.se



There is a majestic grandeur in tranquillity

SH CH DEWMIST DUPLICITY

(Sh Ch Zampanzar Say It Again Shardanell x Sh Ch Dewmist Diversity)

Piia Serguskin & Marjo Jaakkola, Finland - Kennel Benton www.bentonwss-goldens.com



In the right light, at the right time, everything is extraordinary

CH DEWMIST DIXCALIBUR

(Sh Ch Zampanzar Step In Time x Sh Ch Dewmist Darwinsky)

CH DEWMIST RAIN OF MIRACLES

(Sh Ch Dewmist Lawrence of Arabia x Sh Ch Dewmist Rainfall)

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CH DEWMIST THUNDER'N LIGHTING

(Sh Ch Dewmist Dante's Peak x Zampanzar Just In Time)

Tuija Hellman, Finland - Kennel Filone tuija.filone@gmail.com



(Sh Ch Mad About You de Ria Vela x Sh Ch Dewmist Silk'n Satin) (Sh Ch Dewmist Sympatico x Sh Ch Dewmist Divalicious)

