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I grew up with dogs but the first dog I really owned (and who definitely owned me) came into my life in 1998 with Flat Coated Retriever Ben „ÖCH ÖVetCH Black Boy of Fridolin’s Flat“. Soon the second dog followed and I made first experiences at dogshows and working trials. I passed my hunting license in 2007 and since then also use my dogs for practical hunting from time to time.



2009 and 2010 I bred my first Flat Coated Retriever litters out of my Swiss foundation bitch „ÖJCH ÖCH Neala’s Diamond Tinkerbell“. Her granddaughter Sheena „ÖCH ÖJCH BJS-14 VDH-ES 15 Funstuff Creamy Vanilla-Latte“ as well as Penny „ÖJCH EUJW-13 BJS-13 VDH-FS-14 CS-14 Caci’s Love-Letter to Vienna“ who rushed into our lives like a storm in 2012 are the base of my breeding stock.

My dogs – four Flatcoats at the moment – live with me in the house and so do the puppies of all my litters. My other breeding bitches and home bred studdogs live with friends and I see them regularly.

I was member of the committee of the Austrian Retriever Club from 2003 until 2016, first as a Show secretary and from 2006 until 2016 I was responsible for the breeding of Flat Coated-, Chesapeake Bay-, Curly Coated- and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers in the Club.

In 2006 I became judge for character and abilities tests for retrievers and in 2011 I became FCI Show judge. I am fluent in German (my native language), English and French and I am also able to judge in these languages.

Before my daughters Nina (2006) and Emma (2010) were born, I worked as a software supporter and network administrator. Now – as I want to work at home – I do bookkeeping, a bit of webdesign and financial management.

I am an active member in various breed- and hunting clubs in Austria and abroad.

I love showing and working my dogs, I love to live with them as my family pets, I love to travel and I love sports (especially running and skiing); but what I love most – actually – is talking and discussing the breed standards and breeding strategies. For me the most important thing in life is to be honest, fair, tolerant and to never stop learning.

If you want to know more about me, my dogs and about my breeding, please have a look at www.flatcoat.at.