

## Bo Bengtson, Dogs In Review Editor-At-Large

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Bo Bengtson has been involved in dogs as a breeder, exhibitor, publisher and writer from his teenage years in Sweden. In spite of a very limited breeding program and a "kennel" of seldom more than three or four Whippets, the Bohem prefix has produced numerous Best-in-Show winners and more than 125 champions in the U.S., Europe, Australia and Asia. He's also a past breeder of champion Afghan Hounds and Greyhounds.

He's currently approved by FCI to judge breeds in five Groups and Best in Show; by AKC to judge all Sighthounds, as well as Basenjis, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Dachshunds and Golden Retrievers. Has judged internationally since the late 1970s, including Crufts twice (most recently 2007), Westminster twice (most recently 2009), the FCI World Show (four times, most recently 2008), and other major shows in Scandinavia, Europe, North, Central and South America, Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

Bo started writing about dogs as a regular contributor to the Swedish KC magazine Hundsport in the 1960s and '70s. He wrote a highly successful pet column for the daily Svenska Dagbladet and Expressen (circ. over 1 million). Moved to Australia in the late 1970s to work for National Dog magazine for a year prior to settling in California in 1980, and has remained there since then.

A contributor to the English weekly Dog World since the 1960s, Bo's articles have also appeared in the AKC Gazette, Kennel Review, Dog News, Canine Chronicle, et al. in the U.S., in National Dog in Australia and in many other dog publications worldwide, including several in Russia, China and Japan.

In 1984 Bo founded, and for 12 years published, the bi-monthly Sighthound Review (DWAA Best Multi-breed Magazine award 1995), and at that time retired from active AKC judging to avoid an appearance of conflicting interests. He also edited the award-winning magazines The Afghan Hound Review and Poodle Variety.

In 1997, in partnership with Paul Lepiane, Bo founded the monthly Dogs in Review, now established as the leading dog show magazine in the world. In 2003 DR was purchased by BowTie Inc., with Bo remaining as editor, from 2006 as editor-at-large, allowing him to be reinstated as an AKC judge in 2004. He also remains editor-at-large of Sighthound Review.

Author of several dog books, including the 1970s Dogs of the World (IBP Publishing, over 500,000 copies sold worldwide) and the award-winning The Whippet (David & Charles, UK 1985), published in a revised large-format, 350-page 2010 edition by Kennel Club Books). Also author of the classic 656-page Best in Show — the World of Show Dogs and Dog Shows (KC Books 2008), winner of the IBPA Benjamin Franklin award for best reference book 2009 as well as "Best Book" awards from both the DWAA and the APDW.

Among other honors, Bo was awarded the Swedish KC Hamilton plaque for excellence in breeding 1982, the American Whippet Club Certificate of Achievement 1997, the DWAA's first Elsworth L. Howell Award in 1994, the APDW Stonehenge Award 2009 for "significant contributions" to the dog sport and the Arthur Frederick Jones Award 2009.

Best In Show by Bo Bengtson Best in show stands as a book publishing landmark that will last decades and is the hallmark gift for any serious dog lover.

The New China -- Dogs in Review Interviews Fan Yu How does a Chinese teenager in Beijing become a talented professional dog-show handler?

The History of Dog Shows in Brazil Based on information submitted courtesy of Sergio Gebram, by the FCI, and from previous articles in Dogs in Review.

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