



# **KATHRYN JOYCE**

## **RAIDEN BULL TERRIERS**

NZKC 096723 ~ FCI NZ206



My involvement with Bull Terriers spans over 30 years. The journey began with a Bull Terrier cross rescue, followed by a non-papered bitch gifted to me by my father in 1991. In 2005, I acquired my first pedigree Bull Terrier, Catchbull Zero Cool, from respected breeders Frank and Diane Denson of Catchbull Bull Terriers. She became the foundation of my kennel and is still in the pedigree of my dogs today.

With encouragement from the Denson's, I began showing which progressed to breeding under the prefix Raiden. I bred my first litter in 2008 and was a foundation member of the now-defunct NZKC Accredited Breeders Scheme. Health, soundness, temperament, and longevity have always been the cornerstones of my breeding program. These principles next lead me to Mike and Tracey Fletcher (Napier Kennels, UK) who became both mentors and friends. Their sharing of knowledge has greatly influenced my breeding decisions throughout the years.

I have been actively involved with the Bull Terrier clubs in New Zealand since 2005, when I first joined the Canterbury Bull Terrier Club. I became a committee member the following year and went on to serve continuously until 2017, holding the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. While I am no longer on the committee, I remain a financial member. I am also a financial member of the North Island Bull Terrier Club, and support both clubs by attending specialty shows when able. Currently I serve as Secretary for both the United Bull Breeds Association (UBBA) and the American Staffordshire Terrier Club.

In addition to exhibiting my own dogs, I frequently assist with other breeds at All Breed shows and remain active within the wider show community at multiple levels — from the ringside to club administration.

I remain connected to the wider Bull Terrier community through travelling abroad. These experiences have broadened my understanding of the breed standard, type, and movement. There is no substitute for hands-on evaluation, as photos and videos cannot replicate the insight gained from physically assessing dogs — particularly when I have been considering a potential stud dog.

After many years of dedication to the breed, and with the encouragement and support of my peers, I am proud to have obtained my Bull Terrier Specialist Judge's License. I look forward to contributing to the breed in this new capacity.