

getting to know you... *Bob Boxma*

How did you first become interested in Salukis, and when did you finally get your first hound? I showed a parti-coloured Saluki owned by Ken & Bobby Ellis at the Sportsmen's Show in 1967 or 1968. He was from Pam Mack, a son of Nicki, and I was intrigued by the breed. I then went to London in 1969 to study for my LL.M. at L.S.E. and, of course, started to go to dog shows. It was at an open show between Christmas and New Year's that I looked into one of the rings and saw my first ever Smooth Saluki. I'm not sure I even knew there were smooth Salukis. The handler was none other than Don Wieden and that day started a friendship that lasted until

his death. Some people, when returning from England, bring a car or an antique, I brought my first Saluki. It was Ch. Sedeki Wahed and he was 5½ years old when I brought him to Canada.

When did you start breeding? Where did your foundation stock come from? I never did a lot of breeding. Three litters in 28 years and the last litter was a singleton puppy, Can. & Fin. Ch. Boxwyn Valentino ('Tino'), sired by MBIS Can. & Am. Ch. Elana Gold Ruler of Boxwyn ('Jordie') out of my wonderful bitch from Lin Hawkyard, Ch. Lorrequer Firuza Dajii.



How did you choose your kennel name?

It was Vic and Lorraine Nunn that came up with a list of possible kennel names and Boxwyn was on the list and I liked it and started using it.

Who were/are your mentors? Don Wieden, Carole Adley, and my travels to many countries to see Salukis allowed me to talk to people in the various countries. I attend the National/Eastern Regional every year in Milton, Ontario, and I'm hugely impressed by the quality of our Canadian Salukis.

Outside of the ring, what other activities do you enjoy with your hounds? I haven't had a Saluki since 1998 because of changes to my accommodation and life, but I really only was ever involved with showing my Salukis.

What do you think is the most important quality in a Saluki? For me, it's the beauty that comes with moderation. I can look at a beautiful Saluki for hours and never tire of doing so.

As a long-time dog owner and a lawyer (including CKC legal counsel) how have our rights changed over the decades and where do you see us in the future?

The anti-dog legislation in Ontario is troubling and worrisome. I can't ever see Salukis being added to the List but the List shouldn't exist. I'm also bothered by the increasing amount of cross-breeding that's happening and people losing the desire to own a pure bred dog And paying large amounts of money for a mutt. I'm afraid of going from the world of pure bred dogs to the world of mutts.



St. Just Talata



Sedeki Fenjan



'Tino'