

Our Championship Show 2014

At the Finnish Spitz Society's Championship show on **Sunday 15th June 2014** we have a specialist breed judge from Finland, Mr **Reino Korpela**. He has kindly accepted our invitation and is coming to judge Finnish Spitz in the UK for the first time. He has written a short profile about himself for you to get to know him a bit more. The Society has made the effort to get a different, new judge for our show this year. So we kindly ask for our members' and exhibitors' support in entering and coming to our Championship Show in June. We hope to have a good entry and a selection of Finnish Spitz for Mr Korpela. So please let's make it a successful day for our visiting judge from the breed's native country. Printed Schedules will be posted to all past exhibitors soon. Online entries will be available as well via Arena Print / Zooza, so please check on our website <http://www.finnishspitzsociety.co.uk/>

If you have any enquiries regarding the Championship Show please contact our Secretary David Rolfe on 01278 423406 or email davidjrolfe@gmail.com .

A short profile of Reino Korpela

I am a Finn living in Lapua (north-west Finland). I am a Finnish Spitz enthusiast and breed specialist show judge. I have had Finnish Spitz since the late 1980s. Since then, I have been showing my dogs and taking part in bird hunting trials as well as breeding on a small scale. The kennel affix "Jyrkkäkallio" was granted to me in 2013 to recognise my breeding. I've taken part in bird hunting trials around 100 times and also judged them a similar number of times. I am a chief judge for bird hunting trials and I've had the honour to act as chief judge at the annual National "King of the Barkers" competition. In 2005 I became a show judge initially through Finnish Spitz, although I can currently judge 110 different breeds in FCI groups 5 and 6. Apart from judging dogs in Finland I have also judged in Russia and the UK.

One of the highlights of this year is to have the honour to judge the Finnish Spitz breed (male dogs) at the 2014 World Dog Show which will be held in Helsinki in August. Apart from that I have been invited to Perm in Russia to judge Finnish Spitz. Finally I am very pleased that I have been invited to England to judge Finnish Spitz at your Society's Championship show. I am very much looking forward to June and my journey to your beautiful countryside to judge your Finnish Spitz dogs and meet with all the friendly breeders and owners.

Reino Korpela