

MEET NANCY MARTIN

Nancy Sheehan Martin has been involved in the dog show world since the 1960's. Born and raised on Long Island, New York, Nancy started in Dobermann Pinschers and Pointers and worked as an assistant to a number of high profile handlers in the 70's, including Bill Trainor, Bob and Jane Forsyth and Joy Brewster. Nancy and husband Bryan Martin relocated to the Chicago area, forming the very successful partnership known as "Shows Etc". Over the next 30 years she handled and managed the careers of the greatest winning Spinone Italiano, Japanese Chin and Polish Lowland Sheepdogs in AKC history, and has shown more Best in Show winning Samoyeds than any other handler in US history.



Nancy has shown BIS and Group winning dogs in all 7 groups; large numbers of Akitas, Great Pyrs, Tibetan Terriers, Great Danes, Bullmastiffs, Mastiffs, Borzoi, Leonbergers, English Springer Spaniels, Clumber Spaniels, Australian Shepard's, English Toy Spaniels, and many more.

She has, along with her husband, finished the Championship titles of hundreds of Basset Hounds, and assisted in handling and maintaining the careers of 4 of the top 5 greatest Best In Show winning Basset Hounds, totaling over 175 All Breed BIS and over 1,000 Hound Group 1st.

Nancy understands the importance of the breeder in showing dogs, having worked side by side with many, helping develop/maintain bloodlines as well as mounting successful show careers. The variety and number of breeds she has been involved with has given her valuable perspective on the role and impact of the judge. While retired from professional handling, she is far from retired from the dog show world. She continues to share her experience and knowledge of all things purebred dog. And not just purebred - her most recent project is FIDO (Friends Involved in Dog Outreach) Pet Food Bank, which works to support dogs and cats through their Pet Food Bank and AniMeals programs. They provide pet food to Seniors on Meals-on-Wheels and the Pet Food Bank provides dog and cat food to families who are having trouble feeding their family pets. A truly dedicated dog woman of many passions!