



Curriculum Vitae of
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Grown up with various breeds of dogs, I began to be interested in Mastiffs in the early 70's as a student of history, politics and literature. Mastiffs were very rare in Europe at that time and I was lucky to get my first female ISABELLA VAN DE IRCOMARA in 1977(born in NL , sired by U.K.CH BOURNWOOD BRIGADIER).She was an excellent show bitch, a good – natured companion to my horse and trainer of my second bitch ABIGALE OF THE CHEVIOT HILLS, my first breeding bitch.

ABIGALE , granddaughter of legendary HOLLESLEY MEDICINE MAN(U.K.) did great in the show ring but first of all she influenced Mastiff breeding in Germany and encouraged me to start Mastiff breeding! She gave 3 amazing litters and died with an outstanding (Mastiff-)age of 14 years, her son Amadeus even reached an age of 14,5!

Since 1987 I work together with my partner Dieter Lessner. Since then we bred many great champions among them some World Winners and a Crufts Winner. In our breeding program we combine old english bloodlines (Farnaby, Bulliff)with ,a little bit' American blood (Deer Run, His Majesty's) and Russian/ French lines(Du Ranc De Bannes).

In the 80s I got to know well known German special mastiff judge Christofer Habig, later president of the German Kennel Club VDH as well as Betty Baxter, Douglas B. Oliff and Peter Sarjeant-all breeder/judges and my teachers in mastiff affairs! For more than 10 years I organized yearly Mastiff events with guests from the OEMC teaching, MASTIFFS' to the Germans. In the 90s I was asked to do my lessons to become a special mastiff judge but I refused for several reasons. I preferred (and still do) to improve the Mastiff as a breeder and try to make the breed more popular by writing and organizing special events . I'm in contact with many breeder/ judges worldwide as well as engaging with honest breeders and I'm happy to see that Seven Oaks mastiffs are doing so well in many countries as breeding dogs and in the show ring. And don't forget our therapy dogs doing an amazing job!

Quite a lot of my dogs were pictured in several books as successful show dogs but my, legends' are still our male MACBETH OF SEVEN OAKS- dominating the show rings all over Europe in the late 90ies- and TALEA AMARETTO, the only female I know being 3x world CH: WJW(2010)WW(2012) and WVV(2017)! Her son CH ODHINN's PRIDE OF SEVEN OAKS (CGC bronze) (sire: Bardolynns Ignatius) imported and owned by Michelle Myles became a champion in South Africa and sired 2 litters at Mylestone kennel/PE.

Odhin's litter sister OCTAVIA is still a well known CH over here and his sister QUICKSILVER OF SEVEN OAKS FOR LYGONHALL(owned by judge/breeder Steve Pass, U.K.) is English Ch and Crufts Winner 2016!

At present I own a group of 11 mastiffs among them 2 puppies of my World Junior Winner BRUTUS OF SEVEN OAKS. Future breedings will be exciting!

I am currently the Secretary of the Mastiff section of the German Molosserclub (VDH/FCI)

