



## ANDREJ KERPAN



My name is Andrej Kerpan, I am a conformation International judge for FCI group X., and an FCI lure coursing judge from Slovenia.

The first breed I became involved with was the Irish Wolfhound. At that time, I gave priority to showing and took part in many shows around Europe with very pleasing results. My dogs went to BIS several times, with one of them achieving the World Champion title (Vienna 1996). But I love a good challenge too, so I also trained my wolfhounds for obedience until we got the first obedience certificate ever awarded to a sighthound in the history of Slovenia. After a few years of involvement in training – including at the highest level, with Border collies – I decided to devote myself entirely to my favourite breeds, the sighthounds. I m focused on Whippets and with my dogs I take part in show and coursing events on a regular basis with excellent results. For example in 2015 one of my whippets became European Coursing Champion at her very first European championship event, at the age of 20 months.

I have been a member of the Sighthound Club of Slovenia for a very long time. Additionally, I have been a member of its Board for over 20 years and I am currently still on the coursing committee. In this function, I have been one of the promoters of lure coursing from its very start in Slovenia, and have successfully organised many International coursing events in Slovenia and abroad. I am the Slovenian and Serbian Kennel Club's examiner of the new candidates to the function of Lure Coursing judge and Lecturer of Lure Coursing and FCI X. Group. Last few years I m publishing articles about dogs on the regular bases to the top Slovenian scientific magazin for kids.

During the last few years I have been invited to host dedicated seminars for lure coursing enthusiasts in several European and non-European countries, and have officiated as a conformation judge in over 20 different countries. Looking forward to year 2020, I was invited to judge JAS ( Whippet top speciality show ) in Germany and Denmark. And to be one of the judges on the European dog show.