

Markku Mahonen, Biography – Judge 2024 IWADV

Markku Mahonen, Powderhorn, Finland, Breeder Irish Wolfhounds, Whippets and Border Terriers.

In 1986 our first Irish Wolfhound, Bitcopandora walked into our lives. We made our first homebred Champion in 1994 with FIN and NL CH Declaration of Love v Duke's Paradijs. Since then, we have also bred International, Swedish, Netherlands and Belgium champions. **We have been awarded the Finnish Kennel Club's top award for breeders, the Vuolasvirta trophy for our Irish Wolfhound breeding.** We have also bred Whippets and Border Terriers.

In 1992 I studied to become a judge for Coursing and in 1999 I became a conformation judge. I have judged in Western and Eastern Europe, Scandinavia, Baltic countries, Ireland, England, USA and Canada. I have judged Irish Wolfhounds in fifteen countries, including Ireland and England. In 2015 I had the honor to judge my own breed Irish Wolfhounds at the World Dog Show Milano.

I have trained new judges for Irish Wolfhounds and Whippets. Currently I can judge several breeds in all FCI groups.

I have also been active in the club work, being the President of the Finnish Irish Wolfhound Club, a board member of the Finnish Sighthound Club and Finnish Kennel Clubs representative in FCI Sight Hound Commission.

Best regards;

Markku Mähönen