

**MARJO JAAKKOLA**

**"BENTON"**

**Golden Retrievers and  
Welsh Springer  
Spaniels**



I have been involved with dogs all my life. My first dog was p&s schnauzer. Then I got a bluroan Cocker Spaniel and that started the love of spaniels. My first WSS came to our home in 1980, he was an import from the UK, called Pencelli Proceed "Cymro". In 1984 I got my very own dog, he was also from the UK, INT FIN N CH NordW-86,-87 FINW-87,-88 Delkens Turul, who ended up being a top winner in the ring, the first WSS who won a group at an Int Ch show here in Finland.

He sired numerous champions. My first bitch was Russethill Remembrance, from the UK. The foundation bitches of Benton are an american import FIN & EE Ch Statesmans Unbridled and FIN CH Dons Take off to Benton. I have always been interested in other Spaniel breeds as well as Retrievers. At one point after judging that lovely breed - Goldens I realised I want one. As I cant keep many dogs at home, one thing led to another and then in 2014 Piia (now breeding under Benton prefix) and I went to pick up lovely Martha, Dewmist Duplicity after a long wait from the famous Dewmist kennels in Sweden and my dream came true, I was now a co-owner of a golden . I had the great honour to handle lovely Martha at the Golden Ring Main Championship Show in 2017 when she took BEST IN SHOW! We have continued breeding from her with great results Many Benton WSS have won numerous high awards during the years, among others INT NORD CH MultiW Benton One More Duck took CC at Crufts in 2007 (resCC in 2006) thus becoming the first foreign WSS to win such high awards at Crufts. Benton WSS have won TOP WSS awards in numerous countries besides Finland, such as USA, Denmark, Norway, Czech Republic. AM CH Benton Ivy League was the very first undocked WSS in the US to win all breed BEST IN SHOW.

Since 1999 I am also a Championship show judge, I can judge breeds from group 2,3,7 and 8 (whole group). I have judged in several countries, Scandinavia, Germany, Poland, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ireland, UK, Holland, Italy, USA and Australia. I have been honoured to give tickets in WSS in the breeds country of origin already four times and I am very much looking forward to returning to the UK and judging there again at one of their Championship Shows in 2025. One of the highlights will be judging Group 8 at European Winner Show in Sweden 2026 as well as judging Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America National Specialty in 2024.