

# Sunday Afternoon Judge: Donnelle Richards

*I was raised with Samoyeds as this was my family's breed. I started showing many different breeds in junior showmanship at a very young age. My father became an all-breed professional handler. I became a professional handler and was an AKC licensed all-breed handler starting in 1973. In 1999 I began judging for AKC. I have owned dogs from each of the seven groups and have shown and finished many champions from each group.*

*I have judged all breeds in several countries including, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and Mexico. I am currently approved by the American Kennel Club to judge 4 groups: Hound, Working, Toy, Non-Sporting, plus Miscellaneous breeds, Best In Show and all-breed Junior Showmanship.*

*We moved to California in 1965 and got our first pug. We were honored with Life Membership in the Pug Dog Club of America in 2014. We got our first Borzoi in 1967, and became lifetime members of the Borzoi Club of America 1998. We were founding members of the Northern California Pug Club founded in 1988 and we are also lifetime members of Gavilan Kennel Club, our local all-breed kennel club.*

*Thank you for inviting me to judge your Great Dane specialty. I really enjoy judging your breed.*



*Donnelle Richards*