



James W Finlay-Kirkwood
MARISK / GILDEROAK

Introducing our Open Show Judge for Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland Open Show on Saturday 11th April 2026 held alongside Scottish Utility Breed Club CH Show at:

Lowland Hall, Royal Highland Showground, Ingliston, Newbridge EH28 8NB

Background & experience

I have been in dogs all my life. It wasn't until 1981 we got our first Cavalier. Started showing in 1983. Bred our first litter in 1984 which was the start of the Marisk affix.

My first Cavalier appointment was in 1989 and my first CC appointment was in 2003 . I have now judged them on 10 occasions including the Cavalier KCS Club Show in 2025. I have judged the breed in America which included a National Specialty Show in 2024.

I got my first Griffon Bruxellois in 1990 which was the start of the Gilderoak affix. I first awarded CC's in Griffons in 1999 and have now awarded CC's in them 11 times including judging all four Breed Club Shows and having the honour of judging them at Crufts in 2019 . I have also judged them in Prague, Sweden, Finland and Australia. I am awarding my first set of CC's in Pomeranians at the Scottish Club Show in May this year and I am really looking forward to it. I have made up two champions and have had the top Cavalier puppy in the breed. I've also won CC's, res CC's JWs with both breeds.

I am looking forward to Judging the Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland Open Show in April 2026.