



Kath Hardman

Kath Hardman and her dogs have been successfully competing in Heelwork to Music since 1999. Along with her dogs, Kath has been entertaining the crowds at Crufts every year between 2001 and 2018.

Heelwork To Music is a huge part of Kath's life, she helps with the development of the sport, being a member of The Kennel Club, The KC Judges Working Party for over 12 years and The KC HTM Working Party since 2015 along with being a founder member and Competition Manager of a nationwide KC Registered HTM Club for around 20 years.

In March 2008 at CRUFTS, Kath with her Crossbreed Spice won both **THE UK FREESTYLE FINAL** and then went on to represent England in **THE INTERNATIONAL FREESTYLE FINAL** which they also won beating ten other countries including Germany, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, New Zealand & the Netherlands.

In October 2010, at the **Inaugural FCI World Championships** held in Denmark at the **World Show**, Kath and her Border Collie Amber were proud to be selected as part of **HTM Team GB**, which were placed second in the **Team Championship** and delighted that Amber and her were the highest scoring individuals gaining the **Inaugural FCI Individual HTM World Champion** title.

Following this, Kath was honoured to be named the **Manager of HTM Team GB** - a position she has held for 11 years. Alongside managing the Team, she has also competed in Team GB every year in both Heelwork To Music and Freestyle. In 2017, Team GB won both the HTM and Freestyle Team European Championships - the first team to achieve this Double Gold.

Kath has been invited by the KC to judge the HTM and Freestyle at **Crufts** in 2008, 2012 and 2020. She has judged at the **World Dog Show** in Finland in August 2014 and also Judged at the **European Championship** held in The Czech Republic.

She has travelled World Wide promoting the sport by judging, training and competing: several times in Japan, Australia, Russia, USA and Israel plus various countries throughout Europe.

Kath says "The training of this sport creates such a strong bond between dog and handler which has been found to alleviate many dogs from unwanted behaviour. Dogs want to be with their owners more, want to learn more and they find that their owners can be good fun too! A happy dog makes a happy owner - it is an enjoyable sport to take part in, either competitively or just for fun." "I am delighted and honoured to be invited to judge at **FCI EOC 2022** in Stuttgart and I look forward to watching the fabulous routines.