

FCI judge: **MAŠA ŠIROKA** (Slovenia)



**About me:**

As far as I can remember I have been fascinated with animals, especially dogs. I grew up with an Epagneul Breton, an Irish Setter, and then Basset Hound dogs for more than 15 years. At that time, I was involved in my hometown's kennel club through helping at dog shows as a ring steward. During my student years, I was looking for a breed that would fit my personality better. My first Scottish Terrier came into my life in 2003 and I fell in love with the breed which made me more involved in Terriers.

I registered my prefix Peabar (Gaelic name for Pepper) in 2005 at the time the first litter came. Since then, Peabar Kennel has produced Best in Show and Specialty winners, as well as dogs that have been nationally ranked at the top of their breed in Europe and Overseas.

Over the last 20 years I have visited many Terrier breeders around the World and try to attend Crufts and Montgomery Show Weekend to broaden my knowledge. In addition to dog shows, I love to work with my Terriers at Earth Dogs hunting trials and Lure Coursing trials.

I passed my first exam for Airedale Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers, and Scottish Terriers in 2017. Today I am a judge for FCI groups II, III and VIII.

I am an active member of the Cynological Association of Slovenia as a breeder, judge and member of the Board and the Breeding Committee of the Slovenian Terrier Club. I was the Terrier Club's Secretary for 8 years. I also help several kennel clubs in Slovenia as a judges' hospitality manager.

In 2019 I was awarded with the golden plaque by the Slovenian Terrier Club for contribution, success, and work, and in 2020 I was awarded with the golden acknowledgment by the Cynological Association of Slovenia for contribution and dedicated work. In 2022 the Cynological Association awarded me with the Acknowledgment for successful breeders.

I am listed as a specialist terrier judge of Interra International Terrier organization.

Until now I have been judging as a breeder judge or as an FCI judge in the following countries: Austria, Croatia, Denmark Finland, Sweden, USA, Italy, Macedonia, Germany, Slovenia, Slovakia, Serbia, Poland.

I love to write about my trips and I usually share my traveling impressions in different magazines, such as Kinolog and Moj mali svet. A few of my articles were published also in Canine Chronicle, Dog News and Best in Show magazines.