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## Interview with Wendy Tobijanski for Ceska – CH Janski Celtic Ceska

Since stepping into the ring Ceska and handler, breeder and owner Wendy Tobijanski have made breed history. Ceska currently holds the breed record for the most amount of Best of Breeds and is now the very FIRST champion!!

**Me: Did Ceska stand out from the rest of the litter when she was born?**

Wendy: when Ceska was born the whole litter was very nice. I had actually picked out a different bitch to keep and Ceska was going to go to Ireland but at the last minute I changed my mind. I was watching them play and Ceska just couldn't stand wrong, no matter what she did the balance was right and her attitude stood out so I changed my mind and she stayed instead.

**Me: What was she like as a puppy?**



Wendy: As a puppy, she was a typical Cesky, very attached to me. She was always with me around the house and everywhere I went she went too.

**Me: Is she a mummy's girl or does she love everyone equally?**

Wendy: She is definitely MY girl! She is my one in a million very special girl and we have always been a team. If you are looking for me you will find Ceska next to me, if I'm out of the house and she can't come she will sit by the door and wait for me. There's a pile of clean vet beds by the back door and she curls up on top of them to wait for me. She comes everywhere with me;

she hears the car keys and she's waiting by the door. The only time she takes notice of anyone else is if they have food and I don't!

**Me: What is Ceska like to live with?**

Wendy: She is a pleasure to live with but such a diva. Very demanding,

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half an hour before feeding time she starts to tell me she is hungry. She has to be the first one in the van going to a show and the first

one out of the van after a show! If she gets shut out of a room or left outside away from me she just barks and barks until I let her in. She loves all dogs but especially puppies. Our puppies are born in the spare bedroom and she sleeps in there with me for the first few weeks, keeping a careful watch on them until she's allowed in to meet them. As soon as they are weaned she takes over and teaches them everything they need to know. Her best friend is my three-year-old

Granddaughter Ella. they curl up together for a nap in the afternoon and she follows Ella around the garden then they share her lunch. Ella feeds her most

days but feeds her piece by piece instead of giving her the dish. Ceska just waits patiently for each piece and takes it gently.



**Me: Do any of Ceska's offspring remind you of her?**

Wendy: Violet is very like Ceska both in looks and temperament at home and Violet's puppies, J. Promises Jones and J. Pizzovski, both take after both Violet and Ceska. All Ceska's descendants have her wonderful soft gentle loving nature.

Me: How many Best of Breeds has Ceska won at Championship shows?

Wendy: Ceska now has 60 BOBs at Champ shows. We ran out of judges that hadn't given her BOB so had to stop showing! She has also had four group fours, veteran group three and veteran group four, six times BOB at Crufts, multiple BIS and Best Veteran in Show at our Club shows, six times Top Cesky and has represented Ceskys at

the Contest of Champions several times. Her most important win is difficult to say really but taking BOB at Crufts, this year was incredibly special.

**Me: Did you ever think Ceska would not only be the first UK dog to win a CC but also the first UK Champion?**

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Wendy: When I first heard we would have CCs in 2017 I thought "what a shame Ceska will be too old" I guess she proved me wrong. I think it's fantastic and I'm just so thrilled it was Ceska.

**Me: How did you feel before showing Ceska at Birmingham National knowing she only needed one more CC to become the first UK Cesky champion?**

Wendy: I was a bit nervous before Birmingham National but once we got the dogs in the ring I was fine. It is such a pleasure to show her it was so nice having her back in the ring again. After she won her crown I was speechless and a little emotional, we may have opened a bottle of champagne at home that night!

**Me: What's next for Ceska? Will you continue showing her or will you retire her?**

Wendy: I think it's time for her to retire now; she has definitely earned it. I am just so lucky so many judges have thought so highly of Ceska, making many of my dreams come true.

**Me: How do you keep Ceska's coat in such good condition?**

Wendy: Her coat is nice and silky so just good food, regular bathing and

grooming and lots of exercise keeps her looking good. Ceskys need muscle and to be fit too.

Wendy: I must of course say a huge thank you to all the wonderful judges that have given Ceska such top honors. Most importantly all credit must go to my late Mother Brenda Jones, Zippor, who gave me her best Ceskys and her support after I fell in love with the breed.

## Once in a Lifetime



Photo taken by Carrie  
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When the big green envelope arrived, I knew what it was, an invitation to judge at Crufts. Having been fortunate to have judged there once before I recognised the enormous envelope.

Hastily, I

opened it and read the letter to find out which breed I was being invited to Judge- Cesky Terriers in 2017. What a thrill! I was ecstatic and read and re-read the letter over and over. Also in the envelope was a CC awarding questionnaire, 'Oops' I thought, someone in the Crufts office has made a mistake but as it was a Saturday I mentally made a note to ring them on Monday and point out the mistake.

Later that day, whilst scrolling through Facebook, I read a post written by Beverly Deacon, all about how Cesky Terriers had achieved CC status and this would commence in 2017, wow, what a day - first I get invited to judge at Crufts, then I find out Cesky Terriers have CC status on the horizon It was, I am ashamed to say, several minutes before I made the link between my

judging appointment and the first set of CCs, then when it hit POW! The enormity of the appointment hit me square in the face, I was invited to award the first set of Challenge Certificates to Cesky Terriers! Of course, I wanted to shout it from the rooftops, but you are asked to keep the appointment confidential until it is confirmed. They were the worst (but oddly the best in a strange way) months of my life as I am dreadful at keeping secrets!

Written by Crufts  
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## Agility Ceskys

Agility is an increasingly popular sport in the dog world and is open to pedigree, cross breed and rescue dogs alike. It is great fun for the dog and owner and builds up a special partnership with your best friend. It also keeps both dog and owner fit. I have always had good comments on my dogs' muscles and I always put it down to agility. Although dogs cannot start training properly until they are 12 months old or compete until they are 18 months old there is a lot of ground work you can do while waiting. Puppies can be taught the difference between left and right; they can go through jumps, wings with the pole on the floor, the seesaw and dog walk can be introduced by putting the 'plank' flat on the floor for them to walk on. Basic obedience is also a must. Play can be an important training tool for agility.

A special toy kept just for reward and play only when you are doing any agility training goes a long way in motivating your dog. As we all know Ceskys are very food orientated & if they don't wish to play then high value treats only used in agility training are a good alternative to a toy. I use a variety of cheese, cooked sausages and some tasty raw beef to motivate my boys.



There is a variety of agility equipment for your dog to learn. The 'contacts' are the larger pieces of equipment which are the seesaw, dog walk and a-frame. To do a piece of contact equipment correctly your dog must touch the bottom part of the equipment which is painted a different colour. If the dog fails to do this in competition then you will be faulted. Then you have tunnels, Ceskys usually love tunnels! The easiest pieces of equipment to learn are probably jumps and the hardest are the weave poles. There are 12 weave poles to learn although some courses may only

have six. There is also a long jump which is similar to a 'spread' jump. Your dog will need different commands for different pieces of equipment so that he knows what you want him to do. I use the names of the

equipment except for the a-frame for which I use the word 'climb' and the long jump I use 'long' so that the dogs know they need to jump wider. I have also taught the boys an 'out' command for when I want them to work away from me. It is important in training and competition to warm your dog up first, after all you don't expect a professional footballer to go into a game without a warm up so you shouldn't expect your

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dog to go straight into training or a competition round without warming him up. This will also help prevent any muscle strains.

When you are finally ready to enter a competition, your round will be against the clock on a course set out by the judge. A course can be between 100 and 200 metres long and the judge will decide on the time they think it ought to take with the usual times being between 45 and 60 seconds. There will be up to 20 obstacles with the least amount being 16. If your dog knocks down any poles, misses any contacts, etc. you will get five faults for each mistake. If your dog runs past an obstacle or doesn't do it that counts as a refusal, three refusals anywhere on the course in one round is elimination. You will also be eliminated if you or your dog takes the wrong course or if your dog fouls the ring. If you go over the time on your round then time faults are added to your score. The UK competitions are graded one to seven, with one being the lowest so there is the opportunity to work your way up the ladder. Courses will get harder the higher up the grades a dog goes.

Dogs can also be made up into Agility Champions by winning tickets. Agility tickets are only on offer at KC Championship shows. To enter a championship class, you need to have won up to grade seven from grade one which takes a minimum of 12 wins.

Once in grade seven you can enter a championship class which consists of three rounds. First is an agility and jumping round, the results of which are combined to give an overall ranking. The top 20 combined results go through to the championship final which is an agility round. The winner and second place in this run are awarded the ticket and reserve ticket. You need three tickets to be an agility champion. A normal entry in a small dog champ class is about 120 dogs, so it is a tall order!



There are plenty of agility competitions held all over the UK, large & small where we can have fun with our dogs and build up

an extra special bond. I am so glad I got into agility, it is great fun and I love it.

Kindly written by Christine Marett

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## Eukanuba Discover Dogs

Discover Dogs is to be held at ExCeL London, on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. The Cesky Terrier Club is looking for volunteers to be on the Cesky Terrier stand!!

Does your Cesky love being admired and cuddled? Do you like talking about your Cesky? Two pretty silly questions to ask any dog owner and, of course, the answer will be yes to both. So why not join the Cesky Terrier Team at Discover Dogs this year?

Discover Dogs is a fun family event providing a unique opportunity to showcase our breed and the Cesky



Terriers we own, in particular. It involves helping visitors to understand the breed and guide prospective buyers to make informed choices if they are considering owning a Cesky Terrier. The event itself enables visitors to meet around 200 breeds of dogs. The shopping is amazing and there is an opportunity to watch dogs competing in various arena events. If you can spare part of a day or a whole day to join the Cesky Terrier team who man the Cesky Terrier stand for these two days please contact Linda at [lindaburrage@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lindaburrage@blueyonder.co.uk) for further details. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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I would like to thank Wendy Tobijanski, Christine Marett, Sharon Clark and Linda Burrage for their contributions to my first newsletter. I hope you all enjoy reading this as much as I have composing it. If you have any ideas/ articles you would like adding then please do approach me or email me at: [cesky-maria@hotmail.com](mailto:cesky-maria@hotmail.com).

If you have any feedback, I would really appreciate it.

Many thanks,

Your editor

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