



Hi, my name is Hazel Docherty and I am from Edinburgh, Scotland.

I was born into the German Shepherd show scene, my parents were in the breed before, so I attended shows from being a very young child. Once I was old enough I started handling and have been hooked ever since. In the UK I am part of two Kennel affixes, Hazroh which is the kennel I share with my Mum, and Zandamor, which is owned by myself and Craig Rice. I first got into handling at 11 years old when I was given a very good veteran bitch to take on. As my first handling appointment a veteran was a very good choice, it didn't need to control her in the ring

too much as she was already very well trained. This brought my confidence on in leaps and bounds!

My favourite and most memorable experience in dogs was handling a female called Champion Hazroh Quaxie. She was Best Bitch at Crufts 2009 and reserve top bitch in the UK in 2009. She did a lot of winning in her show career and I am proud to say that I was involved in breeding, owning, training and showing her and I was on the end of the lead every time she was shown.

I have also had the privilege to handle for many of the top winning kennels in the UK. I have handled a number of dogs at the German Sieger show but have more recently been involved with double handling for dogs we train there, which is great fun!

Since travelling to Australia to handle, I have had the pleasure to work with for some top animals. In 2013 I handled Kuirau Takeira and won the Bronze medal with her and in 2014 I handled Gerry vom Schacher who won the Gold Medal and Challenge Dog.

