



Allistair Lyttle, Co. Donegal, Ireland.

Allistair Lyttle is based in Pettigo, Co. Donegal in the Northwest of Ireland where he farms circ. 250 acres. As well as shorthorn cattle, Allistair farms sheep including mule crosses (Lanark X Bluefaced Leicester), Lanarks, Cheviots and specialises in pure bred flocks of Bluefaced Leicester and Blue Texels.

He started sheepdog trialling at the age of 8 and in addition to breeding and training sheepdogs, has travelled globally to provide instruction/improvement clinics to sheepdog handlers.

An avid competitor at regional, national and international level, Allistair has qualified for the Supreme Championship at the International Sheepdog Trial on multiple occasions.

He was Irish National Champion and Reserve Champion in 2017 and also qualified for the Supreme Championship at the ISDS International Sheepdog Trial with both dogs in that year.

In 2021 Allistair qualified for the Irish International Team with two dogs. At the International Trial he was one of only two competitors achieving over 400 points in the qualifying rounds finishing 7th overall in the 2021 Supreme Championship Final.

At the 2022 Irish National Sheepdog Trial, Allistair finished 3rd and 11th again earning places on the 2022 Irish team with 2 dogs. In the 2022 International Trial, he finished 5th on Day 2 of the competition, qualifying him to compete in the 2022 Supreme Championship final. Allistair is also a member of the Irish Team for the 2023 World Trial with 2 dogs.

Allistair has extensive experience judging sheepdog trials at all levels both domestically and internationally, including World Trial, Continental Trial, Irish National Trials, Texas State Finals, American Finals, Mississippi State Fair.

He has held senior roles at director and council level within the International Sheepdog Society including the position of Irish National President Oct 2018-June 2020.

When not sheepdog trialling Allistair enjoys supporting the Irish Rugby team.



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Roll of Honour:

Competition:

- 2023:
 - Winner & Reserve Winner of Western Region Nursery League [Western Region Team Captain]
 - Winner & Reserve Winner of N.I. Handlers' Association Nursery Final 2023
 - Qualified for 4 Nations Nursery Final 2023
- 2022:
 - Irish National Competition: Winner of Day 3 Qualifier. Overall Placed 3rd & 11th on 2022 Irish National Team
 - Winner & Reserve Winner '2022 Hills of Donegal' Trial Circuit
 - NI Sheepdog Handlers Assoc Double Lift Championship Final: Reserve Winner
 - Dutch Open Sheepdog Trial: 8th place
- Irish National Champion and Reserve Champion 2017. Irish Team Captain 2017
- Member of Irish National team 17 times to compete at International Sheepdog Trial.
- Qualified for International Supreme Championship on 9 occasions (Highest placing 5th - 2008)
- Represented Ireland at World Sheepdog Trial on 3 occasions, also qualified for 2023 Irish World Trial Team with 2 dogs.
- Winner of 'Champion of Champions Competition' at Royal Welsh Show (2018)
- Qualified to compete at Regional Nursery Final on at least 30 occasions
- Winner of Regional Nursery Final February 2016
- Qualified for 4 Nations Nursery Final March 2019
- Qualified for Regional team to participate in Interprovincial Championship and North-South Championship on multiple occasions
- Representing Ireland on UK BBC's 'One Man and His Dog' Competition on 3 occasions – including Young Handler (aged 14 yrs. old), 2010 & 2020.

Judging:

- Irish National Sheepdog Trial (2002)
- World Trial (2017)
- Continental Sheepdog Trial (2017)
- American National Finals 2010
- Mississippi State Fair 2019
- Fall Foliage Trial (US) 2022
- Prova Di Lavoro Nazionale CLB Trial (Italy) 2022
- Texas State Finals
- Multiple local and regional trials across Ireland



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International Sheepdog Society:

- Lifetime Member
- Held positions at Director and Council level within ISDS for in excess of 10 years.
- Irish Vice President 2015-2018
- Irish National President 2018-2020