

Jan Sprij

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Hi, my name is Jan Sprij and I come from the Netherlands. I am married, have two Border Collies and live in the beautiful city 's-Hertogenbosch.

My life got it's shape and foundation coming from a family of very fanatic sailors and me trying to get a career in football. So my youth was divided by spending time at sea and at the football pitch. These two things and their experiences had a major influence on the rest of my life.

I became a professional photographer in 1993 and worked for glossy magazines and big company's. Photography, a profession which enabled me to be at places, to see and learn things and work with people which I only dared to dream of. It fueled my curiosity. Working in; Art, sports, fashion, advertising and portraits photography, loved it.

When leaving the art academy in 1993, I started my agility career at almost the same time. The first competition in agility was in 1995. Since then I train other handlers and I try to compete at the highest level myself.

Since I closed my photography studio in 2017, I became a full time coach and agility trainer.

I am a judge since 2014. I love courses which are fluent and need technical skills at the same time. For me, a course is competitive and not selective, open for different styles of handling and different types of handlers. But in the end, what I think and who I am is irrelevant.

It's all about the participants and their dogs, they must have a great time, enjoying their runs with their dog, trying to be the best handler for their dog and uplifting themselves, being the Best team ever Judged;

I wish everyone a great time in Portugal at the EO and a lot of success, may the best one win.

Thank you FCI and the Portuguese organization for their trust to appoint me as their judge.

