

Cardigans in Italy

The Cardigan Corgi was introduced in Italy in the early 1970s thanks to the late Baron Giulio Poggi Banchieri of Castelmartini, near Pistoia in Tuscany.

At a dog show in Florence in 1964, **Mr Poggi Banchieri (di Castel Martini)**, breeder of Skye Terriers since 1956, met the well-known judge, the late Thelma Gray, famous for her Rozavel Cardigans, and they talked of the lovable character, liveliness and intelligence of this breed.

Seven years later, no longer having Skyes, Mr Banchieri met Mrs Gray at the Royal Park Show in Monza and it was arranged that she would send him a Cardigan dog. Two years later the blue merle dog **Rozavel Blue Scene**, born 02.05.1973 (Rozavel Merioneth x Rozavel Blue Island) arrived in Italy.

A year later Mr Banchieri went to England to find a tricolour bitch and his choice fell on **Beckrow Barsheba**, born 23.07.1974 (Rozavel Merioneth – Rozavel Blue Lace of Beckrow), bred by the late Sandra Tonkyn. Both dogs became Italian champions and were to be the foundation of Mr Banchieri's Cardigan breeding.

A litter: born 10.12.1975

Sire: Rozavel Blue Scene - dam: Beckrow Barsheba

GB005537 Ariblue di Castel Martini

GB005538 **Arablue di Castel Martini**

GB005539 Alablue di Castel Martini

GB005540 **Artú di Castel Martini**

GB005541 **Arella di Castel Martini**

GB005542 Alice di Castel Martini

B litter: born 14.03.1978

Sire: Artú di Castel Martini - dam: Arella di Castel Martini

GB008812 Berta di Castel Martini

GB008813 Bora di Castel Martini

GB008814 Baba di Castel Martini

GB008815 Buba di Castel Martini

GB008816 Bobo di Castel Martini

GB008817 Birillo di Castel Martini

C litter: born 15.08.1978

Sire: Rozavel Blue Scene - dam: Arablue di Castel Martini

GB009472 Corablue di Castel Martini

GB009473 Checcablue di Castel Martini

GB009474 Chiccoblue di Castel Martini

GB009475 **Cioblue di Castel Martini**

D litter: born 25.03.1982

Sire: Cioblue di Castel Martini – dam: Arablue di Castel Martini

GB023916 Dingoblu di Castel Martini
GB023917 **Dorotea di Castel Martini**
GB023918 Daria di Castel Martini

F litter: born 22.11.1985

Sire: Ciroblue di Castel Martini – dam: Dorotea di Castel Martini

GB029595 Freno di Castel Martini
GB029596 Furia di Castel Martini

G litter: born 12.10.1987

Sire: Ciroblue di Castel Martini – dam: Dorotea di Castel Martini

GB033661 Geremia di Castel Martini
GB033662 Gegia di Castel Martini

Later Mr Poggi Banchieri imported a dog from Mrs J.M. Gwatkin, GB, called **Inveread Silver Ring**, born 08.05.1989 (Ch. Gorthleck Blue Danube x Inveread Black Ice) who became an Italian Champion.

I litter: born 23.11.1993

Sire: Inveread Silver Ring – dam: Clode Blackhaderslev

GB049989 India di Castel Martini
GB049990 Ira di Castel Martini
GB049991 Irina di Castel Martini
GB049992 Ilo di Castel Martini
GB049993 Icaro di Castel Martini
GB049994 Ippo di Castel Martini
GB049995 Iuri di Castel Martini
GB049996 Ido di Castel Martini (Italian Ch.)

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Mr Claude Roséo de Trainé (Clode), a great dog fancier living in Rapallo, Liguria bought Int. & It. Champion Alablue of Castelmartini from Mr Banchieri. Mr de Trainé also bought three tricolours from Castel Martini's B-litter. None of these four were bred.

Later Mr Roséo de Trainé imported two Cardigans from Denmark: **Tuulantei Blue Wigo** born 16.03.1990 (DKCh. Glendower Buandroed Blueblaid x DK Ch. Bymil Blackberry), a handsome blue merle dog bred by Tuula-Maija Tammelin, and a brindle point tri bitch, Int. & DKCh. **Glendower Cydymaeth Castiog**, born 05.05.1988 (Elektryon v.'t Ravenest – Sankt-Cardis Judy) bred by the late Eva Blaabjerg. These two were the foundation stock of Mr Trainé's Cardigan breeding:

1st litter born 21.05.1991

Sire: Tuulantei Blue Wigo – dam: Glendower Cydymaeth Castiog

GB043239 **Clode Bleujorring**
GB043240 Clode Hillerod
GB043441 **Clode Blackholbaek**
GB043242 **Clode Blackhaderslev**

2nd litter born 24.12.1992

Sire: Inveread Silver Ring - dam: Clode Blackhaderslev

GB046911 Clode Unaccustomedblueblue

GB046912 Clode Unaccountabletritri

GB046913 Clode Unexpectedthunderstorm

3rd litter: born 10.05.1993

Sire: Clode Bleujorring – dam: Glendower Cydymaeth Castiog

GB046917 Clode Nautikaebekallamirtilla

GB046919 **Clode Nautilaelikafiorella** (I & Int.Ch.), female, owner Mrs Nicole Oliveri

4th litter: born 08.06.93

Sire: Clode Bleujorring – dam: Clode Blackholbaek

GB048404 **Clode Bluecalifornianwave**, male

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Mr Alberto Tartari (Giorsal), breeder of Cairn Terriers since 1980, joined the Cardigan enthusiasts and imported from France **Fun Lady de la Caverne des Anges** born 08.10.90 (Int. & F.Ch. Droopy of St Hilaire's Park x Kentwood Lynwen), bred by Jocelyne Thomas and already a San Marino Champion at the tender age of 9 months.



Fun Lady de la Caverne des Anges



Giorsal puppies (minus G. Gwynora)

Fun Lady was mated to Mythos Egger-Mokronog (Dennis zur Emsfähre x Elka vom Haus Fuchs, bred by Josef Egger in former Yugoslavia (now Slovenia) and exported to Franco Guastalla in Italy) and on 21.11.1992 produced 7 puppies:

GB047195 Gwynfor

GB047196 Giorsal Gruffud

GB047197 Giorsal Gwythyr
GB047198 Giorsal Griffri
GB047199 Giorsal Garmon
GB047200 **Giorsal Gwenda**, sold to Giuseppe Bonvicini
GB047201 Giorsal Gwynora, sold to Gabriele Ziani

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Mrs Nicole Gerry Olivery (*Druidwood*) bred Clode Nautilaelikafiorella to I Ch. Clode Bluecalifornianwave. Puppies born 09.12.1995:

GB053659 **Druidwood Celticblackcamelot**
GB053660 Druidwood Celticbluesimone (Ch.), owner Corrado Muzio
GB053661 Druidwood Crudeliabluedemon
GB053662 Druidwood Cruellablackdeville

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Mr Giuseppe Bonvicini bred Giorsal Gwenda to Druidwood Celticblackcamelot. Puppies born 12.02.1997

GB056982 Actorginored
GB056983 Airyblackfile (I Ch.), male
GB056984 Aliciablacksoul
GB056985 Againisablack

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Mr Gabriele Ziani (*Aequam*) bought Fun Lady de la Caverne des Anges from Mr Tartari and bred her to Antoc Gregory (Baileswood Geriant x Antoc Angel Delight, imported from the UK by Mr Josef Egger while living in Austria, and later (1993) owned by Doris Düwel, Germany). Puppies born 31.08.94:

GB051366 Atheneo
GB051367 Antiacolotus
GB051368 Amantearose
GB051269 **Athinaviolet**



Amantearose

Athinaviolet was bred to Multi Ch. **Joseter Oban** (UK imp.) born 01.06.96 (Joseter Walker x Joseter Sonata), bred by Peter Clifton. 6 (possibly 7) puppies were born on 09.10.1997, but only 5 were registered:

LO9877808 Baglanpradesh
LO9877809 Benamber
LO9877811 Betsimahal
LO9877812 Blodynjaipur
LO9877814 Bethanleh



(Aequam's) B-litter



Ch. Joseter Oban



Ch. Kerman Faith

Then Mr Ziani imported Ch. **Kerman Faith** born 31.12.1999 (Cardhew Superted x Kerman Copper Beech at Joseter), bred by Fran Fricker, UK and mated her to Ch. Joseter Oban. Puppies born 15.01.2002:

- GB0283961 **Aequam Celso**, owner Lapo Lombardini
- GB0283962 Aequam Callisto
- GB0283963 Aequam Colombo
- GB0283964 Aequam Clelia
- GB0283965 **Aequam Clotilde**
- GB0283966 Aequam Camilla



Gabriele Ziani with Aequam Callisto

Aequam Clelia and Clotilde were exported to Fran Fricker in the UK where A. Clotilde for Kerman was Best Puppy at Crufts 2002. Afterwards she went with Erich Faarup to Denmark where she produced two litters (Faaarup W and Y) both by Ch. Faarup Razz.

Ch. Joseter Oban and Ch. Kerman Faith are now owned by Patrizia Bolognesi.

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Mr and Mrs Lapo and Cinzia Lombardini (*Poggiobellino*) imported the bitch Ch **Yardican Ultra Unique** born 16.07.2004 (Yardican Magic Moments x Yardican Celtic Charm), bred by Meri Tuuli Aalto, Finland, and mated her to Ch. Aequam Celso.



Aequam Celso



Yardican Ultra Unique

Puppies (2 males, 1 female) born 18.10.2006:

LO0754852 Ajacedipoggiobellino

LO0754853 Albinia

LO0754854 Apulejo



Ajace and Albinia at 6 months

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Mr and Mrs Corrado and Marilena Muzio (*Della Baffa Nuova*) imported the blue merle dog Multi Ch. **Oscar Nemorino de Montglane** born 13.02.1998 (Magdor Sir Echo x Seren Las Gwenlais), bred by Alain Thévenon, France. Later they imported the tricolour bitch Ch. **Bethwyn Ebony Rose** born 03.01.2004 (Ch. Finlai Beau Luke x Bethwyn Bacardi Breezer), bred by Sue Hadley, Australia.



Multi Ch. Oscar Nemorino de Montglane



Ch. Bethwyn Ebony Rose

Puppies (7 males,1 female) born 21.9.2007:



Puppies by Oscar Nemorino de Montglane and Bethwyn Ebony Rose

- LO0812876 Origine, female, owner Karen Bechmann (Arddun), Denmark
- LO0812877 O.C. Edward
- LO0812878 Orazio, owner Karen Bechmann (Arddun), Denmark
- LO0812879 Olmo
- LO0812882 Oscar
- LO0812883 Orlando
- LO0812884 Oberon
- LO0812886 Orso for Geestland, owner Heli Hirsikangas (Geestland), Finland

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Other imports:

Pembroke breeder Mr F. Sala (della Selva Oscura), Alice Superiore, imported the blue merle dog Laszlo Egger-Mokronog, born 06.01.1989 (Int.Ch. Hercules van t'Ravenest x Int.Ch. Elke vom Hause Fuchs) bred by Mr Josef Egger (probably in Yougoslavia).

Mr Mario Denti, Milan, imported the brindle bitch Highness Gina of St Hilaire's Park, born 31.08.1992 (Magdor Sir Echo – Dolce Vita of St Hilaire's Park) bred by Nicole Boulon, France.

Mrs Luisa Romanini and Mr Roberto Eleuteri (Ashgrove), Capranica (VT), imported the blue merle dog Coedwig's Blue Star, born 31.10.2002 (Coedwig's Carbon Blue x Coedwig's Ice Princess) bred by Kim Shira and Leda Thompson, USA

Mrs Francesca Piccolomini, Udine, imported the blue merle dog Mabon Gorau Glas, born 01.10.2004 (Bredwardine Blue Peter x Rhiwelli Tudful Tirion) bred by Diane Stevenson UK.

Mr Marcello Calestini, Parma, imported the tricolour dog Dingdong du Trésor des Vikings, born 28.11.2005 (Ch. Kincroft Kaitangata x Ch. Faarup Unique), bred by Jean-Didier and Christa Weber, Switzerland.

Mrs Marina Gandolfo, Genova, imported the black and white dog Crumpet des Ptimour, born 09.05.2007 (Arthemus de la Cité des Grands Feux x Sexy Blue Panther of Saint Hilaire's Park) bred by Mme Annie Maletras, France.

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