

Join Us for the "Coat Color Genetics 101" seminar
by Guest Speaker
Ms. Linda J. Moore, AKC Licensed Judge and
Breeder under the prefix Concharty

To be held in the Yarrow Community Center at 4670 Community Street, Chilliwack, BC, V2R 5E1 on April 17, 2022.

Approximately time Afternoon/TBD

Cost: \$25 per person, includes a light lunch Seminar is approximately 1 hour followed by Q&A sessions

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Registration and payment in advance to register

2022 National Specialty Show – French Bulldog Fanciers of Canada



## Linda J. Moore

"I was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and after graduation from high school attended the University of Tulsa, where I earned a BS in Psychology. My first foray into dog breeding was at the age of twelve, when I registered a litter of champion sired Shetland Sheepdog puppies with AKC. While never achieving the goal of breeding a champion Sheltie, as a preteen I mastered the coat color inheritance of Shelties which provided a basis for my continued interest in genetics and study while at the University of Tulsa.

In the 1970's I acquired a Rottweiler bitch, which was a breed that was quite rare at the time. The breed also had a grave problem with crippling hip dysplasia that caused far too many dogs to be put down due to unendurable pain. This crisis led to efforts to reduce the incidence of HD by x-raying breeding stock and removing affected animals from breeding programs. Personal experience that produced vastly improved outcomes of normal hips within the first generation proved to me that health testing was an essential tool at the disposal of ethical dog breeders.

The boom and bust oil economy of Tulsa necessitated more than one career change and at times interfered with breeding and showing dogs. But marriage to family friend Wayne Claybourne and acquisition of a French Bulldog forever changed my life. Utilizing knowledge acquired from my fist two breeds, my first homebred puppy not only became a champion but also passed all her health tests and became the foundation bitch of Concharty.

Becoming a judge was a natural progression of my interest in dogs, and in 2006 I began judging an impressive lineup of assignments which included the opportunity to judge in other countries. My interest in genetics remained constant and was piqued by an apparent anomaly in the inheritance of cream color French Bulldogs when compared to accepted coat color inheritance theory. I was ultimately able to explain the mystery by looking at a gene in a new way, and this has implications for many breeds of dogs.

At a time when unethical color breeders are swamping the gene pools of many breeds not only with unaccepted colors, but colors that are likely a result of a cross with another breed, it is imperative that heritage breeders learn coat color inheritance theory. I hope that by sharing my knowledge of canine coat color that we, the ultimate stakeholders of purebred dogs, learn what is necessary to protect the integrity of our breeds and breed standards, and are able to provide accurate input to the registries we use."