

## NEW ZEALAND HISTORY

The history of the Havanese Imported into New Zealand is still very much in its fledgling development. The Havanese is one of the rarest of the new breeds to set paws on NZ soil. In fact, the Havanese are still a new breed into Australasia with Rocket 'Gr Ch, AKA & NZ Ch Torza Rocket by Lejerdell' (Imp USA) being the first Havanese arriving in Australia in June 2000. Rocket is owned by Trina Kennard, Torza Kennels of Adelaide, Australia.



Rocket's profile as described on [www.dogzonline.com.au](http://www.dogzonline.com.au) is as follows: 'Rocket is the hallmark of a typical Havanese, lovely, glimmering, crème silky coat, dark eyes and pigment and a beautiful head. A true gentleman. Rocket was the patient, elegant dog, never wavering from the business of the ring. Rocket was retired from the ring in September 2006 as an Australian Grand Champion and New Zealand Champion and lives a life of comfort with his proud mum Trina.' Rocket was the first Australian owned Havanese to arrive in New Zealand. He arrived in NZ in the latter part of 2001 quickly gaining his NZ Championship title. Rocket

was campaigned in NZ by Anne Louise Fearne-Fowlie and a great moment was a Best in Show.

Shortly after Rocket, Australian owned Page, 'Aust. Grand Ch & NZ Ch Torza Tyme T Twist' Rocket's daughter was also campaigned in NZ to Championship title.



A notable fact is our first New Zealand owned Havanese was Rebel 'NZ Ch Hashki Bereavealed'. Rebel, born 1st October 2003 is tri coloured - black, white and tan. He is owned by Margaret Davies (Taupo) and Pam Peters (Auckland). Rebel arrived in Auckland from Sydney, Australia on the 11th April 2004 and heralds in our Havanese History.

Our next lovely cream boy to arrive was Rocket's progeny. 'NZ Ch Torza Majik Roundabout', Dougal, owned and loved by Bob and Barbara Leighton from the Bay of Plenty. Dougal was born on the 4th August 2004 and arrived in NZ early December 2004. Dougal has had some significant wins including Best Puppy of Group in all three 2005 Easter Shows and on the Good Friday won best Puppy in Show.



He had several group wins in puppy and junior classes. April 2007 saw Dougal in England where he went BOB in his first UK show qualifying him for Crufts where he came 4th in Open Dog, a huge win at the most prestigious dog show in the world. 65 Havanese were shown at Crufts 2008. Dougal then went on to win Best in Group in another show (very unusual for a rare breed

to make it into group in the UK) and won Reserve Best Dog at the Havanese Club of Great Britain Show. To date Dougal has been placed at every show he has been entered in, in the UK, Best of Breed 4 times which has put him in the top 4 male Havanese in the UK for 2008.

Dougal has a lovely soft and warm personality, a real charming boy, a great ambassador for New Zealand.

Dougal was followed by Pippa 'NZ Ch Hashki Gynea'. DOB 10th July 2005, a cream Havanese from Sydney. Owned by Pam Peters and Margaret Davies. Two days following Candys birth, Pippa gave birth to 3 white male puppies sired by Rebel on the 29th March 2007. Two of the puppies have gone to pet homes in NZ and the third boy 'Famosa Carnwath Brock' known as Brock was exported to Victoria, Australia mid 2007 and is owned by Lindsay Bolden. This stunning little boy is a multi In Group award winner and has gained his Australian title.

Pippa was followed by Precious 'NZ Ch Torza Infinite Pleasure'. DOB 16th October 2005 another of Rocket's puppies. Precious arrived into the eager arms of Stella Marshall and Viv Carpenter on 24th Jan 2006. Precious is a lovely cream sable and resides in Auckland. Precious went on to be mum to the first NZ born Havanese puppy - a singleton, Cream Sable, 'Castlemar Candice,' known as Candy, DOB 27th March 2007.



Our next boy to reach NZ shores is 'NZ Ch Torza Cool by Design'. Affectionately known as Morgan. DOB 14th April 2006. Morgan is also owned by Stella Marshall and Viv Carpenter. Due to Vivs total commitment to this stunning black, white and grey, tri coloured boy in the show ring, Morgan has attained the highest number of group wins. He is our top multi in Group winner. He has been awarded over 45 age group wins, and four ages in show wins at Championship Shows. A lovely Havanese and a great asset to New Zealand.



Next to cross the ditch from Australia in early July 2006 was Django 'NZ Ch Torza Wicked Edition' on the 19th April 2006. Django is owned by Anne Rowland and is a lovely black boy with white tips, neck band and chest. Django is litter brother to our Twinkle. Django has done very well in the show ring given the rarity of our breed and the unfamiliarity of the Havanese to New Zealand judges. He has had many age group wins with a show ratio of one show per month.

Then there was Twinkle not to be understated with a slight bias from the writer. 'NZ Ch Torza Hot Reaction'. Our little star, a black with white tips was born on 19th April 2006 and arrived at Auckland Airport on 27th July 2006. Twinkle has been the delight of our lives. She is a real little lady with quite a lot to say for herself, a very chatty gal. Twinkle gained enough Challenge Certificates to qualify as a NZ Champion at 8mths waiting until 12 months to officially qualify. She won Best Puppy of group, twice and Reserve of Group and Best of Group at the Tauranga Kennel Club and Eastern Bay of Plenty Kennel Association Ribbon Parades 20th January 2007.

In September 2007 I had the great pleasure of visiting Bob and Barbara Leighton in the UK. The major highlights of that month were to meet Wendy Allenby of Wybnella Kennels and Sheila Walker of Newtonwood Kennels. It was a delight to meet their exceptional Havanese many of which are multiple Crufts winners, including Panda Bear, 'Wybnellas Panda Bear at Newtonwood,' Best of Breed Crufts 2005 and 2006 and Prudence, 'Newtonwood Galaxy Silk' Best of Breed Crufts 2007 and 2008. Whilst in England I was asked to judge the annual Havanese Club of Great Britain Fun Day. An awesome privilege and a joy to be involved with so many little charmers all eager to please and strut their stuff.

On my first visit to Wendys I was able to meet the new puppies at a very tender age. Among the 3 week old litter of four were two dark boys, I never dream't one of them would one day be mine.

I just thought what beautiful puppies, knowing that Wendy would never send a pup to the other side of the world and for that matter had never exported a puppy anywhere and had no intention of doing so. But miracles do happen and then there was Grimsby our Lincolnshire Lad from Grimsby, England.

'Wybnellas Cuddly Rascal', an absolutely necessary addition to the two lines in New Zealand. Grimsby is a grey sable, DOB 18 August 2007 and arrived in New Zealand on 13th December 2007. It was a very long trip for one small boy who came out of his crate with great excitement. He entered his first show as a 5 month Baby Puppy in Tauranga on 20th January 2008. In the Tauranga Kennel Club's Ribbon Parade, Grimsby won Baby Puppy of Group and Reserve of Group. In the Eastern Bay of Plenty's Ribbon Parade, our small boy took out Baby Puppy on Parade and BEST ON PARADE. To date Grimsby has won 21 out of 26 Best of Breeds and several Puppy of Group and a Puppy in Show all before 8 months. Grimsby is a lovely cuddly boy with a placid, easy going temperament. He performs in the show ring like he was born to it. He has been a joy to campaign.

One month before Grimsby's arrival saw Kirt arrive in November 2007, 'Torza Kurtain Raiser' (Imp Aust) born on 17th August 2007. Kirt is black with white tips and chest and is owned by Pam Peters and Margaret Davies. Glen and Pam Peters have also recently imported from Australia Hayden, 'Hashki Master Blaster' a gold boy born on 10th August 2007. Hayden arrived on 9th April 2008.

This NZ History makes mention of the first 14 Havanese. We are looking forward to their development in New Zealand. No doubt this exceptionally lovely and endearing breed will continue to enter our country and possibly leave our shores. We feel privileged to be owned by four of these outstanding little Havanese and look forward to living a joyful future always full of laughter and surprises with our little rush arounds.

The above list of New Zealand's first Havanese is by no means exhaustive. I am aware of two Havanese in Te Awamutu owned by Jess and Brendon Mudge. Dougals brother, Monty 'Torza Majik Moments' and Gracie 'Hashki Engracia'. These dogs arrived in NZ in Feb 06. They have produced one female, 'Hermoso Pocket of Fun' and one male, 'Hermoso Amigo' who is doing well in the show ring in the South Island. I hear rumors of a Hashki male in Northland also. The total number of Havanese I am aware of in New Zealand as at May 2008 is 18.