

RED & WHITE STANDARD



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Puppies in the "Shireoak" orchard in Canada

Photo taken by the late Kim Spelmer

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT UP LINE



Hello to everyone far and wide. What kind of year have you all had? Was it good or bad? I sincerely hope that there were not too many bad times; I know that some of you have said that final goodbye to your four legged friends which is sad but we must try and remember the good times, the love and trust that was so freely given by them to us.

Thinking ahead the evenings are beginning to draw in, the lights are twinkling on the streets and soon our four legged friends will be looking to the now empty fire grate in the hope that it will suddenly come to life when they will snuggle so close to it as if they had been glued there.

We held our Championship show in June which was very successful with of course our now renowned buffet lunch being served. Our Judge for the day was one of our vice presidents, Mrs Mary Sherratt, who did a fine job with her line up, but I'm sure somebody somewhere will say 'we was robbed' (but that's life, we can't win all the time!)

Our genetics side had a campaign in the summer to get some of our older dogs tested for PPC in order to check if there had been any deterioration in their eye sight in the mature years with results going to the Animal Health Trust who are researching into PPC. They had some blood samples already from our stock and Ann our genetics secretary had some results on our data base which when compiled together will give us some better information in the due course of time.

I currently don't have any show stock so I'm able to watch events taking place from the ring side without any favour or bias but it would seem a shame when I overhear bystanders and spectators alike being able to predict the outcome of classes before the judge has even seen the line up of dogs (we should be able to black out the handler and just pick the exhibit on its merits). It happens in all breeds I'm afraid but the good news is that the Kennel Club is trying to put an end to this practice with the help of the breed clubs and training programmes.

I hope to see some of you at our open show at the beginning of October in Hasland Village Hall near Chesterfield.

Regards
Bob Knapton
Chairman

SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Judge: Mary Sherratt (Charnborough)

What a delight to judge the breed Club Show some 15 years on from my last Club Championship Show appointment and as long again since the reintroduction of Irish Red & White Setters to the Show Ring. All exhibits were well turned out and a credit to their owners. The breed is far more consistent in terms of construction with most having reasonable or good angulation, gone are the upright shoulders, wide fronts and big feet. Colour a major concern of the past. The essence of every breed has to be the head and expression and here some exhibits are failing, a few have far too defined stop giving a hard expression and making heads heavy and course; this applies to both dogs and bitches and should not be allowed to creep in. Heads should be pretty or masculine as appropriate with the gentlest of expression for both sexes. Type is still variable but much improved as breeders truly work together to breed the best; our standard required no amendments in the Kennel Club's recent overhaul, it describes a dog fit for function without exaggeration.

Class 1 Veteran Dog 4 (Absent 0)

1. Wade's SH CH Vanders Venatic Legend at Oldstone – 9 years old and still so stylish typical head with correct stop and kind eye, well off for bone, excellent rear assembly, in good coat and condition.
2. Jeffery's Viewland Kings Ramsom to Llanelwy – Another 9 year old who oozes correct type, set on compact lines, well ribbed with nice deep chest, just starting to show his age
3. Barry's Rustasha Royal Rumour



outline, who moves true when settled.

Class 2 Minor Puppy Dog 2 (Absent 0)

1. Gill's Diptonia the Celt – Mature puppy in excellent coat, well off for bone, good layback of shoulder for such a baby.

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

2. Jones' Ryemills Winters Dream – Still very much a baby with lots of growing to do, nothing to dislike just needs time.

Class 3 Puppy Dog 2 (Absent 1)

1. Jones' Ryemills Winters Dream -

Class 4 Junior Dog 1 (Absent 0)

- Baron's Shannonlee Ptarmigan – Happy go lucky chap with correct bone and nice

Class 5 Yearling Dog 3 (Absent 0)

1. Walker's Vanders Va Voom Avec Wroxham – Stylish dog with kind expression and correct head planes leading into well arched neck, mature body well off for correct oval bone.
2. Pettifer's Vanders Vita Di Riley Con Crosswest – Lovely type with typical head and eye just needs time to mature to challenge the best.
3. Callaghan's Dalriach Lord of the Isles for Laoirebay

Class 6 Novice Dog 0 (Absent 0)

Class 7 Graduate Dog 3 (Absent 1)

1. Pettifer's Vanders Vita Di Riley Con Crosswest
2. Bayne's Corranroo Crossfire – Well presented in good coat and condition, rather too much work in his head which I hope he grows into.

Class 8 Post Graduate Dog 4 (Absent 1)

1. Lamb's Casafelice Askanian – Such a well balanced stylish dog sound in all quarters, well muscled with good depth of chest and correct bone. Just needs more furnishings to complete the picture and challenge for top honours.
2. Walker's Vanders Va Voom Avec Wroxham
3. Barry's Rustasha Red Hot Rhumba

Class 9 Limit Dog 7 (Absent 1)

1. Bayne's Corranroo Casanova – Smart and compact dog of substance, well angled fore and aft, nice deep chest and good spring of rib, lovely head and expression, moved with drive.
2. Ryan & McDonald's Berryessa Royal Affinity of Ryemills JW – Very honest dog with nothing to dislike about him, well ribbed up with muscular powerful quarters, level topline which he held on the move.
3. Wade's Oldestone Snow Wizard

Class 10 Open Dog 6 (Absent 2)

1. Griffin's SH CH Corranroo Connexion – Outstanding dog the best of heads with correct planes, nice square muzzle, well angled throughout, strong body, level topline leading to correct slightly slopping croup. He is well muscled and masculine oozing style and quality. Moved with drive and purpose.

CC & RES BIS





Class 12 Veteran Bitch 4 (Absent 1)

1. Barcroft's SH CH Ballakinnish Minuet – 9 years old and can still old her own with the best, great coat and condition, sweet head and kind eye. Well angled both fore and aft moved with drive and spirit.

RES CC & BEST VETERAN IN SHOW

2. Tong's Kellizlot Star Attraction ShCM – Another one ageing well, strong quarters, well ribbed, not the coat of 1.
3. Green's Coolfin Gianetta

2. Valentine's SH CH/IR SH CH Tullamore Ted JW ShCM – Set on more compact lines another outstanding dog and excellent example of type with the gentlest of setter expressions, correct head and strong neck leading to well laid back shoulders, excellent markings and colour.

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3. Davies' Corranroo Corsair at Zymore ShCH

Class 11 Field Trial Dog 0 (Absent 0)



Class 13 Minor Puppy Bitch 1 (Absent 0)

1. Griffin's Courtown Dreamboat – Nice baby well bodied, all legs and wings at present but has lots of potential.

RES BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

Class 14 Puppy Bitch 0 (Absent 0)

Class 15 Junior Bitch 7 (Absent 0)

1. Jarvis' Shannonlee the Woodlark – Lovely type with nice outline shown in excellent coat, correct shoulder and rear assembly which she used to good effect on the move. One to watch for the future.



2. Henderson's Corranroo Caro at Temynloah – Well balanced but still needs time to mature and reach her potential, in good coat, moved well .
3. Pilmer's Corranroo Celtic Connection with Anisbrig

Class 16 Yearling Bitch 4 (Absent 0)

1. Johnstone's Dalriach Non Pareil – Well angled shoulders and rear assembly, good colour moved well once settled.
2. Green's Shanonlee the Reed Bunting – Pretty bitch with plenty of coat but this needs to darken to complete the picture.
3. Jones' Roanjora Malvesia of Berryessa

Class 17 Novice Bitch 3 (Absent 0)

1. Jarvis' Shannonlee the Woodlard
2. Johnstone's Dalriach Non Pareil
3. Barry's Shireoak Caramel Ice with Rustasha (Imp CAN)

Class 18 Graduate Bitch 2 (Absent 0)

1. Jeffery's Viewland Prairie Princess of LLabelwy – Pretty head with gentle expression, good spring of rib and plenty of substance giving her a great outline.
2. Tubby's Taniswood Anything Goes – Nice outline with well placed markings but needs time to mature into her head, moved OK.

Class 19 Post Graduate Bitch 3 (Absent 0)

1. Barry's Rustasha Rising Royal – A pretty stylish bitch with kind expression, excellent rear assembly and well angled shoulders needs to steady on the move.
2. Henderson's Temynloah Buffie JW- Compact bitch who's marking deceive and harden her expression but has correct planes, lovely dark pigmentation, carrying just the right amount of weight.
3. Webb & Lowe's Shannonlee the Rock Wren

Class 20 Limit Bitch 5 (Absent 1)

1. Wade's Oldestone Snow Shower – Such a typy bitch with soft expression and good head shape leading into well arched neck, well balanced with good angulation both fore and aft and solid muscle definition, nice tight feet, needed to move with more drive and enthusiasm in the challenge.
2. Howatson's Whispers about Vanders – Set on taller lines but still well balanced giving her a nice outline, good shoulders and excellent rear assembly , needs more furnishings to complete the picture.
3. Callaghan's Loirebay Ocean Sunrise

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Class 21 Open Bitch 9 (Absent 3)

1. Bayne's SH CH Corranroo Continental – Classy lady shown in great shape and condition, the sweetest of heads, correct arch to neck and excellent spring of rib, well angled both fore and aft and nice tight feet. Muscular body giving substance but maintaining beautiful feminine outline. Moved with reach and drive with lovely lashing tail carriage. **CC. BIS**

2. Barry's SH CH Shireoak Hurricane Ruby Rustasha (Imp CAN) – One of the best movers of the day, she has a lovely round eye, and great proportions sadly not in the best of coats to complete the picture.
3. Webb's SH CH Shannonlee the Skylark JW

Class 22 Field Trial Bitch 0 (Absent 0)



**Best
Breeder
in Breed
– BAYNE**

Mary Sherratt - Judge

'To judge like an all-rounder is far easier than judging as a specialist because an intimate knowledge of the breed is not required'. This is a straight quote from a Breed Note column in one of the national dog papers, and it awoke in me a question to which I have never really received a satisfactory answer namely, 'What exactly is it that makes someone a *Breed Specialist*?' Seems a simple enough question. The answer is obvious isn't it? 'Someone who is 'in' a breed'; or 'Someone who has had the breed for 'a while'. Or perhaps it's 'Someone who has bred 'some' litters'; or 'has been successful in the show ring'. There are probably other qualifications or combinations you can think of. There must be an easy answer because people say a specialist is a better judge of a breed than an all-rounder. So what actually is the difference? Our breed clubs even have separate lists for them so they must know - mustn't they?

Let's examine the potential criteria I have mentioned to see whether they really stand up to scrutiny:-

'Someone in the breed'

I can buy a dog and show it. Does that make me 'in' the breed? Maybe I need more than one dog, or perhaps to keep showing for a certain length of time. If I just sit and wait, can I eventually become a specialist? Maybe I need to get onto a breed club committee. If I can type, or organise some fund raising, or put out the mats at a show, will that be enough to help me on my way?

'Someone who has had the breed for a while'

Exactly how long exactly does this take, and what do I have to do in the meantime? I know, I'll get onto a club committee and...

'Someone who has bred some litters'

So I've bought a good bitch. I know it's a good one because the breeder told me it was and it cost me a fortune. Because I've paid so much, the breeder said she would find a suitable stud dog for me to use when the time is right. I'm not sure when that will be, but she did say she would let me know, and she also said something about having a litter herself so I would have to wait until after that.

'Someone who has been successful in the show ring'

This criteria can be critically dependant on your Mastercard credit limit. If you can buy a good dog you could be in with an excellent chance of fulfilling the requirement within a fairly short time. If it doesn't work out with you holding the lead, you could consider hiring a handler and letting him/her be successful on your behalf. If you can afford it you don't need to exercise, feed or even actually see the dog - except at shows unless the mood takes you. Yes, this is a truly efficient, yet effortless way to become a specialist!

There are obviously many other criteria which could be applied when defining a specialist, but have no doubt that there are club's with requirements exactly like

GENETICS SUB-COMMITTEE

PRA in IRWS

For fifteen years now owners and breeders of IRWS have had their dogs' eyes examined for PPC by the BVA/KC/ISDS panel vets. Routinely, other eye conditions are also noted and reported in the published results. In all this time PRA has not been found. In order to make some progress in the research into PPC and the development of a DNA test, an appeal for the DNA of older dogs – those over 8 years of age – was made last autumn, resulting in just 3 more samples being sent to the AHT. As 30-40 samples are urgently needed, the Club agreed to refund the cost of the eye test (£27) to the first 30 claims made by the end of June to encourage and accelerate the collection of DNA. Easy to use free cheek swab kits have been sent out to 20 owners for 38 dogs and the problems with dogs not micro-chipped or tattooed, or with 'lost' registration documents, have been successfully negotiated with the AHT and BVA – no longer a problem. There are still some cheek swab kits available and information on the location of eye testing centres.

Panic set in when owners had difficulty in obtaining eye test appointment before the end of June, so **the period for claims is extended to "the first 30 claims made"** – the sooner the better.

To date 9 claims have been made and of those, 2 dogs have been diagnosed with PRA! As the rcd1 PRA (as found in Irish Setters) results in blindness at an early age, it is conjectured that this one is 'late onset PRA', the dogs going blind at around 9 years. It has been undetected up to now, because, having had annual eye tests during the dogs' breeding years, few dogs continue to be examined in later life and we know little of their eye status in their declining years – this is an opportunity to take advantage of the Club's offer.

I have heard, second hand, of another two cases of PRA, but need confirmation from the owners. Even if a claim for re-imbursement is not being made, it is so important that the GS-C is informed in order that there can be an evaluation of the situation. **If you have had, or have now, IRWSs that became blind (not with old age cataracts) at around 9 or 10 years old, PLEASE let me know (01782 502451)**

We may not be able to do anything about this PRA, but knowing the extent of what we are dealing with far exceeds burying our heads in the sand and knowing nothing. The breed has been through situations like this before and by the whole-hearted co-operation of owners has been able to put some conditions into context and to deal with other serious ones before they became 'breed problems'.

You, the owners, hold the key to our breed's success. Please support the DNA Collection and its important information. We need you!

Ann Millington (Sec Genetic Sub-Committee)

NEWS FROM THE WORKING SUB-COMMITTEE

Summer is the time to visit a Game Fair and last Sunday I went to the final day of the CLA Game Fair at Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire. Our breed was well represented in the Sporting Dog Pavilion with at least five Red and Whites, one Irish Setter and their respective owners. The display stand was eye-catching with a large Irish flag and plenty of photographs of setters at work. I understand from the people who were there that they had had a busy three days at the Fair answering enquiries about the breed.

The Midland Game Fair takes place at Weston Park in Shropshire 18th & 19th September.

Summer is also the time to visit a Field Trial and I have just returned from North Yorkshire where I was able to watch the second day of a Field Trial run by the Gordon Setter Field Trial Society. This took place high up on the moors near Reeth where the scenery was spectacular. The weather was kind, with good visibility so we could see the dogs working. I had a very enjoyable day. It is good to see setters doing the job they were bred for and to see their enthusiasm for it.

Fiona Chapman
Secretary Working Sub-Committee

RESCUE NEWS

AMBER is getting on well in her new home. You may remember she was a rather overweight lady. Happily she is losing weight weekly and has had the "thumbs up" from her vet. She is leading an active life having the run of the farm with her friend RED !

Pleased to report that all is quiet in rescue at the moment although I did hear a very worrying tale about a young bitch rescued from gypsies. She had been spotted by a lady who runs a small animal sanctuary. The bitch was tied up under a lorry, daily for hours on end and when not tied up she was left to wander on the road. When she was wandering one day she strayed onto this ladies land and she seized the opportunity to "rescue" her. She was moved on to a home well away from the area and needless to say nobody came looking for her. The bitch was only around 9 months old and extremely nervous as well as desperate for food. Luckily for her she is in a home where she has been loved and cared for and she is now a beautiful loving girl. I just worry that she may not be the only one out there needing our help.

Please contact me for further details if you know of an understanding home for a 9 year entire male who will be needing a home very soon.

SIGN OF THE TIMES?

Sadly in this modern world many of the old habits we had with our dogs are now fraught with danger. No longer is it safe to leave your dogs unattended on the bench at a show. You can't leave them in your car, even for a short while, without the possibility of it being stolen dogs and all. Even worse is the worry of leaving them in your own garden as we read in the dog press each week of dogs being taken and how many of you used to stroll down to the local newsagent for the morning paper, leaving the dog tied up outside, just for a moment?

One of our rescue dogs had the traumatic experience of being taken while he was tied up outside the local Tesco. Many of the major supermarkets encourage this practice, supplying a "dog stop" with rings to attach the lead and a bowl of drinking water, of course they want your custom. Poor CJ was only left for a short time but long enough for him to disappear completely. As you can imagine his owners were distraught, they searched the immediate vicinity and Tesco checked their security cameras all in vain.

The police were contacted but were not that helpful. They let me know straight away and I immediately informed Dog Lost and their very well-oiled organisation went into action. In a very short space of time posters were organised, he was on FaceBook and local radio as well as the web site. After a sleepless night the longed for call came, someone had seen their neighbour come home with a fully grown dog and wondered where it had come from. They contacted CJ's owners to say they thought it was him. The police were contacted but they didn't really get any action so they went to the police station and stayed on the door phone until someone at the call centre finally answered. By sheer chance they knew the station sergeant on duty that day (from golf) and he sent someone round to the "dog-nappers" house. The chappie said he had found him, they don't think he would have harmed CJ he would have just neglected him with his chaotic junkie lifestyle and his ferrets loose around the house!

Thankfully after a thorough check up the vet said CJ was ok just a little quiet and all is well now. His owners couldn't thank the dog lost troops enough for all their campaigning and you can imagine what they say to people they see about to tie up their dogs anywhere!

Ann Jeffery , Rescue Secretary
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TITRE TESTING by Charles Henderson (Temynloah)

Inspired by the example of others who are concerned about the possible ill effects arising from the over-vaccination of dogs, I recently had blood samples taken from my 8 year old Caispern bitch and sent to the Vet School in Glasgow. Information and the submission form are at http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_34738_en.pdf

The screening was only for parvovirus, distemper and hepatitis. The current protocol for these **core vaccines** is three yearly in the UK in a combo shot. Boosters for **leptospirosis and kennel cough** are still recommended as annual.

This bitch last had the 3 core vaccines three years ago. In her 8 years she has had 5 vaccinations/boosters. The antibody titre results in March 2010 were as follows :

parvo	> 4096 - high - no booster needed at present
hepatitis	256 - moderate - no booster needed at present
distemper	256 - moderate - no booster needed at present

The parvo test is the ELISA method which most will know from the old tests for VWD and CLAD before we had DNA marker tests. The tests for hepatitis and distemper are by the virus neutralisation method - for an explanation see <http://www.biobest.co.uk/diagnostics/vnt.html>

It is likely that no further boosters will be needed for the rest of this dog's life but I need to be sure, especially since I have younger dogs at home (and hope to have some more) who may not have acquired the same level of antibodies as the older girl.

The cost of the antibody screening by Glasgow was £22 plus £10 to my vet for taking the samples and sending on = £32. The cost of the combo booster would have been £31.50. The screening will be done annually from now on, firstly for my peace of mind and secondly, for the benefit of my boarding kennels and insurers. It will, of course, eventually cost me more to go down the titre testing route every year than simply whacking in the core vaccine boosters automatically every three years and I may still have to pay for one or more single boosters if the level drops from moderate to low.

This year I will have titre testing done in the same way for my 4 year old English Setter, and next year for Temynloah Buffie when she is 4 ... and so on.

2010 YEAR BOOK PROFORMA

The contents of the 2010 Year Book will relate to 2009 & 2010. In order to facilitate the completion of the Year Book in time to be distributed at the Club Open Show, Crufts and the AGM a strict deadline for receipt of pro formas and copy of 31st October 2010 will be applied. NB Amendments to text only relating to Nov/Dec achievements will be accepted – up until 19th December.

INSTRUCTIONS

If you are able to type your advertisement as you would like it laid out in the Year Book this would be most helpful. Do not forget to indicate where you would like any photographs to appear. Hand written copy will be accepted together with guidance notes as to layout. In the absence of any guidelines, the layout will be determined by the Editor.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Colour photographs may be used for either colour or black & white advertisements. Black & white photos tend to reproduce darker than modern colour photos reproduced in black & white. Please be clear with your instructions for photos e.g. including handler/judge or cropped around dog. Scanned photos must be saved in PC format as TIFFs (300 dpi resolutions) as JPEGs lose quality the more you open and save them. Digital photos must be at least 1600 pixels x 1200 or better, using normal compression (file size 850k) JPEG file. Digital (original please without borders or frames) or scanned photos should be provided on disc and sent with your pro forma or emailed. NB Hard printer copies of digitally taken photos do not reproduce well.

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1 page £40, 2 pages £70 (*save £10*), 3 pages £100 (*save £20*), 4 pages £130 (*save £30*). Pages over and above this will be charged at £40 per page. There is no charge for additional photos on the page but remember the more photos on the page the smaller their size!

BLACK & WHITE (HALF PAGE A6)

Charged at £20 with one photo and limited text.

COLOUR (FULL PAGE A5)

£80 per page with no charge for additional photos.

NOTES

“Wordy” advertisements tend not to be read, keep it simple!

Bleed pages are not available.

Members advertising in the Year Book receive one copy only, as a member.

Additional copies are available to purchase at £5.00 from the Breed Shop.

**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sunday 27 March 2011

Newton Regis Village Hall, Austrey Lane, Newton Regis,
Tamworth, Staffs B79 0NL

Commencing at 1.00pm

Soup & Roll luncheon available from 12.15pm
Points Competition Awards Presentation at 12.45pm



A lovely picture from Pat Haddrell – a reminder of summer!

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FROM PUPPY TO CHAMPION TO VETERAN CH SHANNONLEE SNOW DOVE CD FD

In memory of the late Kim Spelmer (Shireoak)

"It was love at first sight for both of us. I met Lainie at Joyce Webb's on my first trip to England. My eye was immediately drawn to the lovely white-eared puppy milling about in a litter of eleven.

I quickly got my hands on her and that was it, she flew home with us ten days later.



Such an incredible journey followed. She became my shadow at Joyce's at seven weeks old, and near fourteen years later, she remains my shadow.



Her devotion and willingness to please are unsurpassed. She was pure joy to work with in any venue.



Her accomplishments are many. At her first show she won BPIS at the IRWSC National Specialty. Once matured, she successfully took me into



the BIS ring in the Rare Breeds shows. Upon CKC recognition for the breed, she became the breed's first bitch Ch. and in between, she achieved her C.D. title, her Field Dog Junior, placing number eight dog in Canada in points. For her F.D., she placed number ten in Canada in total points.

We believe she became the first of the breed to be titled in field, obedience, and conformation.

Lainie has been a once in a lifetime dog."

Kim Spelmer