

RED & WHITE STANDARD



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In memory of **"Ben"** a very special rescue dog (see page 9)

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT UP LINE

Welcome to my spring chat up line, at the time of my writing this report it is the end of January; cold outside with the temperature just on 0 degrees Celsius, which some of you will say is warm compared with where you live! I still prefer living in England.



As we walked the dogs this morning I noticed the first signs of spring with snowdrops and bluebell sprouting in the wooded undergrowth. Snow in November; we haven't had that in this country for a very long time. Of course everything ground to a halt, roads not salted in time, schools shut (good for kids but not their parents); the dogs loved every minute of it and best of all came back from walks wet but clean.

The Committee held its first meeting at the beginning of January dealing with the usual club business and proceeded onto arrangements for our Open Show on March 6th at Steventon Village Hall in Oxfordshire, a new venue for us. There followed a long discussion about our impending AGM to be held at Newton Regis, Nr Tamworth, on Sunday 27th March.

I am pleased that we will again have the breed stand at Crufts, which had been in some doubt at the end of last year. We now have a willing volunteer who has agreed to take over these duties. This year at Crufts for the first time we follow another breed into the ring (Irish Water Spaniels) which will mean a long day for some as we may not be judged until midday. I will be neglecting my Chairman's duties this year and unfortunately I will miss Crufts as I am having replacement knee surgery in February. This means no dog walking or driving for six weeks, oh well, keep taking the pills and smiling!

Regards
Bob Knapton, Chairman

'Conversion' Conversation

We met on the pathway, she stopped to admire

His pearly white coat with islands of fire

"What dog breed is that, a spaniel, a setter?"

I couldn't expect her to know any better.

"Not spaniel" I answered "setter is right"

"But setters are red and he's red and white

Is he a mutt, an attractive mutation?"

"No, he's a glorious son of his nation"

"But shouldn't his head be long and lean?"

"No, broad, well stopped, jaw square and neck clean"

"His eyes aren't like almonds, can that be right?"

"They're correctly round and showing no white"

"What of his ears, should they be set low?"

"Just level with his eyes, you know"

"He looks well boned, his shoulders laid right"

"just as they should be, in a good Red & White"

"Shouldn't he be racy like a thoroughbred horse?"

"More like a Connemara, athletic of course"

"He looks strong and powerful, muscular too"

"Well boned, well muscled, hock to heel strong and true"

"What of his tail, should it carry that way?"

"Not too long nor too short, lively not gay"

"Look at him move, so effortlessly"

"Ah, yes, his movement is so pleasing to me"

"I thought when I saw him that cannot be right

Irish setters are red dogs, not red and white

But now I can see I was truly misled

This Red & White dog's not a badly bred red

This dog is unique and now I know better

This beautiful dog is a Red and White Setter."

Gloria Horrocks

GENETICS SUB-COMMITTEE

It is a good sign of the times that puppy buyers ask about health checks and are cautious about pedigree dogs after all the bad publicity. It is important that buyers of IRWS know what measures we take to monitor and deal with such inherited conditions associated with our breed and where to get advice, help and support.

To this end, the Club produces a **Parental Health Status Certificate** that lists, in one document, the route of the DNA tests that make the litter 'hereditarily clear' and records the parents' eye and hip status. The KC registration only states that the puppy is hereditarily clear, not how it is clear. In addition, the reverse of the certificate gives information about the five health issues of CLAD, vWD, PPC, hips and eyes together with contact details.

Breeders ask me for the certificate when their litter arrives and a master copy is made, signed by the Chairman and GSC Secretary. The breeder then reproduces as many copies as are needed for the litter and passes them on to the new buyer with the other documentation. There is no charge for this service, although a donation to club funds is welcomed.

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"Irish Red and White Setters: Celebrate"

As most people in the breed now have the DVD **"Irish Red & White Setters: Celebrate"**, there are still some left that I will sell at **£10** to breeders for them to sell on to their puppy buyers in the hope that they will enjoy this look at the breed and are encouraged to join the IRWSCGB and become more involved.

Ann Millington

Life with Red and Whites – a member's experience

Although a relatively new member of the IRWS club, I was a member in 1995 after my step-mother Delaine Marsh gave me the most wonderful gift, my first red and white, Chardine Country Charmer (Quinn); the most handsome, adorable dog. The following year she also gave me Exedon Aille, a truly lovely little bitch. After hip scoring and eye tests, we had one litter of seven pups from Quinn and Aille and kept the first born pup, Lily, and eventually had returned to me a male dog, Ferdi, as the owners couldn't cope with him. It is amazing what a little training and plenty of exercise does for a boisterous dog and we adored him as we have all our dogs.

Eventually Quinn and Aille, after a wonderful life here on the farm, sadly passed on and we just had the two. Lily contracted tetanus, apparently very rare for dogs, and although she was in 'intensive care' for three days she survived, again rare. She and Ferdi were great friends; we took them around the country following a horse I bred who is an advanced eventer which meant going to international events at places like Gatcombe Park. We felt they became ambassadors of the breed, as despite all the horses worth tens of thousands of pounds, we were forever being stopped by people who ignored all the horses and wanted to know what breed of dogs our two were and all about them, saying what beautiful dogs they were. Ferdi unfortunately had to be put down August 2009 after suffering several fits and one massive fit when he no longer knew us, the vet though he probably had a brain tumour. We were devastated as was Lily and a week later she had a stroke, but after medication she recovered fully. We started to worry that she might also pass on and we would be left without a wonderful red and white and started making enquiries about puppies.

In January 2010 we collected Rosie, litter name Wings, aged eight weeks. Three weeks later after an e-mail saying that of the two puppies being run on, it was decided to let 'Sweetie' go to a new home. A friend of mine, who I had given one of my young home bred horses, who owned Lottie, one our puppies, rang me and said she wanted to buy Sweetie for me as a thank you. I had sent her all the emails of the puppies as they developed. It was a



Tilly

Rosie



Lily 13years 8½months

wonderful gesture and naturally we agreed and Sweetie, now called Tilly, came home with us. We are a year on and we have two beautiful young ladies, Rosie a mischievous little girl, who hasn't the conformation for showing but once she becomes more biddable will make an excellent agility or gundog as she is incredibly intelligent and fast and Tilly, who we call our 'dumb blonde', very loving, great presence and would have probably been a very good show dog except soon after we got her my vet noticed that she had an overshot lower jaw, so showing and breeding were out of the question. They are super puppies, are doing exceptionally well at the Good Citizens puppy training classes, and adore Lily who is very deaf and look after her. I thought your readers might be interested to know that Lily is nearly 14 years old and of the seven original puppies, as far as I know, only two have passed on. What a wonderful breed they are and then on our travels we sadly rarely see another one.

Lily now has reduced mobility in her back legs and yesterday she had the first of four weekly injections of Cartrophen. What a difference, this morning she jumped off her bed like a five-year old and I would highly recommend the treatment.

Maggie Evans

PEDIGREE:

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A new editor is to be announced – watch out for news in the breed notes and on the club website www.irishredandwhitesetterclub.com

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WORKING SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS by Fiona Chapman



Our Working Day at Little Ironpitts Farm near Leek in Staffordshire took place on Sunday 27th November and was well supported despite the adverse weather conditions. In the morning the dogs and handlers practised quartering and dropping

and after the lunch break we moved to a different field where some caged birds were hidden so all the dogs had the opportunity to find the birds whilst on a long lead. The presence of birds made such a difference to the dogs, they all came alive! Finally we had some gunshot at a safe distance and I am pleased to say that no dogs or handlers were gun shy.

Three Bronze Shots were awarded, to Kath Griffins' two dogs Sh Ch Corranroo Connexion and Wroxham Music Man and John and Kath Barcroft were successful with Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Ballakinish Mistinguette.

There are some excellent photographs of the day on the photographer's website www.bobturnerphoto.co.uk

We hope to have news of more working days at different venues in the near future. To keep up to date with working events join the IRWSWorkingtogether@yahoogroups.com or if you are not online please contact me and ask me to phone or post details to you.



Photos courtesy Dave Whittrick featuring Toby in the snow and learning steadiness training with Jaffer the red-tailed hawk

THE KC HEALTH TESTING SCHEMES FOR IRWS

- **DNA TESTING SCHEME – Canine Leucocyte Adhesion Deficiency (CLAD) recessively inherited** - A breed control scheme is in place agreed by representatives of the Irish Red and White Setter Breed Clubs and the Kennel Club. Since 17th June 2008 the Kennel Club refuses registration of IRWS puppies unless both parents have been tested clear of CLAD, or are hereditarily clear of CLAD. No carriers will be registered.
- **DNA TESTING SCHEME - von Willebrand Disease (vWD) recessively inherited** - A breed control scheme is in place agreed by representatives of the Irish Red and White Setter Breed Clubs and the Kennel Club. Effective from 1st January 2011 the Kennel Club only registers litters of IRWS if both parents are DNA tested clear of vWD or are hereditarily clear of vWD. No carriers will be registered.
- **JOINT KC/BVA EYE SCHEME** - The breed is currently certified for Hereditary Cataract.
- **JOINT KC/BVA HIP DYSPLASIA SCHEME** - The lower the score the less the degree of hip dysplasia, minimum L0 R0 Total 0, maximum L53 R53 Total 106.
- **JOINT KC/BVA ELBOW DYSPLASIA SCHEME** - A similar scheme is available for elbows for which a single grade is used to indicate the degree of elbow dysplasia, each elbow is graded 0-3 but only the highest value is used as the overall grade.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 12th June 2011

Weedon Bec Village Hall, Weedon, Northamptonshire NN7 4QU

NB this is an indoor venue as there are no facilities for an outdoor ring

Judge Mrs Penny Williams (Bournehouse)

CLUB AUTUMN OPEN SHOW

Sunday 9th October 2011

Hasland Village Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 0AY

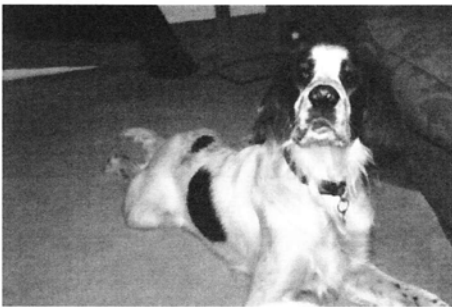
Judge Mrs Mary Davies (Zymore)

RESCUE NEWS from Ann Jeffery

Rescue had a very sad start to the New Year as poor BEN (pictured on front page), our 12 year old, who went to his new home last November, was sadly put to sleep to save him any unnecessary suffering.

It all happened very quickly, with him being unwell on one day and off to the vets the next, where it was discovered that he had a growth on his spleen. During further tests more growths were discovered and the decision was taken to let him go while he was still sedated, warm and comfy.

Although his new family had had him for such a short time he has left a very large gap; he had very quickly found his way into their affections which is so typical of this fantastic breed of ours. They can take comfort from knowing that they gave him a very loving and caring home for his last months and rescue is so grateful for that.



On a happier note Jake (pictured left and below), the 15 month old, has now gone to a lovely home where they know all about the breed. He is a lucky boy; he will have plenty of human company as well as a young red and white lady to play with who just loves

having him around. It is early days but he has now started to settle in well, they say it feels like he has always been there. How often people tell me that, just proves how well they adapt as long as they are loved and cared for.



JUDGES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT from Jackie Howatson

During 2010 the JSC organised and presented two very successful judging seminars. A Module 1 was held in March and of the 15 people attending 14 passed with 6 achieving a credit. A Module 2 was held in October with all 6 candidates achieving passes with credit.

There was also a presentation made for the National Gundog Association Judges Development Programme. Much praise was received from the candidates for the content and quality of the presentations and great thanks must go to all those people who gave up their time and made themselves and their dogs available for the benefit of others on what were long and tiring days. You are much appreciated and it couldn't be done without you. Thank you all.

Discussions with the IRWSC of Scotland have reached a successful conclusion and starting with 2011 the Judging List will now be a joint one between the IRWSC of GB and the IRWSC of Scotland. At the time of writing we await Kennel Club approval of the new joint criteria.

During 2011 the JSC will begin the task of selecting the judges for the 2014 and 2015 Club Shows. Club members are invited to submit names of their choosing from the judging lists to the JSC for consideration. For the JSC to consider these names for the **Open Shows** the judge must be on the B or A3 list and must not have judged a Club Show within the previous 5 years, and for the **Championship Shows** the judge must be on the A1 List and have awarded CCs at least 3 times and not have judged a Club Show within 10 years.

Much of the work of the JSC is conducted via email but a meeting is held annually, this year having taken place in January. There are currently 10 members of the JSC: Jose Baddeley, Pat Brigden, Helen Cohen, Gloria Horrocks, Ann Millington, Pauline Perriam, Liz Rose-Hay, Mary Sherratt, Val Wade, Jackie Howatson (secretary).

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TALL STORIES from the late Kim Spelmer

“Enough already!”

It is now Thursday and I awoke this morning to total white out conditions. AGAIN. Complete with big, howling, driving winds. But wow, heat wave - it is only -20C this morning - whoopee!



I went to let the dogs out and the door was stuck, frozen to the rubber sealing. I pulled, cursed, pulled, swore like a lumberjack, pulled some more, this time combining the pulling and swearing all at the same time-surely that must be the magic combination that would achieve my goal. And then the door handle came off in my hand. The door is still not open.

All the while I have many, many dogs dancing around me with their legs crossed waiting for their morning pee. Simon had apparently been assessing my level of competence and the potential I have to solve this problem and I guess he found me sadly lacking, so he peed where he stood. And then 9 other dogs ran through it just to make sure that the puddle would achieve maximum coverage. During this entire time all 10 dogs are also helpfully barking their encouragement for my efforts - or perhaps they are calling me an idiot.

In the meantime I can hear the cat making karking noises in the living room - she is puking on the carpet. The rabbit, also incensed by my incompetence this morning has ripped his metal food dish from where it was attached to the cage and is throwing it from one end of the metal cage to the other, clanging loudly, helpfully reminding me that he still has not been fed his breakfast.

For my next plan of attack I grab a hammer and a pry bar and my hair dryer. All the dogs disperse and run for cover – or perhaps they have all gone to pee on the living room carpet. On a bright note, one of my considerate and house proud fur kids has cleaned up the cat puke for me, as again I have been found lacking and did not attend to this issue quickly enough.

At last I achieve success with the pry bar and the door springs open, assisted by 50km/hr winds. But do 10 dogs rush outside???NOOOOOOOO, there is a 3ft high mound of snow directly in front of the door, which, apparently is insurmountable for each and every one of them, so they all crowd around looking at me in askance as to

just how I intend to solve this latest problem. I see disappointment in Simon's eyes and his head hangs low as he has not regained much faith in my abilities, so he goes off into the kennel room and poops. Thankfully, the same cleanup crew who looked after the cat's indiscretion also takes care of this latest problem before the rest of the crew can run through it to achieve previously mentioned maximum coverage.

This storm system landed on us almost a week ago now, last Friday to be exact (which coincidentally is the last time I was able to get out of the house!) During this time we have faced temps in the -30C range and road and school closures almost every day and a total of about 75cms of snow.....all of which is now blowing directly into my house at an incredible rate of accumulation.

I am appropriately attired to do what needs to be done next. I am dressed in my knee length nightshirt that has pictures of pretty snowflakes and pine trees, polar bears and reclining seals. Covering this little slice of winter serenity is my fuzzy green knee length robe and I have on my fuzzy ankle socks and matching fuzzy slippers (before the fashion police begin to mock me, I just want to let it be known that this is standard morning attire for those who heat with wood stoves and live in the back woods). To complete the picture I also have the required 'bed head' hair sticking

straight up in the air at various un-complimentary angles.



I grab the shovel, which is thankfully, still propped up beside the door and has not blown into oblivion and begin to attack the wall of snow; which promptly falls into the house at a level higher than my fuzzy slippers and socks. The dogs scream with thoughts of bladder relief only seconds away and all 10 race out the door at the same time, knocking me out of the house into the storm in my cute little country morning outfit. They are horrified at the conditions they are met with and they all stop and squat or lift legs within two feet of the door and rush back into the house, effectively finishing the process of covering every inch of me with snow from the top of my head to the tips of my toes. I no longer have to worry about my hair sticking up at various angles as it is now plastered flat against

my head. And I no longer have to worry about the fashion police as I am also now totally colour co-ordinated in white.

It is only 7:30 am; there is still a whole day in front of me. I put the whole lot of them into crates in anticipation of breakfast. I duct tape the door handle back onto the door, but of course, other than covering up the hole that it came from it no longer serves much of a purpose, so I move a crate in front of the door in order to keep it shut. The dead bolt ceased to work on said door several days ago due to the -30C temps, which has caused most everything to go wonky. The door to the chicken coop also ceased to shut as of two days ago so is now creatively bungee corded. The chickens, however, are far less judgmental than the dogs regarding my efforts to cope. I ran out of chicken feed a couple of days ago and have also had to get rather creative about that, (perhaps Simon has a point about my competency level) the ladies in the hen house though have appeared very appreciative of my efforts in that regard also, I am scraping the bottom of the fridge for supplies as of today though and have no choice but to bake them some cornbread. I am not sure exactly at what point my life took a turn that would see me cooking for chickens.

I am reminded that the wood stove needs to be fired up again as I begin to feel the frostbite settling into my extremities. A small tear runs down my cheek as I notice that there are only 4 pieces of wood left in the wood box in the kitchen. I recall that I have also removed every stick of wood from the wood shed, conveniently located only a few steps away from the house. I am now left with a load of wood that is still sitting out on my driveway; down near the barn that was delivered only 2 days before the storm system hit us and well, it never made it to the shed. It is now buried under a 6 foot snow drift, just in front of the 8 ft snow drift that sits before the barn doors.

I don't know why I should feel even the slightest bit of surprise by this but I have checked the weather forecast and the snow squall warnings have been extended out to tomorrow - a full week now! I fear my sense of humour has totally abandoned me and winter has near beaten me, I feel I am just a shell of the woman I used to be one short week ago. As I said when I began - ENOUGH ALREADY!

Now, if you'll all excuse me I must go shovel the snow out of my house.....

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 27 March 2011 at Newton Regis Village Hall, Austrey Lane,
Newton Regis, Tamworth, Staffs B79 0NL commencing with Annual
Points Competition presentations at 12.45pm

POINTS COMPETITION 2010



Top Dog, Top Overall, Winner of
Bellavanti Beachcomber Trophy
Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Tullamore Ted JW
ShCM

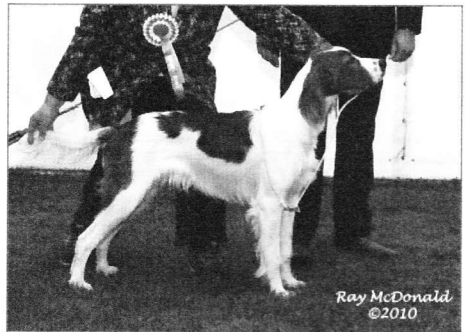
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Top Puppy
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Top Veteran
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at Oldestone



Top Stud Dog:
Top Brood Bitch:
Top Breeder:

Sh Ch Vanders Veracity
Sh Ch Corranroo Calypso
Corranroo (Bayne)

SNIPPETS

KC STUD BOOK BAND FOR 2011

Band B 1st or 2nd in Open Class only

Challenge Certificates, Reserve Challenge Certificates and Junior Warrants qualify in all bands for stud book numbers. Stud book numbers qualify a dog for Crufts.

SEASONAL CANINE ILLNESS

A new phenomenon called Seasonal Canine Illness is reported by the Animal Health Trust on their website. The disease comes on very quickly, usually within 24 hours of having walked in a woodland area. The most common clinical signs reported are vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, lethargy, loss of appetite, trembling and fever and it has led to death in some cases. Although most cases investigated have been from Sandringham Estate, Clumber Park, Thetford Forest and Sherwood Forest, there are reports of occurrences in many other areas of the UK. Sign up for alerts at www.aht.org.uk.

COURTDOWN SUMMER BREEZE OVER ROANJORA ShCM

Congratulations to Ray, Debbie and Roxanne McDonald on Bree's Show Certificate of Merit. Bree was bred by Sue Blackmore in 2005 and also has one CC to her name. The ShCM is difficult to win and is based on wins of BOB and group placings at open shows.

DALRIACH LORD OF THE ISLES

Dalriach Lord of the Isles "Tyler" has completed training with the Ministry of Defence and is now a fully licensed explosives and firearms search dog based in Yorkshire. This may be a first for R&Ws and indeed Setters in general. Tyler was bred by Margaret Sierakowski and was owned by Ve and Tony Callaghan. He won Special Junior dog at Crufts last year. Ve met a Ministry of Defence dog handler at the army dog training kennels in Melton Mowbray who offered to assess him. This very energetic dog passed with flying colours in work that is normally associated with Labradors and Springer Spaniels.

YEAR BOOK, NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE EDITOR

After a number of years carrying out these jobs it is time for a break. The 2010 year book will be my last, as is this edition of the Red and White Standard. I have really enjoyed undertaking these tasks and thank you all for contributing and reading it all. I am no longer the webmaster and announcements will be made in due course as to who will take over. Charles Henderson has also taken on my previous role as breed note correspondent for Our Dogs newspaper.

Susan Barry

**FROM PUPPY TO CHAMPION TO VETERAN
SH CH RUSTASHA RARE VISION VIA KERRABI JW ShCM
"DAISY"**



Daisy winning Best Puppy in Show at IRWSCGB June 2000 then went on to win her Junior Warrant



Daisy as a veteran in 2007 taking bitch CC and Best of Breed at Bournemouth Championship Show

*Owned and loved by
Margaret Pitman*

Daisy showing early promise



Daisy matured into a beautiful Show Champion and achieved her Show Certificate of Merit

