

RED & WHITE STANDARD

Newsletter of the Irish Red & White Setter Club of Great Britain:
For members at home and abroad

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A very 'Patriotic' Val Wade at the Breed Championship show.



Some people will do anything to get on the front page!

CHAIRMANS CHAT UP LINE

Hello everyone it's that time of year again, spring has started and so has a drought which has been imposed by various water authorities across this country of ours, but in my case since the beginning of April it has hardly stopped raining in fact we have had localised flood warnings!

We held our first open show of this year at Steventon Village Hall near Oxford which was well attended and was a very happy occasion with yet another visit by the KC's field officer. He made a comment that we didn't have a warning notice about dogs in hot cars when on the day it was cold and raining outside! To be fair that's his job to bring items to our notice and offer advice if needed: We passed with no other problems.

The following week was Crufts with all its glory or disappointments depending upon your point of view. Our very capable judge this year was Jackie Howatson (Vanders) who really needs no introduction from me. She did an excellent job with a few surprises for some foreign exhibitors taking some of the top spots in a few classes. Jackie did amuse some spectators by changing her footwear into something more user-friendly and comfortable during her judging. Why put up with the pain just to be vain that's what I say!

Our A.G.M. took place towards the end of March and started off with the Breed Points competition which started with the rosette awards in the various categories. The Working Together Trophy was awarded to Tony Sherratt, the owner/handler who has achieved the most in work training with their dog during the past year. Our President Pauline Perriam then gave a brief address before we got down to the main business of the day. After the meeting was closed there was an informal discussion held with Sue Sampson from the Kennel Club with regards to the Assured Breeders Scheme.

Anne Millington and Pat Brigden along with Irish Setter Association (E) Member Mr David Bell attended a meeting with senior members of the Kennel Clubs committee to discuss the proposed outcross programme which was very well received by the KC who were going to put this to their general purposes committee later on this month: Please read Anne's full report further on in this newsletter.

I will be attending another meeting at Stoneleigh hosted by the KC about breed rescue on May 3rd along with Anne Jeffery and we will keep you informed of our progress.

Regards Bob Knapton

THE OUTCROSS AND ALL THAT STUFF!

IRWS were represented by Pat Brigden and me and Irish Setters by ISA (E) Chairman David Bell, at a meeting in April with the KC about the implications to UK IRWS owners/breeders of the Irish International Outcross Programme 2011 – crossing IRWS with working Irish Setters from France.

All the crossbreed puppies whether red, mismarked red or red and white will be registered as IRWS by the IKC and identified by adding, X, XX, XXX to the registration number signifying which generation of the outcross they are. These dogs will be accepted by the UK KC according to the Reciprocal Agreement between nation KCs, but will be identifiable by *, **, *** after their KC registration number.

The KC is fully aware and understands our concerns about any effects of this on the breed in the UK and confirms their support for our endeavours for the future of our breed here. The greatest concern is the introduction of Irish setter health problems in IRWS and the loss of 'type.'

TO DEAL WITH HEALTH: In order for UK registration, the KC will insist on the full health test records of the imports, including the addition of eye conditions omitted by the Irish Programme and an investigation into the incidence of Epilepsy, Bloat, MO etc. in the Irish Setter element of the outcross as far as it is possible.

THE LOSS OF 'TYPE': Is to be expected from the first generation of any outcross, be it within the breed or to another breed and is not something for the KC to deal with. They rightly stated that type is the responsibility of the Breed Clubs and ultimately the breeders and judges. So those afraid that the KC will dictate to IRWS breeders – rest assured. Your breeding practices are in your own hands – you can ignore or accept advice.

IS OUTCROSSING NECESSARY?

In 2008 the IRWSCGB conducted an international survey into the problems that inbreeding presents. From the replies, there is no evidence to date that the breed has Inbreeding Depression – litters are of good size – average between 8 – 14 puppies, life span reaches into the teens, and the incidence of hereditary disease is minimal as yet. However, significant breeders did not contribute to the survey, a very great pity.

Outcrossing outside the breed does not appear necessary at this time; although outcrossing within the breed should be seriously considered as COIs of 20% or more are not healthy in the long term. Breeders afraid of losing type should understand that type can be retrieved quite easily in breeding programmes planned for several generations. Going on as we are will mean that years down the line, outcrossing to another breed will become a necessity if breed health declines and how to do it requires a plan to be made **now**. Moreover it needs the reasons and method of outcrossing for the breed's good to be thoroughly understood by the breed

community and for all to be supportive of the interim steps to re-establish the acceptable type.

The reporting of health issues – big or small (or just interesting) makes a huge difference to our monitoring of breed health and of particular importance is reporting the cause of death. Most members are pretty good at this – are you?

An email or phone call to me is all it takes, but the value to the breed as a whole is immense – we really need to know.

Anne Millington.

DISCOVER DOGS AT CRUFTS 2012

Our Discover Dogs stand this year was on the back wall in hall 3/3A which therefore was not as busy as I would have liked. The first day Toy and Utility was quiet all day with only passing public, all the stand supporters and the KC commented on this fact. Gundog day proved to be much better, but initially got off to a slow start.



Eamon O'Connor and Rowan

The above photograph was taken around 9.45am, with Eamon and Rowan doing their slot on the stand until midday. As the show progressed so did the public's interest in our breed. The K.C sent a letter to me and stated that a total of 145,176 people came

A big thank you must go to all the volunteers who offered themselves and their dogs to manage our stand over the four days of the show and to Gaye O'Connor who dismantled everything for me thus avoiding me having to travel north again, I could not have done it without all of your help.

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I stood by your bed last night

I came to have a peep,

I came to have a peep,

I could see that you were crying,

You found it hard to sleep.

I wined to you softly

As you brushed away a tear,

'It's me I haven't left you

I'm fine I'm well I'm here....

Graham & Jacquie Bayne's Sh. Ch. Corranroo Charisma &

Corranroo Catalyst.

Val Jarvis Bishopmill Bronze Spirit.

Pat & Nikki Stone's Spyefire Boogie Woogie.

Barcroft's Pridewood Phantom Spirit.

Caispern Snow Martin at Ardraccan.

Walker's Sh. Ch. Wroxham Strike A Pose,

Eileen Walker writes:

My dear Michael was put to sleep to save him from further suffering, his back legs had given up and he was in great distress. Born on 7th August 1998 he would have been 14 years old in a couple of months' time. My first homebred Show Champion and a great character, he leaves me broken hearted, but he will never be forgotten he will forever be in our hearts and thoughts, run free my beautiful Irish Gentleman.

DEREK GEORGE PERRIAM

15-02-1930 30-04-2012

Derek George Perriam, husband of Pauline Perriam (Our President IRWSCGB) sadly passed peacefully away in Leighton Hospital Crewe on 30th April 2012 surrounded by his loving family.

Known to his loved ones as 'Dad, Del Boy, Granddad in the wheelbarrow or the window or a chair', and whatever he was known as he was a very well loved man indeed and he will be sadly missed to all those who knew him.

Those who wanted to mark his life were asked that donations could be made in his memory to the Royal Navy Benevolent Fund, or The Stroke Association, where it is hoped an outdoor bench could be placed in the grounds in the new Life After Stroke centre in his memory.

A small gathering went back to the family's farm after the services so that friends and family could come together to reminisce.

Suzanne Humphries.

Why Own a Dog?

There's a danger you know, if you can't own just one the craving will grow.

There's no doubt they're addictive, wherein there lays the danger, while living with lots – you'll grow poorer and stranger.

One dog is no trouble and two are so funny, the third one is easy, the fourth one is honey, the fifth ones delightful, the sixth one's a breeze, so you'll find you can live with a houseful of ease!

So how about another? Would you really dare? They're really quite easy, but oh Lord the hair!

With dogs on the sofa and dogs on the bed and crates in the kitchen, it's no bother you said. They're really no trouble their manners are great, what's one more dog, and what's one more crate?

The sofa is hairy the windows are crusty, the floor is all footprints, and the furniture's all dusty. The housekeeping suffers but what do you care? Who minds a few nose prints and a little more hair?

So let's keep a puppy you can always find room, and a little more time for the dust cloth and broom. There's hardly a limit to the dogs you can add, and the thoughts of cut backs sure makes you sad! Each one is so special, so useful, and so funny, the vet and the food bills grow larger, and you owe BIG money!

Your folks never visit; few friends come to stay, except other doggy folk who live the same way. Your lawn has now died, and your shrubs are dead too, but your weekends are busy you're off with the crew.

There's dog food and vitamins, training and shots, and entries and travel, and motels which cost lots! Is it worth it you wonder, are you caught in a trap?
 Then that favourite one comes and climbs on your lap. His look says he special and you know that you will, keep all of the critters in spite of the bill! Some just for showing and some just to breed and some just for loving, they all fill a need.
 God! Winter's a hassle, and the dogs hate it too, but they must have their walks, though they're numb, and you're blue!
 Late evening is awful you scream and you shout at the dogs on the sofa that refuse to go out.
 The dogs and the dog shows, the travel and the thrills, the work and the worry, the pressure and the bills!
 The whole thing seems worth it, the dogs are your life they're charming and funny and offset the strife.
 Your lifestyle has changed – things won't be the same. Yes, those dogs are addictive and so is the dog game!
 Poet unknown.

SMALL BRAGS

Courtdown Dancing Queen was the Top Winning IRWS in Finland 2011
 At the Westminster show G.CH. Aramis Farms High Road To Killary (Gilbey) won BOB, the youngest American bred dog, owned by Deb Peterson & Judy Zawikawaski.
 Pat Haddrell's dog Rustasha Resolution (Ray) is now an official Pat Dog.
 Gloria Horrocks now has a new knee!
 Carmen & Livia Lorenzi has a new kennel name called Vistador
 History was made in Belgium where Taniswood Wicked Lady won Best in Show after eleven years of breed classes at the show.
 BOB at the World Show was Kathy Forsters United Spots Red Kite, and the bitch CACIB awarded to Claudia Vokemer's Corranroo Celtic Princess
 At the Potteries Open show in March 2012 the Ward's junior bitch, Ballakinish Mischief Making Copperwhite won 1st in the NSC J class. Plus their boy Caispern Nicholas Silver now 8 years old won his class and went onto win 3rd place in the gundog group.
 Ballakinish Mischief Making Copperwhite has won her final points for a Junior Warrant at the Southern Counties Championship show.
 Catherine Pettifers boy Tam who is now 10 years old won 3rd place in the AVGNCS at an open show near her.
 Taylor's boy Laoirebay Ocean Sunset won Gundog Group 4 at the North Lincs show in March.
 Carmen & Livia Lorenzi's boy Spyefire May Spring Rainbow won v1CAC BOB at the Swiss club show also winning The Best Dog in Swiss ownership Challenge Trophy for the 2nd time.

Jackie Howatson won a 3rd CC with Vanders Vida Loco at the Breed Champ show making her a 10th Champion for Jackie's kennel.

Daniel Rowles won Tullamore Troubador'3rd CC & BOB at the SKC show.

THE JUBILEE FEAST JUNE 2012



This feast was prepared by the IRWSCGB committee and some of its members for all those present at the recent Championship show held in June 2012. It was really a wonderful effort by all those concerned. Each dish was given a name to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Queen's reign over sixty years.



Centre Stage of IRWSCGB decorated for the Jubilee show



NODDYS NOTIONS

Noddy the Joyful

I'm just an ordinary young Irish Red & White Setter, from impeccable parent of course. Though I say it myself, I try to please.....doesn't always work I'm sorry to say, but hey –ho! I can make a good job of looking sad and sorry for whatever it was that was wrong – can't say I always know where I erred but a dog knows how to get its people friendly again. My people, Sir and Missus, are super, I guess they really like me a lot – comfy bed (in the kitchen) good food, walks in the park, games in the garden (keep off the flowers!!!) Even chances to meet other dogs in the park, at ring - craft and some shows too. Sometimes Missus is mad with excitement at shows and sometimes she is very glum, and I try really hard to learn ringcraft because that makes her happy. We also watch quite a bit of TV and on those cosy evenings I get to sit on the sofa for a nice cuddle, they ruffle my fur and say "Oh Noddy, you do have some funny notions!"

Notions are thoughts in my head, and I have plenty of all kinds.

One day Sir and I were in the park, I was snuffling around with a few pals when I heard someone say to Sir "That's a strapping young Setter! Do you work him?" Of course I pricked up my ears as I always do when people say nice things about me, and Sir said "No, I know Setters work – going on point and such like but I wouldn't know where to begin." Then they carried on talking too fast for me and anyway I found something more interesting to do – time in the park is precious.

You can imagine my surprise when I was woken so very early one morning in late summer, let out for my 'personal comfort' then into the car....but not another show! It was Sir not Missus!

Away we went out into the country and to cut a long story short, it was a Field Trial. There were lots of Setters and Pointers and people. "Behave yourself Noddy" said Sir though he knew I would because I'm used to strange dogs and being on the lead and not causing trouble from going to shows. Sir was very quiet too and kept out of the way, though he did talk to other people as we followed the working dogs over the moor with heather up to my chest and boggy places here and there. We watched the dogs working – I knew what they were doing of course, running across the wind, finding birds – I could do that!

But this is the notion that fills my head and makes my whole body quiver and tingle – was there ever such a HEAVENLY place? Oh the space, the wind full of scents, the trill of flushed birds, the running, running and running free. This is what I was born for, I was on fire! It must have affected Sir too, because he looked me straight in the eye and said, "Noddy, we'll go training together and learn all about it. I'll look on the Club website." So he did – we go and I'm brimming over with joy! More next time!

A CANADIAN REPORT

Written by Gail Harrison (Caniscaeli)

I'd like to say how pleased I am to be again reporting IRWS events in Canada.

The past few months have seen several new litters in our area of Canada. The first was Alice Guthrie's Crossfire litter in November 2011. Spring 2012 saw new puppies from Pat and Albrecht Ua Siaghail of Aislingcudo, then three weeks late Caniscaleli puppies from Gail and Leslie Harrison. Finally Jonnelle Flatt's Whitehot litter shortly thereafter. There should be lots of puppy entries at upcoming shows.

The executive of our National Breed Club has also been busy with plans for our annual Speciality, this year held in conjunction with Erie Shores All Breed shows. Alice Guthrie was show chair, with all of us living in the area to help. We have all been so excited to finally have Jackie Howatson come from the UK to judge. Very unfortunately, Leslie and I, due to family misfortunes were unable to attend the Speciality ourselves this year. However, Leslie did attend the Breed Seminar presented by Jackie on Sunday afternoon, I was at home with a broken leg, but so pleased to have learned that our Eamon had been chosen as her National Speciality Best Of Breed.

I heard from attendees that Jackie's breed presentation was excellent basing the Blueprint on our updated Canadian breed standard. It's so refreshing to have a well-established UK breeder with viewpoints that are interesting, perhaps novel, and also to reaffirm our own knowledge.

Jackie also spent a few days in Canada after the speciality, and aside from the requisite visit to Niagara Falls she also visited with area breeders in our homes. Pat and Albrecht Ua Siaghail also hosted a lovely get together and meal for Red'N' White people. Jackie was with me for the final two days of her stay, and aside from my having to say "wake up Jackie" a couple of times when she was inclined to fall asleep late that first night, we did have wonderful dog talks. Jackie had her son with her in Canada, and David was able to follow his own interests in the area, having more to do with roller coasters and cowboy hats and boots.

Results

Best Of Breed: Ch. Shireoak Caniscalie Windsong, CGN Breeder K. Spelmer owners G&I Harrison.

Best Opposite Sex: Ch. Whitehot's Six of One, breeder J. Flatt, owners. Riedel & J. Flatt.

Award Of Merit: Ch. Shireoak Spring Frost, breeder K. Spelmer, owners M. & R Taylor
Winning dog and Best of Winners: Aramis Farm High Road to Killary, breeders P. Thompson & J. Taylor, owners D. Peterson & J. Zawikowski.

Reserve Winning dog: Aslingcudo Maimealaigh Cle, breeder J & J Benedetto & P. Ua Siaghail, owner D. Cenotti & J. Benedetto.

Winners Bitch: Aisling is Einin Ar Goroi, breeder P & A Ua Siaghail, owner J. Logan.

Reserve Winners Bitch: Moonstone's Red Elle, breeder J. Clark & D Cournoyer, owner P. Osimo.

Best Puppy In Breed: Crossfire Northern Lights, breeder/owner A. Guthrie.
 Veteran Male: Ch. Corranroo Chaos, breeder J & G. Bayne (UK) owner J. Flatt.
 Veteran Female: Ch. Crossfire Dancing In My Dreams, breeder/owner A. Guthrie.
 Best Brace: Ch. Crossfire Dancing In My Dreams & Ch. Crossfire Rising Star, owner A. Guthrie.
 Stud Dog: Taniswood Time Will Tell, breeder Goldsmith & Brown (UK) owner Guthrie.
 Brood Bitch: Ch. Crossfire Dancing In My Dreams owner A. Guthrie.

Gail Harrison.



BOB winner Ch. Shireoak Caniscaeli Windsong



BOB (centre) BOS (rear left) BOW (right rear)



This is the final line up Specials with the Canadian Champions, class winners and veteran winners.



Decisions, Decisions!

**Jackie making her final placing's for the Best of Winners dog,
Behind are the three principal winners of the day.**

THE BIGGEST KILLER OF IRWS IS CANCER

One in Four dogs will suffer from cancer during their lives.

More dogs die from this disease than any other one condition. IRWS are no different from most dogs and the list of types and sites of cancer in our breed is long, reaching way back in time and is distributed widely. However, when your vet's single word diagnosis turns your world upside down, despair sets in and the whole thing becomes very personal.

Perhaps it's a comfort to find you are not alone, but it does not alter the fact that you and your dog have a long struggle that may not have a happy conclusion.

What is cancer? Briefly, it is the abnormal growth of cells in certain sites of the body. What makes them abnormal? Cells increase throughout life by simple division into identical copies of the original – they have to do this to enable the animal (or plant) to grow and then to replace cells as they become 'worn out.'

Sometimes the division accidentally fails to reproduce some element of the cell's genetic code accurately and a mutation is formed. The next time the cell division occurs the mutation is reproduced. If this happens to be a 'crazy' mutation that divides and divides at an alarming and unnatural rate and spreads into places it shouldn't then we get cancerous lumps, tumours, melanomas etc., that eventually cause death.

Why are we hearing of more and more cancer in dogs?

More dogs today live longer than they used to because we 'keep them in' rather than letting them roam daily, we then notice any health changes, we can afford to take them to the vets frequently, vets see more cases of cancer and the increasing number of cases gets publicity. There was no knowing how many dogs died from cancer before the communication revolution.

Current research into canine cancer uses the latest technology to discover the causes and develop prevention and a cure. Understanding the cause is the first step – is cancer hereditary, acquired environmental or just bad luck?

As the immediate cause is thought to be a faulty cell division, there is an inheritance element, but what causes the fault to be so lethal when the whole principle of cell division is to continue the life of the animal? This brings in the possible influence of modern chemicals used in the environment – or in food? But who knows? There are so many pieces being discovered in the cancer puzzle that it is bewildering to know what to think or where to turn.

One in four of us will have a nasty, heart-breaking shock, and that leaves three in four of us breathing a sigh of relief that it's not 'my dog.'

It does not stop there though does it? For thirty odd years we, as a breed, have not selfishly thought only of our own; we have concerned ourselves with the health of the entire breed. We have a database that records health issues so that we have an instant over view of breed health and are able to contribute our data to research for our own benefit.

You can't kid yourselves that, "I'm all right Jack" means that every other dog is and in the long run your piece of information, insignificant to you, could be vital to the monitoring of IRWS health.

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'Trouble' Tintookie Bright Eyes
ANNE Robertson's new puppy of 3 months old.
Birdwell Setters, Canberra Australia

The Irish Setter Club of Belgium

I was privileged to be invited to judge Irish Red and White Setters at the Irish Setter Club of Belgium's Special Breed Show at the end of April with CAC'S on offer. Tony accompanied me as we planned to include a short sightseeing break as well; we took our very first trip on Euro Star. I would recommend this mode of travel to anyone, so chilled no hanging around at airports and almost door to door we drove the 2 miles to our local railway station and that was it!

My two other judges were Gillian Townsend and Becky Box both well known in Irish Setter circles and delightful company making the whole trip most enjoyable. We were met at Brussels station by Jean Struyf the Club's President who entertained us and guided us all through the process of judging in Belgium. Writing a critique on each dog seemed daunting before I started but I soon got into the swing of it and there is certainly one less job to be done on returning home.

I have never seen such a display of trophies everyone seemed to be leaving with boxes full of shields and models of dogs in various poses. I took some specials to give out as well every exhibitor received and Irish Red and White car sticker and a bookmark from the Millennium Year, and the principle winners a tea light of an Irish Red and White Setters set on an agate stone, the head study being one of Julia Bateman's Cormallen dogs. We often forget the hard working stewards particularly on this occasion writing my critiques up in English with a few questioning looks as translation confused. I remarked that one exhibit moved with 'drive and purpose' and later had to explain to the owner what it meant. They were delighted to receive one of our club badges each.

The dogs were all well presented and all but the older dogs in hard condition, colour was excellent and most moved well around the sizable ring. There was a variety of type but all exhibits were sound with no glaring faults. The Irish Club of Belgium have put on classes for Irish Red and White Setters for eleven years and in that time an Irish Red and White has never taken the top honours. I completed my judging earlier than my fellow Red judges with the exception of my Best of Breed, I had declared Best Dog and Best Bitch but Best of Breed had to wait until all other judging had been completed and almost the whole venue became the BIS ring. My choice was between the dog Exclusives Gypsyboy VDH, NICH, and the bitch Taniswood Wicked Lady Nijk NL, LuxCh, IntSh CH, I decided on the bitch, she had everything in the right place without exaggeration the best of heads and moved around the ring stylishly.

The dog had gone BOB in Irish Setters Jonola Dr. Doolittle GBSCh, NI, VDHCh. CIE. So Becky Box and I set about in the task of examining each other's BOB to make the final

joint decision. It must have seen like and age from the ringside as we debated both dog's attributes, the Irish Setter dog was a flashy showman in the best of coats and condition, I like to think that the lovely deep chest and well sprung ribs of the Red and White did it, and we agreed to give her Best in Show, a first for the Breed in eleven years.

Back to the hotel, a couple of drinks, no critique to write and a few days sightseeing in Belgium to look forward too. These were happy days but lovely to get home to my dogs again.

Mary Sherratt.

(The breeds first BIS at this show)



YOUR BREED NEEDS YOU!

At the recent committee meeting we discussed the possibility of having an Archivist for the club to try and correlate all of the clubs various articles and history that is in storage at different locations around the country.

It was agreed that it did not necessarily need to be a committee person, but could be someone who would like to become more involved in our club or its history. It would mean that may not need to store everything or anything come to that matter, and it was discussed that maybe a storage container of some sort may become a necessity. The person needs obviously to be interested with regards to the above so that all the information and history is not lost.

It is hoped that any members who wanted information about the history could contact the Archivist who could then in turn relate back any articles that were asked for by that particular member. It is similar to having a 'library' about the breed, and this should be open to all members.

If you are at all interested in the above, perhaps you would contact me or any other committee member so that we can discuss the matter further.

Bod Knapton

Chairman.

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WORKING NEWS

At this moment in time there is not too much going on with regards to the working side of the breed, but we hope to start training sessions at the end of August to the end of November. The actual dates and location are to be confirmed nearer the time. Please keep a check on the IRWSCGB web site.

Pauline Ryan: Working Secretary.

Sunday 4th March 2012

IRWSCGB Open show: Judge Keith Young

Principal winners;

BIS Blackmore's Sh. Ch. Courtdown Beautiful Dawn

RBIS Griffin's Sh. Ch. Corranroo Conexion

BPIS Ward's Ballakinish Mischief Making Copperwhite

RBPIS Wade's Ballakinish Malachi at Oldstone

BV Ward's Caispern Nicholas Silver Cum Copperwhite

JW.SH.CM

Full results can be seen on the IRWSCGB website

CRUFTS 2012 March 9th

Judge: Mrs Jackie Howatson (Vanders)

Principal winners

DCC Rowles & Sierakowski's Tullamore Troubadour
RDCC Bichler's Int Sh. Ch. Greenmores Special fantasy Dream
BCC Barcroft's Sh. Ch. Ballakinnish Mistinguette
RBCC Blackmore's Sh. Ch. Countdown Beautiful Dawn
BP Wade's Ballakinnish Malachi at Oldstone
BOB
Barcroft's Sh. Ch. Ballakinnish Mistinguette

BOB CRUFTS 2012

Barcroft's Sh. Ch. Ballakinnish Mistinguette



Dog CC CRUFTS 2012 Rowles & Sierakowski's Tullamore Troubadour



Best Puppy CRUFTS 2012 Wade's Ballakinnish Malachi at Oldestone



IRISH RED & WHITE SETTER CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

June 10th 2012

Judge: Mrs Lynn Goddard (Clehurst)

Principal Winners

BEST IN SHOW: Howatson's Vanders Vida Loco

RBIS: Griffin's Sh Ch Corranroo Connexion

BPIS: Griffin's Casafelice Cheviot

RBPIS: Hart's Gillegrae Cineal Niamh

BVIS: Ward's Copperwhite Cordelia

Best Breeder: Mr & Mrs Barry (Rustasha)

Full results on the IRWSCGB website

JUDGING IN FINLAND

Gaye O'Connor (Caispern)

Things that come unexpectedly out of the blue are often the nicest. I was emailed by Paivi Peltonen in the autumn of 2011 asking me if I was available to judge the Setter Speciality Show in Finland in June 2012. Five seconds after reading the email I was replying to Paivi saying I would be delighted to accept the judging appointment. Knowing nothing about the country or the dogs I was soon Googling away and was fascinated and excited by what I read. I persuaded Jane Valentine (she didn't need much persuading) to accompany me on the trip and so we started to make plans. We flew from Stansted and so Wally drove us to the airport for an early flight. Jane is so organised that we arrived in plenty of time and so I treated her to a full English breakfast at Frankie & Bennie's. We were having a good old chat, putting the dog world to rights when Jane suddenly exclaimed that our flight was boarding so off we went like Whippets. As you might have guessed our gate was furthest away – Number 55! We arrived with only a few minutes to spare and so had to sit separately. I sat next to a very nice lady who worked for Finnish TV and was returning home after reporting on the Jubilee Celebrations. We were met at the airport by Sirke Siirio who lives not far from Tampere airport and had kindly offered to drive the two hours to Paivi's house. Having read that the population of Finland was only five million I was still surprised to discover how quiet the roads were – we went for several miles without seeing/meeting another car in

either direction. The roads are so very straight that you can see for miles and everywhere is forest and lakes, so breathtakingly beautiful.

Paivi lives in an idyllic spot for dogs both Jane and I were very envious of her garden and just loved the Reindeer House. Unfortunately there was not enough time to savor the delights of a beer here in the Reindeer House as we were staying with the Vice President who was expecting us.

WOW! What a location, not only for dog heaven but people heaven too. Jane and I enjoyed the delights of a sauna looking out over the lake drinking ice cold beer. Saturday was an early start: 7am but even earlier for us as Finland is two hours ahead, but because the country has no night time this time of the year it felt like the middle of the day to us! Paivi and Sirke picked us up to take us to the show. What an experience! I don't think British exhibitors would have been very happy with the venue, rings etc., but everyone was in good spirits and appeared to be enjoying themselves.

Some of the judging was very slow with one judge taking from 9.30am until 4 pm to judge less than 40 dogs. I could not understand why the committee were concerned about the timing of the next day as I had 99 Irish Setters and 16 Red & Whites entered. I told them that I was much more decisive and reassured them that I would be finished by the designated 4.30pm. The weather was absolutely glorious and we even managed to get a bit of a tan as we sat by the side of the ring spectating. After the show we had a two hour drive to the hotel where we were staying. It was by now quite late and so Jane and I decided to turn in for the night.

The weather forecast for Sunday was not good so the committee found an alternative indoor venue, a huge improvement on the previous one.

The rings were of good size and I judged the Red & Whites first and I was very impressed with the quality of the dogs before me. Beautiful presentation, and not once did I need to clean my hands.

I found it difficult to vary my critiques for each dog but with reassurance from my scribe made it easier. It was found amusing when I commented on 'neat feet' which became a joke between us! My BOB was a very sound bitch: Mirta Red Nokomis who although out of coat was so sound and typical of the breed, and what a mover she was moving around the ring at a 'spanking' pace.. My R.BOB: Redwhitesilk Dynamite who I really liked, but on the day the bitch out moved him as I felt he was carrying a little too much weight. My B.P: Aptly called George Clooney. I feel if he continues on these lines has a very bright future, I certainly will be watching his career with interest.

There were very few absentees and I did manage to finish on time. After all judging was over I was delighted to receive a beautiful glass vase with the club's logo on it. In the evening the committee treated us to a delicious Finnish meal, and everyone was in very good spirits.

Next morning we had an hour's drive to the airport, Sari picked us up early and drove to the airport, which was tiny, we said our 'thank you's & goodbye's' and had a little spare time to some duty free shopping.

Jane and I both agreed that it had been a fabulous weekend, with extremely good company along with some great dogs, and fabulous food.



IRISH RED & WHITE SETTER BOB: Mirta Red Nokomis & the BOB Irish Red Setter
Champion dog class below



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BUDDY : (Anne Jefferey Secretary rescue sub-committee)

Buddy has been in an animal shelter in Nicosia, Cyprus for nearly 12 months. We have only just heard about him from an English lady who lives on the island. She went to the shelter to collect an English Setter that she had rescued and was very surprised to see him and so upset when she heard how long he had been there. She felt she had to try and help him, but she already has 5 rescues and could not manage any more so she contacted English Setter rescue over here to see if they knew of anyone that could help.

We made further enquiries and discovered that he is around 4 years old, he is a very friendly boy and understandably quite boisterous and excitable. He loves to play ball and gets on well with the other inmates but doesn't like cats. He is said to be in reasonable condition if a little fat. He has tested clear for Leishmaniasis (an incurable tick related disease) but positive for Ehrlichitis which is another tick related disease but thankfully curable with antibiotics if not in the chronic stage.

He will need further tests and rabies jabs before he can be issued with his pet passport. This will take 6/8 weeks or so giving us time to try to find a forever home, and for him to be able to live the rest of his life as a Red and White setter should. It will also give us time to try to raise some extra funds to fly him over which is quite costly around £500 to include everything. We are setting up a 'Buddy Fund' and all donations will be gratefully received. Cheques payable to IRWSCGB Rescue Scheme They can be sent to me at : 5, Clive Avenue, Prestatyn, Denbs. LL19 7BL.

Gaye O'Connor has already very kindly offered to donate the proceeds of her bric-a-brac stall at the October Club Show and private donations have already been promised. Your rescue scheme does appreciate that we are not an International organisation, but after much discussion we agreed that at this moment in time we are in a position to help and we should try to do all we can for **Buddy**



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