

RED & WHITE STANDARD



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For members at home and abroad

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THE IRISH BREEDS DECANTER

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT UP LINE

Hello again to you all and may I wish you and yours a healthy and Happy New Year. Another year is upon us, what will 2013 bring us, cold, rain snow, tornadoes possibly all the things that we do not want, and probably very little of what we do!?

We had a very good and happy show last October at Hasland village hall with our judge John Barcroft (Ballakinnish) who on this occasion left behind his serving tongs and apron in the kitchen to give his valued opinion on the dogs that were entered under him. The down side of this venue was that the local council who wished to upgrade the facilities had decided to dig up most of the car park and recreational ground without informing us! This meant that there was mayhem outside the venue with mud, rubble and machinery everywhere. The caretaker did his best under the circumstances tried to arrange car parking spaces, and had us doubled up, so there were calls throughout the day for member's cars to be moved. We did have a few grumbles, which I suppose were understandable, but it all settled down and judging commenced.

Gaye O'Connor doubled up on the show managers duties to help co-ordinate the catering arrangements which had committee members not normally associated with the kitchen environment serving up bacon butties hot teas and lunches. Thank you everyone for all your efforts.

Our Genetics sub-committee secretary Anne Millington had a meeting with the Kennel Club top executives on the proposed cross bred Setters coming into this country and duly reported back to our secretary, this is still on-going.

We have decided to move the AGM from March to April 21st this year, thus avoiding clashing with Mothering Sunday in this country which is now on the last day of Crufts. The general committee have also moved our Championship show to the prestigious Kennel Club building at Stoneleigh Warwick which has great facilities and ample car parking arrangements. This will incur extra costs, but will no doubt create a better image for the Club and will allow us to have the show in or outside depending on the weather conditions of the day.

A sub-committee has been formed for our 30th anniversary celebrations, which we hope will take place on 22nd June 2014 to co-incide with the championship show.

Photo: Me and my other half with our dogs in the Peak District earlier this year.
Regards, Bob Knapton.



NODDY'S NOTIONS No 2

This is a nation that is very dangerous but so delicious! It gets me into trouble but I don't care, I can't help it.

I'm walking or trotting along in the fields with Sir or Missus, minding my own business, sniffing here, investigating there – hunting I call it. Sir or Missus walk along smiling and looking, maybe bumming or chatting to someone passing by (they don't do sniffing) when suddenly the notion runs up my nose and into my brain. I am flooded with euphoria, I'm in another dimension, and I'm in heaven! The notion is pure fragrance what do they say..."Dangerously sophisticated, adventurous, stylish, fruity, oriental, and spicy?" This Canine Notion is all these and more. You cast caution to the wind in your desire to possess it: You become deaf and blind to the world around you and never think to resist its allure or reckon the consequences of your action.

When the first 'whiff' hits your nose you just have to follow it to the source and "Oh heaven," you must have it, behind your ears, down your neck; if time allows all over your back. My favourite is 'Foxy' though some dogs prefer 'deceased fish' there are so many of these notions to choose from, but I prefer 'Foxy'!

The pleasure is short lived unfortunately, Sir or Missus come thundering up, and by their body language they are not 'happy bunnies' They shout at me, they use bad loud words they try to grab me, but of course in my great happiness, I'm laughing inside and lead them a little dance or two! However all good things must come to an end, and the end is a somewhat 'rough bath' with a scrubbing brush, 'ouch' and lots of suds accompanied by more loud bad words; no ruffling my fur and fondly murmuring, "you are so sweet or clever or gorgeous Noddy.!"

So they do their best to wipe out the fragrance that all real dogs crave and, although dogs know they will have to undergo the indignity of rough bathing and the descriptions 'disgusting, horrible dog' and worse unprintable expletives... when that whiffy notion floats along on the breeze, who can resist? Not me.

Worse, to banish all the memory of the fragrance, I am subjected to a smearing of tomato ketchup and **I REALLY STINK!!!!**



MORE NEXT TIME FOLKS!!

Cushings Disease

Charles Henderson (Temynloah)

This is an account of my experience of Cushings with my 11 year old Caispern Maid of Athens at Temynloah – Chloe. It is not a general essay on Cushings which can be researched on the internet but it may help other's spot some signs and give some clues about what is likely to occur. It is important to put Cushings into perspective for IRWS. The KC/BSAVA health survey of 2004 was the largest survey ever carried out for IRWS, covering data on 179 dead and 337 live dogs. Cause of death associated with Cushings was given as 2% (this was mixed in with diabetes mellitus.) The percentage with morbidity in the endocrine system among 337 live dogs was 4.6% This value included hypothyroidism, Cushing's disease, hyperthyroidism and weight loss (undiagnosed.) Without needing to disentangle the Cushings cases, it is obvious that this is NOT a major problem in IRWS and thus most unlikely to be an inheritable condition. Had it been suspected as such, the Genetics committee of the GB Club which has data on 3,000 + dogs over 30 years would have flagged this up for attention.

Nonetheless, Cushings is a disease with life threatening potential. Once established, it is not curable but is manageable. Cushing's is usually seen in older dogs, the most common signs are very similar to those associated ageing process. This can make it difficult to diagnose and later monitor. The most noticeable signs of the syndrome include; large water intake, frequent urination and possible incontinence, ravenous appetite, pot belly, hair loss or recurrent skin diseases, muscle wastage, lethargy and excessive panting. Not all dogs will react to the disease in the same way and individual dogs may not necessarily display all of these signs.

Here is a précis of the condition. In the normal healthy dog a negative feedback loop operates. The pituitary gland, located at the base of the brain, produces ACTH (adrenocorticotrophic hormone,) as directed by the hypothalamus (another part of the brain) This hormone is released into the bloodstream and stimulates the body's two adrenal glands located near the kidneys, to secrete glucocorticoid (cortisone-like or cortisol) hormones into the bloodstream. Cortisol helps the body respond to stress. It is necessary for the life and impacts a wide variety of bodily functions including blood sugar levels, fat metabolism, skeletal muscles, kidney function, nervous system, cardiovascular system, and immune response. ACTH /cortisol secretion is increased due to stress, including infection, pain, surgery, trauma, cold temperatures. When the blood cortisol levels dip low enough, the pituitary secretes more ACTH. The adrenals respond by secreting glucocorticoid hormones in response the pituitary, just as the pituitary responds by secreting ACTH in response to the adrenals. The net effect is that a gently fluctuating balance is achieved.

In Cushing's disease the feedback loop has gone awry for one of three reasons: A pituitary tumour, an adrenal tumour, or veterinary interference. The result is a chronic (i.e. builds up over time) excess of blood cortisol. In effect, the dog is being poisoned with too much cortisol and cannot rely on its own feedback mechanism to

regulate the blood cortisol level. In 85% of dogs, the cause is a pituitary tumour, in a minority an adrenal tumour. Clearly, surgical treatment of pituitary tumours is hardly an option and radiotherapy will be highly challenging. Adrenal tumours are more amenable to surgery which might be contemplated in a young dog but less optimistically in a dog of 10+ years.

Chloe has been an extremely healthy and active bitch, has had one litter of eight with no complications and has not been spayed. Her immunity from the three core diseases has been proven by titre testing since the age of eight, but she has had boosters for Lepto and Kennel Cough. Since the age of six she has been fed a mainly raw diet. Last April I mentioned to the vet on her annual check that she had been drinking rather more than one would expect. I was told to keep an eye on her to see if her thirst increased, and then her kidney function would be looked into. Over the next five months I noticed that she was not so active out in the fields, opting to go back to the house after about 15 minutes. These are of course quite common in older dogs in themselves, and not a particular cause for concern. Things changed radically in late September. She had been in kennels for a week. The kennel owner drew my attention to three small lesions on her back which had emerged in the previous few days. In several other places on her back, Chloe had hard, raised ridges and small lumps about 1 cm wide.



Immediate referral to my vets resulted in two full thickness skin biopsies which soon confirmed the presence of Calcinosis Cutis, and blood testing showed very high levels of cortisol. In 45 years of practice my vet had never seen a case of Calcinosis Cutis. The cause is a failure to metabolise calcium and pass then excess out of the system in the usual way. Deposits of calcium build up in the skin to the point where they erupt. The above photograph is of Chloe's back and shows this quite clearly. On confirmation of Cushings, Chloe was immediately started on a dosage of Vetoryl 120mg daily for her weight. She was also started on antibiotics to keep the skin lesions clean and to deal with t a mild urinary infection. The effects of the Vetoryl

were dramatic. Her thirst and appetite came back to almost normal in 24 – 48 hours. Over the next few weeks her normal high spirits revived. Vetoryl blocks the production of cortisol wherein lies the risk of disturbing other endocrine-related functions. Accordingly, it is necessary to monitor treatment by ACTH stimulation at 10 days, one month then every three months for life. This is to insure that control has been established and that the daily dosage is appropriate. Vetoryl is a short acting medicine, and some dogs need to have the dosage split twice daily.

Over the next few weeks from diagnosis, Chloe's calcinosis cutis extended to cover more areas on her back but nowhere else on her body or between her toes. It is one of those conditions which get a lot, lot worse before it starts to get better. Before the affected skin hardens, it is very fragile. The condition was not helped by her grandmother licking off two patches about 10cm x 5cm on her rear and along her flank. These looked very red and angry and were treated with antibacterial powder. At this point I should mention that Chloe did not seem to be worried about her skin condition, she did not rub along furniture, or try to scratch the affected area. It may be that the skin condition involves some loss of sensation. It surely looks appalling, and the healing process is very slow as the lumps slough off and pink skin and coat reappears but there will be some permanent scarring. Recovery can take six or more months. The picture photograph was taken three months after the outbreak. The white/grey lumps continue to slough and pink skin with some hair is coming back. It is possible to hasten removal of the calcinosis with a preparation called DMSO 90 which contains a solvent called Dimethyl which contains a solvent called Dimethyl Sulphoxide. It must be applied with a small brush 2 -3 times per day. Overuse will produce unpleasant effects. Disposable gloves are needed for this process. After a few days, I discontinued use, preferring to let nature do the healing. This will take much longer. It is also possible that the reduced cortisol level brought about by Vetoryl will slow healing further.

It is vital to keep the lesions and coat/skin generally clean to avoid infections which can challenge the recovery. In Chloe's case, bathing with a baby shampoo and gently drying has so far been adequate. Some dogs may need medicated treatments such as Malaseb shampoo.

Before the first 10 day ACTH check, Chloe was referred to a local specialist internal medicine that reviewed the diagnosis and offered further advice on antibiotics to keep the skin lesions clean. He has also consulted on the results of the ACTH tests as they occur and has so far advised no changes. He also has to rule out complications of Addison's disease which is the reverse of Cushings.

The prognosis for Chloe as for any dog of 11 years must be guarded. With careful monitoring and daily dosing she should have a good quality of life for quite a while. There is still the issue of a tumour on the pituitary or adrenal glands to keep in mind. Insurance cover will pick up the tab (about £1,000 so far) for the first year. Vetoryl is expensive at about £3 per tablet, and quarterly ACTH stimulation test are about £75. For the monitoring tests, a control sample of blood is taken by your vet 4 – 6 hours

after giving the Vetoryl and a small dose of synthetic. ACTH is injected. A second blood sample is taken after 1 hour. Both samples are sent off for lab analysis. A report comes back with an interpretation of the values found indicating the degree of control given by Vetoryl. This must be interpreted by the vet to confirm or alter the dosage. Any significant variations may need referral to a specialist vet.

Charles Henderson (Temynloah)

Ed. Note: Our dog Flambé was confirmed with Cushings disease many years ago, but unfortunately not enough was known about the disease then. He had a pituitary tumour, It was difficult to treat I remember that he had the 'terrible thirst' ate like he had never seen food before in his life. Panting was also a big factor, which was indeed very worrying for him and us. He usually carried a heavy coat, but it became very thin and patchy, he also had the classic 'pot belly' His skull changed shape, and his nails bled when only walked for a short distance. He was also very sick. I think this was due mainly to not being able to use the correct dosage of Prednisolone, as that at the time this was the only medication available. He was also on a high dosage of antibiotics for his skin. He was put to sleep sooner rather than later.

Suzanne Humphries

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Clement Casteili writes: My dog Diamond Douglas du Valdes Mordorees became Luxembourg Champion in September 2012, at the same time I.S.C. with CACIB's in France, Belgium and now Luxembourg at the age of 4 years old. Diamond has also some field work training, and is a wonderful house dog.



'Diamond' with owner Clement Casteili

Judy Baumgartner (Laurel Oak IRWS) writes: Sean is 4 years old, his career highlights are; Best in Show puppy at 9 months of age also finishing his championship at that age. Best of Breed at the prestigious Morris & Essex Westminster Kennel Club, IRWSAA speciality at the Combined Specialities and many Group placements in 2012. All this done being shown by his owner Judy Baumgartner. Sean has defeated more IRWS in one year than any other in the history of the breed in the United States, making him the number one IRWS for 2012.

Besides being an outstanding show dog, he also excels in the field, this past hunting season while out in the field he found numerous pheasants for his hunting companions. At Laurel Oak Irish Red and White Setters we feel it is important that our dogs excel in both the show and the field.



SEAN: GRAND CHAMPION MIZEN DUCHAS DILIS
The number one IRWS in USA for 2012

LOCAL NEWS IN WILTSHIRE

Patients at Chippenham Community Hospital got a visit from one of man's best friend last week. On Thursday, stroke patients on Mulberry Ward were treated to a visit from 'Ray' (Rustasha Resolution) an Irish Red & White Setter who is a registered Pets as Therapy dog owned and loved by Pat Haddrell.

He last visited the ward back in October 2012 and received a very warm welcome from all the patients. Therapy assistant Donna Jones, who works on the ward and organises the PAT visits said 'We decided to bring Ray in because some of the patients have pets at home and miss them, Ray boost's peoples mood, and with stroke patients mood is a big issue because it is a big life change.'

Well done to Pat & Ray!

(Article taken from our local Gazette & Herald Thursday November 22nd 2012)

GOOD OLD DOG

With your old grey face, you sure know how to brighten up this place.

Your pace is slowing time is wearing thin.

You won't be here for long,

Old dog I'll miss your grin.

But before you go there is something to say;

Old dog I love you and I'll miss you for the rest of my days.

It has been an honour to walk across this land;

With your faithful head right at my hand.

Savona France

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Rustasha Rainbow (Finn)

Walker's Sh. Ch. Wroxham Merry Maid

Phillip's Int. Ch. Locmor Auld Lang Syne

(Without you we would not be where we are today.)

Pipe's Anjuli Pure Dynamite

(He won 2 CC's in his show career – Run free and feel the wind in your hair.)

Walpole's Anjuli Iced Storm (Vino)

(Aged 13 ½ years old, his name was chosen by my husband, he was the last of the litter bred by Carole Pipe.)

Pettifer's Anisbrig Tamnavulin at Crosswest (Tam)

Green's Coolfin Gianetta (Maddie)

Hart's Kilkerrin Swift for Gilliegrae (Flynn)

(Your short life gave us so much pleasure)

Humphries Sh. Ch. Spyefire Irish J.W. (Lisa)

(You were always an inspiration for us with your funny face and demonstrative ways)

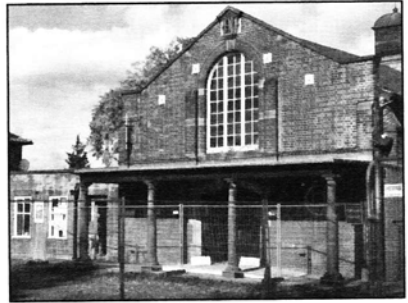
IRWS BREED OPEN SHOW October 2012
Judge John Barcroft (Ballakinnish)

As I did not attend this particular show I am giving an account of what information I have been given. The breed October open show was held at the Hasland Village Hall in Derbyshire, but on arrival it was found to be more like a 'building works' this apparently was not known by the committee, and the exhibitors arrived to find parking a bit of a worry. (See photo below)

Never the less the hall was made ready for the day's proceedings and there was a reasonable entry of 53 IRWS with 10 absent.

The Special Classes were judged by Nicola Green (Viszaset) who gave the junior class to Hart's Gillegrae Niamh, and the Open Class was won by Walker's Sh. Ch. Vanders Va Voom Avec Wroxham.

John Barcroft judged all the main classes looking very smart, he chose for his Best Bitch and Best In Show Tubby's Taniswood Anything Goes (aged 4 years) Reserve Best Bitch Howatson's Sh. Ch. Vanders Vida Loco. Best Dog and Reserve Best in show was Walker's Sh. Ch. Vanders Va Voom Avec Wroxham, with reserve Best Dog Sierakowski & Rowle's Sh. Ch. Tullamore Troubadour. Best Puppy was awarded to Callaghan's Laoirebay Ocean Quest, and Best Veteran in Show won by Bayne's Sh. Ch. Corranroo Continental. Apparently the lunchtime buffet was a good as ever with most exhibitors enjoying the excellent way the committee laid it all on. Suzanne Humphries.



BIS Tubby's Taniswood Anything Goes with judge John Barcroft (Ballakinnish)



CHAMPION CHARNBOROUGH GLAMOUR GIRL

By Mary Sherratt

Connie was awarded a SGWC at the Pointer Cub Field Trail at Reeth in July 2012 handled by Tony Sherratt.

Both Tony and I have been working hard over the past ten months. The Irish Red And White Setter Club of Great Britain were fortunate to gain access to land in the Staffordshire Moorlands for training where Connie's ability was first recognised and with the help of the designated

club trainer Fran Toulson the journey began.

Tony also attended the Kennel Club's training days in March and has tremendous help from the field trail fraternity. He also spent some time learning with Peter O'Driscoll, and he is looking forward to more advanced work next year.

As many of you are aware most folk make them up and then do the SGWC, but Connie had showed her ability in the field so we were already set on working her. Tony hopes to get a run in a Novice field Trial next year.

Connie won the most important third CC under breed specialist Peter Jeffery at the Setter and Pointer show in 2012, and this made her the 4th full Champion in the breed to date- the last one was almost ten years ago.

Since the award of the first Challenge Certificates for the breed in 1987 there have been three full Champions, the first two in 1990 (Connie is a direct descendant of these) the other was in 2003.

Like most other Irish Red & White Setters she can often be found on the couch with her legs in the air watching TV, and so say all of us!

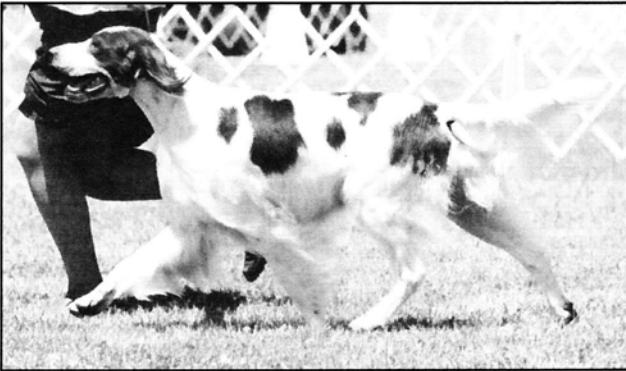
**VERY MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY & MARY AND MOST OF ALL
'CONNIE'**

NEWS FROM CANADA

The unofficial results are posted from our Canadian go-to website for all things C.K.C.

Our own **Am/Can Champion Shireoak Caniscaeli Windsong CGN** is the Top Conformation Dog for 2012. Eamon has been Canada's top winning dog over the past several years with many breed, speciality, and group wins to his credit. He is seven years old now, so officially a veteran. However, he does not act like a veteran so we have continued to show him occasionally, as he still loves to show.

Although Eamon is known for his conformation records, Leslie and I know him as the 'King of the Caniscaeli pack' here at home. He has developed 'hobbies' to keep himself busy here. In the spring and autumn he prunes the fruit trees in our orchard. After choosing the limb he wants, he jumps up and grabs the end in his teeth, after that it is only a matter of time twisting and turning the branch relentlessly, side to



side and round and round in circles, until finally it drops to the ground. He then carries this good sized limb proudly to where he has placed the rest of his collection!

His other interest also includes the fruit trees. Unlike the other dogs who take their apples and pears from the

windfalls on the ground, Eamon chooses his fruit from the trees. This begins when the fruit is still small; he inspects the apples on the trees, often on his hind legs so he can see them better. When he has chosen the best fruit he springs straight up and nips it tidily off its branch and land with it in his mouth!

On the odd occasion when he misses the fruit he grunts with disgust and tries again. Then he trots up to the top of the orchard to eat it in peace.

We look forward to the spring and another season of sitting watching all the dogs in the orchard again; meanwhile winter is still with us, so I content myself with taking photos of the dogs napping on the furniture while watching TV with us in the evening. This breed is a source of endless interest and entertainment.

Gail Harrison



The second place Top Conformation Irish Red and White Setter and Top Bitch for 2012 is:

**AM/CANADIAN CHAMPION SHIREOAK
RAINBOWS N RAINDROPS**

Called '**Lacey**' to her friends she is owned by Mary Perrie.

Lacey had her first litter eight weeks ago, the sire is Mary and Dave's Brady (Aingeal Memories of KD Live On) who was from their first litter, Mary brought her puppies down south to our place, and we had a

few friends around for a fun 'Puppy Picking Party'. It was a long trip down, and they set off for home the next day, we so appreciated the conviviality and educational experience it gives to new exhibitors and experienced breeders alike. We also appreciated that the five little girl puppies settled here easily, and into our puppy box at bedtime after their long trip.

Not a peep out of any of them until we got up in the morning.

Gail Harrison.

SMALL BRAGS

Kati Marttinen's Countdown Dancing Queen is now an International Show Champion Congratulations! (See next page)

Gemma Hawkins Countdown Devonshire Dawn over Aislingwood (Ve) has won BOB at the South of England Gundog show three times in a row.

Judy Baumgartner Laurel Oak IRWS is proud to announce their latest import from the UK: Ryan, Spyefire Blade Runner bred by Suzanne & Richard Humphries.

Ian & Gail Lamb's Casafelice Motadale, (Kian) and Casafelice Montadale (Murphy) Have been having a great run, Kian won Group 1 at the Staffs & Birmingham Ag.

Show, Murphy has won Group 1 at the Hinckley & Dist. Canine Society.

Also winning another Group 1 at the Coventry Ladies Kennel Association.

INFORMATION & DISCLAIMER

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INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION COURTDOWN DANCING QUEEN

Owned loved and shown by Kati Marttinen

THE DOGS OF IRELAND DECANter

The Dogs of Ireland Decanter was donated to the IRWSCGB by Mr & Mrs Hambleton of Shropshire in memory of their IRWS who died of cancer a while ago. They would like it to be raffled to raise funds for the Canine Cancer research fund. This will take place at our next breed Championship show to be held at The Kennel Club Building in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

Anne Millington has kindly offered to fill the Decanter with Irish whiskey making it even more attractive for this very special prize.

Dates for your diary are;

Breed Open Show Sunday 3rd March 2013 at Steventon Village Hall, The Green, Steventon, Oxon OX13 6RR

Annual General Meeting Sunday 21st April at Newton Regis Village Hall, Newton Regis, Tamworth, Staffs B79 ONL commencing with the Annual Points competition presentation at 12.45pm

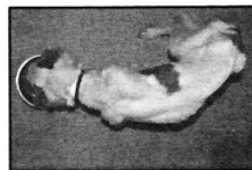
Breed Championship Show Sunday 16th June at The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 2IZ

Breed Open Show Sunday 13th October at Overseal Village Hall Woodville Road, Overseal, South Derbyshire DE12 6LU: More details on IRWSCGB website.



RESCUE NEWS

I am very pleased to report that BUDDY the dog from Cyprus is now living a 'proper' life' in his U.K. home. He eventually finished up in a home that has had



experience of the breed for many years and he has settled in well. Buddy was dealt with exclusively by Cydogstouk who covered all the costs involved.

We had a good response to our appeal for the 'Buddy fund' raising around £260 with the promise of more to come if needed. Some of this money has now been paid into our rescue fund and some returned in case of future need as per the donator's wishes. Many, many thanks to all who donated, helped and supported Buddy; at the end of the day he is living the life he should be living however that came about is not really an issue.



Since Buddy's plight was highlighted we have heard of a 10 week old puppy bitch, and 8 year old bitch and poor Lailah who was so poorly and sick. She sadly lost her fight for life in spite of all the nursing & care given by Kayte Wilson-Smith and her friend Donna Kyriacou. Thank you both for all you did for her.

We have also heard of Red and Whites in need of help turning up on the Greek island of Zakynthos as well as France and Spain. These are just the very tip of the iceberg and I would ask breeders to please take great care when selling puppies abroad. Be very sure where they are going and if you are unable to get someone you trust to check the home out then do not sell!

We have had a fairly busy few months with our UK dogs as well with 5 dogs and 2 bitches going into new homes. All these dogs are doing well to date.

Anne Jeffery: Rescue sub-committee Secretary.

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All area sub- committee names and contact information can be found on the IRWSCGB website.

DENNIS PICKARD

Dennis sadly died on 11th January this year just 4 days short of his 83rd birthday. His funeral was held on 21st January and in spite of the awful weather there was a very good gathering of family and friends who came to pay their last respects. Attending firstly of friends of Dennis and also representing the IRWSCGB were Mary & Tony Sherratt, Jackie & Allan Jones and Terry Hargreaves together with Peter and myself representing Rescue, and Carole & Ivor Williams on behalf of The Gundog Club of North Wales. After a moving service we were all invited to a lovely buffet at the Greyhound Inn, Nr. Chester.

Dennis was a true gentleman; he worked hard all his life. Much of it was spent working on the land and it took him and his family too many different parts of the country. The even found themselves at one stage living on a farm in the middle of Silverstone race track, which must have been very challenging if you needed to pop out to the local shops on a race day!

In 1953 Dennis had a serious motorcycle accident nearly losing a leg. After painful surgery and a long period of rehabilitation the leg was saved but it would always be a source of much pain and discomfort.

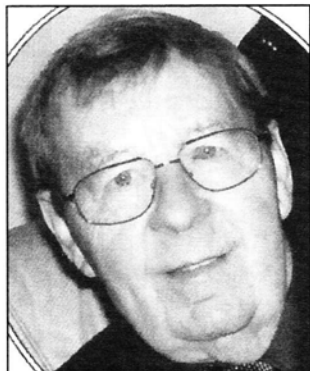
Over the years the leg gave him more and more trouble and in 1973 Dennis moved to an indoor job at the British Nuclear Fuels, where he remained for 20 years during which time he became Foreman. Whilst there he re-started his education gaining distinctions and credits in Maths, Physics and chemistry. No mean achievement for a lad whose secondary education was brought to an abrupt end with the event of the war.

Dennis retired in 1993 but was never idle as his canaries, garden and caravanning and of course the dogs as well as Coral, Julie and Cheryl always kept him busy! Even this last autumn he was busy planting up the garden with the next spring and summer flowers.

He could turn his hand to most things and was a bit of an inventor as well. He decided he would make his own record player spending months soldering electrodes and cathodes etc. The time came to try it out, on when his favourite record, it played but sounded like nothing he had heard before, it was actually playing backwards! Another invention was a curtain closing gadget planned to make life easier, well it did open one curtain but unfortunately closed the other! Dennis was a great friend, along with Peter and our other caravanning friends and me. We have very many fond memories of weeks away together over many years, and he will be so sadly missed but certainly never forgotten.

Anne Jeffery.

Our first memory of Dennis Pickard is watching him cook sausage over a very small barbeque at Bournemouth show many years ago. This was for the first of many communal breakfasts our unofficial Irish Red & White Setter Caravan Club enjoyed. Both Dennis and his wife Coral became very good friends with their superb hospitality, particularly Coral's wonderful cakes which were a magnet for all the men



folk who were never embarrassed to ask for a second slice. Over the years our Irish Red & White Setter 'brand' with flags and windbreaks was the pride of many caravan sites, but Dennis & Coral's display was always the best.

Dennis had a soft and gentle approach with the dogs and in the later years could be seen walking them alongside his scooter around the sites. One of Dennis's last dog show outings with the caravan was Festival 25 where we all partied and put the world of dogs to rights as usual.

Without Dennis and Coral's help we would not have had our last litter and our beautiful and clever Connie and we know Dennis was as proud of her as we are. Over the years Dennis suffered with his mobility after a motorbike accident in the 1950's but it never held him back from any of his many interests. He loved his Irish Red & White Setters, and it was both touching and generous that donations in his memory were for the Irish Red and White Setter Rescue Fund. Our sympathies go to his family and friends at this very sad time.
Tony & Mary Sherratt

FOR YOUR INTEREST!

WHAT JAMES SPRATT DID NOT FORESEE IN 1860

James Spratt was a man of enterprise and vision. When in 1860 he invented and patented his 'Meat-Fibrine' dog cake he knew its scientific basis, knew that it filled a need that had existed since the dog became a creature of the home rather than the wild, may even have foreseen that it would revolutionize the whole world of dogs! What he could not possibly have foreseen was that from his single-handed venture in his little Holborn shop would develop the vast organization bearing his name which throughout the world is recognised as offering every kind of service to dogs and dog owners, and guaranteeing the perfection of every service it offers.

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GOLDEN OLDIES OF THE PAST

FIRECREST KERRY & MARGARET PITMAN



**SH. CH. SPEARPOINT SHAMROCK
SHAMUS & ROSE SMITH**



**SH.CH. GLENESSA MADRIGAL
& SH. CH. BELLAVANTI BEACHCOMBER**
Owner/Breeder Jenny Wilsher



**SH CH SPEARPOINT SAMBOOKA FLAMBE
& SH CH SHANNONLEE LITTLE GREBE**
Owners; Suzanne Humphries & Jackie Howatson.



**JUDGE SUZY ROFFEY AT WINDSOR
GUNDOG photo taken at Newbury
Racecourse around 1994.**

**SH CH GLENESSA MADRIGAL &
SH CH SEAIR PRINCIPAL BOY WITH
ROSE MACLEAN (Hayden)**

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me at spyefire@sky.com Ed.)

TOP TEN IRWS IN UK FOR 2012

Top IRWS & Winner of the Bellavanti Beachcomber Trophy

Sh. Ch. Corranroo Connection

Owner: Mrs K.A. Griffin

Top Bitch

Sh.Ch./Ir.Sh.Ch. Ballakinnish Mistinguet

Owner/breeders: Mr J & Mrs K Barcroft

Top Puppy

Casafelice Cheviot

Owner: Mrs K.A.Griffin

Top Veteran

Sh.Ch. Shannonlee The Skylark J.W.

Owner/breeder: Mrs. J. Webb

Top Stud Dog

Sh. Ch. Vanders Veracity

Owner: Mrs K.A. Griffin, Breeder Mrs J. Howatson

Top Brood Bitch

Casafelice Charolais

Owners/breeders Mr. I & Mrs. G Lamb

TOP Breeders

Mr J & Mrs K A Barcroft (Ballakinnish)

(Brook)

Sh.Ch./Irs Sh. Ch. Ballakinnish Mistinguet

(Callum) Sh. Ch. Corranroo Connection



(The TopWinning dog and bitch 2012)



FUN IN WINTER SNOW 2013

