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For members at home and abroad

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'SPECIAL FRIENDS AT CRUFTS 2015'



Brian and Sandra Pilmer's granddaughter, Kelsey, with Lexi

PAULINE ETHAL PERRIAM
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PRESIDENT OF THE IRWSCGB

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of our President; Pauline Perriam, who was so well loved, admired and respected to all who knew her. Very sadly some of us were unable to attend her service of remembrance and I have used some of Charles Henderson's account of the day.

Pauline's funeral was held at Sandbach, Cheshire. It was a moving occasion followed by a lovely reception held by her family with much reminiscing and laughter as Pauline would have wanted. Many who were able to attend came from the IRWSCGB and the Dog World in general, and they were of course all appreciated by Pauline's family.



Pauline Perriam; photo taken at the IRWSCGB 30th Anniversary show 2014.

Pauline bred owned and judged our breed over many years, and she was so well respected for her decisions, and commitments to the breed.

Her appointment at CRUFTS in 2001 was held later in the year due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak over the previous months. Her entry was exceptionally good, being 116 dogs with 129 entries, something we do not see so much of these days. The classes were well filled and the Special Yearling bitch class had 15 entries, as did the Limit bitch class. The Special Veteran Bitch class had an entry of 11, and the winner was Sh. Ch. Spyefire Pandoras Box.

The Dog CC & BOB came from the Post Graduate Class,(10) Griffins Vanders Veracity, and the RDCC came from the Open Dog class (11) Humphries Sh. Ch. Cormallen Strike a Light with Spyefire, a father and son combination, a very thrilling day for both us! Some of the exhibitors who had entered in this particular year are still going strong today!

Below is a photograph of the two dogs; Sh Ch Vanders Veracity & Sh Ch Cormallen Strike a Light with Spyefire. (photos by Claire Prangle)



Pauline will be sadly missed by all who loved and knew her.

OBITUARY

Des McGarry (Toberdoney Pointers)

Sadly passed away in December 2014. He was a lovely man who always spared the time to talk to one and all. Novice owners were his speciality! He was also a very knowledgeable man who had a 'Stockman's eye' for a great quality gundog. He was a true 'Gundog Gent.' He will be so missed by all who knew him.

Fellow IRWS advocates!

Canadians are most disconsolate on hearing of the passing of **Pauline Perriam**, UK icon of the Irish Red and White Setter. One with whom we were privileged to lunch with, regaled with tales of her canine affairs and divergent travels. It seems only yesterday that she resided with aplomb over your fabulous 25th; she was a knowledgeable, tender and assured leader who deeply loved and promoted the IRWS breed. To her human family, her canine family and those with whom she shared the special moments, our deepest sympathy. May you be comforted by wonderful memories of that benevolent and dear, dear lady. May she be borne again on angels wings and rest in peace.
Albrecht and Pat Ua Siaghall.

Judith E. Cuddy R.I.P. 7-08-2014.

For some two decades we have been indebted to Willi ((Liam) Gaynor for informative snippets from the land of the Irish Red and White Setter. However, the latest missive places us in total shock, to hear, via Monadreen so far away in Tipperary, that Judy Cuddy of Knockalla had passed away on August 7th 2014.

Judith Elizabeth Cuddy was the only daughter of William and Maureen Cuddy both of whom initiated the IRWS Society in Dublin in 1943. Both were loyal protégées of Rev. Noble Huston the veritable saviour, circa 1919 of the IRWS breed, then close to extinction. Pure-bred Red and Whites were then so depleted that breeding with hunting reds (fortunately carrying the elusive genes of the lovely Red and White – (the first of the setters) made the revival possible and at that particular epoch may-be even necessary. The tentative relationship twixt the Red and White and the Red adherents (club official or otherwise) which evolved had/has elements of the glorious the magnanimous, the absurd the hostile and the jocund still being played out on the four green fields of Eriu – the four provinces of Ireland. To unravel the part played by the Irish Kennel Club Executive (Ard Comhairle Cumann na Madrai) is an opus awaiting an unaltered, plucky and erudite social historian (one with Maureen Cuddy's copious and detailed notes to hand.)

Those who have visited Knockalla of the Cuddy's know the dimensions of Judy's parent's loyal and unswerving dedication to the Red and White cause, despite the ravages of a polio epidemic in Munster. As their right hand 'man' Judy welcomed

the constant stream of visitors, fed them, often housed them and was ever the dutiful correspondent, typing voluminous canine lore emanating from both loving parents; not at Delphi but at Knockalla. Through its portals passed many Red and White advocates no doubt with a mile faite (1000 welcomes) expressed by Judy and her three male siblings. Most of us have seen those lovely candid shots of Judy and William, surrounded by adoring Irish Red and White Setters and winning Dachshunds, so well presented at shows all over the isles on either side of the Irish Sea. Judy and the august Maureen were also equine enthusiasts and like Liam Gaynor had won at the Royal Dublin International. No doubt visitors such as Cannon Doherty, Marian Daly, Patricia Brigden, Willi Gaynor Muriel Iles Audrey Kaulbec, Pauline Perriam, Brosna Griffin, Alan Gormley, Diarmuid Mooney, and the Spanish South African, Dutch and other national contingents were given the royal tour of stately Knockalls's stables, kennels and charming gardens replete with strutting Peacocks in stunning plumage. Even after the passing of William and Maureen, Judy continued to hose many (ourselves thankfully included) who immersed in memories precious.

We are truly distraught at the all too early journey over the stíx via the rainbow bridge – go deas laimh De, of this most gracious Lady of Cork – Middleton. What a wonderful soul and friend she was! Please greet for us the many friends and animals Francis of Rome assures us make delight in the 'forever more.' May your brothers their families find comfort and peace in memories dear. A ludi dhil, buiochas chroi. Biodh Siochan, sonas is suaimhneas De anuas ort is do mhuintir uile. For those not up on the language of heaven the Irish Gaelic translates; 'Dear Judy, from our hearts, thanks. May God's peace, comfort and solace be with you and all your family.



Alrecht and Pat Ua Siaghail.

OBITUARY
MERIEL HATHAWAY (Melfricka)



Very sadly passed away on 31st March 20 15 after a long illness.
Such sad news, we worked together for 30 years on the Birmingham Dog Show Society National Dog show Meriel was President of this old society.

Condolences to her family, R.I.P. Meriel.

A truly lovely lady who will be missed by so many R.I.P.

A truly wonderful lady, who was kind and gentle and very knowledgeable.

A lady of class, strength, and a wonderful sense of humour.

One of the 'old school' always so smart and courteous, she treated all the dogs she judged equally and fairly.

A huge loss to the dog world across the globe.

A true lady, what a huge gap she will leave.

Remembering Meriel from the K.C.J.O events.

One of the truly great judges, always a joy to show under.

One of the kindest forthright and intuitive people one could know in this walk of life.

An honour to have known her.

These are just a few of the many comments taken from the Internet by those that knew and loved her.

A poem about 'OZ'

Of all the dogs I've known, and I've known some
Until I first met OZ I was lonesome.
Now I can't explain, but I'll try to perhaps in vain,
How he's captured our hearts and then some,
My Dog OZ!
He's bright and cheerful, happy and gay,
He plays with the Norfolk's each night and each day,
But his favourite friend is Calamity Jane,
They run round the garden like an express train!
Calamity Jane is a Dalmatian of course,
But OZ is all 'Irish' that's a different source.
He's a very nice dog he's an Irish Red and White,
He'd rather kiss you than give you a bite!
When he runs around, his tail's like a flag,
He holds it out proudly, no sign of sag.
When he runs I must say it's hard to explain
Like a very light breeze down a country lane.
With his head held high he's a vision to see,
My heart gives a flutter when he smiles at me!
I love him so dearly I must tell you this,
He sits on my knee and gives me a kiss.
He loves to climb; I think Everest will do,
So he jumps on his kennel for an easier view!
He's an upside down sleeper with legs in the air,
He looks rather funny, like an upside down chair.
He uses his tail to tell you he's well,
Like Peter Pan's fairy he's a Tinkerbell!
He loves the Norfolk's and Calamity Jane
I know he loves me that is very plain.
He's the King of all dogs, though he hasn't a crown
I'm sure he'll be famous a dog of renown.
I could tell you lots more but I won't because,
He floats like a butterfly that's my friend OZ.

Ron Gath – April 2004



**THE IRISH RED AND WHITE SETTER
CLUB OPEN SHOW
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2015
Held at Steventon, Oxford.
Judge: Jinty Jill-Davies**

BEST BITCH & BEST IN SHOW

Humphries
Sh. Ch. Spyefire Seven Steps J.W



**BEST DOG- BEST VETERAN AND
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**

Lipscombe's
Sh. Ch. Kellizlot River Legend



BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

Barney's & Howatson's
Killarys Grand Venture with
Vanders & Romaunt
(Imp USA)

(All photos by Ray McDonald)



RESERVE BEST BITCH IN SHOW

Hart's
Irish Sh. Ch. Gilliegrae Cineal Niamh



RESERVE BEST DOG IN SHOW

Wade's
Caispern Roddy Owen at Oldestone

(photos by Ray McDonald)



RESERVE BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

Barry's
Rustasha Golden Rapper

IRWSCGB OPEN SHOW

Sunday 1ST March 2015

As usual the 'spring' open show was held at Steventon Village Hall near Oxford. I think this is a very good venue for our open show as it is a good size inside the hall, easily accessible for most exhibitors, has great parking also a lot of open ground for the dogs to enjoy in between showing. The weather was kind to us for the time of year all be it a chilly wind at times.

Our judge for the day was **Mrs. Jinty Gill-Davies (Rosecourt)** who has shown a good interest in the breed for many years and also judged it at open shows on a number of occasions. She also judges seven other gundog breeds at CC level. Looking very smart she went about her task in a pleasant easy manner.

The entry was 51, with a few absentees, and the atmosphere seemed happy and relaxed. Lunch was again supplied by the committee and others, which went down a treat, always a great spread to enjoy.

It must have been a very special and exciting day for Deb Peterson who had come all the way over from the USA to be able to show the puppy she bred, and then go onto win BPIS! I know she was made very welcome by us all, and it was good to be able to chat with her at last.

The committee are once again to be congratulated on a well-run happy show, and I for one look forward to the next show at this venue.

BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 14th June 2015

The Kennel Club Building (West Hall)
Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LG (sat nav)

Judge; Eileen Walker (Wroxham)

Show opens 9.30am and Judging starts 10.30am

BREED OPEN SHOW

Sunday 18th October 2015

Overseal Village Hall
Woodville Road, Overseal DE12 6LU

Judge; Ian Lamb (Casafelice)

Both shows open 10 am, judging at 11am.

CRUFTS 2015

As usual held at the National Exhibition Centre Birmingham (NEC.) This year I was fortunate enough to stay overnight with a friend with my dogs and we travelled down to the venue in good time. Unfortunately taking a wrong turning towards the car park, we ended up 'miles' away from our usual one, and had to walk around the lake at the venue. It was very pretty, but quite cold in the early spring sunshine, but the dogs enjoyed their 'boardwalk' across the lake! We arrived in good time inside the welcoming warmth of the large halls finding our benching easily. The day was only just beginning!

Our judge Mrs Judy Iles-Hebbert (Glenessa) attracted a good entry of 86 dogs with 96 entries, very similar to 2014 entries. The classification was slightly different as we were given a Yearling class for both sexes; only 2 entries in dogs, and 3 entries in bitches. The bitches had the majority entries with the highest in the Limit bitch (11) and Open bitch (11) closely followed by Post Graduate bitch (10) it will be interesting to see if the KC. still gives us a Yearling class in 2016.

BEST DOG & BEST OF BREED

BEST BITCH & BEST OPPOSITE SEX



BOB; CASAFALICE CHEVIOT; Owned by Dave & Kath Giffin, bred by Ian and Gail Lamb, Sire: Sh. Ch. Corranroo Connexion, Dam: Casafelice Charollais.

B.B; SH CH. TANNISWOOD ANYTHING GOES; Owned by Mr & Mrs Tubby, bred by Goldsmith & Brown, Sire: Sh. Ch. Corranroo Connexion, Dam: Tanniswood Whos That Girl.

(Crufts photos by Ray Macdonald.)



RESERVE DOG CC; SH. CH MONTADALE Owned and bred by Ian and Gail Lamb;
Sire: Sh. Ch. Corraroo Connexion, Dam: Casafalice Charollais.

RESERVE BITCH CC; CH. CHARNBOROUGH GLAMOUR GIRL; Owned and bred by Mary Sherratt Sire: Ir. Sh. Ch. Tullamore Ted J.W. Sh.CM., Dam: Feildtop Fame 'n' Fortune. Connie is a full Champion.

These two dogs took the same awards in 2014!



**BEST PUPPY BARNEY'S & HOWATSON'S
KILLARYS GRAND VENTURE WITH VANDERS
AND ROMAUNT (Imp USA)**

Bred by Deb Peterson & J Zawkiowski. Sire:
GCH/CH Aramis Farms High Road to Killary
Dam:

Caniscaeli Waltzwithme Killary.

Deb Peterson came over from the USA and had the great privilege to be able to show 'Clint' at this prestigious show. It must have been a very exciting day for her and the owners!

A few entries from Europe, Carmen Lorenzi bought her boys over; Int Ch. Spyefire May Spring Rainbow who won the Special Working Gundog class & Vistador Bohemian (son of the above dog) who won Yearling dog. Well worth the trip for them! Mrs J Rojek bought over Int.Ch.Redmore Bright Diamond & Int. Ch Corraroo Caroline who enjoyed the day to the full.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Val Jarvis had a bad start to 2015 when she had to say goodbye to her handsome boy 'Jaffa' Sh. Ch. Lowden Quest for Fame, who had to be put to sleep to save him from any more suffering. Val was truly devastated as one would imagine. Sandy and Jim Williamson were able to help Val at his very difficult time.

Dai and Nicky Faulconbridge had to say goodbye to their young dog 'Ludo' Spyefire Mo Mentous For Flynfell. He was put to sleep in late December 2014 at the very tender age of 2 years. R.I.P young man.

Jackie Howatson said goodbye to Vanders Voo Doo Lady in December 2014; Not a great show dog, but a great dog.

Tragically Graham & Gill Hart lost their beloved 'Naimh' very recently and very suddenly. Ir. Sh. Ch. Gilliegreae Cineal Niamh, who was just 3½ years old.

One last cuddle with our beautiful girl; one more bright star in the sky and one more free spirit over the 'Rainbow Bridge' Naimh you were our pride and joy, you did everything we asked of you and more and asked nothing in return, except our love and devotion, which you have and always will have.

Joyce webb's Sh. Ch. Shannonlee The Skylark who was 10 years old.

We have a secret, you and I that no one else will know,
For who but I can see you lie each night in the fire glow?
And who can reach my hand before we go to bed and feel the living warmth of you,
and touch your silken head?
And only I walk in woodland paths and see ahead of me, your small form racing
with the wind, so young again and free.
And Only I can see you swim in every brook I pass,
And when I call you, no one but I can see the bending grass.... Anon.

SMALL BRAGS

In March 2015 news from Judy Baumgartener (Laurel Oak IRWS) her dog Sean BIS MULTI BIS has won his GOLD Grand Champion award, making it a first in the breed in the USA history and for her kennel.

Eileen Walker's boy Sh. Ch. Vanders Va Voom Avec Wroxham (Mr P) won Best of Breed on both days at the Combined Canine Club in Ireland.

Scentwork

What is Scentwork?

All dogs love to sniff. Their nose is one of their strongest senses and Talking Dogs Scentwork® has developed a set of workshops to help owners harness their dogs sniffing skill.

Scentwork is about teaching the dog to find a specific scent, not a specific item. The scent is the key. This form of scentwork is different to that used for obedience, working trials, search & rescue and tracking.

Talking Dogs Scentwork® is based on the type of searching used with HM Customs & Excise dogs. It is a free flowing search style which allows the dog to cover complex areas efficiently and effectively. The handler actively works to support the dog and ensure the whole area has been cleared. One of the main differences, is that the dogs go in and find the scented toy / food, rather than point the scent, making it much more of a game.

How can you get started?

Talking Dogs Scentwork® have their workshops listed on their website www.talkingdogsscentwork.co.uk. You start out at Scent 1 and work your way through them.

After our first session we went home with a starter pack of a cute little toy mouse, a small bag of catnip, all in a closed tin! That was all we needed to start learning.

I am also a member of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club of UK who had decided to run the Scent 1 Workshop. Luckily for me, the club was more than happy to have an Irish Red and White Setter imposter amongst Tollers.



Giles & Roxanne's story so far;

The Scent 1 workshop is the foundation. We learnt a bit about what it was we were going to try, to decide if our dogs would be scenting for Catnip scented toys or food (cheese). Giles loves his toys so it was going to be an easy one – we can use catnip!



Armed with a borrowed catnip “mouse” we started teaching “find it” under supervision of the instructor, starting with letting the dog see the toy at all times, gradually making him have to look for it. As the day progressed, the searches became harder, when the toy was placed in a box. It was now out of sight and the only way the dog would find it, is by using his nose! Safe to say, all dogs on the course grasped the concept and were now using their nose to find a toy!



From Scent 1, we went home and practiced, and soon were told the dates for Scent 2 – Stepping up. This workshop starts to develop the handlers’ skills and starts to put the toy at different height levels to make the dog work harder. By the end of this workshop, I was hooked; Giles was a star and is flying the flag for the breed. You can see how different he works to the Tollers. He is slower and more careful, but rarely skips over the scent.

Our latest workshop was Scent 3 – Skill Builder. This is where our handling was tested and the finds became longer, harder, more boxes thrown into the search area. We were also introduced to baggage checks where the dog has to check a line of bags for the scent.

I am fully addicted to Scentwork and you can tell it's something Giles loves! He will happily do a find, after find, after find and enjoys that moment he digs the toy out and he knows he has succeeded! Our next workshop I am very excited about! We will have the opportunity to take the dogs to Railworld and search round the steam trains and make the searches different and more challenging.

Roxanne McDonald

CANICROSS

What is Canicross?

Canicross is cross country running with a dog. It originated in mainland Europe as a way to maintain the fitness of sled dogs over the summer, and has now grown into its own sport open to all dogs and people. Any dog can participate as long as they are fit and healthy. Like all other dog sports, the health and welfare of the dog always comes first.

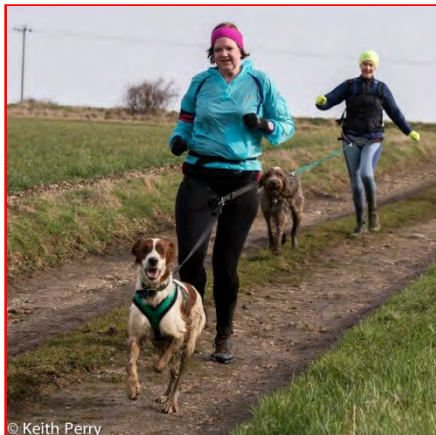
What do you need to get started?

For our first Canicross run, we went along to a group meet where we could borrow some equipment and learn about them to make a decision on which to purchase. The **harness** must be one that allows the dog free movement though the shoulders and chest so they can pull. Luckily I already have a suitable harness, although not Canicross specific, it is the right design to allow the dog to pull.

The **waist belt** for the human must also be of a good fit. Ideally placed on the hips / bum so no strain is put on your lower back and the dogs pull is from a lower center of gravity point.

The **line** connects the dog and runner together. Most lines will contain a bungee to act as a shock absorber for any sharp movements and help prevent injury to dog or human.

Of course, I also have a water holder waist belt for water bottles and a water bowl. My collection of running gear has grown significantly too – some might say I am addicted!



How did I get started?

I had started running to build my fitness up on my own and had always wanted to give Canicross a go. Once my fitness was up to a standard I could run for 5km without too much trouble, I joined a group for a social run and haven't looked back! The help and advice from the group has been fantastic and very supportive. This has allowed me to understand what I need to do and how to train the dog. In doing so, I have further increased my fitness and running ability and will be looking at entering some races in the future.

Roxanne and Janey's story so far

When it came to deciding which dog to run with, I chickened out from the boys and decided the girls would be easier to start with – less weight and therefore less pull! Janey was my choice. A bit of a wild child in the house, this could be just what she needed – more exercise, but also using her brain.

On our first run, you could tell she wasn't sure what she was doing – running from side to side, tripping everyone up, my only job was to run, and praise her when she was correct! Each subsequent run though, she showed signs of improvement and spent more time running out ahead, following my commands for turns etc. She now happily pulls out in front, and pulls me up hills!

As my fitness increased, I decided to brave taking Giles. He too has proved to take to Canicross. He is much better in group runs than when on his own, but both he and Janey get so excited when the gear comes out!

For those of you who are friends with me on Facebook, you will have been inflicted to lots of photos of Janey and me out running thanks to our groups very own pho-

tographer! A huge thank you to Barking Mad Canicross Trailrunners for the wonderful and friendly introduction of this sport!

If anyone would like more details on Canicross or how to get started, I would be more than happy to point you in the right direction.

Roxanne McDonald
Photographs © Keith Perry

KC TRAINING WEEKEND (For Pointing Breeds)

Held near Reeth, N. Yorkshire

1st Day 28th February 2015.

Registration was between 9-930 at the Bridge Inn, Grinton, and there must have been about 50 people crammed into the room, along with the trainers for two days of field training on Grouse. We were split into five groups of 8/10 people and our trainer Peter O'Driscoll introduced his fellow trainers to us. Each group had two trainers and when we reached the moorland above Reeth where we would train, our groups were then split into 4 or 5 people. Our trainer was Val O'Keefe. The five different groups went off to different parts of the moor to start working. We worked individually, with Val giving each of us about ten minutes to work and then rest watching the others, and one can learn an awful lot by watching!

I had my 3 year old bitch Juno with me (Ballakinish Moulin Rouge) and she was watching intensely. She loves working but our training up to now has been over farmland where we may find the odd pheasant. Juno had never been on a moorland environment or even had the scent of grouse. Within a few moments of running on the ground the first dog was finding birds and putting them to flight, and we all looked on appreciatively.

Our turn to run came, and Juno set out with her usual enthusiasm, Val advised me to leave her alone and see if she worked the wind. She seemed to be doing that and the reward was finding birds as a pair of grouse take flight, there was a bit of a chase, then she started hunting again. We each managed 3 or 4 runs during the morning then returned to the cars for a short lunch break. Once out on the moor after lunch we again had time for 3 runs each, and all the dogs worked very well, we were a very happy band of handlers!

2nd Day Sunday 1st March

After the registration we departed for a different part of the moor at Redmire. The wind was very strong here and the terrain was more difficult for us handlers, as we found out moving down into the valley. Conditions were also more challenging for the dogs, but they were in their element running easily over the rough ground and finding birds; not quite so many as the previous day. Five of us managed 3 runs each, and the dogs worked so well again, we also learned what we needed to know for future training.

We returned to the cars around lunchtime for the intention to have quick bite to eat. Unfortunately the weather changed quite dramatically and our head trainer decided we had to finish our day. The weather worsens and the gamekeeper tells us that we need to move quickly.

Three people had been successful in obtaining their Working Gundog Certificates in the challenging conditions, and the awards are given out hastily, everyone thanked the trainers and we all departed.

What were the best parts of the weekend? For me the opportunity to train surrounded by stunning scenery; meeting like minded people; great pleasure and satisfaction in seeing my dog run over the moor, doing what she is bred for and doing it so naturally.

Fiona Chapman.

For more information on KC training days see www.thekennelclub.org.uk and go to 'Field Training days for Pointing Breeds.

RESCUE REPORT

Very pleased to report that all has been quiet recently, long may it continue.

Next year sees the new micro-chipping laws coming into force and rescue is gearing up to take these into account.

We would like to hear from anyone who owns a scanner and would be willing to scan dogs for us in their area as we would ideally like to have a bank of scanners covering most of the UK.

If you can help would you please let me know and also what area you would be willing to cover for us.

Many thanks.

Ann Jeffery Rescue Secretary.

May 2015.

IF MY DOG WERE HUMAN!

We all know that we put human traits on our dogs and most of them are nicer than people. This got me to thinking what my dogs would be like if they were human, so why not put your dog forward as a candidate? I know that if my dogs were human I would want them to be either a member of my family or one of my friends – go on submit your dogs profile!!!

K. C. Name; Caispern Made in Ireland, kennel name: Mabel to her family and friends. Siblings; 4th of 11. 9 sisters and 1 brother.

Religion; R.C. hence all the children! Education; Local comprehensive followed by Sheffield University. Job; Children's Social Worker. Marital Status; happily single. Car; Golf TDI. Hobbies; reading, travel, cross country running and eating out! Favourite book; Bird Song Sebastian Faulkes. Favourite film; The Reader. Favourite group; Queen. Favourite record; Bohemian Rhapsody. Favourite food; difficult as love most food except for bananas!

Most amazing experience; Bungee jumping in Australia. Best holiday; back-packing around Thailand. Best night in; Take away curry, a few beers and a good DVD + friends. Favourite time of the year; definitely Christmas. Hopes for the future; to travel more and live a long and happy life.

What others say; mad, a true friend, always in a good mood, loyal and loving never betrays a trust, life and soul of the party, can be demanding eats anything!

Gaye O'Connor (Caispern) 'MABEL'



P.A.T. DOG 'RAY'

Pat Haddrell's dog 'Ray' has had a busy life; indeed at 12 ½ years young he is still enjoying life to the full. Ray has achieved many awards in his busy life, both in the Gundog 'working' side of the breed as well as his P.A.T. work.

Pat and Ray have a lot of fun and both find it all very rewarding. Ray has a full and fabulous time and is such a good natured dog too. He loves children of all ages, and is very gentle with all who meet him.

Pat writes; The photo below is one taken of myself and Ray at the award ceremony at the Beechfield House Hotel, Beanacre, Near Melksham, Wiltshire on Wednesday 15th April 2015. Ray and I were given the award for the P.A.T. Charity Organisation work we did in the very first year that we became members. Ray and I have been visiting the various care homes and hospitals for around three years now. Pat Haddrell.



Congratulations 'Ray' and Pat

ACTIVE MANUKA HONEY

Did you know how useful Manuka Honey can be in helping to heal yours or your dogs wounds. Did you know it can be used for many internal and external ailments, both serious and minor?

It is something that I always have in my medicine cuboard, and would never be without!

The discovery of a unique antibacterial property has led Active Manuka Honey to be considered for both external and internal digestive issues. Previously this valuable natural resource has been disregarded by conventional medical wisdom to be no more important than any other 'traditional' types of homeopathic remedies. An awful lot of research and study has gone into finding the effects of honey on healing process leading to a fuller appreciation of the factors in the treatment of a persistent bacterial skin infections. All honey has some level of the antibacterial chemical; hydrogen peroxide, which is produced by enzymes in the honey. These enzymes are easily destroyed by exposure to heat and light and also by contact with body fluids. It's now understood that some rare honeys have an antibacterial action this separate to the peroxide effect, resulting in a much more persistent and stable antibacterial action. Such honeys are now known to be a very powerful weapon against bacterial conditions.

There are varying qualities of honey, and in 1996 an organisation in conjunction with the Honey Research Unit set about to establish a standard for the classification of antibacterial honey. This led to the creation of the UMF industry standard. (Unique Manuka Factor.) This is the rating for honeys which has now been in place for some time. These honeys are tested and given a UMF rating/antibacterial strength of 0 – 10, and the highest being 16.

UMF honey is produced by honey bees from the flowers of the Manuka bush, and it grows uncultivated throughout New Zealand and parts of Australia.

If you would like more information on Active Manuka Honey and its wonderful healing properties why not visit www.manukahoney.co.uk

Suzanne Humphries.



VERSATILE 'AOIFE'
(Jeroben By Golly Miss Holly Tullamore)

As well as being a lovely little soul to live with my buddie Aoife has proved herself to be a very versatile companion!

She never quite saw the point in standing still in the show ring, preferring to throw herself into a variety of other activities – accompanied, or more likely hindered by me!

As well as enjoying doing what comes naturally – hunting birds in the stubble fields around us we have competed at Rall O, Obedience, Agility, dabbled at Heelwork to Music and more recently thrown ourselves into Canicross, our longest distance being 10k. On Sunday 7th June 2014 we completed the 5k Race for Life raising funds for Cancer Research UK.

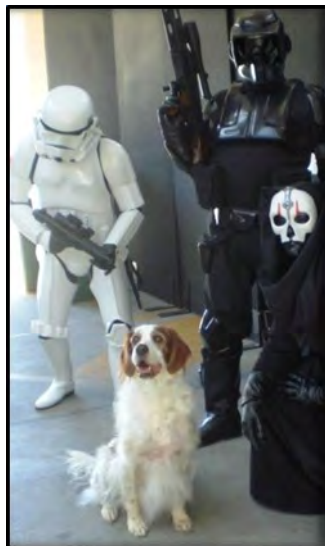
Jane Valentine.



Aoife; hunting birds in the stubble fields around home.



Aoife—Canicross Demo at the Wellidogs Extravaganza



“May the ‘Force be with you!” (Birdwell Setters)

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