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Message from the President

At our recent AGM I was reflecting on how things have changed over the years. At one time there would be 8 or 9 names of people who wanted to serve on the committee for 4 places, folk would be nominated a number of times before being successful and now we are not able to fill all the 12 committee places so why is that?

We have to acknowledge that things are changing in all aspects of our hobby the Kennel Club are reviewing many areas of pedigree dogs and as I write this they have just announced a complete overhaul for judges development.

What I think is important to understand is that you don't need to be experienced within the breed or committee work in general; there are sufficient folk to help and support you if you are interested. At the AGM we discussed the future of the breed but we also need a succession plan for the management of the club!

You don't need to be a certain age; I was 28 when I was appointed Treasurer. So please if you are interested have a chat with a current committee member or one of the officers to see how you can get involved.

Helping out also applies to any club members, the committee attend 4 meetings per year and support the club in as many activities as they are able but just 12 committee members can't do it all, so again, if you think you can lend a hand it will be gratefully accepted.

Mary Sherratt
President



Message from the Chairman

I hope you have all enjoyed the Club's Year Book which you should all have received by now. Susan Barry has again produced an excellent publication.

The Club was well represented at Crufts this year on Discover Dogs with an interesting breed stand. The help from all those that contribute to the running of the stand is much appreciated.

We held the AGM on Sunday 23rd April. It was unanimously agreed to award Pete and Ann Jeffery Honorary Life Membership in appreciation of their hard work over the years with the Rescue Sub-Committee.

It would have been lovely to have seen more of you at the AGM as we had a most interesting discussion on the future of the breed. For those that were not able to attend a brief summary can be found on page 6 under the AGM round up.

I wish you every success and great fun with your dogs this summer and look forward to meeting you at the July Show.

Shelagh Walton
Chairman



Message from the editor

We have a bumper edition for you with so much happening with the club and the breed for the start of 2017.

The Irish Red & White Setters featured across different sections of Crufts this year, with the first red and white to qualify for the Junior Warrant Finals and making the breeds first appearance in the Canicross Demonstration. Both held in the main ring which has a capacity of over 15,000 people!

Read about Fran Griffin and DaisyMay who compete in obedience with the best, and if that inspires you, then we have included some detail on the Kennel Club's initiative Obreedience which aims to encourage more breeds to 'have a go' at obedience, but in a less formal competitive environment.

There is also a £10 cash prize to be won. More details on page 17 with "What's in a name?"

One of the big discussions within the club at the moment is about safeguarding the future of the breed and this was the key topic at the recent AGM.

One of the Club's vice presidents, Ann Millington, has had an idea for a new scheme for Irish Red & White Setters who partake in different canine activities.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. If there is anything you want to include, any thing different you do with your red and white, please let me know.

Roxanne McDonald
Newsletter Editor



Spring Open Show report

The Club's Spring 2017 Open Show was held on Sunday 5th March at Steventon Village Hall, Oxfordshire.

Once again the committee worked tirelessly throughout the day to put on the show for the exhibitors and even had time at lunch time for an auction of two paintings donated by Mrs Kath Barcoft.

Our Judge Val Jarvis found her;

Best in Show and Best Veteran in Show in Barry's Sh Ch Shireoak Hurricane Ruby Rustasha (imp Can)

Reserve Best in Show was Pilmer's Anisbrig Tobermory

Best Puppy in Show went to Henton & Plowman's Zendarric Born to be Wild

Reserve Best Puppy in show was Barton's Morvan Shadow Dog Over Bencorragh (IMP POL).

Reserve Best Dog was Cuddy's Taxus Golden Prince in Balbriggan

Reserve Best Bitch was Sherratt's Ch Charnborough Glamour Girl

This show was sponsored by James Wellbeloved and each class winner received a voucher for a small bag of food, and the principal winners receiving a large bag of food.

Below are the pictures of the principal winners.



Best Bitch, Best in Show & Best Veteran in Show

Sh Ch Shireoak Hurricane Ruby Rustasha (imp Can)



Best Dog & Reserve Best in Show
Anisbrig Tobermory



Best Puppy in Show
Zendarric Born to be Wild



Reserve Best Bitch
Ch Charnborough Glamour Girl



Reserve Best Dog
Taxus Golden Prince in Balbriggan



Reserve Best Puppy in Show
Morvan Shadow Dog Over Bencorragh (IMP POL)

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AGM Round Up

The AGM was held in Newton Regis Village Hall and started at 12 noon where members were welcomed with a choice of soups and a roll.

First up was the presentation of the annual results for 2016 including the top 10 in the club points competition, top awards and those who have achieved titles. Special rosettes and trophies were presented on the day by our president, Mary Sherratt. Full results of these presentations are listed below.

Points Competition - Top 10

1. Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage (B)
2. Sh Ch Killary's Grand Venture with Vanders and Romaunt JW (Imp USA) (D)
3. Sh Ch Rustasha Golden Rapper JW (D)
4. Sh Ch Rustasha Rosa Kim (B)
5. Taxus Golden Prince in Balbriggan (D)
6. Sh Ch Shireoak Hurricane Ruby Rustasha (Imp Can) (B)
7. Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Vanders Va Voom avec Wroxham (D)
8. Sh Ch Caispern Roddy Owen at Oldestone (D)
9. Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Casafelice Montadale JW (D)
10. Rustasha Raison d'Etre for Kellizlot (B)

Top Irish Red and White Setter and Top Bitch - Tattersall's Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage

Top Dog - Barney & Howatson's Sh Ch Killary's Grand Venture with Vanders and Romaunt JW (imp USA)

Top Veteran - Barry's Sh Ch Shireoak Hurricane Ruby Rustasha (imp Can)

Top Puppy - Ball & Harrison's Corranroo Commitment

Top Stud Dog - Wade's Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi at Oldestone

Top Brood Bitch - Tattershall's Temynloah Tanya at Alanea

Top Breeder - Mr B & Mrs S Barry (Rustasha)

Working Together award - Not awarded

2016 Show Champions

Wade's Sh Ch Caispern Roddy Owen at Oldestone

Barry's Sh Ch Rustasha Golden Rapper JW

Barry's Sh Ch Rustasha Rosa Kim

2016 Junior Warrant Winners

Cuddy's Taxus Golden Prince in Balbriggan JW

2016 Show Certificate of Merit Winners

Barry's Rushtasha Rhapsody in Red ShCM

If your dogs win any titles throughout 2017, please let Ian Lamb know by emailing casafelicesetters@yahoo.co.uk ready for the AGM in 2018.

Key notes from the AGM:

- The AGM was opened by our president, Mary Sherratt, before she handed over to the three officers
- A minute's silence was held for those who had passed away in the previous year including John Kerr and David Lyus.
- Val Jarvis did not stand for re-election and was thanked by the chairman for her work and commitment while serving on the committee
- The remaining members of the committee all stood for re-election, with Maureen Newman standing for election after being co-opted after last years AGM. As there were enough places, all were accepted.
- There is currently one remaining space on the committee
- To recognise the hard work and dedication that Ann Jeffery gives to rescue, it was proposed and agreed that Joint Honorary Life Membership be given to Ann and Peter.
- From 2018 there will be an increase in single and joint annual memberships from £10.50 to £12 for single and £12.50 to £15 for joint. Overseas remains the same at £17.50, as does Junior membership at 50p
- There was a discussion on the future of the breed, see below

Future of the breed discussion summarised by Shelagh Walton, Chairman

I explained that concern over the future of the breed was something that had been flagged up by the genetics sub-committee. This was touched on briefly last year with the worrying fall in numbers of Irish Red and White puppies that have been bred. In 2011 there were a total of 15 litters bred with an average number of puppies in each litter of 7.5. The average has gradually fallen over the past five years and last year there were 13 litters bred with an average number of puppies of 4.4. Dr Tom Lewis at the Kennel Club has been consulted and he has suggested that we need to consider taking some action now in order to avoid problems in the future.

The following ideas were put forward to the membership by the committee:-

- Increasing the popularity of the breed – I have had discussions with the Kennel Club who are willing to help us with this
- Encourage the breeding of more litters from more diverse stud dogs
- Encourage the importation of semen from less related dogs from overseas populations
- Consider starting a sperm bank
- Encourage the importation of sires or "borrowing" dogs from overseas
- Explore the pet population within the breed and encourage the use of less well known stud dogs and bitches
- Explore the possibility of an out cross programme

It should be stressed that at no point would the committee want to impose solutions on breeders or the membership but are looking to work with Red and White owners who are interested in ensuring the future of the breed. We don't need many of you, just a few.

After further discussion it was agreed that the membership would like the Committee to move forward with their suggestions. If you are interested in helping

with this project or have suggestions to make we would be pleased to hear from you. Just give me or Alison a call.

Note: *Since the AGM, the Kennel Club has supported us with press releases in national and local newspapers, as well as promoting the breed through Facebook and other social media. This has already resulted in many interesting conversations, increased footfall to the club website and a number of queries to the club about the breed. This is just the start, with a lot more to come throughout the year. We are still welcome to any ideas from our membership on promoting the breed and also anything we can do to support the future of the breed in the UK.*



A new Activity Scheme idea

Calling all the Irish Red & White Setter owners who do not show their dogs!

When I brought my Pebble home in 1980, the instruction was, “breed as many litters as you can – get the breed known” and the only way to get among dog people was to take our dogs to dog shows. The show scene is declining today but there are so many alternatives that are fun, accessible and rewarding either in a group or on your own and the opportunity to help the breed in a big way is priceless if we are to be able to save the breed from near extinction again.

We need to increase the promotion of Irish Red & White Setter and one way to do this is to encourage and recognise the successes of our breed in different canine activities. There are so many activities to choose from, the KC sponsored events, the individual devised ‘tests’ like scent discrimination, problem solving etc to training a PAT dog. If you are not up to racing round an Agility course, there are still plenty of other things you can do with your, dog, incidentally to your benefit as well as your dog’s. There are owners who do train their Irish Red & White Setters in Obedience, Agility or any other activity, but how many? Who? And Where?

If these owners could come forward then we could devise some method of acknowledging their successes and efforts on a regular basis and help new owners to find a group near them and help to point the way to joining in to enjoy the fun.

Owners have probably found out by now that Irish Red & White Setter are not ‘boudoir dogs’ and will go through thick and thin with you. But we need a way that we can promote the breed as a smart, lively, willing, loyal companion.

We could call it the Irish Red & White Setter Activity Scheme and promote the versatility of our breed, and celebrate the individual dogs.

This is where I need to know how many owners would be willing to venture out into this world, or those who already do. It can’t be all that difficult. Please contact me on 01782 502451 if you and your Irish Red & White Setter take part in any activities to see if there is appetite for an activity scheme.

Ann Millington
Vice-President



Crufts 2017

Breed Ring

Congratulations everyone who attended Crufts. There was a lovely atmosphere ringside and at the benches with celebrations amongst exhibitors for previous successes.

It was also lovely to welcome members and exhibitors from around the world, either visiting or competing including, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, Ireland, Poland and USA.



Our judge Peter Jeffery found his Dog CC and Best of Breed in Robertson's Ir Sh Ch Shadow Dawn of Oakley and Bitch CC and Best Opposite Sex in Farrows's Roanjora Fleurie. Reserve Dog CC was Wade's Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi at Oldestone and Reserve Bitch CC was Sherratt's Ch Charnborough Glamour Girl. Best Puppy in Breed went to Barton's Morvan Shadow Dog over Bencorragh (IMP POL).

For both CC winners, this was their first of this award, although the dog already holds his Irish Show Champion title along with CACIBs and was Celtic Winner 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. RBCC winner has taken this award at Crufts for the 3rd time (in 4 years) from the Special Working Gundog class.

Junior Warrant Finals

Congratulations to Julian Barney & Jackie Howatson with Sh Ch Killarys Grand Venture with Vanders & Romaunt JW (Imp USA) for being the first Irish Red & White Setter to make it to the finals of the Kennel Clubs Junior Warrant competition, which were held at Crufts on the Thursday in the main ring. Clint was handled by Rachel Barney and although he wasn't crowned the winner, its still a great achievement to be selected in the top 10 in the final.



The Club Stand

The club stand at Crufts was another success this year with plenty of Irish Red & White Setter memorabilia to browse and purchase, including some new I Love IRWS Pennants which were donated by Jacque Bayne and new ringclip designs. It was once again a focal point for visitors which looked great and was well organised. All this is thanks to Ian and Gail Lamb who worked hard from the early hours with help from their son & his fiancée.

Ian would like to give a huge thank you to those who offered an hour out of their day to support with manning the stand. Gill Hart, Debbie McDonald, Brian Pilmer, Eileen Walker, Gordon Hayburn, Lyn Luther, Sue Herridge, Jacqueline Cairns, Tracy Robertson (who grabbed cover from her mum and partner because she was waiting for the BOB challenge) and Ian & Gail's son Scott and his fiancée, Sarah, who helped on the stand for over 2 hours and also supported getting the stand merchandise in and back out of the hall.

Discover Dogs

Ray McDonald says: "Thank you to the 23 people, and their 21 dogs who covered a stint on the Discover Dogs Stand at Crufts this year. Although it seemed quieter to start than normal on the Thursday morning, it soon picked up and there was a constant stream of visitors over the four days from a mix of people who knew the breed, and those who hadn't heard of them."



The stand is looking better each year. This is due to the wonderful photos that have been sent from around the world, and now the addition of some new large poster prints. Thanks go to Debbie and Roxanne McDonald who help me set up early on the Thursday morning, and for everyone who took their turn promoting the breed with their dogs. This year we had a good mix from those who are "regulars" and also some first timers. I hope you all enjoyed your time as much as I do."

Canicross

As the first year that the Kennel Club have recognised Canicross, although it has been showcased in the main ring for many years, Janey & Nina were invited to spend time on the Kennel Club Activities Stand to promote this ever growing sport on the Saturday which turned out not only to promote the sport, but there was a lot of interest also in the breed.

On the Sunday, the Canicross Trailrunners demonstration was taking part in the main arena and Roxanne & Janey had been invited to take part in this display.





Competition Obedience with an Irish Red & White Setter?

Well yes, if anyone had said to me some years ago that I would be competing in the ring with a Setter and beating collies, I would have laughed. Not that they are incapable of doing so, but I was at that point so into agility, that I thought obedience was flat and incredibly boring.

I have had Irish Setters for approximately 30 years, but DaisyMae (Courtdown Shall We Dance) was my first venture into Red and Whites. I was in for a bit of a shock. Even though I had lived with some pretty full on reds, I had never encountered a bull in a china shop in the form of a DaisyMae. She put my heart in my mouth of a number of occasions with her mountain goat antics.

The intention was that DaisyMae was to compete, like the reds, in agility, and be good at it. Her training was going very well. However, due to circumstances, our training stopped, yet I was at a loss of something to do with my girl.

I then bumped into an old friend of mine from the obedience world, Domini Allday who suggested I did some obedience training with DaisyMae. I thought I had nothing to loose and gave it a try. At the end of one session, Domini noticed me looking very bored. “you don’t like this do you Fran”, she exclaimed, “you are finding this far too faffy aren’t you!”. “Yes” I replied “I am”. Domini then glared at me and snapped “well I would suggest you get used to it - because your dog LOVES it”. And that was where it all started.

The day arrived for our first show, which was held at Woburn in Bedfordshire. No pressure on us – not at all – we were just expected to get in the ring and win pre-beginners just by being there and following the orders. DaisyMae had other ideas. “what on earth is this place???? this ISN’T an agility show. No tannoys, no barking, nobody running up and down”. Poor DaisyMae went into total meltdown, and lagged all the way around the ring. Her stays were faultless. She didn’t move a muscle. Domini was NOT impressed, however, I knew from the outset that DaisyMae was not happy and no way was she up to performing, not even for the smell of liver under my fingernails.

For the next show we went to Chessvale in Hertfordshire and it was much better. Although still not the performance we knew DaisyMae was capable of. She lagged a little, but surprisingly won pre-beginners, on a run off against a Border Terrier whom I



DaisyMae & Fran in obedience training

thought had beaten her having watched its performance, but the judge handed it to DaisyMae. We would probably have taken the beginners class that day too, but we were heavily marked because during the recall, DaisyMae lifted from the sit position and shook her coat. Many people thought it was extremely unfair as she was drawn no. 5 in that class, and had to go in at number 5, just as there was a massive downpour! Apparently had I not commanded her to sit again, we would still have been in with a chance of winning, but as I asked her to return to a sit, we lost 11 marks. The judge commented that her overall performance was very good and said she was definitely a winning dog, which Domini and myself knew all along she was.

The next show – back to Woburn and by then it was the hottest part of the summer, and once again I had a totally disinterested flat dog, who refused to play. With that, I gave up competing, and thought it would be better for DaisyMae not to attend shows if they upset her so much. In training, and workshops – she was absolutely brilliant, and people there was astonished that she hadn't got any further than winning a pre-beginners class.

Last year, we moved to Wales, I continued with the training, as DaisyMae loves it so much and actually asks for us to play those games. I then joined the online Absolute Dogs Training Academy and joined in their Naughty But Nice course, to help build confidence and optimism, both of the things DaisyMae was lacking at shows.

We worked and worked on it. I then decided it was time to give a show another try. Off we went to Carmarthen and with an absolutely stunning performance she won out of beginners by a very clear margin to the dog who took 2nd place, much to the absolute delight of the judge, who commented on DaisyMae's happy face and constantly wagging tail, which is the usual performance we expected in training and workshops. What a difference. I knew from the moment we walked across the car park that this was going to be a good day. It could have been a truly amazing day too, had she not become distracted on the retrieve by going to examine where the wind was blowing under two large doors, we could have carried off the novice prize too! Once again because I put in an extra command on the retrieve to get her away from the doors and back to the item, we would have been right up at the top. Once more the extra commands got us docked 11 points. Apart from that another brilliant performance. Optimism pays!!!! It so does.

So now I have DaisyMae in Novice and working into A. We are certainly going to win that Novice prize sometime in the future. When she puts her head on she works as good as any Border Collie. According to Domini, she is just like a collie but without the manic behaviour..... Hmmmm I will leave that right there.

Obedience is such fun. Far more fun than I ever imagined. The training spilled over into her normal pet activities, and developed an amazing bond between us which is all based upon communication, understanding, impulse control, and balance. To say I have a very rounded girl who is a joy to live with is an understatement. I absolutely love her to pieces.

I would love to share the training games which have brought DaisyMae and myself to this level of enjoyment, and would love to run a workshop introducing Red and White owners and their dogs to competition obedience.

This brings me to the Kennel Club's new competition "Obreedience". This is where teams are being created consisting of four dogs from a particular breed who then compete against other breeds. The exercises are a combination of the Good Citizen Dog Scheme, and competition obedience. For example "go to your bed" from the Good Citizens Gold award, to scent discrimination in competition obedience. If anyone is interested and wants to attend a workshop in Wales perhaps during the summer months, please let me know. I am based in South Wales, but I am sure I can find a venue on the Monmouthshire side for a training day. I could travel into central England too for a day if there is an interest for such a workshop. Are you interested in forming an IRWS Obreedience team?

Fran Griffin



Obreedience

No, I haven't gone mad and spelt obedience wrong. It's a relatively new initiative from the Kennel Club to encourage more breeds to 'have a go' at some of the tests associated with competitive obedience but in a less formal competitive environment.

Obreedience finals are held at Crufts by selecting the top 10 teams in a points league from the qualifying heats held across the country during the year. It is a team event and showcases the talents of each breed through a series of fun exercises and it is perfect for all ages and abilities.

It mixes the best aspects of obedience with the camaraderie found amongst breed enthusiasts, each Obreedience team must comprise of four handlers and four dogs of the same breed who take part in two rounds of competition including a round of heelwork performed together as a group and then four set exercises including a retrieve, a 'send to bed', commanding the dog to stop, and a scent exercise.

As per Fran's comment in the above article, if anyone would be interested in forming an IRWS Obreedience team, then get in contact with Fran.





Adder bites

The only venomous snake native to the UK is the European adder. Adults are roughly 50-60cm long and have a black/brown zigzag pattern along their back and V or X shaped marking on the head. They are most commonly found in the south and south west of England, western Wales and Scotland. Adders are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; this means that it is an offence to kill, harm, injure, sell or trade them.

Is my dog likely to get bitten?

Adder bites are still fairly rare but they are on the increase. Snakes generally only bite in self-defence, so normally bites occur when a snake is stepped on or disturbed by your dog, but a curious dog can unintentionally provoke an adder into biting.

Key points:

- Most adder bites occur between April and July
- If your dog is bitten, don't panic, try to keep them still and seek veterinary attention straight away
- The most common signs are significant pain and swelling where the bite occurred as well as depression and lethargy
- Less than 5% of patients display more severe signs and complications
- 96-97% of bitten dogs make a full recovery, usually within 5 days, with appropriate treatment
- Bites most commonly occur on a dog's legs or face.

What should I do if I think my dog has been bitten by an adder?

- Seek veterinary attention. It's important to remember not to panic; your dog is highly likely to fully recover if treatment is given promptly.
- Carry your dog (rather than allow him or her to walk) to try and reduce the spread of venom around the body.
- Bathe the wound in cold water to help control the swelling and try to keep your dog quiet and warm as you travel to vet practice
- If you're unaware your dog has been bitten but you notice anything which may be suggestive of a bite later on, it's important that you ring your vet



Treatment

Even though signs can be severe, 96-97% of cases survive with the appropriate treatment. The average time to a full recovery is 5 days.

Pain relief will usually be given and your vet may recommend fluid therapy (a drip) to maintain blood pressure, treat shock and maintain the blood flow of the vital organs. Anti-histamines might be added to the treatment. Sometimes cage rest is recommended to minimize venom absorption into the rest of your dog's body.



Judging News

Breed Seminar

On Sunday 18th March the Club held a Module 1 Seminar and Module 2 Assessment in tandem at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh.

The Module 1 is a breed specific seminar which is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the breed and includes an optional assessment in which a pass is a requirement before a judge can be included on the “B” judging list.

The Module 2 Assessment is for judges with the experience to qualify for the “A3” list and is by invitation only.

There were 4 candidates for the Module 2 assessment and pleasingly all 4 passed, 2 with credit.

Twenty-one people attended Module 1 with 17 going on to do the assessment. There were 14 passes, 4 with credit. Sadly 3 people didn’t quite reach the required level this time round but hopefully they will be inspired to study their seminar folders and try again next time.

It has become a feature of our seminars to provide an excellent lunch and this time was no exception. It was done “in house” for just about £3 per head and was very well received with lots of compliments coming our way.

So all in all a very successful day with the icing on the cake being a small profit for club funds.

None of this would be possible without the work of the Sub-committee members and particularly our doughty band of volunteers who turn out time and again to help, so I would like to offer a huge vote of thanks to Gill & Graham Hart, Gail & Ian Lamb and Alison Bloxham for bringing their beautiful dogs along and of course thanks to the dogs who put up with an awful lot with great stoicism on the day. Particular thanks must go to Debbie McDonald and Julie Checkley who worked tirelessly in the kitchen all day. Debbie also sourced the beautifully presented token gifts for the helpers and treats for the dogs, thanks again Debbie.

If you’re interested in a future seminar, please email Jackie at vanderssetters@hotmail.co.uk to go on the waiting list to receive the details once they are confirmed.

Judging list

As was mentioned in the JSC report to the AGM, the judging list will be updated up to 3 times a year from now on. The first of those updates will be published on the clubs website shortly.

If you want to apply for the judging list, or update your detail/numbers on the club records, please send an application form/updated CV to Jackie Howatson for consideration for the next update. Application forms can be found on the clubs website on the Judging List page.

Kennel Club Judges Development Program

You may have seen, the Kennel Club are introducing a whole new regime for judges and judges education.

Your JSC will of course be studying this edict in great detail to see how our operation will be affected by it.

Jackie Howatson
Judges Secretary
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Rescue News

Following the AGM I am very pleased to report that our rescue sub-committee were all voted on to serve for another year. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any problems you think we may be able to help you with.

There was much discussion at the AGM this year regarding what the Club and its members can do to keep sufficient interest in the breed for the future. One item for discussion was the breeding of more litters and the possibility of encouraging pet owners to breed as well.

It won't come as a surprise to many of you that this set the alarm bells ringing. We all know that it's not easy now to always find enough of the right sort of homes for our puppies. I feel that if we do propose to go down this road it would have to be very carefully monitored by the club as pet/hobby breeding can get dangerously out of control.

We had this happen in our breed over 10 years ago when a pet/hobby breeder owned a young bitch and dog. This poor bitch went on to have 42 puppies from 4 litters over a period of 2 years and 9 months. She was just 15 months old when she produced the first litter. The same breeder had a further litter from one of her daughters producing just 3 puppies. Thankfully all has gone quiet since so hopefully the small litter may have acted as a deterrent.

We had many of these dogs needing homes through rescue and I just hope and pray that the rest did get to suitable homes in the end.

I would please ask you all to keep this sad tale in mind when contemplating pet breeding as a solution to keeping interest in our breed alive. This is not the sort of interest our lovely breed deserves.

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Puppies

If you would like to enquire about up-coming litters or advertise your puppies on the club's website please get in touch with our puppy co-ordinator, Di Jones.

Email: diane@berryessa.co.uk



What's in a name?

So far, I have had three Irish Red and White Setters and their 'pet' names have been carefully chosen. My first IRWS (1999) was named 'Mallory' after the English mountaineer George Mallory. When asked why I had chosen an IRWS I would evoke Mallory and his quest for Everest. Back then I had only just heard about the fourth setter breed and was intrigued by their existence and history.



My second IRWS (2008) came to me as a two-year old rescue. His given name was 'Tupac' – after the dead American hip hop and rap artist. His name didn't suit him and he didn't seem to know it either. So he became 'Derry' after the Irish city and he quickly embraced his new name. My third IRWS (2011) is named 'Trouble' after the lyrics from the song 'River City' in the 1957 musical 'The Music Man':

Trouble practising his gundog skills
Photo by Peter Hollman

*Trouble, oh we got trouble,
Right here in River City!
With a capital 'T'
That rhymes with 'P'
And that stands for Pool*

Those who know the musical will remember that 'Pool' refers to the game of billiards but in my case the 'P' stands for 'Puppy'. It is an affectionate name but given that Trouble is an IRWS there is always the 'trouble' that comes with steely determination as well!

I wonder what stories are behind the pet names of IRWS owned by other club members?

Anne Robertson
Birdwellsetters, Australia

Note from the editor: If you have any interesting stories to tell about your dogs pet names, please email them to roxanne@roanjora.co.uk for inclusion in the next newsletter. Our Treasurer Jim Cuddy has kindly donated a £10 cash prize for the most amusing or interesting name submitted which will be announced in the next newsletter

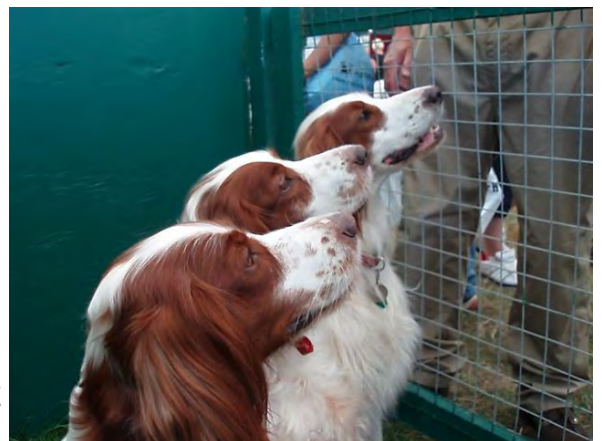


Game Fairs - Volunteers needed

The club has been invited to several game fairs this year and for these to be successful we'd like some volunteers who can take their dogs along for one or more of the days.

- The Game Fair, Hatfield House on 28/29/30 July
- Cheshire Game and Country Fair on 26/27/28 August
- Wiltshire Game and Country Fair on 23/24 September
- Essex Game and Country Fair on 7/8 October

For more information, please email Alison at ajb@jeffbloxham.com.





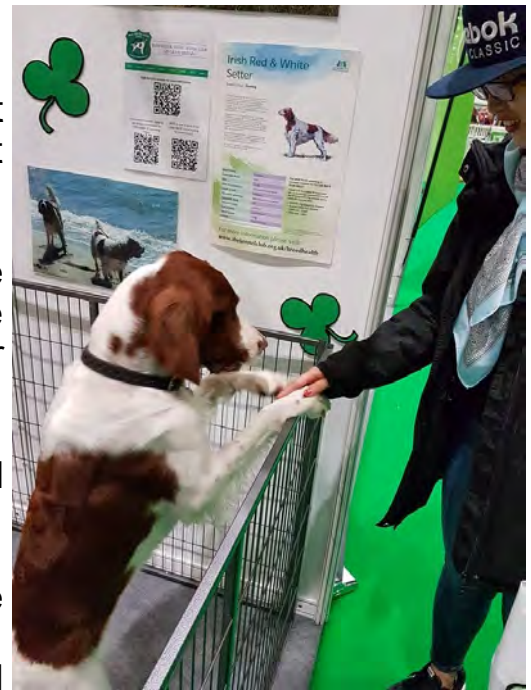
National Pet Show

In March, we once again supported the National Pet Show with our breed stand at their event in May at the Excel in London.

Many thanks to all those who supported the weekend. It was another event where many people didn't know about the Irish Red & White Setter before, but did after.

Of course, for the dogs it is a few hours of fuss and attention, something we all know the breed loves.

We have been invited back for their event at the NEC in November, so if your interested in attending, please email roanjora@roanjora.co.uk if you would like to help out, dates depending.



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Joyce Webb new address - 2 Kirke Close, East Markham, Newark, Notts. NG22 0SQ.

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Notes

- If there are any errors in addresses or telephone numbers in the membership list or any omissions of members as at 31st December 2016 please contact Jim Cuddy, Treasurer and Membership Secretary, on 01959 570669
- If you did not receive your year book as a member please contact the Secretary, Alison Bloxham, on 01785 284018.



Dates for your diary - club events

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show - Autumn

Date: Sunday 15th October 2017

Venue: Hasland Village Hall, Hasland Road, Chesterfield, S41 0AY

Judge: Andy Robins

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show - Spring

Date: Sunday 4th March 2018

Venue: Steventon Village Hall, Oxfordshire. OX13 6RR

Judge: Mrs Jean Byrne

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB AGM

Date: Sunday, 22 April 2017

Venue: Newton Regis Village Hall, Austrey Lane, Tamworth, B79 ONL

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Championship Show

Date: Sunday 10th June 2018

Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG

Judge: Mrs Susan Paterson

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show - Autumn

Date: Sunday 14th October 2018

Venue: Hasland Village Hall, Hasland Road, Chesterfield, S41 0AY

Judge: Miss Nicola Green

Newsletter deadline: Tuesday, 1st November 2017

Working events

The Working sub committee has plans for a number of working events this year. As soon as dates and venues are confirmed, details will be available on the clubs website and Facebook page. If you would like to have information and booking forms sent directly to you, please email Fiona Chapman at fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com.



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