

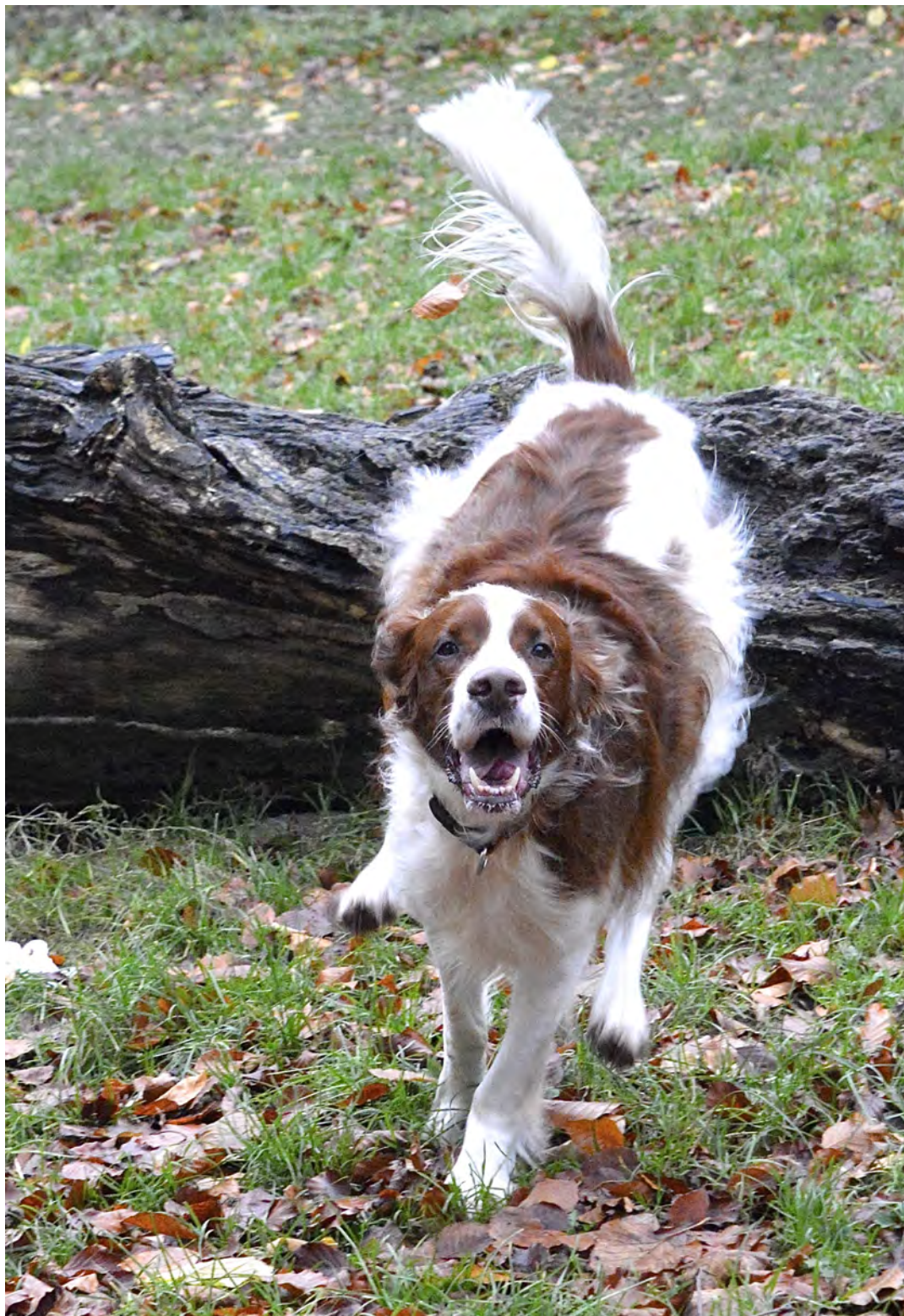
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Front Cover Image

Photo of 5 year old Callum (Ryemills Moondust) owned by Catherine Otley.

Find out how Callum has been promoting the breed in the newsletter

If you have any images of your Irish Red and White Setter for use on the front page, please email them to roxanne@roanjora.co.uk.



Message from the Chairman

A great deal has happened during the past year and now that we are coming to the end of it I look back and reflect on all that your Committee has been working on.

Some time ago you were asked whether you would like to receive correspondence and updates via email. This was proposed as a cost saving measure as printing costs and postal rates have increased considerably over time. I am pleased to say that a large number of you were happy to receive communications by email. Those that were not will continue to receive their communications via the general post. This is the first Newsletter that you will be receiving by email and I do hope that you are happy with the form it arrives in and enjoy reading it. Please do let us know if you think that there is any way we can improve on the form of delivery.

I expect that you will have seen, via the website, that there is a change of venue for our Championship Show next year. This was brought about as the date booked at our Stoneleigh venue which was 10th June, clashed with Gundog day at The Three Counties Show. The show diary is very full in the summer months and it was not possible to find an alternative date that the venue was available for that did not clash with a major show.

The Committee were reluctant to hold our show on the same day as Three Counties as they felt that the entry for both shows might be adversely affected and they felt that this would be neither fair on the exhibitors or the Judges. When this was brought to the attention of Three Counties they very kindly offered for us to hold our Show alongside their show at their show ground. After discussion your committee felt that this was possibly the best solution.

Some of you may have doubts as to whether this will diminish our Championship Show but your Committee and I feel that it may well do the opposite as there will be a number of people at the Three Counties Show who will be interested in coming and having a look at our Red and Whites. Also, as there will be two shows that exhibitors can attend it should increase the entry for both shows. I know that the Committee have various plans to keep our Championship Show special and individual and I do hope that you will all come along to support your club. The Committee would appreciate your feedback after the show and no decision will be made as to whether to continue holding our show alongside Three Counties or whether to revert back to the Stoneleigh venue until we have heard from you.

As well as our long established points competition the Club has started an Open Show points competition. The points can be gained at general open shows and gundog open shows. Please contact Alan Bamford or take a look at our Website for further information. The competition runs from 1st January to 31st December. This year is being run as a pilot scheme and a few Members have identified some glitches in the system which will be ironed out in next year's competition. It is hoped that this competition will encourage people to show their Red and Whites at Open

Shows and to help judges at this level gain experience. It is planned to publish those Open Shows that schedule classes for Red and Whites on our Website.

For some time now the Club has sponsored the breed at a number of Open Shows and if you are involved with an Open Show that is planning on scheduling our breed and would like to be considered for sponsorship please contact our Secretary, Alison, to apply.

The Club is keen to promote the breed at all times and the above measures should help to do so. Also, several articles in the press highlighting the breed as well as the Irish Red and White Setter photograph on the Discover Dogs poster will also bring the breed to the public's attention. In order to ensure the long term future of the Irish Red and White Setter the Committee are considering other measures to promote the breed and increase the gene pool and I will keep you informed as these come to fruition.

If any of you have any questions or ideas for the promotion of the breed or the expansion of the gene pool please either come and speak with me or one of the members of the Committee. We are always pleased to hear what you have to say.

The only thing left for me to do now is wish you all A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

Shelagh Walton
Chairman



Message from the Treasurer

It was agreed at the 2017 AGM held in April by all members in attendance that Membership Subscriptions would be increased as follows from 1st January 2018.

- Single Membership £12
- Joint Membership £15
- There is no change to Overseas Membership

Members paying by Standing Order will need to advise their Bank to make the necessary change. For those members who currently pay by cheque but wish for the convenience of paying by standing order, a mandate can be downloaded from the Clubs website.

This is the first increase in many years as we have tried to keep levels low but increases in printing, postage, and show costs means that this small increase becomes necessary.

Jim Cuddy
Treasurer



Message from the editor

This edition I have pulled together some stories on how our members are doing their bit to promote the breed and we had a lovely article sent in which was written back in the 80s, but still has elements of truth today. I have also collated some popular Christmas food and plants that can be harmful to our furry friends.

I have found out last minute that the newsletter will now be sent electronically to the majority of members and look forward to the challenge it brings to produce something digital as well as paper. Digital versions of the newsletter open up many opportunities to use the latest in technology, something of which greatly interests me, so keep an eye out on your inbox for 2018, paper versions will also be available.

From the Rescue sub committee secretary, Ann Jeffery, read the story about Ragg & Bones and how it's a happy ending for the girls, as it has been for 9 rescue dogs throughout the year.

Roxanne McDonald
Newsletter Editor



Autumn Open Show report

The club's Autumn 2017 Open Show was held on Sunday 15th October at Hasland Village Hall in Chesterfield.

As expected at our open shows, there were delicious bacon or sausage baps being sold in the kitchen for breakfast, so popular that by 10.45am they had completely sold out! Luckily the soup and rolls, with cake for afters were available for lunch time. Thank you to Val Wade and Ann Aitkin who did a sterling job doing the cooking and for Ned Bardy who kept the tea and coffee flowing.

Our judge was Mr Andy Robins who has been involved in the breed on both the show and working side. He found his winners as

Best Dog & Best in Show - Pilmer's Anisbrig Tobermory
Reserve Best Dog, Reserve Best in Show & Best Veteran in Show - Walker's Sh
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Best Puppy in Show - Barton's Saorla Shadow Dog at Bencorragh (Imp Pol)
Best Bitch - Tong's Rustasha Raison D'Etre for Kellizlot
Reserve Best Bitch - Jarvis' Shannonlee The Wood Lark

This show was sponsored by Orijen who not only donated sacks of food for every class winners, large sacks for the major winners but also goodie bag for every exhibitor and committee member.



2017 Championship Show Report

Our 2017 Championship Show was once again held at The Kennel Club Building in Stoneleigh, and the weather held off so our judge, Mrs Val Wade, could make full use of the large outdoor ring.



Bitch CC & Best in Show
Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage



Best Puppy in Show
Sherratt's Alanaea Holly Fern at Charnborough



Best Veteran in Show
Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Vanders Va Voom avec Wroxham



DCC & Reserve Best in Show
Sh Ch Rustasha Golden Rapper JW



Reserve Best Puppy in Show
Alanea Game Reserve with Danwish



Reserve Dog CC
Corranroo Camero at Hitides



Reserve Bitch CC
Vanders Crimson Velvet





Promoting the breed

It's a subject that is at the forefront of the clubs mind, how can we promote the breed, make sure people know about them, and in turn that will help keep our Irish Native Vulnerable Breed alive for years to come.

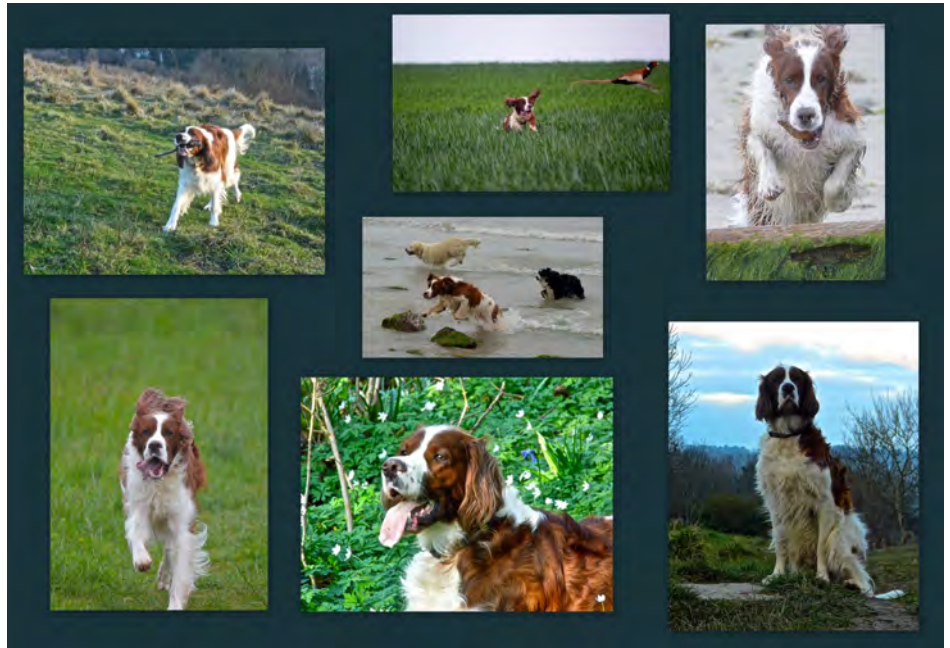
I have been hearing some great stories from owners who are also doing their bit. Below are some of the things that have been happening;

365 Project

Catherine Otley wrote to me about an exciting photography project.

"I have been doing my bit to help bring the Irish Red and White Setter to the notice of the general population. Having joined a photo sharing website called The 365 Project, i have chosen as my user name redandwhite, my profile icon is my red and white, Callum, and on

several occasions, my best photo of the day - you are supposed to post one photo a day for a year - has been of Callum. These dog pictures are the ones which garner the most comments from other members. There are members from all over the world who are being treated to a Red and White sitting regally, a Red and White flushing a pheasant (please note both dog and bird are in focus!) a Red and White playing in the surf, amongst others. It isn't very much, but I am doing my bit!"



Discover Dogs poster

The Kennel Club have been helpful in supporting the club to help promote the breed and one of their ways was to include an Irish Red and White Setter on the Discover Dogs poster which was placed all over London. It turns out the dog used was Gill & Graham Hart's Niamh.



The Great Irish Red and White Setter Beach Run (and friends of)

Without a doubt, we all know that an Irish Red and White Setter running around is a sight to behold, but how about five all together on a beach with 5 other canine friends and 11 people?

Graham & Helen Farrow organised just that in Norfolk, which included a beach

walk followed by a pub lunch in November.

A great time was had by all and by the sounds of things there is talk that they want it to become an annual event.



National Pet Show

On Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November we once again supported the National Pet Show with our breed stand at the NEC, Birmingham. 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.



Thank you to all those who covered the stand. Steven & Gail Cambury who set the stand up on the Saturday morning, Ned Bardy, Fiona Chapman, Lyn Ward, Alan Bamford and finally Di & John Jones who took down the stand.

Filling the event at NEC, Birmingham can be difficult. If there is anyone who wants to help out, or understand more of what's involved, please contact Ray McDonald by email at roanjora@roanjora.co.uk. You don't need to show or breed, just love and own the Irish Red and

White Setter, and be willing to talk to the public about the good, bad and ugly of the breed we all adore.



Discover Dogs

Discover Dogs was back again at the Excel in October and was bigger and busier than ever!

Thank you to all those who covered the stand over the weekend, and to all those who offered but we didn't have space for! It's great to know so many people are willing to give up their time to promote the breed. On the Sunday there was always 4 dogs on the stand, during change over people were able to gaze on eight in one go! It was a sight and got lots of people talking about the breed!



On top of the normal breed stand, on both days the Irish Red and White Setters were asked to take part in the Young Kennel Club (YKC) ring for children to have a go at showing. On the Saturday, Karen Lockwood's Lacey went with a little lad who was apparently very well behaved and helped her new handler win a rosette, while on the Sunday, Sam's Niamh helped a little girl win 1st place and was also handled by Hannah Turner. Two wonderful advocates of the breed showing how adaptable they are and that they are great companions for all the family.

Thank you to Madeleine Lyus, Susie Warren, Ginny & Chloe McCarthy, Karen Lockwood, Sam Soper, Bran Bailey, Graham & Helen Farrow and Debbie & Roxanne McDonald.



Rescue News

It has been an average year up to now with five dogs and four bitches needing homes.

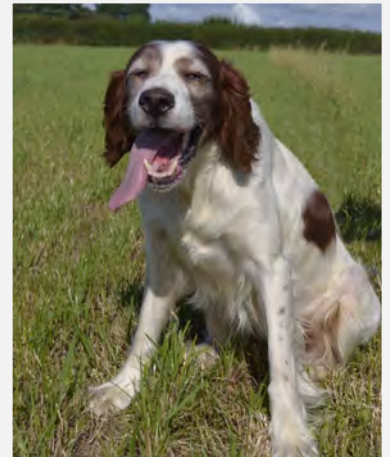
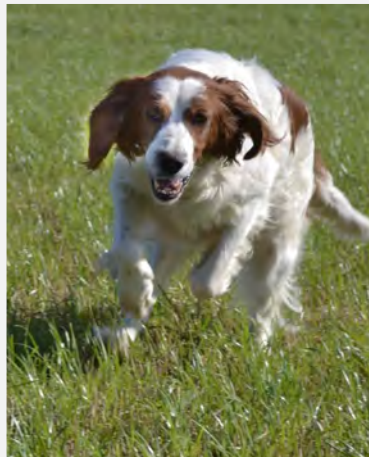
Our biggest worry was finding homes for two 9 year old litter sisters Ragg and

Bones! They unfortunately needed new homes owing to their owners deteriorating health. It's so very sad having to take that dreaded call that the owner has built himself up to make, knowing he is acting in their best interest but that doesn't make it any easier for him.

The two girls lived independently in their own kennels so were not especially bonded and could be homed separately which made finding homes for them much easier. We were so lucky to find experienced homes for them after not too long for which the owner was extremely grateful.

Both girls settled in very well in no time, Ragg making herself very much at home, sleeping on the bed, going for lovely long walks and making herself very useful digging up the potato patch while Bones took everything in her stride, decided that her new patch was to be a bird free zone after digging a hole and lying in it to keep watch preventing any birds from landing in the garden.

It's wonderful to have found such lovely homes for them and their previous owner is so pleased to know that they have settled in so well which has helped to make the situation a little easier for him.



This is what our rescue is all about, to be here when needed for dogs and owners alike.

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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



The dog show

It's our first ever. We're terrified. Green as grass. We must stand out like the proverbial sore thumbs. I try to assume an air of confidence for my son, Paul's sake, but I know I'm failing dismally. We've driven for a tedious two hours to get here. Sally (our dog, Mars' breeder) hair freshly bleached especially for the occasion, equipped with enormous hoop earrings and totally in command as always, puffs away on one fag after another through the journey. Mars' gleaming white coat now smells horribly of old tobacco. We doubtless do as well. Why did I ever agree to all this anyway? I suppose I'd felt guilty as we'd picked the best pup of the litter and she, Sally, couldn't manage to keep him, so rashly we agreed to allow her to show him, or rather show him on her behalf. Seemed only right under the circumstances. Anyway, it would do Paul good, confidence-wise and all that and he was keen to have a go.

I'd worked hard on Mars for three hours last night. Stood him in the bath, applied shampoo and conditioner, whilst he stood quietly enjoying the attention. He even loved being blow-dried. I had to brush him with one hand and aim the hair-dryer with the other. The final result was pretty good.

His coat was gleaming white; the feathering on his tail and front legs was exactly the right length and the red patches against the white looked stunning. Then came the clipping. Back hocks had to be tidy and also his paws, otherwise he looked more like an Old English Sheepdog.

Well, here we are. The place is enormous. Red and White setters everywhere. I've never seen so many. Dogs are being paraded up and down. Owners and breeders stand around talking.

The atmosphere is thick with excitement and Eau de Dog! Sally in the lead, we make our way to our spot. She immediately begins talking to her friends whilst we stand around self-consciously with an amazingly well behaved Mars.

"Oh dear, what a pity", exclaims an ominous looking female with her hair in a severe bun. She takes a step back and regards Mars with a critical eye. Immediately I'm on the defensive.

"What do you mean, what a pity?"

"He's far too big", she exclaimed.

"Well, I think he's beautiful", I respond, my hackles rising.

"Come along Paul, let's find our bench."

With as much dignity as I can muster I stalk away, head held high but with misery in my heart.

"Take no notice of her, she's just jealous," mutters Sally in my ear.

"Mutter" isn't quite the right word actually, as Sally's voice is incapable of muttering. It's more of a husky, strident croak. This is supposed to be an enjoyable day out. I fail to see the appeal so far.

I'm sure Mars would much rather be tearing around on the hills instead of being in this stuffy hall on a lead.

Immediately, Sally takes control. She's an old hand at this showing lark. She briefs Paul on where he should stand and how he should move and when. I stand to one side, not wanting to interfere – nothing worse than an interfering mother. I'm jolly glad that Paul is doing the showing instead of me. I wouldn't be able to cope with the pressure; having to remember when to stand the dog, which direction to trot him in, how to keep his attention focused on me throughout, when to allow him to allow him to relax and many other tricks of the trade. The old hands make it look so easy but it isn't. Even the most beautiful specimen would fail if it wasn't shown properly and every mutt is different. Mars has to be kept happy but not allowed to get too excited. Easier said than done. His concentration span is about three seconds.

At last "Puppy Class" is called – that's us. Mars is not a happy chap. He hates the noise, the other dogs and the heat of the hall. Great! Here we go. Paul lines up with the other hopefuls. I smile reassuringly. Paul pats his beloved pet.

Mars glances up at him and his tail wags, just a little. Now, it's their turn. I can hardly bear to look but I know I must pretend a confidence that I don't feel for Paul's sake. He does pretty well – I think. He has to trot Mars up and down, keeping him to heel. He then has to sit and look alert – Mars, that is, not Paul. The judge approaches Mars who then has to do "The Stand". Oh dear, he keeps dropping his tail – definitely not happy. The judge gropes between his legs; Mars' eyes follow her uncertainly during this procedure. She then indicates to Paul that she wants him to trot his dog around the ring. Paul is pink and flustered which transmits itself to "Him" at the other end of the lead.

At last, the final line-up. I can hardly bear it. The dogs are assembled in a row and the judge, an enormous woman in her sixties with a very ample bosom, walks up and down, hands behind her back, regarding each mutt in turn. After what seems an eternity she points at Mars and then three more. To my amazement and delight she has given Mars a First in the puppy class. I try to hide back the tears of delight and swallow the lump in my throat as I applaud with the crowd. That's it I'm hooked. I can hardly wait for the next show.

The journey home is a happy one, despite Sally's fags. Paul is full of himself, proudly clutching his Red rosette. Mars, unimpressed, has draped himself across my lap and is fast asleep. Sally talks and talks, making plans for the many shows that will shortly follow.

I know this is only the beginning of a long line of dog shows but it certainly is a wonderful beginning.

Note: I was going back many years – about 40. This was a time when there was a certain amount of controversy regarding the way the breed should go. Some wanted to maintain the smaller, working type; others were obsessed with pure white and red markings; some were trying for a sturdier animal – not as racey as the red setter. The lady with the bun's comment was because she had always bred the working variety who were smaller and very fast. She did not relish the idea of the Red and Whites changing. Ironically, Mars did beat her boy a couple of years later and she, good sport that she was, came and congratulated us, if somewhat ruefully. Time had moved on.



Championship show 2018

Our Championship show in 2018 had initially reverted to our usual June date with Stoneleigh as the venue but this has now changed.



As the date now clashes with Three Counties Championship Show, we did not want to clash as two Championship shows scheduling our breed on the same day may have had an impact on each other's entries and this situation would not be good for either of the societies or their respective judges.

Finding available dates in a very busy show calendar at Stoneleigh can be problematic and the committee have previously looked at the possibility of holding our show in conjunction with another show. As a result, one solution could be to hold our Championship show at Three Counties.

This will be something new for the club and for many members, so we want to trial it in 2018 to understand how the exhibitors feel. Your comments, good or bad, are more than welcome.



Christmas time with dogs

Christmas is a time of the year when lots of unusual and exciting things are brought into your home, making it a very tempting time for dogs to get up to all sorts of mischief. Interesting foods, unusual plants and trees, attractive decorations and Christmas presents will all be of great interest to your dog, but some of these things may be harmful if eaten. Below we share some of the foods and plants that can be harmful to dogs, especially our mischievous setters who are always into everything!

Foods

Chocolate - contains a chemical called theobromine, which is poisonous to dogs, as well as other animals. The darker the chocolate, the more theobromine it contains, and therefore the more poisonous it is.

Raisins, grapes, currants and sultanas - are all toxic to dogs and it is believed the dried forms of these fruits are more toxic than grapes. It is not known why these fruits are toxic to dogs, or how much is poisonous. Some dogs have eaten large quantities of this fruit and had no effects, while others have become unwell after very small amounts.

Macadamia nuts - Why these nuts are poisonous to dogs is not known, but they can cause your dog to appear weak, dull, sleepy and they can sometimes appear wobbly on their feet, or they may appear in pain or stiff when walking.

Blue cheese - Roquefort and other blue cheeses contain a substance called roquefortine C, which is a substance produced by the fungus used to produce these cheeses. Dogs appear sensitive to this substance.

Alcohol - Dogs are believed to be more sensitive to ethanol than humans and so even a small amount of alcohol can cause effects. Dogs may develop similar effects to those expected in humans.

Cooked bones - become brittle and can easily splinter.

Allium species - Onions, garlic, leeks, shallots and chives contain a substance which can damage red blood cells in dogs and can cause life threatening anaemia.

Plants

Holly - is generally considered to be of low toxicity, but the spikey leaves may cause physical damage if eaten, and the berries can cause vomiting and diarrhoea.

Mistletoe - is considered to be of low toxicity, but the berries may cause a tummy upset if eaten. Some reports suggest that mistletoe is very poisonous, but these refer to American mistletoe (*Phoradendron flavescens*), which is native to warm temperate and tropical regions of the Americas, rather than European mistletoe (*Viscum album*), which is native to Europe.

Ivy - This vine may cause a tummy upset if eaten, while substantial or prolonged skin contact can cause severe irritation, or an allergic contact dermatitis. Not to be confused with American poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), which is not commonly found in the UK.

Potpourri - is made up of a number of dried plants and flowers. These fragrant decorations may cause, at the very least, vomiting and diarrhoea. How toxic your potpourri is will depend on which dried plants have been used. Identifying which plants are in your potpourri is often very difficult, especially as the dried plant matter are often artificially coloured. Potpourri often includes harder items, like pine cones or bark, and these could become stuck in your dog's throat or cause an obstruction in their gut.

Christmas trees - Most species of Christmas tree are of low toxicity, but oils from the needles may be irritating to the mouth and stomach. Needles from these trees are sharp and can cause physical injury.

What to do if you are concerned that your dog may have eaten something that they shouldn't have?

Consult your local veterinary practice immediately and to help them make an informed decision as to whether your dog needs to be clinically assessed or treated. Where possible ensure that you tell them:

- What your dog has eaten
- How much has been eaten
- When it was eaten

Do not try and make your dog sick. Trying to do this can sometimes cause other complications, which can make your dog unwell.



**We hope you had
a merry
Christmas**

**and wish you all
a Happy New Year**

**From the Officers
and Committee**



Dates for your diary - club events

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 2018

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: Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcs, WR13 6NW

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 May 2018

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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