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Front Cover Image

Photo of Skye and Oran taking a swim at Climber, owned by Dean Sayer

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

Dear members and friends,

As registered numbers of our wonderful breed have been dropping in recent years our attention has been very much on the Future of the Breed and although we have put a number of tactical actions in place we have yet to turn the corner, so to speak. Your General Committee is giving this some serious thought and I brought the subject up at the AGM, those of you who were there will remember. So rather than pretending that the committee has the “silver bullet” I am throwing the subject open to all the membership to come up with your thoughts , ideas, and suggestions as to how we should approach increasing breed numbers and membership. I really don't care how radical or simplistic the ideas are as we can only accept or reject them for whatever reason but without your input and involvement we will continue down the slippery slope to extinction.

We will consider anything and everything however crazy or mad it may sound so please take some time out, talk to your friends and colleagues and send those thoughts in to us, either myself j_cuddy@yahoo.co.uk or Alison, ajb@jeffbloxham.com.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will also find a note from me on the subject which might help your thinking. Thoughts from everyone please whether or not you own a dog.

Roxanne has another bumper newsletter for you so enjoy it and remember to send in any stories for the next one as you get time.

Susan Barry has again excelled herself with the yearbook that you will have all received in the last month, the pictures especially are exceptional and tell our history as a club over the past two years.

I hope you like the new website design that Alison has put up, she has done a fabulous job.

Our Championship Show is on Sunday 14th July at Stoneleigh so I hope to catch up with a lot of you there.

Jim Cuddy
Chairman



Message from the editor

As we go into summer I start to realise what I do every year, I can spend more time out with the dogs! The longer daylight hours are a godsend to help exercise our dogs while also working full time, even more so is the drier weather! More time walking and less time drying dogs (YAY!), however it's too hot to Canicross, so Jasper has to make do with walks! Little does he know, open water swimming is next on the cards. I have shown him the cover photo of this newsletter in hope that he gets the idea!

So far this year the clubs Spring open show has been held without a snowflake in sight and the AGM took place as always in April along with presentation of awards.

The newsletter this time has been sparse on contributions. Don't forget to send in stories and tales to share about your red & whites, from going on a training day, or a funny tale of their quirks unique to the breed!

Roxanne McDonald
Newsletter Editor



Spring Open Show report

Our judge for the 2018 spring show was Mr Russell Mosedale had an entry of 23 dogs and 34 bitches and found his top honours as below;

Best Dog & Best in Show	Sh Ch Taxus Golden Prince of Balbriggan JW Mr J & Mrs S Cuddy
Best Bitch & Reserve Best In Show	Spyefire Yorkshire Lass Mr D Sayer
Best Puppy in Show	Roanjora Tanqueray Mr R Mapletoft
Reserve Best Dog	Corranroo Camero at Hitides Mrs E Birch & Mrs C West
Reserve Best Bitch & Best Veteran in Show	Sh Ch Casafelice Corno at Charnborough Mr T Sherratt & Mrs M Blackwell-Sherratt
Reserve Best Veteran in Show	Sh Ch Rhapsody in Red ShCM Mr B & Mrs S Barry

Please find the photos on the following page



Best Dog & Best in Show



Best Bitch & Reserve Best in Show



Best Puppy in Show



Reserve Best Dog



Reserve Best Bitch & Best Veteran in Show



Reserve Best Veteran in Show

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AGM Round Up

Members enjoyed a light lunch of soup and rolls before the AGM and the following points were noted. Cliff Ball has become a member of the General Committee, along with the 3 retiring members, Ray McDonald, Anita Tattersall and Diane Jones who all stood again.

The President, Mary Blackwell-Sherratt, made a presentation to Ann Millington who has decided to retire. Ann has been in various positions with the Club, latterly as secretary of the Breed Health and Genetics sub committee, for over 38 years. Ann will become an honorary life member.

A new award, The Recognition Of Achievement Certificate, was made to Fran Griffin for her Obedience work, to Roxanne McDonald and Susie Belle for their promotion of the breed through participation in Canicross, to Tim Sherlock for his work in Search and Rescue and to Jim Cuddy and Tony Sherratt & Mary Blackwell-

Sherratt for the organisation of social dog walks, which will become annual events.

2018 saw the fewest litters born in the UK for many years and after a lengthy discussion the meeting agreed for this serious situation to be addressed by the Club, to involve members for ideas, suggestions and feedback.

Presentation of Annual Awards

The presentation of the annual awards for 2018 including the top 10 in the club points competition, top awards and those who have achieved titles in showing.



Additionally the new Recognition of Achievement was also awarded to members who have made a significant contribution to

help promote the breed. Special rosettes and trophies were presented on the day by our president, Mary Blackwell-Sherratt. Full results of these presentations are listed below.

Championship Show Points Competition

This was the first year of points being awarded under the new system that was announced last year. Full details of the points and how they are awarded can be found on the club's website.

Top awards

Top Dog:	Sh Ch Rustasha Golden Rapper JW
Top Bitch:	Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage
Top Puppy:	Terne Des Coris Qalimero at Coolfin (Imp Bel)
Top Veteran:	Sh Ch Rustasha Rhapsody in Red ShCM
Top Stud Dog:	Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi at Oldestone
Top Brood Bitch:	Temynloah Tanya at Alanea
Top Breeder:	Alanea
Top Working (show):	Ch Charnborough Glamour Girl

Top 10 places

1. Sh Ch Rustasha Golden Rapper JW
2. Sh Ch Rustasha Rhapsody in Red ShCM
3. Sh Ch Taxus Golden Prince in Balbriggan JW
4. Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage
5. Sh Ch Rustasha Rosa Kim
6. Sh Ch Lovenjoel Sleeping Beauty
7. Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve with Danwish
8. Sh Ch Killary's Grand Venture with Vanders and Romaunt JW (imp USA)
9. Sh Ch Alanea Holly Fern at Charnborough
10. Sh Ch Vanders Va Voom Avec Wroxham

Working together award

Trish Jakins with Terne Des Coris Qalimero at Coolfin

Recognition of Achievement

A new award was made this year to recognise those who had made a significant contribution to the breed outside of showing to help promote the breed

- ♦ **Caispern Nebiolo & Tim Sherlock** for Search and Rescue
- ♦ **Courtdown Shall We Dance & Fran Griffin** for Obedience
- ♦ **Roanjora dogs & Roxanne McDonald** for Canicross
- ♦ **Lovenjoel Christmas Spirit & Susie Warren** for Canicross
- ♦ **Mary & Tony Sherratt** – for organising the northern walk
- ♦ **James Cuddy** – for organising the southern walk

Open show points competition

1. Roanjora Castelao JW ShCM
2. Gilliegrae Swift N' Chic
3. Ianbro Mystic Quartz Shines at Gilliegrae
4. Terne Des Coris Qalimero at Coolfin

2018 Show Champions

Sh Ch Alanea Holly Fern at Charnborough

Sh Ch Lovenjoel Sleeping Beauty

Sh Ch Taxus Golden Prince in Balbriggan JW

2018 Junior Warrant winners

Terne Des Coris Qalimero at Coolfin JW (imp Bel)



Jackie Howatson as remembered by Gail Harrison, Canada

I have our small acreage here in Canada set up with benches and chairs placed at intervals in various areas, so I can sit down and contemplate the scenery I know so well, rest from whatever gardening, or dog watching I might be doing, and just think. These benches and chairs are important to me, as I can't enjoy my outdoors experience nearly so well without their support. My relationship with Jackie was like that.

I met Jackie many years ago, probably first at a dog show in the 90's in the UK. I remember seeing her showing her dogs, and doing it well. They were always good quality dogs too. I remember having a few words with her when we met up at a show where she had Katie. We each knew the same people, with essentially the same lines we both bred from. I could see she had been, and continued to, breed good dogs. Then more brief encounters at a show she'd come to see with Eileen, when Eileen was judging in the USA. Jackie really loved the dog I had at that time and told me so. And as he was a dog I particularly loved on a personal basis, her words of praise endeared her to me. That's probably when I started to get to know her on a more personal basis. And it wasn't in person. It was via the internet, IR&WS groups mostly. I noticed that her opinions jived with mine. She also had the science knowledge to explain in detail how that reflected on aspects of our breed. I would be considering an answer to someone who didn't understand, and, bingo, Jackie would have spent an hour, thought it out and phrased a complete answer that was spot on. I would agree, or on Facebook, click "Like" or even sometimes enlarge on her thoughts. Sometimes I would say something from my own experience, and it would give me satisfaction that Jackie would find my remark and click "Like". We thought alike. I could depend on her to say what I'd been thinking. It was like resting after working on my garden.

Often breeders would ask Jackie's opinion on eight week stacks someone had sent her, or put up online. I remember someone asking me my opinion, as Jackie had recommended me. It became normal for both of us to assess photos of various litters and we usually agreed. As Jackie said in one of her last emails on Facebook, we "have the same eye". That statement is precious to me, and one of the reasons I miss her so. Her being there was like one of my benches on my property, a dependable support just where I needed it.

Jackie and I often discussed genetic worries in the breed privately. I sometimes can't see the forest for the trees, and would get hung up on one particular dog or problem. But I could always depend on Jackie to point out the bigger picture, a way through the forest. I have a bench in our small woodlot, what my husband calls "Gail's Enchanted Forest". Once or twice, she'd mention that she would have done something different in her breeding, but she also was thinking about a way through it. In the spring, I'll be back in my "forest", and as I watch the wildlife from the bench, remember Jackie helping me see the bigger picture in our breed. I'll remember to look at the Forest more than the individual trees.

Finally, a few years ago, when we had a chance to discuss dogs in person, and breeding in general, I would say something about my breeding philosophy, and Jackie would reply that that was exactly what she thought too. She would say something, and she'd look at me, and already know I would agree. She particularly loved one of my puppies at the time and wanted to take her home with her. She was right, that puppy turned out exactly as she thought. Her opinions were mine and often we didn't even have to say it out loud. When I wasn't sure, she would suggest or even hint, knowing I would pick up on her hint, and realize that was the way, of course. She never pushed me, I made my own decisions, but when I asked, she'd be there for me. She liked what I had done in breeding over the years my start with Festie when I came into the breed in 1992. And I liked what she had done, I liked where she'd been, I liked where she planned to go in the future. She would say that certain dogs of mine were quality, and I remember her saying, "But you know that, Gail". Everybody needs dependable support, and Jackie was mine. Every time I breed from a dog I knew she would love, use a pedigree with her breeding decisions in it, every time I get hung up on the nitty gritty, I will remember Jackie. I'll rest on one of my benches watching my dogs move in the orchard, and miss her so much.

Gail Harrison





Presentation to Ann Millington

As you are all aware Ann has retired as Secretary to the Breed Health & Genetics Sub Committee (BH & GSC) after a 38 year commitment to the Club. What some of you will not know is what Ann's other contributions to the Club have been.



We went together to the Post House in Leicester for the Club's inaugural meeting in 1982 and Ann was then elected as part of the steering committee before the actual club was formed in 1984. Ann has always kept the club's database on the breed an idea that originally came from her son Peter, our records have been the envy of many Clubs and received praise from the Kennel Club and Animal Health Trust (AHT). When conditions have occurred we have always been in a good position with our records. Ann was also a committee member for many years and on the Judges Sub Committee (JSC), judging herself at CC level on a number of occasions.



Ann has been passionate on all aspects of the IR&WS and tirelessly continued to push the working side when few were interested she was on the working sub committee for many years and played a major part in the design of the Working Together Booklet doing all the drawings herself. Ann pursued the MOD to gain access to their Moorland for training purposes and armed with just a map Ann and other WSC members went to look at

where we were allowed to go. I'm not sure about their map reading skills but they wandered into the wrong area. There are many unexploded bombs on the site so you could say she has literally risked life and limb for the Club.

Anyway THANK YOU Ann and enjoy your retirement. Everyone was invited to share a piece of Ann's retirement cake at the AGM which featured pictures of Ann when she judged the Club Championship Show.

Mary Blackwell-Sherratt
President



A question of colour—genetics

The inheritance of coat colour? The Revival's influence? Are there rules? What about ticking? Does it all matter?

In the beginning, mammalian coats were for protection from the elements and for camouflage for both predator and prey. Later humans, using dogs for specific working purposes, selected for performance sometimes mixing the breeds and incidentally favouring certain colour combinations. All four Setter breeds have the same purpose and, in the days when working prowess was the most important, or the only reason for breeding, some mixing of the breeds was likely in pursuit of the very best worker. Forward in time to today's dog world, the work of breeds has diminished or vanished and the advent of dog shows has produced breed standards that lay down what colours and colour combinations are acceptable for each recognised breed.

How it works?

The genes that produce a dog's coat are complicated involving length, texture and profusion of the hairs as well as colour. Over millennia there have been many mutations in these genes giving a variety of shades of the basic original colours of black and yellow and the qualities of coat. When thinking of colour however, it should be noted that white is not a colour, it is an absence of colour. Coat colour is triggered quite late in a whelp's development and when the moment comes, red colour floods onto an Irish Setter for example, covering the whole of its body with red. But the IRWS's particolour colour reservoir is less than half full and rather squirts than floods. It colours the head and ears first, then depending on the amount left, squirts the patches and perhaps spatters the muzzle and feet leaving the rest white (or colourless)

The revival?

IRWS nearly died out in Ireland in the 20th century and there were no pure-bred IRWS being registered in the world and less than 10 registered with the IKC by Ireland in the 1970s. However, some Irish red setters produced particoloured puppies in their litters and it was recognised that the red dogs had some IRWS colour genes in their breeding, so the Revival of IRWS was established in Ireland. The red colour gene is dominant to the red and white particoloured gene, but two reds carrying the 'hidden' red and white particolour would produce some R/W puppies and these mated to R/W would produce IRWS. As long as there were more R/W particoloured genes than red, IRWS would breed true and the more

generations bred, the more the desired colour would predominate.

The rules?

The Breed Standard simply states IRWSs as being clearly particoloured ie white base with solid red patches. Tradition holds that the colour should be a pearly white, the red a deep rich chestnut and in a proportion of 60% white to 40% red. The patches should be clearly defined 'islands' on the body and red on the head and ears; the under-body and legs should be white with permissible ticking confined to the muzzle and feet. Patches that go over the back (saddle) or cover both sides (blanket) or go down the legs or chest are deemed 'mismarked'. IRWS with these colour faults can be bred from and produce good acceptable puppies, but they are not usually seriously exhibited.

Ticking?

The first imports of IRWS from Ireland in 1979 were often heavily ticked with dark spots/flecks/ticks on the body and legs and this was a matter of contention. It suggests that there was a contribution from English Setters. This was robustly denied by Irish breedersbut the ticking gene (as in English Setters, Pointers etc) came from somewhere! Since the 1980s, when there were more dogs to select from, great strides have been made to 'clear the coat' and with no small amount of success. Although ticking is not often seen these days, that ticking gene still pops up from time to time.

Does colour matter?

The 'Puppy Skin survey of the 1980s established that the distribution of patches is random rather than hereditary. The correct colour matters especially for a breed named by its colour.

Any questions?

Ann Millington



Crufts 2019

Breed Ring

Crufts was judge this year by Mrs Penny Williams who had a entry of 78 (35 dogs, 43 bitches). Her principle winners are as follows and with all champ shows, the full results and critique can be found on the club's website.

DCC	Volkmer's Int/CIE Ch Corranroo Count Gentle Jun Ch VDH
RDCC	Gardner's Alanea Game Reserve with Danwish
BCC & BOB	Tattersall's Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage
RBCC	Bayne's Corranroo Consort
BP	Tattersall's Carrick Shadow Dog at Alanea with Berryessa (Imp Pol)
BV	Tubby's Sh Ch Taniswood Anything Goes



Discover Dogs

Ray McDonald says: "Thank you to everyone who covered a stint on the Discover Dogs Stand at Crufts this year. It was a hectic time for us with also having a litter at home, so thank you to all those who covered a stint, especially Graham & Helen Farrow who also took down the stand on Sunday evening to return to me. I also heard one of our junior members, Bradley, really enjoyed his day with his grandma's dog LC and Roxanne and Giles. Great to see the next generation having so much enthusiasm about the breed, telling people about them and showing the children how to give a treat to a setter, much to LC and Giles' delight!

We cannot forget our overseas exhibitors who also helped on Discover Dogs, Tracy Robertson from Ireland, Connie Allen from Northern Ireland and Sue Herridge & Lyn Lutner from France."





Puppies

If you are planning a litter this year and would like to know more about the free club membership for new puppy owners, please contact our puppy co-ordinator, Di Jones, likewise if you would like to enquire about up-coming litters or advertise your puppies on the club's website please get in touch by emailing diane@berryessa.co.uk



Red & White Ramblings

There will be a couple of walks organised this year. Keep an eye on the website for more details.



Is your dog the next calendar pin up?

Following the success of the 2019 calendar, the club will also produce one for 2020, once again full of our members red & whites doing what they love, from running, playing, mooching or just having fun!

Members can submit as many photos as they like and the ones to be included will be decided on by the committee at the committee meeting before the autumn show, where hopefully the calendars will be available for purchase.

Please send any photo's to the secretary, Alison Bloxham by the end of September.

Please note, the images need to be;

- Good quality
- Landscape ideally (or they will be cropped if suitable)
- Include an Irish Red & White Setter at the forefront of the picture



Baking corner

Homemade Turmeric and Fish Gourmet Dog Treats

Turmeric is an amazing herb. It is called the spice of life and at first glance it would appear to be almost anti-everything; to add to its awesomeness it is also the most potent natural anti-inflammatory.

The measurements below are perfect for two large dogs for a week. With the quantities below the mixture will make 65 cookies, Dog can have ¼ teaspoon of turmeric per day, for every 10lbs of its body weight. Please check the dosage carefully so you do not feed too much turmeric to your dog!

Ingredients:

- 300g organic oats
- 65g organic turmeric
- 270g sardines in oil – two tins
- 2tbsp organic wholemeal flour; heaped
- 1tsp black fresh cracked pepper
- 1tbsp organic cold pressed virgin coconut oil; heaped
- 1 egg
- 100ml fish stock



Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C and line two large trays with baking paper.
2. In a large bowl place the oats, flour, turmeric, pepper, egg and sardines and stir. Add the coconut oil and pour the hot stock over the top of it all (this will help to melt the coconut oil).
3. Continue to mix all the ingredients until well combined but remember to wear gloves if you are doing it by hand. The first time I made these cookies I didn't wear any gloves and my hands were a lovely yellow/orange for days afterwards despite multiple washing and soakings in the hope of getting rid of the colour.
4. Once your dough is well combined move it onto a work surface and roll out flat until your mixture is about 0.5cm thick.
5. Use a cookie cutter to give your treats the desired shape and place on the lined baking tray. I wanted to make a lot of small cookies, little and often, as it ended up we do not own any small cookie cutters so I was using an upside down shot glass to make my cookies.
6. Bake in the earlier preheated oven for around 20 minutes. As with any baking they will be done when they have turned a nice golden colour, they should be firm to a light finger press.
7. Remove from the oven and let them rest for 5 minutes before placing on a cooling rack to allow them to cool completely.



Dates for your diary - club events

Event: IRWS Dog Walk South East

Date: Monday 26th August 2019

Venue: Box Hill, Surrey

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

Date: Sunday 17th November 2019

Venue: Hasland Village Hall, Eastwood Drive, Chesterfield. S41 0A

Judge: Maureen Whitaker

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

Date: Sunday 1st March 2020

Venue: Steventon Village Hall, Oxfordshire. OX13 6RR

Judge: Alan Bamford

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB AGM

Date: TBC—April 2020

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

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

Date: Sunday 12th July 2020

Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire,

Judge: Mary Knox

Autumn / Winter Newsletter deadline: Friday, 1st November 2019

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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