

# Red and White Standard



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# Irish Red and White Setter Club of Great Britain

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**Website:** [www.irishredandwhitesetterclub.com](http://www.irishredandwhitesetterclub.com)

**Facebook:** Search "Irish Red and White Setter Club of Great Britain"

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## Front Cover Image

Storm on point, owned and trained 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](mailto:roxanne@roanjora.co.uk).



## Message from the Chairman

It's a wonderful feeling knowing that the Covid-19 rates have reduced enormously, the vaccination rollout programme is hugely successful and some trials with large numbers of people are underway. It certainly feels that we are on the way out of this dreadful scenario and moving inexorably to a brighter time, at last.

The committee has continued to meet with Zoom meetings which initially was a bit of a trial but now we feel that it may be the way forward as it saves travelling time, less costly as we don't need to book premises, and you can do it from the comfort of your own home. Discussing things face to face does have its advantages so we might mix it up a bit as we are free to do so.

Dog shows are on their way with a number of the major championship shows already being advertised and our own being worked on. We have a championship show combined with an open show at Newark on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August and a championship show plus an open show on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, so it won't be long before we are all together again, albeit with some careful controls in place for everyone's safety.

As I write this the AGM's for '20 and '21 are also being worked on with a tentative date of 13<sup>th</sup> June and these will be held via Zoom following KC guidelines. The information should be with you in the near future.

I have heard that a number of our members and friends have been really poorly and to these I send my best wishes, and those of the Committee, for an easier time and a safe recovery. May our thoughts and love go with you.

Take care, stay safe, and I look forward to seeing some of you later in the year at the various events that will be taking place.

For all the rest of our fabulous members, look after your lovely dogs and continue to promote our wonderful breed everywhere you get the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Jim Cuddy**  
**Chairman**





## Message from the editor

What a year it has been, the spring/summer newsletter normally highlights Crufts and the spring club show, alas Covid-19 has put a stop to that! So I have been wracking my brains on what we can include! The club did run their first online show back in February which provided a welcome distraction, even if just to choose a couple of photo's to enter and later after the results and entries posted, being able to compare photo's of dogs of today and yesterday against one another.

Many owners have also been up to lots, from exploring walks to continuing training. It was lovely to hear of a new setter gundog training group set up by IRWS enthusiasts which is proving popular with our breed, and others and getting new people into learning about setters, how they work, and how to train them.

For me, running and canicross has played an even bigger part in my life during the lockdowns and working from home. Being able to get out for regular runs proves to be a great break from the screen time, and what better way than doing that with a dog. The daily lunchtime walks have been fabulous too, especially over the winter when previously daylight walks were reserved only for weekends!



I hope the newsletter provides some more relief and an update of what some members have been up to over the last few months.

**Roxanne McDonald**  
**Newsletter Editor**



## Annual Awards

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and lack of shows and events, the club points competition for championship and open shows and working together award have not been awarded for 2020. Any points accumulated in 2020 will be carried over into 2021.

### **2020 new Show Champions and Junior Warrant winners**

Due to the lack of shows in 2020, no new show champions were crowned and no Junior Warrants were achieved.



## Organising the first online club show

We jumped at the chance to help out with the Club's first Online Show which was held in memory of Gaye O'Connor and raised a wonderful £360 for charity.

Although very new to showing, we'd been lucky enough to meet Gaye on a handful of occasions. The first time we chatted to her was at Discover Dogs when we fell in love with the Irish Red and White Setter, so what a great cause! We were also desperately missing going to shows, being surrounded by likeminded people and, of course, all the gorgeous dogs. An Online Show? Sounds easy!

Entries were coming through relatively slowly and we allotted some time for 'admin' to ensure all the entries were placed in the correct categories. Each evening the week prior to the show, we'd check the entries and then came a sudden flurry of entries. Loads and loads! Which was absolutely marvellous, but meant that we had to extend our admin time before the submissions could be sent to Ann. Before we knew it, almost our whole weekend had disappeared admiring all the stunning IRWS of past and present.

It was such a privilege to be able to help out and be part of the Club's first Online Show. We learnt so much and had lots of fun. Of course, we couldn't have done it without all the support of Alison and Jim. Special thanks to Ann for Judging. But it wouldn't have been possible without all the wonderful entries. So thank you to everyone that took part and hopefully we were able to give something back in memory of someone who gave so much to the Club.

### Will and James



## Online show—the results

The online show was open to all Irish Red & White Setters, past and present from all over the world and the age classes could be entered with photo's of when the dog was that age. Our judge, Ann Gormley was given the huge task of sorting through the photo's to come up with her winners and had the following words to share.

*It has been my pleasure to judge my first virtual show and I have really enjoyed it thank you every one for entering. Ann G xxx*

The main results were as follows, and full results can be found on the club's website



**Best in Show & Best Bitch** Sh Ch Zendarric It's  
A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham



**Best Dog** Sh Ch Spyefire Able Seaman to Wrox-



**Reserve Best Bitch** Sh Ch Alanea Holly Fern  
At Charnborough



**Reserve Best Dog** Sh Ch Corranroo Connexion



**Best Puppy** ??????



**Reserve Best Puppy** Caispern Dance Smartly



**Best Veteran in Show** Int Ch Corranroo Caroline



**Reserve Best Veteran** Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Vanders  
Va Voom Avec Wroxham





## Working your IRWS

Irish Red and White Setter owners living in the Nottingham area are very lucky indeed.

Val Jarvis and Dean Sayer have created an informal setter gundog training group designed for setter owners and handlers who want to learn more about training and working their dogs following the guidelines set down by the UK Kennel Club.



The group allows handlers to spend time training together (as per current Covid-19 guidelines) and to help and support each other on the journey into gundog training, from the very start and how to train the basics, attending official training days together and then putting new skills into practise.



They have seen a large interest in the group with 14 IRWS, five Irish and three Gordon's. Two Munsterlanders are keen to join too. If this is something you might be interested in, you can join their Facebook group, Notts Setter Gundog Training Group.

Well done to everyone who has started attending. I hear you have all been doing well and enjoying yourselves with attending training sessions and practising while your not always together. I am sure we all look forward to updates for future newsletters.



## Promoting the breed

Covid-19 and lockdowns may have put a stop to some of our normal breed promotion events such as Discover Dogs, the National Pet Show and Game Fairs. These all play a vital role in getting the breed seen and known by the public.

But this didn't stop a couple of our members from thinking about how we could make this more "virtual" and the idea from Jacque & Graham Bayne and Ray &

Debbie McDonald was born—put Christmas photos and messages into a video that could be shared virtually.



It was a wonderful success, with messages and photos arriving from around the world and being placed together in a video to watch, behold and enjoy. It was such a success, that



an Easter version was also created, bigger and better, there were some cracking photos and you could say it was an eggcellent production. It also showed our breeds wonderful temperament, being photographed wearing bunny ears, bonnets and other accessories.

Along with these fun videos, Ray & Debbie have spent lockdown trawling through their personal photo archives by year and producing some wonderful videos of the top winning dogs each year. 2017, 2018 and 2019 have been produced so far and they have been wonderful to look back on. These have also been appreciated by all-rounder judges who have enjoyed the collation of top dogs in one video, making it a great way to get an eye for the Irish Red and White Setter.

If you haven't already seen these videos, they can be found on YouTube.

Personally I think the next video should be 'muddiest setter'. How brown or black can they turn that white feathering!?

Promoting the breed can also be done on social media. For our dogs I have both a Facebook and Instagram page. The age demographic of our followers between the two is substantially different. We will keep posting photo's of our lockdown activities and adventures on both, in the hope they make someone smile, promote the breed further afield and to connect with other owners around the world.

**Roxanne McDonald**



## Discover Dogs

Due to Covid-19, Discover Dogs was cancelled last November in London and again at Crufts. The Kennel Club are hoping that Discover Dogs at Excel, London this year will go ahead on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st November to celebrate its 25th anniversary, depending on Government restrictions and guidelines that may be in force at the time.



If you are interested in helping at the event, please do get in contact by emailing [ray@roanjora.co.uk](mailto:ray@roanjora.co.uk)

## Display material

We thought that during this period we would update some of our display material as our current stuff is now starting to look a bit tired.

We are looking for photo of Irish Red & White Setters doing what they do best, be that of gundogs, couch potatoes, cute puppies, with children, companions or just being a lifeline during the strange times of Covid-19. We have seen some lovely photos on Facebook and Instagram!

If you would be happy to share any photos with us to use to promote the breed, please send them to [ray@roanjora.co.uk](mailto:ray@roanjora.co.uk). The photos need to be of a clear, high resolution to be enlarged to poster size, if copywritten then you need to have permission for them to be used.



**Ray McDonald**  
**Discover Dog Co-ordinator.**



## Club award boards

The Club is looking for a new home for the wooden award boards from our shows. If you are able to offer a home, please contact Alison by emailing [ajb@jeffbloxham.com](mailto:ajb@jeffbloxham.com).



## Recipe book

The Club is looking to produce its own recipe book to share with members and beyond of both human and canine culinary delights.

Do you have your favourite post dog walk treat,



or maybe that one meal guaranteed to warm you up after a cold day out in the field?

Do you make your dogs their favourite bedtime biscuit, or go to snack to give them energy for a day out?



Don't just think about food, what about your favourite drink? I can't beat a hot chocolate with a shot of Bailey's, whipped cream and grated dark chocolate to warm you up after a wet and cold winter walk!

If you have something you want to share, please email the recipe, instructions and a photo of the finished product to [ajb@jeffbloxham.com](mailto:ajb@jeffbloxham.com).



## Lockdown tails and tales

The UK saw three lockdowns in 2020/21, with tiered restrictions in between and a new way of life when we did have a little freedom (never leave home with phone, keys, hand sanitiser and mask!) But most of our time was spent at home and I know that meant I got to spend more time with the dogs. With working from home I was able to walk the dogs in the daylight throughout the winter and Giles soon learnt the new routine and would appear at my side at 11:45am, video call or no video call! It did bring a new challenge of how quick can you walk the dogs, get the home, clean them off (Mud Daddy—best money spent of 2021), dry them and get back into a meeting, on time!

### Mary Knox

It also meant more time was spent with family.

Father Magnus and daughter Ailbhe used the time well by getting to know each other.



### Denise Wilkinson

Since the first lockdown in 2020 We have spent the year looking after a very poorly puppy who had needed a blood transfusion at 10 weeks old and was then diagnosed at the Royal Veterinary College Hospital with portosystemic shunt in March, just as we went



into lockdown when she was 5 months old.

First we had to change her food to veterinary diet then 3 months later she had surgery to partially close the shunt then again in October to finish the closure. Her personality was unpredictable and appeared drunk before diagnosis but now she is a happy setter and she is putting on weight.

We are lucky to have another lovely setter called Evie so she has company. It was hard enough having a lockdown puppy to look after without being very poorly. She has not been able to attend any formal training classes so Evie has been her teacher! I train both at the same time with a treat in each hand. We do all the basic commands like sit, down, stand and recall side by side. I can also now send her away to a bed and stay.

Between them last summer they dug up our lawn as it was so dry and Ruby was not allowed out for a long time. Ruby had a follow up bile function blood test in January which showed almost normal levels so she can now eat normal food and treats. She was only allowed veterinary diet food for a long time so I used that as a treat as well as her main meal.

We had to be inventive to encourage her to eat by using a scatter matt, hide food in upturned pots, hand feed and scatter feed. Now she is very greedy and will eat anything especially my husbands vegetables that are trying to grow in the garden! We are hoping the lawn will grow back this summer now that we can enjoy walks on the forest again.



## Club updates

### 2021 events

The club is going ahead with plans for the postponed 2020 championship show in October and 2021 championship show in August, both being held in conjunction with a club open show.

The Covid-19 restrictions current at the time of the shows will be adhered to and our Covid-19 officer is Bev Stevens.

If you have any queries regarding the events regarding Covid-19 guidance, Bev



can be contacted on 07747 847180 or  
[bevstevens@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com](mailto:bevstevens@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com)

Full details and schedules for the shows are available on Fosse Data.

## **Membership Liaison Officer**

Jacque Bayne has taken on the role of Membership Liaison Officer

Nicola Green and Nancy Hargreaves also joined the committee at the latest AGM.



## **Breed Education Sub Committee updates**

### **Judging lists**

It recently came to light that a couple of the judges contact numbers on our judging lists were incorrect.

As the KC Find a Judge facility is still under development, breed clubs still need to maintain their judging lists. Plus, the new Judges Educational Programme is running in tandem with the old judging list system for a few more years.

Please could I ask all judges to check their details on our judging lists and please let me know of any incorrect details.

Also, if we do not hold your email address and you are happy to be contacted by this method the please forward to [ray@roanjora.co.uk](mailto:ray@roanjora.co.uk)

The current judging list can be found at <https://irishredandwhitesetterclub.com/judging>

### **Club show judges nominations**

Any club member can nominate a name from the clubs judging list to judge at either the clubs championship or open shows. Any nominations should be forwarded to the breed education sub committee secretary by email to [ray@roanjora.co.uk](mailto:ray@roanjora.co.uk)

#### *Criteria for the championship show is*

- To have awarded CC's in IRWS a minimum of three times
- To not have judged a club championship show in the last 10 years
- To not have judged the breed in the UK for the previous two years

### *Criteria for the open show is*

- Not to have judged the breed in the UK within the previous 12 months
- To be on the club B list, or JEP Level 2



## **Puppy update**

### **Puppy registrations 2020**

Breed registrations in 2020 proved better than the figures for 2019, with 11 litters and 80 puppy registrations. There were also three Imports, one each from Netherlands, Poland and USA.

### **Planning a litter?**

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](mailto:diane@berryessa.co.uk)



## **Baking corner**

How easy are these? They contain just three ingredients and are super simple to make!

### **Ingredients**

- 1 Banana
- 60g Sweet potato, mashed
- 160g Oats or Oat flour

### **Method**

1. Peel and chop your sweet potato then boil in a saucepan of water for about 10-15 minutes, until soft. Once thoroughly cooked, drain and set aside to cool completely.
2. Tip your oats into a blender and pulse them into a flour, or alternatively you can use ready-made oat flour.
3. Add your banana to a bowl along with your cooled sweet potato. Blend until

smooth using a hand blender. Then, add in your blended oats or oat flour.

4. Mix all the ingredients and then bring together with your hands to form a dough. Wrap the dough in cling film and leave the in the fridge for up to 6 hours, or overnight. It's important to do this, as it will allow the oats to absorb some moisture, and means that they won't swell in your dog's stomach.



5. Preheat your oven to 180 degrees centigrade. Lightly flour your work surface and roll the dough out to be about 1cm thick. Cut out the biscuits, using whatever shape you like.
6. Place them on a lined baking tray and bake in the oven at 180 degrees for 30-35 minutes. When they are thoroughly cooked through, remove them from the oven and leave to cool completely.

Once cool, they are ready for your dog to enjoy! These biscuits will keep fresh in a sealed container for up to two weeks.



## What we have to look forward to

We have had to cancel a number of club events over the last year, but we hope that you are looking forward to the shows this year. As a reminder of what is to come, I have shared a selection of photos from previous champ shows between 2002 and 2009, to 'remember the good old days'.









## Dates for your diary - club events

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**Venue:** Crocker Hall, Newark Showground, NG24 2NY

#### **2021 Championship Show**

- Judge: Suzanne Humphries
- Judging starting at 10am

#### **2021 Spring Open Show**

- Judge Jane Eyeington
- Judging starting at 12.30pm

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Venue:** KC Building, Stoneleigh, CV8 2LZ

#### **2020 Championship Show**

- Judge Mary Knox
- Judging starting at 10am

#### **2021 Autumn Open Show**

- Judge Jacqui Ward
- Judging starting at 12.30pm

### **IRWSCGB supported entry show**

#### **Mid Herts Gundog Club**

Saturday 30th October

Judge: Maureen Whittaker

**Autumn / Winter Newsletter deadline:** Monday 1st November 2021

### **Working events**

If you would like to have information please email Fiona Chapman  
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