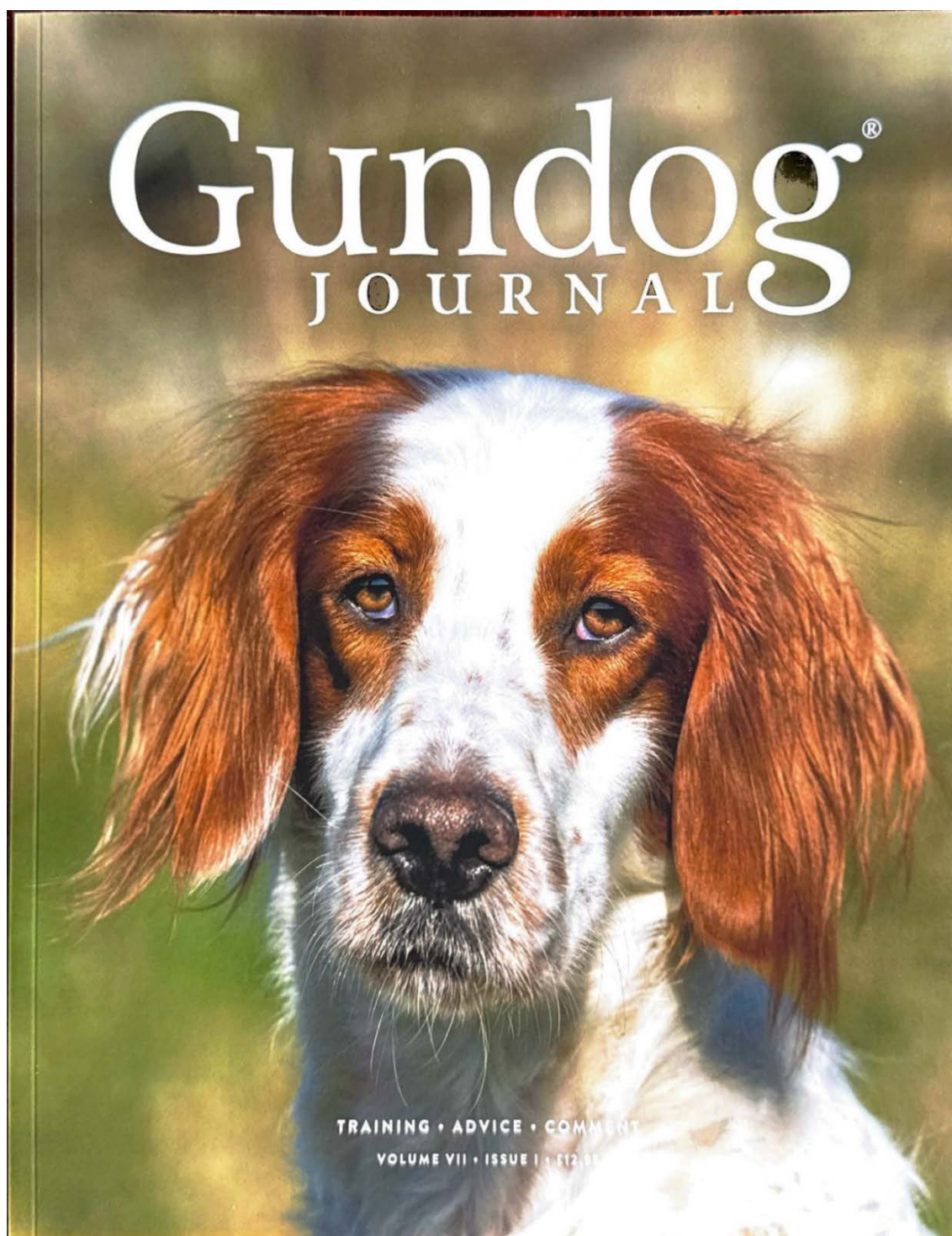


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Message from the Chairman

Dog Edition Live 2025

What is Dog Edition Live? The perfect day out for dogs and everyone who loves them.

Live performances, a tail-wagging dog picnic, a fun-filled dog show, and meet the breeds. Shop till you drop, watch jaw-dropping demos, and a Professionals Village for expert advice. We were asked as a club to join the Breed Village this year to showcase over 25 breeds.



Dog edition wants to feature some of the rarest / vulnerable breeds in the UK. Asking the breed clubs advocates to share their passion and introduce the breed to the public and share what makes them a wonderful breed to live with. Some of these breeds are at risk of disappearing completely and now more than ever need the chance to shine.

Rare breeds of dogs are considered vulnerable to extinction due to their declining registration numbers. These breeds are defined as vulnerable if they have fewer than 300 registrations a year and on the watch list if they have between 300 and 450 registrations yearly.

These breeds have low registration numbers through no fault of their own, and they are in the position they are in due to quite often just being lesser known. Many rare breeds might be your perfect pet and fit in ideally with your lifestyle; however, they are overlooked as they are just not as recognisable.

Dog Edition Lives gives the public the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of these breeds, and we hope that to give these dogs a chance of survival, you consider them if you're thinking about getting a dog.

I, Alison and Diane, went along with Caleb, Emmy and Elly. We had a fantastic day, with lots of people coming to the stand and enquiring about the dogs or just coming for





a cuddle, which obviously all the dogs were happy to oblige. We had quite a few notes of interest, we are acutely aware there are not many litters around. It would be wonderful if any breeders are planning a litter please do get in touch with us. It scares me that we could see numbers dwindling further and our breed could ultimately disappear, it's not all about show or the working dog, we need to have our wonderful breed in pet homes with loving owners. They are great family dogs for people who live an active lifestyle.

Along with game fairs and discover dogs, we need to attend more exhibitions and promote our wonderful breed. That is my aim in the next 12 months. Please let us know if you would like to help with your dog at one of these events.

Tania Gardner
Chairman



Supported Entries at General Open Shows

The KC introduced an initiative a few years ago whereby breed clubs support classes at open shows to try to improve entries. When supporting breed classes at a general open show, breed clubs will be allowed to do some or all of the following:

- recommend at least two judges from which the show society will make its selection. Proposed judges must be either at level 2 or level 3 (or B list or A3 list during Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows) transition period) This allows us to promote our upcoming judges to give them valuable hands-on experience.
- provide rosettes
- provide special prizes
- pay for the judge's expenses – if any
- provide prize money when none is offered otherwise

There is no restriction on the number of classes which can be scheduled. Preferably a good number of classes will be scheduled to encourage entries and to provide the judge with valuable hands-on experience.

The Kennel Club anticipates that the supporting of breed classes at general open shows will provide the following advantages:

- Quality and quantity of exhibits at such events are likely to increase
- The better shows will be encouraged and are likely to flourish
- Breed clubs will have greater opportunity to support/influence show events than at present
- Breed clubs will have more influence over who judges their breed at general open shows
- Provide opportunities for judges to be mentored at the ringside and observed while judging to meet the Judges Education Programme (JEP) requirements. The numerically smaller breeds (e.g. those with only one breed club for instance) will have an additional means of having their breed scheduled at open shows and this should provide more practical experience for judges
- Breed clubs will be encouraged to take a greater part in general canine society shows, thus broadening the outlook of the overly specialist breeds

The shows the Club are supporting in 2025 are:

- **Otley Canine Society 5th August** - 4 classes including puppy – Judge Adrienne Callister, B list Non specialist. £10 BOB, £5 RBOB. BOB, RBOB & BPIB. Rosettes and Slate coasters plus £5 to each Class winner , Sponsored by Tania Gardner Chairman of IRWS Club Of GB
- **British & Irish Native Vulnerable Breed Show 24th August** - 6 classes, Judge Sandra Sturrock, B list Non specialist
- **Mid Herts Gundog Club Saturday 25th October** – 4 classes, Judge Ellen Charlish, JEP Level 2
- **Coventry Gundog Club 7th December** – Judge Debbie Anstead, JEP Level 2

We ask our members to support these shows and judges to help them in their development. They are our championship judges of the future. If you would like to suggest future shows for support please let the committee know.



Points Competitions



We run two show competitions each year that you can enter, the Championship Competition and the Open Competition. But did you know the rules for these have been extended to include lots more classes, group/show placings and judges? For full details please check the current rules documents on the website.

Entry into the Championship Competition is automatic and running totals will be updated on the website at the end of April & August, as well as in the two Newsletters. If you are entering the Open Competition you will need to submit your points on the entry form available on the website and email it to pointscompetition@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com

Rosettes are awarded at the AGM for the winners of each competition, as well as Best Puppy, Best Veteran, Top Brood, Top Stud, Top Breeder, and highest number of CC wins (Bellavanti Beachcomber Trophy)

Current Championship points upto 10th July 2025 are:

1	Sh Ch Carrick Shadow Dog With Alanea (Imp Pol) (Dog)	Mrs A Tattersall, Mr J & Mrs D Jones
2	Sh Ch Charnborough Charisma Of Danwish JW (Bitch)	Miss T Gardner
3	Alanea Silhouette (Bitch)	Mrs A Tattersall
4	Sh Ch Talintyre Winter Shadow (Dog)	Mrs J Tait
5	Sh Ch Lovenjoel Sleeping Beauty (Bitch)	Mrs J Tait
6	Coolfin Baltic Turn The Page (Bitch)	Miss P Jakins
7	Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve With Danwish (Dog)	Miss T Gardner
8	Sh Ch Spyefire Reyt Bobby Dazzler (Dog)	Mr P & Mrs E Titterton
9	Sh Ch Zendarric Heart Shaped Box With Vizaset (Dog)	Miss N Green
10	Ch Alanea Holly Fern At Charnborough SGWC (Bitch)	Mr T Sherratt & Mrs M Blackwell Sherratt

If you have any questions, queries or comments please email our co-ordinator at pointscompetition@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com



Open Show (morning) – 2nd March 2025

Judge, Stewart Cook



Best in Show
Roanjora Cremant de Savoie Avec
Eusanit JW
Roxanne McDonald, Tina and
Sky Westwood

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Reserve Best in Show/
Best Opposite Sex
Settersay Martell by Corranroo
Graham and Jacque Bayne



Best Veteran
Laoirebay Monte Carlo
Mark and Wendy Taylor

Reserve Best Veteran
Ianbro Kamino Sapphire to
Forgeway
Terry and Nancy Hargreaves



Best Puppy
Coolfin Whiskey In The Jar
Jodie Mackay





Reserve Best Puppy
Alanea Emerald
Alison Bloxham

Open Show (afternoon) – 2nd March 2025 Judge – Kay Reid



Best in Show
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Graham and Jacque Bayne

Reserve Best in Show
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Graham and Gill Hart





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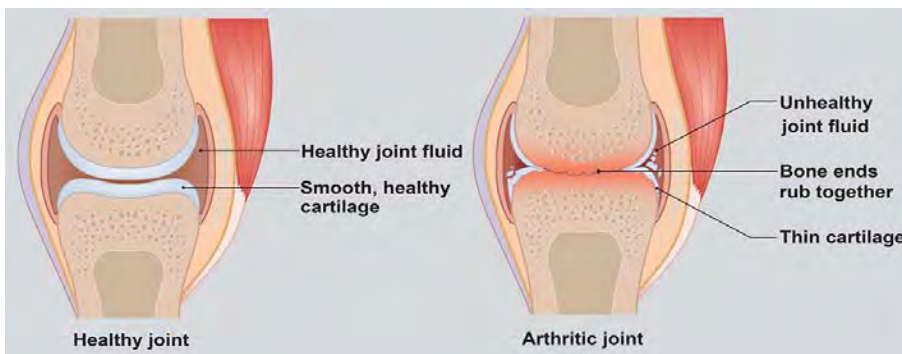
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Osteoarthritis in Dogs

Osteoarthritis can occur at any age, even in very young dogs, but it is most common in older dogs or dogs that have undergone joint surgery or injuries. It is estimated that 1 in 5 dogs over the age of 1 year old are affected in the UK with this condition. OA causes pain, stiffness in joints and inflammation.

It starts off with the decrease of joint fluid and gradual Cartilage thinning. The joint then reduces its function to act as a shock absorber. As the disease progresses the deterioration of the joint Cartilage becomes worse which causes formation of new bone on the joint surfaces. As you can imagine, this is very painful. The loss of the synovial fluid will cause discomfort when the dog is using the joint, especially when exercising due to lack of shock absorption. When the disease becomes more progressed than the joint becomes bone on bone.

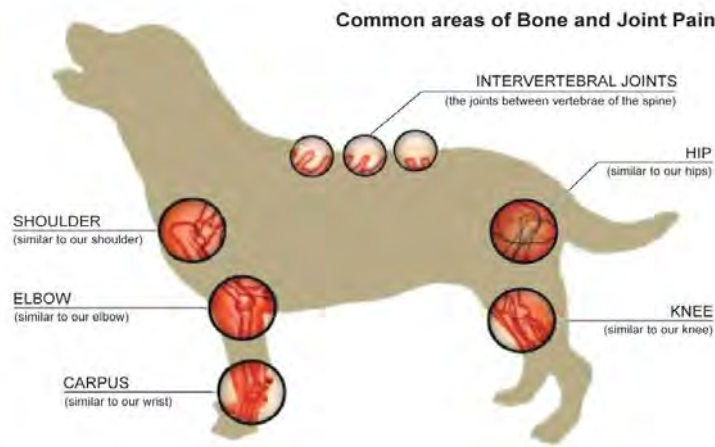


(Picture from PDSA Pet Health Hub)

Physical Symptoms

- Reduced Mobility
- Stiffness and Joint Pain
- Slowing down on walks.
- Muscle wastage.
- Coat changes
- Difficulty getting up and down.

- Reluctance to go up and down stairs or on and off furniture.
- Walking stiff or changing gait.
- Lameness in one or more legs.
- Licking or chewing joints.
- Changes in behaviour.



What Causes OA and what are the risk factors.

There are several factors that increase the likelihood of a dog developing OA.

- Normal wear and tear can lead to the condition over time.
- Genetics – certain breeds are predisposed to OA (the setter is not mentioned in any research papers).
- Injuries to the joints can trigger an onset of OA.
- Body Confirmation such as size and the angles of the joints.
- Obesity and excess weight put more strain on the dogs' joints.
- Joint dysplasia
- Neutering there is evidence that early neuter can increase the risk of developing joint and bone disease in larger breeds.
- Exercise certain types of exercise can lead to joint problems and increase of OA. Such as ball throwing, particularly at a young age when the joints are developing.

Management and Treatment

There is no cure unfortunately for OA, the key to improvement is management of the disease. The quicker the disease is diagnosed there is a better chance of it being managed better. Obviously, some dogs OA may progress more quickly than others.

If you notice your dog is starting to show any symptoms, then a good joint care supplement is recommended. However, it is always best to consult a veterinary surgeon

- Exercise and the type of exercise should be addressed. Regular moderate exercise is best. Any impact activities should be stopped.
- Weight management your dog should maintain a healthy weight so not to impact more stress on the joints. If your pet is overweight, then they will need to go on a diet.

- Therapeutic techniques like hydrotherapy, physiotherapy, and massage are good for OA.
- Environmental changes such as soft bedding and orthopedic mattresses are very good. Ramps for getting in and out of the car or up and down steps. Raised bowls may be beneficial to them as well.
- Medications:
 - Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are commonly prescribed to manage the pain and inflammation.
 - There are other alternative drugs such as gabapentin, tramadol, pardale.
 - Injectable drugs can also be used, and your vet will discuss the options.
 - Supplements are available such as glucosamine, chondroitin, omega 3 fatty acids, and devils claw. It is a good idea to start your dog on joint supplements when they are done growing. Primary joint care in young dogs helps prevent and care for proactive joints.
 - If in doubt about using any supplements then speak to your vet.

If the disease progresses or you want to see how bad the OA is, then the vet may carry out x-rays. In some cases, MRI, CT scan and arthroscopy

Nicola Green RVN,

Certificate in: Small Animal Hydrotherapy, Canine Mobility Nursing, Canine Behaviour.



Simply Red and White Lady Maeve (NL)

On February 28th 2023 Roisin had her second litter, what we didn't know then was that there was a special puppy in this litter - green puppy.



Why was she special? She was going to get a very important job to do. She was to be trained to become a guide dog the blind – for my friend.

The parents of this amazing girl are Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve with Danwish and Ch Simply Red and White Roisin, she has the pedigree name Simply Red and White Lady Jane Maeve, after her grandmother Taniswood Wicked Lady who answered to the name Jane.

We did some homework to find any information on whether anyone had trained a setter for this job somewhere in the world. A lot of people said it wasn't possible so no extra information could be found to help with training from the internet. We have

found a great experienced trainer who wanted to train her. after all the health tests were done - hips, elbow and eyes she was good to go to school and follow the training. Jane was 19 months when she started and ready as a guide dog when she was 24 months. So, now she is an official guide dog for the blind and she is a great worker and a really clever girl to guide Lya.

The intelligence of the breed and self thinking to take the best route for them both is so great to see. Don't think she has not a great life, she gets to free run in the field everyday, playing with others dogs, just like a normal dog. But after her run and playtime she has the job to bring her owner safe home again.



Membership Liaison Officer and Report

The general committee have reinstated the Membership Liaison Officer position. The position exists to report to the fully paid-up membership, following each general committee meeting and AGM, with shareable key information via club facebook page, newsletter, email etc.

The officer will also be available for any questions, interests, feedback and concerns from the membership to take back to the general committee for discussion and response.

Trish Jakins will be the Membership Liaison Officer and can be approached at shows, on email mlo@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com or 07725 328038.

Current News/ Information

IRWSCGB Championship Show Sunday 20th July 2025

35 dogs, giving 51 entries for our breed specialist Mary Blackwell-Sherratt and 12 entries in the Special Award Classes for the judge Ruth Lewis. 7 not for competition. Judging starts at 10am

Eye testing by Professor Peter Bedford will be held at the show, £40 for IRWSCGB members and £56 for all others. For more information, please contact Tania Gardner: solomanmax@yahoo.co.uk

IRWSCGB Open Show 2026/2027

The March open show will be held in conjunction with Coventry Gundog at the Sky-Blue Connection, the breed will be scheduled first in the ring for Coventry Gundog, and we will then be provided with a ring for our club open show, timings of the club open show will be advised with the schedule. Please note catering will be provided by caterers at Coventry Gundog and not by the IRWSCGB.

The July open show will be held in conjunction with the IRWS of GB Championship show at Stoneleigh.

Open Shows 2026/2027

March 2026 – Judge – Leanne Lindsay

July 2026 – Judge – TBA

March 2027 – Judge – Jill Peak

July 2027 – Judge – Stuart Martin

Championship Show 2027/2028

July 2027 – Judge – Eileen Walker (subject to KC confirmation)

July 2028 – Judge – Ray McDonald (subject to KC confirmation)

Breed Lunch at The Royal Kennel Club

The club plan to hold a breed lunch at The Royal Kennel Club, Wednesday 8th October 2025.

11.30am Tea/Coffee upon arrival

11.45am Library Talk/Gallery tour

12.30pm Pre-lunch drink in the bar

1pm Lunch in the dining room

Included in the price is a glass of bubbles, three course set lunch with glass of wine followed by tea/coffee and petit fours.

Dress code rules – gentlemen are required to wear a suit or jacket, trousers and tie. similar standards of dress apply to ladies – jean/leggings and trainers are not acceptable

A tour of the Kennel Club library and art collections with a talk by the heritage team, tailored to IRWS.

Anyone interested in attending please advise Alison Bloxham on: secretary@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com

Puppy Co-Ordinator and Puppy Packs

Could any breeders wishing to be advised of any potential puppy buyers from the breed club's puppy register list, please advise of any planned litters in advance to the co-ordinator. The details of potential buyers can then be forwarded to breeders so you can build a relationship with the new owners much earlier. Please note the emphasis is on the breeder to evaluate any prospective puppy buyers forwarded from the list. Puppy packs are available from the co-ordinator on request. Presently Diane Jones is our puppy co-ordinator and can be contacted on

puppyregister@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com

Game Fairs 2025

The breed will be represented at the Game Fair at Ragley Hall on the 25th, 26th and 27th July.

T Shirts will be provided for those who represent the breed at the shows. Bags will be handed out to people who show an interest in the breed, these will contain leaflets, treats and water. The breed will be in attendance each day

and showcased in the main events ring along with other breeds present, Mary Blackwell-Sherratt and Tony Sherratt are reproducing the Game Fair script for organisers to read out regarding our breed whilst in the main ring.

Online Merchandise Shop

Wendy Taylor has kindly volunteered to oversee the dispatching of items bought through the club online shop. The online shop is nearly finalised and further details will follow in due course.

Yearbook 2025

A reminder that IRWSCGB are planning the next yearbook. Celebrate your IRWS with being part of this year's publication. The yearbook will once again include "In loving memory" section for companions we have lost. Members early bird prices for adverts paid before 30th September 2025 and submitted by 31st October 2025. The yearbook is open to members, UK non-members and Overseas non-members. For further details please contact the editor Debbie McDonald at yearbook@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com or by phone 01462 672696.

Irish Red and White Setter Health and Well Being

Committee member Nicola Green (qualified RVN) has created this group to discuss any health issues and general wellbeing of the IRWS. The group is to discuss openly any health issues or general advice. Anyone wanting to place a post please message Nicola add she will add the post to the group, people can also post anonymously if they so wish.

Nicola is also running a pet first aid course in Barnsley, South Yorkshire September/October 2025 with a reduced price for members – please contact Nicola if you are interested in attending.

The Club also holds a confidential database with the breeding and health details of every KC registered IRWS since the breed first entered the country in 1979; also included are some overseas IRWS. This is updated regularly and exists with the support of owners. Please help us keep this current by reporting any medical problems or conditions, enabling the Club to be able to have a general picture of breed health and, should any issue arise, be able to deal with it. Contact breedhealth@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com

Crufts and Dog Shows

The committee were made aware that some members and non-members had their dogs sitting beside the ring at Crufts, the dogs were encroaching either laid or stood into the show ring. Please can we all be aware at all shows that if sitting by the show ring with dogs that they have not accidentally laid or backed into the ring so not to distract exhibits and exhibitors.

If you have any items that you wish to be raised at the next committee meeting the dates of these meetings follow, however should the item raised be of an urgent matter these will be brought to the attention of the officers with immediate effect.

Sunday 5th October 2025

Sunday 25th January 2026

Sunday 12th April 2026 AGM followed by committee meeting.



Cover Image

The cover image is from Gundog Journal, Volume VII, Issue 1 which had a feature on the Irish Red and White Setter. The Club was asked to contribute to the 8 page article. Copies will be available at shows/event for members to peruse.

