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Website: www.irishredandwhitesetterclub.com

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Front Cover Image

Max in a hat, one of our lovely rescue dogs who sadly passed away this year. Find more about his story within the Rescue News.

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

What a fabulous summer and autumn we have had, glorious sunny days with only a few wet ones, makes grooming and keeping our friends clean so much easier doesn't it.

We held a successful Championship Show in partnership with the Three Counties Championship Show in June with Mrs Susan Paterson our judge on the day. This was a bit of an experiment for us to see how having a general Championship Show and our Show on the same day would work for exhibitors, judges and organisers alike and we decided to take opinion from everyone to consider what to do next. As it turned out it was a hot sunny day, maybe too hot early afternoon, but everything went to plan, even down to the puppy parade which proved to be very popular - with Ray McDonald kindly being the compere for the action. However when everyone had their say on what they felt of the event the overriding result was to return to the format of our own show on our own day, with the emphasis being on that magical ingredient "atmosphere" and next year that is exactly what we will do. It will be our 35th Anniversary so will be making it a very special event. Thankyou to everyone that contributed by completing the questionnaire and helping us to deliver what the members want.

Your committee has been marvellous through the year working hard on activities to promote the breed and many more open shows are now putting on classes for our breed and many exhibitors are achieving top awards, Best Puppies, Best of Breeds, Group Wins, Reserve Best in Show and Best in Show, well done for supporting these shows and on your successes. In the Championship Show scene mention must be made of Anita Tattersall's marvellous run of successes with "Summer" with many Group placings and wins, she has certainly helped to bring attention to our breed. Free online membership is available to all new puppy owners so if you are having puppies please do your bit to help the club by encouraging this membership.

Many of you sent in some wonderful photos for the photo competition that was judged by the committee at their last meeting with Gaye O'Connor's Martha taking the money. We will do this competition again so look for the details later in this newsletter. We have also used a collection of photos, with your permission, to produce our first Red And White Calendar and this is for sale at shows and on the website, thankyou to everyone for supporting this, look out for the card sets we have put together as well.

We attended as many game fairs as possible during the year bringing a lot of attention to the breed. There is usually a parade of dogs at these events and a script has been prepared that has been used to explain a little about the breed and its history. As well as game fairs we have been arranging social dog walks around the country with Graham Farrow continuing with his event in the east, Mary Sherratt arranging an event in the Midlands, myself in the South East and Fran Griffin in South Wales. All of these were very successful and proved very popular, even with the occasional spell of inclement weather, with requests to hold them again so we are going to turn these into annual events, it would be nice to get one further north for next year. Tony and Mary Sherratt also arranged a training working day which

was well attended with plans being made to take this forward for next year. Its really encouraging to see that so many that are interested in the working instincts of the breed as well as other activities. As I write this Ray McDonald is also attending Discover Dogs where many of you are helping to show us off, a huge thankyou to everyone that has participated in our events.

I hope you have all got your Year Book entries in by now and Susan Barry has been working hard collating all that is required to produce this bi annual story of our breed. We have a lot to thank Susan for as she also manages the points competition, produces the weekly breed notes in Our Dogs of results and news of events etc and keeps us informed through the year.

As part of preparations for the introduction of the Kennel Club Judges Competency Framework we were obliged to appoint a Breed Education Coordinator and after a closely fought contest Julien Barney emerged the victor for this significant and demanding role. As we move into 2019 and the start of JCF proper we will hear more from Julien on what the role involves, full implementation is scheduled for 2021.

Just on a final note about critiques from shows, I read one recently that had been used to help clarify what should not be said, this is from many many years ago “The dog belonging to Mr Smith is appalling although we must applaud his courage for bringing it into the ring when it is so far removed from the breed standard. Its neck is too short, its legs are too long and its head has more in common with a bucket than any dog I have ever seen – and he moved like an arthritic crab” Possibly litigation action in these days.

I do hope you all have a great festive season, stay happy and healthy, and also hope to see you at some of the events.

Jim Cuddy
Chairman



Message from the editor

This time we have another bumper edition for you all, filled with many stories, updates and history from the club and fellow members. Some of the highlights you will come across are round ups for the events the club has put on, from the working training day to the social walks. We have one new red & white owner, Lorraine Male, who introduces us to one of the latest dog sports in the UK called Hoopers while Nicola Green has written about the benefits of hydrotherapy for dogs following her qualifications and business start up.

I hope you enjoy this winter edition. I’m thrilled with the variety of articles that have been included. If you have anything you think may be of interest to others please email me at roxanne@roanjora.co.uk

Roxanne McDonald
Newsletter Editor



Working training day

Eight owners and their dogs attended the first training day in the Peak District, courtesy of Tony Sherratt and Mary Blackwell-Sherratt. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day and went home with an improved understanding of the work of a setter.

Before we started the outdoor work there were video clips of IRWS at Field Trials, quartering, pointing, flushing grouse and of dogs working on heather moorland. There was a discussion about the best types of whistle, harnesses, glove, ropes etc to use and how it was best to use them.



Everyone took their dogs into the fields with trepidation, would they do as they were told?? Tony explained and demonstrated how to get a good drop, then it was the turn of the handlers - some did and some didn't - but they will. Demonstrations of recall and quartering were next to be dealt with - watching two fields full of setters 'working' (by this I mean concentrating) was a brilliant sight.

There were a couple of tests for the dogs - how good was their scenting into the wind - a pigeon in a cage was hidden in the long grass and the dogs (one by one) had to find it. Most did, some more quickly than others. Then it was the gun shot test - no issues from any of the dogs so Tony was happy.



We finished off with lunch and a bit of human socialisation! Tony handed out certificates to those present and I think is now preparing himself for the next round.

Thanks to Tony and Mary, to all the dogs and handlers who came along and to Ella for taking the photos.



2018 Championship Show Report

Our 2018 Championship Show was held for the first time in conjunction with a championship show. In this case, Three Counties Championship Dog Show at Three Counties

Our judge was Mrs Susan Paterson who found her **Bitch CC winner and Best in Show** in Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage owned by Mrs Anita Tattersall. This is Summers 3rd such award at club champ shows.

Dog CC, Reserve best in show and Best Veteran in Show.

Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi at Oldestone owned by Mr D & Mrs V Wade

Reserve Bitch CC

Lovenjoel Belle Of The Ball owned by Ms S Soper

Reserve Dog CC

Alanea Game Reserve with Danwish owned by Ms T Gardner

Best Puppy in Show

Terne Des Coris Qalimero at Coolfin – Mrs M Knox & Miss P Jakins

Reserve Best Puppy in Show

Laoirebay Penny Lane – Mr A & Mrs A Callaghan

Reserve Best Veteran in Show

Sh Ch Casafelice Cormo at Charnborough – Mrs M Sherratt

Best Special Field Trial in Show

Ch Charnborough Glamour Girl – Mrs M Sherratt



We also had a puppy parade on the day which was a great success with not only those entered into the puppy class, but those who were too young or not shown but came along for the day.





Autumn Open Show report

The club's Autumn 2018 Open Show was held on Sunday 14th October at Hasland Village Hall in Chesterfield.

Our judge, breed specialist Miss Nicola Green found her **Best Dog and Best in Show** in Taxus Golden Prince In Balbriggan JW, owned by Mr J & Mrs S Cuddy

Reserve Best Dog, Reserve Best in Show & Best Veteran in Show
Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Vanders Va Voom avec Wroxham – Mrs E Walker

Best Best, Best Opposite Sex in Show & Reserve Best Veteran in Show
Sh Ch Corranroo Cruz – Mr G & Mrs J Bayne

Reserve Best Bitch
Lovenjoel Sleeping Beauty – Mrs J Tait

Best Puppy in show
Dalcross Dancing Queen With Caispern – Mrs G O'Connor

Reserve Best Puppy in Show
Terne Des Coris Qalimero At Coolfin (Imp Bel) – Mrs M Knox & Miss T Jakins



Tittesworth Reservoir Walk

Tittesworth Water is a beautiful area of the Staffordshire Moorlands with excellent facilities: cafe, toilets, barbecue area and car parking and it coped with 10 adults

with 9 setters - two of which were red and the other 7 red and white.

Below is a summary in the day from Kathy Attwood, a new club member with her IRWS Dillon.

Magnificent dogs, beautiful scenery, good weather and welcoming people. My first ever walk with the club was a great experience.

On such a warm day, the trees lining the circular walk around Tittesworth reservoir gave welcome shade for dogs and people alike. Frequent stops for scrutinising, inspecting and sniffing provided the dogs with time to explore, and led to a relaxed stroll for us, and allowed plenty of time for the free flowing talk – that centred on dogs of course.

The sight of all the IRWS in their more natural, outdoor environment was a lovely sight. Dillion had been freshly scrubbed for the walk, so looked whiter, and smelled better than usual – well, until he became the only dog to find the mud!

The reward of a delicious BBQ was a perfect finale. It was all organised and run like a well-oiled machine, with tasty food rolling off the grill as fast as we could eat it.

Personally, I would just like to say thank you to all involved- especially Alison and Mary. I was not the only the new club member to join the walk, and the walk had provided us newbies with an opportunity to meet 'the club' and show off the IRWS of which we are so proud.

Why not join us next time?

Kathy and Dillon



Box Hill walk—Surrey

On the Sunday of August bank holiday this year the equivalent of the great north run took place at Box hill - a well known beauty spot in Surrey - by the IRWS club, only its numbers were considerably reduced - to thirteen dogs plus handlers which comprised of ten Irish Red & White Setters, Jim Cuddy's Irish Setter, plus 1 Spaniel and a Dalmatian.

We arrived from various parts of the country, including Worcestershire, and started to don heavy boots etc., just as the rain started - which turned out to be for the whole duration of the walk.

Gemma Hawkins led off down the paths as she lives close by and knows the area



quite well.

After a short five minute stroll clear of any traffic we had checked that it was safe to unleash this mob, including an eleven month old bitch, who then charged around not believing their luck.

They were all well behaved returning to various whistles or commands without any cross words or raised voices until the end of the walk when we were all trying to catch an older dog who had no wish to end the freedom before getting in the owner's car.

The weather put paid to any idea of the planned picnic which was very disappointing but sitting on wet grass with wet dogs didn't seem to appeal to us (I can't think why). Despite the rain my wife and I enjoyed the time with our dogs and other like minded owners and the day also brought back happy memories of sixty years ago at Box Hill when we were courting, I don't however remember it being quite so steep then. A few of us stayed long enough for a hot drink from the cafe before the trek back around the dreaded M25.

Bob Knapton



World Dog Show 2018

Last year I was offered an opportunity I couldn't say no to, a trip to the World Dog Show 2018 with space to take one of my own dogs too.

The World Dog Show takes place every year, each year being hosted by a different country. 2018 took place in Amsterdam and the Irish Red & White entry was met with two English exhibitors who both had fantastic success.

Along with the World Dog Show, two other shows were held back to back so there were 3 shows an exhibitor could attend for the one trip. A hard ask for the dogs, but one they all take in their stride.

Due to the predicted large entry, Dutch CAC awards were also "doubled" at each of the three shows.

In The Netherlands, the Best of Sex award and CAC can go to any class, however the international awards (CACIB) can only be awarded to dogs from the Intermediate, Open, Working or Champion class.

First up was the Benelux Winners show. This was an international show which offered CACs, CACIBs and the Benelux Winners & Benelux Junior Winners titles.

Results of principles winners;

CAC (dog), Best of Breed, Best Junior was Terne Des Coris Qalimero At Coolfin owned by Trish Jakins

CAC, CACIB (bitch), Best Opposite Sex was Roanjora Tsarine Tzarina owned by Roxanne McDonald

Reserve CAC, CACIB (dog), was Cornadore Arro owned by Nataliya Mikhaylova

Reserve CACIB (dog) was Glenn From Silven's Lodge owned by Roswitha Scholz

Reserve CAC, Reserve CACIB (bitch), Sorcha Shadow Dog owned by Natalie Pace-O'Shea

Best Puppy was Supergirl Dei Riri owned by Sabrina Zani

The specialty show was a national show, so only the CACs on offer. The results were:

CAC (dog), Best of Breed, Best Junior, 4th in Junior group was

Terne Des Coris Qalimero At Coolfin

CAC (bitch), Best Opposite Sex

was Roanjora Tsarine Tzarina

Reserve CAC (dog) was Glenn From Silven's Lodge

Reserve CAC (bitch) was Sorcha Shadow Dog

Best Puppy was Supergirl Dei Riri



Finally we had the World Dog Show and a much higher entry. CACs, CACIBs, World Winner and Junior World Winner titles were on offer here. The principle winners were:

CAC, CACIB (dog), Best of Breed was Cilleigne Cu Chulainn At Drumlace owned by Mark McDermott

CAC, CACIB (bitch), Best Opposite Sex was Bineah Of The Baltic Ambers owned by Kerstin Peters

Reserve CAC, Reserve CACIB, (dog) was Glenn From Silven's Lodge owned by Roswitha Scholz

Reserve CAC, Reserve CACIB, (bitch) was Roanjora Tsarine Tzarina owned by Roxanne McDonald

Best Puppy was Supergirl Dei Riri owned by Sabrina Zani

Best Junior Simply Red And White Riona owned by Simona Mašková

Best Working was Aramis Vom Seffersbach owned Sonja Bechtel

Best Veteran was Bibi Vom Ihlwald owned by Sabine Cziesla

I'm thrilled to say this trip was a highlight for me, with Janey' gaining her final CACIB for her International Show Champion title, and her Dutch Show Champion title. A week later she also won her final green star for her Irish Show Champion Title.

Trish, Mary & Magnus have nearly got their Dutch Show Champion title, Magnus just needs 1 more point after the age of 27 months and I'm sure you join me in wishing them the best of luck for a return trip.

Roxanne McDonald



Discover Dogs

Discover Dogs was back again at the Excel in October and had it's busiest gate entry ever.

Thank you to Gill & Tony Payne, Julie Flowers, Sam Soper, Bren Bailey and Debbie & Roxanne McDonald and all their Red & Whites for giving up their time to promote the breed in London.



Promoting the breed

It's a subject that remains at the forefront of the club's 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;



The Great Irish Red and White Setter Beach Run (and friends of) #2

Graham & Helen Farrow organised their 2nd (and nearly famous) Irish Red & White Setter walk in Norfolk following the success for last years and it followed the same format of a beach walk followed by a pub lunch.

A great time was had by all with many red & whites (and a few friends!) playing along the beach and I think it's safe to say it's now an annual event.

Are you doing something that helps raise awareness of the breed? Let me know to be included in the next newsletter!



Rescue News

It has been the longest quiet spell, in terms of dogs needing help, that I can remember, long may it last!

We are still getting regular enquiries and there does seem to be a considerable interest from doggy people who haven't had the breed before and are prepared to meet them in a home environment before committing.

We are so lucky to have people who regularly donate to our funds and also give up their time to raise funds for us.

Our thanks must go to Sheila Shepherd who has donated so many times over the

years and this year her friend Linda Tappin made a donation on her behalf in lieu of a birthday present which I thought was a lovely idea.

Many thanks to Fran Griffin who has made another donation to our funds, following the latest Setter Walk, of £90 being our share of the money raised.

A big thank you also to Jackie Jones who raised £172 from her online auction and has donated half of the proceeds to our funds.

All your efforts for our rescue are very much appreciated, thank you for giving up your time for us. I was very sad to hear of the passing recently of MAX, one of our more notorious rescue boys being one of several pups sold to a London pet shop over 13 years ago.

We heard about him when we were contacted by Battersea Dogs Home where he finished up after being sold to a totally inexperienced home. He went on to have 4 homes and 2 spells in kennels in a very short space of time before finding his forever home.

He never looked back and went on to have a lovely life in a caring, loving home. He has left a big hole as he was a real character and could still be a bit naughty but they loved him and forgave his mischief.

Run free over the Bridge special boy, all turned out fine for you in the end. xxxx

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Successful New Year and a very special Happy and Peaceful Christmas to all our rescue babies and their families from all at Rescue. Xxx

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Christmas messages

Below are Christmas messages for you, from fellow club members.

Wishing all our friends old and new,
two or four legs a very merry xmas and
a very happy, healthy,
prosperous and
successful 2019.

**John, Diane and all at
Berryessa xx**



Wishing all our members and friends a
great festive
season, and
every happiness
and success for
2019.

Jim Cuddy



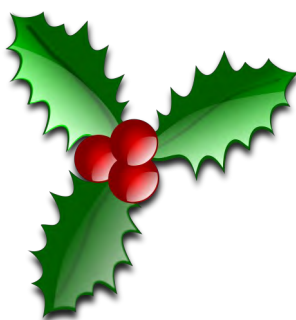
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from
Mary & Tony, hugs
and kisses from **Mo,**
Connie and Ruby.
Xxx



Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year to you all, not
sending cards this
year making a
donation to Dementia
UK. See you at Crufts,
Best wishes **Sandra**
and Brian (Anisbrig)



Happy Christmas
to all our IRWS
friends, love from
Sue, Andy
and Alfie (Rustasha
Golden Riviera)
XXXX



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



From all the officers
and committee of the
Irish Red & White
Setter Club of GB



Photograph competition

£25 prize to a lucky photographer Sponsored by Jim Cuddy.

It's really simple and the rules are;

- The competition is open to all members around the globe
- The competition is for fun photographs of red and white setters only. No show ring photos
- The photos must be sent in high resolution
- Entries limited to four per person
- You must have the photographers permission to send them in



Please send your entries to Alison Bloxham by
Sunday 7th April 2019

The officers of the club will choose the winner at the Committee Meeting on Sunday 14th April and the winning photograph will be announced and featured on the website in the following week.



IRWS Calendar and cards



Ready for 2019 the club have produced a wall calendar and pack of blank cards, all available with a percentage of the profits going toward Pancreatic Research.



Calendars are £7.50 and 10 pack of cards is £6. Postage for each item is £1 or they can be collected with prior arrangement.

To order, please contact Maureen Newman by email — maureennewman49@gmail.com phone 01342 316139



IRWS and Me—a short history by Ann Millington

My son, Peter and I first saw IRWS in 1979. They were Boreen and Beulah of Ardnagashel, sitting together in a bench at a show. They were not entered as there were 'difficulties' with the KC registration in those days, but we had heard about them and were intrigued that the breed was on the brink of extinction with the only 7 dogs in the world registered with the IKC.

We bought one of Beulah's puppies in October 1980 and Allanah of Shannonlee, aka Pebble, joined our household of Irish Setters. The challenge of the time was to

increase the number of IRWS and promote the breed in this country and beyond. Not as easy as you might think! For a start, Irish Setter people were not happy with the addition of another setter breed; the dog world did not know about IRWS, thinking at best that they were crossbreds; the KC took their time in accepting the breed; show societies did not classify them; the puppy-buying people didn't want them and the Field Trial folk did not have a good word for IRWS.

So the few stalwart owners of the early 1980s did their best, travelling far and wide to exhibit in 'Any Variety Not Separately Classified' and later in 'Rare Breeds' and eventually we had breed classes at Open shows so numbers rose to interest potential exhibitors. It became necessary, if we were to make any progress, to form a Breed Club registered with the KC. Peter and I became Founder Members and I joined the A Steering Committee that was set up in 1981 but it took until 1984 have the Club recognised; a licence to hold Field Trials had been applied for but was denied by the KC as we had no access to suitable land.

Raising the number of dogs in the country was difficult with only the five original imports, but breeders in Ireland began to breed more litters and breeders in the UK travelled to Ireland for more studs and more imports. However, all the dogs were related and, even in those far-off days, very close breeding was fraught with the spectre of inherited disasters destroying the progress that had been made. Peter and I went on a Genetics Course to understand the science behind our problem and be able to see a way to the future. Two problems have been satisfactorily dealt with and one is on hold until science catches up. All in all, our breed health monitoring is well regarded as second to none in the dog world.

By 1987, I had bred 3 litters – Pebble's by Brosna Grouse of Autumnwood at Elaphill and Gameshot of Autumnwood and her daughter Clover's also by Gameshot. Breed numbers had risen well by this time although there were issues that needed dealing with, a long process in livestock-breeding. So it was disconcerting that the KC awarded Challenge Certificates for IRWS in 1988 and the Club questioned this decision – to no avail. Peter had already started a database for IRWS data on his Amstrad computer and, backed by Mary Sherratt (and me) it was incorporated into the newly established health sub-committee. So from the early days with few dogs, a system of recording litter details was set up.

Unfortunately, Peter died in that year, leaving me to carry on with the database and Genetic sub-committee. Time goes on, Amstrad disappeared being replaced by Microsoft, more details were added to the database where all IRWS registered by the KC and some overseas IRWS are recorded and includes test results for individual dogs; hip scores: Coefficients Of Inbreeding; reference numbers of individual DNA samples held by the AHT; similar details of dogs imported and the confidential record of Special health/genetic conditions - all in order to monitor the health of the breed and to take action when needed.

With CCs on offer, championship shows scheduled more and more classes for IRWS, people saw and wanted puppies, breeders supplied them and registrations soared in the 1990s. It was not a good decade for me though, with family crises and illnesses and working full time, breeding and showing opportunities were very limited – but, judging; sitting on the General Committee, Judges and Working sub-

Committees; editing the Newsletter for 10 years; maintaining the database; researching canine medical problems for the Breed Health & Sub-Committee all kept me in significant touch with the breed and out of mischief until the present day!

You may not see me at the ringside these days, but I know an awful lot about your dogs and am interested in each and every one. Alas, after 40 years of close involvement with the breed, time catches up with me, I have relinquished three committees

and now look to hand over the responsibility for the Breed Health & Genetic Sub Committee to an equally passionate and forward thinking safe pair of hands. I will always be on hand to help when asked, don't think you can get rid of me easily!



Love for the breed

We took on Karen's lovely dog, Lacey, at the beginning of the year, and renamed her Sylvie. She hadn't made the grade as a working dog and it was felt she needed a loving home and plenty of exercise and attention.

She quickly settled from being one of many in rural Suffolk to being the centre of attention in rural Wiltshire.

Sylvie has all the usual R and W characteristics - she is prone to steal food if the chance arises, suddenly deaf when game is about, picking up unspeakable things on walks and very independent of mind and body. Nevertheless she is keen to please, very affectionate, and delicate and ladylike in her movements.

Sylvie has adjusted to her new surroundings brilliantly and is admired by those who encounter her and loved by all the family. She is our third Red & White and confirms our love of this wonderful breed.

Robin Nelson & Sylvie



How I came to be owned by a Red and Whiteby Bob Knapton

It's all my vet's fault – he got me into this breed. He rang us one evening way back in 1996 saying that he had a client who had a Red and White that was not a show dog and was not in very good shape, but, if we were interested he could probably arrange a meeting.

My comment at the time was something like – what's a red and white setter? We had owned an Irish setter for seven years plus an English that we'd just had to

have put to sleep aged 15, who was so laid back that he would have preferred me to chew his food for him. Plus, my son was interested in Gordons. My vet said that they were featured in all the old sporting gundog prints, mainly in black and white. We never did see this dog as it became the victim of old age.

I got hold of the Kennel Club asking about this strange breed that we hadn't heard of, they gave me the Secretary's phone number, who was none other than Mrs B herself – she said that if we were interested she was organising a match with all the Setter breeds at a village hall near Harlow in a week's time to raise funds for somebody's husband who had passed away. That way I could at least make my own judgement accordingly – just come along and make myself known to her – which we did. This lady let me go off with her champion dog for a short walk, saying that I had an honest looking face. We were hooked. Mrs B said that she could arrange something as she knew Kathy Keats, a breeder who had a litter in Slough. The sire was Pridewood Persuader, owned jointly by Margaret Pitman and Anne Mason, so, liking what we saw, Ruemadra Snow Queen (Flanna) came to live in Hertfordshire.

Our lives have changed forever; poorer, but entirely better, for this wonderful breed in our midst. The latest generation is now a year old, bold and hard work, knows everything except the word 'no' which might mean 'maybe in my own time'.



Canine Hoopers

Earlier this year, my local dog training club was running a beginners course of "Hoopers". I was keen to try new things with Peri my then 7 month old IRWS. Laura (dog trainer) said it would be ideal for us, so we signed up. Hoopers is a low impact agility style sport suitable for all dogs old and young. It is a great way to have fun and build a bond between you. Basically, there are three pieces of equipment, Hoops, Barrels and Tunnels. You teach your dog to go through the hoops and tunnel, and around the barrel with you instructing your dog on direction and turns.



One of the things I enjoy most is the way the dogs learn. You start with one hoop and encourage your dog through the hoop then reward by throwing a treat in front of them. You then encourage them back through and throw another treat in front. In our first lesson, Peri quickly learned that whenever he went through a hoop a treat would appear. He was delighted and soon running backwards and forwards with great enthusiasm. By the end of the lesson, he was going through 3 hoops in a line.

Next, we practised going around the barrel. Again he quickly caught on that mum stands still and when he goes around the barrel a treat appears. Another treat appears when he goes back the other way. He loved the tunnel and was soon



going through at great speed to get his treat. The training is all about your dog choosing to complete the activities and then being rewarded. It was great watching Peri work out how to get his treat. The whole process is a very positive fun experience. At the end of our six weeks Peri could complete a small course of six hoops, a barrel and a tunnel. He is still learning left, right, clockwise and anticlockwise as I am. (I still get my instructions muddled or take too long working out his left or my left!).

Anyway, we are having lots of fun learning together. At the end of our course we attended a mixed ability session with the advanced members of the club. Wow they were great! Hopefully, Peri was taking it all in! After watching the dogs perform a full course with lots of direction changes Peri and I had a go. All I can say is we got round with lots of encouragement, advice and praise from the experts. We have a lot to learn and are looking forward to the challenge. Maybe one day we will even be competing!! The equipment is really easy to make at home. We have homemade hoops and an old water butt for a barrel. We enjoy practising in the garden while we wait for our next course to begin. If you fancy having a go, look for a Canine Hoopers instructor near you, I think you will find it a lot of fun.



Lorraine Male & Peri



Canine Hydrotherapy

Hydrotherapy is great not only for rehabilitation but for exercise and fitness. It is controlled exercise without the associated stresses and pressure of land based exercise. Often land based exercise and the repetitive movement can lead to problems associated with weakness within the muscular skeletal and skeletal system. It is great for working and sporting dogs as it helps build up the muscles without putting pressure



on their joints and increases the cardiovascular system as well as stamina. Great for growing puppies too not only if they are going to be working dogs so they get used to swimming in a clean, safe environment, teach them to retrieve dummies to hand whilst in the pool to prevent them dropping it before shaking, but also for their

growing joints.

The water is heated to 29c – 31c this helps relax muscles and relive stiffness from the joints, as well as aid in pain relief.

The benefits of hydrotherapy

- Pain relief
- Reduced stiffness and swelling
- Improve muscle tone and strengthens muscles
- Improve gait pattern
- Improve cardiovascular system
- Circulatory system
- Improves cardiovascular system
- Helps with the lymphatic system and build up of toxins
- Helps with the digestive system
- Improves mental well being especially in older dogs or dogs that are going through an injury and can't have the exercise
- Helps with arthritis
- Helps with the nervous system
- Great for weight loss

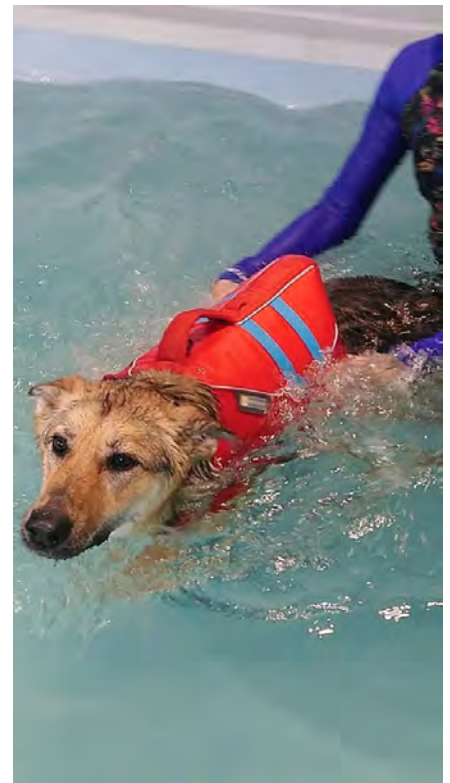
Properties of Hydrotherapy

Buoyancy – this diminishes the effects of gravity, therefore the body is supported in the water which is what allows the physical exercise without the stress on the joints, muscles and bones but increases the independence of movement. It causes the patient to be less heavy in the water than on land which is why the patient is weightless when exercising in the water. This is why animals that are in pain, weak, have had orthopaedic procedures, muscles tears or unstable can move more freely in the water due to been in less pain when moving in the water.

Viscosity – this is greater in water than it is in air, therefore the water provides more resistance which aids in strengthening muscles, improves sensory awareness and the cardiovascular system. The temperature of the water effects the viscosity and that is why it is important to have the pool at the correct temperature to ensure it relaxes and reduces stiffness and pain but allowing the weaker muscles of the body to move more freely.

Hydrostatic pressure- this helps with swelling and blood flow in the lower regions of the limbs due to increased circulation. It also helps the sensory receptors associated with pain response to help relieve pain. Care must be taken if a dog suffers from respiratory issues because of the pressure associated with the lungs!

Cohesion – this is the tendency for water molecules to adhere to each other. Due to the cohesive force been greater at the surface because of surface tension it means that exercising a patient at the surface will make it more difficult. When animals lift their limbs closer to the surface it makes them have to work harder, this is ideal for the patients that need to work a particular joint or need more intense



exercise.

Temperature – the temperature of the water has a therapeutic effect on the patient. This is due to warm water been applied to the muscles and tissues which causes an increase in cell metabolism, blood flow, relaxation and elasticity of the muscle tissues. This in turn contributes to the pain relief which improves the patients performance during treatment by improving movement, as well as inflammation .

Some conditions treated with Hydrotherapy

Case history

- Hip & Elbow Dysplasia
- Orthopaedic Fractures
- Legg-Calve Perthes Disease
- Cruciate Ligament Disorders
- Luxating Patella
- CDRM (Chronic Degenerative Radiculo Myelopathy)
- Spondylosis
- Cervical Spondylopathy (Wobblers)
- Intervertebral Disc Disease and Spinal Injuries
- Soft Tissue Injuries
- Tendon Rupture
- Muscle Strains and Ruptures
- Arthritis
- Fibrocartilagenous Embolism (FCE)
- Panosteitis
- OCD

This is Bowie who came to me because he had poor hind reflexes especially his right hind and was stiff. The vets thought he had hip problems on examination I suggested he was referred back to the vet before administering treatment because of the nerve involvement and I was concerned it may be more spinal. They x-rayed him and found he had severe spondylitis of his spine, the boney spurs that were forming was causing pinching of his nerves. He had lack of hind muscle and was very stiff.

He then came back to me and has been having a course of treatment and we have noticed reduced stiffness and building muscle on his hind legs. This can be quite common in older dogs but Bowie had been neglected as a puppy and was in rescue due to his lack of healthy diet he didn't have the best start in life.

Here I am working on his right leg which he his lazy with and the one which is more affected. I have to swim him in straight lines due to his back issue, he his coming on great.

I also do weight management clinics which involves swimming, measuring for any inches lost, weighing and nutritional advice. As well as fun and fitness.



Nicola Green R.V.N. small animal hydro therapist .
Pawsitive k9 Hydrotherapy



Canicross update

Canicross is still growing at a fast rate, as are the other cani-sports such as bikejor and cani-hike, which is where the dog and owner take the skill and equipment from canicross but remain the control of a walking pace. Although never fear, cani-hiking does mean you end up walking a little faster than without the lead of the dog!

In the last newsletter I mentioned some great results from our canicrossers. This time we have more to celebrate.

Susie Warren & Bailey attended their local parkrun as normal on Saturday 10th November but this time finished first dog and first woman in. Although Parkrun is not a race, it highlights Susie and Bailey's commitment to training that they were first in.

On Sunday 23rd September Roxanne and Jasper attended their first race of the season, a local canicross specific race held in Ashridge, Hertfordshire. A surprise came when in the starting line to see another Red & White up ahead. Congratulations to Joe Helps & Basil for first male 1 dog while Roxanne and Jasper were 9th female 1 dog.



Roxanne & Jasper also attended the Badminton Horseless event which is 10km and includes some of the Badminton Horse Cross Country course jumps and obstacles. Both finished in a good time despite the warm weather. No canicross / dog specific results were published.

Faye McLernon & Juno entered their first canicross only race in Belfast, already planning to attend the next one in March 2019!

And finally, another November run but this time in the USA, Stefanie Taylor Moss & Murray completed a 9 mile race, winning the women's division at Kenosha Running Company's Trail Dog Distance Classic.

The Red & Whites are proving to be fantastic dogs at canicross. For their working ability and wanting to please combined with their fitness and stamina.



KC Judging update

As we enter the transition period from the old system of judging into the new Judges Development Framework (JDF) in 2019 I'd like to give you an update as the IRWS BEC (Breed Education Co-ordinator). The timescales of the JDF goes live in

December 2021. From this point you will have to be licensed by the Kennel Club.

Please be reminded that by the end of the year the C list will no longer be in use. So if you haven't updated your CV in a while and have judged some more dogs then please can you contact myself with an update. The Judges Sub Committee have also adjusted the criteria to get on the B list and the A3 list more in line with the KC's stud book band.

The Kennel Club are steering us to try and get as many judges through the A2 route e.g. judges that meet the A3 criteria, but have not received the 3 required assessments by CC awarding judges. If you again contact myself we will try and arrange to get you an A2 assessment. The Club is looking at options to arrange some A2 assessments at club shows as well as trying to get assessments at shows you might be judging at. If there are twelve dogs present then 2 assessments can be done on the day. If between five and eleven dogs are present then this will count as one assessment.

Julien Barney

Irish Red & White Setter Breed Education Co-ordinator

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Code of Ethics / Code of Conduct—Social Media

Much has been said in recent times as to how Social Media outlets, Facebook, twitter, Snapchat, etc, have been used in negative, disparaging and harmful ways, and in extreme cases even threats against individuals, causing upset, anger and distress. So much so that the kennel Club has issued advice on the use of Social Media.

This can be found on the KC website at; <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/press-releases/2014/September/kennel-club-issues-advice-on-social-media-use/>

Of course it is true that freedom of expression and opinion is a right of all-but that should be in the context of normal and civil behaviour, ie, if you have something to say then say it in a spirit of constructive criticism and not in an offensive manner.

Please remember that you are responsible for what you post since it is a public medium, if the content of your message would not be acceptable in a face to face situation, over the phone, or on any other medium then it is not acceptable on Social Media. If you see offending material then it is best not to join in or respond. If you are angry or particularly passionate about an item do please think before you post, delay doing anything until you are calm and clear headed.

There are ways to deal with extreme versions of offending material online which include complaints for defamation, or harassment, or sending malicious correspondence.

We are updating our own Code to recognise the use of Social Media for

communication and this will be as follows;

“When using Social Media it is expected not to do anything which may be seen to bring the club into disrepute. Members should respect the opinion of others and not engage in offensive, threatening, or abusive behaviour.”

Distress is caused when, through bad behaviour or poor sportsmanship, words or gestures are made that are intended to cause harm or upset.

The Club will not tolerate this and needless to say will take very seriously any reported instances, including potentially reporting to legal authorities.

Jim Cuddy
Chairman



Puppies

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

Email: diane@berryessa.co.uk



Game Fairs

The Club has been asked to participate in the West of England Game Fair Gundog Parade Saturday 16th March and Sunday 17th March 2019. The venue is the Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

Any Club members in the area who would like to take part please contact our Working Secretary Fiona Chapman. E-mail Fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com.



Agility

Congratulations to Jane Valentine and Aoife who has been awarded her Agility Warrant (Gold). To get this Aoife needed to collect 800 points in agility classes which could be attained by getting clear rounds within the set course times.

This is a huge achievement for any agility dog and proves with hard work, training and a dedicated handler, anything is possible with an Irish Red & White Setter.



Membership Renewals

Don't forget your membership renewals are due on 1st January 2019.

Joint Membership (UK & Ireland)—£15
Single Membership (UK & Ireland)—£12
Overseas Membership (single or joint)—£17.50
Junior membership—50p



Dates for your diary - club events

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

Date: Sunday 3rd March 2019

Venue: Steventon Village Hall, Oxfordshire. OX13 6RR

Judge: Russell Mosedale

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB AGM

Date: Sunday 14th April 2019

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

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

Date: Sunday 14th July 2019

Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, CV8 2LZ

Judge: Gloria Horrocks

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

Date: Sunday 17th November 2019

Venue: Hasland Village Hall, Eastwood Park, Chesterfield, S41 0AY

Judge: Maureen Whitaker

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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