

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 2ND JANUARY 2023

At Boston Gail Griffin has drawn an entry of 49 dogs and 54 bitches making 103. Overall entries are 62 dogs 65 bitches making 127.

Entries for MISS close by post on Saturday, 8th January and online at onlineshowentry.com on 15th January. David Hemmings is the judge for dogs and Cheryl Stevenson is doing the bitches.

David last judged Bournemouth in 2022 when he gave the dog ticket to Anlory Aidan and the RCC to Gwendariff Willy Wont He. In bitches the CCs were Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl and Reserve was Gwendariff Smart Move Back To Aoibheanne.

Cheryl's last appointment was at MISS in 2020 when she judged the dogs and awarded the CC to Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas and the RCC to Gwendariff I'm Comin Out.

She last judged bitches at Driffield in 2018 and awarded a 13th CC to Sh Ch Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream and a 7th RCC to Thendara Chasing Boys To Sumaric.

Entries for Crufts close by post on 9th January and online on the 23rd.

Jennie Reed is judging the dogs and Christina Sheldon the bitches.

It was at Midland Counties in 2019 that Jennie last judged the breed. She awarded a 40th CC to Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses and a 16th CC to Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana. Reserves were Gwendariff Willy Wont He and Sh Ch Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream.

Chris' last appointment was in 2018 at City of Birmingham. She awarded a 30th CC to Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses and a 23rd CC to Sh Ch Fairhaven Louise Mountbatten At Braidmount. Sh Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna and Lochlorien Scully Foxes Andley took the Reserves.

The Kennel Club Breed Supplement for July to September 2022 has been published. It records 16 litters and 145 new registrations. There were two importations; one from the Republic of Ireland and one from Poland. Two export pedigrees were issued one for Sweden and one for Italy.

I mentioned last time that Ann Needs had contacted me re the Dorset Top Dog competition. Thanks for this Ann, here are the full details:

"Covarney it takes time with Stourford JW 1RCC (Kelton) (sire - Thendara the Watchmaker dam - Covarney Estee Avec Marzanne) became qualified to attend the Dorset Top Dog Competition hosted by Poole Canine Club due to gaining a RCC at a Dorset Society run show which was Bournemouth Championship Show. The event was held on 12th November 2022 at Hamworthy Social Club which is a super venue providing us all with space to move our dogs, fabulous food and some very lovely dogs to compete against.

The judge for the event was Mr Ian King.

There was Dorset Top Veteran, Dorset Top Puppy and Dorset Top Dog the latter of which was the section Kelton was in. There were 19 dogs of different breeds which he had to beat. As we were in pairs the winner of that round went up against the next winner of previous round, till finally the last remaining two were left which were Kelton and the English Setter Bridgella's First Edition with Konakakela JW owned by Mrs P Harris & Mr G Hoeksema.

We were asked by the judge to move together up and down and then the English Setter (Chase) was crowned Dorset Top Dog and Kelton was crowned Reserve Dorset Top Dog.

We also qualified for Top Dog of Devon when he won a Gundog Puppy Group at a Devon held show so we went to that event on 26th November 2022. This was hosted by Exeter County and held at Lord Haldon Country Hotel near Exeter. There was a great atmosphere and lovely food was provided for the evening after the event. The judge for this event was Mr Ger Philpott.

Kelton won several rounds in the adult section and was beaten by a gorgeous Springer Spaniel who was crowned Top Dog of Devon.

We are very proud and highly delighted with Kelton at the young age 22 months. 2022 has been a fabulous year for us and him."

Well done Ann and Bill.

It's always great to hear about open show successes so here's more from Clare Lewis; "Phil, Riverbrue Ophelia Winky, was BPIS at South of England gundog club on 18th December. The breed judge was Ed Casey and the BIS judge was M Myers. (That's Phil's 4th puppy group win with also an all breed Open show BPIS & only 8 months x)".

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a happy, healthy, peaceful and successful 2023.

I'll leave you with the words of the late Caroline Flack:

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

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