

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 3RD JULY 2023

Get those credit cards out folks, there's lots of entries closing soon.

Postal entries for Bournemouth close by post on 5th July and at noon on 17th online. Jacquie Rorke is our first time judge.

City of Birmingham closes by post on 10th July and at noon on 24th online. Carolyn Cederman from New Zealand is another first time judge although she is FCI approved for gundogs, hounds, terriers, toys, and working. I see that she judged in Ireland in 2017 when she judged various breeds. She has owned and bred Irish Setters in New Zealand which appear to be from American and Australian lines. On the 12th July Driffild entries close by post. Online entries close at noon on the 26th. Nicola Sturrock is judging us for the second time; her first being in 2021 at Paignton when she did the bitches. She awarded a first CC to Teleri Indian Summer with the reserve going to Twoacres Promise Of Spring With Avacet.

The South of England Irish Setter championship show is being held in conjunction with Paignton. Entries close by post on 14th July and online on the 21st. The judge is Kate Condon whose last appointment was in 2019 at Border Union. Her dog CC winner was Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight, his first, and reserve to him was Gwendariff Ucantmissme Bonhomie. The bitch CC was awarded to Sh Ch Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream and the reserve to Sh Ch Fairhaven Louise Mountbatten At Braidmount.

Last for now is Welsh Kennel Club whose entries close by post on 15th July and on 24th online. The judge is Jim Richardson who last judged the breed in 2018 at Belfast. CC winners were Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper and Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl. RCC winners were Sh Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna and Gwendariff On A Tic Ett To Lochindorb.

The Kennel Club Breed Record Supplement for January to March 2023 has been published and it records 17 litters and 143 new registrations. There were 8 importations, 3 from Ireland, 1 from Sweden, 2 from Italy and 1 from Poland and 3 exports, 1 to USA, 1 to Canada and 1 to Poland.

The July KC Journal is available online. It lists the following judges; Irish Setter Club Of Wales, 14/04/2024 Graeme Hughes Irish Setter Dogs; Irish Setter Club Of Scotland, 09/11/2024, Gordon Haran; Irish Setter Association, England, 06/10/2024 Jill Holley.

Last week I mentioned Sh Ch Quensha Take a Bow as being the youngest male show champion in the breed. It seems like he is the youngest champion overall but as far as I can make out the youngest female show champion is Paddy Catling's Sh Ch Shandwick Star Shine At Teleri J.W.

Hector gained his crown at the age of 21 months 1 week and Tia gained hers at 23 months 2 weeks. She was bred by Pat Butler-Holley in September 2009 out of Shandwick Inspiration by Jacwilins Willoghby J.W and won her first CC at East of England in 2011 from Richard Bott. Her second was under John Powis at City of Birmingham 2011 and Sandra Christian titled her at Richmond 2011. She also won 4 RCCs the first being from me at Midland Counties 2010 when she won junior. She also won RCCs from Sharon Littlechild and Sue Edwins in 2011 and Jennie Reed in 2012.

However, if you know of younger show champions please get in touch.

Terry Pearson (Lanspar) judged the breed for the first time at Windsor and awarded a 5th CC and BOB to the Sturrock girls' Sh Ch Forfarian Soo Lush and then made it a super day for them by awarding the Reserve Bitch CC to their Forfarian Tickles Yer Fancy who had won post grad. This is her 3rd. She is 3 ½ years old out of Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady J.W. by Teleri Summertime Blues Avec Alolfrana (A.I.) J.W.

In dogs, Terry awarded CC #10 to Hector (Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow) and a first RCC to Blake Crocker and Claire Lewis' Riverbrue Wonderwall At Hernwood. He is 3 ½ years old and by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) ex Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana.

BPIB was Pam Mitchell's Kerryfair Misty Love who is 6 months and by Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) out of Kerryfair Foxy Forever and BVIB was Sandy Waterton's Sandstream Welcome Breeze JW Sh.CM (Sh Ch Riqitta Authentic ex Sh Ch Lynwood Kissed By An Angel At Sandstream J.W., ShCM.

Best Special Beginners was Courtney and Natalie Hardy's Cafotaliena She's On Fire (Cataluna Maybe Baby ex Cassarla Coreopsis).

In the Group Captain Sutton Memorial Veteran Stakes judged by Mr R I Millar, Charlotte Godart's Multi Ch & Jun Ch Riverwood Over The Moon Vet Ch won out of an entry of 16 and in the Leonard Pagliero Memorial Champion Stakes also judged by Mr Millar, Paddy Catling's Sh Ch Teleri Indian Summer (ai) JW was third.

Nicola Spencer judged the Terry Thorn Memorial Stakes and awarded first in the Bred By Exhibitor stakes to the Sturrock girls' Sh Ch Forfarian Soo Lush JW and in the Not Bred By Exhibitor stakes Chloe and David Clarke's Covarney Dream Time From Bronrians JW was third.

Chloe and Misty also took second in the Young Kennel Club Stakes and Courtney and Natalie's Cali was reserve.

Very well done everyone.

A brand new Little Mate Story

So there we are at Blackpool and having watched the judging and it being a nice day I leave MLM talking to some friends whilst I go off to the bar.

She joins me some time later, we sit and chat with friends and off we go home.

Today (Friday) I've been to her house to walk the dogs in her woods and later as we're drinking coffee she says "If I tell you something please don't put it in the breed notes."

At this point I am overcome with excitement but promise not to.

MLM: You know when you left me to go to the bar at Blackpool?

Me: Yes....

MLM: And you know we'd seen Trevor earlier in the day? Well on my way I walked past the Lagotto ring and I saw him again.

Me: And?

MLM: I walked up to him, slapped him on the back and said "Now then; what's happening?"

Me: And?

MLM: Well, I stood there and chatted to him for a while and then left to join you

Me: What's wrong with that?

MLM: It wasn't Trevor; it was a man I'd never seen before wearing the same colour T-shirt!

With sincere apologies to the Lagotto man that she accosted.

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