

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2023

With no championship shows to report on this week it was lovely to hear from Claire Prangle about Minehead & District Canine open show:

"It was certainly a day for the Irish. Chloe Clarke's Covarney Dream time for Bronrians JW won the Gundog group, Margaret Aldridge's (formerly Stubbs) Clonageera Winner takes all won the Gundog Puppy Group & RBPI handled by me, and Dollar (Heathclare American Dollar JW ShCM Sh CEx) won a lovely Gundog Veteran Group then went BVIS. The judge was FCI Specialist Domenico Di Matteo from Italy who was judging in the UK for the first time."

Very well done all.

The Kennel Club Journal for November has been published online and it lists the following judges for 2024: Windsor, 28th June, Peter Hall; Leeds, 27th July, Patsy Hollings; WKC, 17th August, Jonathan Daltrey; ISAE 2nd show, 6th October, Pat Stockton; Midland Counties, 26th October, Bruneau Fauvrelle. There is also further detail about the yellow and red card system re unacceptable behaviour at KC licenced events and on social media (in the context of licenced events). This comes into effect from 1st November 2023.

"The issue of a yellow card in response to unacceptable conduct will indicate that should there be a further incident and / or repetition of a complaint on a similar issue, then the yellow card will escalate to a red card status. A red card status will result in an automatic fixed period of 60/90 days for refusal of entry and attending Kennel Club licensed events – and such period will be aligned with any relevant competition or event season.

After the expiry of that fixed period, there may then be a further required period of expected behaviour before the red card warning status is reverted to yellow card and then ultimately the card status removed. In the event that several or cumulative yellow or red cards are issued to an individual, then there may be further consideration under Kennel Club Rule A11, with wide ranging penalties and long-term disqualifications. The Kennel Club enforces its regulations to ensure the good order of licensed events and in support of all participants - organisers, volunteers, officials including judges and competitors/exhibitors. Disciplinary measures must be proportionate, and an escalation process is in place for conduct complaints to find that proportionate level of reaction."

At Gundog Breeds Association Scotland the judges Laura Crombie (dogs) and Peter Berchtold (bitches) have drawn a combined entry of 71 making 85.

A Little Mate story from 2016.

We went by train to the Kennel Club for lunch. I got on at Sheffield and held my breath until Chesterfield where MLM was catching the same train.

Anyway, she did catch the train OK and sat down next to me

Me: I'm glad you got on OK, I was a bit worried that you wouldn't

MLM: Of course I was OK, it was never going to be a problem

Me: I did see you fall over that man's suitcase though

MLM: Oh.....

Not to be outdone by this incident, as soon as we got off the train in St Pancras she fell over someone else's, then a woman stopped dead at the top of the escalator and she went crashing into the back of her, and yes, she fell over her suitcase. And then another woman ran her suitcase over MLM's foot.....I give up.

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