

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C/ MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2024

The Yorkshire Gundog Club is holding an open show on 25th February and the Irish Setter classes are supported by the Irish Setter Breeders Club who offer prize money and have donated rosettes. There are six classes to be judged by Laura Kolbach (Pawsword). Please give Laura and the club the support they deserve. Postal entries close today, 5th February, but online can be made at Fosse Data until midnight on 12th February.

Congratulations to the Sturrock twins who have both given birth to baby girls. Jenna Green nee Sturrock is the proud mum of Mollie Helen Green and Nicola Watt nee Sturrock is the proud mum of Eleanor Helen Watt.

We shall have to set up a creche by the Irish ring for these girls, Gemma Gisby's daughter Autumn, Ezra Crocker and Jonah Swift (Emma Grace Flinders' baby). I hope I haven't missed anyone.

At MISS Silke Lohkamp-Sommer (Living Highland) made the trip from Germany to judge the dogs and gave us a new show champion. Teresa and Gemma Gisby's King aka Suterese King Of Hearts JW won open and his third CC.

He was home bred in November 2016 out of Suterese Once Upon A Dream by Anlory Aidan J.W and won his first CC at Paignton in 2022 under Peter Armstrong. His second was at MISS last year under Dave Hemmings.

He also has 3 RCCs which were won under Jim Cuddy, Darlington 2018, Brian Limpus, Bath 2022 and Jim Cuddy, Three Counties 2022.

Reserve to him was Pat and Ken's Ronnie (Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW) who took the RCC, his 13th, he also has 35 CCs.

Joan Kniveton (Orstone) judged the bitches and she too titled a show champion. Jill Holley's Gwendariff Look This Way To Wynjill JW won open and her third CC.

Bubbles was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie in June 2018 and is by Sh Ch Gwendariff I'm Comin Out JW ex Gwendariff Lily The Pink.

She won her first CC in 2022 at the Joint IS Clubs when Magi Henderson judged the bitches. Her second was the following year from Gail Griffin at Boston.

She too has 3 RCCs all of which were won last year at Three Counties from Chris Butler, NGA from Diane Cardwell and Di Wilder at Darlington.

Picking up her second RCC was Peter Hall's Harreds Lillie who had won post grad. She is 2 ½ years old and is by Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) ex Harreds Sybil. She won her first CC at Leeds last year under Flo Barker.

BPIS went to Jane and Roger Mugford's Kedalita Ab Fab for Lynwood (Lynwood Heypresto Kedalita ex Lynwood Merry Maiden At Kedalita) and BVIS was King.

King was BIS and Bubbles was RBIS.

Huge congratulations to you all.

I am so very pleased that Joan got to judge after missing her last couple of appointments so here's a Joanie story from the 1980s.

So Joan and I are going out for a night on the tiles.

She looks very nice and is wearing leggings and a white sweatshirt with bright pink writing on the front.

Me: Why does it say 'One' on your sweatshirt?

Joan: It doesn't

Me: Yes it does; look!

At this point I pull it out to the side and realise that if only she had bigger boobs it would have said Honey!

No notes now until nearer Crufts.

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