

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024

A very happy and successful New Year to you all.

Thank you for the lovely comments about my 2023 review but as I feared I made some errors.

In the list of veterans, I missed out Copper's Riddarsporres who was BVIB under Kate Condon at SEISC and I managed to add to the list Swiftlark Spellbinder who is not a veteran.

Thanks to the ladies concerned for being so understanding.

"To err is human, to forgive divine"

-Alexander Pope, An Essay on Criticism

Apologies to Beccy Danks-Kemish and Andy Swannell for omitting from my last notes that their Alolfrana All I Ask was 3rd in the Ferelith Somerfield Memorial Puppy Stakes at LKA. The judge was Tom Mather and there were 29 in the class.

I had a lovely email from Claire Prangle: "Thought I would let you know it was a nice day for the Irish yesterday at Totnes & District open show under Rachel Barney (Verrami). Dollar (Heathclare American Dollar JW ShCM, ShCEX) gained his final points for his VW and he was also RBVIS which was lovely from the few shows attended. Pat's Noelle (Clonageera Take a Chance) was BPIB, BOB & won the puppy group."

The KC BRS for the period July to September 2023 records 23 litters and 211 new registrations. There were 4 importations; 1 from the Netherlands, 1 from Belgium, 1 from Ireland and 1 from Jersey. 2 export pedigrees were issued; 1 for Australia and 1 for New Zealand.

Richard Bott, Breed Education Co-Ordinator for Irish Setters, writes: "The new judges lists have been sent out to the Irish Setter clubs so can people please check their details and that they are on the relevant list following the KC amendment to the criteria."

With a new year comes Kennel Club rule changes. You may or may not have seen this news release but if not you can find the changes here <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/events-and-activities/dog-showing/already-competing-in-dog-showing/>

Baby Puppy classes can now be scheduled and to summarise it means that dogs of four calendar months old and over on the first day of the show are eligible for exhibition at Kennel Club licensed shows. However, societies may accept Not for Competition entries at their discretion.

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Best Baby Puppy in Breed may be declared in each breed from the dogs entered in the Baby Puppy breed classes. There must be no progression to further competition.

There is also further clarification on the 'Red Card' complaints system introduced 1st November 2023: "For complaints of conduct whether at a licensed event or on social media, in addition to a warning issued - a short term fixed period of refusal of entry/attendance at Kennel Club licensed events may also be imposed in accordance with procedures to be published from time to time to implement this regulation."

Another welcome change is that stewards may now complete but must not sign certificates i.e CCs etc.

The regulation that prevented Championship Show Group Judges from judging any classes other than the Group has been removed and Group Judges at Open Shows must be listed at Judges Education Programme Level 4 or have previously been approved to award and have awarded Challenge Certificates to at least one breed.

The rule concerning judges' critiques has been amended to say that judges must dispatch their critiques to Our Dogs **OR** upload onto the Kennel Club Judges Critique Website.

I have been using the KC Critique Website for some years and urge all those of you who judge to do likewise. It's a free service. <https://kcjudgescritiques.org.uk/>

At Manchester Ron James has an entry of 124 making 136 and at the SEISC Open Show Laurie Hunt has an entry of 55 making 90.

I don't see much of MLM over Christmas; we celebrate Christmas in August when we're at WKC with some other friends. But just before Christmas we did go to the Kennel Club for lunch which reminded me of a time we went in 2016.

So we're off to the Kennel Club for Christmas Lunch and as usual we meet at Doncaster railway station.

Me: Shall we get a coffee whilst we're waiting?

MLM: Yes, I'll get them

So off we trot into the café and she orders two coffees and hands over some coins in payment.

The Barista smiles nicely at her with her hand still held out.

MLM: Oh haven't I given you enough?

Barista: Well put it this way; we don't accept supermarket trolley tokens.....

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