

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES  
W/C MONDAY 20TH JULY 2020

I was very sad to receive the following from Becky Box:

“Hi Chris, I hope you are well and staying safe in these difficult times. I would be grateful If you could include the following in your next breed notes column:

The Officers and Committee of the Irish Setter Association, England regret to advise that in light of the ongoing COVID19 situation we have taken the difficult decision to cancel our championship show and open show (already postponed from June) which had been scheduled to take place on Saturday 3rd October 2020 at the Kennel Club building at Stoneleigh. This decision has been made in light of current Government and Kennel Club guidance and whilst very difficult to make, the health and safety of our exhibitors, judges, spectators and committee members must take priority. We wish you all well over the coming months and look forward to seeing you all at our events in 2021.

Many thanks and hopefully see you sometime soon.

Best wishes, Becky”

On an even sadder note I report that Sandra Mather’s (Soulglas) husband died tragically last Monday. Dave Hemmings writes:

“Hi Chris, I have spoken to Sandra and it's ok to put this in your breed notes. It was tragic but she is strong and has her sons supporting her. I have known them since I bought my first Irish from Sandra 35yrs ago. Tzar of Eros at Orlanset was bought as a pet but he went on to get 1CC and a Res CC.”

He was bred by Sandra in April 1987 out of Elaphill Lucias Babe Of Soulglas by Sowerhill Kelt. He won a Reserve CC at Border Union from Ailsa Harvey in 1993 when he was 6 yrs old and a CC from Sue Loynd at Richmond in 1994.

I send my heartfelt condolences to Sandra and her sons.

In my notes of 8th June, I wrote about John and Sheila Hall who owned Reddins Myrna, a one time Breed Record Holder. I was saddened to receive the following from Pete Gutsell:

Hi Christine, my mum had a letter back from Vicki & Sheila Hall and they are quite happy for you to mention that John died a year ago last February.

He had flu symptoms over a weekend that worsened. He was taken to the hospital on the Monday (I think) but unfortunately died on the Thursday, oh so quick!

They are still grieving, so sad!

They have said that they are okay with you acknowledging in your breed notes but please they want NO sympathy cards or calls.

Hope you are safe and well,  
Take care, Pete

“There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.” - Washington Irving.

On a brighter note; Colin Waddell has a new video set to music on his web site Irish Setters UK & Ireland. There are some beautiful photos in it so please go and take a look.

We are all hopeful that Bournemouth and Blackpool Championship Shows go ahead so if you are thinking of entering this announcement from the KC will be useful:

“Shows rescheduled due to coronavirus pandemic (13/07/2020)

The Kennel Club would like to confirm that any show which has been rescheduled within 12 weeks of its original date due to the coronavirus pandemic must keep the original qualifying dates. If a dog was eligible for a class on the original date it would still be eligible to enter that class on the rescheduled date. For example, if a dog was eligible for Junior on the original date, even if it is over 18 months old on the rescheduled date, it can be entered into Junior and, should it win a class and meet Junior Warrant criteria, relevant Junior Warrant points can be claimed.

Furthermore, if a dog is eligible for a class on the rescheduled date, it can enter this class. Therefore, if a puppy was too young for a show if it took place on the original date but is now 6 months or over on the rescheduled date it can be entered into the show.

The Kennel Club would like to confirm Bournemouth Canine Association has rescheduled within 12 weeks. It should be noted that Blackpool & District Canine Society has not rescheduled within 12 weeks.”

It was great to get some feedback from last week's notes.

Diane messaged me to say that the following two dogs also got Group places at LKA. In 2019 Arthur won the Group, in 2018 Noodle was Group 2 and in 2017 Elsie was Group 2.

I really should start to wear my specs when I'm writing these notes. I made an error last week when I wrote “Val Foss was the Group judge in 2010 and she gave the Group to Suzy Roffey's Sh Ch Danaway Lancelot Of Autumnwood” It should have said that he was Group 2.

Richard Bott must have been terribly disappointed that East of England was cancelled as it was to have been his first time doing Best In Show but the good news is that he has been offered it again in 2022; more time to shop for that important outfit then.

I am grateful to him for telling me that Cedrus Solitaire owned by Sue Edwards won the Group at East of England under Michael Boothroyd in

2003. The breed judge was Gail Griffin (Corriebran) and she gave the Reserve to Linda Richardson's Sh Ch Kirkavagh Fidalgo.

This was in the days when we had two judges so on that day the bitches were judged by Frank Kane and his CC winner was Linda & Steve King's Sh Ch Kirkavagh Kooyonga and the Reserve CC was Ruth Ellis' Sh Ch Brayville Leading Lady.

He won his first CC in 2001 under Chris Atkinson at City of Birmingham, his second at East of England and his third in 2003 at ISAE under Sheila Vant who gave the Reserve CC to Elaine and George Wall's Hazelbeck Golden Flame.

Solitaire was bred in June 1997 by Betty McMillan (Copperswood) and Stella Baddeley (Cedrus). His sire was Sue's Sh Ch Delsanto Luke, and his dam was Copperswood Peaches N Cream. He sired 3 litters; one to Zorosean Lunor, one to Walnutwood Blue Magic Among Deaconara and one to Withersdale Paula Of Polberro.

A Little Mate Story From July 2018

Silha is staying at the Schofield Estate while she's in season.

This morning MLM takes her for a walk, on the lead of course, and she also takes with her the Wires and the Fluffs (Shih Tzus)

Connie goes in the pond.

Chintz goes in the pond

Silha goes in the pond

And yep, you've guessed it; MLM goes in the pond, dragged in by the aforementioned Silha!

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