

## IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 25TH MAY 2020

Some of you will remember Tony Lee who started showing Irish in the 1980s; he had two Timadon dogs, Timadon Tangier's and Timadon Rosco. I was sorry to hear that he has been very poorly indeed with the virus. His ex-wife

**Adreene**

sent me the following:

“Week commencing 23rd March Tony had flu symptoms and by the Wednesday he was worse I had been to see him each day but on the Wednesday he collapsed so I called an ambulance but they didn't come. They phoned and said it was probably because he hadn't eaten. By the Friday he was worse so I called his doctors and told them to call an ambulance as last time they didn't come. This time they arrived in less than 10 minutes and they took him to Fairfield Hospital in Bury and immediately put him into an induced coma. I had no idea when they drove off with him on that Friday that I may never see him again. On Saturday morning they moved him to Salford Royal Hospital where he stayed for 50 days.

I packed up Bounty his last setter who's 12 and 100% blind and brought him to stay with me. Tony and I are divorced but he's my best friend and my soulmate.

So everything was bad, heart, lungs & Kidneys and they told us on a couple of occasions to expect the worse. But bless him he did it, he hung on and then 50 days later they moved home to a rehabilitation centre where he will get strong and come home.”

I remember Tony showing Burrenmist Lord of the Dance who was bred by Dave and Pauline Kenny in January 1995. He was an Intrepid son out of Erinade Ladybird at Burrenmist. In 1996 he acquired a son of his, Enryb Peanut Toffee, bred by

**Jean Byrne**

and Mike Egan out of Enryb Ermytrude. His last two Setters were both sons of Sh Ch Atron Limited Edition; Caispern Mr Rochester bred by Gaye O'Connor out of Caispern Miss Austen and Teramour Gold Eagle bred by Judith Rhodda out of Fleur Of The Red Kindness (Imp Ned).

I wish him all the very best for a speedy recovery.

Talking of recovery, I am pleased to tell you that Gerry Condron is back home and whilst he is still not out of the woods

**Kate**

tells me that he looks lots better.

There was some very good news from the Kennel Club this week about first time judges whose appointments have been cancelled due to Covid-19. These judges are considered to be previously approved and are not

required to complete another judging questionnaire if nominated to judge these breeds in the future.

This affects six of our judges. They are; Tony Rainey, Blake Crocker, Lee Cox, Terry Pearson, Lesley Trow, Pam Blay, Mrs C Cederman (New Zealand) and Carol Bailey. Let us hope that they all get another appointment soon.

Their names will not appear on the KC Find A Judge web page until after the date of the cancelled show.

It's Bank Holiday and today we should all have been showing our dogs at Bath. Some years ago, the Society had the foresight to buy its own showground and whilst it has had its ups and downs they have worked hard to make it one of the best grounds on the circuit; and I'm sure this has not come cheaply.

That being said they still have to pay for the tents which must cost a small fortune and with the show being cancelled this year they may well be subject to cancellation charges.

Blake Crocker (Riverbrue) was to have been our first time judge.

I read the following on Face Book:

Tomorrow morning I am going to get up at the crack of dawn, sit in my car for hours on end, eat loads of rubbish, drink endless amounts of coffee from a flask and throw £200 out of the window, just to remember what it was like going to a dog show.

It reminded me so much of what my husband once said to me when I was moping around the house one bank holiday weekend.

Husband: Haven't you got a dog show to go to?

Me: Yes, there is one tomorrow but we're not entered because for some reason beyond my comprehension, MLM's children and grandchildren are more important to her than me and the dogs

Husband: Well go anyway!

How we both wish he could say that right now.

A couple of years ago we went to North Riding Gundog Open Show and as we were on our way home MLM says 'I didn't think we would get anything in the group.'

Me: Why not?

MLM: Well as the judge bent down to go over Noah I head butted him and then when I'd moved him he said 'Which part of straight up and down don't you understand?'

Just goes to show that the only time she can head butt someone is when they stoop to her level.

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