

## IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2020

Last Saturday should have seen us at Blackpool Championship Show where Teresa Gisby (Suttereset) was the appointed judge. Last time she judged was at the Irish Setter Association England in 2016 when she did the bitches only. The CC went to Sh Ch Bardonhill Please Don't Tease Quensha JW and the Reserve to Sh Ch Int Ch Fairhaven Louise Mountbatten At Braidmount.

But all is not lost as this is one of the shows that is hoping to go ahead. The following statement is from their web site:

“In light of the coronavirus outbreak we have applied and been granted a new date for our show which is on the 25th/ 26th/ 27th September 2020, however, we are suspending the entry until 1st August 2020 where a decision will be taken whether to carry on and hold our 81st Championship show or cancel. This decision will take the current advice and Government guidance available on the 1st August; we don't know what the situation regarding the virus will be then, as no one knows. If the Committee decides to carry on and hold our Championship show the entries to the show will be re-opened on a date to be decided. If we are to proceed with our 2020 Championship show there will be a new schedule produced with a few changes of judges which we will notify you on this site once i have acceptance from the new judges.”

The Kennel Club Journal has been published for July. The judges listed are; Joint Irish Setter Clubs' Championship Show, 18/04/2021, John Vant Dogs, Per Iversen Bitches, Margaret Gittins Referee; Irish Setter Club Of Wales, 18/04/2021, Viv Blackshaw Dogs, Gill Bye Bitches, Peter Rowlands Referee; Southern Counties Canine Association 04/06/2021, Lee Cox; Paignton & District Fanciers' Association 07/08/2021 Nicola Sturrock; Three Counties Agricultural Society 09/06/2022, Jim Cuddy. The Kennel Gazette arrived on Wednesday; there are interesting articles in it about Wolves, a lovely one about why dogs love us and a report on the KC's online dog show. The featured breed is the Bearded Collie.

I was delighted to read on Face Book that Jim Sharman is doing another live Karaoke on Friday 3rd July at 8:00 pm. He is putting together a set of some new songs and ones he's performed before.

Eva Ciechonska messaged me with a correction to last weeks' notes; Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever sired 24 Show Champions from 102 litters. The fourth of the Irish Setters to win Best in Show at Border Union was the unassuming Jackie Lorrimer's Sh Ch Caspian's Intrepid JW who won it in 1997.

JJ was bred by Sue and Mike Oakley in April 1993. It was a close mating, his sire Sh Ch Danaway Debonair, being a son of Night Fever and his dam Sh Ch Caspian's Night Music was a Night Fever daughter making it a

half brother sister mating. His breeding Coefficient is 28.2% and one which many would shy away from these days.

But it speaks for itself as JJ's record is phenomenal and one that will probably never be beaten.

He won his first CC at the ISCS in 1995 under Barry Rhodes; his second came shortly afterwards at Border Union where the judge was Lorna Carslake and his third was from Lesley Allen-Scott at Windsor the same year. All of these wins were with BOB.

He went on to win 77 CCs all gained under different judges, 72 BOBs and 34 Reserve CCs.

He won 7 General Championship Show BIS, BIS at Crufts in 1999, 4 General Championship Show Reserve Best in Show, 20 Championship Show Groups, 23 Group placings, was Best in Show at 6 Group Championship Shows and Best in Show at Breed Club shows on 14 occasions.

He was Dog World Stud Dog of the Year (all breeds) in 2001, 2003, 2004 and Runner Up in 2002;

Dog World Top Dog All Breeds - Runner Up in 1999 and in 3rd 1997; Dog World Top Gundog 1996, 1998 and 1999 and Our Dogs Top Sire in 1995, 96, 98, 99, 2000 and 2001.

He is the Breed Record Holder for the number of Show champion progeny, there being 25 from 82 litters.

These came from matings with bitches from the following U.K. kennels; Erinade, Kirkavagh, Amberwave, Carnbargus, Danaway, Dunnygask, Fearnley, Aoibheanne's, Karidell, Shandwick and Lynwood. He was also used successfully on bitches from overseas.

His 3 matings to Linda and Steve King's Kirkavagh bitches produced the most Show Champions with 6 to 2 different bitches there being 4 in one of the litters.

I remember Pat Butler-Holley being in a complete panic when she wanted to mate him to her Withersdale Crystal Maze At Shandwick. The bitch was ready for mating the day JJ went BIS at Crufts and Pat couldn't get in contact with Jackie, there were no mobile phones in those days. Was he at the NEC? Was he at the Blue Peter Studio in London? Was he at home? Where?

The answer came in the end in a short email saying 'We're home' so, after a quick dash up to Halifax, the mating took place.

Leaving behind an incredible legacy JJ passed away in 2004 aged 11.

A Little Mate Story from 22nd June 2014 - the day after Shelagh Tolladay had won the CC with her WSS, Wes, at Blackpool.

Me: Did you get Shelagh a card?

My Little Mate: Well yes and no.

Me: ????

MLM: I got her one that said congratulations, well done, brilliant. It's a lovely card and it cost £2.29 from Sainsburys.

Me: And?

MLM: When I got it home it said "Congratulations on your Graduation".

Me: Speechless but not really surprised.

Post Script; she sent it anyway!

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