

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

Never lose hope has been my mantra during this pandemic and now there is much hope for the future.

The ISBC held an online show and raised £725.00 for the Nightingale Macmillan unit of the Royal Derby Hospital that cared for Gaye O'Connor in her last days; the judges were Rita Bryden (Scotswood) and Diane Parsons (Bransett). BIS was Sandy's Sandstream Welcome Breeze JW ShCM, BD was Win A Cent Diervilla owned by Jolanta Szwalek.

BPIB went to Boguslaw Chalupa and Kasia Czapl'a's Dream Catcher Diervilla and BVIS was Paddy Catling's Sh Ch Shandwick Love in a Mist for Teleri JW.

Full results and photographs can be found on the ISBC web site.

For those of you who are involved with the organisation and running of dog shows there is a group that has been formed to help canine societies with practical help and advice on the safe running of shows in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dragons Ci is a group of like-minded dog show enthusiasts, with a vast array of knowledge in the show and events world and offer the support and practical assistance that your show may need to go ahead safely, all for FREE.

The following is from their web site <http://dragonsci.co.uk/> and they also have a FB page.

'We can provide: -

Tried and tested COVID-19 Risk Assessment templates. Support to help tailor these templates to work for your show and venue.

Experience of who to contact within local authorities for permission to hold your event.

Checklist of what is required to make sure you have everything covered to run a COVID secure show.

We have a huge resource (100+) of willing volunteers, covering the whole of the UK who are willing to help run your shows on the day or during setup/breakdown.

Please do not cancel your show if you are daunted by the task or cannot see how the show can run safely. As a dog show community, we can work together to help each other and get our show scene back, SAFELY.'

Those involved are Championship and Open show secretaries plus people with experience in IT and Risk Assessment.

So please, before you cancel your show, contact them; you have nothing to lose.

I omitted to write about BIS winners from GBAS so here are the ones from recent years.

In 2014 Dan Ericsson was the BIS judge and he awarded it to Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper JW (Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under ex Sh Ch Gwendariff Miss Whiplash J.W.) The breed judge was Wil Hochstenbach who gave the RCC to Sh Ch Suteressett Milky Way With Scarletti JW. The Bitch CC was awarded to Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady JW and RCC to Gwendariff Walnut Whip.

Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Northamber Just Cause for Glenavna (Sh Ch Caskeys Concept At Aoibheanne J.W. ex Kerryfair United With Northamber) was BIS in 2010 when Ann Moss judged BIS. Sandra Sturrock judged the dogs and her RCC winner was Kerryfair Snow Fox JW. Bitches were judged by Irene Munro whose principle winners were Sh Ch Shenanagin Shooting Star and Braidmount Georgie Girl Sh.CM.

The news about the Crufts move seems to have been well received but I do sympathise with those societies on whose date it has fallen. The Kennel Club will be working with the dog clubs and societies who already have shows planned for these dates to offer them assistance and other options for their events.

The KC has faced much criticism of late because of the failures with its new web site but I have to praise Tom Mather, Crufts Chairman, and his team for the efficient way they have handled this.

As a KC member I received an email that was sent out at 12:00 pm telling me of the change and at the same time Tom posted it on FB. As a judge for the show I received an email at 16:56 that same afternoon asking if I was still available (I am btw). I understand that all affected societies have been contacted as well.

I guess you will all have seen as well the qualifications and that entries will be capped. Full details can be found at <https://www.crufts.org.uk/dog-exhibitors/dog-showing/qualification-for-crufts/>
This is not the first time that Crufts has had to change its date.

In 2001 the country was blighted with foot and mouth disease and so it was moved to May but still at the NEC. Biddy Evans judged the dogs and from an entry of 161 she gave a first CC to Thendara The Tourist (Sh Ch Thendara Kennedy ex Bardonhill Eeny Meeny Of Thendara) who went on to win six in all plus 4 Reserves and a first RCC to Duncarreg Red River At Chanstor (Redclyst Glen Fergus ex Muharraq Riverdance Of Duncarreg). He went on to win 1 CC and a further 4 RCCs. 201 bitches were entered under Rita Pike who awarded a first of 3 CCs to Maolruadhan Starstruck (Sh Ch Shenanagin Stockbroker ex Sh Ch Ballywestow Fleet) and a first RCC to Anlory Red Beaujolais JW.

In 1954 Crufts was cancelled altogether due to an electricians' strike. They refused to disconnect the stands from the previous show held at Olympia, and the venue could not be cleared to make way for the Crufts.

This was done at very short notice; entries had been made and catalogues printed. There were 70 Irish Setters entered and Mrs L.C. 'J' James was to have judged them as well as the Gordon Setters of which there were 31.

Clearly judges were not contracted several years in advance as J got to judge Crufts the following year. She gave a 17th of 18 CCs to Ch Gaelge Andrew Pride to whom she had given a RCC at City of Birmingham in 1952 and Reserve to Panda Of Dochra.

In bitches a first of 8 CCs went to Bodewell Beginagen and RCC to Sh Ch Hartsbourne Bedelia.

Two years earlier in 1952 the death of King George VI on 6th February threatened the possibility of the cancellation of Crufts for that year but the show was allowed to take place two days later.

Mr L.C. 'Jimmy' James was the judge this time and he found his Dog CC winner in Jack Whittaker's Ch Gaelge Andrew Pride and Carmichael of Esbjerg took the Reserve. Sh Ch Hartsbourne Poppy was awarded the Bitch CC and BOB and Maydorwill Martina was RCC.

During the Second World War Crufts was not held and did not resume until 1948 but during the First World War it was held in the years 1914 to 1917 but not from 1918 to 1920.

A Little Mate Story from 2016

So, we check into the hotel for GBAS and go to get in the lift.

Shedog gets in first followed by me whilst MLM brings up the rear pulling her case on wheels.

For some unknown reason she decides to push the case into the lift taking the skin off the backs of my heels. She quickly lets it go and it drops to the floor, the handle crashes to the ground and lands halfway out.

As she bends down to pick it up, you've guessed it, the lift door closes around her neck.....

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