

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2022

Meg Webb writes: Following the hip and elbow survey (of which the results are currently going through analysis), the BVA have also developed a survey to owners and breeders who have used the scheme, to gain valuable feedback on the scheme's performance and particular areas that need development.

This survey is open to all breeds, and we would be hugely appreciative if you could share this with your communities to allow us to collect as many answers as possible.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ML2WN2S>

The survey will be open one month from today, so will be closing on the 24th November 2022.

The Kennel Club journal for November has been published online.

Graeme Hughes has been 'grandfathered' for Irish Setters; Windsor 1st July 2023 is being judged by Terry Pearson; Paignton 5th August 2023 is Linda King; Gundog Society of Wales 11th October 2023 is Mary Gurney.

The weather for Midland Counties was typically autumnal and the journey for many was wet and miserable but around the Irish Setter ring the atmosphere was warm and friendly.

Gill Dale (Aubanjon) had a very good sized ring in which to judge both sexes of Irish.

She awarded an 8th CC to Sue Edwards' Luca aka Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie (Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb At Jacwilins J.W. ex Gwendariff We'll Rememberu J.W.) and a 9th RCC to Pat and Ken's Ronnie (Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas).

Ronnie's litter sister, Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana, owned by Blake and bred by him, Amelia Siddle and Jenny Evans, won her 28th CC and BOB. She is by Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) ex Sh Ch Neathamill Nerissa. Maureen Elkins' Twoacres Promise of Spring with Avacet won limit and her 5th RCC. She was bred by Gill Kennedy-Sloane in March 2016 by Sh Ch Avacet Snowdrift ex Twoacres Luck Be A Lady

Gloria later made the cut in the group under Tom Graham.

Following on from his success at NEEISC, Dee and Jeremy's Mac (Thendara Big Love) won his second BPIB award. Sadly, there is no best puppy in show competition at Midland Counties nor a best veteran but there is a special beginner's group and Gill put through Genevieve Pine's Seowns Snoops.

He was home bred in December 2018 by Kedalita Haribo out of Seowns Bracken. Incidentally, K. Haribo was BVIB. He is owned and bred by Rhia Tapper and Chris Leyland out of Lynwood Airs N'Graces at Kedalita by Kedalita The Merry Tyler.

In the stakes classes Mac was 5th out of 23 in A.V. Gundog Puppy Dog under Jenny Miller and in A.V. Gundog Veteran D/B judged by Ann Ingram Cheryl and George's Lochlorien True Detective Is Andley was 5th out of 35.

Ann also judged the champion stakes and out of 38 she awarded 5th place to the Bott. Allen and Morgan partnership's Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow.

Congratulations everyone.

So, we're at the show and MLM who is Breed Education Co-ordinator for Hungarian Wirehaired Vizslas has arranged a mentoring session for Tricia Grime.

We go to the ringside where Doreen Smillie-Gray, the mentor, is eagerly awaiting Tricia's arrival. But she doesn't show up.

After a while MLM says 'I'll ring her'.

And so she does using Facebook messenger.

Tricia: Hello?

MLM: It's Chris, I'm just wondering if you are at the show.

Tricia: No, we couldn't make it today.

MLM: Oh, OK then. I'll arrange it some other time.

She hangs up.

MLM (to me): Well, what do you think to that? I've gone to all this trouble and Tricia isn't even here. The least she could have done was to let me know. How rude!

As she's ranting about it, I see her looking into the distance and the colour draining from her face.

MLM: Oh god!

Me: What is it?

MLM: Tricia is in that ring over there showing her dog and she's not on the phone.

Me: So who the flaming hell have you phoned?

MLM: I've absolutely no idea.

If you were the recipient of a strange call from MLM yesterday I apologise most sincerely.

PLEASE NOTE: as there are no championship shows for the next few weekends there may not be any notes until after Setter and Pointer.

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