

SOUTHERN IRISH TERRIER SOCIETY



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SOUTHERN IRISH TERRIER SOCIETY

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INTRODUCTION

It is getting towards Christmas and the end of the year which has again been very successful with the membership steadily rising at end of 2013 we had approximately 140 members now we have 152 members and a lot of support at the events.

The Limit Show was held at Steventon last December after the AGM the entry was good with Sandra Grant (Ticknock) judging 21 dogs entered giving a total entry of 40 with some new members giving showing a try.

The Breed Walk was held in Windsor Great Park with approximately Fifty Five (55) ITs attending and bringing their owners along, the weather was kind not too hot or raining and after the walk meeting up at the Post office for a cup of tea and an ice cream.

The Open Show was held in conjunction with Southampton & District Canine Association Show in Netley Park the Judge was Mr **Andrew Westwood**. It was unfortunate that the Show clashed with the ITA Championship Show but the SITS Open Show was well supported with 18 dogs entered giving a total entry of 22, With several ITs and owners visiting as supporters. The Southampton & District Canine Society has changed the date of their show next year to 30 July to avoid a clash with other Championship Shows.

Then in October we had the Championship Show held at Steventon the Judge was Miss **Jean Lanning (Clausentum)** the entry was very high again with 39 dogs entered giving a total entry of 54.

Three Newsletters have been produced this year and have been very well received by the membership, the only criticism we have received is there is too much detail about the show results, in the previous edition and this one only the full details of the SITS show and top awards at other Championship Shows have been included.

To help us make the Newsletter more interesting if you have any articles, poems or information about ITs and dogs in general please can you send them in.

We need to know the way forward, do the membership want to continue with the Newsletter which is produced three times a year or revert back to the Journal which is produced once a year. The cost

of producing this Journal is £635 for printing and £181 for postage. All copies of the Journal have to be posted as they are too large to email to members. The Newsletters cost £96 per year to produce as we send 92 copies out by email and the rest in the post, the printing is done for free.

We are still building a data base of members email addresses so the Newsletters can be sent electronically as the postage is expensive. So if you have an email address and you do not receive your copy by this method please could you let me know on holbam1@gmail.com.

Please can we have feedback on the contents or ideas for articles for future newsletters?

Future Events

The Society's Limit Show & AGM is on the 12th December 2015 at Steventon Village Hall, The Green, Oxon. OX13 6RR, on Saturday 12th December 2015, Judge: Morag Cook (Terrahawk). AGM at 10.00 am, Show Opens: 11.00 am & Judging: 12.00 noon. The entries close on 30th November and Schedules are available from the Web site or Carol Bamsey, Tel 01296 713045, E Mail holbam1@gmail.com.

If you are not entering the shows please come along if you are free and support the Society.



DISCOVER DOGS



CHAMP SHOW



OPEN SHOW



BREED WALK

SOUTHERN IRISH TERRIER SOCIETY

RULES 2014

1. The Club shall be called the Southern Irish Terrier Society, and its objects shall be to encourage the breeding and exhibition of Irish Terriers, to help beginners, to encourage selective breeding of Irish Terriers by its members, and to further in every way possible the interests of the breed.
2. The Club shall consist of a Patron, President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer and a committee of a minimum of six and not more than 10 persons and an unlimited number of members.
3. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Club and a committee of at least six, each of whom will retire annually. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election every year and together with the Officers of the Club will have full voting rights.

Meetings of the Committee will be held at least twice a year, or as often as deemed necessary. A quorum for meetings shall be four Committee members of which at least one must be an Officer.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings. Co-opted members shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place. No individual who has been a member for less than one year may be elected onto the Committee.

4. Candidates for membership shall be accepted upon payment of one year's subscription.
5. Each member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon acceptance of membership. In the case of joint memberships each member of the partnership shall have one vote. Postal or proxy votes will not be allowed. Voting for Officers and Committee at the A.G.M. shall be by a secret ballot. All other voting shall be by a show of hands.

6. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.
7. The following Banking Accounts shall be held on behalf of the Society at Lloyds Bank plc, North End Branch, BX1 1LT into which all revenues of the Society will be paid as appropriate:
- Main Account
 - Deposit Account
 - Rescue Account
- Withdrawals shall only be made in the case of the Main and Deposit Accounts on the signatures of two of the following Officers: Chairperson; Treasurer and Hon Secretary.

In the case of the Rescue Account: either the Chairperson; Hon Secretary and The Rescue Coordinator.

8. The Annual Subscription shall be such amount as agreed by members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. No Member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any privileges of Membership and if the member shall fail to pay the outstanding subscription by the Annual General Meeting his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on to the register will be dependent upon a new application and payment of arrears.
9. Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42i (4) and/or disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42i (8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interest of the Society may, at a meeting, the notice concerning which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of a member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notices of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer explanation. If at the

meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his/her name shall be forthwith erased from the list of Members and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Society, except that he/she may within two calendar months from the date of such meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

10. The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st November to 31st October annually. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the Members Limited Show.
11. At the Annual General Meeting, a report of the Committee and a Balance Sheet duly audited shall be received. Officers and Committee for the following year will be elected. No business shall be transacted unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairperson of the meeting are urgent. Each member shall be entitled to one vote, with the Chairperson having the casting vote in the event of a tied decision.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be inserted in the Schedule for the Members Limited Show and two months' notice given to members. Items for inclusion on the Agenda should reach the Hon. Secretary 42 days before the Annual General Meeting. The Agenda will be circulated at the meeting.

- a) A special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if 50% of the members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The Committee of the Society is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting. Notice of a Special General Meeting, giving its date, place, time and item(s) on the Agenda to be discussed, will be sent in writing to each member at least 4 weeks before the meeting is held.
12. The rules of the Society may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the Agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the rules. Any proposed alteration to the Rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and has approved the alteration.

13. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of registration and by 31st July each year other returns as stipulated in the Kennel Club Regulations for the registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies & Municipal Authorities, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers will also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the year.
14. The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.
15. The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.
16. The Society shall make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.
17. The Society shall produce a list of Judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Society's Annual Return. The purpose of such lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons the Breed Society would support at differing levels of judging. Membership of the Society is not a pre-requisite for inclusion in the lists. Judges Lists should be divided in the following way – A1, A2, A3, B & C Lists. A must indicate all persons the Society would support to award Kennel Club Challenge Certificates for the breed. List A3 must indicate Judges the Society would support to award Challenge Certificates having gained the necessary experience. List B must indicate all persons wishing to start judging and gain experience of the breed. List C must indicate all persons who show interest in the breed and to judge.

The Hon. Secretary shall be notified in writing of names of persons to be considered by the Committee for each of the Judging Lists. The required judging experience considered to be necessary/desirable for inclusion of a person's name on each list should include previous knowledge and handling of the breed wherever possible, an interest in promoting the aims and objects of the Society, and with FIVE years' experience of breeding and exhibiting dogs at all differing levels of Shows.

18. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt, may serve on the Committee of, or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.
 19. Any member of the Committee absent from three consecutive meetings shall cease to be members of the Committee save in exceptional circumstance accepted by the Committee.
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IRISH TERRIER MEMORABILIA

If anybody has any Irish Terrier memorabilia that they wish to rehome please contact May Williamson on 01353 741003.

Thank you,

May Williamson

CLUB SALES

The Society has the following items for sale

BOOKS

Back Copies SITS Journal (1991-99 & 2005-06)	£2.00
Bertie of the Broads	£10.00
Biffo's Exciting Day Out	£1.50
Billy & Monty	£1.50
Paddy at Home	£3.00
Poem	£1.00
Talking About Our Friends	£2.50
Ted & His Teddy Bear	£3.00
The Story of Little Suzannah	£10.00
Three Little Girls	£8.00
Talulah and the Gypsies	£10.00
Irish Terrier Book	£15.00
Walking in the Water	£10.00
Jock of the Great War	£8.50

BADGES

Black Badge	£2.50
Ring Clip	£0.50
SITS Club Badge - Head	£4.50

CARDS

In Memoriam Card	£1.25
Black/White Cards	£0.25
Embroidered Xmas Cards	£3.75
Square Xmas Cards	£2.50

STATIONERY

B/mark SITS Mill. Show	£3.00
Notebook	£2.50
Notelets	£4.00
Notepaper	£2.00
SITS Pen	£1.00
Note Pads	£2.00

CLOTHING

Baseball Cap	£7.50
SITS Tie	£8.00
Waist Bag (Navy)	£10.00
Waist Bag (Black)	£10.00
Apron	£10.00
Gilet	£18.00
Polo Shirt	£15.00
Tee Shirt	£7.00

STICKERS

Happiness is an I Terrier	£1.50
I love Irish Terriers	£2.00
Irish do it Imperatively	£0.30
Irish Dog Sticker	£2.50
Irish Terrier Head	£1.00
Mini Irish Dog Sticker	£1.00

MISC

Mugs	£6.50
Bowls	£2.00
Check Chains	£2.50
Calendars	£3.00
Fridge Magnet (IT head)	£2.00
Leads	£2.00
Sew on Patch	£2.00
Stripping knife (Fine)	£18.00
Stripping Knife (Course)	£18.00

Sun Screens	£6.00
Magnetic Book Mark	£1.50

**ARTICLES ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
AT SITS SHOWS**

SHOW RESULTS

RICHMOND CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW 2015

11th, 12th & 13th September, 2015

Judge: MR STUART PLANE (STUANE) (No CC's)

- BD** CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis)
- RBD** CH MONTELLE VISION IN RED JW SH.CM (Mr & Mrs Bannister)
- BB** CH HOLBAM PEARLY STAR SH.CM (Mrs C Bamsey)
- RBB** HOLBAM CELTIC WHISPER AT RUFFMAR (Miss M L Ruffles)
- BP** MONTELLE CARVILLIUS GOLD (Miss A Bradley)
- BV** CH MONTELLE MI'LADY JW SH.CM (Miss M Williamson)
- BOB** CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A, Mrs J & Mr J Barker & Averis) (Group 3 - Judge: Mr Alan Norcross (Paynnor))

DARLINGTON DOG SHOW SOCIETY 2015

18th, 19th & 20th SEPTEMBER, 2015

Judge: MR J WATSON

- BD** CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis)
- RBD** MIKES FERGUS (Mrs A L Howarth)
- BB** SHALLCOME'S BRONAGH (Mr L & Mrs K Stahle & Miss D Nichols)
- RBB** CH MONTELLE MI'LADY JW SH.CM (Miss M Williamson)
- BP** MONTELLE CARVILLIUS GOLD (Miss A Bradley)
- BV** CH MONTELLE MI'LADY JW SH.CM (Miss M Williamson)
- BOB** CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis) (Group 1 - Judge: Mrs E P Hollings)

BELFAST DOG SHOW SOCIETY

26th - 27th September 2015

Judge: MR R CROOKS

DCC	CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis)
RDCC	MONTELLE ROYAL LEADER AT SUNNYSTONE (Mrs G Thomas)
BCC	IR CH MEGACANT MOJO (Mr J Canty)
RBCC	IR/IT CH KERRYKEEL AOIFE (Mr K A Anderson)
BOB	CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis) (Group 1 - Judge: Mrs B Banbury)
BP	KERRYKEEL RUARIDH (Mr K A Anderson)

SOUTH WALES KENNEL ASSOCIATION

9th - 11th October 2015

Judge: MARK WALSHAW (No CC's)

BD	CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis)
RBD	CH SIDEWATER THE PRETENDER (Mr F R & Mrs J P Rundle)
BOB	CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis)

SOUTHERN IRISH TERRIER CHAMPIONSHIP

17th October 2015

JUDGE – JEAN LANNING (CLAUSENTUM)

This old established club runs a very well organised event. One of our vulnerable breeds, everything is done to encourage newcomers to show their dogs. Having trained on leaving school in the leading Kennel of that time, this is a breed that has changed little and kept true to type. I examined feet closely and found no cracked pads, temperaments excellent. Also found many good well carried tails. An enjoyable day, in a friendly atmosphere, where old hands seem

only too happy to give advice to those attending their first show. The bitch classes were better filled than the dogs.

DCC	CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis)
RDCC	MONTELLE CARVELIOUS GOLD (Miss A Bradley)
BPD	MONTELLE CARVELIOUS GOLD (Miss A Bradley)
BCC	MONTELLE SIRONA FLAME (Mr D Hargraves & Mrs F Dancer)
RBCC	HOLBAM CELTIC WHISPER AT RUFFMAR (Miss M L Ruffles)
BPB	MONTELLE SIRONA FLAME (Mr D Hargraves & Mrs F Dancer)
BIS	CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis)
BOSIS	MONTELLE SIRONA FLAME (Mr D Hargraves & Mrs F Dancer)
BPIS	MONTELLE SIRONA FLAME (Mr D Hargraves & Mrs F Dancer)
BOSP	MONTELLE CARVELIOUS GOLD (Miss A Bradley)
BVIS	COURTINGTON ELENA AT ROSEMONELLE (J E & J D Nevill)



From Left to Right DCC/BIS – BCC/BPIS/BOSIS – BVIS
Picture by Simon Jones

CLASS 1 – SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (1)

1st **MONTELLE DESIGN IN GOLD** (Mrs Laurence Veillet-Lavallee) excellent type, good head and eye. Ears have time to settle.

CLASS 2 – MINOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1st **MONTELLE CARVELIOUS GOLD** (Miss A Bradley) outstanding for age, correct racy outline, true mover front and aft. Coat in great form for age. Has everything going for him.

CLASS 3 – PUPPY DOG (1)

1st **BALIROYAT FOXTROT ROMEO** (Russell G Facey)

CLASS 4 – JUNIOR DOG (2)

1st **WYNDAM THE GAMEKEEPER** (Mr J H & Mrs V J Kenyon) owner can have some enjoyable showing when this youngster has been better ring trained. excellent coat.

2nd **MONTELLE DESIGN IN GOLD** (Mrs Laurence Veillet-Lavallee)

CLASS 5 – NOVICE DOG (1, 1)

CLASS 6 – POST GRADUATE DOG (2, 1)

1st **HOLBAM CELTIC PRINCE** (Liz Perry) Good fronted dog. Pleasing size with substance, quality all through, coat as yet not at best

CLASS 7 – LIMIT DOG (4, 3)

1st **MIKES FERGUS** (Mrs A L Howarth) well presented. Stood alone, well balanced young dog, good coat, positive front action, pleasing outline, shade overdone in ear.

CLASS 8 – OPEN DOG (4, 1)

1st **CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL** (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis) the best of fronts, pleasing size and balance. A smart dog presented in A1 order that I judged as a puppy. In his present form hard to beat. I hear this win, makes him top Terrier

2nd **MONTELLE ROYAL LEADER AT SUNNYSTONE** (Mrs G Thomas) class dog with racy lines, good coat, not so positive in front action, but has much to recommend

3rd **MONTELLE VISION IN RED** (Adrian & Helen Bannister)

CLASS 9 – VETERAN DOG (3, 2)

1st **BRERETON ROUGE** (Mr A & Mrs J Lamburn) in excellent shape for 11 years. Good substance, although a little broad in head

CLASS 10 – SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (2)

1st **ERREDWILTSIR RUBY RED ROSE** (Mr P A & Mrs R Fielding) Smart typey, all quality, time for coat to come better, and generally tighten in movement.

2nd **KERRYKEEL SHAUNA** (Mr & Mrs B, Miss A & Mr F Hardman) can have a better day. Harsh coat coming needs time.

CLASS 11 – MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1st **MONTELLE SIRONA FLAME** (Mr D Hargraves & Mrs F Dancer) Like her brother has the 'WOW' factor. This clever breeder certainly has the Midas touch. I do not normally give CC's to young pups of this age, but I found nothing to touch this exciting youngster today. She fills the eye. Correct racy outline. So sound. Like the BOB. trimmed to perfection. Next year should be an exciting time for the breed in the show ring.

2nd **ERREDWILTSIR RUBY RED ROSE** Mr P A & Mrs R Fielding's

3rd **ERREDWILTSIR IRISH BELLS** Mr S & Mrs K Hobson's

Res **MONTELLE MONA ROSEEN** Mrs L J & Mr N Q Cox's

CLASS 12 – PUPPY BITCH (5, 1)

1st **LAKERIDGE CEALLACH** (Mr K & Mrs W Bower) Lovely quality and type, excellent coat, pleasing head. Has time to firm in front and will do well.

2nd **ERREDWILTSIR RUBY RED ROSE** (Mr P A & Mrs R Fielding)

3rd **KERRYKEEL SIBEL** (Mrs Elaine McGarry)

Res **SHALLCOMES SHENANIKINS** (Mr L & Mrs K Stahle & Miss D Nichols)

CLASS 13 – JUNIOR BITCH (5, 1)

1st **HOLBAM CELTIC WHISPER AT RUFFMAR** (Miss M L Ruffles) catches the eye with her lovely type and balance, comes towards you well. Can go to the top.

- 2nd **WYNDAM ROISIN** (Mr J H & Mrs V J Kenyon)
3rd **ERREDWILTSIR RUBY RED ROSE** (Mr P A & Mrs R Fielding) another of high merit, has time to firm in front action.
Res **SEEINGRED CHILLI STRIKER** Mrs J C & Mr K R Burnage's

CLASS 14 – NOVICE BITCH (5)

- 1st **MONTELLE SIRONA FLAME** (Mr D Hargraves & Mrs F Dancer)
2nd **BROCADE STAR** (Mr N Hamblin)
3rd **KERRYKEEL SIBEL** (Mrs Elaine McGarry)
Res **KERRYKEEL SHAUNA** (Mr & Mrs B, Miss A & Mr F Hardman)
VHC **SEEINGRED CHILLI STRIKER** (Mrs J C & Mr K R Burnage)

CLASS 15 – POST GRADUATE BITCH (2)

- 1st **HOLBAM CELTIC WHISPER AT RUFFMAR** (Miss M L Ruffles)
2nd **MONTELLE LEADING QUESTION** (Angela Cooke) So close, good body and substance, well presented, positions can change.

CLASS 16 – LIMIT BITCH (4)

- 1st **HOLBAM CELTIC WHISPER AT RUFFMAR** (Miss M L Ruffles)
2nd **ROSEMONELLE ISABELLA** (J E & J D Nevill) not so positive in front action, good coat and eye
3rd **MONTELLE SWEET DREAM** Mr S A & Mrs E Jones'
Res **HOLBAM CELTIC KATE** Carol Bamsey's

CLASS 17 – OPEN BITCH (5, 2)

- 1st **CH HOLBAM PEARLY STAR SH.CM** (Carol Bamsey) Credit to the breed. Lovely pattern of the breed, excellent head and eye. Some top class bitches today
2nd **ROSEMONELLE ISABELLA** (J E & J D Nevill)
3rd **BROCADE STAR** (Mr N Hamblin)

CLASS 18 – VETERAN BITCH (2)

- 1st **COURTINGTON ELENA AT ROSEMONELLE** (J E & J D Nevill) good outline, excellent coat and head moving firmly
2nd **CH MONTELLE MI'LADY JW ShCM** (Miss M Williamson) excellent pattern carries her age remarkably well.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CANINE SOCIETY

22nd - 25th October 2015

Judge: TOM MATHER

DCC	CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis) (Group 1 - Judge: Andrew Brace)
RDCC	WYNDAM THE GAMEKEEPER (Mr J & Mrs V Kenyon)
BCC	CH HOLBAM PEARLY STAR SHCM (Mrs C M Bamsey)
RBCC	TURITH REDDY MAID (Mr B J & Mrs B G Blower)
BOB	CH LAKERIDGE CAHAL (Mr A & Mrs J Barker & Mr J Averis)
BP	MONTELLE CARVILLIUS GOLD (Miss A Bradley)

RAW FOOD DIET

In the summer edition we asked for your thoughts/experiences of a RAW food diet after a member suggested it for an article. Below are the comments that we had in reply.

I have had my dogs on a raw food diet for about 3-4 years. Such a big difference in them. They both really relished their breakfast and dinner and their tummies preferred it too! Mick, who has unfortunately died from lymphoma, used to have a frequent upset tummy, but as soon as I gave him raw food he was so much better, not producing so much and a lot firmer. They eat raw chicken wings in the morning, which they chew up with no trouble and dinner is minced chicken, beef or lamb mixed with fresh vegetables put through a juicer to crush them up and add some of the juice. I also add raw eggs and cottage cheese to the vegetable mix. Heart, kidney and liver are added to the meat occasionally. The amount of liver should equal the same as kidney and heart combined. I do not give these every day or together. They loved the raw bones which I gave roughly fortnightly. First terriers I have not had trouble with giving raw bones! No fights whatsoever and no need to keep them well apart. Erin still enjoys all her raw food and I would never go back to complete food.

Jean Christisson.

I made the mistake of reading the back of a tin of dog food and was horrified to see each can contains just 4% meat. This was the start of my journey on to raw food.

Just by using Google you will find various companies' selling raw food and like anything else there are differences with the quality. I have two Irish, my dog Archie gets 450g a day, normally 150g for breakfast and the rest for tea, and it maintains his weight at around 16kg. My bitch is overweight and was put on it the day I got her. She has lost 3lb and is looking better and actually starting to run around.

The Pro's

It's their natural food, it's good for them, their poo is easy to pick up with hardly any smell, no smelly farts.

The cons

If you go away you need to plan how to take etc.

I spoke with a lady who feeds raw and fosters dogs and she had a small terrier who suffered fits, when she switched him to raw the fits stopped all together. I'm no expert but I don't trust what goes into dog manufactured dog food. I'm also told a lot of skin conditions are a result of manufactured dog food, be it wet or dry.

Bones I'm a little concerned about because if they splinter whilst passing through the stomach then they could pierce through the stomach wall. My vet says she sees a lot of problems that's bone related and getting stuck whilst passing through.

If anyone is interested then I recommend a book called Honey's Natural Feeding For Dogs by Jonathan Self. The tel no for this is 01672620260. This book is brilliant and well worth a read. Their food is expensive but the quality is superb. I buy some of them and some off other places to keep the cost down.

Martyn Shortman

I feed mine 100% raw, she is on Nutriment which is a complete formula and I also give her bones, and other raw treats. I switched her from dry kibble over a year ago and we never looked back!

Agata Kucza

DISCOVER DOGS 2015

SITS again organised and manned the booth at Discover Dogs, this year the event was moved from Earls Court to its new home at the Excel Centre, the date was also unfortunately changed which made it the same weekend as the SITS Championship Show. The new venue is bigger and there is more room around the booths.

There was a lot of interest in the ITs and their owners were kept very busy telling visitors about the breed and answering questions. a big thank you for the IT's and their owners who manned the booth.

We are always looking for volunteers to help man the booths at both Discover Dogs at the Excel Centre & Crufts, if you feel you can help please contact Ian Bamsey on tel : 07885 302020 or Email: holbam1@gmail.com.



SHOOTING WITH IRISH TERRIERS

Some years ago a shooting friend used to treat himself to a weekend on a top Scottish estate. Having paid handsomely for the experience he assumed that the dogs would be as smart as the Shoot itself. He was half right as the dogs used for picking-up were indeed quality animals and trained to a fault. To his surprise the dogs on the beating line were every variation on a collie one could imagine, which the keeper referred to as curs. They were the “Poor Bloody Infantry” tasked with crashing through the undergrowth to flush out the birds – why risk expensive assets when a cur will do!



More recently, I read an interesting article in the Shooting Times which not only extolled the virtues of using terriers for shooting in general but also Irish Terriers in particular.

“The spaniel is without doubt in possession of a far more sensitive nose for bird detection than the average terrier, although there are reliable accounts of Border and Irish

terriers capable of pinpointing every bird in the neighbourhood.”

The article also describes the experiences of using Sealyhams in South Africa: although trained to retrieve they then regarded the bird as their own property and the native helper's job was to seize dogs by their tail to make them drop their catch. There are more appropriate ways to handle an Irish although I suppose this method would be easier since the docking ban. But, read on:

“The Irish Terrier, however, has proved more successful at retrieving because it possesses a velvety mouth – an unusual feature in a dog initially bred to kill vermin.”

1. David Bezzant - Terriers in the Line, Shooting Times 5th October 2011

In true management consultancy fashion, it might be useful to consider the strengths and weakness inherent in the breed to determine its best role. Firstly, what I perceive to be the main strengths:

- Enthusiastic hunters with a keen eye
- Natural pointers
- Good stamina and endurance
- Quick on the uptake (when it suits them!).

As for weaknesses:

- Impatient to get on with it (whatever it might be)
- Short attention span
- Generally dislike water
- Likely to compete with other dogs for game or anything else for that matter.

Without getting too analytical about it, if you want a dog to sit patiently on a peg in the rain for hours and do long retrieves or to fetch a duck from a freezing cold pond, the Irish Terrier would not be your first choice. Given infinite time and patience you might succeed but will probably have a stroke first. However, I believe they are ideal for flushing out game on a beating line. Indeed, a

conversation I had with a rather cut glass lady picking up with two very smart Labradors, went something like this:

“Gosh, he is a handsome chap and what a jolly good flusher out. What type is he?”

“He’s an Irish Terrier” I replied bursting with pride.

“How interesting, is that a breed?”

Some way to go in heightening public awareness methinks!

Hopefully, I have convinced you that the Irish is quite capable of earning its keep as a working dog. I am not a gun dog trainer nor for that matter any sort of dog trainer, so this article carries the health warning that it is purely based on my own experiences. I have had a few sessions with a local gun dog trainer and this has helped me to put things into context as well as providing him with some mild amusement as to why I want to do it.

If you are keen to give it a go, I would suggest the first step is to check whether your dog is gun-shy; clearly there is no point in trying to make a dog do something that frightens it. One simple technique passed on to me is to drop a dinner bowl when the dog is eating. I suspect most Irish would pass this test as Krakatoa would normally not part one from its dinner. Another approach is to find a clay pigeon shoot and, starting from several hundred yards away, gradually walk the dog closer – this might take several sessions. Above all do not start them too young and take it easy at first.



The advantage of sticking to flushing out is that the training is so much simpler than for picking up and you get some exercise at the same time. Mostly the commands required are those you will have already used in normal obedience training: “come”; “stay”; and “leave”. I really cannot stress sufficiently the importance of this basic training for all puppies (including show dogs). If you want to be a bit more sophisticated then

attach a couple of pheasant wings to a dummy and hide it around the garden. Also, throw the dummy for a retrieve, use an extendable lead and you might even get it back. As with all training: reward the positive, recognise when to stop and always leave the dog wanting more.

I hope I have not made this sound too “Blue Peterish - train a gun dog and bring about world peace in one easy session”. It takes a lot of steady work and will be accompanied with much frustration and inevitable embarrassments. However, it was all worthwhile when someone came up to me after a drive this season and said “that dog of yours, she flushed out a great bird for me, watched it climb and when I shot it anticipated where it was falling and then picked it up as it hit the ground – fantastic!”. By the way, I did not nor could not teach her to do that, it is just in the Irish instinct.

I would be delighted to hear from any Irish owners who have worked their dogs in any capacity.

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PROPOSED CHANGE OF CLUB NAME

The proposal is that the name of the Club be changed to the "South of England Irish Terrier Society" and will be tabled at the AGM on 12 December 2015. The principal reasons for this are:

- The Club is geographically based in the South of England and the change of name more accurately reflects this. It also removes any possible confusion that the Club is based in the Republic of Ireland;
- The current name is ambiguous in that it could imply the breed is Southern Irish Terrier. At public events where the breed is being promoted, such as Discover Dogs and Game Fairs, members of the public have asked if there is a "Northern Irish Terrier" and how they differ;
- The North of England Irish Society has adopted this format and it would seem sensible to do the same.

For reasons of economy the abbreviated title of SITS will remain unchanged. If you wish to express views please send them to jneville@btinternet.com or raise them at the AGM.

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