

Profile

ISOBEL WALTON

Isobel Walton, co-breeder with her Dad, of Tolkavalley Irish Wolfhounds, started breeding in 1970. Mr. Walton has been interested in the breed since 1924. But, living in the city at the time, owning a hound was out of the question. He realised his ambition in 1968 when he bought his first puppy, Brian of Fionn Uisce.

Brian's wonderful temperament won the family over completely and awakened Isobel's interest in the breed. She bought Gloreen in 1969 and in 1970 bred her to Aron of Nendrum. One of the litter, Senan of Tolkavalley was presented to the Army, at Collin's Barracks, as mascot. This was the first Irish Wolfhound the Army had since 1926. Another of this litter, Ciaran of Tolkavalley, won a reserve Green Star and many firsts. Most of the rest of the litter were never shown.

Tullyhunco Corrib joined the family as a puppy in 1970. Corrie, now a very lively 8 year old, won the trophy for the Best Yearling at the I.K.C. show and continued to do well at shows. She has many Res. Green Stars to her credit. Bred to Aron of Nendrum Corrie produced Fenian of Tolkavalley who has won 2 Best of Breeds and 1 Hound Group and is now the senior stud hound at the kennel. His litter brother Fodhla of Tolkavalley won a Res. Green at six months under a breed judge but was tragically killed at 8½ months.

Bred to Ch. Boroughbury Justice, Corrie produced Irish Ch. Carrigeen of Tolkavalley; German Ch. Cashel of Tolkavalley; U.S. Ch. Tolkavalley Shiobhan Ch. Clancy of Tolkavalley, a CAOIB winner in Czechoslovakia; Tolkavalley Cushla who is dam of a U.S. Champion, Tolkavalley Sceoling who only needs a few more points to complete her Irish Championship. Tolkavalley Deirdre and Duirmuid from a later Justice/Corrie litter are already doing very well at shows.



Isobel Walton with 4 of her hounds, L to R Petasmeade Bridle, Petasmeade Tyrone, Roshin Dubh of Tolkavalley and Tolkavalley Deirdre.

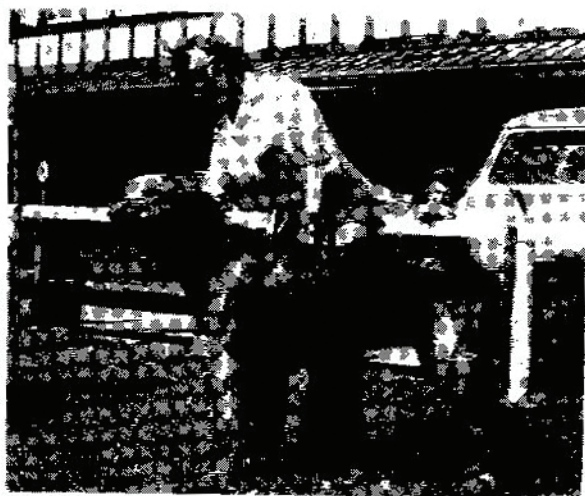
In 1971 Petasmeade Bridle arrived as a six month old puppy. At the time of writing we are awaiting confirmation of the value of Bridle's last Green Star. If she is not already an Irish Champion then she is just one point short. Bridle bred to Fenian of Tolkavalley produced Rooney of Tolkavalley who went Green Star Dog, Best of Breed and 3rd in group at the I.K.C. show when he was only 11 months old. On the same day his litter sister Roshin Dubh of Tolkavalley (a jet black) was best puppy bitch, while their kennel mate Carrigeen of Tolkavalley went Res. Green Star Dog. St. Patrick's Day 1975 was a day to remember for the Tolkavalleys as was the Club Championship Show 1977 when Sceoling went Green Star Bitch and Res. Best in Show to her sire.

Other breeding stock are: Aisling of Gort-na-Trea winner of 3 Green Stars and 1 Best of Breed; Bri of Tolkavalley, who like Aisling is a granddaughter of Gloreen; and Eorna of Tolkavalley, daughter of Gloreen. Two young males added last year are Petasmeade Tyrone and Tolkavalley Merlin of Nen-drum; all are Reserve Green Star and multi first prize winners.

All the Tolkavalley breeding stock are championship show winners. Isobel had no less than ten hounds entered at our championship show. All ten did not turn up but Isobel usually brings five or six hounds to the Dublin championship shows. It is always a sight to behold, her arrival with hounds and of course her Kerry Blues. As can be imagined, Isobel has her hands full with her 13 Irish Wolfhounds, 0 Kerry Blues and many assorted terriers. Nevertheless, she always has time and space to look after "rescues" waiting for a home. Isobel is Co-ordinator of our rescue operation and the breed and the club owe her a great of gratitude for the great work she does.



Tolkavalley Sceoling winning Green Star Bitch and Reserve Best in Show at the 1977 Club Show.



Petasmeade Bridle