



Ch. Ballykelly Sile of Carrokeel

In 1968, Betty bought her first male Wolfhound, Ballykelly Dalkey. He made up his Championship in 1971 and as well as being a good show dog, he proved an excellent stud, siring 10 U.S. Champions and 2 Canadian Champions.



Ch. Ballykelly Dalkey

Profile

Miss E. C. Murphy, better known to us all as Betty, from her very first thoughts of getting an Irish Wolfhound way back in the sixties and of convincing her parents to the idea, has always wanted to help improve the Irish bred hounds. Betty has succeeded admirably in her aim, as her Wolfhounds have achieved Championship status around the world, and her prefix is the now well-known "The Carrokeel Irish Wolfhounds." The name Carrokeel comes from an ancient Irish pottery in Keshgal.

Betty's first hounds were Ballykelly Eilish and Ballykelly Sile of Carrokeel. Her father, a livestock judge, helped in the selection of these puppies and obviously picked well as Ballykelly Sile of Carrokeel made up her Championship in 1968 and both these bitches produced Champions sired by Ch. Connel of Nendrum.

Betty has continued on her aims of improving her exports as well as keeping up the standard in Ireland. A great example of this is Ch. Carrokeel Cara, a tall sound bitch with a lovely nature. Cara has won the Height and Soundness Trophy for bitches every year from 1972 and was Best in Show at the 1974 Club Championship Show.



Ch. Carrokeel Cara

As Vice President of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland, Betty has been one of the most avid supporters in the Club's activities. One of our first summer get-togethers was held in the lovely surroundings of Ballyhagan House, and she has been at many other meetings giving talks on showing, and demonstrations of handling. As well as this, you can usually see a camera somewhere on her person wherever she is, and in this she has been a great help in having photos available for the Club's magazine.

As all breeders have to watch not only their own stock, but the stock in the country as a whole, Betty brought into Ireland from England, Boroughbury Justice and Boroughbury Jolly in 1971 to introduce some new blood, their sire and grandsire both being English Champions.



Ch. Boroughbury Justice

The record of this brother and sister is impressive. Both have gained their Championships in Ireland—Jolly has won Best in Show at the Club Show and Justice has been Reserve Best in Show. Both have been awarded the top winning Irish Wolfhound in Ireland Certificates, Justice in '72 and '75 and

Jolly in '74. Justice has also won the Stud Dog trophy and his progeny are now winning at shows around the world.



Ch. Boroughbury Jolly

For breeding and showing in Ireland, and the exports of her Irish Wolfhounds, Betty's record is plain to see, with 22 overseas Champions and 5 in Ireland.



Jolly, Justice and Cara

Let's hope that Betty and the Carrokeel Irish Wolfhounds continue on the work they have started for many more years, and I know that she will continue to help and support the breed and the Club.