

PROFILE

DENISE & DAVE BUSHBY

Chapelleigh Irish Wolfhounds

Denise's interest in Irish Wolfhounds dates back to 1974 when she met them for the first time. A year later she booked a bitch puppy but the litter, born in 1976, had seven dogs and rather than wait any longer for their first Irish Wolfhound and Denise brought home Ciaren of Chapelleigh (Drakesleat Iron Duke x Ella of Pendomer).

CIAREN OF CHAPELLEIGH



Ciaren was an ideal introduction to the breed, he came from a strong hunting line. His sire and dam hunted regularly with the Bodwin Moor hunt - a hard hunt which ran over a large area of granite rock. Due to the tough terrain, the horses were always changed at mid-day but the Wolfhounds, like the foxhounds, ran all day. Ciaren inherited his parents health, vigor and lovely nature. He was selected to represent ancient hounds in a programme at Wells Cathedral with Johnny Morris. Ciaren won many first and won Reserve C.C. under Miss N. Twyman who

was particularly impressed with his lovely movement.

Ciaren was a happy and very healthy puppy - apart from vaccination, he never had to visit a vet in his lifetime. Nevertheless, Denise has never forgotten how daunting she was at the responsibility of rearing her first Irish Wolfhound.

COLEDALLY NIKI OF CHAPELLEIGH



Remembering this, both Dave and herself make themselves available to give plenty of support to new puppy owners and to anyone who asks for help.

In 1978 Coledally Niki of Chapelleigh (UK Ch Drakesleat Runen x Cailin Cliste of Elpyk) joined the Bushby household. Niki was a great lure coursing bitch, she retrieved rabbits live to hand till she was over 9 years. She was a reserve Lure Coursing Bitch, U.K. in her day. On a visit to Ireland, Niki was Reserve Best Bitch to her kennel-mate Nuala at the Irish Wolfhound Club show, 1982. Bred to Ch Kracken Kaiser, Niki produced one bitch, Chapelleigh Aillín.

In 1980, Bushby's bought in Nuala of Chapelleigh (Ch Nutstown King x Sheba of Garrow). Nuala won many reserve C.Cs, - she was listed in the top 12 U.K. Wolfhounds, 1983. She won Best in Show and Best Movement at the Irish Club show, 1982, under Mrs. Helen Fottrell and returned to Ireland on St.

Patrick's Day, 1983, to win a 10 point Green Star under Terry Thorn.

Nuala was bred just once - to Ch Marumac Charlock. One of these puppies, Chapelleigh Barun, who went to N.Ireland, sired U.S. Ch Catch a Rose who has been influential in Bernie Frost-Smith's Kennel in the U.S.A. In Ireland Barun has produced

NUALA OF CHAPELLEIGH



and took through his grandson, Ch Cillian Ruane. In 1983, Nuala was attacked by a spaniel and suffered tendon damage and she was not shown again. A pity, as this lovely bitch could easily have gained her title.

The Irish trip which included the 1982 Club show was Denise and Dave's first to Ireland. They enjoyed their stay in Ireland as much as their success at the show. The holiday was the first of many and led to their decision to move to Ireland permanently a few years later.

Chapelleigh Ailinn, 1982, by Ch Kracken Kaiser out of Coledally Niki of Chapelleigh, was shown very little but did take 1st at Championship level. Ailinn was bred to Ch Sovryn of Drakesleat, this litter produced Chapelleigh Cruishkeen. Ailinn died at under 3 years from an adder bite to the foreleg which became gangrenous despite intensive veterinary care.

Chapelleigh Cruishkeen, 1984, was shown lightly - she won Best Puppy and one C.C. Her show career was curtailed when the family moved home. She was bred once to UK Seplecur Tommy, none of this litter were retained but her grand-daughter was brought back from Greenswell in 1990.

CHAPELLEIGH DUKE OF NUTSTOWN



Around this time Bushby's wrote to John & Kathleen Kelly, expressing an interest in a pup from Carrokell Florrie of Nutstown but none were available. So Dave and Denise were delighted when in 1985 Kelly's let them have Florrie's adult daughter, Nutstown Grainne. Grainne was bred to Clonara Nizam and produced the D litter - many puppies from this litter produced champions. Chapelleigh Dineen went to Greenswell where she produced one litter by Swedish born Westmount Xile of Mochras. This litter, born in 1988, produced Bushby's own Ch Greenswell Arranz of Chapelleigh and Finnish Ch Greenswell Athwenna. Chapelleigh Duke of Nutstown produced many good offspring in Ireland, including Ch Cillian Ruane, Nutstown Kenilworth Balmoral Girl and N.Z. Ch Liffey of Nutstown.

Chapelleigh Deedra bred to Greenswell Arthyen (litter brother to Arranz) produced Chapelleigh Idessa, who is now one certificate off her championship in Norway. Bred to Arranz, Deedra produced Chapelleigh Jacinta who is now a member of the Chapelleigh group.

CHAPELLEIGH DEEDRA



When the family came to live in Co. Wexford in 1989 they had four hounds; Nutstown Grainne and her daughter, Chapelleigh Deedra; Chapelleigh Cruishkeen and their young dog Greenswell Arranz of Chapelleigh.

Ch Greenswell Arranz of Chapelleigh, pet name "Ranz", was slow to mature so he was not shown much as a youngster. In fact Dave and Denise were so busy developing their new farm that they attended very few shows during their first few years in Ireland. In 1992 Ranz, now more mature, attended the Irish Wolfhound Club show and won the Stud Dog Bowl and the Movement Cup under Rosemary Follett.

He was not shown in 1993 until the Club Show when he went Best in Show under Gordon Crane. The Bushbys have never shown their hounds to any great extent but this win convinced them that they ought to make an effort to show Ranz. He became a champion within three months with five major Green Stars. Ranz is a very jolly outgoing dog who loves to show and needs no encouragement to fly around the ring. Denise says that he is the kindest, gentlest dog that they have ever been lucky enough to know.

Ch Ranz was bred to Carrokeel Gwyneth of Bearnabui, this litter produced Can. Ch Bearnabui Tessagh of Cnocanabui.

RANZ & WOLF



Bearnabui Image and B. Irial of Knocknarea and home owned Chapelleigh Bearnabui Wolfinn who won Best Hound Puppy at the IKC show, St. Patrick's Day, 1992.

Greenswell Briza of Chapelleigh, 1990, (Greenswell Arthyen x Chapelleigh Faith), has been shown very little to date as, like all the Greenswells, she is slow to mature. Briza has just had a litter by UK Ch Mochras Ipse Facto and Denise plans to keep a puppy from this litter for their daughter, Lydia, to show.

The Bushby family have settled into a happy and busy life in Co. Wexford. Their son now works in England and Lydia, also an animal lover, is still at school. The farm is an ideal home for Irish Wolfhounds, they have a very large concrete yard and grass paddocks and are taken down the fields each day for free running exercise. They enjoy the end of the fruit season when they are allowed in on the strawberries - they never miss one. The dogs all live as one group, adults sleep in the house, youngsters sleep in houses outside. Since getting Ciaren in 1976, Bushbys have bred 10 litters, totalling 42 puppies.

Good typical temperament is very important to Denise and Dave. In their early days they re-habilitated and re-homed three Wolfhounds who were serious stock killers so they know what an uncontrolled Wolfhound could be like. They reckon that with the growing anti-dog lobby it is more important than ever to keep good temperament a priority.

RANZ Moving

