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IRISH WATER SPANIEL  
ASSOCIATION

THE  
IRISH WATER SPANIEL  
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YEAR BOOK, 1931.



CHAMPION "LADY MEIRION" (Deceased)  
K.C.S.B. 2252 H.H.

Owner, Capt. H. M. Anwyl. Breeder, Mr. A. Glaisby. Born 22nd June, 1922.

Sire, Champion Gorey Boy K.C.S.B. 750 A.A.

Dam, Scamp McCarthy, K.C.S.B. 49 D D.

(Winner of the Irish Water Spaniel Association's Perpetual Challenge Cup, 1930).

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Irish Water Spaniel Association  
1931

" With eye upraised, his master's looks to scan  
The joy, the solace, and the aid of man ;  
The rich man's guardian, and the poor man's friend  
The only creature faithful to the end."

GEORGE CRABBE.

# The Irish Water Spaniel Association.

Registered at the Kennel Club.

(Affiliated with the Field Trial Council).

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# Annual Report of the Irish Water Spaniel Association, 1931.

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NOTWITHSTANDING the state of world-wide depression, the Irish Water Spaniel Association maintained a progressive year. Its financial condition is satisfactory, showing an increased balance in hand, and this, after holding two Field Trial Meetings and supporting ten Shows with guarantees and Special Prizes in England, Ireland and Scotland.

A General Meeting of the Association was held at Cruft's Show in February and was well attended by members.

The Association again held its Field Trials in Yorkshire over Col. Birkbeck's excellent ground at Settle on September 16th to which, for the second year, he had invited the Association. Col. C. Bateman, D.S.O., and Mr. T. England very kindly again acted as Judges, and the Steward of the Beats, Mr. C. Parry, carried all arrangements through without a hitch. There was an abundance of game, the dogs being worked on grouse, partridges, wild-duck, rabbits, etc.

The Association's second meeting was held at Idsworth (Hants.) on January 20th, 1931, by kind invitation of Lorna Countess Howe, who also entertained the meeting with lavish hospitality and acted as one of the Judges, with Mr. C. Allington and Major M. Portal. Mr. H. Pearson was Steward of the Beats and all his arrangements were most excellent. These three most experienced of Judges of Retriever work gave a report to the "Kennel Gazette" which members will find in the February, 1931, issue of that journal, and cannot fail to be of interest. The dogs were worked on pheasants, woodcock, partridges, and fur.

Our frontispiece this year is Ch. Lady Meirion ; she won the Association's Challenge Cup at Cruft's, but, alas ! shortly afterwards succumbed, and the sympathy of the Association is with her owner, Capt. Anwyl, in the loss of this lovely bitch, and it must have been some consolation to him winning the Open Stake at the Field Trials at Settle with her daughter, Thunder of Lligwy.

I am also able to produce an interesting photo of Sir Clive Coates' brace who won the Novice and Open Stakes at Idsworth ; a perusal of their pedigrees will show they contain the blood of the most successful dogs on the show bench. I may here remark that five of the dogs that ran successfully at the Field Trials on January 20th competed at Cruft's Show on February 11th, only three weeks later, and won seven Firsts, two Seconds, the Challenge Certificate and Reserve Ch. Certificate, proving that in this breed the show dog and the working dog are one and the same, and dispelling the erroneous idea, you cannot work an Irish Water Spaniel and have it fit for the Show bench.

I have reproduced a photograph of old Champion Blair, born 51 years ago, and a grandson of McCarthy's famous Boatswain ; though the photo does not do this great dog justice, it is the only one I possess, and I hope may prove of interest to members. Being the sire of the late Col. le Poer Trench's famous bitch, Ch. Harp (and the foundation of his once supreme kennel), and also father of the even more famous Madam Blair, who I still think was the best-looking specimen of the breed I ever owned or saw, and the blood of these two great scions of the race runs in the veins of any specimen of the breed of note to-day.

In other countries the breed is making progress. In France Mons. Naegeley's famous kennel remains supreme. In Ireland there are more signs of progress in the breed than was the case a few years ago, and in the United States and Canada this breed is particularly suitable to the country.

Members may obtain the Association's silver badge, in the form of a brooch, at a moderate cost, by applying to the Hon. Secretary.

Copies of the Rules of the Association, and the Breeders' Cups, as well as the scale of points and description of the Irish Water Spaniel, can be obtained at any time by applying to the Hon. Secretary. It is the earnest desire of the Committee to further the interests of the breed in every way, and suggestions, ideas and criticisms are invited.

F. TRENCH O'RORKE,  
Hon. Secretary.

Breifny House,  
Bodmin, Cornwall,  
July, 1931.



# ABSTRACT OF HON. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1930.

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|   | £  | s. | d. |  | £           | s.       | d.       |
|---|----|----|----|--|-------------|----------|----------|
| 1930.   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| To Balance in hand from 1929  | 32 | 13 | 5  |  |             |          |          |
| " Members' Subscriptions for 1930   | 47 | 4  | 0  |  |             |          |          |
| " Advertisements in Year Book   | 4  | 4  | 0  |  |             |          |          |
| " Sale of Tickets at Settle Field Trials  | 2  | 2  | 0  |  |             |          |          |
| " Cost of Two Blocks, remitted  | 2  | 2  | 0  |  |             |          |          |
| " Entry Fees—Settle Field Trials  | 21 | 5  | 0  |  |             |          |          |
| " Entry Fees—Idsworth Field Trials  | 18 | 15 | 0  |  |             |          |          |
| " Association's Badges sold   | 4  | 16 | 6  |  |             |          |          |
| " Part Losses guaranteed by a Member at Kennel Club Show                                | 1  | 15 | 0  |  |             |          |          |
| " Value of Association's Badges in hand (paid for)                                      | 4  | 4  | 6  |  |             |          |          |
|   |    |    |    |  | <u>£139</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>5</u> |
|   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| By Kennel Club Annual Maintenance of Title Fee  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Field Trial Council Subscription  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Thomas Fattorini, Ltd., Badges, &c.   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Hire of Room for General Meeting, Cruft's Show  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Hon Secretary's Postage and Stationery (presented to Association by Hon. Sec. for 1930) |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Bank Cheque Book  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Prize Money paid, and Expenses at Field Trials, Settle                                  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Prize Money paid, and Expenses at Field Trials, Idsworth                                |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Printing for Field Trials, Schedules, Field Cards, Entry Forms, Tickets, &c.            |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Printing Year Book  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Simpson & Co., Block Manufacturers  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Printing Circulars, Notices, &c., Gen. Meeting, &c.                                     |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| S.H. Waterhouse & Co., 24 Association's Spoons  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| " " " 28 Association's Badges   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| " " " Engraving Challenge Cup   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| " and "Registered Post  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Losses on Guarantees' Shows—  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Crufts  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Birmingham (1929)   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Ladies' Kennel Association  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Oxford  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Richmond  |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Belfast   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Edinburgh   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| The Kennel Club   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| Special Prizes offered at Shows and Field Trials (25)                                   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
| " Balance in hand   |    |    |    |  |             |          |          |
|   |    |    |    |  | <u>£139</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>5</u> |

Having examined the above Accounts and compared same with Vouchers we have found them correct.

F. TRENCH O'RORKE, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.  
February 6th, 1931.

ERNEST TRIMBLE,  
A. E. DAINTREE, } Auditors.

# The Irish Water Spaniel Association's Scale of Points and Description of the True Water Spaniel.

## Scale of Points for Judging Irish Water Spaniels.

| POSITIVE POINTS.                 |    | NEGATIVE POINTS.   |                    |
|----------------------------------|----|--|--------------------|
| Head and jaws, eyes and top-knot | 20 | White on chest   | 5                  |
| Ears                             | 10 | Paleness of coat   | 10                 |
| Neck                             | 5  | <i>Light Eye</i>   | 10                 |
| Body                             | 10 | Woolliness of Coat   | 20                 |
| Fore-legs                        | 7½ | Feather on stern   | } most undesirable |
| Hind-legs                        | 7½ | Feather on face  |                    |
| Feet                             | 5  | White on feet  |                    |
| Stern (including carriage)       | 10 | <i>Feather on front part of hind-legs from back to front</i> | 10                 |
| Coat                             | 15 | Want of feather on front of fore-legs                        | 10                 |
| General appearance               | 10 | Splay feet   | 5                  |
| Total 100                        |    | Total 70   |                    |

## DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

**HEAD.**—Skull and muzzle should be of good size; skull high in dome, good length, and fairly wide, showing large brain capacity; muzzle long, strong, and somewhat square in appearance; *face perfectly smooth*. Topknot should consist of long, loose curls, growing down into a well-defined peak between the eyes, and should not be in the form of a wig, *i.e.*, growing straight across.

**EYES.**—Comparatively small *dark brown and very intelligent-looking*.

**EARS.**—Very long and lobe-shaped in the leather, set low, hanging quite close to the cheeks, and covered with long, twisted curls of live hair.

**NECK.**—Fairly long, strong, and arching (carrying the head *well above the level of the back*), and strongly set into the shoulders.

**BODY** (including size and symmetry)—Fair sized, round and barrel shaped; so stout and compact-like as to convey a "cobbiness" in appearance. Height—Dogs about 21 to 23 inches at shoulder; bitches about 20 to 22 ins.

**NOSE.**—Large and well developed, and of a dark liver colour.

**SHOULDERS AND CHEST.**—Shoulders very powerful, but *not* too straight or "cloddy"; chest deep, but not too wide or round between the fore-legs, though large in girth, with ribs well-sprung behind the shoulders.

**BACK AND LOINS.**—Back, short, broad, level, and very powerfully coupled to hind quarters. Ribs carried well back, and loins deep and wide.

**HIND QUARTERS.**—Very powerful, with long, *well-bent stifles, and hocks set low*.

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**FEET AND LEGS.**—Feet large, somewhat *round and spreading*, well-clothed with hair, both over and between the toes, but free from any superfluous feather. Fore-legs, well-boned and straight, with *arms well let down*, and carrying the forearm at elbow and knee, in a straight line with point of shoulder.

**COAT.**—Composed of dense, tight, crisp, ringlets, entirely free from woolliness; the fore-legs covered with feather, which should be abundant all round, though shorter in front, so as only to give a rough appearance; *below the hocks the hind-legs must be smooth in front, but feathered behind down to the feet*.

**COLOUR.**—*A very rich puce liver*, white on chest objectionable.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
Irish Water Spaniel Association.

**Name and Objects of the Association.**

I.—The Club shall be called the IRISH WATER SPANIEL ASSOCIATION. Its objects shall be—(a) To promote the breeding of pure Irish Water Spaniels; (b) To define precisely and publish a description of the true type, and to urge the adoption of such type on breeders, judges, &c., as the only recognised and unvarying standard by which Irish Water Spaniels shall be judged; (c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by offering prizes at Dog Shows, establishing Field Trials, and adopting such other means as may be deemed advisable.

**Establishment and Constitution.**

II.—The Club shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, and a Committee of not more than nine (including the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), and an unlimited number of members whose names and addresses shall be kept in a book by the Hon. Secretary. Not less than three members to form a quorum.

**Subscription.**

III.—The Annual Subscription shall be *One Guinea*, due on 1st January each year (or within one week after election), and there shall be no entrance fee. No one shall be entitled to the privileges of membership or to win any special prizes offered by the Club until his Annual Subscription shall have been paid. The liability of a Member shall not exceed his Annual Subscription. That any Member failing to pay his Subscription by 1st February shall be reminded of the omission by the Hon. Secretary, and should it remain unpaid by 1st March it shall be within the power of the Committee to erase his name from the list of Members.

### **Election of Members.**

IV.—Candidates for Membership must be proposed by a Member of the Club, and elected by the Committee by voting papers, and one negative in five votes to exclude. On the admission of each new Member, the Secretary shall send a notification to that effect, and furnish him with a copy of the Rules.

### **Management.**

V.—The management of, and the property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. The Committee shall also have the power of making Byelaws, and deciding upon all matters in dispute, or not provided for by the Rules. The name of any Member or Members put forward for election on the Committee must be sent with their Proposer's and Secunder's names to the Hon. Secretary prior to the 30th November in each year. The existing Committee, together with the *New* Candidates, to be submitted to each Member of the Club for election. In the event of there being no such Candidate, the Committee to remain in office. The voting papers to be returned to the Hon. Secretary, with votes recorded, on or before a fixed date. Three to form a quorum at Committee Meetings.

### **Meetings.**

VI.—That General Meetings of the Club shall be held from time to time, at such places as the Committee may think desirable.

### **Method of Conducting Business.**

VII.—That, inasmuch as it is scarcely possible for the Committee to meet more than once or twice a year, it shall be competent for the Hon Secretary to transact all such business as might be done at a Meeting of the Committee by letter. At every Meeting, whether General or of the Committee, the Minutes of the last previous Meeting shall be read over and confirmed before any other business is gone into. At least seven days' notice shall be sent of every Meeting, and with the notice shall be stated a list of the business to be transacted and copies of all the proposed resolutions. No business which

## "OBEDAMED OF HELPERBY"

K.C.S.B. 1233 L.L. (Left).

## "NASABIN OF HELPERBY"

K.C.S.B. 1232 L.L. (Right).

Winners of the Novice and Open Stakes, at the I.W.S.A.  
Field Trials, at Idsworth.



Owner and Breeder, Sir E. Clive Coates.

Obedamed of Helperby, born May 5th, 1928 ; sire, Don of  
Lakeland ; dam, Molly Bedamed of Helperby.

Nasabin of Helperby, born 4th July, 1926 ; sire, Ballymacad ;  
dam, Molly Bedamed of Helperby.

# CHAMPION "BLAIR."

K.C.S.B. 14192.



Owner, Capt. Dwyer; Breeder, Mr. John Erowne.

Born September 20th, 1880.

Sire, breeder's Drake (by McCarthy's Boatswain,<sup>?</sup> ex McCarthy's Juno); dam, Duck II. (by Irish Bill ex Duck).

is not contained in this list, other than matters of routine, shall be gone into at any Meeting, whether General or of the Committee. Each Member shall be entitled, in the event of his being unable to attend the Meeting, to vote on any resolution by returning his notice paper to the Hon. Secretary two clear days before the Meeting, sealed and addressed to the Chairman, marked "for" or "against," or nominating any Member who may be present as his proxy to vote for him, and such voting shall rank as equal with the votes of those present. Every paper used in this way, however, must be signed by the Member so using it, and if unsigned must be rejected. At General Meetings two Scrutineers shall be appointed, whose business it shall be to open the voting papers and record the votes. The President of the Club, if present, shall preside at every Meeting; in his absence the Vice-President shall take his place; and in their absence the members shall elect a Chairman, who shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie taking place, and whose ruling on any point shall be binding on the Meeting.

#### **Expenses, Report, &c.**

VIII.—That no expense be incurred by the Hon. Secretary or Treasurer, or by any Member of the Committee, beyond the funds in hand. That an Annual Report, together with the Rules of the Club, the names and addresses of the Members, Committee, Officers, &c., shall be printed and supplied to all Members; and that the Annual Abstract of Accounts (duly audited by two Members elected at a General Meeting) shall be open to the inspection of Members.

#### **Eligibility.**

IX.—That all dogs competing for Irish Water Spaniel Association's Prizes must be entered according to the *latest* Revised Rules of the Kennel Club.

#### **Prizes.**

X.—That the Challenge Cup presented to the Association by Colonel Millner and Mr. E. White, entitled "The Irish Water Spaniel Association's Perpetual Challenge Cup," be offered by the Club, for competition by Members only, as may



be decided by the Committee. The Challenge Cup presented to the Association by its President, Viscount de Vesci, entitled "The Irish Water Spaniel Association's Field Trial Challenge Cup," be offered for competition by Members only, at *one* Field Trial in each season, as may be decided by the Committee. A small replica Cup to be given to the winner, whose name shall also be engraved on the Challenge Cups.

That no Association Specials or Cups will be awarded at any Show where there are not *two* eligible to compete for same, and each dog or bitch must have won *at least* a third prize in their class.

#### **Expulsion of a Member—New Kennel Club Rule.**

XI.—Any Member who shall be suspended by the Kennel Club shall *ipso facto* cease to be a Member of the Club, and if the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be injurious, or likely to be injurious, to the character or interests of the Club the Committee may at a Meeting, the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him. Notices of both Meetings shall be sent to the accused Member advising him of the place, date and hour and that he may attend and offer an explanation. If at the Special General Meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his name shall be forthwith erased from the List of Members, and he shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of the Club, except that he may within two calendar months appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

#### **Alterations.**

XII.—That each Member of this Association agrees to acknowledge the Kennel Club as the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.

XIII.—That none of the foregoing Rules be altered, except at a General Meeting of the Club convened for the purpose.

## The Irish Water Spaniel Association's Breeders' Cups Rules.

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I.—The Cups to be called the Irish Water Spaniel Breeders' Cups and Sweepstakes, and to be of not less value than £5 each, open to all members of the Irish Water Spaniel Association, on payment of £1, *i.e.*, 10/- to each Cup, to be competed for by Irish Water Spaniels, bred and owned by the same Exhibitor. Any member may subscribe and compete for each Cup separately, or both as he may desire.

II.—The Cups to be one for either sex, and cannot be won more than *three* times by the same dog or bitch; either shall become the property of the first Exhibitor who wins it seven times.

III.—After the first fee of £1 (or 10/- to one Cup), no additional entry fee will be necessary, until one of the Cups has been finally won, when a 10/- subscription will be asked for to replace it.

IV.—All money over the cost of the Cup to be given as added money (or Sweepstake) to the winner, less expenses of postage, etc., paid out.

V.—The Cup Competitions shall be managed by the Committee of the Club. Members may enter as long as the Cup is for competition, and may compete with an unlimited number of dogs.

VI.—The Cup shall be offered as often as the majority of the Committee may elect, at any Show under the K.C. Rules.

VII.—The winner shall have his name and dog's name engraved on the Cup. No one shall be allowed to compete who has not paid his entry fee.

VIII.—The Cups will not be awarded at any Show where there are not *two* eligible to compete for same, and each dog or bitch must have won *at least* a Third Prize in their Class.

## FIELD TRIALS, 1930.

At Anley, Settle, Yorkshire, on September 16th, 1930.

### Novice Stake.

Sir E. Clive Coate's bitch, Nasabin of Helperby.  
Major B. D. Court-Treant's bitch, Lyddite Joy.  
Col. J. Birkbeck's bitch, Gentle Molly.  
Major Court-Treant's dog, Lyddite George.  
Miss F. M. Barrington's bitch, Mulkear Judy.  
Sir Clive Coate's dog, Obedamed of Helperby.  
Major Court-Treant's bitch, Lyddite Amber.  
Capt. M. Anwyl's bitch, Thunder of Lligwy.  
Mr. F. Trench O'Rorke's bitch, Ch. Breifny Gloria.

### Awards.

First Prize, Gentle Molly 1889KK; Second Prize, Nasabin of Helperby 1232LL; Third Prize, Ch. Breifny Gloria 96KK; Reserve, Thunder of Lligwy 1893KK.

Certificate of Merit: Mulkear Judy 1892KK, Obedamed of Helperby 1233LL.

### Open Stake.

Major Court-Treant's Lyddite George.  
Col. Birkbeck's bitch, Bell of the Falls.  
Mr. Trench O'Rorke's Ch. Breifny Gloria.  
Capt. Anwyl's Thunder of Lligwy.  
Sir Clive Coate's bitch, Molly Bedamed of Helperby.  
Col. Birkbeck's Gentle Molly.  
Miss Barrington's Mulkear Judy.  
Major Court-Treant's Lyddite Joy.

### Awards.

First Prize, Thunder of Lligwy 1893KK; Second Prize, Bell of the Falls 1890KK; Third Prize, Molly Bedamed of Helperby 2382HH; Reserve, Gentle Molly, 1889KK.

Certificate of Merit: Ch. Breifny Gloria 96KK.

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## FIELD TRIALS, 1931.

At Idsworth, Horndean, Hants., January 20th, 1931.

### Puppy Stake.

Col. J. Birkbeck's bitch, Molly My Pet.  
Col. Birkbeck's dog, Careful Drake. *absent*  
Col. Birkbeck's dog, Rock of Rockland.  
Miss F. M. Barrington's dog, Dhu Glasher. *run in*

### **Award.**

First, Second and Third Prizes withheld. Certificate of Merit: Molly My Pet 44MM.

### **Novice Stake.**

Mr. F. Trench O'Rorke's bitch, Breifny Gem.  
Sir E. Clive Coate's dog, Obedamed of Helperby.  
Mr. Trench O'Rorke's bitch, Ch. Breifny Gloria.  
Miss Barrington's Dhu Glasher.  
Mr. O'Rorke's bitch, Breifny Fairy.

*with drawn, not well*

### **Awards.**

First Prize, Obedamed of Helperby 1233LL; Second Prize, Ch. Breifny Gloria 96KK; Third Prize, Breifny Fairy, 45MM; Reserve, Breifny Gem 1363LL.

### **Open Stake.**

Colonel Birkbeck's bitch, Gentle Molly.  
Capt. M. H. Anwyl's bitch, Thunder of Lligwy.  
Sir E. Clive Coate's bitch, Nasabin of Helperby.  
Mr. O'Rorke's Ch. Breifny Gloria.

*absent.*

### **Awards.**

First Prize, Nasabin of Helperby 1232LL; Second Prize, Ch. Breifny Gloria 96KK; Third Prize, Thunder of Lligwy 1893KK.

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## **Training Irish Water Spaniels as Gun Dogs.**

At a General Meeting of the Irish Water Spaniel Association in February, 1928, the following suggestions were formulated for the guidance of trainers and handlers of these dogs at Field Trials, etc.

- (i.) Absolute steadiness to shot, feather, and fur in any circumstances.
- (ii.) "Dropping" (which includes "sitting" or "standing") when commanded to do so, and remaining so until directed otherwise.
- (iii.) May be required to beat out any rushy, swampy place, or other covert that a Retriever would ordinarily be expected to face, as the Judges may require.
- (iv.) No artificial means may be used to induce a dog to enter water apart from the sanctions of legitimate handling (e.g., no stones, sticks, or such like, may be thrown in).
- (v.) These dogs should work, largely, to "hand-signals," as silence, and the absence, as far as possible, of whistling and noise, on the part of the handler, is essential.

## Association Special Prizes Awarded in 1930.

| Show.           | Prizes.   | Owner.            | Dog.                |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Cruft's         | ... Challenge Cup for best Exhibit.   | Capt. Anwyl       | Ch. Lady Meirion    |
| "               | ... Breeders' Cup for Dogs.   |                   | Not Awarded         |
| "               | ... Breeders' Cup for Bitches   | F. Trench O'Rorke | Ch. Breifny Gem     |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best Novice   | "                 | Breifny O'Count     |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Graduate  | "                 | Ch. Breifny Gem     |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best whose owner has never won an Associ. Special Prize |                   |                     |
| Dublin (I.K.C.) | 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Novice  | Rev. T. J. Agnew  | Swilly Maid         |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Open  | F. Trench O'Rorke | Ch. Breifny O'Neill |
| Portadown       | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Novice  | A. H. Baker       | Rory St. Devereux   |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Graduate and Open                               | Miss Bligh        | Mickie of Brittas   |
| Richmond        | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Graduate  | F. S. Heron       | Cathleen Croan      |
| Belfast         | ... Breeders' Cup for Dogs  |                   | Not Awarded         |
| "               | ... Breeders' Cup for Bitches   |                   | Not Awarded         |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Novice or Graduate                              | Lewis Grubb       | Paddy Boy           |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Limit   | F. Trench O'Rorke | Ch. Breifny Gloria  |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best whose owner has never won an Associ. Special Prize | Lewis Grubb       | Paddy Boy           |
| Edinburgh       | ... Breeders' Cup for Dogs  |                   | Not Awarded         |
| (S.K.C.)        | Breeders' Cup for Bitches   |                   | Not Awarded         |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best whose owner has never won an Associ. Special Prize |                   | Not Awarded         |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Show  | F. Trench O'Rorke | Ch. Breifny O'Neill |
| The Kennel      | ... Breeders' Cup for Dogs  |                   | Not Awarded         |
| Club            | Breeders' Cup for Bitches   |                   | Not Awarded         |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Graduate  | Mrs. Birkbeck     | Pixie of Anley      |
| "               | ... 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Limit   | "                 | "                   |

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| Birmingham ...                           | Breeders' Cup for Dogs  |                                       | Not Awarded  |
| " ...                                    | Breeders' Cup for Bitches   |                                       | Not Awarded  |
| " ...                                    | 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best in Show  | F. Trench O'Rorke                     | Ch. Breifny O'Neill  |
| " ...                                    | 10/6 or Association's Spoon for best whose owner has not won an Associ. Special Prize in 1930 | Major Court-Treatt                    | Lyddite Joy  |
| I. W. Sp. Assn. Field Trials at Settle   | Breeders' Cup for Dogs  |                                       | Not Awarded  |
|  | Breeders' Cup for Bitches   | Capt. Anwyl                           | Thunder of Lligwy  |
|  | Silver Spoon for best Puppy   |                                       | Not Awarded  |
| " ...                                    | Silver Spoon for best Handler   | Capt. Anwyl                           | Thunder of Lligwy  |
| " ...                                    | Silver Spoon for best looking I. W. Sp. competing   | F. Trench O'Rorke                     | Ch. Breifny Gloria   |
| I. W. Sp. Assn. Field Trials at Idsworth | Breeders' Cup for Dogs  | Sir Clive Coates                      | Obedamed of Helperby                                       |
|  | Breeders' Cup for Bitches   | "                                     | Nasabin of Helperby  |
|  | Silver Spoon for best looking Puppy competing   | Col. J. Birkbeck                      | Molly My Pet   |
| " ...                                    | Silver Spoon for best Handler   | F. Trench O'Rorke                     |  |
| " ...                                    | Silver Spoon for best looking I. W. Sp. competing   | "                                     | Ch. Breifny Gem  |
| " ...                                    | Silver Spoon for best performance in water  | Sir Clive Coates<br>F. Trench O'Rorke | { Nasabin of Helperby<br>Ch. Breifny Gloria<br>(equal 1st) |

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