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A Tribute to Eng Ch Edbrios Duplicate.

Written for Dogs Review by Fionnuala Malone.

The death occurred recently of Eng Ch Edbrios Duplicate, England's infamous Top Stud Dog for eight consecutive years, 1991 to 1998 inclusive. He was bred by Eddie and Philip O'Brien in 1988 and was the result of a strong belief of Philip's that Nero and Edbrios Kim would produce something spectacular for them. I do not believe even they could have dreamed just how influential and prolific Duplicate would become within Irish Terrier circles.

The All Ireland Irish Terrier Club show was his debut in the show ring, and under Susan Kealy he won the puppy class. Duplicate was then, by prior agreement transferred to Tommy Murphy's ownership and after a brief period was then sold on to Kevin Anderson where he was to remain for the rest of his days.

His English title was earned in 1991, and amongst his CC's was one awarded at Crufts, with BOB, under Charlie Pollard. In those days Anglea Rippon did the commentary for the BBC programme and to Philip and Eddie's pride and delight Duplicate with Kevin at the helm, was short listed in the last six of the Group and featured on the programme.

To list Duplicate's, or "Barney" as he is known to Kevin and friends, progeny that have attained top awards would take far too long but here is a brief synopsis of his top winning descendants. Eng Ch Lynphen Katie (Top IT), Eng Ch Mickey Finn who went on to Sweden and has gained top awards there, Ch Galway Gambler at Irvonhill (Top IT), Eng Ch Fairywell's Golden Chance, Eng Ch Naranja Jumping Jack Flash (Top IT), Int Ch Chantelle Guinness (Top IT Europe, 1999), Eng Ch Brazan Riesling and Int Ch Ben's Heir Ed, who along with owner Hans Gruttner took BOB at the World Show in 1994.

Duplicate is also the sire of Eng Ch Montelle Star Return who is the matriarch of the present top winning Montelle stock. The list above is mostly confined to English bloodlines as his influence was most remarkable in the UK, but it would be incorrect to say that his progeny are situated only in the UK as this is certainly not the case.

It had always been Philip's intention to incorporate Duplicate back into his line and in 1998 he finally took the opportunity with his Ir Ch Rutlan Sally, Duplicate's half sister. From this mating Philip ran on one bitch, Edbrios Slaine and although lightly campaigned she already has one CACIB, one CC, incidentally given by Ferelith Somerfield who also awarded Duplicate one of his CC's, and she is well on her way to her Irish title.

Duplicate is also present in Irish top winning lines, notably his daughter, Eng and Ir Ch Fintona Karisma, bred and owned by Johnny and Bernie Mc Govern, and her daughter Ir Ch Fintona Georgie Girl owned by Con Hackett. Karizma is related to Duplicate on both her maternal and paternal side, as her grand dam on her mothers' side is Edbrios Kim. John Canty's, Ir Ch Earl of Codinavilla, is a grand son of Duplicate and he recently won Best of Breed at the All Ireland Irish Terrier Club show to complete his title.

Lindsay Williamson (Naranja) writes; "I know how sad Kevin Anderson must be after the death of his Eng Ch Edbrios Duplicate, who sired many Champions, and whose latest offspring (Edbrios Slaine) recently won BCC at the Ulster.

Duplicate was an important and excellent influence on the breed and one hopes that his genetic inheritance continues to live on. A stud of such merit would be a case in point for storing semen."

Philip O'Brien commented. "I believed the combination of line breeding to Swinpen Bright Boy and Telltown Commoner Rolf was the way forward for the Edbrios line at that time. I had a picture of an Irish Terrier in my mind and my goal was to breed to that type. It goes without saying that a breed must evolve and improve to survive. It is, I believe, difficult to breed quality dogs, true to type and full of showmanship consistently. Duplicate has borne true my faith in that mating and I am extremely happy he has proven so successful."

One can only imagine the devastation that Kevin is feeling at the loss of this highly successful dog and long time friend. Once time has distanced him from the sadness he can reminisce and enjoy with pride owning Duplicate.

In 1999 alone of the five Irish Terriers gaining their English titles four of them were descendants of Duplicate's, a record that continues to be astounding. Without reservation it must be commented that he has improved the breed as his proficiency of siring top quality stock speaks for itself. He was used at stud for many reasons, most especially, his movement and his 'type'. He, through his prolonged successful progeny has written himself into the history books and will remain legendary in the breed.

Fionnuala Malone
Glenfitor Kerry Blues

This article was written at the time of Duplicate's death and was published in Dogs Review, a Canine magazine of the time.

All Ireland Irish Terrier Club Show 2013

Judge : Mr Eddie O'Brien (Edbrios)

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GSB and BIS – S O'Donnell's Ir and GB Ch Sinead's Siofra of Wyndam

GSD – M Doyle's Inisfire Regal Rory

BPIS - M O'Reilly's Cilradharc Inion Rí

Puppy Dog

1st - S and C Kennedy's Tippanagh Prince Milu of Doagh (CW13)

Intermediate Dog

1st and GSD – M Doyle's Inisfire Regal Rory

Open Dog

1st and Res GSD – M O'Reilly's Cilradharc Fintan

Champion Dog

1st – M Doyle's Ch Bridgeway's Royal Guard

Puppy Bitch

1st – M O'Reilly's Cilradharc Inion Rí

2nd – K O'Donnell's Doonrock Dance with the Devil

3rd – M Doyle's Tippanagh Princess Katie

Junior Bitch

1st – P and J Carroll's Carolmac Strong Gale

Intermediate Bitch

1st - S and C Kennedy's Inisfire Cora

Open Bitch

1st and Res GSB – P and J Carroll's Carolmac Clarion Call

Champion Bitch

1st, GSB and BIS – K O'Donnell's Ir and GB Ch Sinead's Siofra of Wyndam (CW12, 13)

2nd – P,J and L Carroll's Ch and Int Ch Carolmac Belle Charmer

3rd – S and C Kennedy's Ch Saucey Red

Novice Handlers Class

1st – F Byrne's Insifire Ted

2nd – M Brennan’s Orion

3rd – J and I Grealey’s Carolmac Marauder

Untrimmed Class

1st – J and S Lalor’s Doonrock Eye of the Storm

2nd - M Brennan’s Orion

3rd - J and I Grealey’s Carolmac Marauder

Breeders Class

1st – P, J and L Carroll

2nd – M O’Reilly

3rd – S and C Kennedy

Brace Stakes

1st – M Doyle

2nd - M O’Reilly

3rd – S Kennedy



Irish Terrier Breed Show Results

January - April 2014 News IKC’s Celtic Winners Show	GSD and BOB Mick Doyle's Ch Inisfire Regal Rory
	GSB Paddy, John and Laura Carroll's Carolmac Nipper
All Terrier Association’s Extravaganza 2013 Irish Terrier Reps	John Harty and Marion Lovelace’s IR CH ROWANTREE WITH BRAZAN
	Katherina O’Donnell’s GB and Ir Ch SINEAD’S SIOFRA OF WYNDAM(CW'12,'13)
2013 News Dublin Dog Show	GSD and BOB Mick Doyle's Ch Inisfire Regal Rory
	GSB Paddy, John and Laura Carroll's Carolmac Nipper
Cloghran Show	GSB and BOB to Katherine O'Donnell's Doonrock Dance with the Devil
	GSD Mick Doyle's Ch Inisfire Regal Rory
Bull Breeds Show	GSD and BOB Mick Doyle's Ch Inisfire Regal Rory
IKC International Show	GSD, CACIB and BOB John Harty and Marion Lovelace's CH ROWAN TREE WITH BRAZAN
	GSB and CACIB Katherina O'Donnell's G.B. & IR CH SINEAD'S SIOFRA OF WYNDAM (CW'12,'13)
IKC International Show	GSB and CACIB Katherina O'Donnell's G.B. & IR CH SINEAD'S SIOFRA OF WYNDAM (CW'12,'13)
	GSD and CACIB CH ROWAN TREE WITH BRAZAN
Carlow Show	GSD and BOB John Harty and Marion Lovelace’s Rowantree with Brazan

Bray Show	Stephen and Carmel Kennedy's GSB and BOB INISFIRE CORA
	GSD Stephen and Carmel Kennedy's TIPPANAGH PRINCE MILU OF DOAGH (CW 13)
Deise Show	GSB and BOB Paddy, John and Laura Carroll's CAROLMAC CLARION CALL
	GSD John Harty and Marion Lovelace's ROWAN TREE WITH BRAZAN
Kilkenny and District Canine Club Show	GSB and BOB to Paddy, John and Laura Carroll's CAROLMAC CLARION CALL
	GSD John Harty and Marion Lovelace's ROWAN TREE WITH BRAZAN.
Swords	GSD and BOB John Harty and Marion Lovelace's ROWAN TREE WITH BRAZAN
	GSB Stephen and Carmel Kennedy's INISFIRE CORA
Munster Canine Show	GSD and BOB John Harty and Marion Lovelace's ROWAN TREE WITH BRAZAN
Cork and District Show	GSD and BOB Mick Doyle's INISFIRE REGAL RORY
Hibernian Show	GSB and BOB Paddy, John and Laura Carroll's Carolmac Clarion Call
	GSD Mick Doyle's Inisfire Regal Rory
All Ireland Irish Terrier Club Show	Katherine O'Donnell's Ir and GB Ch Sinead's Siofra of Wyndam (CW12, 13)
	GSD Mick Doyle's Inisfire Regal Rory
Fermoy Show	GSD, CACIB and BOB John Harty and Marion Lovelace's ROWAN TREE WITH BRAZAN

	GSB Mick Doyle's Tippanagh Princess Katie
Irish Breeds Society Show	GSD and BOB Mick Doyle's Inisfire Regal Rory
	GSB Stephen and Carmel Kennedy's Inisfire Cora
Tralee Show	GSD and BOB Micheal O'Reilly's Cilradharc Fintan
	GSB Mossie Dowling's Padfoot Blath (Jun Ch)
Limerick Show	GSD and BOB Mick Doyle's Inisfire Regal Rory
	GSB Mossie Dowling's Padfoot Blath (Jun Ch)
Killarney Show	GSD and BOB Micheal O'Reilly's Cilradharc Fintan
	GSB Mossie Dowling's Padfoot Blath (Jun Ch)
Clonmel Show	GSB and BOB P, J and L Carroll's Carolmac Strong Gale
	GSD Mick Doyle's Inisfire Regal Rory
All Terrier Association Group Championship Show	GSB and BOB M Dowling's Padfoot Blath (Jun Ch)
	GSD John Harty and Marion Lovelace's Ch Rowantree With Brazan
Bangor Show	GSD and BOB Mick Doyle's Inisfire Regal Roy
	GSB Mick Doyle's Tippanagh Princess Katie
Monkstown Championship Show	GSD and BOB Mick Doyle's Inisfire Regal
	GSB Mick Doyle's Tippanagh Princess Katie
Sligo Show	GSB and BOB Stephen and Carmel Kennedy's INISFIRE CORA
	GSD Mick Doyle's Inisfire Regal Rory
Irish Ladies Kennel Association	GSD and BOB John Harty and Marion Lovelace's ROWAN TREE WITH BRAZAN
	GSB and CACIB John Canty and John

	Harty's MEGACANT DOUBLE TROUBLE
South Tipperary Show	GSD and BOB John Harty and Marion Lovelace's ROWAN TREE WITH BRAZAN
	GSB John Canty and John Harty's MEGACANT DOUBLE TROUBLE
Portadown Show	GSD and BOB Kevin Anderson's GB CH KERRYKEEL RONAN
	GSB Kevin Anderson's KERRYKEEL AOIFE
Bangor Show	GSB and BOB Kevin Anderson's GSB KERRYKEEL AOIFE
	GSD Kevin Anderson's KERRYKEEL RONAN
Combined Canine Club Show	GSB and CACIB and BOB to Katherina O'Donnell's Ir and GB CH SINEAD'S SIOFRA OF WYNDAM
	GSD and CACIB Mick Doyle's BRIDGEWAYS ROYAL GUARD
St Patrick's Day Celtic Winners Show	GSB and BOB to Katherine O'Donnell's Ir and GB CH SINEAD'S SIOFRA OF WYNDAM
	GSD Steven and Carmel Kennedy's TIPPANAGH PRINCE MILU OF DOAGH
All Terrier Association's Extravaganza 2012	PADFOOT GRADMACH
Irish Terrier Representatives	SINEAD'S SIOFRA OF WYNDAM

The Essence of the Irish Terrier

By The All Ireland Irish Terrier Club

Overall Appearance

The Outline of an Irish Terrier is characteristic. He is not a square dog, he is longer in the body than he is tall. The length should come from "well ribbed back", not from a long loin. He must have substance while at the same time be built on the lines of speed, showing a graceful athletic outline.

Temperament

When required an Irish Terrier should be alert and on his toes and displaying an assertive presence. He is loyal and devoted to his family.

Expression

Without a typical Irish Terrier expression, the best terrier in the world just becomes a dog. Expression is one of the most important physical characteristics of an Irish Terrier. By his head an Irish Terrier is first recognized and last remembered, because the challenging piercing expression is unlike the expression of any other member of the canine family. All exhibitors, judges but more importantly breeders must always carry in their minds the hard bitten "devil may care" expression which is so necessary and so desirable in the breed.

The daredevil Irish Terrier expression begins with a long, balanced head that is clean in the cheek. The correct skull is flat. The eyes appear small and not prominent because they are set moderately deep into the skull with good fill underneath them. Small dark eyes are the focal point of expression. The Standard describes them as "full of life, fire and intelligence".

The distinctive ear set of an Irish Terrier adds the finishing touch to the keen expression. The ears are set and carried differently to any other Terrier. Small and V Shaped, they are set well above the level of the skull, with the tips falling over and approaching the eye corners.

The knowledge and understanding of true Irish Terrier expression is the key to maintaining the distinctiveness of the breed.

Coat and Colour

The Irish Terrier must have a dense, harsh, wiry, double coat, which is broken in appearance but still lying flat. The colour should be whole coloured, red, yellow red, red wheaten. All are equally correct. A small patch of white on the chest is permissible.

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Grateful thanks to the hard working Committee of the Club for their input in this Essence.
We hope it will lead to a greater understanding of the Irish Terrier.*

Irish Terrier Breed Standard

Versatile farmyard dog, family pet, guard dog with utter contempt for danger or hurt, hunter and gundog.

Classification FCI Group 3 Terriers

Section 1 Large and Medium sized Terriers

Without working trial.

Irish Classification : Terrier Group

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Ireland has produced four Terrier breeds, all of which are markedly different from terriers on the continent and in England. The dog now officially called Irish Terrier is possibly the oldest of the Irish terrier breeds but records are so scarce that it would be difficult to prove this conclusively. Before the 1880s the colour of the Irish Terrier had

not been settled. Apart from red they were sometimes black and tan and sometimes brindle. At the end of the 19th century efforts were made to breed out the black and tan and the brindles so that by the 20th century all Irish Terriers showed the red coat. The red coated Irish Terrier soon made its appearance on show benches in England

and in the United States where it was enthusiastically received. The Irish Terrier's reputation was enhanced during the First World War when they were used as messenger dogs in the terrifying noise and confusion of trench warfare, thus proving both their intelligence and their fearlessness. The first breed club was set up in Dublin on March 31st 1879 and the Irish Terrier was the first member of the terrier group to be recognised by the English Kennel Club in the late 19th century as a native Irish Breed.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The dog must present an active, lively, lithe and wiry appearance; lots of substance, at the same time free of clumsiness, as speed and endurance as well as power is very essential. The Irish Terrier must be neither "cloddy nor cobby" but should be framed on the "lines of speed" showing a graceful racy outline.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT

The Irish Terrier, while being game and capable of holding his own with other dogs, is remarkably loyal, good tempered and affectionate with mankind, but once he is attacked, he has the courage of a lion and will fight to the bitter end.

The dog's reputation for getting into scraps with others, sometimes even in the showing, is undeserved. Though the terrier may be fierce when the circumstances call for it, the Irish Terrier is easily trained and a gentle pet, living up to his early description as "the poor man's sentinel, the farmer's friend and the gentleman's favourite".

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

HEAD

Long, free from wrinkles.

CRANIAL REGION

Skull: Flat and rather narrow between the ears, getting slightly narrower towards the eyes.

Stop: Hardly visible except in profile.

FACIAL REGION

Nose: Must be black.

Lips: Should be well fitting and externally almost black in colour.

Jaw: Must be strong and muscular, of good punishing length.

Teeth: Should be strong, level, free from canker and the top incisors slightly overlapping the lower.

Cheeks: Not too full. There should be a slight falling away below the eye so as not to have a Greyhound

appearance.

Eyes: Should be dark in colour, small, not prominent and full of life, fire and intelligence. A yellow or light

eye is most objectionable.

Ears: Small and V-shaped, of moderate thickness, set well on the head and dropping forward closely to the cheek.

The top line of the folded ear should be well above the level of the head. An ear hanging by the

side of the head, like a hound's, is not characteristic of the Terrier, while an ear which is semi-erect, is

even more undesirable. The hair on the ear should be short and darker in colour than that on the body.

NECK

Should be of a fair length and gradually widening towards the shoulders, well carried and free from throatiness. There is generally a slight sort of frill visible at each side of the neck, running nearly to the ear.

BODY

Should be symmetrical, neither too long nor too short.

Back: Should be strong and straight, with no appearance of slackness behind the shoulders.

Loin: Muscular and very slightly arched. A bitch may be slightly longer in couplings than a dog.

Chest: Deep and muscular but neither full nor wide. Ribs fairly sprung, rather deep than round and well-ribbed back.

TAIL

Should be set on rather high, carried gaily but not over the back or curled. It should be of good strength and substance and fairly long. Customarily the tail is docked so that two-thirds of its original length remains. The tail should be well covered with rough hair and free from fringe or feather. Only a natural tail (undocked) is allowed in countries where docking is banned by law.

LIMBS

Both fore and hind legs should be moved straight forward.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders: Must be fine, long and sloping

Elbows: Working freely clear of the sides.

Forearm: Moderately long perfectly straight with plenty of bone and muscle.

Pasterns: Short and straight, hardly noticeable.

HINDQUARTERS

Should be strong and muscular.

Thighs: Powerful.

Stifles: Moderately bent.

Hocks: Near ground

Feet: Should be strong, tolerably round and moderately small, toes arched and neither turned out nor in, black toenails most desirable. Pads sound and free from cracks or corny excrescence.

GAIT /MOVEMENT

Fore and hindlegs carried straight forward and parallel, elbows move parallel to the axis of the body, working free of sides, stifles neither turning in nor out.

COAT

Hair: Should be dense and wiry in texture, having a broken appearance but still lying flat, the hairs growing so closely and strongly together that when parted with the fingers, the skin cannot be seen, free of softness and silkiness and not so long as to hide the outlines of the body, particularly in the hindquarters and free of lock or curl. Hair on face of same description as on body but short (about three-quarters of a centimetre long), almost smooth and straight, a slight beard is the only long hair (and it is only long in comparison with the rest) that is permissible and is characteristic. A "goats" beard is suggestive of there being silky and bad hair running through the coat generally. Legs free of feather and covered, like the head, with as hard a texture of coat as body but not so long.

COLOUR

Should be "whole coloured" being red, red-wheaten or yellow-red. White sometimes on the chest. A small amount of white is frequently to be seen in all self coloured breeds.

SIZE (Height & Weight)

Height at the withers Approximately 18 inches (45.5cm)

Weight Dogs 27lbs (12.25kg)

Bitches 25lbs (11.4kg)

FAULTS

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.

ELIMINATING FAULTS

- Nose: Any colour other than black
- Jaws: Decidedly undershot or overshot.
- Colour: Any other than red, yellow red or red wheaten. A small patch of white on chest is permissible

as in other whole-coloured breeds.

- Feet: Corny excrescence or cracks on pads.

N.B. Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

JUDGING GUIDELINES

Notwithstanding the desirable weights mentioned above, it is mainly a question of the general appearance and if a dog is oversized or under sized, it is easily discernible in the ring, whatever its weight may be. The actual weight therefore, regardless of other considerations, must not become an obsession, otherwise the wrong type of dog maybe brought to the front. For instance, a comparatively small, heavily made, cloddy dog – which is not what is wanted – may easily be the standard weight or over it, whereas another which is long in the leg, with not the necessary substance and build, somewhat on the lines of a whippet – also not what is wanted – may be the exact weight or under it, which proves that while the standard weights must be borne well in mind, it is not the “last word” in judging, the main thing being to select as far as possible those of the generally accepted size, possessing the other necessary characteristics.



Gallery of Junior Champions



Tippanagh Prince Milu of Doagh (Jun Ch)



Inisfire Cora (Jun Ch)



Gallery of Champions in 2014



Ir Ch Inisfire Regal Rory



Ir Ch Padfoot Blath



Ir Ch Rowantree with Brazan



GB, INT and IR Ch Sinead's Siofra of Wyndam



Roll of Honour

Champion titles earned in 2014.

Annual Champion

Mick Doyle's Ch Inisfire Regal Rory (An Ch13)

Irish Champion Title

Mick Doyle's Bridgeways Royal Guard

Paddy, John and Laura Carroll's Carolmac Clarion Call

Mick Doyle's Inisfire Regal Rory

Kevin Anderson's GB Ch Kerrykeel Ronan (EW09)

John Canty and John Harty's Megacant Double Trouble

Mossie Dowling's Padfoot Blath

Marion Lovelace and John Harty's Ir Ch Rowantree with Brazan

Irish Junior Champion

Shane O'Donnell's Doonrock Dance With the Devil

Stephen Kennedy's Inisfire Cora

Stephen Kennedy's Tippanagh Prince Milu of Doagh





Paddy Carroll - An Introduction.

I first got interested in Boxers approx 1955, we travelled to shows by coach in those years. I got to know Tommy Evans who also travelled on these coaches, he had the Swinpen prefix and made up many champion Irish Terriers. I worked at Bolton General Hospital and was the Night Superintendant and was lucky enough to be able to arrange time off to get to most Champ shows in Britain. I also met George Dale travelling at this time and we became life long friends, George was interested in Boxers and Airedales when I first met him and he became Secretary of the North of England Airedale Club for many years.

I started a new position of employment in 1963 working for Bolton Social Services. I became the Officer in Charge of a new hostel being built for the Elderly and Mentally Infirm (Alzheimer's patients). I became worried that my Boxers would hurt an old person by being too boisterous and knocking over a resident and possibly causing a fracture so I decided to find them good homes.

Tommy Evans told me about a nine month old bitch puppy he had that was very nervous. I bought her thinking I could maybe do her some good by introducing her to my old people, her temperament improved a lot and I showed her at the Irish Terrier Club Sanction Show when she was eleven months old and we won Best Puppy in Show. At her first Championship show she won the Bitch CC from then on I was hooked on Irish Terriers.

During the following years I had a few Boston's, Greyhounds, Rough Collies, Wiemeraners, Dobermans, Mastiff, Yorkies, Wire Fox Terriers, Scotties, Welsh, Kerry Blues also Airedale Terriers in partnership with my great friend George Dale under the Cardale prefix. However, the Irish Terrier always remained my

favourite, I suppose I was a young Irishman living in another country and they made me think of home

My wife's name was Annie McGrath so you can see the "Carolmac" prefix came from our two surnames.

As regards mentors I suppose Tommy Evans and all the members of the North of England Irish Terrier Club were very good to me. I visited Tommy many times and he helped me a lot and showed me how to trim. I was a member of this club all the time I lived in Bolton, holding many positions on the committee I was Secretary for a few years and Chairman later. On my return to Ireland I was elected Honorary Life Patron of the club. I returned to England a number of years back to judge their Centenary Show.

My first judging appointment was to judge the Southern England Irish Terrier Club Sanction Show in 1969 and one year later my first championship show judging appointment was the Irish Terrier Association Champ Show. The first time I Judged in Ireland was in 1973 I judged the All Ireland Irish Terrier Club Championship Show. In those days there was always a very good relationship between the North of England Club and the All Ireland Club. About six to nine members would come over to Dublin every May for the champ show. Jack Sweeney then Secretary would arrange for us to be collected and taken to his home for breakfast and later taken to the show venue. These were always very enjoyable trips for us from the North of England Irish Terrier Club. I have judged most of the Terrier Breed Clubs Sanction Shows in England and have judged Irish Terriers at most if not all the All Breed Championship Shows including Crufts. I also judged in Belgium, Netherlands and France and was very pleased to judge Irish Terriers for the English Kennel Club in Dublin when they awarded CC's for Native Breeds at their show run in conjunction with the European Show when it was held in Dublin. This I believe is the first time CC's have been awarded in the Republic since the formation of the Irish Kennel Club. I now will not judge again for the Irish Kennel Club. I think it important that I should state the reasons for this. I think it disgusting of them to ask for a fee to judge, after all their recent increases in charges during this serious recession. If they are really that short of money. In my opinion they should hold an investigation into their own squandering. Appointing a Chief Executive will not help this neither will their increases in charges from 2nd April 2013.

My favourite Irish Terrier was my own Ch Carolmac Fiddlesticks who became known as the “father of Irish Terriers” in most countries in South America according to his new owner Dr Ron Coronie. Before Fiddlesticks left for Argentina he won Best of Breed at Crufts, he was Irish Terrier of the Year in 1978. The following year his daughter Ch Carolmac Fiddle Dee Dee won Best of Breed at Crufts and was Irish Terrier of the year in 1979. There has been approx forty Carolmac Champions worldwide, seven of which live at our kennels now. My favourite Irish Terrier not bred by me was Ch Redneval Ballinruan Beau shown by Peter Bell for his father Fred he won over thirty CC's.

Our most influential stud dog is Carolmac Twoboys he has sired at least one Champion in every mating and two Champions in a litter one who went on to gain her International Champion title. A son of Twoboys Ch Carolmac Wasp sired three Champions in one litter two of which went on to gain their International Champion titles so Twoboys is certainly a sire of sires.

I am not involved in any dog clubs at present other than being a member of the All Ireland Irish Terrier Club.

My advice to anyone thinking of coming into the breed would be to visit as many Irish Terrier kennels as possible and talk to the owners and picture in his or her minds eye their own ideal type and stick to it then and only then commence with the purchase of the dog

I now take a back seat in the Carolmacs. My son John and his wife Laura do all the work and showing now. My main concern for the breed is the lack of new people coming into it, show entries are decreasing. Sweeney's Teltown, Eddie O'Brien's Edbrios and Tom and Alice Deegan's Thomeilis were three top kennels who no longer show Irish Terriers. They are sadly missed.

My own pet dog at the moment is a five month old smooth Jack Russell Terrier bitch “Wagger.” *This Introduction was written by Paddy in February 2014.*

Carolmac Irish Terriers

Producing Champions for over fifty years

Stud Dogs:

At stud to approved bitches

Ch Kemur Keano Lad at Carolmac CW08

Ch Carolmac Wasp CW09

Puppies Expected:

Int Ch Kemur Colleen Nua CW08 has recently been mated to Ch Carolmac Wasp

Puppies expected at the end of May!

Carolmac Nipper (aged 15 months)



Dam: Int Ch Kemur Colleen Nua Sire: Ch Carolmac Wasp

Paddy, John and Laura Carroll.

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Basic Genetics and the Irish Terrier: Hereditary Footpad Hyperkeratosis

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“Free from cracks and horny excrescences” – a phrase familiar to anyone who has read the Standard for the Irish Terrier. It is found in the description of the feet. Our breed forefathers in their wisdom were actively selecting against a condition known as “corny feet” or “cracked pad” as far back as 1879, when the first official standard was laid down in Dublin.

This condition, now known as hereditary footpad hyperkeratosis, still appears in Irish Terriers occasionally. It has long been suspected that it is an inherited trait, and it has been classified by geneticists as an autosomal **recessive condition**. Such conditions can manifest themselves in one of three ways in any given animal.

An animal has two copies of most genes in its DNA. It inherits one copy from the sire and one from the dam. Therefore, an animal may inherit two “normal” copies of the gene from its parents – it would be characterised as NN, unaffected, or clear, and unable to pass the condition to any progeny.

(In all the following diagrams the Sire's genes are listed on the top horizontal line and the dam's on the left vertical)

		Sire	
		N	N
Dam	N	NN	NN
	N	NN	NN

As can be seen, mating clear animals to clear can only result in clear progeny

An affected animal would have two defective copies of the gene, and be characterised as nn – extremely likely to develop the condition in question, and would pass the defective gene to all of its progeny.

		Sire	
		n	n
Dam	n	nn	nn
	n	nn	nn

The recessive condition is characterised by the existence of **carrier** animals – genetically they have one normal and one defective copy of the gene in question, and are characterised

as Nn. Such animals are **clinically normal**, i.e. they are unlikely to develop the condition. They can however, pass the defective gene to some of their progeny. It is this mechanism that allows recessive conditions to “reappear” even when two apparently normal animals are mated together.

		Sire	
		N	n
Dam	N	NN	Nn
	n	Nn	nn

As can be seen above, the expected probability when mating two carriers is 25% normal animals, 50% carriers and 25% affected. This shows how a recessive condition can be propagated in a population even when apparently normal animals are mated.

Traditionally, when affected animals were discovered, both they and their parents were removed from the gene pool by not being bred from. This method of control can have a major effect on a breed with a small gene pool, as it may remove a large number of animals from the breeding population. Also, since recessive conditions still crop up, for the reasons discussed above, this control method is largely ineffective.

The good news for breeders of Irish Terriers is that a test has recently become available, which is able to identify clear, carrier and affected animals. The major advantage of this test is that it will allow carrier animals, which in all other ways may be outstanding individuals, to be **safely used** in a breeding programme. As shown below, when a **known carrier** is mated to a **known clear**, no affected animals will be produced.

The expected probability of progeny when mating clear to carrier is 50% clear, 50% carrier.

The progeny of such a mating should be tested to identify carriers, which in turn should be mated to known clears. Over time, affected animals will be bred out, carriers identified, and the proportion of carriers will reduce.

In Summary:

When using the new test, there are some key points to remember.

The point of testing is to identify carrier animals and mate them appropriately, so as not to produce more affected animals, and to preserve the genetic diversity in the breed.

Affected animals should not be bred from.

Known carriers should **only** be mated to known clears. Progeny from such matings, intended for breeding, **must** be tested, to identify carriers produced, in order to mate these carriers to clear animals in the future.

Personal observations:

It is important to remember that this condition is **rare** in Irish Terriers. The vast majority of our dogs are not affected. Figures from a recent study identified 22 affected animals in a population of 578 Irish terriers in Europe. The gene was isolated from dogs of another breed, the Khromforlander, before the test was perfected and applied to Irish Terriers. For this reason, in my opinion, there is little reason for our breeders to be nervous of the test.

Given that a dog may produce many more puppies over his lifetime than a female, it should be obvious to breeders that in an ideal world, a stud dog would be clear of the condition.

It is also important for both breeders and judges to note that there is a difference between this condition of **excessive** growth of corny, cracked tissue on the pads, and a crack in an otherwise normal pad, which can occur in dry conditions or if a dog is regularly exercised on hard ground.

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