



Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I write to you in Our First Newsletter. This has been a tremendous year for the AITBA with the success of our First Gala Event; thanks must go to Paul Stanton our judge for helping this to be such a success. We then had our first breed specific Seminar, The speaker was the highly respected Apso/Shih-Tzu Breed Specialist Glenys Dolphin. Her relaxed and informative manner was very well received by all who attended, and the feedback from you our members has been extremely positive.

All of us should continue to pull together and promote our beloved breeds, raising the profile of Tibetan Breeds in Ireland and of course further afield.

Can I please ask that as individuals we all try and promote the AITBA to fellow exhibitors and new and existing puppy buyers as the more members we have the stronger the Association will hopefully become. Please don't forget the any feedback, ideas or assistance you can offer the committee please don't hesitate to contribute. This is an Association for all members not just a few.

2009 has also been a year of change within committee .Our first Club Secretary Mrs Maureen Byrne tendered her resignation due to ill health and Our First Treasurer, Mrs Josie Foley also resigned from her office but has happily decided to stay on committee. I would like to thank them both for their support and work in our first year.

I am very pleased to say that both positions have been filled by two ladies who have a lot of experience, and will bring a lot to their respective roles. Yvonne Cannon who has considerable experience in this role has taken on the Secretary's position, and Stephanie Walsh has taken on the mantle of Treasurer. I am sure we all wish them well and will support them fully in the future.

2010 Will see us get off to a Great start with our Second Gala on Sat 20th Feb at The National Show Centre Cloghran, Tula Plathan From Finland will officiate for us and I am sure she will receive a record entry on her first Irish Appointment. The Gala will also be available to enter online at www.dogshowentry.ie

May I Finally Wish all Of You a Very Special 2010

Wes McCrum

Chairman A.I.T.B.A

Tibetan Spaniel Breed notes by Audrey O'Brien

Hello Folks,

Thought I was done with this breed notes malarkey but my unique skills have been called into action for our very own A.I.T.B.A. first newsletter. Only kidding!

It has been a very busy year at the Tibetan Spaniel breed ring. There has been an unprecedented rise in the number of Tibbies being shown and I think it is fair to say that the winnings have by and large been spread around.

There have been some new faces in the breed, Tom Clifford formerly of Cavaliers, Julie and Philip Bryan who are well known and very successful in the Border Terrier ring. Also young Nadine Birmingham a very capable junior handler and Mr. John O'Mahony. We must not forget also our over-seas visitors Mrs. Pointin from Wales, Mrs Rutley, (who won her 7th Green star with her veteran dog Jarveys Sharifa at Tralee). Congrats!! Mrs M Quest and Mr. G Quest of Chenrezi Tibetan spaniels that was very successful on the circuit winning 2 Bitch Green stars and our own Mr. Tony Moran and Mr. Lionel Prouve.

There was a record of over 50 Tibetan Spaniels shown with a high of 27 at some of the International shows. This surely must be one of the highest indexes in Group 9. Long may it last- despite the recession. Our breed shows were also very well attended and there was a great atmosphere. Many thanks to Evelyn who is stalwart in her organization of both events and is the reason that both shows are always such an enjoyable day out.

New Champions gaining their Irish title this year include Mr. & Mrs. M Clancy's Milbethan full of fun at Glishanna and also Clancy's Milbethan follow the Akt. Michael also won both Euro winner titles at our Euro show in June. Well done to Michael who also won annual Champion this year with his 9 year old Ch Milbethan Just on thyme.

My own Ch Glishanna Babette gained her International title at Monkstown this year and her sister took two CACIB'S at the Combined and Fermoy International shows bringing her half way to her new title. It will be considerably harder in the coming year to achieve the International title as there will be only two CACIB'S on offer at both the aforementioned shows just 4 weeks apart. A pity to lose the others. There were several Junior Champions made up this year namely Rosanna Rio at Glishanna and Glishanna brown eyed girl at Glencarraig. If there have been any other Jnr Champions that I have failed to mention, my apologies as I have missed quite a number of shows this year. Before I sign off I must mention my own Ch Int Ch Glishanna Thackary Binks who has been living in Finland for the past year where he has gained his Finnish Swedish and Estonian Championship titles. This makes him a record breaker being the only Irish Tibetan Spaniel to gain 5 titles on top of his 3 year Annual Champion and Celtic Winners titles. It is great that we Irish can send our Tibbies over to Scandinavia and fly the flag for the Irish show dogs.

That's all for now. Again if I have forgotten anybody please let me know at audreyodea@yahoo.co.uk and I will rectify same in future news letters.

LHASA APSO Breed notes by William Totton

WHAT A GREAT YEAR IT HAS BEEN FOR LHASA APSO EXHIBITORS SO NICE TO SEE SO MANY LHASA APSOS GRACE THE RING /CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE EXHIBITORS WHO MADE UP THEIR DOGS /BITCHES TO CHAMPION/ JUNIOR CHAMPION STATUS THIS YEARHERE IS A ROUNDUP OF THIS YEAR...

Junior Champions; JIM AND MAY MCFARLAND MICHEADO WE WILL ROCK U (D); EAMON KEENANS HENEVA THE HEADLINER FOR KEOMA(D);STEPHEN LLOYD OWENAVERA WILD CHINA(B);WILLIAM TOTTON FABIANA CHARMED ONE (B)

Champions; WILLIAM TOTTONS CH OWENAVERA MISS-TIQUE FROM FABIANA(B); SARAH MATTHEWS HOMEBRED CH TASARNIA HUMMINGBIRD(B); JULIE CONOLLY CH CHOCHOSAN HEATHER GIRL AT SNAZZIPAWS(B);STEPHEN LLOYDS HOMEBRED CH OWENAVERA WILD CHINA(B);EVA KEENANS HOMEBRED CH HENEVA LOOKING AT YOU(B)

IT HAS BEEN A TERIFIC YEAR FOR FLO FAHEY/J SHIRES CH KUTANI REPLAY AT BENTARSNA (D) TAKING GROUP 1 AT COMBINED CANINE CLUB ; GROUP 3 AT HIBERNIA CH SHOW; GROUP 1 AT BRAY CANINE CLUB AND 3RD BEST IN SHOW ;GROUP 1 AT CLONMEL INTERNATIONAL SHOW; GROUP 3 AT TRALEE CH SHOW

STEHEN LLOYD OWENAVERA WILD CHINA TOOK GROUP 1 AT SLIGO

SARAH MATTHEWS CH TASARNIA ENIGMA GROUP 1 AND 3RD BEST IN SHOW AT BANGOR; SARAH MATTHEWS....CH TASARNIA ENIGMA... GROUP 2 AT SWORDS AND EAMON KEENANS YOUNSTER HENEVA THE HEADLINER AT KEOMA...TAKING PUPPY GROUP 3...

IR INT CH NEMMI SHINE ON ME AT FABIANA TAKES GROUP 3 AT LIMERICK AND TASARNIA HUMMINGBIRD TAKES GROUP 1 AT CARLOW

EUROPEAN WINNERS SHOW TOTTONS IR INT CH NEMMI SHINE ON ME AT FABIANA DGS CACIB AND GROUP 3; FAHEY/SHIRE KUTANI REPLAY AT BENTARSNA RGSB AND RES CACIB; TOTTON OWENAVERA MISS-TIQUE FROM FABIANA GSB CACIB; MATTHEWS TASARNIA HUMMINGBIRD RGSB RES CACIB LLOYD OWENAVERA WILD CHINA ..BEST JUNIOR UNDER MRS K LUMMPELEMPI FROM FINLAND.

SOME FANTASTIC RESULTS FROM THE UK.....IF IVE FORGOTTON ANY BODY PLEASE LET ME KNOW!!!! AT CRUFTS UNDER KEITH NATHAN (GB) STEPHEN LLOYDS HOMEBRED IR CH OWENAVERA GLITZ AND GOSSIP TOOK THE BITCH CC (HER 2ND) AND MY OWN OWENAVERA SAINT HE AINT AT FABIANA 1ST IN JUNIOR DOG.

UNDER SALLY POINTON (GB) AT WELKS OWENAVERA WILD CHINA TOOK BEST PUPPY BITCH AND BPIB

AT PAINGTON MORE GREAT NEWS FOR FLO FAHEY/J SHIRE TAKING 1ST PUPPY DOG AND 1ST PUPPY BITCH A GREAT START TO THEIR PUPPIES CAREERS IN THE RING

AT BELFAST CH SHOW UNDER FERLITH SOMMERFIELD(GB) DCC WENT TO IR INT CH NEMMI SHINE ON ME AT FABIANA RES DCC WENT TO JULIE CONOLLY CHOCHOSAN TALK OF THE TOWN AT SNAZZIPAWS...

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IR CH OWENAVERA GLITZ AND GOSSIP BCC MAKING THIS HER 3RD AND
GAINING HER ENGLISH CROWN ..
RES BCC TO FABIANA CHARMED ONE...
AND TO F FAHEY AND J SHIRE TAKING BPD AMAJEI MIDNIGHT SPECIALAT
BENTARSNA AND BPB AMAJEI SUPER TROUPER IS BENTARSNA AND THE DOG...
TAKING BPIB

SO CONRATULATIONS TO STEPHEN ANOTHER GB CHAMPION FROM THE
OWENAVERA KENNELS.....VERY WELL DESERVED

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE ON THEIR SUCESSSES THIS YEAR AND
WISHING EVERYBODY THE BEST OF LUCK FOR 2010 IM SURE THERE WILL BE
MANY NEW PUPPIES AND EXHIBITORS
THAT WE SEE AT THE RINGSIDE

WILLIAM TOTTON

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OUT FROM THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO DO NOTES FOR THE
ASSOCIATIONS FIRST NEWSLETTER***

FOR 2010

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TIBETAN TERRIER REVIEW 2009 - Judi Andrew-Tempest

Welcome to the first TT breed notes for the newly formed AITBA. 2009 seems to have come and almost gone in a flash, so I shall give you a quick rundown of TT wins etc throughout the year.

Where better to start than at the AITBA's own gala event in February where the winner of the "champion" section and the eventual overall winner was a Tibetan Terrier. This was Judi Andrew-Tempest's CH & INT CH Araki Barbie Doll with Mikudi (CW09). The event was judged by Mr Paul Stanton, a Tibetan Breeds specialist from Sweden (but formerly the UK many years ago). We are now looking forward to the next gala event in February 2010, and I hope you all come out and support it.

On the show scene TT entries in general are on the increase and this year ranged from 5 to 38, the latter being the Euro show which attracted some extra entries from the UK, but there were quite a few absentees. Our judge was Monique Van Brempt from Belgium. Her DGS/CACIB & BOB winner was Dermot and Sybel Alford's Araki My Trademark of Christate. BGS/CACIB winner was George and Georgina Corneille's Siddhartha Ailsa of Lilasong who was handled to this win by Tanja Hakamo from the Falamandus kennel in Finland. The Junior Dog and best junior winner was Maureen and John Jnr Byrne's Alilah Real Mchoy and the Junior Bitch winner was Mr & Mrs McClean's Glencoul Blackberry Rye. These wins at a Euro show qualified these dogs for Crufts 2010.

With only one more All Breed Championship show left this year I can give you the top Green Star winners at this stage. Top dog is Sean & Cathy Lydon's AM/IR CH Tripitaka Blazing Firebird who will also be Annual Champion for this year. Top winning bitch is Judi Andrew-Tempest's CH Schanti's Zara-Lamleh mit Mikudi. Throughout the year there have been 5 new Irish Champions and 1 International Beaute Champion crowned. The champions are Lydon's Tripitaka Blazing Firebird, Andrew-Tempest's Schanti's Zara-Lamleh mit Mikudi and the same owners Schanti's Xandur-Lamleh mit Mikudi, Coffey's Kobecoff Kimego and Byrne's Alilah Noir Nimeesha for Siddhartha (Jnr Ch). Gaining her INT crown was my CH Araki Barbie Doll with Mikudi (CW09). Finally, we have two new Junior Champions this year, Alford's Araki Muffy Puff and Corneille's Falamandus New Name for Lilasong. Congratulations to everyone.

Since it is that time of the year again I shall finish by wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year!

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Mrs J Foley; Mr M Stewart,**

Shih Tzu Review 2009 – Stephanie Walsh

Hi All, With the end of 2010 here (and as I've finally given in to the huge pressure to finish this in time) we can look back at this year in the Shih Tzu ring in Ireland. Apologies if I've left anyone out, I've tried to find and include as many results as possible.

Before I start on the show results and on a sadder note we were all shocked to hear of the death of Frances Hickey during the summer months. Frances was a founder member of the breed club here in Ireland and served on the committee in various positions until quite recently, she judged Shih Tzu's for many years in numerous countries and was in great demand worldwide as an all breeds judge. Frances, along with husband Gerry, enjoyed tremendous success both here and England in their earlier competitive years with their 'of Lyre' kennel and produced not only Irish and English champions but have bred many champions in a number of countries throughout the world. I know Frances got tremendous enjoyment from the last litter she bred in January of this year. The Shih Tzu world in Ireland has lost one of its most knowledgeable and devoted enthusiasts with the her passing.

Having gone through all the results I could find I would assume that CH Saffron Morning Glory at Thomeilis CW06 should be this years annual champion. This was a great year for Barney as he is also the only International Champion crowned this year having won no less than 4 CACIBs so well done to Josie Foley - growing his coat back was worth it!!!

Two males won their titles this year - at Bangor Leonard family's CH Belliver Cowboy Magic at Plenard CW09 CJW09 won GS number 7 and he was followed a couple of shows later at Limerick, by our CH Cloughlea Triple Power at Silverross Jun CH. There was just one Junior Champion this year - Sandra Maxwell's female Belliver Yahoo. Well done to the new title holders!!!!

Adult Group placings were very few this year - Aaron Browns CH Belliver Golden Popcorn was Group 2 at Newtownards in March and later in the year, at Portadown he won Group 4 with Belliver Pot of Gold.

The younger Shih Tzu's won quite a few puppy group placings between them at the 5 Int shows - at Fermoy Aaron Browns Belliver Red Robin of Shymarya was PG2, at Swords Lorna Hynes Lillyash Dreamer Emma was PG4 and at Dun Laoghire our Dolly Daydream of Lyre was PG3 . Well done to Yvonne Cannons Cloughlea the Demon Diva who won the Puppy Stakes at Bull breeds - roll on the Pup of the Year finals next April!!! My own Dolly Daydream of Lyre was 2nd in the puppy stakes at Banbridge . At the other end of the age scale - Martin and Celia Byrne's veteran CH & INT CH Miss Medina of Bruler has had a number of placings in Veteran stakes as well as continuing to win GS.

While Crufts this year had a lower Shih Tzu entry than the last few years a number of Irish exhibitors made the trip with their dogs and the RBCC was won by Aaron Browns CH Belliver Golden Popcorn of Shymarya. Tracey Hynes was competing in the Utility KCJO handling class with 'Oliver' - Bakalo Bancquo, having qualified by winning her age group at Belfast last year and she acquitted herself well in a large class. As some Swedish friends were also flying over this year we brought a number of dogs and they (the dogs)spent an enjoyable few days 'meeting and greeting' the Novotel guests in the lobby each night and flying up and down to the 5th floor in the

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lifts!!! At the end of the stay Shae had finally learned how NOT to reverse out of the lift as the doors closed!

The Shih Tzu Club of Ireland committee had decided to move the club championship show from its traditional October date to the Friday before the European Show so Shih Tzu exhibitors had a long weekend!! The show had a reasonable entry considering that Friday was a working day and while we had no overseas dogs taking part, we did have some shih Tzu exhibitors from England, over without their dogs for the week, and we certainly felt the great party atmosphere in Cloghran that day with so many other breed club shows also being held. The committee put a great deal of work into the show with a gift for each exhibitor and strawberries and cream and a bit of bubbly afterwards!! Mr Gerry Hickey was centre ring and his winners were ; DGS & BIS Marshall Craig and Niamh McCarthy-Craigs CH Saffron The Real McCoy, BGS and RBIS Yvonne Cannons CH Cloughlea Good Play Jun Ch, Best Puppy was Lynne Meeks Lillyash J'Adore Noir and Best Veteran Celie Byrne CH & Int Ch Miss Medina of Bruler. The Club Points Trophies for 2008 were also awarded on the day - the overall points trophy was awarded to Cannons CH Cloughlea Good Play Jun ch and the reserve was awarded to her brother Walsh's CH Cloughlea Triple Power of Silveross Jun Ch.

We had fantastic weather for our day at the European Show, always a bonus with a long coated breed!! Our judge was Mr Christopher Habig from Germany and we had an international line up of winners - BOB, DGS & CACIB Carter & Willet's Debeaux Russia Wiv Love (GB), RDGS & RCACIB Mrs I Cherkasova's GB/Rus/Lit CH Debeaux Ruff Love (Russia). BGS from Veteran & Best Veteran in Breed C Byrnes CH & Int CH Miss Medina of Bruler, CACIB CH Italiano Rebel Rose Elizabeth Arden (Italy), RCACIB Willets Debeaux Decadence (GB). There was a great atmosphere at the show and the support the overseas exhibitors have for each other in both the breed and group rings was fantastic to see and hear.

Our own Josie Foley was in charge at Belfast this year, awarding CCs for the first time after a lifetime of involvement with our breed - her DCC and BOB was her favourite Helen Howard's GB CH Tameron Mr Kenzo, RDCC Moulds Symarju's Sheer Genius with Mobox. BCC was from puppy class - Howard's Rossvale Miss Insolence at Tameron and RBCC from Minor Puppy bitch - our Dolly Daydream of Lyre.

Before the other show results I must congratulate Tracey Hynes on qualifying for the Irish Junior Handling Final last weekend with Oliver - Bakalo Bancquo. While Oliver didn't make the final as he injured his eye he has been Traceys handling dog all year and they have been steadily notching up the points at shows. We all know how hard it can be to get a Shih Tzu round the ring once at a show so to get one to behave and move as required in a handling class is no small achievement!!!

I had intended detailing the number of green stars the dogs listed below have won during this year, but as I was missing for a few shows, I think it would be safer to name all the dogs that I'm certain have been awarded GSs!!!. You can see the number of GSs I'm certain they won BUT please remember I'm missing the results for at least 4 shows and don't berate me the next time I meet you if my figures are wrong.

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CH & Int Ch Saffron Morning Glory at Thomeilis -11 GS, 4 CACIB; CH & INT CH Miss Medina of Bruler - 6 GS; CH Belliver Golden Popcorn of Shymarja - 5GS, 2 CACIB; Rosaril Move Over Darling into Lillyash – 1;*Belliver Yahoo Jun Ch - 2 Ninorc Namba – 4; Belliver Cowboy Magic at Plenard CW09 CJW09 – 6; *Lillyash J’adore Noir – 1; Ch Cloughlea Good Play Ju Ch –1;CH Cloughlea Triple Power of Silveross Jun Ch – 3; Ch Saffron The Real McCoy – 1; Bakalo Bancquo – 1;*Lillyash Dreamer Emma at Carnhara – 2; *Dolly Daydream of Lyre – 5; Belliver Pot of Gold – 4; *Cloughlea the Demon Diva – 3.

A number of these dogs must now be waiting for just one or two more GS to gain their titles so the best of luck with the chase in 2010 and it is also so promising for the future to see that a number of puppies *have won their GSs from the puppy classes. I believe there are some new puppies waiting in the wings so hopefully the numbers entered at shows will continue to rise. I know a number of members do attend Open shows while their dogs are juniors and I’m sure a lot of these have good wins to be mentioned so do let me know of these wins.

So where does that leave us? I think it was quite a mixed year in the show ring - only a couple of shows apart from those detailed above had large entries numerically, some had very poor entries with some shows having single or no entries for one or other sex (and yes geography does play a large part in this), and while we had a good number of overseas judges, with the exception of the club show we had no breed specialists at all. A number of forthcoming judges attended the seminar held in October and I’m sure they found listening to Glenys Dolphin talking so knowledgeably on the two breeds closest to her heart a great help in contemplating judging both breeds. (Certainly Abbi found being the centre attention for the day absolutely wonderful!!) It will be interesting to see!!! Anyway, apologies again if I have left anyone out or given incorrect figures above. It just remains to wish you all the best of luck with whatever you do next year. As always we will be hoping for dogs to be in coat, judges who know what they are doing and who judge accordingly, and of course if not actual sunshine at least less rain!!! My own hopes used to include the one that Abbi would actually walk around the ring at a show (racing around the garden or running away when I call her doesn’t count in her world). It seems I now have to hope that Fay will actually walk at all.....

Happy New year!! Stephanie Walsh stephiewalsh@eircom.net

**WISHING ALL OUR MEMBERS A VERY
HAPPY & PEACEFUL 2010**