

**COLIN & CAROLYN
MUIRHEAD
Shippen**

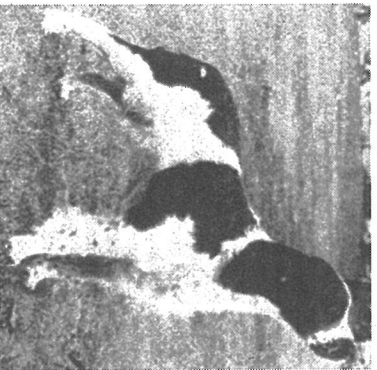


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Ch Studley Major:

1 Carolyn chooses **Ch Mompesson Remember Me**. A well constructed bitch of real English Springer type, she had the necessary build to fulfil the Standard's "rarest of the land spaniels", and she did not carry the exaggerated coat.
Colin chooses **Ch Studley Major** who stood out for type, with right size and balance, possessing the classic head and eye, and above all, correctly set ears.
Of our own dogs, we both agree on **Ch Swallowtail of Shippen** as being nearest to our ideal. He was generally acknowledged as being liver/white type, despite being black/white. Apart from this, he was a superb worker and a great character.

2 In general, the basic breed type has not changed to any great extent, although change is an insidious thing that creeps in without being noticed, if fashions are allowed to go too far unchecked. Changes in presentation and handling techniques tend to mask any deviation from type. Size has always varied.
The show and field trial dogs have not drawn apart irrevocably, but it will need quite a bit of give and take from both factions to get back on an even keel.

Possibly a show qualification being conditional to get a FT Ch title and ditching the Sh Ch title might help.
We see the breed's future alternating between hope and despair!

3 Like most breeds, the correct head is the hallmark of the ESS, not too narrow with low set ears giving a Cockerly look, with dark well shaped eyes and soft expression. The moderately longer body and extra length of leg giving the raciness, which permits the long free-striding action typical of the breed, as opposed to the bustling action of the more compact Cocker.

**BOB & FRANCES
JACKSON
Mompesson**

1 We feel that, while we have some lovely Springers in the breed, we differ to which one comes nearest to the Standard: **Sh Ch Hawkhill Connaught**, the male bred record holder, or **Sh Ch Grafton-bury Genghis Khan**.

Connaught, a great ambassador for the breed, was a stallion of a dog excelling in quality and bred type, with plenty of substance and ample bone. His head was masculine without being coarse and perfectly balanced in skull and foreface. He was a great showman and very sound mover with good strong quarters. He also passed on many of his good points to his progeny, with many becoming champions.
Khan was an excellent example of the breed, correct size and shape, perfectly proportioned and rarer than Connaught. Outgoing temperament, never stopped showing. Moved freely with good drive and had great ring presence. He also had a lovely expressive head and eye.

The nearest to our ideal of our own must be **Ch Mompesson Remember Me**, the bred record holder with 55 CCs. She has a lovely head, with a kind intelligent expression, lovely chiselling beneath the eyes. Strong, well balanced in body, with plenty of substance, yet still keeping her feminine looks. Her showmanship is second to none. Moved with an easy,



photo Dalton

Sh Ch Graftonbury Genghis Khan.

effortless action typical of the breed, covering the ground. Totally balanced either standing or moving, she never let us down. She is one very special lady.

2 The English Springer Spaniel has changed only slightly during the years we have known the breed. Most breeders have a very responsible attitude towards the breed, but we do have a few exhibitors for whom the only aim is to win whatever the cost; they don't want the Judge's opinion, just to win. This attitude won't do the breed any good in the long term.

The males in depth are not as masculine, nor do they have the substance they used to have; there are not so many stallion dogs around, but there are plenty of pretty males lacking in bone and substance. The females are of better quality in depth.

The true English Springer gait is not often seen these days. Fast, short, choppy strides seem to be the order of the day making them look busy on the move but getting nowhere. There is also great emphasis on the length of coat, rather than body properties (egg depth of body, spring of rib). The coat is the icing on the cake, but you have to have cake to put the icing on.

The show and field trial dogs do differ, but we don't really see a lot of field trial dogs to comment on them. The ones we have seen don't have the size or substance of the show dogs so you certainly could not show them, but you can work a show-

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Sh Ch EASTRIDING APHRODITE (LW)

8 CCs, 3 BOBS, 2 res CCs

At stud to approved bitches: **Sh Ch EASTRIDING FOREVER TRUE (BW)** 10 CCs, 5 BOBS, 2 res CCs, 2 group 2, 2 group 4, eye tested, hip scored, fucosidosis clear

Our two youngsters **EASTRIDING CALVIN KLEIN (LW)** and **EASTRIDING ATHENE (BW)** are already making a mark, most recently at the NESS open show. **Sh Ch E Aphrodite** — BIS, E Calvin Klein — BPIS, E Athene — res BPIS, Chetrua Yorkshire Rose of Eastriding — BVIS. A very memorable day, many thanks to Judge Mrs Nicola Hughes

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type Springer.
3 The principal point which makes the English Springer Spaniel distinct from other spaniel varieties is the side gait which is strictly its own. The forelegs should swing straight forward, from the shoulder, throwing the feet well forward in an easy, free manner. At slow speed many Springers have a pacing stride which is typical of the breed (both legs on the same side going forward together and back together).

**JENNY & DON
MILLER
Feortlig**

1 We would confine our selection to the '70s and early '80s and to dogs that we have seen or judged. In our opinion, these were the halcyon years of the breed for us and produced countless numbers of quality and true-to-Standard type exhibits.

In bitches we must mention **Teesview Pandora of Truelindale**, **Sh Ch Bartochan Beltringer**, **Sh Ch Irland Bren Ragapple**, **Sh Ch Ardencote Tapestry**, **Sh Ch Lyndora Beautiful Music** and **Sh Ch Whitemoor Maltesser**.

Dogs produced **Sh Ch Watdson Shoestring**, **Ch Moorcliff Dougal of Truelindale**, **Sh Ch Graftonbury Genghis Khan**, **Ch Swallowtail of Shippen** but, to epitomise the Standard, it had to be **Sh Ch Hawkhill Connaught**. A classical head and so well balanced with the correct conformation. He had the sound, spectacular driving movement of the breed.

Although **Sh Ch Feortlig Beautiful Memory** was admired in the breed, our choice must go to the much-maligned **Sh**

Ch Feortlig Van Der Valk, who won 11 CCs and 22 RCCs. He had great ring presence, coupled with great balance, lovely conformation and great driving movement. He was a wonderful dog to own.
2 Bred type has deteriorated over the last ten years. The showmanship association with the breed has gone, and many foreign heads and expressions can be seen. The Standard states that the breed is the highest on the leg and rarest in build of all the British land spaniels — can this be true of many of the short-legged specimens seen in the ring today? Can the point be proven, when many will not remember when the breed last went BIS at a general ch show? It was **Ch Bowswood Barleycorn** at Driffield in 1986 although

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Sh Ch Hawkhill Connaught, pictured winning the group at Crufts 1974, handled by Jimmy Cudworth. photo Pearce

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