

## ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL FEATURE

### SUFFERSDRINK



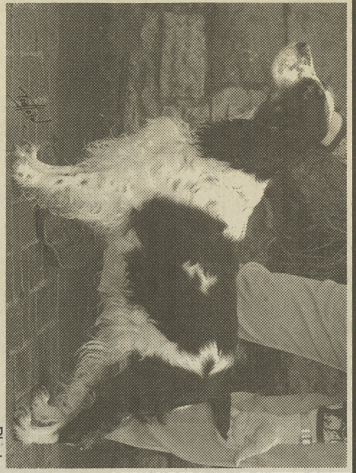
**ALANEA PREMIERE FEMME AT SUFFERSDRINK**  
 By Ch Carakip, Vagabond Character  
 ex Sericum Liberty Belle  
**CC Birmingham National 2001**  
 Judge: Mrs M Southworth  
 Consistently placed with several wins in limit throughout the year  
 Now on maternal duties with a litter by Alanea Landcruiser  
 Genuine puppy enquiries welcome  
**KEN and SHEILA CLARK**  
 24 North Street, Colston, Lincoln  
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### EASTRIDING



**EASTRIDING KOUROS**  
 Photo: Kips  
 Born 6.12.99  
 By Sh Ch Elmvek Earthbound  
 ex Sh Ch Eastling Aphrodite  
 • **3 RCCs** •  
 Consistently placed throughout the year along with his litter sister **EASTRIDING CONTRADICTION**, also **EASTRIDING VERSACE** (repeat mating 12.12.00)  
**PUPPIES SOMETIMES AVAILABLE**  
**JANET & KELLY PRICE 01262 851000**

**MACLAURIEN CAUDALE TARTAN STOCKINGS AT MACLAURIEN**  
 (black, white & tan bitch)  
 • **2 CCs** • **2 RCCs**  
 • **1 BOB**  
 Shares her home with  
**1st Sh Ch CAUDALE MARDI GRAS AT MACLAURIEN**  
**1 CC & 1 BOB**  
**LAUREL and MALCOLM MABELH**  
 12 Reesdale, Nyon, Ynne & Wear  
 NE40 3DB



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In 2001 our dogs have achieved much.  
**1st post grad dog Crufts**  
**Best puppy Southern ch show**  
**Best puppy Crufts**  
 - to name but a few  
 We hope our success continues!



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### SHEPPIEN

**MISTILY'S MAGIC MERLIN TO SHIPPEN**

Photo: Hartley

At his shows attended so far this year, Merlin has added to the RCC won last year, a total of 5 RCCs and 1 CC

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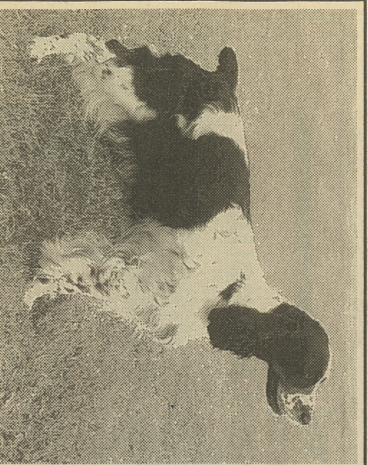
### WENARK

**Congratulating 1st Sh Ch BEVIEW WENARK AT WENARK**

(1st Sh Ch Fendley The Jazz Singer at Wenark ex Belview Because)

**on gaining her title**

**PUPPIES PLANNED IN 2002**  
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**CRACKERJANNE CHALLAPIN**

Photo: J Levey



# JEAN TAYLOR'S Memories of the early days

AFTER I received the phone call asking me to write about whether I considered that our much loved breed had changed greatly over the years, I sat down and thought about Springers of yesteryear and memories of my early days in the breed came flooding back. My mother had bred Scotties and my father Danes. When he died she went to Springers and Golden, the Springer being **Bess of Bramhope** and the Golden inherited back to Jean Harrison's **Boldys**. Bess was mated to **Ideal Stamp**, a black/white, and we kept three puppies, a liver/white dog, a black/white bitch and a liver/white bitch and we reared them and learned the hard way! From this black/white bitch puppy came my love for the blacks. Sadly we lost both the black/white and liver/white dog with hardship, but kept the liver/white bitch for many years.

Basically I don't think that the Springer changed by name and nature at all. Each puppy arrives into this world full of fun and devilment. He will jump for sheer fun, some higher than others, and usually using you as the whipping stick by bouncing up against you; running off with anything that catches his eye - sticks, balls, tea towels, dishcloths and tearing paper up gives great joy. Running them on just for the hell of it gave me great pleasure and still does to this day. They have all the breed characteristics - the famous Springer howl - they will be in full voice, usually for about nothing, and then a full stop all at once, and complete silence!

### Peculiar gait

The other main characteristic I consider is the peculiar Springer gait, which I actually hate and after quite a short time in showing I mastered two ways to stop them doing it in the ring. It is of course a natural gait, both legs being moved simultaneously at each side, causing a roll peculiar to Springers, which is so ugly and ungainly, as opposed to one moving correctly straight in front and the hind legs driving under the hips. When doing that they flow along and it's a joy to see. It takes a lot of practice to make them move freely on a lead with the correct gait.

Give them freedom in a field and at first they run about just for the sheer joy of life but soon down comes the nose and, depending on how strong the working instinct is in them, and the age they are, you can after a while see quite clearly the hunting instinct which is their heritage.

I think they have changed quite a lot over the years in size and conformation, but if you really look as I did at Bournmouth, and I had plenty to look at, I think it's the breed type that has changed - the Springer itself is much the same.

### A marathon

When I had been in the breed a while, and began to be deeply interested, I had so many good teachers: Mary Scott, Kay Tilt and Ellen Dobson, who were fountains of knowledge and widened my horizons considerably. Also the Gatheral girls, who taught me the elements of dog breeding and modes of travel for showing.

I began to be interested in other breeders, and where they lived, and the names of kennels and their dogs. Gradually I sorted out the lines and names, while the owners were and where they lived.

Travel in those days was so difficult and long; it was no wonder that in each area there were several kennels of a certain type, because it was a nightmare to get to different areas and stud dogs in a reasonable time. Manchester was four or five hours away, Blackpool at least four, the South Coast, a night and some part of the morning and the same for Scotland - showing was a marathon. Heather Bell and her Wollburns came from Aberlour which is roughly 30 miles from Elgin, south of the Moray Firth. Look at a map and see where that is. That is

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why I admired what these breeders had done and how they had travelled to make their bitches and attended shows, down in England too. Heather's type was nice, quite large, sound and quite distinctive, containing Stubham, Bramhope and the young Judith's Hawkhill lines.

### An absolute love

Coming further south was Donald Campbell and his Invernells; they were a distinct type of their own, neat tidy bitches, dogs up on the leg a bit, but both sexes compact, heads combined with FT stock but pleasant and liveable with, lovely dark eyes and soft look, good bone and compact bodies. I think the very last of the Invernells, Fleur as she is called, comes to stay with me often and I love her and look after her so carefully for Donald and Fleur's sake. They were very good to me and Fleur must be 13 years or so.

Bob Lyndsey from Dunblane - his were bred similar to Heather's and Alistair's, but they were not quite the same in type somehow. I remember loving Lyndsey Maid, a heavily worked J/w bitch, much my type of bitch, quite solidly made overall and worked regularly.

A B Nicholson, better known to us all as Nicky, a man I always thought was a complete law unto himself, lovely bloke when you talked to him, but difficult to understand - his wife Patience was an absolute love. He did not seem to have a type as I look back. I know he made up a bitch of Heather's called Wollburn Wallflower and Princess of Glenberrie won CCs. I remember him with Malard, the type was typical of that area, which I assumed would be perhaps something to do with the Glenecorras and the Freetwoods, but am not too sure of this.



Sh Ch Wollburn Wallflower.

We now come to the Ayrshire chaps, Jimmy Auld and his Glenecorras, also in Cocker - there are two of his ex-girls about today. I often see them and smile as to how they have changed!

Alec Stevenson - Stevie to all - I remember him rushing about bringing Ellen and several more of us black puddings and white puddings as 'presses'. You've never tasted anything like them! Don't think Jock Sharpe was around then, and of course Tam McBrain and his son Billy (I think he was called) with Star of the Moss and Flame of the Moss. Those two were fun, they won a CC at Crufts; heavens, that was some day!

### Picnics

The Glenecorras and the Freetwoods were more or less a type on their own, different, perhaps rarer, but lovely substance - bone, quite compact in some cases. Glenecora Tonga could win easily today, as could Stevie's Game Bird of Freetwood.

Then we come along the Borders to Connie Crawford, Neil and the Connells, the bitches being slightly larger, usually dark marked, but so nice and Springery. I remember Springer picnics on the island in the Tweed which were such fun; they lasted most of the day, with lots of chat, swimming and eating, sadly missed I am afraid.

When Connie died, Neil gave the Connell prefix to Rita and Dennis Stone of Hawick which they are using to this day. Rita went BIS at SKC with Sh Ch Connell Casker, and Alan Bower (Northern Alan Bower) showed Sh Ch Connell Covergirl, both nice bitches, Casker being perhaps a shade taller than Covergirl. Alan and Vi are still around and live at Morpeth.

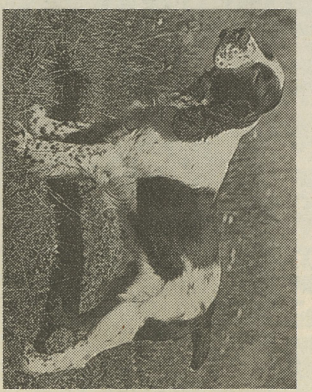
Also from the Borders was W R Johnston and Irwin his son, prefix Whintonhill. W R



Ch Moorcliff Dougal of Trueindale working in the field.

bred a distinctive, if anything perhaps rangy, type but nice, sweet headed bitches. I have two or three Whintonhills in my line. W R gave me a cutting from a Cacus to be known as the Whintonhill Caci and he told me to 'rear it well, and keep the bone and substance'! I have it to this day, and when I leave this earth, it's to be sold to a good home for Springer rescue. I also have a Cleavahill one to be sold along with it.

The never to be forgotten Bill Dixon with his Carwinleys from near Carlisle, lovely type and size, nothing coarse about them - they were all over the North. Bill also used to breed sheepdogs, as did my Bill, and more often than not at the northern open shows the three Bills. W R (Bill Johnston), Bill Dixon and Bill Taylor sat like three wise men, putting the world and the breed to rights. I also had Carwinley in my line.



Boxer of Bramhope.

Type was strong in different areas due, I am sure, to the difficulty in travel, whereas today the world is our oyster, and we can reach most destinations in a day, more often than not in less than a day, and go to any stud dog we fancy.

The Leeds area, indeed the whole of Yorkshire, had Springer kennels galore. Mary Scott and her Bramhopes, Kay Tilt and her Stubbhams, Margaret Keighley and her Kennersleights, Judith Hancock and her Hawkhills who went into partnership with

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Jim Cudworth handling Sh Ch Hawkhill Connaught to win the group at Crufts. photo Pearce