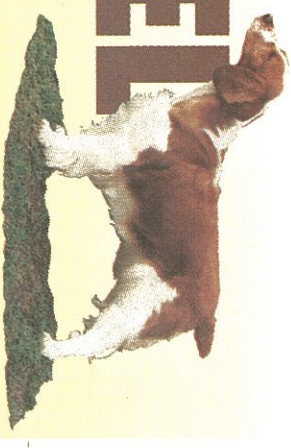




SPRINGER SPANIEL



tion and loves a cuddle.

The English are not as 'mad' as the Welsh who are much more active. I think as workers the Welsh are more easily trained than the show English. I believe that the breeders have done more to keep the Welsh as a working/show animal than the English who have separated the breed into show and working types.

4. I will hate it if a docking ban is brought into this country. I feel passionately about keeping docking. Although when judging abroad I try to put the tail out of my mind, I am so happy to return home and find a kennel of docked animals before me.

I believe an undocked tail spoils the whole outline and balance of the dog, and the injuries received to the undocked tail are horrific after years and years of docked breeding.

It is not easy to breed the correct tail carriage now (this in my opinion is in each kennel's lines) so certainly it will be no easier to get the undocked tail carried properly in the future.

5. As already mentioned, the English Springer is divided into two camps, show and working, with a few dedicated stalwarts trying hard to get good dual-purpose dogs, but if the field trialers stopped breeding the tiny English that would make a difference.

Pictures show that in the old days the English was one single breed. The Welsh breeders seem to have wanted and tried to keep their breed as one. The popularity of the English over the Welsh in days gone by may be something to do with type changes, and the pet market wanting smaller dogs.

6. When I first came into English Springers we had some wonderful dogs – no coarse skulls, balanced dogs, great extension of movement which was very sound (our Standard).

Then we went through a patch of everyone jumping in on 'breeding'. Our breed was very badly affected – we lost type and quality, took on a lot of very bad characteristics. Just kennel and breed type and certainly the sound typical movement of our breed Owners and breeders could not see what they were doing and judges could certainly not see that the dogs they were judging, placing and awarding CCs to were the ones making the breed.

Lately, I think that some kennels are breeding on their past success, not remembering the quality they had or not able to regain it. However, I do believe that the dedicated breeders within the English Springer breed are trying hard to regain what we once had, and we have now several outstanding dogs and bitches from several kennels.

We just need to unite for the good of the

Colin & Carolyn Muirhead (Shipden ESS)

1. Colin: An almost impossible question to answer having given CCs to both the cur-

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 23, 2004
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SH CH TAIMERE'S TIMELESS

(subject to KC confirmation)



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Lily gained her third CC at WKC

She is the 10th Taimere's champion

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Taimere's Thornbird JW

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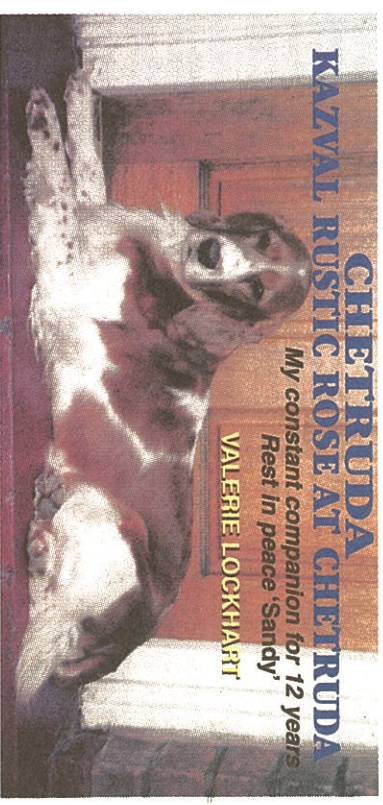
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BOBs and best in show winner

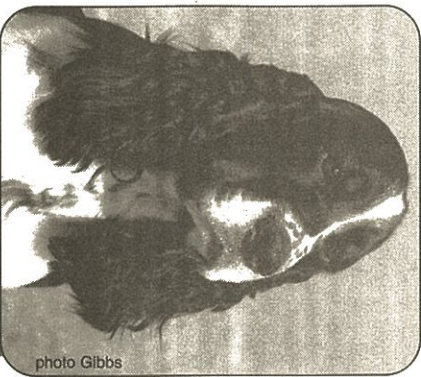


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BELVIEW BEDWYR AT FEORLIG
BOB winner



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SH CH FEORLIG VAN DER VALK JW
11 CGs, 22 RCCs
1982 - 1997



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Best puppy in show winner and BOBs

Owned by
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Grand Ch Kinsleran Rich Pickings, one I could have quite easily brought home!

2. My choice would have to be Am Ch Salllyn's Condor. In photographs he looked magnificent and I even managed to see his outstanding movement on satellite TV. When he won BIS at Westminster, the judge rated him as 'near to perfection' – I would have loved to endorse his opinion.

3. This is difficult as the English Springer is very divided, i.e. a working type and show type but, as Ian Hampton kept telling me, "they are all ESSs!"

To keep it simple, let's keep to the show type and breed Standards which have many similarities. First, the English is the highest on the leg and raciest in build of all British hand Spaniels. Stands to reason that the Welsh is smaller all round but still retaining a compact and balanced picture. Both have faultless temperaments. Head-wise, the WSS seems to have a more refined look with small vine-shaped ears in comparison to the lobular ear of the ESS.

Another distinction is the slight arching of the loin in the Welsh compared to the striking topline in the English. The most striking difference is in movement where the English Springer's gait is strictly his own. An easy, swinging effortless action with the back feet following exactly the line of the front ones. No matter the difference, they are still two wonderful breeds.

4. More undocked dogs are being shown and winning. We have recently had our first undocked show champion so there can be no bias on the part of Judges. Most owners are resigned to the fact that a docking ban may be imposed on the breed and are accepting this fact. I feel it will make little difference to lovers of the breed.

The Standard is nearly set up for the acceptance of a tail carriage. It states it should be "set low, never carried above level of back. Well feathered (have you seen a docked tail well feathered?) with lively action". All it needs is a definition regarding length and – hey presto!

5. Dual-purpose? You have more chance of winning the Lottery than seeing a dual-purpose champion again! I presume this is meant to be, keeping the working abilities of the breed ongoing.

I would dispute that the Welsh seems to be more successful in this respect. Both breeds have their enthusiasts who run training classes etc. The Show Spaniels Field Day is proving very popular with many show champions gaining their full title.

I must stress that in field trial competition, none can compare to the FT English Springer. Today, the dogs whose energies cannot be channelled into working in the field are making their mark as sniffer dogs etc.

6. During my time in the breed, it is my perception that the breed has gone from strength to strength. Due to the influence of Connaught we now have many top winning kennels. To say that I have seen four bred record holders can only speak volumes for the breed's progress.

Jenny Miller (Feorlig ESS)

1. The best dog I ever met in his home and saw in the show ring must be Sh Ch Hawhill Connaught. He had faults but they were few – he had a superb head and chiselling, his temperament was of a true 'gent', his movement and soundness were so true. He was a great sire and helped our small kennel to the successes we have had in our breeding.

Today I have met another 'gent' in Sh Ch Wadeson Inspector Westford. I do not know how he will improve or not improve the breed as it is early days but for shape, balance, lovely temperament and his outstanding drive and soundness. He must be, along with Connaught, one of the exciting ones I have met.

2. I put a lot of thought to this question. I remember Jack Bolton (Pencloe) telling me how wonderful the bitch Ch Tiltan Toddy was for style, femininity and movement and how the dog Ch Pencloe Driftwood was outstanding for showmanship and soundness with quality of type. As these two are in the background of my pedigrees and I feel our kennel has some of these qualities I would love to have seen them both.

3. I have owned many good English Springers but only ever one Welsh, a dog. Today a lovely balanced animal, he has a much more dominant character, not nasty but pushy, wants to be the centre of atten-