

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By the time you read this, those of you who order a copy of Gary Hammer's book of Irish Terrier Pedigrees, should have received it. This compilation of four generation pedigrees of Irish Terrier champions on this side of the Atlantic was a long time in the making. It was abundantly worth this wait.

The book is equitable. It contains pedigrees, not only of champions but also obedience degree winners, and non-champions who are important to the Irish Terrier History.

The book gives us a quick comprehensive reference of source that we previously did not have. It provides a gateway back into the pedigrees of the Irish and English strains of Irish Terriers of a century ago. For example, using Gary Hammer's book along with the seven generation pedigrees of Belfast Rufus contained in J. M. Jowett's old and valuable book, "The Irish Terrier", many present day Irish Terrier owners will be able to trace the ancestry of their dogs all the way back to the legendary mating of Killiney Boy and Champion Erin. Try it sometime.

Dr. Gary Hammer, ITCA member, is on the faculty of the Christopher Newport College of the College of William and Mary. He lives in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Back in 1973, after Gary had his project well underway, he offered it gratis to the ITCA if we wish to publish it. The Board of Governors accepted the offer. Since then, John Best has been in general charge of the publication process. Several difficulties and delays were encountered along the way but all fortunately were over-come. The ITCA owes Gary Hammer a vote of gratitude.

If you want a copy of this book, send a check for \$12.50 to ITCA Treasury, Liz Wilson, specifying whether you want it bound, or loose leaf with holes punched for a three-ring binder or loose leaf unpunched. Liz Wilson's address is: 1965 Davison Lake Road, Oxford, MI 48051.

George Kidd

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SECRETARY' REPORT

RECENT ITCA BOARD ACTION

The sixty-day grace period for payment of dues after January 1 was invoked by the Board in behalf of a member who had not been receiving ITCA mail because of an incorrect address. Dues were received promptly as soon as the situation was cleared up.

The AKC recently sent the following memo to All-Breed Club and Specialty clubs:

"The question of whether or not club officers or show officials should exhibit at their club's shows is of concern to the American Kennel Club. AKC has no desire to legislate in this regard, but does expect clubs to seriously consider their own policy on the subject.

"AKC recognizes that in some parts of the country there are few shows and, consequently, an exhibiting restriction placed on club officials is a hardship. However, clubs should realize that exhibitors and spectators at times arrive at the wrong conclusion when a dog owned by a club officer or official wins at their show. Therefore, clubs should consider an exhibiting restriction for their club officers, show chairman and members of the show committee.

"If a club decides to adopt an exhibiting restriction, a notice stating which club officers or show officials will be ineligible to exhibit dogs at the show should appear in the premium list."

Seven Board members sent the Secretary their comments on the above. Five agreed that we should continue our present practice, as put forth by George Kidd, that the ITCA not restrict, based on the fact that it is our exhibitors and their families who provide most of our officers and board members and show committees from year to year. A couple mentioned that they felt All-Breed clubs should restrict, but that "it would cut down on entries too much" for a club like the ITCA to restrict. Two board members stated they felt we "should restrict all officers and show committees from exhibiting at a particular show" or that "the ITCA should advise judgment and discretion in the matter of exhibiting."

The Irish Terrier Club of America membership is greatly saddened by the sudden death of Mike Gately in a fall at his home on March 31. Mike was a member of this Club since 1944, the member of the longest standing, and he had served the Club ably and faithfully in every conceivable capacity. We are thankful for the privilege of having known Mike and send our warm and loving sympathy to his wife Mary and the other members of Mike's family. We all appreciated the fine biographical sketch of the Gatelys which Fr. Dennis Fernandes prepared and which happily appeared in our March 1980 Newsletter. Mike himself enjoyed reading it there.

SECRETARY's REPORT, continued

A valued former member of the ITCA, Mrs. Frederick Sholes (Jan) died just before St. Patrick's Day, a cancer victim at too young an age. It was Jan and Fred who had the presence of mind to select Green Starr's Gold Strike (Sheila) as a pet for their young daughter and son. Sheila turned out to be the top winning Irish Terrier bitch ever -- including Best of Breed Westminster in the early 1960s. Her record of wins was almost unbelievable, but even those who campaigned against her had to agree with the judges! Jan's and Fred's were familiar faces at the Irish Terrier show ring for a number of years. Sheila was handled by Bob Kendrick and later co-owned with Martha Hall. Unfortunately, she was never able to produce a litter. A number of us enjoyed a good visit with Jan at the 1977 February Specialty. She looked well and as pretty as ever. Sympathy and messages of love have been sent to Jan's family in behalf of all of us.

Dr. Joseph P. Sayres of Williamsville, NY has been approved as our Delegate to The American Kennel Club by their Board and the delegates.

THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS!!

Mr. Fred A. Drendall, Sr.
5077 Shoreline Blvd.
Waterford, MI 48095

Mr. & Mrs. Chester J. Favre (Lisa)
2059 Woodley Road
Montgomery, AL 36111

Mr. & Mrs. James M. Robinson
(Kathleen A.)
3920 Gardener
Berkley, MI 48072

Ms. Penelope E. Rodgers
RR. 1, Box 17
Dunrobin, Ontario
Canada KOA ITO

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Milon (Ellie)
P. O. Box 4443
Lafayette, IN 47903

Ms. Jeanette Huerta
P.O. Box 1316
Windsor, CO 80550

New Addresses:

Dr. Leonard J. Goss
23 St. Andrews Rd.
Arden, NC 28704

Miss Phyllis J. Kendrick
73 Stokesland Avenue
Danville, VA 24541

Mr. Ellis F. West
1419 Fairmount
Wichita, KS 67208

FRISBEE ANYONE?

Dog owners interested in signing up for Cycle Catch and Fetch competition this spring and summer can do so at more than 700 parks and Recreation Dept. across the country.

The 1980 contest is open to all owners of purebred or mixed breed dogs. If your local City Recreation Dept. does not have any information on this contest, you can call a special tollfree number 800-423-3607, in California call 800-772-3545 extension 187 for the dates and locations of competition.

SPECIALTY NEWS

Don't forget the coming Specialties across the nation!!!

FIRST----June 14, 1980 The Irish Terrier Club of Chicago Specialty with judge, Robert Condon.

SECOND---June 15, 1980 The Irish Terrier Club of America Traveling Specialty with judge, Thomas M. Gately.

Let's all plan on attending these two shows which will be held at Lake County Fair Grounds in Grayslake, Illinois at the intersection of US 45 and Illinois 120. Superintendent for both shows is Roy Jones, Box 307, Garrett, Indiana 46738.

Rooms have been reserved for members and friends of the Irish Terrier Club of America at the Holiday Inn, Gurnee, Illinois. Reservations can be made through Edward J. Chojnowski, 1001 S. Madison Ave., LaGrange, IL 60525 (telephone 312-354-7093) or John S. Best, 250 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202 (telephone 414-271-6560). Please reserve your rooms as early as possible.

The Irish Terrier Club of America will have a hospitality room open at the Holiday Inn, Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening and maybe Sunday.

On Saturday evening the Chicago club will hold its annual banquet at Brae Loch Country Club. Make your reservations for this from Ed Chojnowski or John Best.

THIRD---June 21, 1980 The Irish Terrier Club of Southern California Specialty with judge, Robert Water

FOURTH---September 28, 1980 The Irish Terrier Club of New York will be held in conjunction with the all breed show of Westbury Kennel Association on the grounds of C. W. Post Center, Brookville, N.Y. Our judge was to be Mr. Michael Gately of New York. A replacement has not been named. Our sweepstakes judge will be Mr. Michael Leonard of New York. Our show chairman is Ms. Phyllis Kendrick of Massachusetts. This is a three show weekend with the Brookhaven Kennel Club show on Friday, Suffolk County Kennel Club show on Saturday, followed by Westbury on Sunday. This information may perhaps be of interest for those individuals who plan to make the trip east for the Montgomery weekend, which is the next weekend.

FIFTH---October 5, 1980 The Irish Terrier Club of America Specialty at Montgomery County, with judge, Dr. Joseph Sayres. Complete details of this specialty will be published in the June Issue of Our Newsletter.

I have received no news of the Specialty for the Irish Terrier Club of Northern California, but I believe it too is during the summer months.

BETTER START PULLING OUT HAIR, REMEMBER IT TAKES ABOUT 10 TO 12 WEEKS TO GROW THAT BEAUTIFUL SHOW COAT ON MOST IRISH.

LITTER BASKET

Mary Roberts, our Puppy Co-ordinator has asked me to insert the following:

"To keep up to date on puppies available, I am compiling a new list monthly. I would appreciate it if breeders with puppies would notify me the first of each month if they still have puppies to sell."

Mary's address & phone number is: 10503 Cheddar St., Norwalk, CA 90650,
(213) 864-5080

Jim Kelley 731 S. Woodlawn Ave. Wichita, KS 67218 (316) 683 4749	Ch. Lynphen Maverick X Ch. Mishaira Electra	2 males 12/5/79
Jeanene MacDonald 1034 Mullaghboy Rd. Glendora, CA 91740 (213) 963-6482	Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan X Ch. Mullaghboy Honey Poppy	1M, 2F 12/22/79
Marion Honey 16470 Wagon Wheel Dr. Riverside, CA 92506 (714)780-7419	Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan X Ch. Rockledge's Norah Ann	1M 1/80
Joyce Hart 5 Mill Rd. Delta, Iowa 52550 (515 624-2100	Mill Hill Megacycle X Mill Hill Princess Aurora	3M, 4F 2/29/80
Mary Roberts 10503 Cheddar St. Norwalk, CA 90650 (213) 864-5080	Ch. Telstarr Ya Gotta Believe X Ch. Tralee's Amber Afterglow	2M, 5F 4/13/80
Betty Scott 2001 West Oak Fullerton, CA 93003 (714) 526-0497	AM & MX Ch. O'Hara Caught Red Handed X Mex. Ch. Greenbank Fair Winners' Rose	1M, 1F 10/3/79
Ellis West 53 Holly Heights Petaluma, CA 94952 (707)762 5015		1M (pet) 4months old

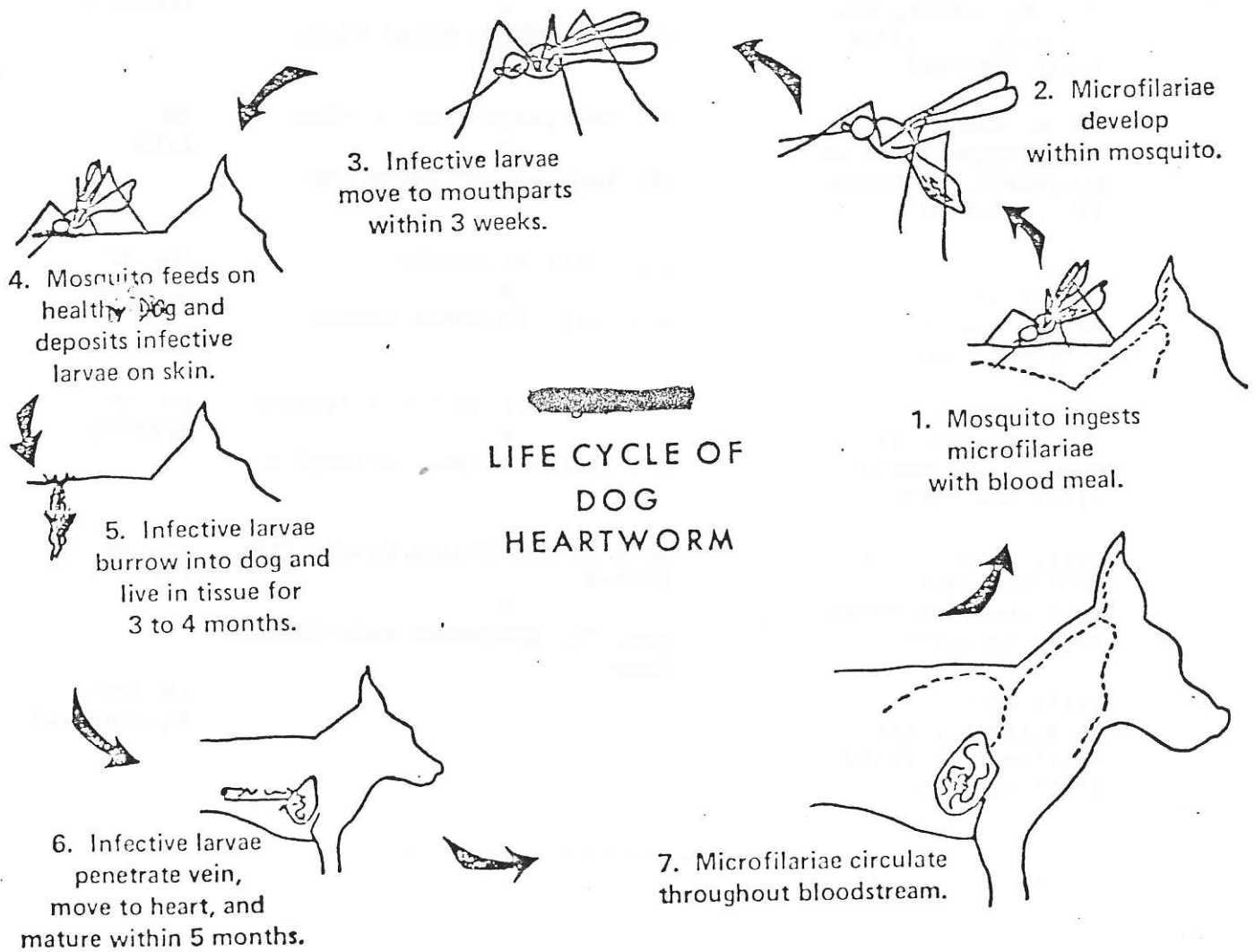
HEARTWORM DISEASE IN DOGS

Just as the name implies, this disease is caused by an actual worm that goes through its life cycle in the blood stream of its victims. It ultimately makes its home in the right chambers of the heart, and in the large vessels that transport the blood to the lungs. They vary in size from 2.3" to 16". Adult worms can survive up to 5 years in the heart.

By its nature, this is a very serious disease, and can cause irreversible damage to the lungs and heart of its host. Heart failure and lung pathology soon result in serious problems for the dog.

The disease is transmitted and carried by female mosquitoes that have infected themselves after biting an infected dog, and then passing it on to the next dog that it comes in contact with. An illustration of the life cycle, below:

Life Cycle



HEARTWORM DISEASE IN DOGS, continued

The disease has been reported wherever mosquitoes are found, and now cases have been reported over most of the United States. Rare cases have been reported in man and cats. It is most prevalent in warmer climates where the mosquito population is the greatest; but hot beds of infection exist in the more temperate parts of the United States and Canada also.

Concerted effort and vigorous measures must be taken to control and prevent this very serious threat to our dog population. The most effective means of eradication I believe shall come through annual blood testing for early detection, by the use of preventative medicine during mosquito exposure times, and also by ridding our dog's environment of mosquitoes.

Annual blood testing is necessary to detect cases that haven't started to show symptoms yet, and thus can be treated effectively. It also enables your Veterinarian to prescribe the preventative medicine safely to those individuals that test negative. There is a 10 to 15% margin of error in the test, which may lead to some false negative tests. Individuals that test negative but are showing classical symptoms of the disease such as loss of stamina, coughing, loss of weight, and heart failure should be further evaluated with chest x-rays, blood counts, and electrocardiograms.

Serious consequences may result when the preventative medication is given to a dog that has heartworms already in his system. That is why it is so important to have your dog tested annually before starting the preventative medicine.

In order to be most effective, the preventative drug diethylcarbamazine should be given in daily doses of 2.5 mg. per lb. of body weight or 5 mg. per kilogram of body weight of your dog. This routine should be started 15 days prior to exposure to mosquitoes, and be continued until 60 days after exposure. Common and trade names for this drug are: Caricide, Styrid-Caricide, and D.E.C. It comes in liquid and tablet forms.

This drug has come under criticism by some breeders and individuals that claim that it affects fertility and causes some serious reactions. Controlled studies have shown no evidence that this drug produces sterility or abnormal sperm count or quality. Long term studies on reproduction when the drug was given at the rate of 4.9 mg. per lb. of body weight (3 times the preventative dose level) for 2 years; showed no signs of toxic effects on body weight maintenance, growth rate of pups, food consumption, conception rate, numbers of healthy pups whelped, ratio of male to female pups, blood counts, and liver function tests. It is reported as a well tolerated medication, and many thousands of dogs have benefitted from its use. From personal experience, I find just an occasional dog who will vomit the medicine, or get an upset stomach from it. The new enteric coated pills have eliminated this small problem.

However, if you still don't want to give the preventative especially to your breeding stock, an alternative procedure would be to test your dogs every 6 months for early detection of the disease, so that it can be treated as soon as possible.

HEARTWORM DISEASE IN DOGS, continued

Heartworm infestation can be treated successfully. There is a 1 to 5% mortality rate from the treatment. It can be expected that treatment may be completed without side effects, if the disease hasn't already caused irreversible problems in the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys etc. Careful testing, monitoring, and supervision is essential to success in treatment. Treatment is far from hopeless these days and if the disease is detected early enough a successful outcome is more the rule than the exception.

In conclusion, remember that one case of heartworm disease in your area is one too many; especially if that one case is your dog. By following the steps mentioned in this article, we can go a long way in ridding ourselves of this serious threat to our dogs.


Joseph P. Sayres, D.V.M.

editor's note: out of curiosity I call one of our eleven vets and asked how many cases of heartworm treatments he had a year. His answer 20 to 30 a year.

THINKING of building a kennel, Gaines has a booklet named, "Basic Guide to Kennel Management", with sections devoted to planning, general layout, construction, kennel runs, interior furnishings, safety and sanitation. You can order this booklet by sending in \$1.25 to Gaines Basic Guide to Kennel Management, P. O. Box 1007, Kankakee, IL 60901.

POPULARITY OR POPULATION??

In 1979 a total of 965,250 individual dogs were registered with the American Kennel Club. A total of 371,900 litters were registered. Individual registrations decreased 1.5% for the year, down from 980,299 in 1978. Litters increased .1% from 371,500 in 1978 to 371,900 in 1979. Topping the list of popularity is the poodle with the individual registration of 94,950 dogs. In second place is the Doberman with 80,363 individual dogs being registered. And in third place is the Cocker Spaniel with 65,685 dogs being registered.

And where on this list is the Irish Terrier? 90th, with a total of 316 SUPERIOR dogs registered with AKC. And 92nd place with litter registration of 89. This is a drop from 1978 placement of 86th with a total of 385 dogs being registered and 116 litters.

Comments accepted.

ACROSS COUNTRY

This poem by an unknown author was submitted by Diane Courney, via The Daredevil Messenger.

You can't buy loyalty, they say:
I bought it though, the other day.
You can't buy friendship, tried and true;
Well, just the same, I bought that too.
I made my bid, and on the spot
bought love and faith and a whole lot
Of happiness; so all in all
the purchase price was pretty small.
I bought a simple, trusting heart
that gave devotion from the start.
If you think these things are not for sale,
Buy an Irish pup with wagging tail.

Election of officers highlights the January meeting of the Irish Terrier Club of Northern California. Elected were: President, Cook; Vice-President, West; Secretary, Martin; and Treasurer, Woodard.

NEW TITLES AND DEGREES

Championships earned:

The Irishman's Lucky Penny owned by Edna Sillavan
The Irishman's Lucky Chance owned by Hampton Lyness
The Irishman's Lucky Strike owned by C.J. & Lisa Favre

Obedience Degrees earned:

Ch. The Irishman's Miss Rockledge, CD (average score 195.5)

IN THE RIBBONS

National Capital Kennel Club, 3-9-80, judge, Barbara Keenan

Group 3 Ch. Inisheer's Irish Eyes, owners Lauren & Charles Ritter

Pontiac Kennel Club, 1-20-80, judge, Barbara Keenan

BOB Antara's Keltic Aura, owners Jim & Ann Kelly

Reserve Culliedown Cinnamon Cinder, owners Carol Pizzino & R. Wildon

Junior Handlers

Laura Kelly with "Fred" 1st place (13 yr & over)

Bronwyn Kelly with "Tara" 2nd place (8yr - 10)

Becky Sillavan with "Penny" 1st place (Open Junior)

CONGRATULATION TO ALL

(let's send in all new championship, obedience degrees and winners of ribbons for all to know)

"Why do you obedience train your dog?" is a question I have heard asked frequently. My answer is that I enjoy it, and the dogs enjoy it. The Irish is a working terrier living in an age which offers little scope for his varied abilities. There are no rat-killing trials nor badger-drawing contests today, and few of us have the opportunity to use our Irish in the hunting for which he was originally bred. Obedience gives him a chance to use his high intelligence in working with and for his master. He resembles no other breed from the training standpoint, a statement that I have made with alternating enthusiasm and exasperation on many occasions.

Mrs. Bohr has asked me to explain how I work with my dogs in training them to show in both conformation and obedience. In thinking over the process, it strikes me as a comedy of trials and errors. I don't think I evolved any system unless it was in retrospect, like the retort you need now that will come to you tomorrow. There are a few foundation exercises, but once these are mastered, the individual dog usually sets his own learning and response pattern.

I came to conformation from obedience. The first problem I encountered gave me my basic idea in dual training. My well-trained obedience dog seemed to forget all he had been taught the minute I changed to a show lead, and had to be trained again for a conformation performance. Thus I discovered that with a change of equipment, a change in response can be expected, and it is easy to set this response by training. I have yet to see any of my dogs even attempt to heel or do an automatic sit on a show lead.

Having begun on obedience with my first dog, I decided that a judicious blend of what I needed in both rings was the place to start in the future. Standing to be posed and examined is the first requirement now for my dogs. It is as easy to teach the dogs to stand correctly as it is just to teach them to stand, and this is a required exercise in both rings. Leash work in the beginning is treated as a game, and done on a show lead. A very young pup can be persuaded to prance gaily, with no other demand than that excessive pulling be kept to a minimum. After these two things have been taught, the pup is ready for a try at the show ring - a match if possible, or after six months of age, the puppy class at a regular show. He will be used to handling and being posed, and should be acquainted with traffic and noise from going on shopping trips with his owner.

By the time a puppy is old enough to enter regular obedience training, he should have a good grounding in commands and responses from his home. I use the stay command around the house constantly. The older dogs set an example for the youngster, and this makes my job easier. Introduce the puppy to his obedience collar and leash at this time, and use more firmness, both of hand and voice. The dog soon recognizes the difference, and responds accordingly. He learns to be a gentleman in the conformation ring and a scholar in the obedience ring. One word of caution for those thinking of obedience work, be sure your pup is given a name that can be easily and clearly pronounced and that won't conflict with the sound of commands. An initial "s" sound can be very confusing to the dog as he is told to sit, stand, and stay, and he can easily mistake the command for his name, and he may end up not knowing what you want him to do.

WHY DO YOU OBEDIENCE TRAIN YOUR DOG, continued

How does one train a dog? There is no one answer, no matter what the eventual aim is. Consider each dog as an individual, look for his particular abilities and use them to the best advantage in following the broad outline of training in general. Only three things remain constant through all training and for all dogs --be consistent in the demands made, responses expected, and rewards given; be patient; praise lavishly whenever possible, especially for little things such as a tail wag where there was none the time before. Always keep in mind that your dog won't show himself to the best advantage unless you, too, know what you are doing. It takes much practice in private to look at ease in either ring in public, and looking at ease doesn't mean ceasing to work.

In closing, I want to say that I enjoy seeing a well-groomed Irish in the obedience ring, and a well-behaved Irish in the conformation ring. They complement each other. It can be done. My male finished his championship with four majors, won his CDX title, and is currently trying for a UC as well, and his daughter is coming along in his footsteps, two legs of CD, and half her points toward that championship.

This article was written by Sue Griffiths back in 1955 and the Champion dog which she referred to is Ch. Greenbriar Fiddler UDT and the other dog was, Greenbriar Gamin, who never finished either title.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

In our February issue, I published an article on setting the Irish Terrier's ears by Linda Honey. To answer several requests for the name of the glue that Linda uses, it is "Fix-So, a fabric mender glue which you can purchase directly from the manufacturer at this address, Techform Laboratories, 215 West 131st Street, Los Angeles, Ca., 90061. Another type of glue you can use is, "Duo Surgical Adhesive", and this glue can usually be purchased from your local drug store.

I received this letter and decided to publish it in our Newsletter for two reasons. One, as a thank you for the writers of the two articles mentioned and second, to request additional material from all the membership. Our Newsletter is only as good as you make it.

Dear Ms Sillavan

I want to complement you on the February Newsletter. It had so many interesting and informative items. "Training the Irish Terrier" by Ellis West was so timely. It was so helpful to me as I took my young bitch in the ring for the first time.

I have never had any information on ear setting of Irish Terriers. I will file the article for future reference.

I live in Iowa and I have little contact with other Irish Terrier's owners and breeders. Please continue to include this type of information in future issues along with show news.

Yours truly,
Joyce Hart