

Mrs Linda King.

Linda has owned and shown Irish Setters since 1973 . The Affix 'Kirkavagh' was registered by Linda and her husband Steve, in 1974, but they did not breed their first litter until 1987 ,this came from their first Show Champion - **Fearnley Fireheather of Kirkavagh.**

There have since been 11 home bred Kirkavagh UK Show Champions(1 later also becoming an S.A. Ch) and one NZ Champion (the only puppy ever exported), plus 3 other UK CC winners, all descending from Fireheather. Though breeding on a very small scale, the Affix has been carried by the home bred winners of 75 CC's & 78 RCC's in the UK, 15 JW winners and 31 individual KCSB entrants. Their stock have become the foundation of other kennels and have produced CC winners for their owners. Linda & Steve were very proud to have been **Top Breeders (Our Dogs) in 2001, 2002 & 2004. Sh Ch Kirkavagh Zabara was the Top Brood Bitch ALL BREEDS (Dog World) in 2001**, she produced four Champions in her first litter and a fifth in her second (and last)litter, from a total of 13 puppies.

Their **Sh Ch Kirkavagh Kooyonga** (16CC's , 6 RCC's,) was **BIS** at the Setter & Pointer Championship Show in **2001 & 2002** , gained other Group placings in those years and was **Top Irish Setter (Dog World) in 2001** .

In 2007 their **Sh Ch Kirkavagh Jumilla JW**, gained her title and became their fifth generation Sh Ch female, in **direct descent** from **Fireheather.**

Linda takes a great interest in the running of Shows, having been a Show Secretary since 1993, firstly for The South of England Irish Setter Club of which she was also Vice Chairman, and since 2003 for The Irish Setter Association, England. She is also the Secretary of The South of England Gundog Club.

Linda enjoys judging all the Gundog Breeds at Open Show level, she has awarded CC's in Irish Setters since 1994 and feels honoured to have judged the bitches of that Breed at Crufts in 2010.

