

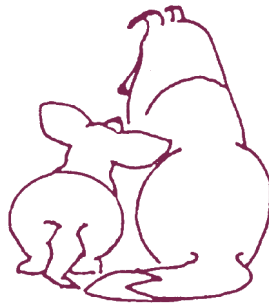
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‘To promote in every way, the general improvement of dogs’

is and has been The Kennel Club’s primary objective since its formation in 1873. This statement could have been, with justification, just as easily applied to the subject of this monogram.



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Front Cover: Antoc Logo — a cartoon depiction of a Rough Collie and Welsh Cardigan Corgi

Frontispeice Photograph:

Aileen with
Rough Collie — *Antoc Welcome Back*
and
Cardigan Welsh Corgi — *Ch Antoc Angel Delight*

*Mrs Christine Collins (left) with her Rough Collie Salsina Celtic Rosebud at Triburle jw
winning Best in Show at Midland Collie Club – February 2006
with the bitch judge Mrs Aileen Speding (centre) and Mrs Rene Cozens (right)
President of the Midland Collie Club*



Preface

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My knowledge of Mrs Speding began, as with most people, seeing the world famous Antoc collies in books. I wanted one of those!! And indeed my first show dog was an Antoc descendant.

My first dealings with Mrs Speding were somewhat acrimonious. I would read avidly her Rough Collie Breed Notes in the Dog World, digesting them and sometimes cutting out bits of interest. However, on one occasion her column was relative to the over breeding of Rough Collies by people named Jones, who were obviously Welsh (by their surname) and had mated bitches several time, intimating that they were Welsh puppy farmers.

Well I saw red. Then Purple, then back to red. I put pen to paper and replied – me a mere slip of a girl as I was then (it was a very very very long time ago), criticising the breed hierarchy!!

I detailed the Stud Book entries for her, and in fact it transpired that only one of the listed Jones were indeed from the land of my forefathers!!

When we next were at a show together, I was extremely nervous to say the least of encountering the formidable Mrs Speding. However, she approached me and said "Well Done! Please call me Aileen". We had a lengthy discussion on the breeders in particular and my respect and admiration for her grew for being so honest and admitting that she had been a bit liberal with the detailing of the entries.

Aileen, and indeed Carole, have given me help and advise throughout my time as Secretary of the Collie Club of Wales, for which I am indebted. She has offered advice freely and given a lot of time to help in any queries for the Club and for the Breed Council. We were very pleased when Aileen became the Chairman of the Breed Council, the post which she is retiring from this year. She has offered impartial views on the subjects discussed, and was instrumental in helping the rotation of Challenge Certificates to be achieved.

The Collie Club of Wales was delighted when Aileen accepted the 'Birthday Treat' of awarding Best in Show at our championship show this April. After which we are hosting a little celebration of her birthday, and Aileen has kindly invited exhibitors to join her in cake & nibbles for the occasion.

From a personal point, I am honoured to have Aileen as a friend and mentor, and the Breed should be honoured to have such a knowledgeable person amongst its midst.

I am also forever grateful to Aileen for making my dream come true of owning a Champion, especially as it was at her swansong appointment of Midland Collie championship show 2006; she awarded Ch Salsina Celtic Rosebud at Triburle JW her title and Best in Show.

Christine Collins

'Triburle Collies'

&

Collie Club of Wales Secretary



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Ch Salsina Celtic Rosebud at Triburle JW

Footnote:

Christine Collins took on the secretarial role at the Collie Club of Wales when their original Secretary, Mrs Prue Green 'Coverdale' retired in 1986 and has held the office ever since.

Ch Salsina Celtic Rosebud at Triburle JW gained her title when Aileen awarded her the CC with Best of Breed at Midland Collie Club's Championship Show in February 2006, which was the last occasion Aileen judged Rough Collies

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A Life With Dogs

A Life With Dogs

MOST KENNEL OWNERS aspire to National if not World recognition in their chosen breed, although it remains a status only afforded to a dedicated minority. To achieve this degree of prestige in more than one breed may not be unique but it is sufficiently uncommon to excite admiration. Equally rare is the kennel which can claim its breeding can be traced to a single foundation bitch in one breed; those that can make this claim in several are few indeed. Mrs Aileen Speding's Antoc kennel has achieved all this, in addition to World Wide recognition, in four well established British pastoral breeds, whilst pursuing a degree of excellence that is justifiably the envy of the canine world.

Brought up in London Aileen had always had an affinity with animals, enjoying the companionship of a variety of pets, although not dogs, including a pet mouse on which she lavished the princely sum of 2d (*less than 1 New Penny*) per week of her spending money. It was after being evacuated to Devon at the out break of war in 1939 and while staying in a variety of South West locations that Aileen acquired a grounding in animal husbandry while helping with various country pursuits. Her education, in this respect, completed after gaining part time employment as a Veterinary Nurse/Receptionist with her local practice. Whilst in this position Aileen was introduced to the Dog Show World by the legendary Mr H. S. Lloyd of the world famous 'of Ware' kennel of Cocker Spaniels when he presented her with a complimentary ticket to Cruft's, then held at Olympia, thereby opening a whole new world to the young Mrs Speding.

The 'Antoc' name, registered by the time her first litter was born in 1953, had not been Aileen's first choice, that distinction was reserved for 'Craigalon' but this was refused on the grounds that it was already in use, although there is no record of this in the list of registered affixes or protected words then published in each year's Stud Book. *Antoc*, an anagram of Acton where the Spedings then



*Antoc's home since 1966
Brook Cottage and surrounding land and gardens taken from the air*

lived, had indeed been added at the end of a list of preferred words at the suggestion of Aileen's husband George, and there was disappointment when this was the name selected by the Kennel Club, however it is now generally agreed that the family have got used to the name and it does at least have the advantage of being short easily pronounced and remembered.

Never more than an absorbing hobby, for kennel numbers rarely exceeded a dozen, Antoc can boast of having gained 153 Challenge Certificates and making up 27 Champions under Kennel Club rules, spread over four breeds. Additional credits include two Group wins and two Reserve or Group 2 awards⁽¹⁾ at General Championship Shows, including Cruft's in 1974, plus Best in Show at the British Collie Club where *Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray* gained the coveted Collie Club Challenge Trophy, while exports have gained countless titles and awards in their countries of adoption.

Ever mindful of promoting the breeds she loves at all levels Aileen has been a regular competitor in the major sponsored annual Stakes classes, with two Dog World 'Pup Of The Year' finalists, *Midnight Cowboy's* yet to be equalled three consecutive appearances in the Veteran Stakes final, and a Breeders Stakes finalist in the competition's inaugural year. Antoc owned or bred dogs have also frequently headed the more recently introduced 'Top Of The Breed' tables sponsored by a variety of companies, and correlated by one or other of the two canine weekly newspapers, including Top Puppy, Top Breeder, Top Brood Bitch and Top Stud Dog.

Since her first Championship Show judging appointment at Windsor in 1962 Aileen has earned an enviable world wide reputation for giving an honest and knowledgeable opinion backed up by a detailed critique which leaves the reader in little doubt about the relative merits of each exhibit or the reasons for her choice. This expertise honoured by appointments at most notable shows including several of Australia's prestigious Royal Shows and the Irish Kennel Club's 'Pup Of The Year' competition where she joined a panel of International renowned judges. However, by her own admission, the pinnacle of Aileen's judging career must be her five appointment to



Footnote:

- 1: Prior to 1995 Group Judges picked just two, which were styled Winner and Reserve, after that date the Kennel Club altered its rules and judges placed four dogs styling them Group 1, 2, 3 and 4.

judge at Cruft's. Officiating in each her four main breeds, and drawing an entry, when engaged to judge Rough Collies in 1991, that was so large a second judge had to be employed.

Now accepted as one of the top four most experienced judges in each of her principal breeds, Aileen is frequently to be seen as an assessor of aspirant judges at either shows or specially arranged seminars.

Aileen has always made her wealth of knowledge and experience together with her considerable administrative skills freely available to a variety of society committees. Amongst those to benefit we can single out for particular mention both the Collie Association which she served for more than forty years as committee member, Secretary and President, and the Rough Collie Breed Council where her diplomatic expertise was called upon when that organisation experienced severe difficulties eleven years ago.

With her 80th birthday approaching Aileen made it clear that she intended relinquishing her committee work to younger members of the fancy, but it is generally accepted that the shoes she vacates will not be filled easily.

After dedicating more than fifty years to the canine scene it would be surprising if the various clubs and societies Aileen has supported had not honoured her loyalty. In 1994 Simon Parsons and Dog World featured the kennel and its owner in their occasional 'The Great Breeders' series, and more recently the same canine paper marked George and Aileen's Diamond Wedding Anniversary. In March 2006



George and Aileen Speding
cutting the cake on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary – January 2008

the Kennel Gazette featured the Antoc affix in its 'What's In A Name' series, and this was repeated in the Kennel Club's 'Kennel Name Newsletter' later the same year. Additionally most of the Breed Handbooks have featured Aileen's and/or Antoc's achievements, the British Collie Club Handbook going one better by reproducing the Dog World's 'Great Breeders' article in 1996 with a second feature on Antoc in the current edition.

Last year, 2007, Aileen was further honoured with an invitation to Buckingham Palace where she represented the Collie at the launch of 'Noble Hounds and Dear Companions' a collection of canine images from the Royal Collection.

Closer to home both the Collie Association and the London Collie Club have bestowed Honorary Life Membership on Aileen in recognition of her support and counsel over many years, and only last year the British Collie Club conferred the status of Patron on her, which must have been in recognition of her dedication to Collies, for Aileen has never served on their committee.



*Brook Cottage
George & Aileen Spedings 11th Century home*

Shetland Sheepdogs

Ch Hallinwood Golden Fetter

Sable & White Shetland Sheepdog

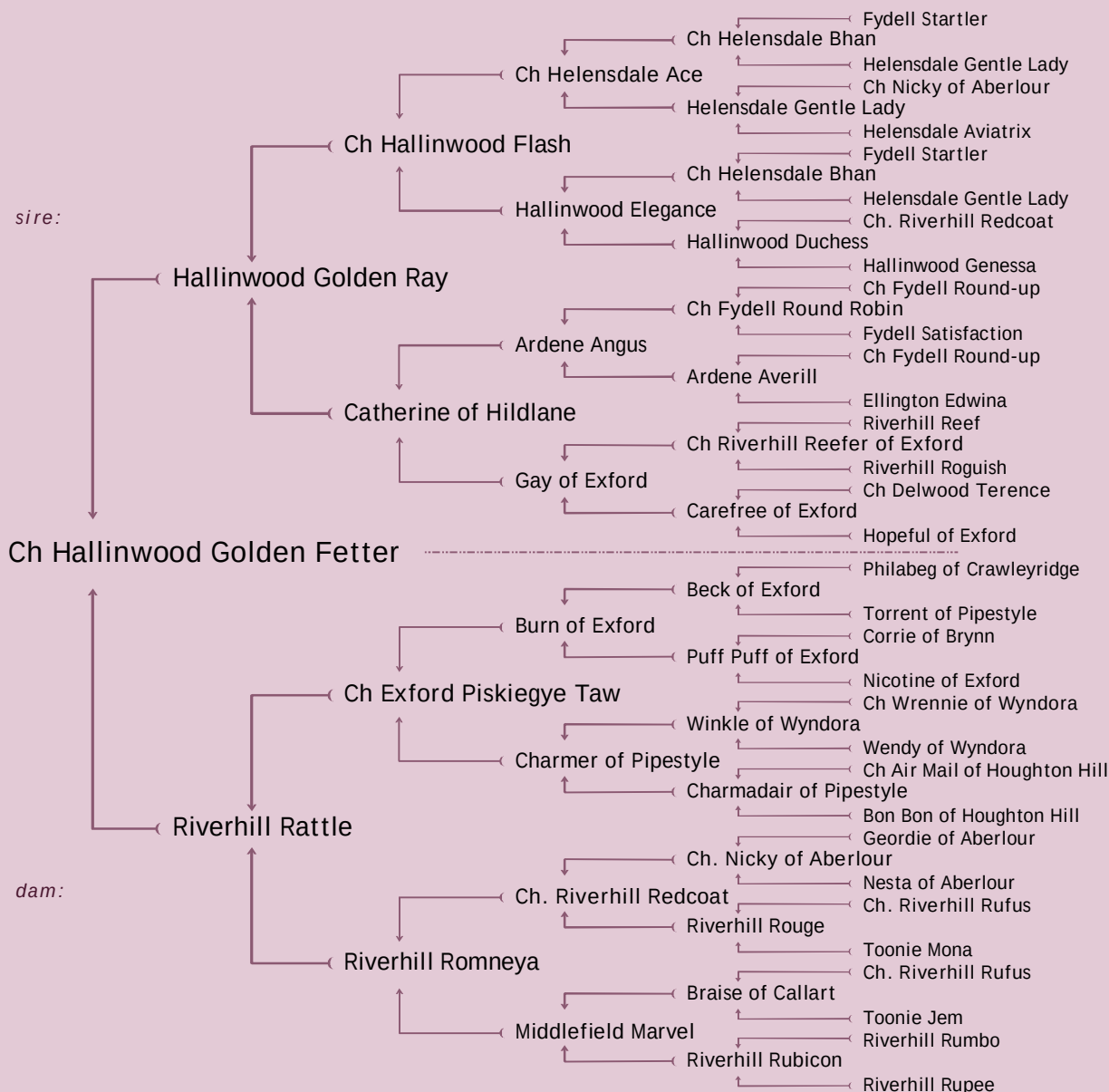
sex: bitch
born: 4 November 1954
breeder: Miss J. B. Armstrong
KCSB N^o: 1656AN

Photo: Fall



3 Challenge Certificates:

Miss P. Rogers — *Paignton* 1956
Mr L. C. Wilson — *Southern Counties* 1956
Mr J. Saunders — *Bournemouth* 1956



Antoc's Influence on Shetland Sheepdogs

AILEEN'S FIRST DOG, purchased shortly after her marriage, was a Shetland Sheepdog of Delwood breeding, not because this was her first choice, but rather it was thought a smaller dog would fit more easily into the ground floor flat which was then her home. *Craigalon Robbie*, as this shaded sable and white was registered by Aileen, grew too tall for the breed and therefore never made the show ring, although he lived with the family until his death more than fifteen years later.

Their next Sheltie, a sable and white bitch, was originally purchased as a present for Aileen's mother-in-law but destined to remain at Antoc, and *Hal-linwood Golden Fetter* gained the kennel's first Stud Book entry when judge Miss Y. Bootle-Wilbraham made this precocious puppy her Reserve to the Challenge Certificate⁽²⁾ winner at Bournemouth in 1955. Just one year later *Golden Fetter* annexed her title when all-rounder Mr J. Saunders handed her the third and qualifying Challenge Certificate at Bournemouth 1956.

Tinkle, as *Golden Fetter* was known at home, proved to be not only a sparkling show Sheltie, but also an industrious brood bitch whelping several litters all too different dogs.



Footnote:

- 2: The Reserve to the Challenge Certificate winner was not officially titled Reserve Challenge Certificate until 1978, although exhibitors generally referred to it in these terms, previous to this date the award was styled Reserve Best of Sex. All further reference to this award will use the generally acknowledged terms Reserve Challenge Certificate, Reserve CC or RCC.

The pick of her first litter returned to the Bellas-Simpson's *Hallinwood* kennel under a breeding terms arrangement, but the sable & white dog *Badger of Antoc* stayed with the home kennel earning a Reserve Challenge Certificate at Birmingham City in 1956, in addition to siring a number of winners and/or producers including the multi-titled *Int Champion Antoc Wish Me Luck* ex the *Fetter* grand-daughter *Antoc September Mist* for the home kennel, and Mr Bainbridge's *Ch Oastwood Lady Gay* plus her half sister *Oastwood Tia Maria* who became such a strong influence behind the still active *Kyleburn Shelties* of Mrs M. H. Eaves.

When mated to *Ch Midas of Shelert*; *Fetter* produced sisters *Antoc Spring Fashion* and *Antoc Spring Fairy* both of which contributed to Sheltie development. *Spring Fashion* becoming the foundation for Mrs J White's *Jalamona* kennel which in turn influenced the *Leirinmore* Shetland Sheepdogs of Mrs Lammi-man but not before earning a Reserve Challenge Certificate for the home kennel. Although never gaining a Stud Book entry *Spring Fairy's* influence was even more extensive for her daughter *Shencolne Darling Dorrity* by *Helensdale Frolic* became the foundation of Flo Chapman's *Deloraine Shelties*, and through the outstanding *Ch Deloraine Dilys of Monkwood*, the first Sheltie to win a Group at Cruft's, influenced Miss Mary Davis' *Monkwood* kennel of Shetland Sheepdogs.

Fetter's litter by CC winning *Granary Hartfield Handful*, gave Antoc its only home bred Shetland Sheepdog Champion on *Antoc Handclap* winner of three Challenge Certificates one Reserve Challenge Certificate and a Junior Warrant before joining Mrs Niskanen's *Karion* kennel in Finland where she gained several titles including International Champion in addition to influencing the breed's future development in her country of adoption.

WELKS – April 1962
where Aileen collected
Antoc Handclap's 2nd CC
(left)
from judge Miss Betty M
Herbert 'Shelert' (centre)
and on the right
Mrs Mathews
with the dog CC winner
Ch Cheluth Twinkleberry,
who went BoB

Photo: C. M. Cooke



After *Handclap's* departure Aileen turned to Golden Fetter's breeder and although intending to purchase a bitch she eventually settled for the dog *Sealodge Spotlight*, out of Golden Fetter's half-sister, adding *Antoc* as a prefix.

Spotlight's show career got off to an impressive start with a Reserve Challenge Certificate from a Non-qualifying class at Manchester 1963 having just turned eight months of age. There followed two more such awards before Miss J. M. Herbert 'Shelert' handed him his first Challenge Certificate with Best of Breed at Three



Ch Antoc Sealodge Spotlight

Counties, a matter of days after his first birthday. In all *Spotlight* annexed 4 CCs, three with Best of Breed, and 6 Reserve Challenge Certificate awards plus his Junior Warrant in his first year in the show ring, of these the highlight must be his crowning Challenge Certificate at the English Shetland Sheepdog Club's Championship Show where judges Miss M Heatley and Leo Wilson elevated him to Best In Show. *Spotlight* returned to the ring in

1964 to annex a further two Reserve Challenge Certificate awards and six Challenge Certificates, three with Best of Breed, one of which was gained at Aileen's local show, Bournemouth. This win made even more memorable when Mr Stanley Dangerfield, who was judging all groups of the day, motioned Aileen into the top spot, giving *Spotlight* the Non-Sporting Group⁽³⁾, at a time when Shetland Sheepdogs were rarely considered for such high places.

In 1966 *Spotlight* returned to the ring to take the Challenge Certificate with Best of Breed from Mr F. Cross at Windsor, which gave him a total of eleventh CCs, eight Reserves, two Best in Show awards at Shetland Sheepdog Breed Club Championship Shows plus his Non-Sporting Group win at Bournemouth Canine Association's Championship Show in 1964.

In her article '*The development of the Shetland Sheepdog*' Barbara Thornley says of *Spotlight*:

"... the breed standard stated that the dog should be "reserved towards strangers" and I think this was taken literally. I can remember going to shows in the early sixties and watching some of these really beautiful dogs standing behind their owners legs while they were being judged, with the owners hardly noticing. Most of the championship show judges were breed specialists and were used to this kind of

Footnote:

- 3: From the outset the Kennel Club divided dogs into two categories, Sporting subdivided into Gundogs, Hounds and Terriers and Non-Sporting this latter group subdivided into Non-Sporting and Toys, with Collies and Shetland Sheepdogs in the former. By the mid 60s the Non Sporting Group had become so large it was split into Working and Utility at the beginning of the 1967 season with all Pastoral Breeds placed in the Working Group

behaviour so paid very little attention. The dog that turned this situation around (in my opinion) was Ch. Antoc Sealodge Spotlight. A most beautiful Sheltie to look at in profile, he had a lovely shape with a super neck and topline, well-balanced head with the neatest of ears which he never stopped using. He hadn't got the best front angulation in the world, but he was of outstanding quality and correct breed type. He was also a magnificent showman, totally in tune with his handler, and it was very obvious that he really enjoyed being a show off!! He took the eye of several all breeds judges, which previously a Sheltie had been unable to do ... "

It should be no surprise that the services of such an extrovert were widely sought and in an all too short stud career he sired three British Champions plus several other important Shelties, including *Antoc Lyte of Lydwell*, most of which bred on, Sadly *Spotlight's* personal contribution to future breeding lines was short lived as it became necessary to withdraw him from stud after a short illness, but his influence continued through his offspring most notably his famous grand-son *Ch Jefsfire Freelancer*.

Spotlight's enforced retirement as a stud dog proved to be the final straw for Aileen who had long been frustrated by her apparent inability to predict eventual size or breed true to type while keeping to the Standard, therefore the decision was taken to concentrate future canine activity on the Antoc Collies.

It is many years since the Antoc kennel owned any Shetland Sheepdogs, although its legacy can still be traced behind most of today's big winners including *Ch Myriehewe Rosa Bleu*, the breed's record holder with 35 CCs all with Best of Breed, nine RCCs, seven Working Group wins at UK Championship Shows including consecutive years at Cruft's, so that several of the older fanciers, including Margaret Norman 'Francehill' who has contributed her personal reminisces to this tribute, remember Aileen with admiration and affection.

Photo: C. M. Cooke



Ch Antoc Handclap

Antoc Owned or Bred Shetland Sheepdogs

Listed below are those Shetland Sheepdogs who have established the *Antoc* strain throughout Britain and Europe

Ch Hallinwood Golden Fetter	1656AN	b	s/w	4 Nov' 1954
s: Hallinwood Golden Ray			1374AM	
d: Riverhill Rattle				
breeder: Miss J. B. Armstrong				
Badger of Antoc	1527AP	d	s/w	1 Jan' 1956
s: Ch Hallinwood Flash			2526AJ	
d: Ch Hallinwood Golden Fetter			1656AN	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Spring Fashion	526AR	b	s/w	3 Apr' 1957
s: Ch Midas of Shelert			1562AP	
d: Ch Hallinwood Golden Fetter			1656AN	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Spring Fairy		b	s/w	3 Apr' 1957
s: Ch Midas of Shelert			1562AP	
d: Ch Hallinwood Golden Fetter			1656AN	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Snow Frill		b		
s: Ch Lothario of Exford			1097AL	
d: Ch Hallinwood Golden Fetter			1656AN	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc September Mist		b	s/w	16 May 1959
s: Francehill Chrysalis			1301AN	
d: Antoc Spring Fashion			526AR	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Spinning Wheel		d	s/w	16 May 1959	
s:	Francehill Chrysalis		1301AN		
d:	Antoc Spring Fashion		526AR		
breeder:	Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Francehill Fortune					
formally:	Francehill Fortune	439AU	d	s/w	30 June 1960
s:	Ch Midas of Shelert			1562AP	
d:	Antoc Snow Frill				
breeder:	Mrs V. Wibberley				
Ch Antoc Handclap	1894AU	b	s/w	7 Nov' 1960	
s:	Granary Hartfield Handful		922AT		
d:	Ch Hallinwood Golden Fetter		1656AN		
breeder:	Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Handmaid		b	s/w	7 Nov' 1960	
s:	Granary Hartfield Handful		0922AT		
d:	Ch Hallinwood Golden Fetter		1656AN		
breeder:	Mrs A. J. Speding				
Int Ch Antoc Wish Me Luck		d	s/w	17 Feb' 1961	
s:	Badger of Antoc	1527AP			
d:	Antoc September Mist				
breeder:	Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Sealodge Spotlight	269AW	d	s/w	8 July 1962	
formally:	Sealodge Spotlight				
s:	Riverhill Rolling Home		764AT		
d:	Sealodge Single		971AP		
breeder:	Miss J. Armstrong				
Antoc Lyte of Lydwell	1308AX	d	s/w	16 Jan' 1964	
formally:	Lyte of Lydwell				
s:	Ch Antoc Sealodge Spotlight		269AW		
d:	Ch Love's Serenade of Lydwell		131AS		
breeder:	Mrs A. Greig				

*Mrs Margaret Norman (left) and Shetland Sheepdog Ch Francehill Icemaiden jw
winning Best in Show at Windsor 2007*

*Presenting the trophy is Windor Dog Show Society's Patron the Earl of Buchan (centre)
and Dan Ericsson (right) who judged all Groups and Best in Show*



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"highampress.co.uk"*

Random Thoughts on Aileen

I first met Aileen in the 1950s, she had bought a sheltie from Mr and Mrs Bellas Simpson, called Hallinwood Golden Fetter. This was a smart golden sable with showy white markings, she was indeed fortunate to be owned by Aileen as she soon campaigned her to her title, every CC she won earned the complimentary comments on wonderful presentation and handling, and indeed Aileen was a master in her grooming and presentation, I was a gawpy teenager and learnt a lot watching Aileen's technique. A homebred champion, Antoc Handclap soon followed, and consistent winners were produced – culminating in a little sable dog, Antoc Sealodge Spotlight. He and Aileen were a pair – he seemed to know instinctively what his mum wanted of him – he never let her down, she won 11 CCs with Spotlight, numerous group placings, and if ever there was a wonderful ambassador for the breed, this was it

Through all these honours – and I have only touched on the sheltie side! – Aileen remained as level headed as ever. Always ready with a quick reply, her ready wit, energy and generosity of spirit has been a shining light for me to try to live up to

Wishing Aileen all the love in the world on her special day –

Margaret Norman
'Francehill Shelties'

Footnote:

Margaret Norman and Aileen have been friend for many years. The two not only owning dogs in partnership but also travelling to shows together, and this friendship survived Aileen's decision to concentrate on Rough Collies shortly after her move to Brook Cottage.

Ch Francehill Icemaideen JW is Margaret Norman's current big winning Shetland Sheepdog to whom Aileen gave the Challenge Certificate with Best of Breed when she last judged Shetland Sheepdogs at Leeds City & District Canine Association's 2006 show held at Harwood House, and on that occasion Aileen's critique read:

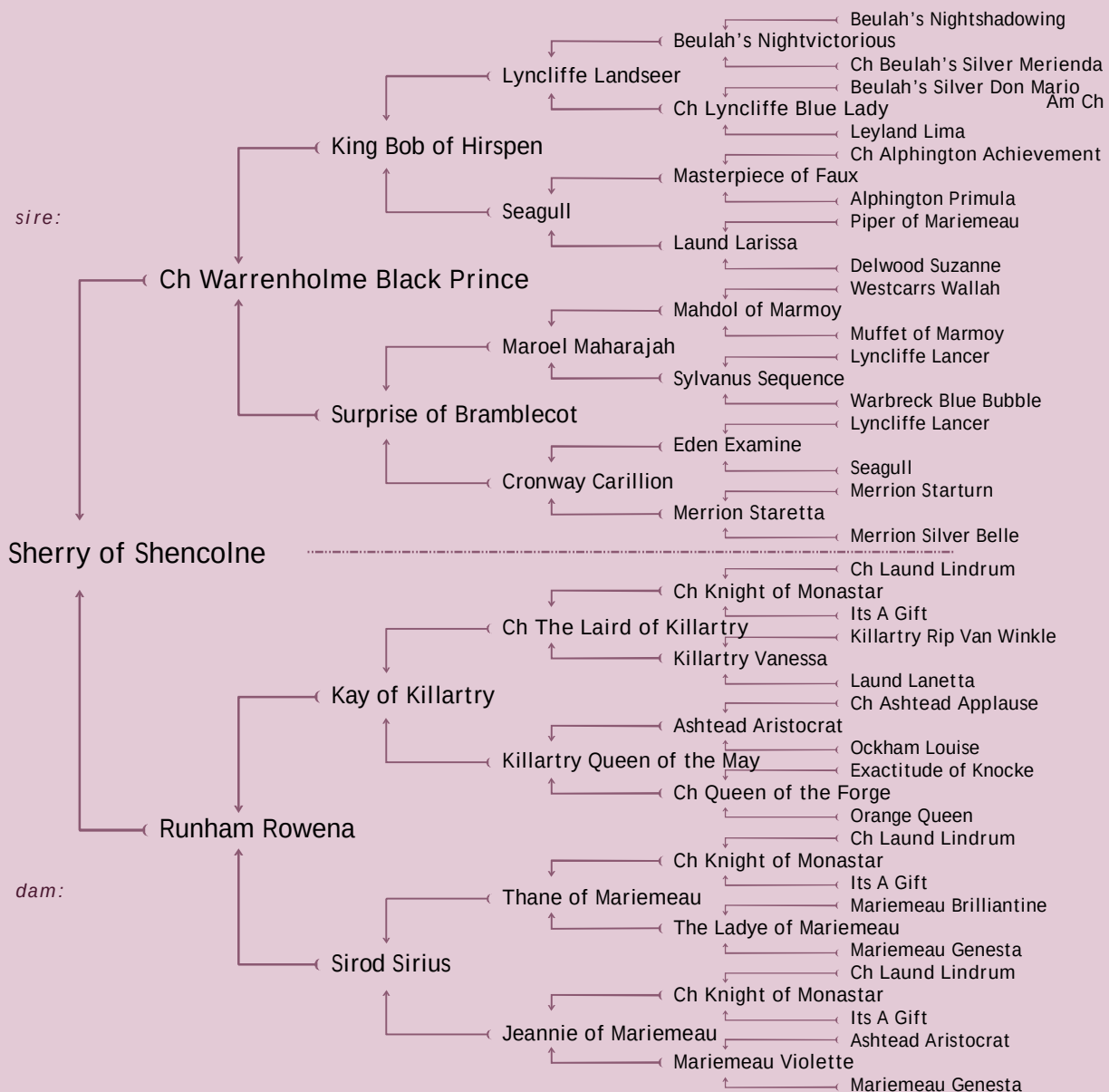
"Fell in love with this b/m as a puppy & now as a mature young lady, just wish she were mine,. Ideal colour, just right for size, presented with every hair sparkling with condition, presents a picture of a charming feminine Sheltie, excellent make & shape, well laid shoulders, strong graceful quarters, excellent legs & feet, moves out in complete harmony with handler covering ground with effortless ease, head so balanced, nicely rounded foreface, flat skull, sweetest of expressions, neat well placed ears, shows with enthusiasm & has style & charisma. CC, BOB & shortlisted in group."

Rough Collies

Sherry of Shencolne

Sable & White Rough Collie

sex: bitch
born: 17 August 1951
breeder: Mrs L. M. Parke
KCKG: 12/51



Antoc's Influence on Rough Collies

ROUGH COLLIES, together with Alsations and English Setters, had long been on Aileen's list of favourite breeds, and while attending shows during the early 1950s she was introduced to what she describes as "*the most magnificent dog I had ever seen*" *Ch Ugony's Golden Son o'Lad of Riffelsee*, or 'Sonny' as he was affectionately known to friends and admirers, was a heavily coated shaded sable and white male beautifully presented by owner/breeder Miss D. M. Young, and Aileen's own comments continue "*from that moment I knew I wanted to own, show and breed these beautiful animals*". Befriended by Miss Young Aileen was introduced to some of the breed's most influential breeder/exhibitors of the day and with their help, guidance and encouragement she made arrangements to view two Collie bitches, one of which had done some winning.

Travelling by Green Line bus to Mrs Parke's *Shencolne* kennels on the Hertfordshire border, Aileen was not particularly attracted to the winning bitch preferring the other as a potential foundation, and her instincts were proved correct as the winning bitch never did breed anything of value. Arriving at the Speding's Acton home in the summer of 1952 the sable and white *Sherry of Shencolne*, by tricolour *Ch Warrenholme Black Prince*, can be found behind all Antoc Rough Collies even though she the only Antoc foundation never to gain her Stud Book number.

By early autumn of the following year, after registering Antoc with the Kennel Club, Aileen was ready to breed her first litter, having chosen the dog that had originally inspired her entry into Collies as the sire. Selecting from this first litter, born on Armistice Day, 11th of November, 1953, a gold sable bitch, which she registered *Antoc Tawny Token*. When mated to the *Ch Lochinvar of Ladypark* son, *Ch Westcarrs Whistler*, *Token* produced the kennel's first Collie Champion, *Ch Antoc Tawny Tattoo*, who was also the kennel's first home bred Champion. *Tattoo* gained his Stud Book number in style when Miss



Photo: C. M. Cooke

*Antoc Tawny Tattoo
seen here on the day he won his first of six CC*

May Young 'Ugony' awarded him first in Limit Dog and the Challenge Certificate at Windsor 1958, and Windsor proved to be a lucky show for *Tattoo* for it gave him a further two of his six CCs including his third.

Token's second litter, by *Ch Liberty of Ladypark*, gave the home kennel *Antoc Tawny Lyric* who in turn whelped half sisters *Antoc Rose Marie* and *Antoc Daydream*. Of these *Daydream*, by *Ch Debonair of Glenmist* and officially bred by daughter Carole, was the more successful show Collie, winning 4 Challenge Certificates and ten Reserve Challenge Certificate awards in addition to being the first Rough Collie to win a Working Group, after the large Non-Sporting Group⁽³⁾ (see page 11) was split into Working and Utility, at Bath in 1968 where, earlier in the day, she had gained her third and qualifying CC.

Other winners followed in quick succession, particularly after taking the decision to concentrate on the Collies which coincided with George Speding's company's relocation to Christchurch area and their subsequently settling in the idyllic surroundings of Brook Cottage.

Those of special significance include the above mentioned *Ch Antoc Daydream* and staying with the bitches *Antoc April Love* whose Best Puppy win at Richmond 1973 gave her entry to the Dog World/Spillers 'Pup Of The Year' final where she gained a credible 3rd making her the highest placed Rough Collie ever in this competition. To crown *April Love's* puppy career Margaret Franklin awarded her the CC, her first at the tender age of ten months, with Best of Breed at Cruft's in 1974, this win further enhanced when Judy de Casembroot motioned her to the Working Group Reserve⁽¹⁾ (see page 4) spot behind the eventual Best In Show winning St Bernard *Ch Burtonswood Bossy Boots*. *April Love* qualified for her title by gaining the CC, with Best of Breed, at Windsor in 1975.



above – *Ch Antoc Daydream*
the first Rough Collie to win a Working Group
after the Non-Sporting Group was split into
Working and Utility in 1967

below – *Ch Antoc April Love*
Pup of the Year finalist 1973
and winner of Reserve in Working Group
at Crufts 1974



Photo: Diane Pearce

Just as in bitches the Antoc kennel campaigned two particularly outstanding dogs, and the kennel's real extrovert, *Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray* must certainly be included in this number. By *Ch Larkena Vanara Golden Victor ex Antoc Rose Marie* this richly coloured sable and white gained his first CC at the tender age of 9 months from Tom Purvis, 'Danvis' at Richmond 1965 when this show was held in December at Olympia. His title annexed at Windsor the following year, and his ninth and final ticket awarded by Ada Bishop 'Laund' at Cruft's in 1972 when he was shortlisted in the group. *Vicar's* final Stud Book entry records a Reserve Challenge Certificate, his eleventh, three of them won at Cruft's, at the British Collie Club Championship



Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray

Show in 1972, where the previous year he had taken the CC with Best of Breed adding the much sought after Collie Club Challenge Trophy for Best In Show. When the June 1994 issue of The Kennel Gazette featured the Rough Collie in its 'The Judges Choice' series Audrey Chatfield 'Dunsinane' included Vicar as one of her 'all time great collies' saying:

" ... A contemporary of Royal Ace he was a different type, but equally successful. A dark sable dog with an extrovert character, he won his first CC at nine months of age, finishing with a flourish by winning the CC at seven years of age at Crufts and being in the final six of the Working Group. During his seven years in the ring he amassed nine CCs which included Best in Show at the British Collie Club, ... "

Although Aileen has always been attracted to richly coloured sable & white Collies the kennel had never campaigned a tricolour until litter siblings *Ravensbeck Moonlight of Antoc* and *Antoc Midnight Cowboy* joined the kennel. Bred by Peggy House and line bred to *Vicar* both gained their title but it was the dog *Midnight Cowboy* who set Collie tongues wagging. *Cowboy* started slowly with a second in Limit Dog from Mrs Arthur 'Chateauroux' at Bath in 1972, later annexing eight Challenge Certificates, although invariably bowing to the bitch for Best of Breed, and three Reserves before rested on his laurels until Veteran classes became such a feature of the British Show scene. Back on the campaign trail, although this time in large Veteran Stakes Classes, *Cowboy* proved an outstanding ambassador for the breed, gaining a place in the finals in three consecutive years from 1980, and although never destined to win the coveted title of 'Veteran Of The Year' this

achievement has never been equalled, let alone surpassed, by a Collie if it has by any breed. Cowboy was one of May Young's choices in the above mentioned Kennel Gazette feature and of him she says:

"Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy, born 1971. A tri dog once again a very sound dog, lovely mover with lovely front and feet, very balanced. A great showman – and what a laster! winning the Pedigree Chum Veteran stakes in 80, 81, and 82 at Richmond, WKC, WELKS, under Joe Cartledge, Harry Jordan and Capt. 'Beefy' Sutton. He sired Champions in all three colours."

Photo: Garwood



*Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy
whose qualification for three consecutive Veteran Stakes Finals
which remains a unique achievement*

It is no accident that Antoc Collies exhibited sound and sensible temperaments, for Aileen has always placed good health, both mental and physical, at the top of her list of requirements.

The kennel is one of the few who always tested all their stock for those inherited conditions which have from time to time been detected in the breed, but rarely

does the kennel shout its success in the kind of strident terms that likely to intimidate others, nor has Aileen ever been heard to castigate those who do not, for whatever reason, follow her example. In her efforts to produce stock which conforms to these high ideals Aileen has pursued a policy of careful, if not too close, line-breeding from stock that was itself sound in these areas.

When studying the pedigree of Antoc's Collie foundation, *Sherry of Shencolne*, we find an unusual mix of early post-war breeding lines including Alphington, Mariemeau and Lyncliffe, however no one could fault her temperament for on her first journey with her new owner she was allowed to exercise in the local park before being taken home, and this was accomplished without incident. *Sherry's* first litter to *Ch Ugony's Golden Son o' Lad of Riffelsee*, himself an amalgamation of Alphington and Mariemeau on his dam's side, consolidated these lines while introducing the *Ladypark* influence through *Sonny's* sire *Ch Lad of Ladypark*. Future breeding used both Glenmist and Pattingham sires, which were themselves bred along predominately *Ladypark* lines, concentrated this further.

Having generally spurned the more fashionable lines of the 1960s and early 70s Antoc Collies became a distinctive strain, retaining breed type and charisma, two factors which were greatly appreciated by the more discerning of kennel owners in

the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, South Africa, Australia and Europe, with even those who did not incorporate Antoc lines appreciating their qualities and Aileen's integrity.

Due to a number of unforeseeable circumstances in the dying years of the 70s, which included the deaths of both *Vicar* and *Ch Antoc Haymaker*, the latter at a very young age, Aileen was given an unexpected opportunity to reevaluate her canine interests, deciding that daughter Carole, who had returned to the fold, could continue the Collie line while she undertook a new challenge. Carole had long had an interest in blue merles and after acquiring *Midnight Cowboy's* tricolour daughter *Black In Fashion* at Antoc proceeded to produce a line of home bred blue merle bitches including *Ch Antoc Crystal Rainbow*, winner of six CCs including Cruft's in 1999 with Best of Breed, so becoming the first Collie to represent the breed in the new Pastoral Group⁽⁴⁾ created at the beginning of



above – *Ch Antoc Crystal Rainbow*
winner of 6 CCs including Cruft's 1999 where she was Best of Breed
plus Working Group 2 at South Wales Kennel Association 1997

below – *Antoc Dolly Daydream*
the most recent Antoc Rough Collie to gain a Challenge Certificate
which she did at Scottish Kennel Club 2006



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Footnote:

- 4: With the end of the 1990s in sight the Working Group had grown to 50 breeds so that a further split was considered necessary, this time into Working and Pastoral, with all of Aileen's breeds placed in the latter group

that year, a fitting climax considering *Crystal* had been the last Rough Collie to be placed within the first two in the Working Group which she did at South Wales Kennel Association's show in 1997.

At Southern Counties in 2002 Carole entered four generations of her blue merles in the recently created Breeders Stakes, winning the Pastoral Group and second overall to the Redwitch group of Akitas. At this same show the youngest of this group, *Antoc Diamond Days*, won the Puppy Stakes class again coming second overall, although still attending the final, held in London the following January, by invitation after the overall winning Dachshund from Southern Counties had been exported.

This line continues to flourish and has now produced seven generations of Stud Book entry bitches in direct tail female line, with *Diamond Days'* daughter, *Antoc Dolly Daydream*, already holding a single Challenge Certificate.



Ch Antoc Haymaker

Antoc Owned or Bred Rough Collies

Listed below are those Rough Collies which have established the Antoc influence throughout Britain Isles

Sherry of Shencolne	12/51	b	s/w	17 Aug' 1951
s: Ch Warrenholme Black Prince			2012AH	
d: Runham Rowena			5/49	
breeder: Mrs L. M. Parke				
Antoc Tawny Token	1971AR	b	s/w	11 Nov' 1953
s: Ch Ugony's Golden Son o'Lad of Riffelsee			706AK	
d: Sherry of Shencolne			12/51	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Tawny Tattoo	1301AR	d	s/w	3 Apr' 1957
s: Ch Westcarrs Whistler			396AH	
d: Antoc Tawny Token			1971AR	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Tawny Lyric	1321AT	b	s/w	30 May 1959
s: Ch Liberty of Ladypark			63AM	
d: Antoc Tawny Token			1971AR	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Tawny Link	9/59	d	s/w	30 May 1959
s: Ch Liberty of Ladypark			63AM	
d: Antoc Tawny Token			1971AR	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Saraband	8/61	b		15 May 1961
s: Pattingham Kismet			1636AQ	
d: Flashing Light of Keriglen			2241AZ	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Oklahoma	744AX	d	s/w	26 June 1961
s: Pattingham Kismet			1636AQ	
d: Antoc Tawny Lyric			1321AT	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Rose Marie	1234AY	b	s/w	26 June 1961
s: Pattingham Kismet			1636AQ	
d: Antoc Tawny Lyric			1321AT	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Daydream	2014AX	b	s/w	31 Mar' 1963
s: Ch Debonair of Glenmist			957AU	
d: Antoc Tawny Lyric			1321AT	
breeder: Miss C. A. Speding				
Antoc Damask Rose	10/63	b		22 May 1963
s: Ch Duntiblae Dog Watch			107AW	
d: Antoc Rose Marie			1234AY	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray	2969AY	d	s/w	05 Mar' 1965
s: Ch Larkena Vanara Golden Victor			1410AW	
d: Antoc Rose Marie			1234AY	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Varsity Gold		d	s/w	05 Mar' 1965
renamed: Antoc Varsity Gold of Larkwood			2546AZ	
s: Ch Larkena Vanara Golden Victor			1410AW	
d: Antoc Rose Marie			1234AY	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Knight Templar	668BA	d	s/w	11 June 1966
s: Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray			2969AY	
d: Ch Antoc Daydream			2014AX	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Kittiwake	11/66	b		11 June 1966
s: Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray			2969AY	
d: Ch Antoc Daydream			2014AX	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Kings Rhapsody	11/66	d		11 June 1966
s: Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray			2969AY	
d: Ch Antoc Daydream			2014AX	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Keepsake	11/66	b		11 June 1966
renamed: Antoc Keepsake of Monkreddan				
s: Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray			2969AY	
d: Ch Antoc Daydream			2014AX	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Lanara Tarantella				
formally: Lanara Tarantella	7/67	b		11 Feb' 1967
s: Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray			2969AY	
d: Lanara Damask Rose			2/66	
breeder: Mrs S. J. Mayland				
Antoc Pickpocket	1447BE	d	s/w	23 Aug' 1967
s: Pattingham Pacesetter			1407AX	
d: Antoc Rose Marie			1234AY	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Griffin	1836BD	d	s/w	10 June 1968
s: Rainpark Dandy Lion			1167AZ	
d: Antoc Kittiwake			11/66	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc High Society	1194BD	b	s/w	16 June 1968
s: Glamour Boy of Glenmist			1817AY	
d: Ch Antoc Daydream			2014AX	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc The Boyfriend	3106BD	d	s/w	16 June 1968
s: Glamour Boy of Glenmist			1817AY	
d: Ch Antoc Daydream			2014AX	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Make Believe	11/68	b		16 June 1968
s: Glamour Boy of Glenmist			1817AY	
d: Ch Antoc Daydream			2014AX	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Ravensbeck Seabird

formally: Ravensbreck Seabird 2/68 b 3 Sept' 1968
s: Antoc Knight Templar 668BA
d: Ravensbeck Lucy Locket 6/66
breeder: Mrs P. House

Antoc Sea Anemone

1/69 b 21 Sept' 1968
s: Antoc Pickpocket 1447BE
d: Antoc Ravensbeck Seabird 2/68
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding

Antoc Firecrest

1444BE d s/w 5 July 1969
s: Pattingham Ptarmigan 1127BA
d: Antoc Lanara Tarantella 11/69
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding

Antoc Dolly Daydream

11/69 b 5 July 1969
s: Glamour Boy of Glenmist 1817AY
d: Ch Antoc Daydream 2014AX
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding

Antoc Magic Moment

11/69 b 5 July 1969
s: Glamour Boy of Glenmist 1817AY
d: Ch Antoc Daydream 2014AX
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding

Antoc Kiss Me Kate

11/69 b 5 July 1969
renamed: Antoc Kiss Me Kate of Shanahoe
s: Glamour Boy of Glenmist 1817AY
d: Ch Antoc Daydream 2014AX
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding

Antoc Dream In The Dark

11/69 b 5 July 1969
s: Glamour Boy of Glenmist 1817AY
d: Ch Antoc Daydream 2014AX
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding

Antoc Mermaid

7/70 b s/w 20 Feb' 1970
renamed: Ch Volterra's Antoc Mermaid 2492BG
s: Antoc Griffin 1836BD
d: Antoc Sea Anemone 1/69
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding

Antoc The Barrister	11/70	d		19 June 1970
s: Ch Antoc The Boyfriend			3106BD	
d: Antoc Damask Rose			10/63	
breeder: Mrs M. Jamieson				
Antoc Dearly Beloved	5/71	b	s/w	29 Oct' 1970
s: Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray			2969AY	
d: Antoc High Society			1194BD	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Magic Melody	1264BL	b	s/w	23 Apr' 1971
s: Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray			2969AY	
d: Antoc Magic Moment			12/69	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy	683BG	d	tri	30 Apr' 1971
s: Antoc Griffin			1836BD	
d: Ravensbeck Cherry Ripe			3534BG	
breeder: Mrs P. House				
Ch Ravensbeck Moonlight of Antoc	897BG	b	tri	30 Apr' 1971
formally: Ravensbeck Moonlight				
s: Antoc Griffin			1836BD	
d: Ravensbeck Cherry Ripe			3534BG	
breeder: Mrs P. House				
Antoc Sweet Dreams	12/71	b		25 July 1971
s: Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray			2969AY	
d: Antoc Dolly Daydream			11/69	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Amazing Grace	6/72	b		23 Dec' 1971
renamed: Antoc Amazing Grace from Kinninvie				
s: Ch Geoffdon Westlynn's Wayside Boy			1324BE	
d: Antoc Dearly Beloved			5/71	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Harvest Moon	4/73	b		4 Nov' 1972
s: Antoc Pickpocket			1447BE	
d: Ch Ravensbeck Moonlight of Antoc			897BG	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Ch Antoc April Love	244BI	b	s/w	1 Apr' 1973
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			683BG	
d: Antoc High Society			1194BD	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Midnight Martini	1625BI	b	tri	1 Apr' 1973
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			683BG	
d: Antoc High Society			1194BD	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Midnight In Mayfair	8/73	b	tri	1 Apr' 1973
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			683BG	
d: Antoc High Society			1194BD	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Magic of Antoc	3523BK	b	tri	14 May 1973
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			0683BG	
d: Antoc Magic Moment			11/69	
breeder: Mrs C. Lee				
Shanahoe Burlington Bertie at Antoc				
formally: Shanahoe Burlington Bertie	11/73	d		21 June 1973
s: Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray			2969AY	
d: Antoc Kiss Me Kate of Shanahoe			11/69	
breeder: Mrs C. M. Wright				
Solomon's Seal from Antoc	12/73	d	tri	2 July 1973
renamed: Solomon's Seal from Antoc of Soloroy				2220BJ
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			0683BG	
d: Gambleon Canterbury Belle				
breeder: Miss A. M. Lea				
Ch Ravensbeck Sea Jade at Antoc	1195BK	b	s/w	9 July 1973
formally: Ravensbeck Sea Jade				
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			0683BG	
d: Ravensbeck Sea Spray				
breeder: Mrs P. House				

Antoc Limelight	9/74	b	s/w	3 Mar' 1974
renamed: Antoc Limelight of Narragansette				2672BL
s: Ch Antoc The Boyfriend			3106BD	
d: Ch Ravensbeck Moonlight of Antoc			897BG	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Antoinette	11/74	b	s/w	26 June 1974
renamed: Antoc Antoinette of Soloroy				2646BJ
s: Antoc Griffin			1836BD	
d: Antoc Amazing Grace from Kinninvie			6/72	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Arabian Night	1193BK	d	tri	26 June 1974
s: Antoc Griffin			1836BD	
d: Antoc Amazing Grace from Kinninvie			6/72	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Ali Baba	11/74	d		26 June 1974
renamed: Antoc Ali Baba at Kinninvie				
s: Antoc Griffin			1836BD	
d: Antoc Amazing Grace from Kinninvie			6/72	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Haymaker	646BL	d	s/w	10 Jan' 1975
s: Ch Antoc The Boyfriend			3106BD	
d: Antoc Harvest Moon			4/73	
breeder: Mr & Mrs T. Knight				
Dairymaid from Antoc	2941BL	b	s/w	13 July 1975
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			0683BG	
d: Victoria of Lawn				
breeder: Mrs Mason				
Antoc Justice Brown	1/76	d		21 Aug' 1975
renamed: Antoc Justice Brown at Cervine				
s: Ch Beaublade Barrister			44BE	
d: Ch Antoc April Love			244BI	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Love Is Black	1/76	b		21 Aug' 1975
s: Ch Beaublade Barrister			44BE	
d: Ch Antoc April Love			244BI	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Dream-Maker from Antoc	4569BK	b	s/w	7 Mar' 1976
s: Ch Antoc Haymaker			646BL	
d: Manorfields Dream Willow			419BH	
breeder: Mrs A. Lamb				
Antoc April Knight	729BL	d	tri	7 Apr' 1976
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			0683BG	
d: Antoc Dearly Beloved			5/71	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Goldsmith from Antoc	B09	d		3 Jan' 1977
renamed: Goldsmith from Antoc at Sachenda				
s: Ch Duntiblae Dodgem of Geoffdon			1878BI	
d: Dairymaid from Antoc			2941BL	
breeder: Mr & Mrs W. Bobbett				
Antoc Dream Fantasy	2139BM	b	s/w	27 June 1977
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			0683BG	
d: Ch Dream-Maker from Antoc			4569BK	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ruby Tuesday at Antoc	D02	b		14 June 1978
s: Ch Antoc Haymaker			646BL	
d: Rubec Calamity Jane			5/76	
breeder: Miss J. F. Cooke				
Soloroy's Sexton Blake at Antoc				
formally: Soloroy's Sexton Blake	D02	d	s/w	4 Aug' 1978
s: Ch Brettonpark Whatzizname			115BG	
d: Antoc Antoinette of Soloroy			2646BJ	
breeder: Mr R. W. Williams				
Antoc Polly Perkins	D06	b		13 Jan' 1979
s: Shanahoe Burlington Bertie at Antoc			11/73	
d: Antoc Dream Fantasy			2139BM	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Daisy Chain	E04	b		29 Oct' 1979
s: Soloroy's Sexton Blake at Antoc			D02	
d: Ch Dream-Maker from Antoc			4569BK	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Cherie Amour	E07	b		26 Feb' 1980
s: Ch Antoc Haymaker			646BL	
d: Ch Antoc April Love			244BI	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Satinstich	F05	b		19 Jan' 1981
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			683BG	
d: Antoc Daisy Chain			E04	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Academy Award	1621BS	d	s/w	07 June 1981
s: Ch Sangreat Something Special			0405BP	
d: Antoc Polly Perkins			D06	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Black In Fashion at Antoc	G05	b	tri	30 Sept' 1981
s: Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy			0683BG	
d: Astrellita Amaranthine of Clickam			732BL	
breeder: Mr D. Smith				
Antoc Amber Rambler	G10	b	s/w	11 May 1982
s: Ch Brilyn Supertramp			911BP	
d: Ruby Tuesday at Antoc			D02	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Midnight Blue	692BV	b	b/m	19 Oct' 1982
s: Ch Rubec Mist 'n' Blue of Aberhill			1848BQ	
d: Black in Fashion at Antoc			G05	
breeder: Mrs C. A. Cross				
Antoc Face The Music	2795BU	d	s/w	11 Mar' 1983
s: Ch Antoc Academy Award			1621BS	
d: Antoc Cherie Amour			E07	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Blue Aster	J09	b	b/m	29 Dec' 1983
s: Rickwood Black Symphony			D11	
d: Antoc Midnight Blue			692BV	
breeder: Mrs C. A. Cross				
Ugony's Black Chat at Antoc				
formally: Ugony's Black Chat	K08	b		7 Nov' 1984
s: Antoc Face The Music			2795BU	
d: Gaudere Talkin' Happy at Ugony			H07	
breeder: Miss D. M. Young				
Antoc Star Master	L04	d	b/m	18 July 1986
renamed: Ch Antoc Star Master at Baiodora				560BY
s: Cathanbrae Bernie Blue at Baiodora			3865BR	
d: Antoc Blue Aster			J09	
breeder: Mrs C. A. Cross				
Antoc Satin Gown	M02	b		24 Dec' 1986
s: Ch Antoc Academy Award			1621BS	
d: Antoc Satinstich			F05	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Forgive And Forget	2803BY	b	b/m	17 Mar' 1987
s: Ch Pelido Guilty			3540BV	
d: Antoc Midnight Blue			692BV	
breeder: Mrs C. A. Smedley				
Antoc Anastasia	N03	b		22 May 1988
s: Arcot Anna's Mr John			L03	
d: Antoc Satinstich			F05	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Albertine	1728CA	b	s/w	7 Sept' 1988
s: Ch Antoc Academy Award			1621BS	
d: Antoc Amber Rambler			G10	
breeder: Mrs M. E. Gouge				
Antoc Jessica Tandy	Q02	b	s/w	11 Feb' 1990
s: Ch. Antoc Academy Award			1621BS	
d: Antoc Anastasia			N03	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Lady In Black	Q02	b	tri	16 Mar' 1990
s: Copperfleet S'only Teddy			1915BY	
d: Antoc Satin Gown			M02	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Welcome Back	1489CD	d	s/w	26 June 1991
s: Baiodora Welcome Guest			38CE	
d: Antoc Lady in Black			Q02	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Colour Sargent	3215CG	d	b/m	28 Oct' 1992
s: Alenzone's Challenge In Black at Tameila			2559CE	
d: Antoc Forgive and Forget			2803BY	
breeder: Mr J. W. & Mrs C. A. Smedley				
Ch Antoc Crystal Rainbow	1200CG	b	b/m	1 May 1994
s: Rickwood Alfie			P02	
d: Antoc Forgive and Forget			2803BY	
breeder: Mr J. W. & Mrs C. A. Smedley				
Antoc Special Brew	1630CH	d	s/w	6 May 1994
s: Amalie Mild and Bitter			P03	
d: Antoc Jessica Tandy			Q02	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Amalie Precious Touch to Antoc	926CI	b	tri	3 Jan' 1996
formally: Amalie Precious Touch				
s: Amalie Touch of Black at Lewarne			2275CD	
d: Gerian Precious Love for Amalie			2616CG	
breeder: Mrs C. A. Hollywood				
Antoc Frosted Sky	1552CK	b	b/m	7 Nov' 1997
s: Ch Mayd Welcome at Atendus			1347CF	
d: Ch Antoc Crystal Rainbow			1200CG	
breeder: Mr J. W. & Mrs C. A. Smedley				
Antoc Quicksilver	Y01	d	b/m	7 Nov' 1997
renamed: Antoc Quicksilver at Dancof				3109CL
s: Ch Mayd Welcome at Atendus			1347CF	
d: Ch Antoc Crystal Rainbow			1200CG	
breeder: Mr J. W. & Mrs C. A. Smedley				

Antoc Diamond In The Sky	3319CM	b	b/m	3 Jan' 1999
s: Rickwood Black Abbot			1747CB	
d: Antoc Frosted Sky			1552CK	
breeder: Mr J. W. & Mrs C. A. Smedley				
Antoc Indigo Ice del Torullo JW	AC1	d	b/m	11 Oct' 2001
renamed: Antoc Indigo Ice del Torullo				4771CM
s: Wicani Alfo Romayo at Rickwood			2839CL	
d: Antoc Diamond In The Sky			3319CM	
breeder: Mr J. W. & Mrs C. A. Smedley				
Antoc Diamond Days JW	4770CM	b	b/m	11 Oct' 2001
s: Wicani Alfo Romayo at Rickwood			2839CL	
d: Antoc Diamond In The Sky			3319CM	
breeder: Mr J. W. & Mrs C. A. Smedley				
Antoc Dolly Daydream	0782CR	b	b/m	18 Aug' 2003
s: Ch Mayd Welcome at Atendus			1347CF	
d: Antoc Diamond Days			4770CM	
breeder: Mr J. W. & Mrs C. A. Smedley				
Antoc Dark Moon Rising JW	3269CQ	d	tri	15 June 2004
s: Ch Baiodora Moonlight Affair			142CP	
d: Antoc Frosted Sky			1552CK	
breeder: Mr J. W. & Mrs C. A. Smedley				

Sanda Wigglesworth relaxing with a litter of Dingo puppies while on an Australian judging trip may evoke memories for Aileen of a similar trip she made handing the Best of Breed at one show to the Sandiacre exported Collie Shaun of Sandiacre



A Unique Ability

It was in 1968 when I first met Aileen, who was already a great stalwart of the Breed.

I was completely in awe of this very famous lady, who owned the irrepressible Ch. Antoc Vicar of Bray a B.O.B. winner at Crufts in 1972 and short listed in the group, it was during that era he also became the then Breed record Holder.

I had seen Aileen in the ring with Ch. Antoc Daydream and her handling of this beautiful bitch was a great example for me to aspire to.

On the day I had my first champion crowned, Aileen was one of the first to offer congratulations, a characteristic of her which remains to this day, always being ready to offer encouragement to the newcomers.

Aileen has always been omnipresent throughout her life in dogs, combining her great knowledge and successful breeding of Rough Collies, to Shetland Sheepdogs, Cardigan Corgis, and Smooth Collies, having bred several Champions in all of these breeds an accomplishment which has seldom been equalled.

Aileen is possibly the only breeder who has consistently won group placings over a period of thirty years, with Ch Daydream, who won the Group at Bath in 1968, having annexed her third CC with B.O.B. on the day, making her the first Rough Collie Working Group winner, apposed to the Non-Sporting Group as it had been known until the previous year. The Tricolour Ch. Midnight Cowboy also winning several Veteran Stakes, plus the lovely "Ch April Love" 2nd in the then

Working Group at Crufts in 1974 to the famous St Bernard, Burtonwood Bossy Boots, who went on to win Best in Show. "Cheree" also became a "Puppy of the Year" all breeds finalist, qualifying at Richmond in 1973 other champions who made their mark include "The Boyfriend", "Moonlight", "Mermaid", "Dream Maker" and "Academy Award".

I have always found her to be a "Lady" with perfect manners, her contribution to The Breed has been phenomenal, having an unending passion for the Rough Collie and its future in the Canine world, and has worked tirelessly in her efforts to promote the breed and educate breeders, by writing the revised version of the famous Book, "The Collie" (the 10th edition) by Margaret Osborne. This being the most read book of all time among collie breeders, also having been for many years the Breed correspondent for Dog World.

Aileen was already a committee member of the Collie Association, She was eventually elected as Secretary, a position she held for many years, when it soon became apparent her organising skills were paramount.

Having served as a C. A. committee member myself during some of those years, I always found her to be fair and objective, to promote the club with intelligent ideas to benefit its members, and at all times had the Collie Associations interest at heart.

It was her original idea for all the Ch. Collie pedigrees to be published and collated to form a book, with additions, which could be purchased each year.

For many years she held the position of President serving the C.A. for a total of 50 years. Therefore one always associates the club with her, and she will always be held in high esteem by its members, additionally, until her very recent retirement, Aileen has also been Chairman of the Rough Collie Breed Council...

The name of Aileen Speding and The Antoc Collies' are world renowned, very often being invited to judge the breed, having judged Roughs at Crufts twice, plus Shetland Sheepdogs, Smooth Collies, and Cardigan Corgis in all a total of five times!! Appointments were continuous in the U.K. plus judging overseas in many different countries, including Australia and South Africa, all of Scandinavia, and many other countries throughout Europe time after time, her opinion is highly valued, always being fair, with incredible knowledge of the breed, which is evident in her explicit and detailed critiques, her name will always be synonymous with the Rough Collie.

Personally I have always found her charming and thoughtful, a great conversationalist, with a wonderful sense of humour and sharp wit, and having the unique ability, to say the right thing at the right time.

Both Jack and I have the greatest respect and affection for this Great Lady.

Aileen, I am privileged to have contributed to your Special Day

Congratulations on your 80th Birthday.

Many Happy returns!

Thank You for all those years.

With Love
Sandra Wigglesworth
'Sandiacre Collies'

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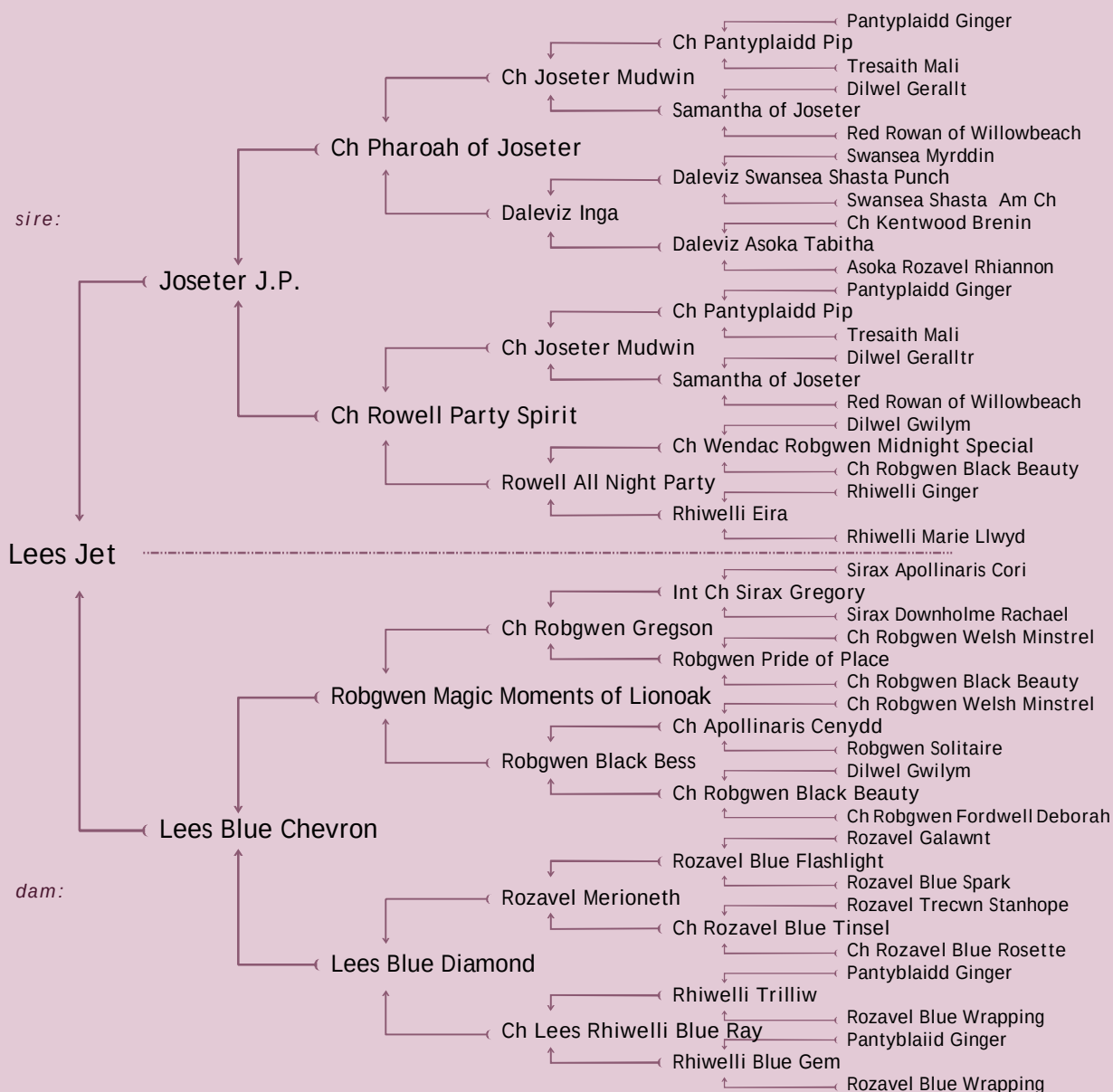
Sandra Wigglesworth worked with Aileen on the Collie Association committee between 1975 and 1981. The Collie Association also gave Sandra her first Championship judging appointment, teaming her with Mrs Margaret Franklin 'Pattingham' and where Sandra gave the dog ticket to Leepark Spring Venture, who also gained Best of Breed and his title on the day, with the reserve awarded to Jeffield Fancy That. At the 2008 AGM Sandra was elected Collie Association President, the office Aileen had resigned the previous July.

Cardigan Corgis

Lees Jet

Brindle Point Tricolour Cardigan Corgi

sex: bitch
born: 19 June 1980
breeder: Miss P. Curties
KCSB N^o: 3701BR



Antoc's Influence on Cardigan Corgis

AT A TIME when most successful kennels would be quite content to rest on their laurels Aileen began looking around for a new canine challenge. Wanting a more effective guard than the placid Collie after a number of local break-ins she instinctively considered another of her childhood favourites, but contemplation of joining the world of the German Shepherd Dog brought howls of protest from a family who were not slow to point out that these would be too large and demanding for someone of her age, thereby encouraged a compromise and the Cardigan Corgi became Antoc's third breed.

After studying the various lines available and, as always, demanding a first class temperament, Aileen was drawn to Pat Curties' 'Lees' kennel of blue merles settling for the beautifully headed brindle pointed tricolour bitch puppy *Lees Jet*,

(otherwise known as *Tegan*) who joined the kennel in the autumn of 1980. *Jet* quickly settled into her new surroundings and although never gaining her title did earn Stud Book recognition with a second in Limit bitch from Miss S. M. Tonkyn at National Working Breeds in 1982 adding a RCC from Mr Clifton at Three Counties in 1983 further Stud Book entries were gained although *Tegan* concentrated her efforts on her original role of foundation bitch. Just as with the Collies, Aileen stuck gold with her first Cardigan litter when *Jet* whelped the red-brindle and white *Antoc Cinnabar*, by the red *Ch Kentwood Elwyn*.



Ch Antoc's Cinnabar
Antoc's first home bred Welsh Cardigan Corgi champion

Cinnabar qualified for Stud Book entry by winning the RCC from breed specialist Miss Tonkyn at the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Association Championship Show in 1983 while still in puppy, annexing her first CC at National Working Breeds the following year, and her

qualifying ticket with Best of Breed at Richmond 1984. Mated to the largely ignored *Cardwyn Merywen* in an attempt to produce a more extrovert temperament, the results proved Aileen's faith in *Merywen* was not misplaced. Two from this litter

found success in Finland while the brindle and white bitch *Antoc Moonstone* carried the Antoc banner on home ground.

Shown under all-rounder Harry Jordan at Welsh Kennel Club in 1986 *Moonstone* walked away with first in Limit Bitch, her Stud Book number and the Challenge Certificate, then having played bridesmaid throughout 87, returned in 89 to take the ticket at Cruft's, once again being understudy to Ch Joseter Joson's Best of Breed. *Moonstone's* title came at Darlington the same year, this time with Best of Breed which added a little icing to the occasion.

Shortly after whelping her first litter *Cinnabar* was bitten by an adder, and only prompt veterinary treatment and careful nursing prevented her death it was therefore thought further litters were unlikely, however *Cinnabar* had other ideas getting herself surreptitiously mated to half brother *Antoc Upper Crust* by Ch Jezalin Top Brass, not a mating Aileen would have sanctioned, however nature knew best and the home kennel retained two brindle and whites including *Antoc Angel Delight* who gained her title in 1993.

Only a minority of kennels can ever claim to have owned or bred any animal so outstanding that others will generally refer to it whenever the breed is discussed, and Antoc had already achieved this in Shetland Sheepdogs with *Ch Antoc Sealodge Spotlight*, and *Champions Antoc Vicar of Bray* and *Antoc Midnight Cowboy* in Rough Collies, however the next Antoc Cardi was to surpass even these dizzy heights.

Antoc Audacity, who also answered to the name of *Dazzle*, by Rikarlo Auran ex Ch *Antoc Moonstone*, was aptly named, born on the 30th July 1992 her show career



Ch Antoc Audacity
Pup of the Year qualifier and winner of 23 Challenge Certificates
which made her the record holding bitch within her own life

got off to a flying start when Andrew Brace made her his winner in the Puppy Stakes class at Working Breeds of Wales 1993 then aged 8½ months, her first Challenge Certificate with Best of Breed came at South Wales in July of the same year, which together with her other wins earned her the Our Dogs 'Top Puppy In Breed' award for 1993.

At the Midland

Welsh Corgi Club show the following year Antoc breeding did the double with *Audacity* bowing to Ch *Antoc Gabriel of Grangefield's*, owned by Miss Paige, for

Best of Breed. *Audacity's* qualifying ticket earned at the next show, Cruft's, and continue her winning ways by added two more before the end of that year. In a show career that spanned an incredible ten years *Audacity* earned many awards, including the Cardigan Corgi record for the number of Challenge Certificates won by a bitch and Dog World's 'Top Brood Bitch' in breed award. Her final appearance in the show ring was Cruft's 2003 where she gained a tenth Reserve CC from Veteran to add to her existing total of 23 Challenge Certificates, ten with Best of Breed. This show proved to be something of a family occasion with her granddaughter *Beckrow Balmerino* avec *Pemcader*, by *Antoc Double-O-Seven* for *Salvenik*, collected her qualifying CC with Best of Breed and grand-son, *Antoc Klever Klogs* his second ticket with the reserve going to his sire *Ch Cardhew Superted*.

Often big winning dogs, be they male or female, fail to influence future breeding lines, not infrequently in the case of bitches these are connected with a reluctance on the part of owners to withdraw an exhibit while it is on a winning streak, however Aileen has been breeding quality stock for far too long to be overawed by show ring success, so *Audacity* was eventually mated to the home kennel's CC winning *Antoc Guardian Angel* (*Ch Ringinglow Troyson of Gorthleck* ex *Ch Antoc Angel Delight*), producing the kennel's next Champions in *Antoc Double-O-Seven* who went to Teresa Maddox 'Salvenik', and *Antoc Dedication* who stayed at home.

Always in competition against her dam, *Dedication* attained her title at Birmingham Dog Show Society's National Dog Show in 2001 which was also the occasion Antoc



above – *Ch Antoc Klever Klogs*
the Antoc kennel's most recent Cardigan Corgi Champion
who gained his second CC at Cruft's 2003

below – *Ch Antoc Dedication*
one of the Antoc Team of four generation which won the inaugural
Breeders Stakes Final at Birmingham National 2001
which was also the day she earned her crown



won the inaugural Breeders Stakes Pastoral Final with a team of four brindle and white Cardigan Corgis covering three generations.

Antoc bred Cardigan Corgis in other hands have greatly benefited several kennels, including Mrs Richards who having purchased *Cinnabar*'s full sister, later litter, *Antoc Firegem*, to which was added 'of *Badimara*' greatly influenced the Joseter kennel of Mr Clifton through grand-daughter *Badimara Agweddi* of Joseter. Mr and Mrs Stalker's *Kincroft* kennel was another to turn to Antoc breeding purchasing *Guardian Angel*'s litter sister *Antoc Almost an Angel*, who also gained a single CC before establishing a continuing line of influence.

Of the dogs in other hands *Antoc Gabriel* (*Ch Baileswood Geraint ex Ch Antoc Angel Delight*) to which Miss Paige added 'of *Grangefield*' not only gained his title with 6 CCs and 5 RCCs, he also left a legacy which continues to make its presence felt in his homeland, before crossing the Atlantic to continue his influence in the USA. However the most important influence must be the *Audacity* son 'Bond' or more officially *Ch Antoc Double-O-Seven for Salvenik*, who, having inherited much of his dam's showmanship, not only gained his title with ease, but has also carved a name for himself as a prepotent sire heading the Cardigan Corgi table of Top Stud Dogs, published in *Dog World* each year, for the last six years, amongst his many winning children is the dog *Ch Salvenik Secret Agent Of Elmsmere*, top winning Cardigan Corgi for the last three years.



Ch Antoc Cinnabar • Antoc Upper Crust • Lees Jet • Ch Antoc Moonstone

Antoc Owned or Bred Cardigan Corgis

Listed below are those Welsh Cardigan Corgis which have established the *Antoc* influence throughout Britain, Europe and Australia

Lees Jet	3701BR	b	tri	19 June 1980
s: Joseter J.P.				
d: Lees Blue Chevron			744BN	
breeder: Miss P. Curties				
Ch Antoc Cinnabar	3341BS	b	br/w	23 Oct' 1982
s: Ch Kentwood Elwyn			628BR	
d: Lees Jet			3701BR	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Upper Crust	1947BV	d	br/w	24 Aug' 1984
s: Ch Jezalin Top Brass			4838BR	
d: Lees Jet			3701BR	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Moonstone	3350BV	b	br/w	21 Mar' 1985
s: Cardwyn Merywen				
d: Ch Antoc Cinnabar			3341BS	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Int Ch Antoc Marcasita	K07	b	br/w	21 Mar' 1985
s: Cardwyn Merywen				
d: Ch Antoc Cinnabar			3341BS	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Mercury	K07	d	br/w	21 Mar' 1985
s: Cardwyn Merywen				
d: Ch Antoc Cinnabar			3341BS	
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Firegem	M01	b	r/w	5 Dec' 1986
<i>renamed:</i> Antoc Firegem of Badimara				2772BX
<i>s:</i> Ch Kentwood Elwyn			628BR	
<i>d:</i> Lees Jet			3701BR	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Meadow Brown	805BX	d	br/w	31 Aug' 1987
<i>s:</i> Antoc Upper Crust			1947BV	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Cinnabar			3341BS	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Angel Delight	1813BY	b	br/w	31 Aug' 1987
<i>s:</i> Antoc Upper Crust			1947BV	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Cinnabar			3341BS	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Gabriel	Q03	d	br/w	14 July 1990
<i>renamed:</i> Ch Antoc Gabriel of Grangefield				515CA
<i>s:</i> Ch Baileswood Geraint			571BN	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Angel Delight			1813BY	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
A & C S Ch Antoc Gregory	Q03	d	br/w	14 July 1990
<i>s:</i> Ch Baileswood Geraint			571BN	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Angel Delight			1813BY	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Audacity	2122CD	b	br/w	30 July 1992
<i>s:</i> Rikarlo Auran			774BY	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Moonstone			3350BV	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Almost An Angel	U03	b	br/w	23 Apr' 1994
<i>renamed:</i> Antoc Almost An Angel at Kincroft				1051CF
<i>s:</i> Ch Ringinglow Troyson of Gorthleck			2872CA	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Angel Delight			1813BY	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Guardian Angel	1434CH	d	br/w	23 Apr' 1994
<i>s:</i> Ch Ringinglow Troyson of Gorthleck			2872CA	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Angel Delight			1813BY	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				

Antoc Double-O-Seven	X01	d	br/w	10 Nov' 1996
<i>renamed:</i> Ch Antoc Double-O-Seven for Salvenik				2332CI
<i>s:</i> Antoc Guardian Angel			1434CH	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Audacity			2122CD	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Dedication	194CJ	b	br/w	10 Nov' 1996
<i>s:</i> Antoc Guardian Angel			1434CH	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Audacity			2122CD	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Aust Ch Antoc Architect	X01	d	br/w	10 Nov' 1996
<i>s:</i> Antoc Guardian Angel			1434CH	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Audacity			2122CD	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Ch Antoc Klever Klogs	974CM	d	sable	6 Apr' 2000
<i>s:</i> Ch Cardhew Superted			1624CJ	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Dedication			194CJ	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				
Antoc Keepsake	2314CP	b	dk br	6 Apr' 2000
<i>s:</i> Ch Cardhew Superted			1624CJ	
<i>d:</i> Ch Antoc Dedication			194CJ	
<i>breeder:</i> Mrs A. J. Speding				



*Antoc Audacity
winning the Working Breeds of Wales heat
in the Dog World 'Pup of the Year' contest 1993
when Andrew Brace judged*

*Miss Teresa Maddox with her Welsh Cardigan Corgi
Ch Antoc Double-O-Seven for Salvenic
otherwise known as 'Bond'
after winning Best of Breed at Scottish Kennel Club 2003*



Photo: Carole Ann Johnson

A Very Special Friend

I have known Aileen for 30 years and have always regarded her as a very special lifelong friend. Always kind, great sense of humour, a very knowledgeable breeder in all the different breeds she has become involved with and a well respected and fair judge.

We both started with the famous Kentwood breeding lines which in turn stood us both in stead for our future breeding and our many champions .

Aileen has made up eight UK Champions and many Overseas. These include bitches, Antoc Cinnabar, Antoc Moonstone, Antoc Audacity, Antoc Angel Delight and Antoc Dedication. The dogs, Antoc Gabriel Of Grangefield, Antoc Klever Kloggs and Antoc Double O Seven For Salvenik.

Most notably was her outstanding Ch Antoc Audacity Top Cardigan In The Breed and winner of 23 CC's and her son Ch Antoc Double O Seven For Salvenik. A Group 2 winner at Welsh Kennel Club and outstanding stud dog, dominating the breed as Top Stud for the last 6 years and leaving a wonderful legacy with his many champion offspring here and Overseas. These include three littermates, Ch Salvenik Spy In The Sky, Ch /Am Ch Salvenik Spy Who Loved Me and Ch Salvenik Secret Agent Of Elmsmere, Top Cardi for the last 3 years with 22 CC's and Group placements.

Aileen has served alongside her other breeds, on the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Association Committee.

Her contribution to Cardigan Welsh Corgis has been a continuous line breeding programme, producing good overall types, beautiful heads, stunning colours, outgoing temperaments and personalities that breeders have been able to use and incorporate and enjoy.

Happy 80th Birthday Aileen ! I am honoured to be associated with a famous kennel and breeder. It's been a real pleasure sharing all the show memories and highs and the lows.

Let's hope there will be many more years to celebrate.

Many Congratulations !

Teresa Maddox

'Salvenik Pembroke & Cardigan Corgis'



Ch Antoc Double-O-Seven for Salvenik

Footnote:

Teresa Maddox's Salvenik kennel was already well established in Welsh Pembroke Corgis before Cardigan Corgis were added at about the same time as Aileen added this breed to her Antoc kennel of Rough Collies. Both ladies were greatly influenced by the conformation, beautiful head properties and outgoing temperaments of Sonnica Godden's well established Kentwood kennel of Cardigan Corgis and German Shepherd Dogs, with which breed Sonnica won Best in Show at Cruft's in 1965. Another kennel to influence both Teresa and Aileen was Pamela Walker's Jezalin Cardis which enjoyed a similar reputation therefore a close friendship between all these ladies became inevitable. Today both the Antoc and Salvenik kennels breed stock of similar type which is renowned for its rich colours, striking markings, sensible outgoing temperaments and beautiful heads which are appropriate to their sex.

Ch Antoc Double-O-Seven for Salvenik, appropriately known as Bond at home, was bred by Aileen out of Ch Antoc Audacity and by Antoc Guardian Angel which consolidated Antoc breeding lines, joined the Salvenik kennel as a puppy. Winner of 5 Challenge Certificates in addition to a Group 2 award Bond's major contribution has been as a sire with countless winning children to his credit which have enabled him to gain the Dog World Top Stud Dog award for Cardigan Corgis for the last six years. Amongst his champion offspring special mention must be made of Ch Salvenik Secret Agent of Elmsmere with 22 CCs to his credit and Top Winning Cardigan Corgi for three years in succession.

Smooth Collies

Ch Foxearth Absolutely Fab for Antoc

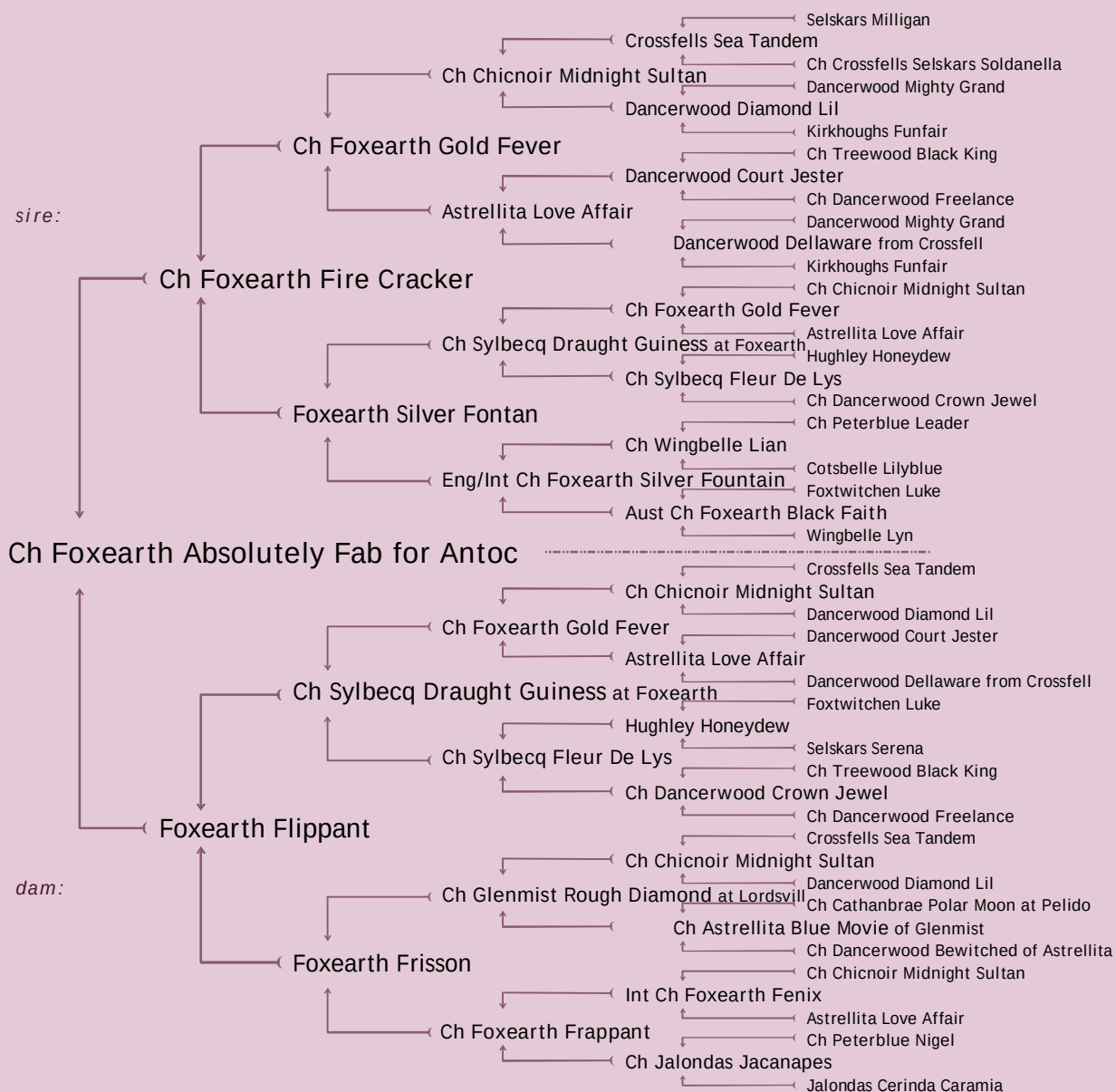
Tricolour Smooth Collie

sex: bitch
born: 1 May 1996
breeder: Mr & Mrs Hayward
KCSB N^o: 266CH



7 Challenge Certificates:

Mrs P. A. Hayden — *Scottish Breeds* 1998
Mr P. A. Scarth — *Bournemouth* 1998
Mrs R. Makepeace — *Scottish Breeds* 1999
Mr T. Thorn — *Birmingham National* 1999
Mr M. S. Grant — *Leeds* 1999
Mr G. Francis — *Bournemouth* 1999
Mrs B. Banbury — *Welsh Kennel Club* 2001



Antoc's Influence on Smooth Collies

NO HISTORY of the Antoc influence could be complete without mention of its legacy to Smooth Collie breeding lines, and this despite the kennel never owning any until quite recently.

Something of a cinderella breed the inter-breeding of Rough and Smooth Collies was allowed providing Kennel Club permission was sought until 1994, and under these circumstances it would be surprising if Smooth Collie enthusiasts had not availed themselves of the opportunity to incorporate Antoc stock which was also of the correct elegant build with noble bearing. A concentration of blue merle breeding in Smooth Collies rather curtailed the value of *Ch Antoc Vicar of Bray*, but even so his legacy has now infiltrated most current lines including *Astellita*, *Bothways*, *Sharidon*, *Dancerwood*, *Chicnoir*, *Southcombe*, *Snuggletooth*, and *Newarp*, and through these kennels many European and Australian Smooth Collies can also trace their ancestry back to *Vicar* including Mrs Lister's latest Australian import, and 2007s Top Winning Smooth Collie *Ch Eridor Im Mr Blu at Newarp*.

If *Vicar's* legacy is at times somewhat obscure, tricolour *Ch Antoc Midnight Cowboy* exerted a more direct influence, with descendants traceable behind Mrs Walters' *Cameomanda* breeding, and Isobel Griffiths' *Alopex* Smooth Collies, although this branch appears to have drawn to its close. The *Amberhill* kennel of Iness Bratley and Melsa Holmes was another to benefit from *Cowboy* lines, and more particularly his great-grand-son *Antoc Mood Indigo*, (*Rickwood Black Symphony* ex *Antoc*



above – *Ch Eridor Im Mr Blu at Newarp* can trace several lines back to Antoc breeding top winning Smooth Collie 2007 seen here winning Reserve Best in Show at Scottish Breeds in 2007

below – *Ch Amberhill Candy's Girl* by the Rough Collie Antoc Mood Indigo



Midnight Blue) who sired *Ch Amberhill Candy's Girl* and *Amberhill Lady Dana* from *Careith*, dam of *Ch Careith Moody Blue*, in a single litter.

As the twentieth century approached its close Aileen was ready to accept yet another challenge, and never having bred or owned a champion Smooth Collie, although she had been judging them at Championship level for more than thirty years, decided it was time she did something about rectifying this omission. Turning to Birgit and Trevor Hayward's world famous *Foxearth* kennel Aileen chose the tricolour bitch *Foxearth Absolutely Fab*, 'Patsy' to her friends, who arrived in the summer of 1996.

As with so many of Antoc's previously owned stock, success came early and *Absolutely Fab*, who now had 'for Antoc' added as a suffix, won the Reserve Challenge Certificate from puppy at Manchester 1997 behind the big winning bitch *Ch Newarp Jesena Moonlight Sonata*, and by the end of the year two more RCCs had been added to her tally. *Patsy's* first Challenge Certificate was gained at Scottish Breeds in 1998, where she also annexed the Best of Breed award, returning the following year to collect her third and qualifying CC. In 2000 *Absolutely Fab* took time out to have a litter returning the following year to collect her seventh and final Challenge Certificate at Welsh Kennel Club.

Like her dam *Antoc Fascination*, by *Ch Foxearth Snow Flurry*, gained her Stud Book number with a RCC, this time from Terry Thorn, after winning Junior Bitch at Manchester 2002. Her first CC gained at Birmingham Dog Show Society's National the following year, and her qualifying ticket annexed at London and Provincial Collie Club in 2005, on both occasions bowing to the top winning tricolour dog *Ch Moon Walker* from *Misstoff* when it came to Best of Breed.

Having achieved her goal by making up both *Absolutely Fab* and *Fascination*, earning a total of twelve Challenge Certificates and ten Reserves between them, Aileen quietly bowed out of the Smooth Collie scene leaving many with happy memories, particularly amongst novice exhibitors whom she always tried to encour-



Ch Antoc Fascination
tricolour bitch Champion from Antoc's only Smooth Collie litter
and the winner of 5 Challenge Certificates

age, of her short involvement, with the two Smooth Collies retiring to a life of almost idleness.

Despite the fact that there were no more Antoc Smooth litters the kennel's influence continues through *Fascination's* litter sister *Foxearth Antoc Firelight* who, although never shown due to an injury, has produced two litters for her new owners, Trevor and Birgit Hayward. The first of these, by *Foxearth Smooth Finish*, gave the breed the multi titled *Ch Foxearth High Frequency*, who has sired a number of litters both in the UK and Europe where he spent some time, and *Foxearth Snowflake* who has already given the breed *Londer Frizante at Foxearth*, by *Ch Moon Walker of Misstoft*, winner of the Dog World 'Pup of the Year' stakes at Scottish Breeds 2007, before emigrating to Denmark after Trevor and Birgit's tragic accident in June of that year. At the time of writing *Snowflake's* second litter, by *Foxearth Finlander of Sturtmoor*, is only six months of age and therefore too young to extend the line further.

Firelight's second litter, by *Ch Fido Fax to Foxearth*, has also bred on through *Foxearth French Eclipse* but again her offspring are as yet too young to evaluate, however the current position suggests that Antoc's short excursion into the world of the Smooth Collie will leave a lasting legacy.



Ch Foxearth High Frequency
multi titled tricolour son of
Foxearth Antoc Firelight

Antoc Owned or Bred Smooth Collies

Listed below are those Smooth Collies which have established the *Antoc* influence.

Ch Foxearth Absolutely Fab for Antoc

2510CH b tri 1 May 1996
formally: Foxearth Absolutely Fab
s: Ch Foxearth Fire Cracker 840BX
d: Foxearth Flippant
breeder: Mr T. & Mrs B. Hayward.

Ch Antoc Fascination

162CM b tri 7 Nov' 2000
s: Ch Foxearth Snow Flurry 191CJ
d: Ch Foxearth Absolutely Fab for Antoc 266CH
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding

Antoc Firelight

AB1 b tri 7 Nov' 2000
renamed: Foxearth Antoc Firelight
s: Ch Foxearth Snow Flurry 191CJ
d: Ch Foxearth Absolutely Fab for Antoc 266CH
breeder: Mrs A. J. Speding



*Mrs Jean Tuck with Smooth Collie Ch Dark Motif of Misstoft AW (G)
and Shetland Sheepdogs
Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW (S) 'Scott' (centre)
&
Lysebourne Aramis of Craygill AW 'Louis' (right)*

A Life Full of Achievement



It was a pleasure to be asked to give a personal tribute. I first met Mrs Aileen Speding around the Smooth Collie rings in the summer of 1999, prior to becoming a Smooth Collie owner myself. Of course, I was already aware of the Antoc name, as my Shelties shared Antoc ancestry. I was thus rather in awe of such an 'elder statesman' of the dog world. However, unlike many 'big names', who are often too busy to notice newcomers, Aileen was always happy to sit ringside and chat about matters canine. I particularly remember Bournemouth Show that year, as the dog CC winner was the dog whose offspring I aspired to own [Ch Rowvale Dream Racer] and the bitch CC went to the impressive tricolour, Ch Foxearth Absolutely Fab for Antoc.

Once I became a Smooth Collie exhibitor I found myself (as 'T') benched close to Aileen, which provided the opportunity to increase our acquaintance. I had my first Sheltie when I was just three, so I really enjoyed talking about people and dogs that were just book-history to me, but were real memories to Aileen. Art and dog care were other favoured topics. I also appreciated that she frequently took the trouble to offer words of encouragement and support to a novice.

She first judged us in 2001, at the postponed British Collie Club Show. Her experience enabled her to see past playfulness of the dog and inexperience in the handler, and she gave us 3rd in a large class. Later that year, at a very wet Welsh Kennel Club, I was totally flustered by having to

rush to find the distant indoor ring against the flow of a great crowd of Border Collies. Aileen sensibly sat me down to recover my equanimity before going into the ring.

At City of Birmingham in 2002 my dog, handled on that occasion by Birgit Hayward, won his class and was in the challenge. Although he was not selected for further honours, Aileen kindly commented to Birgit on how much she liked him. Such words of praise from an expert do help in giving the confidence to continue, especially as, at the time, we were much in the shadow of his more famous brother [Ch Moon Walker from Misstoff]. In 2003, at National Working & Pastoral Breeds Society, Aileen gave us the RCC – an exciting day indeed.

In 2001 Aileen had started showing her young tricolour bitch, Antoc Fascination. At a time when she could reasonably be expected to be taking things easy, and reflecting on a life already full of achievement, I was impressed when she explained that she still had a major ambition; 'to have made up a home-bred champion in each of her four main breeds for which she awards CCs'. Obviously from then on I watched Fascination's career with particular interest, and was so pleased when, in November 2005, the ambition was fulfilled. Aileen most recently gave tickets to Smooth Collies at Welsh Kennel Club in 2006, moving forward at the last minute from her appointment for the following year, to be the replacement judge. This was one show we sadly missed, not having entered, though fortunately the agility show we did instead was excellent.

The influence of the Antoc kennels on the Smooth Collie is discussed elsewhere. Aileen's contribution to the breed as a judge and fellow-exhibitor has also been significant. Her experience, readiness to congratulate and friendly encouragement have greatly helped both newcomers and regular exhibitors alike. Her breadth of knowledge, gained as stockman and judge of her five chosen breeds, has enabled her to bridge the gap between the close subjectivity of the Collie breed specialist, and the wider overview of the all-rounder. As a judge, therefore, she has provided a uniquely experienced assessment, and will be much missed when she decides to retire.

Clive and I send Aileen our best wishes now that she is 80 years young – an inspiration.

*Jean Tuck
owner of
Ch Dark Motif from Misstoff AW(G)*

Footnote:

Jean Tuck keeps one Smooth Collie plus two Shetland Sheepdogs, all males, with which she compete in Agility as well as on the show bench. As a Smooth Collie Club of Great Britain committee member Jean was responsible for the club's Champions book published as part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations. Additionally Jean has been responsible for several other publications aimed at increasing breeders' knowledge about Smooth Collie breeding lines. Since 2005 Jean has concentrated her efforts on the working side and is now Secretary of the Rough & Smooth Collie Training Association.

An Enviabile Record

A Knowledgeable Specialist

THE 1939-1945 WORLD WAR had severely curtailed canine activities, the Kennel Club suspending all competition other than members' shows, and even these were restricted to exhibitors living within a prescribed distance from the venue. It therefore follows that experienced judges, particularly for the more junior events, would be in short supply by the time canine activities returned to normality in 1947/48, consequently new recruits to the fancy, who had proved capable of selecting winning stock for themselves, were eagerly sought and encouraged. Two classes of Shetland Sheepdogs, where the fourteen month old *Heatherisle Rozetta* won both Novice and Open, at the Woolwich, Bexley & District Canine Association's 43 Class Limited Show on the evening of Wednesday 10th July 1957 were Aileen's introduction to judging and by 1962 her peers considered her ready to tackle the ominous task of awarding Challenge Certificates.

It was an apprehensive Mrs Speding who stepped into the centre of the Rough Collie ring at Windsor in 1962, then as now held in the shadow of the famous castle, to hand out her first set of Challenge Certificates, accrediting herself well by awarding the magical third ticket to both *Carramar Boy Blue* and *Mywicks Satine of Simbastar* who also

annexed the Best of Breed. At the City of Birmingham show, then held at Handsworth Park, the following year it was the turn of Shetland Sheepdog exhibitors to see Aileen in the all important judge's place, on this occasion giving big green cards to *Swagman from Shiel* and *Black Swan of Scylla*, the latter added her title and Best of Breed on the day.

1964 brought a unique occasion in Aileen's judging career



Mywicks Satine of Simbastar
gained her 3rd and crowning CC with Best of Breed at Windsor 1962
on the occasion of Aileen's 1st Championship Judging appointment

for at Paignton and District Fanciers' Association, at only her second appointment in each of her specialist breeds, she judged both Rough Collies and Shetland Sheepdogs with Challenge Certificates in a single day, and on this occasion the principal winners were *Ralvera's Meadowmarquis* and *Pattingham Pheasant* in Rough Collies, and *Siegfried of Shelert* and *Joyful of Durnovaria* in Shetland Sheepdogs, with the Best of Breed awarded going to the bitch in both breeds.

Returning to the City of Birmingham show in 1965 Aileen added Smooth Collies to her portfolio of Championship breeds handing the tickets to *Adeyfield Black Tramp* and *Ch Krystal of Rodleaw* with the Best of Breed once again going to the bitch.



West of England
Ladies Kennel
Society
Championship
Show 1966 where
Aileen awarded
the CCs to
*Ch Larkena
Vanara Golden
Victor*
seen here with his
owner/handler
John Parrott and
*Ch Romney of
Rokeby*
with
owner/breeder
Jack Eglin
Best of Breed went
to the bitch

Launched as a multi breed specialist other appointments followed quickly and amongst the more important we can number the Collie Association in 1967 where Aileen drew a record entry of Rough Collies prompting the club to engage two judges, one for each sex, for all subsequent Championship shows. On this occasion the tickets went to the sable and whites *Ch Rowdina Dramatic of Dunsinane* with Best of Breed, and *Pattingham Kingani Iolanthe* who gained her crown on the day. More than a quarter of a century later Aileen returned to the Collie Association, this time partnered with Mrs Vera Hickson 'Bririch', to judge bitches in 1994, their Diamond Jubilee celebratory year, giving the ticket to *Trenley Teasle* who was winning her third on the day, but bowing to the dog *Ch Lasheen Simply Red at Lynway* when it came to Best In Show.

Aileen teamed up with Miss Margaret Osborne 'Shiel' in 1969 to judge the English Shetland Sheepdog Club's Championship Show where she gave the ticket to the sable and white dog *Ch Riverhill Richman* who also annexed Best of Breed and with it Best in Show.

Making the long journey back to her Scottish roots Aileen officiated at the Ayrshire Collie Club's very first Championship Show, handing the tickets to that year's top winning Rough Collie *Ch Danvis Ladyvale Blue Mist* who annexed the Best In Show award, and *Cathanbrae Verily Verily* who was winning her first Challenge Certificate that day.

In 1987 the Ladies Kennel Association presented Aileen with the opportunity of add yet another breed to this list when they invited her to adjudicate over Cardigan Corgis, and on this occasion it was Mr Clifton's *Joseter* kennel that was doing the celebrating after *Ch Joseter Joson* added another ticket, with Best of Breed, to his tally, *Ch Joseter Benita* annexed the bitch CC.

Nor have Aileen's talents in this direction been confined to the British Show scene, as foreign societies clamoured for her services the resulting appointments have taken her to all corners of the world except the American continent. In particular she has fond memories of trips to Australia, South Africa, Europe and Scandinavia, where she has officiated at some of their most prestigious shows.

A Cruft's appointment is generally seen as an honour which arrives, if at all, at the pinnacle of a judge's career. For Aileen this accolade came on early with an invitation to judge Rough Collies in 1970 where she promoted the two tricolours *Thistleblue Blueland Boy* and *Colrenes Mywicks Merlow Moonbeam* to the upper house, handing the Best of Breed award on this occasion to the dog of whom Aileen wrote in her critique:

"... just 2 years old, this most attractive tricolour was looking a picture, he has a very good coat, correct in texture & in lovely bloom, & was presented to perfection, a big dog, he instantly appeals as a real quality male, — Boy has a lovely head, with length & cleanness, a flat skull, rounded foreface & very pleasing eye & expression, & neat, beautifully placed & carried ears, he moved soundly & freely, on good legs & feet, & to my mind, in spite of his reluctance to really play the part, he stood out, & won this class with a bit in hand, he still needs more body, & spring of rib, which may well come with more time, as he is not yet fully matured, but I had no hesitation in awarding him the CC, his third, & I was delighted that when he came in to compete with the winning bitch he had regained most of his normal composure & I was able to award him BOB, for not only did he have the male's advantage in coat & presence, but I thought him more balanced & finished in head."

Three years on, in the Kennel Club's centenary year, Aileen made a return trip to judge Shetland Sheepdogs at Cruft's this time giving the nod to *Ch Janets-town Journalist* and *Riverhill Ring The Bell* the latter gaining her title, while Best of Breed went to the former.

With Cruft's scheduled to move from its established venue the following year, Aileen made a return trip to



Ch Riverhill Ring The Bell
CC winning bitch at Cruft's 1973 added her Nordic and International titles
after joining the Norwegian Leeland kennel in 1974



Olympia in 1978, taking centre stage in the Smooth Collie ring where she made up *Chicnoir Midnight Sultan* while starting *Dancerwood Bewitched of Astrellita* on the road to the upper house, and here again the Best of Breed went to the dog.

Having been honoured with a Cruft's appointment for each of her principal breeds few could be surprised that Aileen never received an invitation to judge at Earls Court, but with a move to the National Exhibition Centre, just outside Birmingham, for Cruft's

Centenary year Aileen was again invited to judge her favourite breed on this momentous occasion. The additional space afforded by the new venue together with its central location, and a relaxation of the qualifying criteria coupled with the occasion encouraged many more entries than had been anticipated across all breeds. With Rough Collies having drawn an entry of 547 from 488 dogs, which is considerably more than Kennel Club guidelines for accepted practice, a second judge was engaged for bitches, and two judges have become the accepted norm since that date. On this occasion Aileen gave the CC to the sable and white dog *Ch Emryks Runaway*, who added Best of Breed over Vera Hickson's 'Bririch' CC winning tricolour bitch *Tashadon Black Cherry*.

Aileen does not often give a second CC to any animal, however on her most recent Cruft's appointment, in 1996, she had awarded both Cardigan Corgis tickets previously, and although the dog, *Ch Willowglen Silver Cavalier*, had, at the time of his earlier success, been an established champion, this was not true of the bitch, *Ch Kilvewood Pie In The Sky*, who went Best of Breed, and as usual Aileen's critique, *appended below*, explained in explicit terms just why she still considered this bitch so outstanding:

" ... it's no secret that I've always had a soft spot for this glamorous dark brindle, now nearly 6 years old. When she won her second CC from me some years ago I thought she was lovely, but today she was quite outstandingly beautiful & I had no hesitation in giving her another CC to her growing collection. Congratulations to her owner for presenting her in such good hard condition, well muscled, & so free moving with real drive from the hindquarters. In superb coat & condition, she looked every inch a worthy champion, from her beautifully proportioned head to her well set, correctly carried tail. Good neck & shoulders, level topline, excellent ratio of length

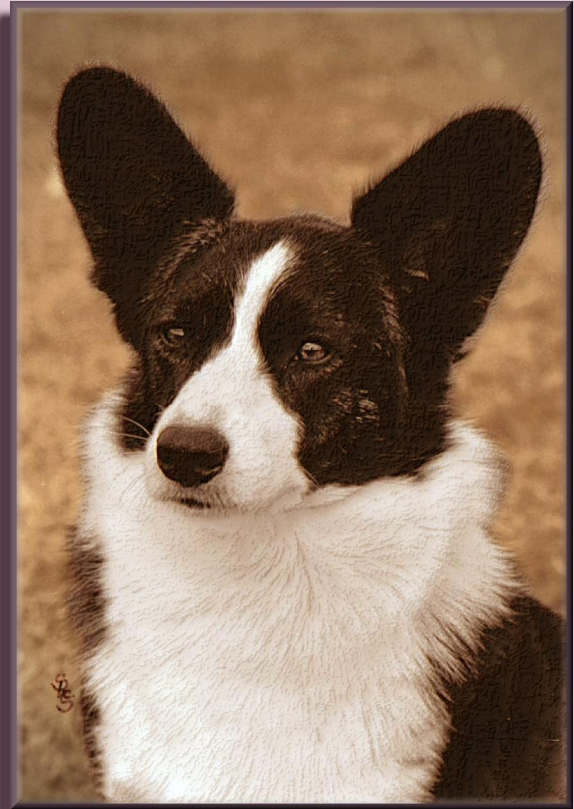
to height, nicely boned legs, neat cared for feet. Gently handled to bring out the very best in her, she stood so sensibly in show pose, yet took an interest in her surroundings, & seemed to know that this was an extra special occasion. When it came to the challenge for BOB I felt that the bitch had more positive drive in the rear, although the dog just had the edge in front, but it was the completely balanced feminine charm & kind expression of Pie In The Sky that gave her BOB"

Having officiated at Cruft's on five different occasions judging each of her specialist breeds at least once, in addition to countless overseas appointments Aileen could have been forgiven for taking a back seat after her Cardigan Corgi Cruft's appointment but this was not to be. Acknowledged as an accomplished judge in four breeds from the Pastoral group, a fifth was to be added when she was invited to judge Pembroke Corgis for the first time at the Scottish Kennel Club's Representative Show, May 1999, and has since judged them on three further occasions, most recently at the East of England Agricultural Society's Championship Show held at Peterborough in 2005 when she gave the tickets to the bitch *Pemland In The Limelight* JW who was winning her qualifying ticket on the day, and *Ch Dream Maker* at *Poldamerik*, of whom Aileen wrote:

" ... His quality is there for all to see and combined with his ring presence and showmanship, his superb condition, coat and presentation, he was in top form on the day. Moving round the ring with effortless ease and standing on a long loose lead, in complete harmony with his handler. CC and BOB ... "

later in the day Clare Coxall could find nothing to beat him in the Pastoral Group, writing him:

" ... so good all over, in such excellent balance & moving to perfection, stood out in the group, had to win it."



*above – Ch Kilvewood Pie In The Sky
Aileen's Best of Breed Welsh Carigan Corgi
at Cruft's 1996*

*below – Ch Dream Maker at Poldamerik
Aileen's Best of Breed Welsh Pembroke Corgi
at East of England Agricultural Society' show
July 2005 – seen here being presented with the
Pastoral Group trophy*



In each of these breeds, with the possible exception of the most recently added, Aileen is looked upon as a knowledgeable specialist who is yet capable of bringing to her task the more objective eye of an all-rounder, and many are those who acknowledge her as one of the truly great judges of the post-war era regardless of the breed she tackles.

Acknowledged as one of the United Kingdom's most experienced breed specialist judges, over her four breeds, Aileen is invariably asked to contribute to 'The Judges Choice' series whenever the Kennel Gazette feature one of her principal breeds, this in addition to remaining in demand as assessor at both Championship Shows and also at Breed Specific Seminars where she freely gives of her time and knowledge to further the Kennel Club's Judges' Development programme.



*Ch Foxearth Flash Past
Aileen's Best of Breed at Welsh Kennel Club 2006
which was Aileen's most recent breed judging appointment*

Aileen's UK Championship Show Judging Record

LISTED HERE are all British Championship Shows at which Aileen has judged, including the Show Society, and Challenge Certificate winners. Those winning their 3rd CC on the day have their title entered after their name, while established champions are prefixed with the abbreviation Ch. All Best of Breed winners are written in bold text.

Rough Collies:

Windsor	June 1962	Northumberland & Durham Collie Club	
Carramar Boy Blue CH			April 1971
Mywicks Satine of Simbistar CH		Beaublade Barrister	
		Jefshire Lucky Lea	
Paignton	July 1964	Ladies Kennel Association	Oct' 1972
Ralvera's Meadowmarquis		Clickam Ciraveen Black Cavan CH	
Pattingham Pheasant		Tameila Vanity Blue	
City of Birmingham	Sept' 1965	Collie Club of Wales	Oct' 1974
Duntiblae Dog Watch		Top Score of Maivor	
Ch Mywicks Satine of Simbistar		<i>Judged Dogs only & BoB went to the bitch</i>	
W.E.L.K.S.	April 1966	British Collie Club	March 1975
Ch Larkena Vanara Golden Victor		<i>Judged Bitches only & BoB went to the dog</i>	
Ch Romney of Rokey		Sundorne Midnight Cupid	
Collie Association	Nov' 1967	East of England	July 1976
Ch Rowdina Dramatic of Dunsinane		Ch Pelcoles Tyrant King	
Pattingham Kingani Iolanthe CH		Albrett Aimi Doll CH	
Cruft's	Feb' 1970	Ayrshire Collie Club	Oct' 1977
Thistleblue Blueland Boy CH		Ch Danvis Ladyvale Blue Mist	
Colrenes Mywicks Merlow Moonbeam CH		Cathanbrae Verily Verily	

Rough Collies – cont:

Bournemouth	Aug' 1978	Bournemouth	Aug' 1988
Cathanbrae Smokey Joe		Harvester from Braemarc	
Jadetown Jannette at Pelcoles CH		Sweet Samantha's Golden Girl	at Baiodora
Richmond	Sept' 1979	Cruft's	Jan' 1991
Regan of Romadale		Ch Emryks Runaway	
Neetcliffe Humming Bird		<i>Judged Dogs only & BoB went to the dog</i>	
Three Counties	June 1981	British Collie Club	March 1992
Sangreat Something Special		<i>Judged Bitches only & BoB went to the dog</i>	
Ch Collydean That's My Sheila at Ugony		Ch Silvermoor's Hollyberry at Amalie	
Southern Counties	June 1982	Irish Collie Club	Aug' 1993
Rubec Mist 'n' Blue of Aberhill		Sassari Deadeyed Dick CH	
Brilyn Superdream		Hillandale Miss Elation at Peptide CH	
Lancashire & Cheshire Collie Club		Collie Association	Nov' 1994
May 1983		<i>Judged Bitches only & BoB went to the dog</i>	
Carristina Silver Shadow		Trenley Teasle CH	
<i>Judged Dogs only & BoB went to the dog</i>			
Yorkshire Collie Club	Nov' 1984	Collie Club of Wales	May 1997
Ch Krisendale Marksman of Heysompark		Mayd Welcome at Atendus	
<i>Judged Dogs only & BoB went to the dog</i>		<i>Judged Dogs only & BoB went to the bitch</i>	
Northumberland & Durham Collie Club		Bournemouth	Aug' 2000
April 1985		Coppi Out Of Print at Rantara	
<i>Judged Bitches only & BoB went to the bitch</i>		Ch Lynaire Silver Cascade	
Ch Lassina Love Me Tender			
Midland Collie Club	Feb' 1987	Paignton	June 2003
Rubec Blue Peter		Ch Erjon Executive Blue at Kanooki	
<i>Judged Dogs only & BoB went to the bitch</i>		Carriswillow Legacy CH	
West of England Collie Society		Midland Collie Club	Feb' 2006
Sept' 1987		<i>Judged Bitches only & BoB went to the bitch</i>	
<i>Judged Bitches only & BoB went to the dog</i>		Salsina Celtic Rosebud at Triburle CH	
Ch Bhyllsacre Querida Mia			



Shetland Sheepdogs:

City of Birmingham Swagman from Shiel Black Swan of Scylla CH	Sept' 1963	Cruft's Ch Janetstown Journalist Riverhill Ring The Bell CH	Feb' 1973
Paignton Siegfried of Shelert Joyful of Durnovaria	July 1964	Bournemouth Loughrigg Kings Minstrel Ch Lyngold Blue Zinnia	Sept' 1974
Scottish Shetland Sheepdog Club Clyde of Whytelaw Star Bonnie	March 1965	Scottish Kennel Club Fairona Rockafella Stalisfield Moonflower CH	Aug' 1975
Ladies Kennel Association Strict Tempo of Shelert Loughrigg Day Festivity of Lysebourne	Nov' 1966	East of England Argicultural Society MacIntosh of Francehill Rickwood Cindy Lou	July 1977
Leeds Riverhill Rampion Tumblebays Amethyst	May 1968	Scottish Kennel Club Ch Sandpiper of Sharval Myriehewe Fantasie	May 1979
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Ch Riverhill Richman <i>Judged Dogs only & BoB went to the dog</i>	Oct' 1969	Southern Counties Myriehewe Spanish Galleon Francehill Dolly Bird	June 1980 from Tracelyn
Richmond Ch Monkwood Moss-Trooper Greenscrees Lynda Girl	Dec' 1970	Darlington Myriehewe Moonshine' Arcot Miss Tinna	Aug' 1981
Northern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club Ch Janetstown Journalist Lathmere Zoe	April 1972	Welsh Kennel Club Ch Pepperhill Blue Fizz Ch Jasmine of Janetstown	Aug' 1984
		English Shetland Sheepdog Club Dippersmoor Diester <i>Judged Dogs only & BoB went to the dog</i>	Oct' 1986

Shetland Sheepdogs – cont:

Northern Counties		Southern Counties	June 1999
Shetland Sheepdog Club	April 1988	Ch Apsledene Xeryus	
<i>Judged Bitches only & BoB went to the dog</i>		Micsyldon Summer Bramble	CH
Ch Shelderon Kiri			
		Shetland Sheepdog Club of Wales	
Leicester City	Aug' 1989		March 2004
Forestland Farmers Boy	CH	Ch Ottaberry Onliner	
Rockaround Sky Lark		<i>Judged Dogs only & BoB went to the dog</i>	
Welsh Kennel Club	Aug' 1994	Mid Western Shetland Sheepdog Club	
Ch Mohnesee The Sorcerer			Oct' 2004
Dunbrae Miss Dior of Penrave		<i>Judged Bitches only & BoB went to the bitch</i>	
		Janetstown Josephina	CH JW
Bournemouth	Aug' 1996	Leeds	July 2006
Ch Herds The Helmsman		Ch Bleatarn Starsign	JW
Felthorn Genevieve at Dellahill		Ch Francehill Icemaider	



Smooth Collies:

City of Birmingham Adeyfield Black Tramp Ch Krystal of Rodlea	Sept 1965	City of Birmingham Ch Hilltarn Lucifer Ch Foxearth Flourish	Sept 1988
W.E.L.K.S. Ch Tylos Chaos Ch Cotsbelle Blue Caprice	April 1968	Manchester Ch Andrew of Francolls Crossfell's Blissful at Copperfleet CH	Sept 1991
National Working Breeds Ch Tilehouse Patrick Kirkhough's Lady Fortune	Sept 1973	National Working Breeds Ch Sharidon Silver Phantom at Foxearth Ch Alopex Blue Bonnet	July 1995
Cruft's Chicnoir Midnight Sultan CH Dancerwood Bewitched of Astrellita	Feb 1978	Ladies Kennel Association Ch Hilltarn Hyperion Newtons Guinivere from Foxearth	Dec 1997
Bath Dancerwood Gem's Cygnet Sylbecq Fleur De Lys	May 1980	British Collie Club Foxearth Snow Flurry CH Foxearth Phoebe	May 2001
Three Counties Ch Ingledene Inca Ch Amberhill Candy Floss	June 1981	National Working & Pastoral Breeds Ch Moonwalker from Misstoff Ch Snuggletooth Flurry's Filly	July 2003
Ladies Kennel Association Ch Sylbecq Draught Guinness Ch Newarp Silver Moonbeam	Dec 1986 at Foxearth	Welsh Kennel Club Ch Foxearth Flash Past Ch Southcombe Society Girl	Aug 2006



Welsh Cardigan Corgis:

Ladies Kennel Association Ch Joseter Joson Joseter Benita	Dec 1987	Cruft's Ch Willowglen Silver Cavalier Ch Kilvewood Pie In The Sky	Mar 1996
Welsh Kennel Club Ch Gwenlais Croeso Jezalin Crown Jewel CH	Aug 1989	Ladies Kennel Association Ch Gowerston Gambler Ch Kerman Golden Chestnut	Dec 1997
Manchester Ch Beckrow Blue Cedar Ch Baileswood Myfanwy Fechan	Sept 1991	Welsh Kennel Club Cardhew Superted JW Ch Ringinglow Magic Wand	Aug 2000
Devon & Cornwall Welsh Corgi Club Kentwood Madoc CH Kilvewood Pie In The Sky	April 1993	Northern Counties Welsh Corgi Society Clywedog Raise A Prince Salvenik Secret Wish CH	Oct 2003
Darlington Ch Willowglen Silver Cavalier Baileswood Bellorophon	Sept 1994		

Welsh Pembroke Corgis:

Scottish Kennel Club Ch Salvenik Sweet Tribute Ch Penliath Shooting Star	May 1999	Bournemouth Brynelli Double Exposure Ch Stadwen Diamond Lil	Aug 2003
Southern Counties Ch/Can Ch Stonecroft's Second Stage Powdermill Sweet Gold	June 2001	East of England Ch Dream Maker at Poldamerik Pemland In The Limelight CH JW	July 2005



Dedication & Integrity

Aileen's Life of Dedication & Integrity

BROUGHT UP TO BELIEVE it is better to give than to receive Aileen set about putting something back into the activity which has dominated her life, choosing the support of canine societies both general and breed specific. Serving on a variety of club committees including English Shetland Sheepdog Club, Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club, and Bournemouth Canine Association, however it is her primary breed which has benefited the most from Aileen's dedication and expertise.

Living in a London suburb, Aileen became involved with both the London based Collie Clubs at an early date, and after spells on the committees of each was elevated to the office of London and Provincial Collie Club Secretary, taking over from Mr J. H. Northway 'Cronway' but only staying in the post for a couple of years before passing the secretarial reigns to Len Hucklesbee. Aileen's administrative skills were once again pressed into service during the mid 60s when Miss Lowe 'Ralda' resigned, after occupying the Secretarial Office at London Collie Club for ten years, however Antoc's impending move to the south coast made continuation difficult and the office was relinquished after three years.



*Aileen
doing the presentations during the lunch break at a recent
Collie Association Championship Show*

In view of her mentors it was natural that Aileen should gravitate to the Collie Association which, regardless of its National credentials, had always had a predominately Southern based. It was equally predictable that she should be encouraged to join its management team so that when Mrs Margaret Franklin 'Pattingham', proposed Mrs Speding for committee membership in 1961, election was little more than a formality.

Following Antoc's move to Dorset Aileen became an active and enthusiastic supporter of the Collie Association's South West Section, formed with official Kennel Club sanction in 1968, and holding a variety of events confined to Collie Association members resident within

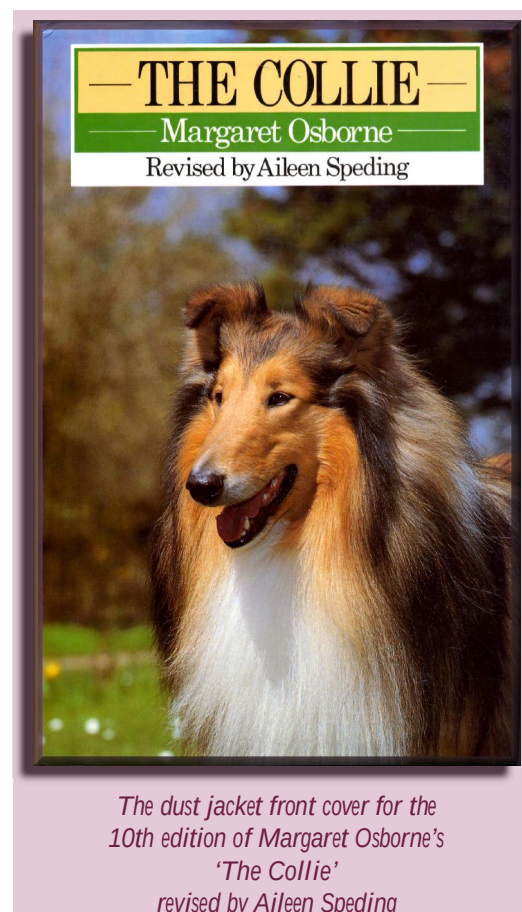
the borders of Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. Before the end of the decade Aileen suggested the publication Rough Collie Champions' pedigrees, these appearing as three generation pedigree cards with accompanying list of Championship Shows including judges and principal winners, all stored in special four ring binders, and becoming an annual publication from 1970. So popular were these pedigree cards that five years later in 1975 a yearly Championship Show Results Book was added to the list of annual publications. These booklets recording the name of those Rough Collies placed first to third in every Championship Show Class together with class entry, and judge, the whole preceded by an alphabetical index of all placed Collies including the number of places gained within the year. Both publications continuing on an annual basis until internet access became so wide spread, and the annual Handbooks so popular that their publication no longer proved viable.

By 1971 Margaret Osborne, Shiel, who had been Collie Association Secretary for twenty one years, considered the time right to hand the reigns to someone rather younger than herself, and Aileen was approached with a view to accepting the office. Taking over from such an indomitable personality must have been a daunting task, but Aileen's quiet yet efficient approach and genuine diplomatic skills not only ensured general acceptance it also secured an enviable position for the club with members, exhibitors and ruling body. Having piloted the Collie Association through a trying time of ever rising entries and increased exhibitor expectations which necessitated the need for ever larger better equipped venues, together with a steady increase in Kennel Club directives Aileen handed the Association's Secretarial hat to her daughter, while retaining her place on the committee, in 1992, the occasion officially marked by elevating her to the status of Honorary Life Member.

In 1998 Aileen's original sponsor, Mrs Franklin, retired from the Presidential Office, and Aileen was elected in her place serving in this capacity until resigning on a matter of principle in 2007

Aileen was to step into the vacated shoes of Margaret Osborne on two further occasions. In the first instance she was invited to take over as Dog World Rough Collie Breed Note correspondent after Miss Osborne announced her intention to step down, and she has now written a weekly column of news, which is of interest to all Collie Enthusiasts, for more than thirty years. Since her involvement with Cardigan Corgis Aileen has added this breed to her journalistic portfolio and now writes knowledgeably of both breeds.

In the mid 1980s as the Popular Dog series was approaching its thirtieth anniversary its publishers considered a re-launch necessary. The most obvious alteration being the dust jacket which changed from black and white with blue spot colouring, to an attractive



mustard and green with full colour photograph, with more fundamental changes envisaged for several of the practical chapters. The original author, Margaret Osborne, was now nearly 80 and considered herself too old and frail to undertake such a considerable task, the publishers therefore approached her successor as Collie Association Secretary and Dog World Breed Note Correspondent, and Aileen agreed to perform what must have been a very difficult assignment. *The Collie's* tenth edition appearing on bookshelves in 1986, shortly before the publishers decided to withdraw the whole series.

Breed Council's were first introduced by the Kennel Club in 1966 as a way of communicating with those breeds that were served by a multiplicity of Breed Clubs. The Rough Collie Breed Council, formed in the inaugural year, had been one of the most successful representing all clubs, and instigating such improvements as the amplified Standard published 1969, which included the Standard's first detailed colour clause

By 1997 inter-club friction had reduced the Rough Collie Breed Council to a mere shadow of its previous self and it took the combined organisational and diplomatic skills of both Aileen and Mrs Duna Jones, 'Erjon', who each accepted the office of Chairman and Secretary, to place the organisation on a rising curve so that once again it is able to take its place as one of the most significant and effective Kennel Club registered Breed Councils.

One of the principal discussion points between Rough Collie Breed Clubs throughout Aileen's term of office had been the Kennel Club's decision to limit the number to Challenge Certificates available to Rough Collie Breed Clubs to thirteen. The sharing of these between the fourteen clubs initially achieved by allocating Championship status to the West of England Collie Society and Collie Club of Wales on alternate years. Aileen's sympathetic negotiations with both Breed Clubs and the Kennel Club over a protracted period were largely responsible for the eventual

amicable settlement in 2006 when agreement was reached between each party which ensured that from 2007 the rotation of available Challenge Certificates would be shared equally between all clubs.

Having achieved her objective of re-establishing the Rough Collie Breed Council as a credible force, Aileen announced her intention not to seek re-election as Chairman when her current term expired, she was, however, able to see the Rough Collie Breed Council adopt a much higher profile with the launch of its own web-site before her term of office came to its close on 13th April 2008.



Photo: Miranda Blake

Aileen at her final Rough Collie Breed Council meeting



Christine Collins presenting Aileen with a gift of appreciation on the occasion of her last appearance in the Chair at a Rough Collie Breed Council meeting April 2008

*Mrs Duna Jones secretary of the Rough Collie Breed Council
seen here on the occasion of Aileen's last Breed Council meeting
13th April 2008*



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Aileen Always There

When I was first approached to write this tribute my heart sank and I thought how could I pay respect to a living legend. Not known for my speaking skills (or indeed my writing skills) I felt it would be difficult but, as I sipped a cocktail on a Dominican Republic beach I thought this could be easy!

Aileen has always been there in my “doggy” life either judging, exhibiting, involved with CA (and I make no apology for including the CA and nether do I intend any slur to the present incumbents) – but to many older exhibitors Aileen was the CA. She worked so hard for this Club in many roles and always made everyone feel welcome. Her wide knowledge of dogs in general and, in particular, her association with Rough Collies, Smooth Collies, Shetland Sheepdogs and Cardigan Corgis and her success in all these breeds has gained her world wide respect.

Some time after the Rough Collie Breed Council split up I approached Aileen with the idea of resurrecting it as I feel it is an important part of the Collie world. Together with Carole Smedley, Hazel Hunt, Neville Plimmer and Christine Collins we decided to have an inaugural meeting at a show and put “feelers” out among the Clubs. Aileen was most supportive and we held our first official meeting of the re-formed Council on 15th October 1995 at The Lakeside Tavern, Barlaston. This was attended by 7 Clubs and on that day Aileen was elected Chairman for the day and asked to take the position for a year. This she agreed. At the following meeting in April she was elected as Chairman for 3 years and has remained there ever since until she retires next month. Her wisdom

and calm authority have been a great asset and she has supported our seminars and events and has been prepared to fight for what she thinks is right for the Rough Collies and its exhibitors.

Aileen has been writing the Breed notes for a long time and covers all subjects without fear or favour. She has a way with words which is very clever and loves to hear all the news.

Recently, Aileen was invited, along with Mrs Nora Keeling, to be a Patron of The British Collie Club and she accepted cheerfully and is hoping to support the Club's events in any way she can.

I, personally, will miss her support at the Breed Council and thank her for all she has done in keeping me calm at stressful times!

Thank you Aileen and I hope you enjoy your well-earned retirement and look forward to seeing you at future events.

*Duna Jones
'Erjon Collies'
&
Rough Collie Breed Council Secretary*



Ch Erjon Executive Blue at Kanooki

Footnote:

Duna Jones' combines her role of Breed Council Secretary with that of Secretary to the British Collie Club, and has worked closely with Aileen since she accepted the office of Breed Council Chairman. Prior to these posts Duna had worked tirelessly for the Northumberland & Durham Collie Club over many years, including the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

Ch Erjon Executive Blue at Kanooki, one of Duna's many Champions, was top winning Rough Collie male in 2003 with 6 CCs and 5 RCCs, his fifth awarded by Aileen at Paignton that year.



