

1st March '80

Dear Bob

Hope you keep fit and well and that the snow is begining to melt. Sorry for not writing sooner, but as you well know time flies.

The Spring trials are over and were kind to us, Anne's Haffy added another win and a third and I had two seconds with his daughter 'Enanos Jeanie', but she was just out of heat and a trifle soft. Anne is now 'letting Haffy' and I suppose he has done enough, she is now begining with a brother I Apollo, who looks like being a fairly good dog, I hope 'Carby' is still showing good promise. My best puppy appears to be out of Judy x Garryboy - a male - a bit big for my liking, but very very athletic. I don't know wheather I replied

regarding Carby's registration. When the colour is predominantly red as is always the case I just put down red. The reason why is that when Carby I wrote down colour - 'Red & white tips' - I had no problem with the IKC, however, I registered the same dog with the KC. The KC # ...

colour - Red & White' thus mixing up even the breed.

I'm off to France at the end of the month or so, to see the French (Continental really, as all the pros attend) Derby and judge for the Professional Handlers Association. A friend of mine has asked me to try and find an English Setter puppy or young bitch in pup to import into Ireland as the breed here is sadly lacking. Do you think something like the Smith Setters would do the job here or is there any other kennel you think might have a lasting effect here?

Anne and I have been invited to Scotland for the first fortnight of the grouse season to look over dog for some visiting sportsmen, I think Americans; needless to say all our expenses will be paid, so we will go to the trials there as well - the only problem is we'll be away from home for over a month. It's a long time to ask somebody to take care of your dogs. Also I'm a bit worried that Anne will be bored, she is interested in dog work, but I think a month of it is not her idea of a holiday. However Scotland is a beautiful country, I'm happy to spend a month

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surrounded by all these grouse and deer.
Do you hunt deer Bob? I started this
year and thoroughly enjoyed it. Where I live
there are only Patton Deer which run to
about 6-8 stone weight, but I hope to
shoot some Roe and Red deer in
Scotland this year in Scotland.

and hope I look forward to hearing from you
and hope that Darby is still proving good.

Kind regards
Ray.

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