

Oct, 10th, 1985

Dear Bob

I was sorry to hear that you were unwell early in the summer and missed your fishing trip to Ontario.

I'm delighted to hear of your puppy's promise, I thought he looked right from the start, but I'm amazed at 1500 thinking he had 'Abra' blood in him.

I had to laugh at your analogy of the Honeygun puppy going in to flush like a greyhound out of the trap, I've had that problem myself a good few times Judy used to kill a fair percentage of her earlier finds, even saw her to take a young pheasant off the aim, however as you say patience will win out in the long run.

I thought I had written to you after my return from Scotland, Wish the brother of Apollo won the North of Scotland Gundog Club Palm Stake and a wee bitch I hence

By Happy was second in a Noire trial
not bad out of four starts. Wish had
another stake won, but then judges had
a disagreement as one of them Lord Jacey
considered her to be too wide running and
therefore not a suitable shooting dog which is
more or less the basis that trials are judged
in England & Scotland. The second win would
have made her an English B.C. — a pity but
that field trials isn't it!! They gave no awards
at all!! We also had some grouse shooting
in Scotland which I truly enjoyed. Anne
shot her first grouse. So all in all we had
a wonderful time. It really is a beautiful
country and it is teeming with game.

Nov. 20th

My God I thought I sent this ages ago, I
was very sorry to hear that you were ill.
I'm glad Jerry is still showing promise, his
father is about 50 lbs weight and the rest
of the litter are quite tidy so I wouldn't
worry too much although I can't bear very big



dog, they usually have too much lumber.
The season is well on here duck snipe
and woodcock are good grouse and pheasant
have been bad — in places very bad — I
also do some stalking mainly fallow deer
and I've yet to get a beast.

Yes, B's it is common practice to
register just red — as we had a situation
with the English K.C. who registers one of
our dogs as a Red & White Irish Setter, because
here in Ireland he was registered as Irish
Setter colour red & white tips. I do hope it
won't cause problems for you.

I have puppies at the minute by
a dog called Quella Major which belongs to a
friend of mine, but I trialed him this year,
out of a little bullet I myself failed to
train — I couldn't contain her in small ground
— it was a mistake litter but you
never know how these things work out. I'm
glad I'm the only one who's left the litter

are a little short on jelly matter. They
are just four weeks old and appear to have
their parents vitality I hope God put some
brains in as well.

Kind regards.

Ray.

PS.

Happy Christmas to you and all your
family.