IRISH TERRIERS 2008





PHOTO JANE ENGLAND

Bracken with her snowman . . . not 'walking in the air', but sitting on a bench!

This was taken in Cuffley Outdoor Centre and yes, there really was snow for a few days last winter which made everybody very excited.

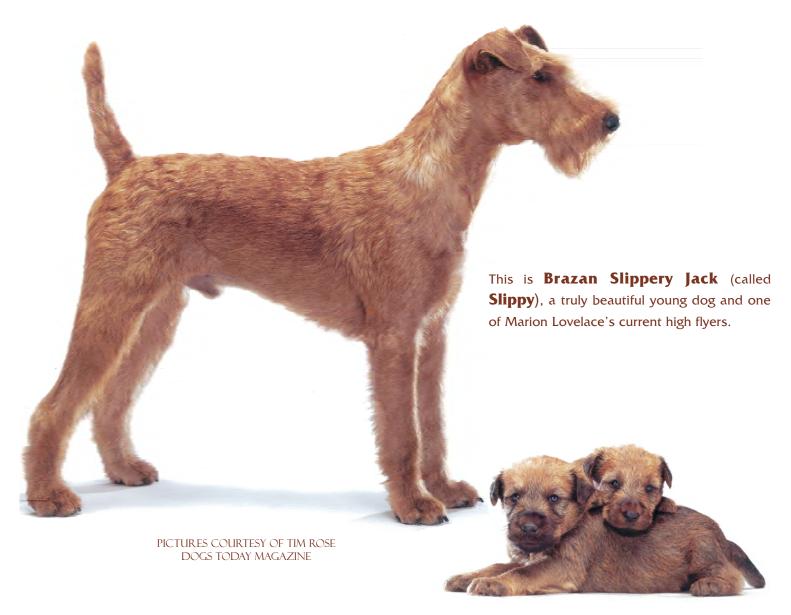
Bracken is a great performer on the 'agilities' course and is the first Irish Terrier in Europe to become a 'flyball dog'. She's a joy to watch, very swift and stylish and hugely enthusiastic.

She lives with Mungo (our cover boy) and they have a wonderful life with acres of woodland and gardens in which to hunt and play.

She's the older dog by a year or two and makes sure that Mungo understands who's the boss!

JANUARY 2008

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FEBRUARY 2008

Well known for her expert and careful 'line breeding'. Marion's dogs run consistently true to type and are full of character and intelligence.

Although they do make lovely pets, Marion is the complete perfectionist in the Show Ring.

All her dogs are immaculately presented - even the puppies look as if they've just stepped out of a Band Box!

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PICTURES COURTESY OF VISCOUNT COKE

Viscount Coke with **Hector.** Written up in The Fields as a 'house dog who cuts the mustard', Hector it seems, lives up to his heroic name.

Lord Coke says "He's not the most reliable shooting dog - much too independent minded, I think - and he doesn't like black

labradors. But he is of course, the apple of my eye. I grew up with my mother's Irish Terrier, Polly. You always love your first dog and she was the best ever. Hector was a wedding present from my wife - he rules the roost and when she's away, he sneaks upstairs to my bedroom which is breaking all the rules."

He has a great outdoor life helping to run the affairs of the Holkham Estate in Norfolk.

"He's not too keen on the rain and things can get a bit muddy here"

- a very small complaint about what sounds like the perfect life.

MARCH 2008

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PHOTO ANDREW FARRER

Although Imogen and **Tess** live in London, their house faces on to a wonderful open space called 'The Meadow', where this picture was taken.

It's a good place to run about and Tessie is a great favourite with the local children. She's an excellent footballer and hide-and-seeker.

A most charming and affectionate little dog who adores her family and every child she meets, Tessie dislikes only one thing, the rain.

She solves the problem of keeping dry by sheltering under anyones' coat or large umbrella and perching with her paws clear of the wet on their wellie boots!

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PHOTO MANDY ATWELL

Zander and his girls.

Vinnie, the Collie is his housemate and German Shepherds (esses) Sheena & Gemma are friends.

They were on holiday in Angelsey. Zander is a great swimmer which is fairly unusual for an Irish Terrier. He's also a great performer in 'obedience' at the local Dog Club - that must be fairly unusual too!

There's a new Irish Terrier puppy in the family now. At five months, she's the proverbial little pest.

Mandy says "They're so good with her - she won't leave them alone - not a minute's peace for anyone!"

Never mind V & Z, she **will** grow up.

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PHOTO ANDREW FARRER

Katharina and Stephanie with **Spice**, their first and absolutely adored Irish terrier.

Both girls had been nervous of dogs and Spicey has given them so much more confidence.

She is a playful, affectionate little bitch and joins in with everything they do.

Christina, their mother, says: "Life is much more fun with Spicey around. She's our little treasure and makes all the difference in the world."

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PHOTO: ANDREW FARRER

This is **Princess Bega**, doing the famous 'kangaroo jump'. All Irish Terriers seem able to perform this impressive vertical leap quite effortlessly.

It seems to be part of a hunting stratagem and very comic to watch them 'levitating' out of corn or long grass chasing rabbits. Whether they are flushing them out or looking for an overview to track their escape route, who knows?

They get wildly excited often yelping loudly as they bounce up and down.

Here Beegie is chasing Imo's biscuit and wily **Zuleika** is waiting for her to drop it.

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PICTURE COURTESY OF JPBODEN 2006

Ruby is our model girl and this charming picture is from the Boden catalogue for children's clothes.

She is the perfect 'pro' . . . patient, well-behaved and loves working with a gang of adoring children.

Her 'mother' Philippa is an antiques dealer and Ruby goes everywhere with her, doing the rounds of country house and farm sales.

"She's the easiest dog in the world to have around. She's so quick and clever and never needs to be put on the lead.

She was a wonderful mother and has had two litters of beautiful puppies. She really is adorable and devoted to the whole family . . . as are we to her."

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PHOTO CAROLINE

Scarlet O'Tara - no, no it's not a misprint, that is her name. Like her O'Hara namesake, she is called 'Miss Scarlet' and lives in Nebraska USA.

She is now eleven years old and still very playful with a real sense of humour. In the picture, she is 'sabotaging' the bed making.

She is the family's fifth Irish Terrier. They say "We simply adore the Breed".

Miss Scarlet is sociable to a fault - well we all know that one - and particularly loves children - we know that one too.

She has a great life and her favourite pastime is keeping her large garden free from deer and anything else she can chase.

She sounds like a typical and thoroughly recognisable Irish Terrier. Bless her!

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PHOTO FUFF ALLEN

This must be the photograph we all dream of taking. It is so dramatic and at the same time eerie and amusing.

Sybil and **Whistle** on a Scottish beach at sunset . . . I'm not sure who won the tug o' war.

They are mother and daughter pair, extremely fond of each other though Sybil is 'respectful' of her 'mama.

They live on a farm in Norfolk and the whole family is 'addicted to Irish Terrers' . . . Fuff says "they are so clever, adorable and funny. We cannot imagine life without one."

OCTOBER 2008

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PHOTO JILL LOOKER

Five Irish Terriers taking 'their people' for a walk in Heron Wood near Andover.

They are Dickie Crick,
Fanny Merrington,
Gypsey & Clover
Crawley and Reilly
Looker.

Chasing the rabbits and each other, their autumn brown coats merge perfectly into the background - real creatures of the forest.

Well yes, except that like all Irish Terriers 'creature comforts' matter too and this lot are heading home for tea and a nice warm fire.

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PHOTO VICKI WOOD

Christmas Angels - Lottie at 2 was scarcely more than a lively puppy herself when she had her first litter. But she managed so well and was a most protective, sweet mother.

They were beautiful pups and she loved sharing them with the family. 'Her children' George and Elizabeth spent hours playing with the 'babies'.

Lotties was a bit down when the last puppy left and they took her out and about to cheer her up.

"Mother" Vicki says "It was a new and wonderful experience for the whole family, but I doubt whether we'll repeat it".

"The cleaning up was fairly dramatic as they grew bigger and choosing families who would 'love' them enough made for more emotion than I had imagined.

We wouldn't have missed it for the world. It was a real learning curve for us all, and has made Lottie even more special." DECEMBER 2008

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OH, THE CHARM OF THE IRISH . . .



PICTURE COURTESY OF KAREN PARKER

Louis (Montelle Mi'Lord) is a beautiful young dog just beginning his career in the Show Ring. He's full of fun and very full of himself. No chance of giving up the toy, but he is wishing us all a very

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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