

Raglan

a kennel of international significance

Dan Ericsson's Raglan kennel of Scottish Terriers, based in Sweden, has certainly made an international impact, not least in the UK with a top winner and a top producer. Well over 100 champions have been bred since Dan started in the breed as a animal-mad schoolboy more than 40 years ago, after his grandmother persuaded his parents to let him have a dog.

Over the years he has benefited from the guidance of the best possible mentors, starting with the leading Swedish breeders of the day, and then visiting Britain where experts such as Elsa Meyer, Betty Penn-Bull, the Owen family, Maureen Micklethwaite and Nellie Holland ensured he was steeped in the breed's lore and history.

Subsequent success has encompassed top terrier and even Top Dog awards, and continues today.

Dan is also establishing a line of Labradors which has produced several titleholders including three generations of homebred champion bitches, and in the past has bred and shown Pekingese including the famous UK import Ch Lien Ru's Boi of Hyldewood, obtained from Hilda Garwood.

He started young as a judge in 1976 and is now passed for all breeds, officiating worldwide. He chairs the Swedish Scottie and Labrador Clubs and finds time to sit on Kennel Club committees too.

Here is a selection of his most important dogs.



In the early '70s Dan wrote to Elsa Meyer of the famous Reanda kennel in England, asking if he could visit to help with her dogs. She agreed immediately and so began a friendship which lasted the rest of her life. From her Dan had his second foundation bitch Ch Reanda Ravita, a group winner and BIS at the Swedish specialty.



Ch Raglan Red Rarity, top terrier 1977, was a son of Ravita, sired by Terzette's brother.



Dan's first Scottish Terrier, born in 1970, became Ch Torsloch Terzette, bred by Birgit Norman, at whose kennels he spent much of the school holidays. She was by Ch Gaywyn Marquis, a UK import. Mated to the UK import, Ch Gillson Grand Monarch, she produced Dan's first homebred champion, Raglan Rio Rita, pictured.



Ch Raglan Rebecca, a daughter of Regatta, owned by Monika Knutsson-Hall (Floreo), with whom Dan has worked very closely in their breeding programmes. Ch Floreo Althaea, a daughter of Red Rarity, was one of Dan's best bitches.



Ch Raglan Regatta, a BIS winner by a Rio Rita son ex a Ravita daughter. photo Roslin-Williams

The kennel's best male, Ch Raglan Rory, Sweden's Dog of the Year 2001 and top terrier ever with 25 group wins. He was by Ch Kantorns Johnny Walker (UK-bred Ch Balgownie Brilliance ex a Raglan bitch by Venturesome) and was the only puppy produced by Dan's UK import Ch Bruiek Spellbinder. "The sort of dog one dreams of," says his owner, and he had some great progeny too.



In Britain Dan got to know all the great Scottish Terrier breeders of the day, many of whom had enjoyed decades of success. None more so than another of his mentors, the inspiring Betty Penn-Bull, and ever since he has tried never to stray too far away from the Kennelgarth lines. He imported Ch Paddington Bear of Kennelgarth who was a BIS winner and the kennel's greatest stud dog, producing among others six group-winning bitches. photo Undén



Another great English kennel was Gaywyn, owned by Muriel Owen and family, and Ch Gaywyn Venturesome joined the Raglans at five months. A group winner, he too was an excellent sire, especially to daughters of Paddington Bear.



The French import Ch Sweet Romeo du Moulin de Mac Gregor, bred by Ruth O'Connor and the only wheaten owned by Raglan. He proved a valuable outcross and his daughter Raglan Roman Empress produced three UK champions for Pam Pagram. photo Böös



Ch Raglan Royal Serenade, a daughter of Paddington Bear ex a Rebecca daughter, is Dan's choice as the best bitch he has bred. She was top terrier in Sweden in 1996 and was BOB on Miss Penn-Bull's last judging appointment. photo Undén



Dan had always admired the Brio dogs of Jane Miller in England so was especially thrilled when she showed interest in having one of his dogs. UK/Sw/Norw Ch Raglan Rose Maiden in Brio was by Rory ex a bitch by UK-bred Ch Tamzin Toy Soldier ex a daughter of Paddington Bear. RBIS at Crufts 2004 and runner-up Top Dog all breeds '03 were just a few of her achievements. She is seen being handled by her breeder to BIS at Windsor, with Leonard Pagliero, judge Ole Staunskjaer, Terry Thorn and Jane. photo Johnson



Ch Raglan Referee, a son of Paddington Bear, winning BIS at the Swedish specialty under Muriel Owen.

Ch Raglan Royal Prospect, Sweden's top Scottie 2002, by Rory ex a Paddington Bear daughter, seen winning BIS at the Swedish Terrier Club centenary show under Harry O'Donoghue. A good producer too. photo Böös





Ch Rhum Tea For Two, by a Rory grandson ex a daughter of a dog who was a gift from Miss Penn-Bull, Ch Here's Wallace of Kennelgarth.

Ch Raglan Roslin-Williams, second in the group at the 2003 World Show, a full brother to Rose Maiden. He was sold as a puppy to Marina Guidetti in Italy for whom he had a spectacular career before returning to Sweden after her early death.

photo Undén



Jane Miller also had Raglan Royal Connection with Brio, by a Venturesome son ex Royal Propect. He has produced seven UK champions, including Chs Brio Exquzitive and Inquizitive out of Rose Maiden, and current Pup of the Year winner Ch Stuane Florette.

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Raglan today: At the Swedish Scottish Terrier Club's recent 40th anniversary show judged John Herd from Scotland. BIS was Dan's Melscot Heron at Raglan, bred in Croatia by Ch Raglan Rising Generation. BOS was Heron's daughter Ch Raglan Rosemary Smart (ex Raglan Ruccola, by Ch R Ricardo ex Ch R Royal Prospect) who won her title on the day and became the 138th champion bred at Raglan.



Ch Raglan Braveheart, a son of Eden Wall and a particular favourite at home.

Dan had always been interested in Labradors and now has several at home. Foundation bitch was Ch Guideline's Eden Wall, dam of three champions.