

SUZY ROFFEY - AUTUMNWOOD

We have had Irish Setters in our family since I was 18 months old. However my interest in dogs really evolved when I was 10 years old and we bought our second Irish Setter Paddy, from Pat & Harry Brigden.

Resulting from this I started working in Pat and Harry's Autumnwood kennels and my love of both the Irish and Irish Red and White Setter grew immensely. I was fortunate enough to work closely with Pat with all aspects of her dogs; showing, breeding, grooming, learning and training. From that point on I was hooked!

I have never looked back and I have been fortunate enough that even my career has involved dogs, working for Mars Petcare where I have worked in their Breeder Team, Pet Specialist Sales Team and I am currently working as part of a Team to develop and deploy a global training programme.

I was a very keen junior handler from day one and in 1989 won the UK Junior Handler of the Year competition and following that came 3rd in the International competition at Crufts.

I was fortunate enough to judge the prestigious UK Junior Handling Finals in 2005.

I am currently showing Irish Setters, Irish Red & White Setters and Tibetan Terriers and have made up Champions in each breed.

I award CC's in Irish Red & White Setters and I am on the A3 Breed Specialist Joint Irish Setter judging list, approved to award CC's in the breed. I also judge other Gundogs and Utility Breeds currently at Open Show level.

I have a joint interest in Pat Brigden's affix, Autumnwood.

I served on the Irish Setter Club of Wales Committee for five years but due to re locating had to step down.

I am now delighted to serve on the Committee of the Irish Setter Association of England.

I have been fortunate enough to handle and work with various breeds all over the world but my first love is without doubt the Irish Gentleman, the Irish Setter.