

# THE COST EFFECTIVE WAY OF BREEDING GREYHOUNDS

## FOREWORD

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THIS EBOOK CAME ABOUT DUE TO 2 DIFFERENT EVENTS,BOTH OF WHICH MADE ME THINK.

THE FIRST EVENT CAME ABOUT WHEN A MAN OF ABOUT 70 CAME AND BOUGHT 4 PUPS FROM ME RECENTLY.HE BOUGHT 2 PUPS OVER THE PHONE,ASKED ME TO PICK THEM OUT FOR HIM AND THEY WERE DELIVERED TO HIM VIA GREYHOUND TRANSPORT TO LIFFORD TRACK.

HE WAS SO DELIGHTED WITH THE 2 PUPS HE CAME BACK IN PERSON A FEW DAYS LATER AND BOUGHT 2 MORE AND WE CHATTED ABOUT THIS N THAT ALL TO DO WITH DOGS.

HE TOLD ME HE'D BEEN VERY IMPRESSED HOW WELL THE PUPS LOOKED,IN PARTICULAR THEIR SHINY COATS AND 'GREAT BACKS' ON THEM.

HE ASKED ME WHAT BRAND OF DOGMEAL OR NUTS I USED AND COULDN'T BELIEVE THE LOW PRICE IT CAN BE BOUGHT AT,GIVEN ITS OBVIOUS QUALITY.(MORE ABOUT THIS LATER)

HE ASKED ME WHAT I USED ON MY DOGS TO ELIMINATE FLEAS,HE HAD PREVIOUSLY USED THE VERY EXPENSIVE 'FRONTLINE' PRODUCT SOLD BY VETS,WHICH SELLS FOR APPROX 24 EUROS(£16)AND ONLY EFFECTIVELY WASHES ABOUT 3 DOGS(FAR TOO EXPENSIVE TO USE IF YOU WANT TO WASH MAYBE 25 OR 30),AND HE'D USED THE 'SPOT ON' VIALS ALSO WHICH WORK OUT ABOUT 10 EUROS(£7) PER DOG.TOO EXPENSIVE FOR A KENNEL FULL OF DOGS!.

I SHOWED HIM A BOTTLE OF CLEAR LIQUID THAT WHEN MIXED WITH WATER I GUARANTEED HIM WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO WASH AND RID MAYBE 90 DOGS OF FLEAS.THE COST? A MERE 8.50 EURO(UNDER £6).(MORE ABOUT THIS LATER)

HE WENT AWAY AND BOUGHT A LARGER BOTTLE AND SENT ME DOWN HALF OF IT COS HE RECKONED HE HAD SO MUCH OF IT,HE WOULDN'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO USE IT ALL.(I KID YOU NOT!)COST £14(21 EUROS).

THE SECOND EVENT WAS A DISCUSSION ON GLOBAL GREYHOUNDS GG UNDER THE HEADING "COSTS OF BREEDING"

WHICH WAS A VERY INTERESTING TOPIC WITH MANY WORTHY CONTRIBUTORS. THE TOPIC WAS INITIATED BY (PUP72),WHO AMONGST OTHER THINGS MENTIONED THAT I HAD TOLD HIM A NUMBER OF MONTHS PREVIOUSLY THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO SELL 5 PUPS OF HIS RECENT LITTER BY DROOPYS KEWELL JUST TO COVER HIS BASIC BREEDING COSTS(NOT LEAST THE 1000 EURO STUD FEE,SAME DOG IS NOW 1200),AND TO BREAK EVEN.

AT THE TIME HE RECKONED THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SELLING JUST '2' PUPS.

HE SAYS IN THE TOPIC THAT I WAS 'ACTUALLY RIGHT' IN MY PREDICTION OF 5. OTHER THINGS COVERED IN THE THREADS WERE HOW DIFFICULT IT HAS BECOME TO SELL PUPS,OR RATHER TO GET 'DECENT' PRICES FOR PUPS AS THERE ARE SO MANY FOR SALE RIGHT NOW AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES.

VERY FEW PEOPLE TRY TO EARN A LIVING FROM BREEDING GREYHOUNDS,FOR MOST ITS A HOBBY FUNDED BY MORE REGULAR EMPLOYMENT.

FOR MOST PEOPLE THEY HOPE TO SELL OFF MOST OF THE LITTER,TO COVER THEIR COSTS AND KEEP MAYBE 1 OR 2 FOR THEMSELVES.

FACT IS AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT IN TIME AND THE CURRENT STATE OF THE DOGGY GAME,IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY HARDER TO DO THIS.PUPS CAN'T BE SOLD AT 'RESPECTABLE PRICES'ANYMORE,THEY WON'T SELL NOWADAYS IRESPECTIVE OF HOW WELL BRED THEY ARE UNLESS THEY'RE REASONABLY PRICED. CHIEF REASONS FOR THIS ARE AS I SEE IT,THE LACK OF INTEREST AND SUBSEQUENT DROP IN VALUE OF THE AVERAGE GRADER,AND THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY PUPS

FOR SALE,MORE THAN THE DEMAND REQUESTS IN THE CURRENT MARKETPLACE.

I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN GREYHOUNDS ALL MY LIFE,SINCE A YOUNG LAD,BUT ITS ONLY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT I PLUCKED UP THE COURAGE TO PACK IN MY DECENT PAYING SALES JOB,AND MAKE A LIVING FULLTIME BREEDING AND REARING GREYHOUNDS.I'M 34 NOW.

DURING THIS TIME I HAVE BRED NUMEROUS LITTERS WHICH I HAVE SOLD VERY WELL AT REASONABLE PRICES(SOME PEOPLE SAY 'CRAZY PRICES')AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,I'VE MADE A LIVING FOR MY FAMILY AND I DOING SO.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EBOOK IS TO SHOW PEOPLE HOW I DO IT,AND BY DOING THE SAME ITS POSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO CUT THEIR COSTS OF BREEDING A LITTER,WHICH ENABLES THEM TO ACCEPT A LOWER ASKING PRICE FOR THEIR PUPS AT SALETIME AND STILL AT LEAST COVER THEIR COSTS IF NOT MAKE A LITTLE MONEY.

I JUST WANT TO SAY A WORD OR TWO BEFORE I START INTO THE CONTENT PROPER.

BY WRITING THIS I AM NOT PUTTING MYSELF FORWARD AS AN EXPERT OR AN AUTHORITY ON ANY ASPECT OF GREYHOUNDS.THIS EBOOK CONSISTS OF MY THEORIES AND OPINIONS BASED ON MY EXPERIENCES AND LEARNINGS FROM WORKING WITH AND BREEDING THESE WONDERFUL ANIMALS.

I DO NOT HAVE ANY VETERINARY TRAINING(I HAVE OFTEN WONDERED THE SAME ABOUT NUMEROUS VETS!!!)AND ANYTHING I HAVE ADMINISTERED AS STATED IN THIS WRITING IS EXACTLY AS I SAY.I AM NOT QUALIFIED TO GIVE VETERINARY ADVICE AND AM NOT DOING SO.NOR DO I ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILTY OR BLAME IF ANYONE USES THE INFORMATION I GIVE,WITH UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS.

WHAT I DO AND STATE HAS WORKED FOR ME,WHICH IS THE REASON I DO IT.

I DO NOT SEEK TO INFLUENCE ANYONE ELSE'S ACTIONS.

PEOPLE ARE QUITTING THE BREEDING GAME BY THE DOZEN BECAUSE THEY THINK ITS JUST NOT PAYING.

I TEND TO THINK IT STILL PAYS BUT YOU NEED TO PLAY BY DIFFERENT RULES MAYBE THAN IN THE PAST.

I WILL INEVITABLY IMPART SOME OF MY IDEAS REGARDING BREEDING AS I EXPLAIN MY REASONING FOR SOME OF MY THINKING THROUGHOUT THIS TEXT,AGAIN I'M NOT PUTTING MYSELF FORWARD AS AN EXPERT.

I HAVEN'T BRED ENOUGH LITTERS OR ENOUGH CLASS PERFORMERS IN MY OPINION TO QUALIFY AS THAT.

I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MY JUDGEMENT AND MY ABILITY IN THE WORK THAT I DO WITH MY GREYHOUNDS.

LIKE MOST BREEDERS I HAVE BRED GOOD AND BAD DOGS,AND MORE BAD THAN GOOD.

I'M LESS THAN 2 YEARS INTO A CURRENT 10YEAR BREEDING PLAN THAT I MAPPED OUT SOME TIME AGO,WE'LL SEE HOW THAT GOES IN TIME.

WHAT THIS BOOK IS ABOUT IS BREEDING PUPS AS WELL AS POSSIBLE BY CUTTING COSTS,YET NOT CUTTING QUALITY IN ANYTHING,BE IT FOOD,BLOODLINES,OR GENERAL DAY TO DAY CARE.

## WHY BREED?

I BREED BECAUSE I WANT TO ESTABLISH LINES THAT WILL BE IDENTIFIED AS MINE. I'D RATHER BE KNOWN AS THE BREEDER OF A DERBY WINNER THAN THE TRAINER(IF NOT BOTH!!).

IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS I HAVE SOLD PUPS ALL OVER IRELAND AND WILL LOOK FORWARD TO HOPEFULLY READING ABOUT THEIR WINS TO COME AT MANY TRACKS.IN MOST CASES I WILL STILL HAVE THE DAM IN THE KENNEL AND MAYBE ANOTHER LITTER FROM HER FOLLOWING ON,SO I AWAIT WITH GREAT HOPE AND INTEREST. WITH PUPS THERE IS SO MUCH HOPE AND POTENTIAL,TWO PUPS SIDE BY SIDE AT 12

WEEKS,ONE COULD BE A STAR AND THE OTHER A BOTTOM GRADER.NOBODY KNOWS AND NOBODY CAN TELL WITH ANY DEGREE OF RELIABILITY WHO WILL BE THE BETTER. THEY CAN BE A DELIGHT OR ONE HELL OF A DISAPPOINTMENT AND A LOT OF GREY IN BETWEEN,BUT FOR ME, ALL BREEDERS ARE DREAMERS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT (UNLESS THEY'RE IN IT SOLELY TO MAKE MONEY,AND 99.9% OF THESE TYPES WONT), AND PUPS KEEP YOU DREAMING!.

## BROODBITCHES

I THINK THE BROOD IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SIRE,IF SHE HASN'T GOT THE GENETIC EQUIPMENT TO PASS ON,NO SIRE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EVERYBODY WANTS TO HAVE A TOP BROODBITCH BUT THEY'RE HARD TO FIND AND IT TAKES HER TO HAVE 2-3 LITTERS REALISTICALLY BEFORE YOU KNOW HOW GOOD SHE IS,IF ANY GOOD AT ALL.

I LIKE TO TAKE A CHANCE ON A YOUNG MAIDEN BITCH,FROM TOP BLOODLINES,PREFERABLY FROM A GOOD LITTER AND SOME WINNING FORM FOR HER.IF SHES OPEN CLASS HERSELF THATS A BONUS BUT NOT CRUCIAL TO ME IF WELL ENOUGH BRED AS I BELIEVE THAT GREYHOUNDS SOMETIMES SKIP A GENERATION GENETICALLY WHEN IT COMES TO REPRODUCING FAST DOGS. THATS WHY MANY BROODS WHO WERE UNRACED OR POOR RACERS THEMSELVES,BUT FROM GREAT DAMS OFTEN PRODUCE THE GOODS. IN SHORT I FAVOUR BREEDING AS IMPORTANT AS RACING ABILITY WHEN SELECTING A POTENTIAL BROOD,IF YOU CAN GET A BITCH WITH BOTH ABILITY AND BREEDING YOU HAVE A VERY GOOD BET INDEED,AS LONG AS SHE HASN'T BEEN OVERRACED AS I BELIEVE THIS TO BE A DETRIMENT TO HER POTENTIAL. OBVIOUSLY IF SHE WAS FAST HERSELF IT IMPROVES YOUR CHANCES OF BREEDING FAST PUPS.

IF SHE COULD RUN A BIT,I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH WHAT HER DISTANCE PREFERENCES WERE,WHETHER A SPRINTER,MIDDLE DISTANCE,OR A STAYING BITCH. ANOTHER GOOD BET IS A BITCH THAT IS A LITTER SISTER TO A TOPCLASS DOG,OR MEMBER OF A REALLY GOOD LITTER,EVEN IF THE BITCH HERSELF WASN'T ALL THAT FAST(AS LONG AS SHE WAS GENUINE).

IF YOU KEEP MATING TOPCLASS BLOODLINES TOGETHER,SOONER OR LATER YOU WILL HIT THE JACKPOT AND PRODUCE CLASS.I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT,AND ITS POSSIBLE TO DO THAT WITHOUT SPENDING A FORTUNE AS I WILL SHOW YOU.

## WHAT ABOUT JUST BUYING A PROVEN BROOD?

WELL YOU COULD,IF YOU COULD FIND ONE FOR SALE AND YOU HAD A LARGE WAD OF CASH TO PART WITH,AND AS THIS EBOOK IS ABOUT CUTTING COSTS I DON'T RECOMMEND IT.

FURTHERMORE,A PROVEN BROOD OFFERED FOR SALE WILL LIKELY BE QUITE OLD AND HER FERTILITY MAY HAVE DECLINED(WHICH MIGHT BE THE REASON SHES FOR SALE).

SHE MIGHT HAVE MISSED ON HER LAST MATING OR TWO,OR PRODUCED VERY FEW PUPS OF LATE.

I'D BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT BUYING AN AGING BROOD WITHOUT LOOKING INTO THESE FACTORS.

IF YOU HAD A BROOD THAT YOU'D BRED A FEW TIMES WITH GREAT SUCCESS,WHY WOULD YOU SELL HER?

UNLESS SOMEONE HAS A GENUINE REASON,AND SOMETIMES THEY DO EXIST (NEEDING MONEY,MOVING HOUSE,FAILING HEALTH,OWNER AGING HIMSELF ETC) I'D BE RELUCTANT TO PURCHASE SUCH A BITCH.

YOU COULD OFFER TO LEASE SUCH A BITCH FOR SALE,WITH A GUARANTEE THAT

YOU'D AUTOMATICALLY BUY HER ONCE SHE PRODUCED A HEALTHY LITTER FOR YOU AT FIRST TIME OF TRYING.  
THAT MIGHT GIVE YOU SOME OF THE ANSWERS TO MY CONCERNS ABOVE,AND TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE OWNER AS WELL.

## WHY CHOOSE A MAIDEN BITCH?

FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, MOSTLY POSITIVE ONES.  
SHES YOUNG FOR ONE THING (IF SHES NOT I WOULDN'T TAKE HER OVER AGE 5, SHE MAY HAVE BEEN TRIED BEFORE AND HAVE PROBLEMS CONCEIVING).  
SHE'S LIKELY TO BE MORE FERTILE THAN AN OLDER BITCH.  
A BITCH BETWEEN 2 AND 3 YEARS OF AGE THAT COMES IN SEASON EVERY 6 MTHS IS PERFECT TO TAKE A CHANCE WITH. YOU CAN BREED HER FOR 2-3 LITTERS AND SHES STILL RELATIVELY YOUNG.  
THEN YOU CAN WAIT IF NEED BE TO SEE WHAT HER PROGENY ARE LIKE BEFORE COMMITTING YOURSELF TO BREEDING HER AGAIN.  
I ALSO THINK THAT IF A BITCH HAS ABILITY AS A BROOD, THEY'RE BETTER THE YOUNGER THEY ARE.  
I THINK LITTER QUALITY POSSIBLY DECINES AS THE BITCH ADVANCES IN YEARS (ALONG WITH LITTER SIZE).  
MANY BREEDERS THINK THE FIRST 3 LITTERS A BITCH HAS ARE HER BEST.

MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR USING A MAIDEN BITCH?

## THEY CAN BE GOT FOR VERY LITTLE AND MORE OFTEN FOR NOTHING....

YES THATS A FACT!  
ANYTHING I TELL YOU IN THIS EBOOK IS BACKED UP BY MY EXPERIENCE.  
MANY, MANY NGRC BITCHES IN PARTICULAR, BUT ALSO IRISH RACERS TOO WHEN THEY FINISH RACING ARE GIVEN AWAY BECAUSE THE OWNERS DON'T WANT TO BREED, OR NEVER HAVE BRED A LITTER IN THEIR LIVES.  
MOST RACERS WHEN THEIR CAREER IS OVER AREN'T WANTED AND ARE REHOMED OR WHATEVER.  
ONLY TOPCLASS, GROUP WINNING OR CONTENDING BITCHES ARE SOUGHT AFTER AND WILL EXCHANGE HANDS FOR DECENT MONEY.  
THE REST ARE GIVEN AWAY TO GOOD HOMES. (IF NOT RACING, THEIR KENNEL BILLS STILL HAVE TO BE PAID, SO THEY'RE GLADLY GIVEN AWAY TO A GOOD HOME)

THIS IS ONE INSTANCE WHERE THE CURRENTLY POOR MARKET FOR SELLING GREYHOUND PUPS WORKS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE. YOU CAN GET WELL BRED BITCHES, SOMETIMES OPEN CLASS INTO THE BARGAIN FOR NOTHING, OR SOMETIMES IN EXCHANGE FOR 1 PUP FROM HER FIRST LITTER.  
IF THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE BREEDING THERE WOULD BE MORE DEMAND FOR THESE BITCHES AND FEWER AVAILABLE.

ONE THING GOING IN YOUR FAVOUR REGARDING THESE BITCHES AND THE REASON THEY'RE SO EASILY OBTAINED IS THAT MANY PEOPLE WHO SEE 'SOMETHING IS FREE' HAVE A SUBCONSCIOUS BELIEF THAT 'IF ITS FREE, IT COULDN'T BE ANY GOOD' AND AS A RESULT IGNORE SUCH ADVERTS. THIS IS TRUE PARTICULARLY IN IRELAND BUT IT APPLIES EVERYWHERE AND PART OF A GENERAL MENTALITY THAT PREDOMINATES IN GREYHOUND CIRCLES.  
IT IS VERY EASY TO SLIP INTO THIS WAY OF THINKING, BUT THOSE WHO FOLLOW THEIR OWN MIND AND GUT INSTINCT WILL SUCCEED WHERE OTHERS FAIL.

## EXAMPLES

THE FOLLOWING BITCHES I OBTAINED FOR NOTHING IN MOST CASES.

1 OF THEM I PAID £500 FOR(THE MOST I'VE EVER PAID),2 OF THEM WAS IN EXCHANGE FOR A PUP AT 12WEEKS,AND ONE WAS OBTAINED FOR A STRAIGHT SWAP FOR A 12 MTH OLD SAPLING. THE REST WERE COMPLETELY FREE.

RACEFIELD SHELLY <http://www.greyhound-data.com/d?i=1075853> WON 4 FROM 7 FROM A6 TO NGRC OPEN CLASS.BROKE WRIST IN LAST RACE.MEMBER OF A VERY GOOD LITTER.DAM DAVITT FLASH WAS DERBY CLASS WINNER OF MANY OPENS(27.70 460M WIMBLEDON),AND SISTER TO REDWOOD SARA(WINNER 2 CLASSICS AND DAM OF RUMMY LAD).GRAND-DAM REDWOOD GIRL WON 2 CLASSICS AND DAM OF MANY MANY TOP PERFORMERS.

FUNTIME FLISS <http://www.greyhound-data.com/d?i=477196> WINNER OF 12 RACES,A2 CLASS 465M BELLEVUE.

SUFFERED FROM CRAMPING.HER RECORD SHOWS SHE LED IN NEARLY ALL HER RACES AND HER 1ST SECTIONAL TIMES WERE ON PAR WITH THE LAST 3 TR FOR COURSE AND DISTANCE.SHES VERY SIMILARLY BRED TO DOUBLE DERBY WINNER 'REACTABOND REBEL' AND ALSO LAURELS WINNER AND STUD DOG 'EL PREMIER'.

HANNAHS RIBBON <http://www.greyhound-data.com/d?i=526664>

THIS BITCH WON 18 TOP GRADE FLAPPING RACES AND RECORDED 16.40,16.50 AT HINCKLEY FOR 300 WHICH ARE CRACKING TIMES.HER DAM HAS PRODUCED MANY SUB 29 SEC DOGS IN IRELAND.H/RIBBON'S BROTHER XAMAX RUGRAT WON MANY OPENS AND LED SONIC FLIGHT IN 2ND ROUND OF ENG DERBY.

HAZY TEX <http://www.greyhound-data.com/d?i=342002>

WON 8 RACES,A2 GRADE SUNDERLAND 450M.SISTER TO PINEAPPLE EURO WINNER GROUP 3 EVENT AT PBORO AND MANY MANY OPEN RACES,ANOTHER BROTHER WAS PERRY BARR TRACK CHAMP AND CLOCKED 28.60,28.70. TEX'S DAM PINEAPPLE MANDY IS HOLDER OF THE TR AT TRALEE FOR 325 SINCE '99 AND DAM OF LANCE PINEAPPLE (MASTERS AND PBORO DERBY FINALIST),AND THROWS TOP CLASS IN EVERY LITTER.THIS DAMLINE HAS PRODUCED THE LIKES OF FLAGSTAR,PAGAN PINE AND PINEAPPLE LEMON.SUPERB UNBROKEN DAMLINE CHAIN RIGHT BACK AT LEAST 6 GENERATIONS.

MOYAR MIST <http://www.greyhound-data.com/d?i=901626>

WESTMEAD BREEDING,OUT OF DUAL OAKS FINALIST WESTMEAD GIGI.GRAND-DAUGHTER OF WESTMEAD CHICK WHO IS A DAUGHTER OF WESTMEAD MOVE,GOING BACK THROUGH A LINE OF CHAMPION DAMS OF THE YEAR,WESTMEAD TANIA,WESTMEAD SATIN AND HACKSAW.

KILLAVARRIG RUBY <http://www.greyhound-data.com/d?i=886756>

BROKE TR 270M AT HULL.WINNER OF MANY OPENS IN SCOTLAND ON FLAPS ALSO,PRACTICALLY UNBEATABLE UP TO 300 YARDS.MEMBER OF ALL OPEN CLASS LITTER INCLUDING THE FLYING 'GOBLET OF FIRE' LAURELS RUNNER-UP,LED TYRUR TED TO THIRD BEND.GOBLET OF FIRE CLOCKED 28.57 SHEL AND 28.30 CORK AMONGST MANY OTHER FINE WINS.

IM SURE YOU CAN SEE THE QUALITY OF THE ABOVE BREEDING THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR LITTLE OR NOTHING.

I HAVE SINCE TURNED DOWN MANY OTHERS OF EQUAL/GREATER POTENTIAL,AND BREEDING DUE TO LACK OF SPACE.

## WHERE TO FIND THESE MAIDEN BITCHES?

MANY ARE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFEDS, MISCELLANEOUS SECTION ON GREYHOUND DATA WWW.GREYHOUND-DATA.COM.

OFTEN YOU WILL SEE THEM ADVERTISED IN THE SMALL ADS IN THE RACING POST,AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE SPORTING PRESS,GREYHOUND WEEKLY,AND GREYHOUND STAR.

OFTENTIMES THEY'RE PUT UP ON THE CLASSIFEDS ON GLOBAL GREYHOUNDS,CHECK PARTICULARLY THE UK SECTION.

IF YOU KNOW ANY NGRG TRAINERS,ASK THEM TO KEEP YOU IN MIND FOR FUTURE DECENT BITCHES,WHEN THEY'VE FINISHED RACING AS MANY OWNERS WILL GLADLY GIVE THEM TO YOU FREE OF CHARGE.

### IMPORTANT POINT

MANY TIMES BITCHES WILL BE LISTED WITH JUST THEIR FIRST GENERATION PEDIGREE,SO ITS UP TO YOU TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK AND SPOT 'GOOD BREEDING' OR AT LEAST RESEARCH THE PEDIGREE ON GREYHOUND-DATA IF YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT.GREYHOUND-DATA REALLY IS A SUPER RESEARCH TOOL AND FREE OF CHARGE,SO MAKE USE OF IT.

MANY OWNER'S GIVING AWAY THESE BITCHES DON'T KNOW HOW WELL BRED THEY ARE,SO THE TIME YOU SPEND STUDYING AND RESEARCHING PEDIGREES COULDN'T BE BETTER SPENT.

HERES AN EXAMPLE OF EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN.

I BOUGHT A BITCH ONE TIME IN 1989,FIRST BROOD I EVER BOUGHT FROM AN AD IN THE SPORTING PRESS.

IT WAS A SMALL AD AND WENT LIKE THIS "BROOD BITCH FOR SALE, GAME BALL-RAYMONDS PRIDE"BITCH HAS HAD WINNING LITTER TO CARTERS LAD" PRICE 550 PUNTS

I REALISED THAT THAT WAS THE BREEDING OF MAKE HISTORY WHO HAD WON THE 1988 IRISH DERBY,MAKING THE BITCH A LITTER SISTER TO HIM.SHE'D QUALIFIED TO RACE AND ONLY HAD A COUPLE OF RACES THEN BROKE DOWN INJURED.

I IMMEDIATELY PHONED THE NUMBER AND THE BITCH WAS STILL AVAILABLE,AND TOLD THE MAN I WANTED HER AND WOULD COME THE NEXT MORNING FOR HER WHICH I DID.

SHE CHANGED HANDS FOR 500 PUNTS,AND I'D GOT MYSELF A LITTER SISTER TO A DERBY WINNER FOR SMALL MONEY.IT SHOWS HOW FAR BREEDING HAS PROGRESSED IN SOME WAYS WHEN YOU CONSIDER PRICES FOR BROODS HAVEN'T GONE UP IN 16 YEARS.500 PUNTS FOR THAT BITCH WAS A BARGAIN EVEN THEN.

THE MAN TOLD ME HE HADN'T HAD A SINGLE CALL FOR HER APART FROM MINE.

OBVIOUSLY IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO HIM TO MENTION IN THE AD THAT SHE WAS A SISTER TO MAKE HISTORY/DERBY WINNER.

HER FIRST LITTER WAS TO CARTERS LAD AS MENTIONED,THEY WERE PRETTY AVERAGE.HER NEXT LITTER TO KYLE JACK WERE PRETTY MUCH ALL OPEN CLASS/TOP GRADE INCLUDING 'CENTREBACK'WINNER OF THE MIDLAND PUPPY DERBY AND 2ND IN THE LAURELS.

HER NEXT LITTER TO STRANGE DILLY(MORE LATER)WERE ALL MINOR OPEN CLASS AND THE LITTER OF 9 WON OVER 100 RACES,AND INCLUDED USEFUL LATER BROODS RACEFIELD DILLY,AND KATE NO STRANGER(GRAND-DAM OF PRODUCE STAKES WINNER 'GIVE AND GO' (AT STUD)).

I WOULDN'T USE A BITCH THAT WAS VERY NERVOUS OR UNDER 55LBS(PREFERABLY 58+),PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BUY SMALL OR NERVOUS PUPS NOMATTER HOW REASONABLY PRICED THEY ARE.

REMEMBER THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES WHEN IT COMES TO BREEDING,AND YOU NEED A LOT OF LUCK TO GO WITH THE RIGHT BLOOD MIX.

THE ONLY THING THAT SEEMS TO BE ALWAYS CERTAIN IS THAT VERY FEW CLASSIC WINNERS ARE NOT FROM PROVEN AND CHOICELY BRED DAMS/DAMLINES. MANY PEOPLE BREED FROM A BITCH THAT THEY'VE HAD RACING FOR THEM PURELY OUT OF SENTIMENT AND WITH NO REGARD TO BLOODLINES.I BELIEVE TOO MANY GREYHOUNDS ARE BRED THIS WAY.

## STUD DOGS AND THE GREATEST MYTHS IN BREEDING TODAY

### MYTH 1: THE STUD FEE IS THE SMALLEST COST OF BREEDING A LITTER

### MYTH 2: YOU NEED TO GO TO A TOP STUD DOG(and pay a big fee)IN ORDER TO SELL YOUR PUPS

FIRSTLY I'M A STUDKEEPER MYSELF WITH AUSTRALIAN STUD DOGS,ELLES DOMINATOR(LIGHT OF FIRE X ELLE SHANTY)AND TOLL SECURITY(RAPID JOURNEY-SUNSET SAVANAH),AND THE PURE IRISH BRED 'REACTABOND REBEL'(WHO HAS JUST RECENTLY WENT TO AMERICA ).

THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT I BELIEVE REGARDING STUD DOGS IN GENERAL:

NO DOG CAN MAKE IT AS A SUCCESSFUL SIRE WITHOUT A DECENT NUMBER OF BITCHES,INCLUDING A DECENT NUMBER OF QUALITY THROWN INTO THE QUANTITY.

SOME STUD DOGS ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS CERTAINLY,BUT MANY DO NOT GET THE PATRONAGE TO BE FAIRLY JUDGED AGAINST OTHERS 'THAT DO',AND HOW CAN ANY 2 STUDS BE COMPARED UNLESS THEY'VE HAD THE SAME QUALITY AND NUMBER OF BITCHES,AND A SIMILAR NUMBER OF PUPS TO HAVE RACED? IT'S PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPARE ANY STUD DOG AGAINST ANOTHER,EXCEPT MAYBE THE TOP 3 OR TOP5 BECAUSE ALMOST CERTAINLY THE DOGS IN THESE POSITIONS WILL HAVE HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR WORTH.

I GOT A STUD DOG CALLED CARDIGAN(TOP HONCHO-QUEEN PANTHER) FOR NOTHING.HE'S SUPERBLY BRED,VERY FAST(2ND ENG PUPPY DERBY),WON MANY OPENS AND EQUALLED A TR.

MANY DOGS LIKE HIM ARE AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT WANTED BY BREEDERS.

TAKING A DOG LIKE THIS WON'T MAKE YOU ANY MONEY ON STUD FEES, BUT HE COULD BE YOUR OWN PERSONAL STUD DOG FOR NOTHING.USE THE LIKES OF HIM ON YOUR BITCHES AND YOU CAN AFFORD TO SELL YOUR PUPS THAT BIT LOWER PRICED.DON'T JUST USE ANY DOG THAT WON O PEN RACES THOUGH.

CARDIGAN WAS A TOPCLASS DOG WITH BREEDING TO MATCH.KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN AND THIS IS WHAT YOU CAN GET FOR NOTHING.

I'VE SINCE TURNED DOWN OTHER TOPCLASS DOGS ALSO DUE TO LACK OF SPACE.

REMEMBER 'CARDIGAN'S' OWN SIRE HAS BEEN NO1 FOR THE PAST 4 YEARS.

THERE IS EVERY CHANCE THAT HE AND ANY OTHER TOPCLASS SON OF

## HIS HAS THE SAME SIRING ABILITY PASSED ON GENETICALLY.

A DOG CAN ONLY BE LABELLED A FAILURE OR BRANDED AS A THROWER OF 'FIGHTERS' OR 'DODGE POTS' AFTER A LARGE NUMBER OF BITCHES.

DOGS LIKE ENGLISH DERBY WINNER "BALLINISKA BAND" IS AN EXAMPLE,VERY GENUINE HIMSELF,FEW DOGS THREW MORE FIGHTERS. HIS GRAND-DAM WAS PURE COURSING BRED WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THIS.

MIND YOU,EVERY STUD DOG WILL THROW A PERCENTAGE OF FIGHTERS AND NON-CHASERS,THE LAW OF AVERAGES DICTATES THIS IS SO,ITS ONLY BEYOND A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE THAT THE STUD DOGS DESERVE TO BE 'LABELLED'.

DON'T FORGET A DOG'S FIGHTING TENDENCIES COULD COME FROM HIS DAMLINE,ITS WHEN STUD-DOGS THROW A HIGH NUMBER OF FIGHTERS OR NON-CHASERS TO TOPCLASS DAMS THAT THEY PERHAPS DESERVE TO BE LABELLED.

HOW MANY SLOW DOGS,OR BOTTOM GRADERS DO THE TOP SIRES THROW FOR EVERY OPEN CLASS DOG?

I WISH I KNEW THE TRUE ANSWER,MY GUESS WOULD BE ABOUT 30.

THE BITCH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT HALF OF THE BREEDING EQUATION,SHE MUST HAVE THE GENETIC ABILITY TO PRODUCE,THEN SHE MUST BE MATED TO A SIRE THAT IS COMPATIBLE TO HER FOR THE PUPS TO BE DECENT.

IF THE STUD DOG WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART,WHY THEN ARE THERE AS MANY DOGS THAT ONLY MAKE 100 EUROS AT GREYHOUND SALES BY THE TOP SIRES,AS THOSE SIRED BY DOGS WHO HAVE SIRED ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF BITCHES IN COMPARISON?

IN 2004 ELLES DOMINATOR SIRED APPROX 10 LITTERS,TOP HONCHO THE NO1 SIRE PRODUCED OVER 200 LITTERS.

SAY THERES 6 PUPS ON AVERAGE TO A LITTER,ELLES DOMINATOR COULD HAVE 60 PUPS RACING IN 2006 COMPARED TO 1200 BY TOP HONCHO.

I'M NOT SAYING ELLES DOMINATOR IS AS GOOD OR BETTER A STUD DOG THAN TOP HONCHO,BUT I AM SAYING THAT I WILL NEVER KNOW DUE TO LACK OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.

NO-ONE WILL EVER CONVINC ME THAT THE STUD SCENE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A NUMBERS GAME.

IF THE TOP 3 OR TOP 5 SIRES ALL HAVE EQUAL NUMBERS APPROXIMATELY,YOU CAN COMPARE THEM AGAINST EACH OTHER SOMEWHAT,BUT EVEN THEN ITS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE AS THE VARIABLES ARE ENORMOUS.

VERY,VERY OCCASIONALLY A STUD DOG WILL MAKE IT ON A SMALL NUMBER OF LITTERS DUE TO EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY.THE FEW PUPS HE HAS RUNNING WILL MAKE PEOPLE SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE.

EXAMPLES OF THESE ARE BOLD WORK,SKELLIGS TIGER,SLANEYSIDE HARE(ALL FROM THE MONALEE CHAMPION SIRELINE),AND ARDFERT SEAN.

ELLES DOMINATOR AND TOLL SECURITY ARE SHOWING GREAT PROMISE ALSO DUE TO SOME FLYING PUPS FROM A HANDFUL OF BITCHES.

IN THE CASES OF ARDFERT SEAN AND BOLD WORK THEY RACED AT AROUND 63-64LBS WHICH CERTAINLY DIDN'T HELP THEIR CASES.

THATS WHY I REGARD STUD DOG TABLES AND CHARTS AS NEXT TO USELESS,OR NO MORE THAN INTERESTING READING.UNTIL SOMEONE COMES UP WITH A FAIR WAY TO JUDGE STUD DOGS ON A PUP PER PUP BASIS,THE STUD CHARTS SERVE NO PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO PUSH UP STUD FEES OF THE TOP RANKED SIRES.

I WOULDN'T USE A SIRE THAT I KNEW WAS NERVOUS OR BELOW 66LBS WEIGHT.PROSPECTIVE BUYERS WILL RARELY BUY SMALL OR NERVOUS PUPS,AND

NERVY ONES ARE A NUISANCE TO HANDLE AND WORK WITH.

## DISPELLING THE MYTHS

LETS SAY FOR EXAMPLE I WANT TO MATE ONE OF MY BITCHES AND I DECIDE TO SPEND 1500 EUROS ON A STUD FEE.  
THE BITCH IS MATED ONLY ONCE (BECAUSE THE DOG IS BUSY)AND 1500 LEAVES MY POCKET WHETHER SHE HAS A LITTER OR MISSES.

THE COSTS FROM NOW ON ARE THE SAME REGARDLESS WHAT STUD FEE I WOULD'VE PAID.

OR I COULD DECIDE TO USE A TOPCLASS UNPROVEN SON INSTEAD OF THE DOG @ 300 INSTEAD OF USING THE FATHER @1500,THAT 1200 EURO SAVING WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS COSTS FOR THE 'HOPEFULLY' FUTURE LITTER WHEN BORN IN 9 WEEKS TIME.

ADDED TO THE FACT THE SON IS CERTAIN TO BE LESS BUSY AND I COULD PROBABLY GET 2 MATINGS TO HIM INCREASING THE CHANCE OF GETTING A LITTER,ALSO HE'S A YOUNGER DOG THAT MIGHT GIVE ME A BIGGER LITTER AS YOUTH USUALLY GOES HAND IN HAND WITH HIGH FERTILITY.

BUT LETS SAY I GO FOR THE 1500 OPTION,AND I DONT GET A LITTER. WHAT THEN? DEPENDING ON THE RULES OF THE STUDDKENNEL I MAY "ONLY" BE ELIGIBLE FOR A RETURN MATING,OR I MAY BE ABLE TO GET 80% OF MY MONEY BACK,WHICH IS 1200. THIS MEANS MY MATING WHICH PRODUCED NO PUPS HAS COST ME 300 EUROS,PLUS THE TIME AND EXPENSE INVOLVED IN GETTING HER THERE AND BACK.  
THERE ARE A COUPLE OF KENNELS THAT OFFER A 100% REFUND IF A BITCH MISSES,BUT MOST DON'T.

IF YOU CAN ONLY GET A REPEAT MATING DUE TO NO OTHER OPTION,AS IN SOME KENNELS,YOU MIGHT FIND THAT WHEN YOU TRY TO BOOK YOUR BITCH IN AGAIN,THAT THE DOG IS ALREADY BOOKED AND YOU CAN'T GET HIM.

THIS HAPPENS OFTEN,VERY OFTEN.BELIEVE ME.

THERE ARE MANY BREEDERS I KNOW HAVE GIVEN UP THE GAME BECAUSE THEY'VE SPENT LARGE SUMS OF CASH ON STUD FEES AND NOT GOTTEN ANY PUPS,AND THEN COULDN'T GET THEIR "FREE SERVICES" HONOURED.

### TRUE STORY.

A FRIEND OF MINE WHO LIVES IN NORTHERN IRELAND BOOKED A TOP STUD DOG AT A LARGE STUD KENNEL IN TIPPERARY.

THE FEE WAS 1250 EUROS AT THE TIME(THE SAME DOG TODAY, IS 1500 PLUS IMPLANT COST,I DON'T THINK THEY'RE DOING NATURAL MATINGS WITH HIM ANYMORE).

ANYWAY,HE SENT THE BITCH DOWN VIA GREYHOUND TRANSPORT(60 EUROS ROUND TRIP),WAS TOLD SHE WAS MATED AND SENT BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

THE BITCH MISSED/NO PUPS.

SOME TIME PASSED AND MY FRIEND HAD ANOTHER BITCH COME IN SEASON AND WAS ABLE TO GET HER BOOKED IN FOR HIS FREE SERVICE.

SO HE SENT HER DOWN AGAIN VIA TRANSPORTER(ANOTHER 60 EUROS).TOLD SHE WAS MATED AND CAME BACK TO HIM THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

THIS BITCH MISSED ALSO/NO PUPS.

SOME TIME PASSED AND THE FELLA HAD ANOTHER BITCH COME IN SEASON,HE PHONED THE STUD KENNEL AND SAID WHO HE WAS AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING HIS STORY ETC,AND WANTED THE SAME DOG AGAIN AS HE REALLY FANCIED A LITTER FROM THIS DOG.

NOW HE WASN'T ASKING FOR ANOTHER "FREE SERVICE" ,BUT HE EXPECTED TO BE OFFERED A REDUCTION IN PRICE.

HE WAS TOLD THE DOG WAS BUSY,AND MY FRIEND INQUIRED AS TO THE AVAILABILITY

OF JUST ABOUT EVERY OTHER STUD DOG IN THE KENNEL,BUT STRANGELY ENOUGH NONE OF THEM WAS AVAILABLE AND HE WAS BASICALLY TOLD HE HAD BEEN GIVEN HIS FREE SERVICE AND THAT WAS THAT BASICALLY.  
OVER 1300 EUROS SPENT AND NOTHING BUT A WASTE OF TIME.  
THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW AGAINST SUCH PRACTICES AND THE ABILITY TO DO THAT AND GET AWAY WITH IT.  
HOW MANY OTHERS HAS THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO IN THIS KENNEL AND IN MANY OTHERS?  
HOW MUCH MONEY DO CERTAIN STUDKEEPERS HAVE BELONGING TO PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY PUPS FOR THEIR MONEY?  
NEEDLESS TO SAY MY FRIEND HAS NEVER WENT BACK TO THAT KENNEL AGAIN.

OK,SAY THE BITCH HAS A LITTER OF PUPS,HIP HIP HOORAY!!  
HOW MANY PUPS DO I NEED TO MAKE SPENDING 1500 WORTHWHILE,TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HOW MANY I WILL NEED TO SELL TO RECOUP THE STUD FEE,FOOD BILLS,BEDDING COSTS,WORMING OUT AND VACCINATIONS?

I WOULD SAY SPENDING 1500 OR MORE ON A STUD FEE,ADDED TO WHICH ALL THE OTHER COSTS OUTLINED ABOVE  
(WHICH ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO PUT A FIGURE ON),I WOULD NEED TO GET A BIG LITTER OF AT LEAST 8 PUPS(AND MORE DOGS THAN BITCHES)TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF BREAKING EVEN,LET ALONE MAKE A LITTLE MONEY.

OK,SAY I GET A LITTER OF 5 DOGS AND 3 BITCHES THAT SURVIVE TO 12 WEEKS (SELLING TIME).  
IT IS MY BROOD'S FIRST LITTER(ONE OF THE ABOVE BITCHES LISTED,SAY),SHES NICELY BRED,HAS RACEWINNING FORM,FROM A GOOD LITTER AND PROVEN DAMLINE.ONLY MINUS POINT IS SHES UNPROVEN.  
HOW MUCH CAN I SELL FOR? WHAT IS THE MOST I CAN GET FOR THE 4 DOGS AND 2 BITCHES I WANT TO SELL?(ASSUMING I WANT TO KEEP 1D AND 1B FOR MYSELF)  
WOULD I GET 850 FOR A DOG AND 650 EUROS FOR THE BITCHES EACH?  
NOT A BLOODY HOPE AT TODAYS MARKET.  
YOU WILL SEE PLENTY ADVERTISED AT THESE PRICES AND I DON'T THINK THEY'RE TOO DEAR,TAKING ALL THINGS INTO ACCOUNT.  
BUT YOU ALSO SEE THE SAME LITTERS RE-ADVERTISED OVER AND OVER AGAIN BECAUSE PEOPLE WON'T PAY THE PRICE.  
THE MOST I COULD CONFIDENTLY PREDICT GETTING FOR THE ABOVE SCENARIO,TO ENABLE THE PHONE TO RING AND ACTUALLY SELL!!! IS MAYBE 600 AND 400 EUROS FOR DOGS AND BITCHES RESPECTIVELY.

AND I MIGHT NOT GET THAT MUCH THE WAY THINGS ARE TODAY.

I WOULD HAVE TO SELL 4 DOGS AND 2 BITCHES AT THE VERY LEAST,BY MY RECKONING TO BREAK EVEN AND I MIGHT BE FOOLING MYSELF AT THAT.

NOW,SAY I USE A SIRE @ 300 ON THE SAME BITCH AND I GET A LITTER OF 8,AGAIN 5D 3B.  
TOPCLASS YOUNG DOG RECENTLY INTRODUCED AT STUD.  
WHAT WOULD THESE PUPS REALISTICALLY SELL FOR?  
WELL I CAN TELL YOU EXACTLY BECAUSE I HAVE SOLD PLENTY OF SIMILAR PUPS RECENTLY.  
I MIGHT GET 450 AND 350 RESPECTIVELY,BUT I KNOW THE PHONE WOULD JUMP OUT OF MY POCKET @ 400 AND 290.  
NOW IM SURE YOU CAN WORK OUT WHICH DOG IS THE BETTER BET,NOT FORGETTING THE OBJECTIVE IS TO KEEP A DOG AND BITCH,SELL THE REST,AND HOPE TO COME OUT AT LEAST EVEN IF NOT IN FRONT.

IN TODAYS MARKET THE ODDS ARE DEFINITELY STACKED IN THE CHEAPER STUD

DOGS FAVOUR.

THE 2 STUD DOGS I PICKED FOR THE ABOVE EXAMPLES ARE TOMS LITTLE JO(TOMS THE BEST-WESTMEAD JOSIE)WHO STANDS @300 EUROS(WINNER OF 4 GROUP EVENTS AND TR 550 CLONMEL),AND HIS FATHER TOMS THE BEST WHO STANDS @1500.

YET PEOPLE STILL FLOCK TO THE TOP SIRES,SWALLOWING THE HYPE OF FANCY ADVERTS AND HOPING TO SELL PUPS AT HIGH PRICES.

ALL THE SIRES IN THE TOP 5 OR TOP 10 STUD CHARTS WERE ONCE UNPROVEN.DIFFERENCE IN THEM AND MOST THAT DON'T MAKE IT IS THAT THEY HAD THE BENEFIT OF BEING IN A BIG STUD KENNEL,AND POSSIBLY BENEFITTING FROM AN OVERFLOW OF BITCHES MEANT FOR OTHER PROVEN SIRES IN THE SAME KENNEL,AND OF COURSE THE BIGGER THE KENNEL THE MORE PROMOTIONALLY STRONG IT IS.

SMALL STUDKEEPERS AND BIG STUD KENNELS CAN BE LIKENED TO THE DEMISE OF THE CORNER SHOP AND THE RISE OF THE HUGE SUPERMARKETS.

SUPERMARKETS ARE GETTING BIGGER AND RICHER,THE CORNER SHOPS ARE CLOSING DOWN.

WHAT PEOPLE DON'T REALISE IS THAT THE BIGGER OVERHEADS ANY BUSINESS HAS,THE MORE PROFIT IT MUST MAKE,OR IT CANNOT OPERATE.

IN THE STUD GAME,THE SMALLER STUDKEEPERS CAN PRICE THEIR DOGS CHEAPER BUT SIMPLY CANNOT MATCH THE SELECTION AVAILABLE AND SPEND THE MONEY NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THEIR DOGS ON AN EQUAL BASIS.

THE REVENUE COMING INTO A LEADING STUD KENNEL FROM THEIR TOP DOG ALONE PAYS THEIR BLANKET ADVERTISING COSTS IN THE GREYHOUND PAPERS.

MORE AND MORE BREEDERS ARE PATRONISING PARTICULAR KENNELS ON A REGULAR BASIS,IRRESPECTIVE OF BLOODLINES OR WHAT STUD-DOGS THAT KENNEL HAS.

I RECKON AT LEAST 90% OF LITTERS BRED IN IRELAND TODAY ARE COMING FROM 4 STUD KENNELS.

THATS APPROX 4000 LITTERS.

**THE STUD FEE IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE EXPENSE INVOLVED IN BREEDING,IF YOU USE A SIRE IN THE HIGHER PRICE BRACKETS.**

**LET'S NOT FORGET THAT MOST DOGS AT STUD(EXCLUDING SOME INFERIOR IMPORTS)ARE AT STUD BECAUSE THEY WERE VERY FAST DOGS.**

**ALL FAST DOGS ARE CAPABLE TO A GREATER OR LESSER EXTENT OF SIRING THE SAME.**

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO USE AN UNPROVEN DOG,ALL BREEDING IS A GAMBLE AND YOU MIGHT AS WELL GAMBLE WITH LESS MONEY THAN NECESSARY.**

**IF NO-ONE EVER USED YOUNG,UNPROVEN DOGS,BREEDING WOULD EVENTUALLY DIE OUT.HISTORY SHOWS THAT DOGS BREED ON,NEW BLOOD REPLACES OLD.**

**BLOODLINES**

## LINEBREEDING

I'M NOT GOING TO DELVE VERY DEEPLY INTO THIS OTHER THAN SAY WHAT I MYSELF BELIEVE.

LATELY THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TALK ABOUT LINEBREEDING,AND PARTICULARLY IN AUSTRALIA MOST OF THEIR CHAMPIONS TEND TO BE LINEBRED TO SOME DEGREE,SOME TO A REMARKABLE DEGREE!

I THINK PART OF THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THE PURE AUSTRALIAN BLOODLINE POOL IS QUITE SMALL AND THEREFORE LIMITED.(THUS THEIR HOMEBRED CHAMPIONS CAN ONLY COME FROM SO MANY LINES)

THERE ARE MANY MORE DIFFERENT LINES IN IRISH AND AMERICAN BLOOD POOLS TO CHOOSE FROM,WHICH IS ONE REASON WHY LINEBREEDING IS MUCH LESS COMMON HERE AND AMERICA,COMPARED TO AUSTRALIA.

ONE THING THAT AUSTRALIAN BREEDING HAS SHOWN US IS THAT LINEBREEDING OFTEN WORKS!

I HAVE STARTED LINEBREEDING MYSELF BUT NOT TOO CLOSELY.

I THINK THE CLOSER YOU LINEBREED THE MORE RISK THERE IS IN PRODUCING A FAULT IN THE LINE,AS WELL AS MAKING THE LINE FASTER IF THE BREEDING WORKS.

I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT AUSTRALIAN DOGS ARE THE FASTEST TRACK GREYHOUNDS IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW.

PART OF THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF LINEBREEDING,WHICH I BELIEVE CAN REINFORCE A DOMINANT LINE WHICH INCREASES SPEED.THE FASTER A DOG IS THE MORE INJURY PRONE HE IS ALSO,THE FASTEST MUST SURELY BE THE MOST AT RISK?

I THINK CLOSE LINEBREEDING SOMETIMES ALSO PRODUCES UNWANTED CHARACTERISTICS LIKE FIGHTING,INJURY PRONENESS(THERE SEEMS TO BE AN AWFULLY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF YOUNG AUSTRALIAN STUD DOGS WHO RETIRED EARLY WITH LESS THAN 15 RACES BEFORE BREAKING DOWN).

TOPCLASS DOGS IN IRELAND AND AMERICA BREAKDOWN TOO OF COURSE, BUT I THINK THE AVERAGE HIGH CLASS DOG IN THESE 2 COUNTRIES HAS A LONGER RACING CAREER IN GENERAL THAN HIS COMPARABLE AUSTRALIAN COUNTERPART DUE TO LESS LINEBREEDING IN HIS PEDIGREE.

THERE ARE SOME WHO WILL ARGUE THAT OUR DOGS DON'T BREAK DOWN AS OFTEN BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT AS FAST,AND AMERICAN DOGS WHO SEEM TO BE THE LEAST INJURY PRONE OF ALL(MANY HAVE 3 SEASON CAREERS AND OVER 100 RACES) ARE THOUGHT BY MANY AUSTRALIANS AND IRISH TO BE SLOWEST OF ALL.

I DON'T AGREE WITH THIS,I THINK MOST CHAMPION GREYHOUND'S WOULD BE A CHAMPION IN ANY COUNTRY.

BEFORE GREYHOUND DATA CAME ALONG IT WAS VERY UNCOMMON FOR AN IRISH BREEDER TO LOOK BEYOND 3 GENERATIONS BACK WHEN RESEARCHING A PEDIGREE (MOST WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EVEN IF THEY WANTED TO).

GREYHOUND-DATA ALSO GIVES US THE PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENT ANCESTORS WITHIN ANY PEDIGREE.

WHAT AMAZES ME IS HOW MANY IRISH BRED CHAMPIONS OF OLD WERE LINEBRED TO QUITE A DEGREE!

I BET ALSO THAT THEIR BREEDERS WERE UNAWARE OF THE FACT.

I FEEL LINEBREEDING FROM MY PERSPECTIVE IS SAFEST AND BEST NO CLOSER THAN WITHIN 4 GENERATIONS OF A PEDIGREE,AND I THINK THAT YOU CAN SAFELY MULTIPLY AS MANY QUALITY LINES AS YOU LIKE THROUGH THE 4TH,5TH AND 6TH GENERATION WHEN PLANNING A LITTER WITHOUT PRODUCING DEFECTS,YET STILL BE HIGHLY LIKELY TO INFLUENCE THEIR ABILITY TO RUN FAST.

IN OTHER WORDS I THINK LINEBREEDING SUCCESSFUL LINES THROUGH THE 4TH,5TH,AND 6TH GENERATIONS ISN'T TOO DISTANT TO INFLUENCE A RESULTING LITTER.

## EXAMPLES

HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF FAMOUS IRISH DOGS, SIRES AND DAMS WHO ARE PREDOMINANTLY LINEBRED THROUGH GENERATIONS 4,5,AND 6.THE 3RD GENERATION APPEARS IN A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES BUT NEVER DUPLICATED 3X3.

**MASTER MCGRATH FIRST IRISH DOG TO WIN THE WATERLOO CUP 3 TIMES** 84% OF DIFFERENT ANCESTRY.

HE HAS 5 INDIVIDUAL EXAMPLES OF LINEBREEDING.CLOSEST IS 4X5X5X6 TO KING COB=14% OF HIS PEDIGREE.

**SPANISH BATTLESHIP WINNER OF THE IRISH DERBY 3 TIMES** 82% OF DIFFERENT ANCESTRY.

HE HAS 4 INDIVIDUAL EXAMPLES OF LINEBREEDING.CLOSEST IS 5X5X5X6X6X6 TO MUTTON CUTLET=14% OF HIS PEDIGREE.

**NEWDOWN HEATHER** 84% PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENT ANCESTRY.

HE HAS 5 INDIVIDUAL EXAMPLES OF LINEBREEDING.CLOSEST IS 3X5 TO MAD TANIST =15% OF HIS PEDIGREE.

**FLAG STAR** 71% OF DIFFERENT ANCESTRY.

HE HAS 6 INDIVIDUAL EXAMPLES OF LINEBREEDING.CLOSEST IS 3X4X5 TO NEWDOWN HEATHER=21% OF HIS PEDIGREE

HUGE SIRE OF MASSIVE PACE,DOMINATED COURSING BREEDING PARTICULARLY AND STILL DOMINATES TODAY THROUGH HIS SON NEWRY HILL,AND GRAND-SON HILLTOWN.

**IM SLIPPY** 76% OF DIFFERENT ANCESTRY.

HE HAS 6 INDIVIDUAL EXAMPLES OF LINEBREEDING.CLOSEST IS NEWDOWN HEATHER 3X4=18% OF HIS PEDIGREE.

TOP SIRE OF EARLY PACE FOR YEARS.

**DALEYS GOLD** 69% OF DIFFERENT ANCESTRY.

HE HAS A WHOPPING 10 INDIVIDUAL EXAMPLES OF LINEBREEDING.CLOSEST IS HI THERE(4X4X5X6) & THE GRAND CHAMPION(5X5X6X6X6X6X6X6),BOTH ACCOUNTING FOR 17% OF HIS PEDIGREE.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL SIRE OF EARLY PACE.

**BALLYREGAN BOB POSSIBLY THE GREATEST GREYHOUND EVER,WORLD RECORD NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE (32) VICTORIES.16 TR'S.**73% OF DIFFERENT ANCESTRY.

HE HAS 8 INDIVIDUAL EXAMPLES OF LINEBREEDING.CLOSEST IS HI THERE 5X5X5X5X6=14% OF HIS PEDIGREE

## DAMS

**SKIPPING CHICK** 77% OF DIFFERENT ANCESTRY.

SHE HAS 8 INDIVIDUAL EXAMPLES OF LINEBREEDING.CLOSEST IS THE GRAND CHAMPION 4X4X5,& MAD TANIST 5X5X6X6X6X6X6,BOTH ACCOUNTING FOR 14% OF HER PEDIGREE.

## NUTS AND BOLTS SECTION.

HERE IS WHERE YOU WILL FIND VARIOUS WAYS AND TIPS TO CUT DOWN ON YOUR COSTS.

### WORMING

WORMING COSTS ARE VERY HIGH FOR DOGS, HORSES AND CATS, COMPARED TO FARM ANIMALS LIKE SHEEP, COWS, AND PIGS.

WHY?

FARMERS HAVE HUNDREDS OF ANIMALS AND SIMPLY COULDN'T FORK OUT 3.50 EUROS PER TABLET FOR EVERY 10 KG BODYWEIGHT (THE PRICE FOR 1 DRONTAL TABLET IN MY LOCAL VETS).

IMAGINE 100 COWS BEING WORMED OUT AT A COST OF 3.50 PER 10KG, 100 TABLETS OR MORE EACH COW!

ALSO DOG, CAT, AND HORSE OWNERS USUALLY ARE WILLING TO SPEND LOTS OF MONEY ON THEIR PET'S WELFARE.

THE MORE EXPENSIVE BRANDS OF CATFOOD AND THINGS LIKE FLEA COLLARS ETC COST MORE MONEY THAN THEIR EQUIVALENT DOGGY COUNTERPARTS.

WHY?

AGAIN, CAT OWNERS TYPICALLY SPEND MORE ON THEIR CAT, THAN THE AVERAGE DOG OWNER SPENDS ON THEIR DOG. A FLEA COLLAR FOR A CAT CAN'T DIFFER MUCH FROM THAT FOR A DOG (AND ITS ONLY HALF THE SIZE), YET IT CARRIES A HIGHER PRICE TAG.

**THEY CHARGE MORE BECAUSE THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT.**

**IT ALL COMES DOWN TO MONEY AND PROFIT MAKING.**

PARAZOLE PUPPY WORMER COSTS ME 9 EUROS (£6) FOR 100ML

DRONTAL PUPPY WORMER IS 17 EUROS FOR 50ML

**BOTH DO FOR**

**YOUNG PUPS UP TO 12 WEEKS.**

DRONTAL WORMING TABLETS (1 TAB PER 10KG BODYWEIGHT) ARE 3.50 EUROS EACH

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ARE 2.30 EUROS EACH

**THESE DO FOR PUPS OVER 12 WEEKS, AND ALL OLDER DOGS.**

I HAVE FOUND THAT THE BEST WORMER OF ALL IS PANACUR 10%. YOU CAN BUY IT FOR APPROX 50 EUROS PER LITRE, WHICH WILL EFFECTIVELY WORM OUT 40-50 DOGS OF ALL AGES AND SIZES.

ITS BEST GIVEN AS 5 ML PER 10KG BODYWEIGHT FOR 3 DAYS IN A ROW.

**WORMING BROODS AFTER MATING.**

I WOULD WORM A BITCH SHORTLY A DAY OR TWO BEFORE MATING HER, THEN FROM SHE'S 6 WEEKS IN PUP I GIVE HER A DAILY DOSE OF 2.5 ML OF PANACUR PER 10KG, RIGHT UP UNTIL THE PUPS ARE OLD ENOUGH TO BE WORMED THEMSELVES.

TRY THIS FOR YOURSELF AND BE AMAZED AT THE RESULTS, AND YOU'LL VIRTUALLY HAVE WORM FREE PUPS AND BROODS DURING THE MOST VULNERABLE TIMES.

THE BEST THING ABOUT PANACUR IS THAT YOU CAN USE IT ON DOGS OF ALL AGES, FROM 3 WEEK OLD PUPS TO 3 YR OLD RACE DOGS. THERES NO FASTING NECESSARY AND THE DOGS SUFFER NO SICKNESS.

A MAN WHO OWNS A GREYHOUND SUPPLY SHOP IN IRELAND WAS SELLING DRONTAL WORMING TABLETS FOR 2 EUROS EACH(3.50 FROM MOST VETS).YOU MUST HAVE A LICENCE TO SELL SUCH TABLETS IN IRELAND AND THIS MAN DIDN'T,SO WAS THEREFORE SELLING THEM ILLEGALLY. THE MAN SOLD HUNDREDS OF THESE TABLETS,WAS FOUND OUT,TAKEN TO COURT AND HANDED A 4 MONTH JAIL SENTENCE(WHICH I UNDERSTAND HE IS APPEALING).

THE NEED FOR SUCH LICENCES AS FAR AS IM CONCERNED, EXISTS SOLELY SO THAT VETS AND PHARMACUETICAL COMPANIES HAVE NO COMPETITION AND CAN CHARGE EXORBITANT PRICES. WHY SHOULD DOG WORMERS COST SO MUCH MORE THAN THOSE FOR OTHER ANIMALS WHEN THE INGREDIENTS IN MANY CASES ARE NO DIFFERENT?

## VACCINATION COSTS

PUPS MUST BE VACCINATED, AND NOT ONLY FOR PARVO-VIRUS AS SOME DO BUT FOR DISTEMPER, HARDPAD AND MOST ESPECIALLY LEPTOSPIROSIS(JAUNDICE). THE VACCINATION DHPPI + LEPTO COVERS ALL THE ABOVE AND MORE(COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE SEVEN IN ONE). I CAN BUY THIS VACCINATION COMPLETE WITH A SYRINGE AND DELIVERED TO MY DOOR FOR 8.50 EUROS(£5.65)EACH.

MY LOCAL VETS CHARGE 30 EUROS FOR THIS, ONLY DIFFERENCE I ADMINISTER IT MYSELF. THE VACCINATIONS ARE BY A LEADING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY. THE VACCINATION COMES COMPLETE WITH THE STICKERS FOR PROOF OF VACCINATION THAT YOU CAN STICK ONTO THE PUP'S PEDIGREE PAPER.

MOST PEOPLE VACCINATE PUPS @ 6 WEEKS AND 12 WEEKS.

THE WAY I DO IT IS ON THE ADVICE OF MY VET FRIEND. I VACCINATE THE MOTHER TO BE @ AT 6-7WKS ,OR AS SOON AS I KNOW SHES IN WHELP. THIS GIVES THE PUPS IMMUNITY THROUGH THE MOTHERS MILK RIGHT UP TO WEANING TIME. I DON'T DO THE PUPS AT 6 WEEKS, TO DO SO MY FRIEND BELIEVES WILL ONLY CANCEL OUT THE IMMUNITY THAT THE PUPS ALREADY HAVE FROM MUM. I WAIT TIL 10-11 WEEKS, HE THINKS THE LONGER TO WAIT IS BETTER AS THE OLDER THE PUPS GET, THEIR OWN IMMUNITY STRENGTHENS AND IF THEY WERE UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO CATCH SOMETHING, THE OLDER THEY ARE THE MORE INHERENT TOOLS THEY HAVE TO FIGHT IT.

SO SAY I HAVE A LITTER OF 8, I INNOCULATE WITH THE DHPPI AND THE LEPTO TOGETHER @ 10 WEEKS. 2 WEEKS LATER I GIVE THEM AN EXTRA LEPTO BOOSTER ON ITS OWN. COSTING 2.50 EUROS DELIVERED.

SO TOTAL VACCINATION COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
9 X 8.50(8 PUPS PLUS MUM),=76.50 EURO,PLUS 8 X 2.50=20 EURO.TOTAL COST 96.50 EURO(£64)  
COST PER PUP IS 11 EUROS(£7) FOR 2 INJECTIONS.

**IF YOU'VE EVER GOTTEN A VET TO VACCINATE YOUR LITTER YOU KNOW WHAT IT COSTS BY COMPARISON.**

I HAVE WHELPED DOWN OVER 20 LITTERS FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS IN THE LAST 2 YEARS ALONE USING THE ABOVE AND HAVE HAD NO SICKNESS OR DISEASE.

I WILL REVEAL MY SOURCE FOR OBTAINING THE ABOVE IF YOU EMAIL ME DIRECTLY AND ASK FOR IT.

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I HAVE BEEN TOLD RECENTLY THAT NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING THE SALE OF THESE VACINATIONS TO NON-VETERINARY PERSONNEL MAY BECOME A THING OF THE PAST.

ANYTHING ANY GOOD THE VETS USUALLY GAIN CONTROL OF IT EVENTUALLY.

## BEDDING

I USE STRAW FOR BEDDING,EXCEPT WHEN WHELPING BITCHES,I USE OLD CARPET FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS.(ANY CARPET SHOP WILL GIVE YOU REMNANTS FOR FREE)

STRAW NEEDS CHANGED MORE REGULARLY THAN PAPER BEDDING BUT THE DOGS PREFER IT,AND ITS PROBABLY WARMER FOR THEM.

ITS ALSO CHEAPER.

A ROUND BALE OF STRAW COSTS ABOUT 8 EUROS AND LASTS ME ABOUT 2 MTHS,AND PROVIDES BEDDING FOR UP TO 70 DOGS.

SQUARE BALES ARE MORE EASILY HANDLED BUT MORE EXPENSIVE,YET STILL CHEAPER THAN PAPER.

I USE WOOD SHAVINGS IN THE LIE-DOWN AREA OF THE DOGS BED IN THE WARM SUMMER MONTHS.

YOU CAN USE WOODSHAVINGS ALL YEAR ROUND IF YOU PUT A KENNEL COAT ON EACH DOG IN THE COLDER MONTHS AND NOT USE STRAW OR PAPER BEDDING AT ALL (OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T APPLY TO YOUNG PUPS),AND THIS IS THE LEAST LABOUR INTENSIVE WAY OF THE LOT.

SOME PEOPLE THINK STRAW IS FULL OF FLEAS BUT FLEAS ABOUND EVERYWHERE WHERE THERES HEAT SO I DONT BELIEVE THIS.ANYWAY I WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOGS FREE OF FLEAS LATER.

IF YOU CAN'T GET ACCESS TO STRAW READILY,INSTEAD OF BUYING PAPER BEDDING,ANY NEWSAGENTS WILL GIVE YOU YESTERDAYS NEWSPAPERS FOR FREE AND YOU CAN CRUMPLE THE PAGES UP AND MAKE YOUR OWN BEDDING.

I PUT WOODSHAVINGS DOWN ON THE FLOOR WHICH I BUY AT 7 EUROS PER BALE,I'D USE ABOUT 2 BALES PER WEEK.

ANY SAWMILL OR TIMBERYARD WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE SHAVINGS YOU WANT FOR FREE IF YOU BRING YOUR OWN BAGS AND FILL THEM UP YOURSELF,BUT I COULDN'T BE BOTHERED MYSELF AS I HAVEN'T THE TIME TO DO SO.

THE WOODSHAVINGS KEEPS THE DOGS FEET WARM AND DRY IN COLD WEATHER,AND ALSO SOAKS UP URINE AND KEEPS SUCH ODOURS DOWN.

## FEEDING

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL.THE FOLLOWING APPLIES MAINLY TO FEEDING PUPS.  
I FEED A COMPLETE DOG MEAL WHICH IS 28% PROTEIN,WITH VITAMIN AND MINERAL LEVELS HIGHER THAN MOST OTHER MAKES OF COMPLETE FEEDS.IT CAN BE FED DRY OR SOAKED IN WATER OR MILK.

I'VE USED REDMILLS,CHAMPION,GAIN AND KASCO,I RECKON WHAT IM USING IS SECOND TO NONE.

THE FEED IS ESPECIALLY FOR GREYHOUNDS AND IS MANUFACTURED BY IRISHDOGFOODS, [irishdogfoods.com](http://irishdogfoods.com)  
TEL 045 872701(ASK FOR UNA) OR 0035345872701 FROM UK.

THE PRICE VARIES ACCORDING TO THE QUANTITY YOU BUY BUT ITS AT LEAST 30% CHEAPER NOMATTER HOW YOU BUY IT COMPARED TO ANYTHING SIMILIAR ON THE MARKET. YOU CAN BUY IT FOR AROUND 10 EUROS PER BAG,IF YOU BUY A PALLET.

I FEED MY PUPS THIS AD LIB.

THEY ALSO GET ABOUT A PINT OF POWDERED MILK EACH PER DAY UP TO 6 MTHS.  
I GET RAW MEAT FROM A LOCAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE(THE PARTS THAT DON'T SELL SUCH AS HEAD BEEF,HEARTS,LUNGS,LIVER,KIDNEYS,AND SHEEP AND BEEF TRIPE.  
THIS I GET FOR NOTHING BUT THERE IS LABOUR INVOLVED IN CUTTING IT UP(NOT THE NICEST OF JOBS BUT THE PUPS LOVE IT).

FOR YOUNG PUPS,I WOULDN'T GIVE THEM ANY MEAT UNTIL 6 WEEKS OLD AND NOT COMPLETELY RAW,I'D STEEP IT FIRST IN BOILING WATER UNTIL 12 WEEKS OLD.OBVIOUSLY YOU MUST BE VIGILANT WHEN FEEDING YOUNG PUPS,IF IT SCOURS THEM,TAKE IT AWAY AND JUST FEED THE MEAL ETC.

OF COURSE YOU COULD COOK THE MEAT IF YOU HAVE THE TIME FOR YOUNG PUPS,BUT I FIND SOAKING IT IN SCALDING WATER GIVES AN EFFECT SIMILAR TO BOILING AND ITS A LOT QUICKER.

I ALSO BUY QUALITY MINCED BEEF AND TRIPE FOR RACING DOGS AND SCHOOLING PUPS,AT AROUND 50CENTS PER POUND.

ALSO WATCH FOR FIGHTING(ONLY APPLIES TO PUPS USUALLY FROM 5-6 MONTHS UPWARDS)

DOGS ARE CARNIVORES AND PREFER MEAT TO ANYTHING ELSE,CUTTING THE ABOVE INTO CHUNKS AND WATCHING A LITTER COMPETE FOR THEIR SHARE IS A GOOD SIMULATION OF HOW THEY'D REACT IN THE WILD,AND BENEFICIAL TO THEIR UPBRINGING AND DEVELOPMENT.THATS WHY FOR OLDER PUPS AND ADULT DOGS I GIVE IT TO THEM RAW.

ALSO THERES NO DANGER OF COOKING REMOVING ANY OF THE GOODNESS IN IT.

IT WON'T BE PRACTICAL FOR MOST PEOPLE TO GO TO SLAUGHTERHOUSES,BUT YOUR LOCAL BUTCHER WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE ABOVE OR SIMILAR FOR LITTLE OR NOTHING IF YOU TELL HIM WHAT ITS FOR.HE MAY EVEN BE GLAD FOR YOU TO TAKE IT OFF HIS HANDS.

IF YOU'RE JUST DOING ONE LITTER AT A TIME,YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET PLENTY OF FREE STUFF FOR THEM.

MEAT FAT IS VERY GOOD FOR GREYHOUNDS,PARTICULARLY GROWING PUPS AND BROOD BITCHES CARRYING PUPS.

MANY TRAINERS THINK FAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO RACE DOGS BUT I THINK A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FAT DOESN'T DO ANY HARM WHATSOEVER AND IS PROBABLY BETTER GIVEN THAN NOT.

TRIPLE IS A SUPER FOOD FOR GROWING PUPS IN PARTICULAR AND FULL OF FAT,IT PUTS A GREAT BACK ON THEM.

ANY MEAT I FEED IS FRESH AND FROM LOCAL, KNOWN SOURCES.

I USE THE 'VOLAC' BRAND OF POWDERED MILK WHICH IS DEARER THAN SOME AT 36 EUROS (£24) 20KG BAG BUT ITS GOOD STUFF, THE PUPS LOVE IT AND A BAG WILL LAST A LITTER OF PUPS TO 12 WEEKS.

IT'S A MILK POWDER MADE FOR CALVES. DON'T MAKE IT TOO RICH THOUGH OR IT WILL SCOUR THEM.

THE LAMB EQUIVALENT 'LAMLAC' IS ALSO VERY GOOD BUT WORKS OUT QUITE A BIT MORE EXPENSIVE PER KG.

IF YOU'RE ONLY DOING ONE LITTER AT A TIME, I THINK THE LAMLAC OR ANY LAMBS MILK POWDER WOULD BE MY FIRST PREFERENCE.

MOST OF THESE MILK POWDERS SEEM TO BE AROUND 23% PROTEIN.

I AM ALSO A GREAT BELIEVER IN RAW EGGS FOR GREYHOUNDS OF ALL AGES, BUT ESPECIALLY FOR PUPS MIXED WITH THE WARM POWDERED MILK IS A GREAT WEANING FOOD AND BUILDS THEM UP.

ITS POSSIBLE TO GET EGGS VERY CHEAPLY, SOMETIMES FREE, FROM EGG FACTORIES WHEN THEY REMOVE THE EGGS ON SALE FROM SHOPS AND SUPERMARKETS.

THESE EGGS WILL STILL HAVE USUALLY A DAY OR TWO'S DATE STILL ON THEM SO THEY'RE PERFECTLY FRESH, AND EVEN A WEEK PAST THEIR DATE IS FINE TO USE.

FAILING THIS THE CHEAPEST EGGS IN THE SUPERMARKETS ARE QUITE REASONABLE AND WELL WORTH BUYING, EGGS ARE HARD TO BEAT AS GREYHOUND FOOD FOR ALL AGES.

I DON'T RECOMMEND FEEDING PUPS SCRAPS FROM RESTAURANT KITCHENS WHICH MANY REARERS IN IRELAND DO.

SOMETIMES THE FOOD IS GOOD AND FRESH, SOMETIMES IT ISN'T AND PERSONALLY I WOULDN'T USE IT.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AND QUITE A LOT OF TENDS TO BE OFF. NEITHER WOULD I FEED STALE BAKERY BREAD WHICH CAN BE BOUGHT VERY CHEAPLY.

I DON'T FEED ANY BREAD TO GREYHOUNDS WHATSOEVER.

I USED TO MIX BREAD WITH THE MEAL BUT THE MEAL HAS SO MUCH MORE VITAMINS AND NUTRIENTS.

I COULD SAVE QUITE A BIT OF MONEY ON MEAL COST BY DOING SO, BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN BREAD THAT THEY'RE NOT GETTING FROM MEAL NUTS.

THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING AS THE SAYING GOES, AND I'M PROUD OF THE QUALITY OF PUPS I TURN OUT.

## RINGWORM

JUST A QUICK WORD ON RINGWORM, MOST LARGE KENNELS WILL GET IT AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER AND IT CAN SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE. HUMANS CAN GET IT TOO AND HORSES ARE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST CARRIERS OF IT.

GREYHOUNDS ARE VERY LIKELY TO PICK IT UP FROM OTHER DOGS AT THE TRACKS, SAME AS KENNEL COUGH.

THERE USED TO BE A POWDER MADE FOR HORSES BUT WORKED JUST AS WELL FOR GREYHOUNDS, THAT YOU PUT INTO THE FEED BUT ITS GONE OFF THE MARKET NOW.

IF THE RINGWORM ISN'T TOO BAD, MIXING A SOLUTION OF 1 PART BLEACH TO 4 PARTS WATER AND BATHING THE AFFECTED AREAS 2-3 TIMES A DAY OFTEN WILL TAKE IT AWAY.

OTHER THAN THAT, THE ONLY THING AVAILABLE CURRENTLY FROM THE VET IS AN INJECTION (OF COURSE 1 PER DOG AND A VISIT TO THE SURGERY, OR CALL THE VET OUT IF YOU HAVE A FEW).

THIS OPTION OF COURSE IS MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THE POWDER PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE THAT WORKED VERY WELL.

EVERY YEAR THERE SEEMS TO BE LESS AND LESS 'OVER THE COUNTER' MEDICATIONS THAT VETERINARY SHOPS WILL SELL YOU.  
WOULD MONEY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT? I WONDER!

## FLEA CONTROL

FLEAS ARE THE SCOURGE OF ANY KENNEL AND MUST BE KEPT AT BAY.  
THERE USED TO BE A PRODUCT CALLED TICKSOL WHICH WAS A CONCENTRATE WHEN MIXED WITH WATER WOULD CLEANSE THE DOG WITH FLEAS VERY QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

IT ALSO WORKED FOR TICKS(HENCE THE NAME)AND MANGE,AND WAS SOLD FOR USE ON SHEEP,CATTLE,AND PIGS(SOUNDS A BIT LIKE OUR WORMERS),BUT IT WORKED WELL ON GREYHOUNDS IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT TOO STRONG.

IT WASN'T CHEAP BUT WORKED OUT REASONABLE ENOUGH.

IT'S GONE OFF THE MARKET NOW.

I HAVE USED SHEEP DIP WHICH COST ME 70 EUROS AND WASHED ABOUT 45 ADULT DOGS,NOT BAD BUT LABOUR INTENSIVE AND STILL NOT CHEAP.

ASK YOUR LOCAL VET WHAT HE RECOMMENDS FOR FLEAS AND HE'LL PROBABLY TRY TO SELL YOU A WASH CALLED FRONTLINE(COSTS ABOUT 24 EUROS AND WILL ONLY WASH 3-4 ADULT GREYHOUNDS),OR HE'LL RECOMMEND A 'SPOT ON' TYPE VIAL (STRONGHOLD COSTS ABOUT 10 EURO EACH DOG).

NONE OF THESE ARE PRACTICAL OR AFFORDABLE IF LIKE ME YOU WANT TO COVER 50+ DOGS.

FURTHERMORE GETTING RID OF THE FLEAS ON A DOG IS ONE THING,ONCE YOU DO YOU ALSO NEED TO EITHER WASH FREQUENTLY,OR USE A FLEA COLLAR OR THE FLEAS COME BACK AGAIN QUICKLY.

## WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

THERE IS A GARDEN INSECTICIDE(USED COMMONLY FOR ROSES) CALLED' MALATHION LIQUID'.

A 100ML BOTTLE OF THIS COSTS 8.50 EURO AND WILL WASH APPROX 90 ADULT SIZED GREYHOUNDS,WHEN MIXED CORRECTLY WITH WATER.

IT DOES THE DOGS COATS NO HARM WHEN MIXED AS DIRECTED(ONE CAPFUL PER 2.5 LITRES OF WATER)AND

## FLEAS HATE IT,AND PISS OFF INSTANTLY UPON CONTACT.

IT ALSO TAKES CARE OF TICKS.

IN CHARLIE LISTER'S RECENT BOOK,HE RECOMMENDS A PRODUCT CALLED "DURAMITEX" WHICH IS COMMONLY USED FOR SPRAYING PIGEON LOFTS AGAINST FLEAS.THE MAIN INGREDIENT CONTAINED IN THIS IS THE SAME AS THE 'MALATHION LIQUID'(WHICH IS MUCH CHEAPER,AND AVAILABLE FROM ANY GOOD GARDEN CENTRE).

THE WAY I USE THE MALATHION LIQUID IS MIXED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND PUT INTO A ONE LITRE SPRAY CONTAINER THAT YOU'D USE FOR SPRAYING PLANTS WITH(COST ABOUT 2.99),AND I GIVE EACH DOG A QUICK SPRAY ALL OVER WITH IT AND RUN A FLEA COMB AND GROOMING BRUSH OVER THE DOG AFTERWARDS,WHICH WORKS THE LIQUID IN AND DRIES THE DOG OFF AS WELL AS SORTING ANY FLEAS.TAKES 5-10 MINS PER DOG.

DOING THIS DAILY IN SUMMER AND 3 TIMES A WEEK IN WINTER WILL KEEP YOUR DOGS FREE OF FLEAS AND TICKS.

IT ALSO KEEPS THE DOG LOOKING GOOD AND TAKES DEAD HAIR OUT OF HIS COAT.  
IT'S QUICK,ITS EASY AND THE DOG WILL APPRECIATE THE TIME YOU SPEND ON HIM/HER.

BEFORE THIS I USED EXPENSIVE FLEA COLLARS WHICH AREN'T THAT EFFECTIVE AFTER A MONTH OR SO @9 EUROS EACH.VERY EXPENSIVE WHEN MULTIPLIED BY 40 OR 50.

## ADVERTISING YOUR PUPS.

OK,ASSUMING YOUR PUPS ARE COMING UP TO 12 WEEKS OR SO AND YOU WANT TO ADVERTISE THEM.

NATURALLY THE LESS YOU SPEND ON ADVERTISING THE BETTER,AS IT CAN COST A FORTUNE.

I HAVE SOLD DOZENS OF PUPS THIS YEAR AND SPENT VERY VERY LITTLE MONEY ADVERTISING THEM.

I'VE SOLD PUPS TO IRELAND,ENGLAND,SCOTLAND AND USA.

HERE IS HOW I DO IT.

ADVERTISE THEM ON GREYHOUND-DATA.COM FOR FREE,YOU CAN EVEN UPLOAD A PHOTO IN YOUR AD FOR FREE(PICTURE ADS ARE SHOWN FIRST,AND WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO SELLING YOUR PUPS).

THERES NO LIMIT TO THE AMOUNT OF WORDS YOU USE EITHER,SO DESCRIBE YOUR PUPS PEDIGREES IN DETAIL.

GLOBAL GREYHOUNDS CLASSIFIEDS ALSO WORKS VERY WELL.NOT FREE BUT CHEAP AT 15 DOLLARS PER AD.

THERE IS ALSO THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPH.APART FROM ADVERTISING THIS SITE IS THE BEST SOURCE OF GREYHOUND INFO ON THE NET.

IRELANDS GREYHOUND WEEKLY,AGAIN FREE ADVERTISING WITH NO LIMIT ON WORDAGE USED.

ALTHOUGH HUGELY WORDED ADS WILL RESULT IN SMALLER WORD PRINT,SO DON'T MAKE IT TOO WORDY.

THIS PAPER IS BRILLIANT FOR SELLING,EVERY BIT AS GOOD AS THE SPORTING PRESS (WHICH COSTS A FORTUNE ,LIKE FOR LIKE).

USE ALL THREE OF THE ABOVE FOR A TOTAL OF 15 DOLLARS,BRILLIANT VALUE.

## OTHER AVENUES

SPORTING PRESS - TOO EXPENSIVE AND DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH IN MY EXPERIENCE  
GREYHOUND STAR- VERY EXPENSIVE,ONLY OF USE REALLY FOR ENGLISH BUYERS  
RACING POST -MOST EXPENSIVE OF ALL BUT GOOD TO ADVERTISE IN IF YOU WANT TO SPEND THE MONEY.

I DON'T USE ANY OF THE ABOVE 3.

MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THIS,IF YOU ASK TOO MUCH IN TODAYS MARKET YOU WON'T SELL.

IT'S A BUYERS MARKET FOR SURE AND YOU SHOULD BE AIMING TO TURN OUT FINE PUPS WHICH WANT FOR NOTHING AT THE LOWEST COST TO YOURSELF AS POSSIBLE.OTHERWISE YOU CAN'T COMPETE WITH OTHERS(LIKE ME).

THE RULES HAVE CHANGED AND YOU MUST ADAPT.

## SUMMING UP.

MY PUPS ARE WELL FED,WELL BEDDED,THEY'RE HANDLED WELL,THEY'RE CLEAN AND DRY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,THEY'RE CONTENT.

THIS IS THE OBJECTIVE I FEEL,IF YOU HAVE A LITTER OF NICE LOOKING,CONTENTED PUPS YOU'RE NOT DOING A WHOLE LOT WRONG,AND IF YOU PRICE THEM RIGHT,AND ADVERTISE THEM RIGHT,AND CUT UNNECESSARY COSTS,YOU'LL COME OUT OK AND YOU'LL BE DOING THEM BETTER THAN MOST.

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