

## Chapter 4

### LÖWCHEN IN GREAT BRITAIN



Cherrycourt Hit von den Drei Lowen.

Löwchen have captured hearts the world over. The early imports of Löwchen into Great Britain began what culminated into British dominance of the breed. It was the British breeders who focused world attention on the Löwchen. Their success in developing the breed and promoting it overseas helped bring the Löwchen back

from near extinction. Löwchen imported into Great Britain between April 1968 and November 1973 figure heavily in pedigrees around the world.

#### Cherrycourt

The first Löwchen imported to England were Cherrycourt Charlotte v. Livland, a bitch bred by Irmgard Ostertag and Cherrycourt Hit, and VD3 Lowen, a male bred by Dr. Hans Rickert. They were imported April 1968 by Mrs. Eilidh Stenning. Cherrycourt Hit was the only stud dog she ever used. Mrs. Banks, of the Cluneen Kennel, possessed the only surviving puppy out of Mrs. Stenning's first litter, Cluneen Cherrycourt Amynta. Amynta was born March 7, 1969. Another famous Cherrycourt dog was Cherrycourt Jet, an important stud who was much used by the Siewlee Kennel. Eventually Jet came into Mrs. Burton-Seymour's possession. Mrs.



Cherrycourt Hit VD3 Lowen & Cherrycourt Charlotte V. Livland.

Stenning died in 1992. Long time fanciers remember she had a son, but also that he was not interested in dogs. It is most likely her records were lost to the breed's fanciers.

### Cluneen Kennel



Ch. Cluneen Adam Adamant with Mrs. Banks daughter Shelley. Febuary 1971. Photo Mrs. E. Banks.

Following these first imports of Mrs. Stenning came the foundation dogs of the Cluneen Kennel owned by Mrs. Eilish Banks. Entering Great Britain in October 1968, were Cluneen Butzi VD3 Lowen, a bitch, and her som Cluneen Itzi VD3 Lowen. Further imports followed in January 1970, when Mrs. Banks imported five more Löwchen. They were a male named Cluneen Ocke VD3 Lowen, and four bitches; sisters to Ocke; Cluneen Odette VD3 Lowen, Cluneen Orfy VD3 Lowen, and another sister pair Cluneen Nicole VD3 Lowen and Cluneen Nadine VD3 Lowen. Nicole and Nadines litter mates were all brown colored.



Irish Ch. Cluneen Nicole von den Drei Lowen  
Picture Mrs. E. Banks

In 1970, an Irish woman, Mrs. Maeve Cleary, imported a dog from Dr. , Winsomore Neck VD3 Lowen, a brother to Nadine and Nicole. He was the Löwchen to be imported into Ireland. While Mrs. Cleary still breeds dogs, she now concentrates her efforts on judging dogs and the Irish Kennel Club, of which she is a member.

The next flurry of imports began November 1973, when Mrs. P.J. Dutson bought Antje VD3 Lowen of Rossglen (bitch) from Dr. Rickert. Mrs. Dutson also imported siblings Earl v.d. Bungener-Heide of Rossglen and Esmaralda v.d. Bungener-Heide of Rossglen, bred by Irmgard Jansen. During July, 1974, Mrs. T.R. Friedland bought Doddo VD3 Lowen.

The Löwchen Club was formed in 1976. Membership in the Löwchen Club is open to fanciers the world over, but only members residing in Great Britain have voting memberships. Besides successfully working to bring about recognition of the breed in Great Britain, the club holds seminars and judging examinations, out of which successful candidates are added to the clubs roster of judges and also publishes an annual yearbook.

In 1979, The Löwchen Club asked Lionel Hamilton-Renwick to be the club president. Another milestone in club history was the publication of the first year book. First edited by Leslie Samuels and John

Richardson, the year book is sent free to the membership, a treasure of information on the breed. It is a publication that prior to the internet, allowed Löwchen fanciers world wide to get a glimpse of other breeders



Irish Ch. Evening Echo CD.  
Picture Mrs. E. Banks

dogs through the ads that they take out in the year book. In 1982, Mrs. R. Stenning and Mr. T. East were nominated and accepted as the club's first Life Vice-presidents. Mr. East served on the committee as chairman since the clubs inception. Justine Warren established the Löwchen rescue service, a committee that cannot be underrated in its importance. In 1982, the cover of the third year book was reserved for the Löwchen of the Year. In the same year Freda McGregor and Ted East were certified to award Challenge Certificates. Six other candidates who had attended two breed seminars offered by the club, passed their judging exams. The big event for Löwchen lovers though was the news from The Kennel Club, that the Löwchen would be given championship club show status in 1984. Club Championship shows are shows given by the club where Challenge Certificates are awarded.

The first Löwchen Club Championship Show was held on Saturday, November 10th, 1985. The show was judged by famous dog writer and publisher Andrew Brace of Our Dogs. Mr. Brace, while not owning any Löwchen, had been an active supporter of the breed. The show had an entry of seventy Löwchen. Best in Show

and a Challenge Certificate was awarded to 6 ½ months old bitch Fredachris Moonshine of Papillon owned by Johny Walkden. Best Opposite was given to Ch.. Duncara Homespun, bred by Mrs. Janet Perret-Green and owned by Mrs.



Int. Ch. Littlecourt Emma, the first bitch champion in England. Photo Freda McGregor

Steward and Mrs. Strachan. The Reserve Dog C.C. was given to Mrs. Banks' Gretean Adamant Awk of Cluneen and Reserve C.C. was awarded to Littlecourt Demelza Rose. A parade of Champions was held with longtime club member (club chairman since 1980) Monica Boggia giving commentary. Her remarks included information such as an individual dogs parentage and what the dog had accomplished during its show career.

In 1986, Club President Mr. Lionel Hamilton-Renwick judged the Club Championship Show. During that year, five Löwchen gained championship status and several youngsters achieved Junior Warrant winner status. Adding to the clubs positive public image was a feature on its Christmas party in Our Dogs magazine.

## The First Three Kennels Of Importance

At least two or all three of these kennels are found in almost all English pedigrees, when you go back several generations.

### Cherrycourt Kennel

Mrs. Stenning was the first to import the Löwchen into Great Britain. She had bred dogs since her early youth, having been involved with Pekingese, Keeshonds, Schnauzers and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. She first saw the Löwchen at a large dog show in Frankfurt, Germany. She said the dogs being exhibited were "small, very sound and lively little dogs with good temperaments."

Mrs. Stenning wanted a pair that was as unrelated as possible, so she had to wait a while before she was able to buy Cherrycourt Charlotte v. Livland and Cherrycourt Hit VD3 Lowen. These dogs were still related since they shared recent common ancestors. This was the best that could be since the breed gene pool was so small. At the time there were only four Löwchen breeders, one in Belgium and three in Germany and only a total number of 40 Löwchen living. Mrs. Stenning was advised to go slowly with a breeding program as the other breeders were getting offspring with major faults and yet others with good qualities, all due to the close

family relationships among the dogs being bred. Mrs. Stenning was preparing to import another pair of Löwchen when the Camberly Rabies Dog Scare discouraged her from further importing. Mrs. Stenning was quoted as saying that she was very disappointed.

Because Mrs. Stenning was unable to breed many litters or attend many shows she eventually lent her male, Cherrycourt Jet, to



Ch. Littlecourt Pippin. First Löwchen to gain Junior Warrant as well as first Littlecourt dog champion. Photo Freda.McGregor





Cluneen Umber Upupa of Grestean.

Mrs. Burton-Seymour as she felt Mrs. Burton-Seymour had bitches that suited him.

Mrs. Stenning did judge Löwchen through the years including at the large 1977 Birmingham National Championship Show.

#### Cluneen Kennel

Not new to dogs when embarking in Löwchen, Mrs. Eilish Banks had bred and shown dogs of various breeds, particularly Chihuahuas and German Shepherds, to their championships. She was the first to import and exhibit Bichon Frise to Great Britain. Mrs. Banks began her years in Löwchen when, after hearing of the breed, her interest was piqued. She decided to research the breed and wrote to Dr. Rickert. She informed him she was contacting him as a breeder and that she was not interested in a pet puppy. As such, she asked him to supply the best quality Löwchen he could, to ensure the breed a sound foundation in Great Britain. His first reply to Mrs. Banks was that he had a bitch due to whelp. He promised her one out of that litter. Sadly there was only one puppy, who grew up to be Cluneen Itzi VD3 Lowen. Dr. Rickert lived up to his promise of a puppy and allowed Mrs. Banks to buy this one lone puppy. She decided to also import his mother, Cluneen Butzi VD3 Lowen, whom she eventually bred to Itzi. The litter whelped September 13th, 1969. This in-breeding produced the famous Black and silver Ch. Cluneen Adam Adamant, who was first born in his litter. This was not his last first. Adam Adamant was the first

champion Löwchen in England and Ireland. He attained his English championship from The Kennel Club after the breed was awarded Challenge Certificates. The first challenge certificate awarded was won by Cluneen Adam Adamant. His Challenge Certificates were awarded in the following chronological order: 1976 Crufts, Birmingham Dog Show and S.K.C. He also won the CC at Crufts 1978. Adam also attained his Irish championship in 1972, which was no doubt very special for the Irish born Mrs. Banks. Int. Ch. Cluneen Butzi VD3 Lowen also won her Irish championship in 1973. Winning his Irish championship in 1975, before becoming the second British champion, was an Adam son, Int. Ch. Cluneen No Nonsense. His mother was the first bitch produced in England; Cluneen Cherrycourt Amynta.

There are those who think Mrs. Banks preferred No Nonsense over Adam Adamant, citing that she never competed him against Adam, those persons believing that Adam would surely win over him. It is also maintained by some that Mrs. Banks held No Nonsense back from the show ring until Adam Adamant won his championship first. Adam Adamant and



Duncara Holly Go Lightly. Photo Janet Perret-Green



Duncara Ice Blink

No Nonsense did in fact compete in open dog class, along with Cluneen Evening Echo at Crufts shows in 1976, 1977 and 1978. At many shows, they were placed in just that order. Cluneen Adam Adamant held a special place in Mrs. Bank's heart. Her high opinion of him is exhibited by the large number of times she used him at stud. He sired many champions through the years, including the first English group winner, Ch. Cluneen Count Bolero.

Adam Adamant also won a note in history. For a period of time he was listed in the Guinness World Book of Records. Found under the title "Most Valuable", he is listed that in July 1976, Mrs. E. Banks turned down an American offer of 10,000 Pounds Sterling for her Champion, Löwchen Cluneen Adam Adamant. Mrs. Banks did however, export six other dogs to the USA including an Adam Adamant son and daughter.

Adam Adamant's litter brother, Ch. Winsomere Cluneen Ambassador, was sold to Maeve Cleary of the Winsomere Kennel in Ireland, where he became an Irish Champion. Ambassador eventually went to the Aqueros Cosbla Kennels in Spain where he also won a championship.

There were over one hundred Löwchen registered under the Cluneen prefix. Cluneen dogs played a large part in establishing Löwchen around the world. There are few countries where the foundation stock does not include Cluneen dogs in their pedigrees. Cluneen Adam Adamant was one of the most famous.



Ch. Littlecourt Acajou, Best in Show 1983  
Löwchen Club Specialty Show.

Mrs. Banks, her husband and their daughter Shelly exhibited the Cluneen dogs personally. Some of their winning ways could be attributed to the way they were trained for the show ring. Mrs. Banks always trained her dogs to be self stacking since she preferred not getting on the ground to stack her toy dogs. One of her techniques was to play with them to hold their attention by talking to them and supplying them with minute pieces of bait. She felt that her dogs would show themselves with this technique.

Mrs. Banks is credited with having imported more Löwchen into Great Britain than any other breeder. After the death of her husband she discontinued breeding Löwchen for sale and exhibition when she became alarmed at the quality of imports into England. She also became disillusioned by actions of individuals in the breed. Mrs. Banks said she knew things were bad for the breed, when judges, given several poor specimens among a few good ones, would choose the poor dogs over the quality dogs, all but ignoring the good ones.

Mrs. Banks is also credited with having done more to promote the breed than other exhibitors of her time, by taking large teams of dogs to open shows in England and Ireland. Many of the early English breeders say they became interested in the Löwchen after seeing the Cluneen dogs.

Mrs. Banks is sought after as an international dog judge. She serves in several capacities as an officer in various



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dog clubs, including the Löwchen Club of which she is an honorary Vice-President. Mrs. Banks is also a Vice-President of the Bichon Frise Club of Great Britain and has served on the Committee continually for twenty years.

Mrs. Banks was invited to judge at the 21st Löwchen Club of America National Specialty show in September 1992. She came, accompanied by long-time friend Maeve Cleary. Mrs. Cleary also judged the following day for the Western New York Löwchen Club.

### Littlecourt

Littlecourt Löwchen figure heavily in many current pedigrees. The first female Löwchen to win her championship in Great Britain was Ch. Littlecourt Emma, sired by Cluneen Great Guns of Leskips out of Cluneen Obviously Olivia of Littlecourt. Emma also became a Swedish and Norwegian champion.

Mrs. Freda McGregor first saw Löwchen at a show in Hastings where she was exhibiting her Schnauzers. At the time she wondered about getting a Löwchen but was advised against it since they were the rarest breed in the world and there was a long waiting list for one. The dog she saw belonged to Mrs. Banks and so she decided she would have one from the Cluneen kennel. After a long wait her first Löwchen arrived; Cluneen I'm Innocence of Littlecourt (Simba). Simba was reddish

brown with cream bracelets. She was the start of Littlecourt Löwchen in 1971.

Eventually Mrs. McGregor bred Simba to Ch. Cluneen Adam Adamant and thus came the famous Littlecourt "A" litter. This litter made its mark in the breed by spawning three champions out of one litter, a breed record. Littlecourt Aviva, who went to Mrs. Tilman, became a top obedience dog and also won Best in Show at the S.E.C. Toy Dog Show. Littlecourt Aquarius was sent to Marina Reutersward, a pioneer of the breed in Sweden. Aquarius became a Nordic champion and the first Scandinavian champion. He was also Mrs. McGregor's first export. Mrs. McGregor kept Littlecourt Alekela for herself. Littlecourt Annabel was sent to Jersey, but luckily for Mrs.

McGregor, was returned. Mrs. McGregor bred her to Pat Cooke's Champion Rossglen Leonardo of Prawls. This breeding produced Ch. Littlecourt Jutta of Huntglen who was the dam of Ch. Hanovarian Boughton be Bold, the top Löwchen in 1984 and 1985. Another of Simba's daughters, was bred to Prawls Merry Minstral, producing three champions in one litter; Ch. Littlecourt Acorn, Ch. Littlecourt Amelia and English and Scandinavian Ch. Littlecourt Acajou.

Mrs. McGregor was fortunate to be offered by his owner, Barbara Perkins, Cluneen Baron Andante of Littlecourt. She snapped him up immediately. Andante was a cream dog with large round eyes and a ton of coat which Mrs. McGregor maintains is still passed down generational bloodlines. After



Ch. Littlecourt Gregi. Photo Freda McGregor.



Littlecourt Joss

great persuasion by Mrs. McGregor, she was allowed to buy from Mrs. Banks a white and red parti-colored bitch named Cluneen Obviously Olivia of Littlecourt (Oriel). Oriel and Simba became the Littlecourt foundation bitches. While never passing her unique color to her puppies, Oriel produced notable offspring. Bred to Rossglen Florentine Revival of Littlecourt, she produced Littlecourt Sebastian who was sold to Jenney Williams of Jinglejoys Kennel. Sebastian sired a dog that came back to Littlecourt kennels and then went on to Sweden. He was Ch. Jinglejoys Bright Baron of Littlecourt. He produced several dogs that were exported and became champions in their new homes before being sent to Eva and Jan Soderquist in Sweden. In Sweden, Bright Baron went on to win his Swedish championship. When Pat Cooke

discontinued breeding Löwchen, she sent Prawls Merry Mistral to live with the Littlecourt dogs. In 1979, he was the Top Stud Dog and sired seven champions. This all in a time when challenge certificates were hard to come by. Prawls Merry Minstral is still the Top Sire of all time, since to date no other English male has produced more champions. Another dog, Ch. Littlecourt Pippin, made the cut at Crufts in the group ring in 1979. That was very unusual in those days since rare breeds often were first to be eliminated. Pippin also was the first male Löwchen to be awarded a Junior Warrent Certificate, in February of 1977.

The Littlecourt Kennel won the Top Breeders' award in 1982, 1983, and 1984. There are over twenty-three Littlecourt champions in Great Britain and abroad. Mrs. McGregor has been on the judges list for Löwchen since the first Löwchen Club show. She has judged at championship shows including Crufts and abroad. Littlecourt Löwchen have been exported to many countries including Australia, Scandinavia, Finland, Canada and the United States. Mrs McDonald attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Löwchen World Congress with her friend Kay Sergeant, where she was quite popular with the other attendees, who were very interested in her knowledge of the breed. Mrs. McGregor is now a Patron of the English Löwchen Club.

### Other Prominent English Kennels

#### Boughton

The owner of this kennel was literally born into show dogs! Monica Boggia's grandfather was a famous breeder and exhibitor of terriers and other breeds. Her father was an international championship show judge as well as a successful breeder and exhibitor. Miss Boggia was a show manager for Mrs. Banks, eventually ending up with Löwchen from the Cluneen Kennel.

Miss Boggia's first Löwchen was Cluneen Countess Christabel in 1974. She went on to breed and co-own well known Löwchen champions including Ch. Littlecourt Acorn,

Ch. Littlecourt Jutta of Huntglen, Ch. Hanovarian Boughton be Bold, Ch. Hanovarian Boughton by Jove of Chensiv, Ch. Hanovarian Boughton Byron, Hanovarian Boughton by Zeus and Hanovarian Boughton Bravo. For a period of time Miss Boggia worked closely with Anne McDonald, producing the famous Hanovarian Boughton dogs.

Miss Boggia served as Chairman of the Löwchen Club for thirteen years. She was also the first to attain Breed Specialist to award Challenge certificates to the Löwchen, which she did at the Ladies Kennel Association Championship Show in





Ch. Cleevview Painted Lady. Photo Janet Edwards 1976.

Besides Löwchen she is authorized to judge 30 other breeds from six different groups, as well as Best in Championship Show

### **Capilon**

Sadly this Kennel was active in Löwchen for a limited time, since its owner John Walkden died prematurely in 1986. He had acquired several quality dogs from prestigious kennels with the intention of setting up a high caliber breeding program. He acquired Debita Duval of Capilon, a 12" black and silver male, a gold and white bitch Littlecourt Hannah of Capilon and the Best Puppy in Show as well as Best in Show at the first Löwchen club championship show, Fredachris Moonstone of Capilon. This little bitch debuted at the first Löwchen Club Championship Show at six-and-one-half-months of age. She became the youngest Challenge Certificate winning Löwchen to date. Mr. Walkden served the Löwchen Club when he stepped into Anne McDonald's shoes after Committee (or Board of Directors) lost her services for a time.

### **Chensiv**

This kennel was founded on Ch. Movalian Hurrigan Higgins, Ch. Superlion Silverstar and Ch. Boughton By Jove of Chensiv. Ch. Hanovarian Boughton By Jove of Chensiv (Perry) who was bred by Monica Boggia and Mrs. Anne McDonald, turned into one of the more important stud dogs owned by this

kennel. He was awarded the Löwchen Club Award of Top Dog of 1986. He also took Reserve BIS at the Manchester Toy Dog Show in 1986. This superb dog was a result of a mating between Ch. Duncara Whistling Willie out of Hanovarian Boughton Hylife. He sired Sholeens Lion Tamer at Hestia, who acquired his Jr. Warrant and won a reserve Best Toy Group .

Debra Battersby, owner of this small but important kennel, is especially noted for her comical and skillful Löwchen cartoons that were featured in the Löwchen Club year book. She has served on the Löwchen Club's board of Directors and has been approved to judge and award C.C's in the breed.

### **Cleevview**

Located in Shropshire, this kennel produced the Top Winning Löwchen Bitch of 1984, Ch. Cleevview Painted Lady. This kennel is owned by Janet and Trevor Edwards. Cleevview dogs can be found in many pedigrees. Among the Kennels that have acquired Löwchen from Cleevview are Hairdane, Tethall, Aquilonia, and the Tabula Raza Kennel which imported Cleevview Princess Royale to Belgium.

Cleevview Top Flash in Aquilonia produced a daughter, owned by Dawn Dixon, Dark Diamond with Debrita who won Best in show in 1988 at the Löwchen Club Open Show at just over six months of age. Other important dogs produced by the Cleevview kennel were Ch. Cleevview Gunther of Littlecourt and Ch. Cleevview Wishful Thinking. An exquisite bitch found in many pedigrees was Ch. Cleevview Painted Lady. Ch. Cleevview Catch as Catch Can won his championship in Finland, Ch. Cleevview Topsy's Gem in Sweden and Ch. Cleevview Topsy's Jewell in Norway. Duncara Lively Madrigal resided at Cleevview, helping to make Mrs. Edwards Great Britain's Top Löwchen Breeder of 1985.



Ch. Cleevview Gunther of Littlecourt Photo Janet Edwards

### Duncara

Janet Perret-Green grew up with dogs, having lived with Cocker Spaniels and one Yorkshire Terrier as a young girl. Her own first dog, Chum, a Cocker, was given to her as a birthday gift in 1943 by two aunts. He was her constant companion, separated from her only during her time spent in the hospital due to a severe childhood illness. When Chum died in 1951, another four years passed before Mrs. Perret-Green bought another dog. This dog was a show quality Shetland Sheepdog, a breed that kept her occupied for the next twenty years. Eventually Mrs. Perret-Green became active with the Anatolian Karabash and so began showing in the rare breed classes. It was here that she became acquainted with the Löwchen. She remembers looking at them with their shaved behinds and the woman who owned them, wondering "My God, what sort of woman has a dog like that?" This woman turned out to be Mrs. F. McGregor. It was Mrs. McGregor's Cluneen I'm Innocence of Littlecourt that began the attraction. As time went by, Mrs. Perret-Green became used to the strange cut and was impressed with the breeds bomb-proof qualities. For two years she studied the breed, eventually acquiring her first Löwchen from Pat Cooke of Prawls Kennel Prawls Happy Heroine was followed by Littlecourt Kelly of Duncara, Quinbury Gatanya Fable of Duncara and, in 1976, Littlecourt Loftus of Duncara. Fable was exported to Australia and



Duncara Zipity DoDah



Duncara Whistling Willie

won an Australian championship. Happy heroine was bred to Littlecourt Akela producing Duncara April Minuet and Ch. Duncara April Melody, who was Duncara's first Champion. Minuet was exported after having won 10 C.C.'s. Mrs. Perret-Green exchanged Minuet for Cyndor Aline of Duncara who, in turn, produced International Champion Duncara Evidently Adamite, Ch. Duncara Bijou Black Jade and Ch. Duncara Ice Blink. Duncara April Melody produced two champions in her first litter which were also the first puppies born! They were Australian Ch. Duncara Fine Prelude and Ch. Duncara's Fluter's Tune. Other litters out of April Melody produced Duncara Whistling Willie and Janet Edward's well-known stud dog,

Duncara Lively Madrigal, and the grandam of Ch. Duncara Nuitt de Chanson. Melody had nine litters before her deserved retirement to her favorite tennis ball.Ch.

Duncara Homespun, out of Prawls Mastermind of Dorvalstan and Harondell Aundora of Duncara, was sold to Mike and Annete Strachen. Mrs. Steward decided to take him out of retirement to successfully show him. Homespun's first



Ch. Duncara Victorian Extra. Photo Janet Perret-Green

time out brought a win of the Toy Group at the Aberdeen show in Scotland and another C.C. at the first Löwchen Club Championship show. Known as Spinner, He lived for four years with Sandy Steward, until his death. He was credited with being the foundation stud for the Pridesden Kennel and remember as "missed by everyone that knew him (except the window cleaner and the milkman)". His littermate, Duncara Holly Go Lightly, was exported to Phyliss Harris of Australia, where she was successfully shown. IN 1981, she won Best Bitch and Best Opposite Sex in the Toy Group. Another great dog produced by Duncara was Ch. Duncara Heavens Above, the Top Winning Bitch in 1987.

Duncara continues to export many dogs through the years all over the world. Among dogs exported by Duncara are International and Swiss Ch. Duncara Zippity Do Dah owned by Mlle. Danielle Menoud of Switzerland and International Ch. Duncara Whistling Willie, owned by Dr. Joan Lawrence of Australia.

After moving to a townhouse in Plymouth, the Duncara breeding program was curtailed and only a small nucleus of breeding stock was kept. In 1992 , Mrs. Perret-Green made another move, this time to a her retirement in France. She continues to breed and export, and is now making a name for her kennel at continental dog shows.

Mrs. Perret-Green began judging and was honored by being asked to judge at Crufts in 1990.



Janet Perret-Green

Janet Perret-Green stated that of the nine breeds she has shown, bred or owned, the two that have a special place in her heart are the Anatolian Shepherd (Karabash) and Löwchen. These two breeds being admired by her, for their "independent and intelligent attitude to life which they combine with utter loyalty, devotion and unparalleled sense of humor."

#### **Fredachris**

Located in Kent, this kennel was founded in 1975 by Mr. and Mrs. Sampson. They were the breeders of John Walkden's Fredachris Moonstone of Capilon, who won Minor Puppy Bitch, Puppy Bitch, Novice Bitch, Special Beginner, Bitch Challenge

certificate and Best in Show at 6 1/2 months of age at the first Löwchen Club Certificate show. This bitch was also the youngest Löwchen to win a Challenge Certificate. Together with her sister, Fredachris Midnight Star, they were presented with their father to win the Progeny Class also at this historic show.

The foundation dogs of this kennel were Prawls Happy Hooligan (Leo), who died just before his 17th birthday in 1992 and Manjuaris Anastasia of Fredachris and Manjauris Anna Marie of Fredachris.

The Sampsons became interested in Löwchen when watching a television show which featured Shelly Banks with Cluneen Itzi v.d. Drei Lowen and Cluneen Butzi v.d. Drei Lowen with the first litter of Cluneen puppies. The Sampsons were taken by the Lions and their lives were taken over by the breed. The first to arrive was Prawls Happy Hooligan in the spring of 1976. He had been in three unsuccessful homes before the Sampsons. After getting him they decided to show him and he qualified for Crufts at the Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show in 1977. The first litter was between Anastasia and Hooligan was born in 1978. Among the big winning Fredachris dogs were Fredachris Moonstone of Capilon who at six months won 6 First in Group at open shows and Best in Show at the first Löwchen Club Championship Show judged by Andrew Brace. Fredachris Silvalocket won Best in Show at the 1985 Club Show under Miss K. Sargeant and was also the first Löwchen champion produced by this kennel.

### **Grestean**

This Kennel with such an unusual name is owned by Miss Kay Sargeant. Its name was arrived at by making an anagram out of Miss Sargeant's last name. She began her long career in dogs with Dalmatians, often going to shows with her sister who

bred and exhibited Poodles. It was in 1971 that she first became aware of Mrs. Banks and her Löwchen. While she had no desire for another breed at the time, Miss Sargeant was pulled to the Löwchen, fighting her desire the entire way. In 1975 she gave in and asked Mrs. Banks for a puppy, preferably a black and silver, if possible. Eventually Miss Sargeant went to visit the Cluneen kennel. While there, she fell in love with a mink colored little bitch. Although this puppy was not intended for sale, Mrs. Banks did allow Miss Sargeant to acquire her, influenced by Miss Sargeants success in the Obedience ring. It was this bitch that became the foundation of Grestean Löwchen and the beginning of many Grestean successes in the breed.

This bitch, born September 13th, 1975, was Cluneen UMBER Upupa of Grestean, her call name Rumber. Rumber became the first female Löwchen to gain Junior Warrent Winner. The Junior Warrent is a title awarded by the Kennel Club to dogs having won a certain number of points while still classified as a Junior by age.

Rumber, a brown bitch, produced two females in her first litter. One was Grestean Happy Hoatzin who in turn produced Grestean Tufted Teal who in turn produced Ch. Grestean Flicker Flash. Grestean's first champion, Ch. Grestean Flicker Flash, was the breed's sixteenth champion. Miss Sargeant bred the only Löwchen puppy, Grestean Ultra Uropelia, to qualify for the annual prestigious Pup of the Year competition in 1990. Ch. Grestean Bunting Bold started her show career with a Best Puppy in Show at the Isle of Ely Open Show, Best in Match put on by a local training club and Best Puppy and Reserve C.C. at the Löwchen Club Championship Show 1985.





Melfield Iora in Grestean and Grestean Chickadee Chucle. These dogs are descendants of the Grestean foundation bitch Cluneen Umber Upapa of Grestean. Photo Kay Sergeant.

Grestean, to date, has produced over nineteen litters from eight bitches, numbering over 57 puppies. Grestean dogs are successfully shown both in Obedience and in the conformation ring. In 1977, Miss Sargeant was elected to the Board of Directors (or Committee) and eventually became the Löffchen Club's treasurer. She has also served as treasurer for the West Suffolk Dog Training Society and Newmarket and District Canine Society. Miss Sargeant is also a judge of dogs, having started in Dalmatians and now Löffchen, giving her first C.C. in the breed at Southern Counties in 1985. She judged the Löffchen Club Championship Show in November 1988. In 1993 Miss Sargeant was elected Secretary of the Löffchen Club. She retired from this position in 1998. She is still very active exhibiting her Löffchen in obedience



Grestean Chickadee Chuckle. Photo Kay Sergeant.

trials. She also maintains an interest in birds which is reflected in that Miss Sargeant

enjoys naming her dogs after birds, bird watching being another hobby she delights in.

### Hanovarian

Mrs. Anne MacDonald has been actively engaged in the exhibiting, breeding and judging of dogs for almost forty years. When she came into the Löwchen she was already a well known and successful breeder and exhibitor. Mrs. MacDonald became interested in Löwchen after Miss Monica Boggia asked her to come into partnership in Löwchen. Miss Boggia did not have the freedom to travel to as many shows as Mrs MacDonald was able to attend and so Miss Boggia, hoped that Mrs. MacDonald would be helpful as a partner. Mrs. MacDonald had seen the breed at shows since the time that they had been imported, but she was not very taken with the breed. She reluctantly agreed to go see what the Löwchen were like to live with and they purchased from the Duncara Kennel a puppy in 1979.

The first puppy grew too big so it was given to Mrs. MacDonald's secretary. Miss Boggia was then offered Littlecourt Jutta and another Littlecourt bitch who was very nervous. Jutta was the one that was concentrated on and she eventually gained her title at the SKC. In 1981 Jutta was mated to Jinglejoys Bright Baron and produced Hanovarian Boughton Byron, who went on to become the first champion produced by the partnership. Jutta was then mated to the top sire of all times, Prawls Merry Minstral and from this mating



Hanovarian Sinner. Photo Sonja Carlson



Hanovarian Sinner as a puppy

Hanovarian Boughton Be Bold, who is the second top sire of all times. Because the partnership was campaigning Hanovarian Boughton Byron, Hanovarian Boughton Be Bold was sold top Enid and Roy Millsom. They campaigned him to his title. During this time, a daughter of Prawls Merry Minstral was offered to them by Freda McGregor, Littlecourt Acorn. She was mated to her paternal half-brother producing Ch. Hanovarian Boughton Bravo. Among the other noteworthy dogs produced by the partnership were Hanovarian Boughton By Jove and Löwchen Club of America Ch. Hanovarian Boughton By Zeus.

The breeding and campaigning of dogs was Mrs. MacDonald's serious interest, while judging began to become more interesting for Miss. Boggia. The decision was made to split the partnership so that both women could fulfil their own ambitions. Mrs MacDonald's love of Löwchen was by now fully developed and she decided to continue in the breed. After the split of the partnership, she produced Hanovarian Be Bold and multi-champion Hanovarian Gambit, who was the first British Löwchen to be imported into Germany. Gambit was imported by the Kieselgrund Kennel. His children have gained titles throughout Europe. Gambit's sister Ch. Hanovarian Little Gem stayed at home and eventually produced a pair of successful siblings, Ch Hanovarian Jazzman, who took best of Breed at Crufts Dog Show in 1999 and then was exported to the United States by Robert B. & Carol Gundel Falk and Ch. Hanovarian Give Me

Gold for Reeberrich. This bitch has won the most group placings at championship shows than any other Löwchen in Great Britain. She has since been retired and will contribute to Mrs. MacDonalds continueing breeding program.

Mrs MacDonald has judged the breed more than any other specialist in Great Britain, both at home and abroad. She served on the Löwchen Club Committee and was the chairman until ill health overcame her. Some of the other projects



Ch. Hanovarian Boughton by Jove of Chensive.



Ch. Jinglejoys Bright Baron of Littlecourt. Photo Freda McGregor

she worked on for the club included several issues of the year book and breed rescue. She is a honorary life-time member of the Löwchen Club. As well as judging the Löwchen she has lectured on them and other breeds both at home and abroad.

### Jinglejoy

Jinglejoy Kennel, a small successful kennel, was founded in 1980 by Miss Jennie Williams. Miss Williams bought most of her foundation directly from the Littlecourt Kennel. One of her most important acquisitions was Littlecourt Sebastian of Jinglejoys who sired some top winning puppies: Ruth Dinhams' Ch. Jinglejoys Black Cinder of Rumawill, the Top Male in 1983; Best of breed at Crufts 1984 and who also made the cut in the Toy Group at the same show; Mrs. Spavin's Jinglejoys Bublin; and Mrs. McGregor's Ch. Jinglejoys Bright Baron of Littlecourt. Baron was Top dog in 1981 and 1982, Best in Show at Maidstone, Best of Breed Crufts 1982 and before the end of his show career, Baron had won many Best of Breeds. He sired among other: Norwegian Ch. Littlecourt Barronson, Finnish Ch. Littlecourt Englebert and USA Ch. Hanovarian Zues. Baron was out of Harondell Anastasia of Jinglejoys. Baron completed his championship at the 1982 Bournemouth Show, where Mr. T. Thorn awarded him the last Challenge Certificate needed for his title. After Baron completed his duties in Great Britain, he as sent to Eva and Jan Soderquist where he completed his Swedish championship. Another champion produced by Jinglejoys was Ch. Jinglejoys Black Cinder of Rumawill. He was a product of a repeat breeding of Littlecourt Sebastian of Jinglejoys. he completed his title after being awarded his last needed C.C. by famous judge Stanley Dangerfield. Cinder was the Top Male of 1983, Best of Breed at Crufts 1984 and also was pulled out in the Toy Group lineup at the same show. His littermate, Ch. Jinglejoy's Bublin, bought by Mrs. Eileen Spavin and Miss Shona Grieves completed his championship at the W.K.C. under Breeder-Judge Mrs. Freda McGregor.

Miss Williams still keeps Löwchen, but rarely breeds. Besides her success in that endeavor she is also a skilled artist who has painted many portraits of top breed champions, which are eagerly commissioned by their owners.

### Prawls

Active for a period of time in Löwchen, Pat Cooke founded the Prawls Löwchen Kennel when she acquired

Cluneen Lovely Lace from Mrs. Banks. The first Prawls litter was born June 6 1973, out of Lace bred to Cluneen Baron Andante of Littlecourt. This litter produced Prawls Master Merrilad, Prawls Meg Merrilees, Prawls Merry Maid, Prawls Merry Minstral and Prawls Midnight Merriment. In May 1974 The next litter out of Prawls Meg Merrilees bred to Cluneen Great Guns of Leskips. Among the notable dogs born from this litter were Prawls Gay Goddess. The last Prawls litter was whelped October 12, 1976.

### Pridesden

The recipient of a Löwchen gift from her husband in 1981, Sandy Steward had to have more. In 1982 she bought her second Löwchen from Annette Strachen, which she showed to her championship. This dog was Socotra Royal Rascal was the top winning Löwchen of 1985. Then, co-owned with Annette Strachen, Ch. Duncara Homespun (Spinner) was bought. He became one of the top Stud Dogs during 1986-1988. Breeding him with her first bitch produced the first Pridesden champion, Pridesden Elusive Emerald. She became a top-winning bitch in 1986 and was a Crufts Toy Group finalist in 1987.

Only one Pridesden puppy has been exported-Pridesden Pompadour who became a Dutch champion. Pasha is owned by Reina Jansen of the Neerlands Trots Kennel.

Mrs. Steward began judging in 1987 judging Löwchen at Championship Show level in 1993, and judging the Löwchen Club Show in 1996. For 5 years Mrs. Steward served as editor and co-editor of the Year Book.

### Shimeesha

Mrs. Wendy Reeves and Miss Sue Reeves began showing dogs in 1978., buying their first Löwchen in 1982. Lillipushan Leo-

Lilibet bred by Mrs. Y. Gillibrand was transferred to Mrs. Reeves in October 1982.

While a small operation, this kennel has been noticed by other breed fanciers. Out of four English titles won on Shimeesha dogs, three were put on home-bred dogs; Ch.

Shimeesha Sailing Wolf, Ch. Shimeesha Mischief Maker and Ch. Shimeesha Nutty Wolf. Nutty is the breed record holder with 23 C.C.'s, one Toy Group won at a

championship show as well as two Reserve Toy Groups at Championship shows. Of the Shimeesha dogs, this tough act is seconded by a dog bought by Mrs. Reeves Ch. Sea Wolf of Shimeesha who won 11 C.C.'s and one Toy Group at a championship show. The Reeves also bred 4 overseas champions.

They were



Ch. Balatina Bonwillwn BWGI. Photo Freda Mcgregor

Irish Champion Shimeesha Space Wolf, Finnish Ch. Shimeesha Crazy Wolf, and two Swedish champions Shimeesha Chocaklet Drop and Shimeesha Scramble. Mrs. Reeves is deceased but her daughter Sue carries on her passion for Löwchen. Miss Reeves has earned the privilege of awarding C.C.'s in Great Britain and judged the Swedish Club Show in 1993.

### Sholeen

Sholeen was a joint endeavor between Mrs. Eileen Spavin (now Harrison) and her daughter Shona Grieves. Among the first Löwchen acquired by Sholeen was Sonjay Saucy Sprite born August 2, 1979 sired by Sonjay Aristocrat out of Sonjay Glemby. Sprite was awarded her Championship April 4th, 1981. Enz Nacherbe, born June 5th, 1980 sired by Rossglen Medic Masterpiece out of Quinbury Festive Harmony was transferred to Sholeen in September. Next followed Jinglejoys Bublin and Jinglejoys Black Cherry. Ch. Jinglejoys Bublin (Blondie), who earned her championship in three consecutive shows. One of the Sholeen





**Eileen Spavin of the Sholeen Kennel**

home-bred puppies won Top Puppy of the Year in 1984.

Mrs. Spavin currently makes her home in France, breeding and exhibiting Lövchen on the continent. She is scheduled to judge the Lövchen at the Crufts Dog Show in 2001.



**Brahms & Lizt**

**Socotra**

Socotra Kennels were established in Scotland by Mike and Annette Strachen. Their foundation stock came from various kennels. They started with Duncara Bijou Black Jade who won his first Challenge Certificate at the SKC Show under Judge Neville. Socotra produced the first Lövchen litter born in Scotland, out of Sonjay Sweet

Symphony bred to Jinglejoys Bright Baron of Littlecourt.

Several dogs produced by this kennel, while not among the more famous Lövchen, were in the pedigrees of several dogs belonging to top show and breeding kennels. Socotra produced Ch. Socotra's Royal Rascal who was the top winning Lövchen bitch in 1985. She also earned her title in three consecutive shows. Rascal produced a daughter, Ch. Pridesden Pompadour, who was exported to Holland where she won her championship. Another Socotra dog owned by the Stewards of Pridesden, Socotra Royal Secret, produced Pridesden Precious Pearl. Socotra's Empress Claudia, owned by Jane Cowie, had a very successful six months during which this cream bitch was awarded two Best in Toy Group, one Best Top Puppy, two Reserve Best in Show and two Reserve Best Puppy in Show.

**Virgleo**

Headed up by Dick Terry, Virgleo Lövchen are well known among British Lövchen fanciers. Mr. Terry held the position of Secretary to the Lövchen Club for seven years. In 1987 he judged the Club Show and since 1990 has been permitted to award C.C.'s to Lövchen. Mr. Terry has judged two club shows for the Swedish Lövchen fanciers. In addition to judging Lövchen, Mr. Terry judges Cavaliers at champion shows and most of the Toy Group at open shows.



**Duncara**

Kennel Name	Owner	The date the prefix was first added to a Löwchen name.	the date the first litter was registered using the prefix.
CHERRYCOURT	Mrs. Stenning	4/68	4/69
CLUNEEN	Mrs. E.M. Banks	10/68	1/70
LITTLECOURT	Mrs. F. McGregor	12/72	5/73
SIEWLEE	Mrs. Burton-Seymour	12/73	
ROSSGLEN	Mrs. P. Dutson	4/73	4/74
PRAWLS	Mrs. P.Cooke	6/73	8/73
CHEKENDA	Mrs. M.Millington	5/74	3/76
PEPPERLAND	Miss L. Samuels	6/74	6/74
HEIGHTON	Mr. E. East	7/74	
JILLAND	Mrs. G. Knott	7/74	
SALDAWN	Mrs. J. Grant	1/75	
DUNCARA	Mrs. J. Perret-Green	7/75	12/76
QUINBURY	Mrs. J. Warren	10/75	
GRESTEAN	Miss. K. Sargeant	2/76	1/79
SONJAY	Mr. G. Mason	3/76	
CYNDOR	Mrs. C. Trice	4/76	
DORVALSTAN	Mr. and Mrs. Smith	5/76	11/79
LILLIPUSHAN	Mrs. Burton-Seymour	11/76	
MANJURARIS	Mrs. J. Beddows	6/77	
PIMSTAN	Mr. & Mrs. Scales	9/77	
BOUGHTON	Miss. M. Boggia	10/77	
TESHIMAROHAN	Mrs. T. Friedland	10/77	12/77
RAZAQUES	Mrs. A. Daltan	2/78	
HARONDELLE	Messers. R. Brothwell and M. Knowles	4/78	4/78
LIDARENDE	Mrs. G.A. Butt	9/78	5/84
SIDEEN	Mrs. D.M. Clark	10/78	
MAUTEP	Mr. and Mrs. P. Harrington	12/78	12/79
AES	Mrs. O. Harbottle	12/78	

FREDACHRIS	Mr. and Mrs. Sampson	9/78	3/79
LITTLEHEATH	Mrs. D. Burtson	1/80	
SHLANTA	Mrs. P. Fortune	1/80	
JINGLEJOYS	Miss J. Williams	4/80	
SUPERLION	Mrs. Y. Gillibrand	5/80	
DEBRITA	Mrs. T. Dixon	11/80	
MOVALIAN	Mrs. V. Blore	4/81	
SOCOTRA	Mrs. A. Strachen	5/81	
HANOVARIAN	Mrs. A. McDonald	8/81	
CAPANAN	Mr. and Mrs. K. Wooton	9/81	1/83
BALATINA	Mrs. S. Green	10/81	8/83
SHOLEEN	Mrs. E. Spavin and Miss S. Grieve	6/82	
RUMAWILL	Miss R. Dinham	6/82	10/85
BUSCO	Mrs. A. Scott	7/83	11/85
CLEEVIEW	Mrs. J. Edwards	7/83	
CHALGRET	Mrs. M. Pownall	11/83	
CHENSIV	Miss D. Battersby	4/84	10/82
VIRGLEO	Mr. R. Terry	7/84	3/87
CAPILON	Mr. J. Walkden	8/84	8/85
SHIMEESHA	Mrs. W. Reeves	11/84	
TETHALL	Mrs. S. Gibbons	2/85	
AQUILONIA	Mrs. A. Smith	9/85	
SHIREKHAN	Mr. D. Robertson	3/86	
PRIDESDEN	Mrs. S. Steward	6/86	
HESTIA	Mr. M. Pullen	3/87	12/87
TANTERELLA	Mrs. S. Fenton	9/87	

**Early British Champions**

Name of Dog	Date of Birth	Breeder	Owner
CH. CLUNEEN ADAM ADAMANT	6/13/69	Mrs. E.M. Banks	Mrs. E.M. Banks
CH. CLUNEEN NO NONSENCE	9/26/72	Mrs. E.M.Banks	Mrs. E.M.Banks
CH. LITTLECOURT EMMA	5/23/74	Mrs. Freda McGregor	Mrs. Freda McGregor
CH. CLUNEEN COUNT BOLERO	Born 9/14/74	Mrs. E.M. Banks	Mr. J. Knowles<R> and Mr. R. Brothwell and Mrs J. Perret-Green
CH. DUNCARA APRIL MELODY	4/2/76	Mrs. J. Perret-Green	Mrs. J. Perret-Green
= CH. LITTLECOURT PIPPIN	7/4/76	Mrs. F. McGregor	Mrs. F. McGregor
CH. PIMSTAN THE PRINCE	2/6/77	Mr.and Mrs. Scales	Mrs. Stables
CH. GATANYA FONDUE IN PEPPERLAND		Mrs. J.M. Warren	Miss. L. Samuels
CH. CHARLIE GIRL OF MAUTEP AT DUNCARA	9/22/77	Mr. G. Mason	Mrs. J. Perret-Green
CH. FEATHER OF LITTLECOURT	10/23/78	Mrs. J. Beddows	Mrs. F. McGregor
CH. DUNCARA BIJOU BLACK JADE	5/14/77	Mrs. J. Perret-Green	Mrs. A. Strachen
CH. JINGLEJOYS BRIGHT BARON OF LITTLECOURT	11/9/79	J. Williams	Mrs. Freda McGregor
CH. DUNCARA MAKE MINE MINK	3/22/80	Mrs. J. Perret-Green	Mrs. J. Perret-Green
CH. DUNCARA HOMESPUN	9/16/79	Mrs. J. Perret-Green	Mrs. J. Perret-Green and Mrs Strachen
CH. SONJAY SAUCY SPRITE	8/2/78	Messrs. Mason and James	Mrs. E. Spavin and Miss Grieve
CH. HUNTGLEN LITTLECOURT JUTTA	7/22/75	Mr. F. McGregor	Mr. and Mrs. Scales, Mrs.A.McDonald and Miss M. Boggia
CH. DUNCARA FLUTERS TUNE	6/3/79	Mrs. J. Perret-Green	Mrs. J. Perret-Green



CH. DORVALSTAN RINGMASTER OF CAPANON		Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith	Mr. and Mrs. K. Wooton
CH. DUNCARA WHISTLING WILLIE	6/30/81	Mrs. J. Perret-Green	Mrs. J. Perret-Green
CH. LITTLECOURT GREGI	11/19/78	Mrs. F. McGregor	Mrs. F. McGregor
CH. HUNTGLEN LITTLECOURT AMELIA	7/27/81	Mrs. F. McGregor	Mrs. Madeline Harper
CH. GRESTEAN FLICKER FLASH	9/26/81	Miss Kay Sargeant	Miss Kay Sargeant
CH. HANOVARIAN BOUGHTON BYRON	11/4/81	Mr. A. McDonald and Miss M. Boggia	Mrs. A. McDonald and Miss M. Boggia
CH. MOVALIAN HURRICANE HIGGINS	5/1/81	Mrs. V. Blore	Miss D. Battersby
CH. JINGLEJOYS BLACK CINDER OF RUMAWILL	2/24/81	Miss J. Williams	Miss R. Dinham
CH. SUPERLION SILVER STAR	6/10/80	Mrs. Y. Gilibrand	Miss D. Battersby
CH. LITTLECOURT ACAJOU	7/27/81	Mrs. F. McGregor	Mrs. F. McGregor
CH. DUNCARA ICEBLINK	12/6/79	Mrs. J. Perret-Green	Mrs. J. Perret-Green
CH. LITTLECOURT ACORN	7/27/81	Mrs. F. McGregor	Mrs. A. McDonald and Miss M. Boggia
CH. CLEEVIEW PAINTED LADY	1/22/82	Mrs. J. Edwards	Mrs. J. Edwards
CH. HANOVARIAN BOUGHTON BE BOLD	6/10/82	Mrs. A. McDonald and Miss M. Boggia	Mr. and Mrs. Milsom
CH. JINGLEJOYS BUBLIN	2/24/81	Miss J. Williams	Mrs. E. Spavin and Miss S. Grieve



Duncara's Mulligan Masterpiece. Photo Mary Billman