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Chairman's Report

Before we start my report, I would like for us to pay respect to Alice Riley a breed specialist who has been in the breed for many years and would have been well known to many of you here. Also, to Mark Coccozza who although not a breed specialist has judged Tibetan spaniels many times and will be very well known to all of us here. His loss at such an early age sent shockwaves through the dog world he will be very much missed by all who knew him.

I am very proud to have been chairman of this club for the last year, and would very much like to thank my secretary Jane for all the work and many-many hours of hard work she puts in behind the scenes. That said thanks must also go to the committee as a whole not forgetting our treasurer Nan who keeps us all in line financially. The committee as a whole have worked extremely hard both at the championship show last April which was a big success with many reports of happy exhibitors. The open show was also a huge success in a new venue at Menstrie a resounding thumbs up from all exhibitors, who all dressed up in red with fun classes much hilarity was had. We hope to bring the championship show to Menstrie in the future and very much look forward to our open show to be held in partnership with Scottish Utility first championship show history in the making and as a club we are very proud to be part of the proceedings. We are very much looking forward to an exciting year where we the committee can work for you the members with our two shows eye testing will be held at the championship show and we hope to have dates later in the year training day/seminar/BAD.

Nan will do a congratulations page later for the newsletter but I would just like to touch on the veterans with a few of you obtaining veteran warrants however two stand out veterans has to be Susu Princess spice parti handled by Lily O'Brien to win veteran grp 1 at SKC in May under esteemed judge Tony Allcock, not to be outdone by the girls Prince harry at Galetibbian handled by Gale Hamilton took veteran grp 1 at Border Union under Sandra Marshall. Huge congratulations to you both. I always feel very proud to see the veterans being promoted and doing so well as they are the mainstay of the breed and just proves the longevity of our breed and I really hope that this continues. Sheila will discuss health issues with us later.

As your chairman for the forthcoming year, I can only give assurances that the standing committee will work together in moving the club forward working for you the members whilst doing our very best to protect our beloved Tibetan Spaniels.

Finally thank you all for coming today and continuing to support the TSCS

Penny Smith

Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our members who did well at shows with their dogs in 2023

Manchester where Tony Moran and Lionel Prouve's Castafiore Romulus won the DCC, Richard Lemon's Ch Souska I Need Your Love won the res DCC, Lynne Short's Ch Malia Summer Memories won the res BCC, Simper & Scoates won the Best Puppy in Breed with Clydum Country Lass and Best Veteran was Richard's Oldcharm Love Me Again

South Western Linda Morton's Linsdown Karib won the res DCC, Sheila Thomson's Tamrae Parti with the Stars was Best Puppy in Breed and Oldcharm Love Me Again won another Best Veteran

Crufts where Tony & Lionel won the DCC & Best of Breed with Xaramae Image (his 3rd CC I think), BCC was Ch Susu Wears Prada in Lockdown with Aarminias, Ch Souska, I Need Your Love won another res CC, Best Puppy was Thompson's Tibbiestars Time Lord and Best Veteran was Penny Smith's Ch Torfness Scarlet Phancy

TSC of Scot DCC & BIS was the Hamilton's Ch Torfness Prince Harry of Galetibbian, res DCC was Aileen McDonald's Balgay Dru Ma, BCC was Gail Adam's Balgay Okurimono her 3rd CC and gaining her crown, res BCC was Ch Susu Wears Prada in Lockdown with Aarminias, Lynne Short's Malia Miss Dior was best puppy and best veteran was Breeze & Styles' Ch Paralde Little Bredy with Hilsar.

WELKS Ch Xaramae Image won another DCC with BOB and Balgay Dru Ma won another res DCC

Birmingham Nat Linsdown Karib won the DCC & BOB, Tony & Lionel had a good day winning the res DCC with Ch Xaramae Image, BCC with Castafiore Riddhima and Best Puppy with Castafiore Invictus and Carol Davies won Best Veteran and Veteran group 3 with Ch Mullagh Twilight over Bowcara.

SKC where Doreen Christie won the DCC with Betranna Athos, Penny Smith won the res DCC and Best Puppy with Torfness Gamekeeper's Vigil, res BCC was another for Ch Susu Wears Prada in Lockdown with A, Best Veteran and Veteran group 1 was Lily Obrien's Susu Princess Spice Parti.

Bath Ch Xaramae Image won the DCC, Castafiore Riddhima won the res BCC, Best Puppy was another one for Clydum Country Lass and another best Veteran for Ch Paralde Little Bredy with Hilsar

Sth Counties Carol Davies' Ch Bowcara Be My Guest won the res DCC, and Malia Miss Dior won another best puppy and the res BCC

3 Counties Ch Xaramae Image won the DCC, BOB and group 2, Ch Mullagh Twilight over Bowcara won the res BCC & best veteran and Linda Morton's Linsdown Gibran was best puppy.

Border Union Ch Torfness Prince Harry of Galetibbian had a good day winning the DCC, BOB and group 4, he was also Best Veteran and V group 1, his mother Ch Torfness Scarlet Phancy won the BCC, Ch Xaramae Image won the res DCC and Torfness Gamekeeper's Vigil won best puppy

Blackpool Ch Bowcara Be My Guest won the DCC, BOB and group 4, Ch Torfness Prince Harry of G was best veteran

Windsor Lynne Short's Malia Harvest Flower won the BCC & BOB, res BCC and best veteran was Susu Princess Spice Parti and Clydum country Lass won another best puppy

East of Eng Lynne Short had a good day winning the BCC, BOB & group 2 with Malia Harvest Flower, res BCC with Ch Malia Summer Memories, best puppy with Malia Miss Dior and best veteran with Ch Malia Yuan Zhi, Ch Bowcara Be My Guest won the res DCC

Leeds Ch Xaramae Image won the res DCC, res BCC and best veteran was Susu Princess Spice Parti and Malia Miss Dior won another best puppy.

Paignton Ch Xaramae Image won the DCC, res BCC was Linsdown Diva, Linsdown Gibran won another best puppy and S Princess Spice Parti was best veteran.

Bournemouth Ch Xaramae Image won the DCC & BOB, Ch Beautiful Chaos at Clydum won the BCC & best veteran

WKC Tony & Lionel won the BCC & BOB with Ch Balgay Ro Ra Ma and res DCC with Ch Xaramae Image, Linsdown Gibran won another best puppy and Ch Beautiful Chaos at Clydum was again best veteran.

Driffield Ch Bowcara Be My Guest won the DCC & BOB, Ch Malia Summer Memories won the BCC, Linsdown Jodha won the res BCC and Ch Mullagh Twilight over B was best veteran and veteran group 4

City of Birmingham Thompson's Tibbiestars Shady Lady won the BCC & BOB and Clydum Calamity Jane won the res BCC

Richmond Ch Paralde Little Bredy with Hilsar was best veteran

Darlington Ch Bowcara Be My Guest won the DCC, res DCC was Tibbiestars Time Lord, BCC & BOB was Castafiore Riddhima and res BCC was Ch Balgay Ro Ro Ma, S Princess Spice Parti added another best veteran to her collection

S.E & E.A. BCC was Ch Malia Harvest Flower and res DCC and best veteran was Debbie Parkes' Fantasa Wartortle

Belfast Ch Xaramae Image won the DCC & BOB, res BCC Castafiore Riddhima, BCC, best veteran and veteran group 4 was S Princess Spice Parti

SKC Ch B Be My Guest won the DCC, BOB and group 4, res DCC Gillian Campbell's Tiendland Benromach, BCC was Castafiore Riddhima her 3rd CC and gaining her crown, Linsdown Gibran won another best puppy and best veteran was Tibbiestars Moulin Rouge

Sth Wales Ch Xaramae Image won the res DCC

T.S.A. Ch Malia summer Memories won the BCC

Mid Counties Ch Parloueve True Blue won the DCC, BOB and group 4, Ch Malia Harvest Flower won the BCC, the res CCs went to Ch Xaramae Image and Castafiore Riddhima and S Princess Spice Parti was again best veteran
N.T.S.C. Ch Parloueve True Blue won the res DCC, Crockerne Love To Talk with Tamrae won the res BCC, Linsdown Gibran was again best puppy and Princess Spice Parti added another best veteran to her collection.

B.U.B.A. Ch Bowcara Be My Guest won the res DCC and Ch Mullagh Twilight over Bowcara was best veteran

L.K.A. Ch Malia Harvest Flower won the BCC, res BCC and best veteran was Susu Princess Spice Parti, res DCC was Susu We're Gonna Parti at Parloueve and Parloueve Made You Look was best puppy and puppy group 4

Well done everyone and apologies for any omissions or mistakes.

Nan MacLeod

Breed Health Watch

Tibetan Spaniel Health Report Feb 2024

2024 has thankfully for our breed been fairly quiet health wise, The Patella luxation project continues, the testing form should be available from all the breed clubs or from myself. Let me remind everyone this is purely a research project to gather information so that everyone in the breed is better informed, any information released will only be in the form of numbers and results, there is not any intention of disclosing owner's names or dog's names.

I mentioned BOAS last year and was somewhat surprised that some people were unaware of what it is, It is Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome, while we as a breed at the moment do not see this as a problem, we must always be aware that Tibetan Spaniels are listed in many places as a Brachycephalic breed and although we do not have all the health issues that other brachycephalic breeds have, people not involved with the breed could see a problem where one does not exist, It is my understanding that in Australia airlines are requiring that Tibetan Spaniels be BOAS tested before they will fly them. So, we must not bury our heads in the sand about this.

The Kennel Clubs Genetics Centre which has relocated from the Animal Health Trust to Cambridge University have a funding problem at the moment as the Kennel Club have said they cannot fund it in the future, they are asking Breeds to help by pledging £1500 per breed, this equates to £300 per club If this centre closes down, a wealth of experience will go along with years of samples collected for many breeds including ours. The Tibetan spaniel clubs contributed to the give a dog a genome project and a dog with PRA was used in the study, unfortunately the type of PRA this dog had was not PRA3 and unfortunately no definitive markers for the type of PRA this dog had were seen, however the DNA from this dog is still being used in their research program.

There is a wealth of information in the breed so if anyone has a question please do not hesitate to ask, we may not know the answer but will endeavour to get the relevant information for you.

Sheila Thomson

(Beed health representative to the kennel club)

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Northern Tibetan Spaniel Club	Sheila Thomson
Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland	Mrs Gail Adams
South East and East Anglian Tibetan Spaniel Society	Ms Sarah Styles.

A HISTORY OF THE TIBETAN SPANIEL

The Tibetan Spaniel is thought to have existed for centuries, possibly in a similar form as long ago as 200BC, but certainly back to before the time of Marco Polo, who described seeing “little golden-coated nimble dogs commonly bred by the people themselves in their homes”, which could describe the Tibetan Spaniels of today. Bred mainly in the villages these dogs varied in size from around 4 to 16 lbs, with the smallest ones considered the most valuable and often given to the monasteries as a special gift. The dogs bred in the monasteries were, therefore, normally smaller and finer, and although they were more varied in type due to the influence of the Chinese “lion” dogs mentioned later they were more elegant and had more quality than the village bred dogs. The dogs bred in the monasteries nearer the Chinese border had shorter muzzles, more like the Chinese dogs they were in part descended from while the ones bred in the monasteries west of Lhasa tended to be longer muzzled due to the lack of influence from the Chinese dogs. In her book, Miss Mayhew called these the true ancient Tibetan type.

Marco Polo also likened the lions in the Imperial menagerie to these little golden coated dogs. In the Buddhist religion the lion was very significant and symbolised the power of the peaceful Lord Buddha over aggression and violence, as Buddha had tamed the lion and it followed at his heels like a faithful dog. It was thus easy to liken the small dogs that trotted at the Lamas heels to the lion of Buddha and it became customary to give these “lions” to important guests and to other monasteries, eventually extending to Chinese and other Buddhist countries palaces as they became more popular and highly valued. This gesture was reciprocated with Chinese “lion” dogs being given to Tibet right up until 1908 when the Dalai Lama visited the Dowager Empress of China and took with him the traditional gift of a dog.

It has to be said that in the earlier years interbreeding of dog types in Tibet was fairly common except by the upper classes who tended to be more careful and choosy with their breeding “programme” Both Mrs Wynyard and Miss Mayhew, in their books, allude to the Tibetan Spaniel having very likely played a part in the development of the Pekingese and Shih Tzu in China.

Tibetan Spaniels were also taken over the border into India and also to the Mediterranean countries by traders who brought the dogs with them as company and watch dogs. There is a belief that they could be the ancestors of other breeds when crossed with other local native breeds.

Although there were almost certainly Tibetan Spaniels brought back to the UK by people returning from China and India before the end of the 19th century, the first recorded would appear to be a dog called Ching which was bought from a sailor returning from the Far East in 1895. It lived until 1908 and displayed all the characteristics of a typical Tibetan Spaniel, being small, aloof, dignified and with a short, well cushioned muzzle. He was bright red in colour. In 1905 Mr Frank Wormald brought back a red & white parti-colour called Lhasa from Tibet. This dog had a long, blunt muzzle, but the main importer of Tibetan, or Thibet, Spaniels around the turn of the 19th century was the Hon. Mrs McLaren Morrison, who appears to have been the first exhibitor of the breed in Britain, showing 2 dogs at a show in 1898. Her dogs would appear to be of the short nose variety, while Mrs Wormald, who also imported and bred Tibetan Spaniels, favoured the longer nosed type which she claimed was the true type. This harks back to what has been said earlier about the 2 types, dependent on which area of Tibet they came from.

The early imported dogs were mainly black and white or black and tan, but the Hon. Mrs McLaren Morrison managed to breed other colours, such as sable, tan & ruby and brown. In 1911 she wrote in the *Kennel* that she had mated a cream bitch and a black dog and the resultant puppies were 1 cream, 1 black, 1 deep chocolate brown and 1 orange. The cream daughter was later mated to a black dog and produced 2 black puppies, the orange bitch later produced 2 dogs, 1 biscuit coloured and 1 light brown. A pure black female and a pure black sire produced a brown & white puppy. This shows that knowing the pedigrees and colours of the dog and bitch being mated is important. Mating 2 dogs of the same colour doesn't guarantee the puppies being the same colour!

Around 1909 there were 50 to 60 Tibetan Spaniels in Britain and the expectation then was that the breed would expand in numbers and become popular due to their friendly and loving nature. However, in 1915 the breed was

apparently only just “holding its own” according to a writer in *Our Dogs* and in 1925 the same person wrote that the breed was almost extinct. However, in 1932 he wrote in *Our Dogs* that although the breed was one of the most ancient in origin, Mrs McLaren Morrison told him that the breed had changed and the Tibetan Spaniels she saw now were different to the dogs imported/owned by her and others 25 years ago and earlier. This indicates that between the war years the breed had developed and evolved.

During the 2nd World War the breed virtually died out as kennels reduced in size and numbers and no or very little breeding was done. After the war breeding stock in Britain was to all intents and purposes non-existent, with the only dog to be found called Skyid. He was a large dog, possibly about 3 times the size of a normal Tibetan Spaniel, long in the muzzle with a very long coat and very undershot. Stock therefore had to be imported. A bitch called Mughiwuli was presented to Lady Wakefield in India in the early 1940s and was mated to a dog from a monastery in western Tibet in 1941. 2 of the resultant puppies, a dog and a bitch, were bought by Lt. Col. Hawkins and brought to Britain in 1946 and registered as Garpon and Potala. Sir Edward Wakefield also obtained another dog puppy from the Mughiwuli mating called Lama and a bitch puppy called Dolma from a monastery in Eastern Tibet and brought them to Britain. For many years after, all the Tibetan Spaniels in Britain were descended from these dogs.

The TSA was formed in 1958 when the Tibetan Breeds Association broke up. It campaigned for every puppy buyer to join and boost the registrations with the KC. The first set of CCs were granted to the breed in 1960 at Crufts, with Kye Ho Tumi winning the first ever dog CC in Britain and Chuni La winning the first ever bitch CC in Britain. In 1965 the first Tibetan Spaniel to win a Junior Warrant was Sivas Lakshmi, a bitch, and the first male to win a Junior Warrant was Braeduke Jhanki of Wimaro in 1967. It was 1969 before a black & tan won a JW and 1973 before a parti-colour won a JW, showing the difficulty for a rarer colour to win.

The first ever TSA open show was held in 1967 and the first Ch show in 1968, and in 1975 the South Western club was formed, followed by the Northern club in 1977. The TSCS was formed in 1984 and held its first open show in May 1985, with the first Ch Show being held in 1988.

Early exhibitors in Scotland were Mrs A Young, Aileen's grandmother, who purchased a black & tan bitch in 1967 and an adult parti-colour bitch in 1968, Huntglen Rosaree Akasha who was the first parti-colour to win a CC in Britain. She was the foundation bitch and a great influence on the Balgay kennel. Mrs Young also made up the first ever Irish Champion in the breed. Also, Mrs V Armstrong with the Friarland kennel who made up the first Scottish bred British Champion with Ch Friarland Lu-Lha and Miss Y Border (now Rawley) who specialised in the auburn red coloured dogs with her Sharbonne kennel. Other Scottish exhibitors who began showing and breeding in the 1970s and 1980s were Mrs Linda Johnstone (Tuyet), Mr & Mrs Main (Niam), Mr & Mrs Dick Niord), Mrs McKie, Mrs & Miss Cadiz (Careana) Miss Sheila Thomson (Tamrae), Mrs Pat Scott (Appen), Mr & Mrs Stevenson (Amadrew), and Mr & Mrs Gregory (Yennek). Later exhibitors were Mrs S Furley, Mr & Mrs Clarke, Mr & Mrs Brown and Mrs R Campbell, followed by Mr & Mrs Souza, Mrs Smith, Mr & Mrs MacLeod and the present-day exhibitors we all know.

There have been many British Champions made up by Scots exhibitors, and the following are multiple CC winning dogs and were Scottish breed record holders in their time:

- Ch Changilli Lo-la, 11 CCs and 13 res CCs, owned by Mr Stevenson. Won the Pedigree Chum Veteran Stakes at SKC in 1984.
- Ch Anavrin Caledonia Dream, 12 CCs and 4 Res CCs, owned by Mr Souza.
- Ch Anavrin Highlander, 10 CCs and 6 Res CCs, owned by Mr Souza. He is still the breed record holder for a parti-colour.
- Ch Torfness Scarlet Phancy, 21 CCs and 2 Res CCs owned by Mrs Smith, who was BOB at Crufts for 3 years in succession.

The litter which produced the 2 Anavrin Champions above also produced another Champion, Ch Anavrin Flower of Scotland, making 3 Champions from the same litter.

Another dog, Mrs MacLeod's Ch Naruan Morning Sen-Sa-Shon, 8 CCs and 9 Res CCs, was placed 4th in the group at Crufts in 2003 and Mr & Mrs Dick's Ch Niord Ricochet won a heat of the Pedigree Chum Champion Stakes.

Brian Stevenson.

Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland – April 16th, 2023

All my thanks to the Club and the members for their invitation to judge, the officers & committee for their welcome on the day and to my efficient steward.

This was an interesting entry in that it showed that we still have a depth of quality, a plurality of colours, a longevity with many of the older exhibits still able to challenge for top positions and finally that we have retained many of the breed specific characteristics such as hare feet, oval eye, muzzle cushioning, depth of chin. A few points to watch for: bites should be undershot, shoulders well laid, fronts only “slightly bowed”, heads small in proportion to body. In general, I was very pleased with my winners and found in particular that the dog line up was strong, which is great for the breed as bitches have generally tended to have more depth of quality.

VD (4/1):

1. Breeze & Styles' CH Paralde Little Bredy with Hilsar – a 12 y/o very classic male, lovely silhouette, in good coat condition with top coat being silky and lying flat. Moderate in all respects, with a blunt muzzle, correct bite, lovely oval eye shape & dark colour. He has lovely hare feet and moved very steadily around the ring. BVIS.
2. DeRizzio's Oldcharm Galaxy of Love – 10 y/o with a good head, lovely eye shape, good blunt muzzle, correct ear set. He is well balanced and another one with lovely hare feet. In good coat condition, not quite the lay of shoulders of 1.

MPD (3/0):

1. Smith's Torfness Gamekeepers Vigil – Light gold who has a lovely shape and good substance for age. Excellent front construction, his neck gracefully flows into a level topline ending in a high tailset. Attractive head with good earset, correct muzzle shape, length and bite, lovely dark eye colour. Balanced movement and keeping his shape at all times. BPD
2. Pilsburys' Kernow Tagliatelle – Black & tan boy who was quite a handful for his handler but with a good lay of shoulders, correct tailset & good angulation front & rear. A little plain in head for me but his bite is correctly undershot, he has a lovely eye shape & colour, and his ears are well set & carried. A little untidy on the move today but nothing a little more training cannot deal with.

PD (1/0):

1. EJ Thomson's Tibbiestars Time Lord – Red gold who presents a lovely overall shape, correct skull size, correct length of muzzle, the darkest of eyes which are of correct oval shape. A little more depth of chin would finish the picture. Good ribcage, level topline & high set tail. Shoulder could be slightly more laid back, but he has a good forearm with the correct amount of bow and good pasterns. Lovely silky topcoat & good undercoat.

YD (5/0):

1. McLean's Glencoul Magical Dust – Gold with small head in proportion to body, lovely eye shape & colour, good earset, lovely length of muzzle & correct undershot bite. Good neckline flowing into level topline & correct high tailset with good carriage. Could have slightly longer ribcage and lay of shoulder to compliment the picture. Lovely hare feet & moved in a balanced fashion.
2. Christies' Betranna Athos – Smaller dog with masculine head, good length of muzzle, correct eye shape with the darkest of colour. Good overall balance & lovely high tailset. Liked his ear fringes, a lovely breed feature! Not quite as clean in front movement as 1.

GD (4/1):

1. Cooper & Obrien's Susu More Than A Prince – Very attractive gold dog with a lovely outline, lovely small head with good eye shape & colour, lovely length of muzzle with good shape, good earset. He is well constructed and balanced, with a good spring of ribs, lovely high tailset, level topline, correct hare feet. Handled to get the most out of him, he could not be denied the class due to his sheer type.

2. Birkett, McDowell & Harlow's Souska Nothin But The best – 22y/o sable with good body proportions, good ribcage, good moderate turn of stifles, tailset could be higher, correct hare feet. Masculine head with correct bite, would prefer more oval eye. Good fringing. Not quite as positive in movement as 1.

PGD (9/1):

1. Campbell's Teindland Benromach – lovely moderate male who presents a good overall balance & outline, lovely high set to his well carried tail, level topline. Good skull shape & size. Liked his oval eye shape & dark colour, lovely earset, correct bite. Lovely silky coat, good hare feet. His movement is balanced & positive. A dog that is very correct & shouldn't be ignored.

2. Bruce's Betranna Aramis – A well balanced dog with a lovely outline and well-constructed. He shows himself on the move. Lovely hare feet and in good coat. Masculine in head, correct length of muzzle, good eye shape & colour. Just preferred the slightly more refined skull of 1.

LD (9/1):

1. Ferguson's Torfness Kissed by Fire – A handsome gold dog with lovely overall outline, he has an attractive masculine but still soft expression. Lovely eye, perfect earset, size & carriage, good muzzle with correct amount of cushioning. He has a level topline, good front construction, good tailset & carriage. He moves well and presents a lovely shape on the stand. Pushed the two ticket winners very hard.

2. Campbell Teindland Macduff – slightly smaller dog than 1, but again, one with a masculine yet soft expression. Lovely ear set & carriage with attractive fringes, lovely dark pigment, good bite & dentition. He is well balanced, with moderate angulation front & rear and in good coat. Lovely hare feet.

OD (7/0): Pleased to say this was a good class.

1. McDonald's Balgay Dru Ma JW – Sable parti who has a lovely overall balanced outline, good substance, small but masculine head, good muzzle length & correct bite, good eye shape & colour, lovely earset and ears have attractive fringes. His ribcage is of correct length & depth, good medium short neck, level topline, well angulated, good tailset & lovely feet. Lovely shape standing, coat of good quality, lovely hare feet. RCC in a very competitive line-up.

2. Asquiths' Never say Goodbye Lucy's secret of Baarnayotms (imp CZE) – Black & Tan with lovely balance, high tailset, lovely neckline, small head in proportion to body, with lovely eye shape & colour, good length of muzzle, correct bite. A little more cushioning would complete the picture of what is a very classic & typical head. His movement is balanced & assured.

Spec Bred by Exh. D (3/0):

1. Campbell's Teindland Benromach

2. Breeze & Styles' Ch Hilsar Little Venn – 9 y/o male with a lovely outline, good lay of shoulders and correct moderate turn of stifles. Lovely hare feet. He has a good head which is small in proportion to body lovely dark oval eyes, correct bite, although with age some teeth have gone missing. Carries quite some weight at the moment, which must be meaning he is enjoying life!

Special Not Bred by Exh. D (4/0):

1. Breeze & Styles' Ch Paralde Little Bredy with Hilsar

2. Birkett, McDowell & Harlow's Souska Nothin But The best

Colour "A" D (1/0):

1. Irvines' Susu Life Of The Parti – Lemon & white parti with a good outline, correct hare feet, small head with small ears, good eye colour, nose pigment could be darker. Would prefer more depth & width of chine. Shown in a lovely silky coat.

Colour "B" D (5/1):

1. Asquiths' Never say Goodbye Lucy's secret of Baarnayotms (imp CZE)

2. McDonald's Balgay First Foot – Lovely size & shape, correct level topline & correct high set tail. Masculine head with correct bite, good eye shape, could have slightly more length of muzzle. Lovely hare feet. Moved well, but not quite as clean in front as 1.

CHD (1/0):

1. Hamiltons' CH Torfness Prince Harry Of Galetibbian – A gold masculine dog of lovely size & shape nearing his 7th birthday. Level topline, lovely lay of shoulders, good return of upper arm, correct turn of stifles, correct high tailset. His movement is simply perfect, effortless, positive and you get the impression he could walk for hours without losing his attractive shape. Correct oval dark eye, good muzzle for length & cushioning, correct bite. I have judged him as a junior and awarded him the Res CC and he seems to be the type of dog who has gone on to keep improving with age and I've no doubt has many years in the ring still. Just could not be denied the DCC and later BIS.

VB (10/1): a very strong class and a pleasure to judge

1. Short's CH Malia Yuan Zhi – a 12 y/o bitch of lovely size. Small attractive head in proportion to body, good muzzle with cushioning, fabulous earset & fringes. She has lovely feet & a presented in good coat condition. Level topline, nice tailset. Carries a little bit too much weight at the moment, but who could blame her, and this doesn't detract from her lovely outline. Full of breed features which reminded me why I gave her the CC last time.

2. Smith's CH Torfness Scarlet Phancy – 9 y/o bitch who is slightly taller than one. She has an attractive feminine head, small skull, lovely oval eye of correct size and placement and with the darkest of colour. Good earset & fringes and she uses the, to advantage. Well-constructed, level topline, she moves well around the ring. Just top quality.

MPB (4/0):

1. Short's Malia Miss Dior – a feminine gold bitch of lovely size & shape, attractive oval eye of good dark colour, lovely ear set, size & carriage, nicely shaped muzzle & correct bite. She is

well angulated, has a level topline & high tailset & carriage. Lovely coat texture. Very pretty. BPB & BPIS

2. Hamilton Torfness Hollie Day Romance of Galetibbian – another pretty headed bitch, still quite raw in comparison to the finish of 1 & needs to body up but she has a lovely eye shape & dark colour and good bite. Level topline, moderate angulation front & rear & high tailset.

PB (1/0):

1. S. Thomson's Tamrae Parti With The Stars – 11m/o Lemon particolour with a lovely body shape, level topline, good tailset & carriage. Dark pigment, lovely dark eye, correct blunt muzzle & good bite. Totally sound on the move & carries a lovely silky coat.

JB (5/2):

1. Abercrombie's Tibwood She Tells Our Story JW – Sable bitch of good height at withers, well-constructed with a level topline & a good tailset. Her head is small in proportion to her body with attractive oval dark eyes and a lovely earset. She is presented in lovely muscle & coat condition and moves with purpose.

2. Gilling's Princess Mulan Ilharess of Talocan (Imp POL) – Gold bitch with a dark mask, she has a correct eye shape & dark colour, good balanced head with muzzle of good length, black nose & good pigment. Level topline & high tailset, lovely hare feet. Needs more training to show herself off on the move, but a typey girl.

YB (9/1):

1. Campbell's Tulibell Bad Habits – Small feminine bitch, lovely eyes, fabulous chin, lovely blunt muzzle and good earset. She is nicely angulated, with a good outline & tailset & moved well.
2. Smith's Torfness Phancy Kisses – Gold bitch who like 1 exudes femininity, she has a little more body but otherwise a lot of the same attributes. Lovely dark oval eye, lovely silky topcoat. I wrote "a bit of a livewire" in my notes...!

GB (4/0):

1. Johnstone's Tuyet Flissa – Gold/Red Sable, a very honest bitch with lots to like, she has a typical head & expression with the darkest of eye, good earset & carriage with fringes, correct undershot bite, good cushioning and blunt muzzle. Level topline, good tail carriage and a steady mover.
2. Clements' Tulibell Diva Pawtrol – A slightly taller bitch but with lovely breed specific attributes, oval dark eyes, good earset & carriage, lovely hare feet. Would prefer darker pigment & tighter lips but she has a correct undershot mouth. Reasonably well angulated front & rear.

PGB (8/2):

1. EJ Thomson's Tibbiestars Shady Lady – Red bitch with a lovely overall shape, correct neckline flowing into a level topline, well-constructed, good spring & length of ribcage, lovely hare feet. She has an attractive face-on expression with lovely dark eye, good blunt muzzle and correct bite. Moves very soundly. Hyperactive!
2. Smith's Torfness Fire & Blood – A pretty bitch of similar shape, slightly lighter overall, lovely blunt muzzle, good earset, pigment not quite as strong as 1. Another one with lovely hare feet and moving soundly with lovely high tailset & carriage.

LB (12/2): Probably the most challenging class of the day.

1. McDonald's Balgay Gya Thuk – an honest, sound bitch with a head that is small in relation to her body. She has a level topline, good tailset, is moderately angulated front & rear just like the standard calls for and balanced on the move, keeping her shape at all times. Good oval eye shape, correct shape & length of muzzle. Presented in good coat.
2. Asquith's Baarnayotms Minnie Drachen – Black & White with a lovely overall outline, level topline & high tailset. Correct hare feet and in lovely coat condition. Would like to tighter elbows. Head is small with a lovely width & depth of underjaw, eye shape could be more oval, but good eye colour.

OB (6/0):

1. Adams' Balgay Okurimono- this sable bitch has a lovely shape & size. Feminine with a small head, dark oval eyes, good high earset, correct mouth & good width & depth of chin. Lovely hare feet, so well-constructed, good spring of ribs which extend well back, level topline, moves soundly. Presented in lovely silky coat, she won in good company. BCC, BOS & RBIS
2. Place & Halliday's CH Susu Wears Prada in Lockdown at Aarminias – a lovely feminine bitch with the darkest of eye, I like her blunt muzzle and that typical disdainful expression. Level topline, lovely tail carriage, fabulous hare feet and so settled on the move. RCC

Spec. Bred by Exh B (5/1):

1. EJ Thomson's Tibbiestars Shady Lady
2. Breeze & Styles' Hilsar UCant Ignore A Nora – 6y/o rich gold girl, good outline spoilt a little by the extra weight she carries. Lovely classical head with dark oval eyes, good muzzle with some cushioning, correct width of underjaw. Level topline & good tailset although carriage could be better. Lovely hare feet.

Spec. not Bred by Exh B (2/0):

1. Gilling's Princess Mulan Ilharess of Talocan (Imp POL)

2. Abercrombie's Ravenways Don't let It Go For Tibwood – Very showy bitch with level topline & lovely high tailset & carriage. Good length of muzzle but would prefer darker pigment & thinner ears. Well-constructed but a little long and could be more refined throughout.

Colour "A" B. (3/0):

1. Cooper & O'Brien's Susu Princess Spice Parti JW – Small lemon parti-colour girl, she has a good overall shape, small head, good ear shape, size & set. Nice dark eye, good pigment, lovely overall carriage & moves well.

2. S. Thomson's Tamrae Parti With The Stars

Colour "B" B. (5/0):

1. McDonald's Betranna Au-Rora Over Balgay – Black bitch with white patches, a little more "solid" than I normally go for but she presents a good outline, lovely neckline, good lay of shoulders. Good head qualities with correct oval eyeshape & good dark colour, full dentition with slight undershot. Moves well.

2. DeRizzio's Parloueve All That Jazz – A pretty little B&T with attitude. Liked her size. Good earset & carriage, lovely underjaw, good eye shape & colour, lovely head markings. Good ribcage, would prefer slightly better angulation in front. Lovely hare feet.

CH B. (1/0):

1. Short's Ch Malia Summer Memories – a very pretty & feminine gold bitch, lovely outline, lovely dark oval eye, correct blunt muzzle with cushioning, correct ear set, size & carriage with attractive fringing. Excellent front construction, lovely hare feet, good high tailset. Would prefer a little more width in hind action. Lovely coat texture and pushed hard for the RCC.

Lionel Prouve (Castafiore)

Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland Open Show Special Classes 17th September 2023

I would like to thank the Committee of the Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland for asking me to judge the Special Classes, I have to say I had a great day and was over the moon that so many people trusted me to go over their lovely dogs. I would like to thank the Exhibitors for their good sportsmanship shown by the Majority Accepting decisions that I had made, My only problem I had on the day was I only had one first for each class as there was a lot to love, many beautiful dogs here today I was splitting hairs in each Class I would like to thank my steward who kept the ring going and to the Committee for all their hard work the lunch was great and the hall was one of the best I have been to, the raffle was great too well done everyone it was lovely seeing everyone in Red.

Yearling Dog or Bitch

1 Thomsons Tamrae Parti with Stars this beautiful Parti girl pulled out all the stops she has the most beautiful soft head she had the correct blunt muzzle with correct bite with lovely dark pigment I loved her shape she moved with drive am sure she will do well in the future 2 Hamitons Torfness Hollie Day Romance of Galetibbian another beautiful girl with a lovely head and lovely dark pigment I felt today that she gave this class away with been naughty on the move and I felt I could not see her movement but then again she is still young just out puppy with time she will settle and am sure we will see her do big things just today she was not on good form never the less a stunning girl.

Limit Dog or bitch

1 Campbell's Tulibell Bad Habits JW the lovely 2 year bitch pulled out all the stops in this class she has the most beautiful feminine head with just the right amount of chin lovely dark pigment she moved round the ring like this is her day I really could not pick her 2 Mclean Glencoul Magical Dust another lovely dog this blonde boy had to give way to number one he has a soft masculine head with a lovely shape good lay of shoulders shown in gleaming Condition would like to see him free standing which would give better silhouette

Open Dog or bitch

The Hardest Class of the Day 1 Ch Balgay Okurimono This 4 and half year old would not let me pass her she has one of the best top line I have seen today she has a beautiful feminine head with the lovely dark pigment she has the right blunt muzzle with just the right amount of cushioning lovely laid back shoulders showing in beautiful coat I can see why she's a champion .2 Cooper and Obrien SuSu Princess spice Parti JW W17 it's hard to believe this girl is a veteran she moved like she was just young she is lovely in Size and has a lovely feminine head with the loveliest dark eyes she was shown in beautiful coat would be lovely to see this girl get her crown as she deserves it.

Caroline Hendry (Jazpiper)

The Tibetan Club of Scotland Open show 17th September 2023

I would like to thank the officers and committee for my appointment and to the exhibitors for the great entry. Presentation was excellent. It was a very enjoyable show with a lovely ringside atmosphere. Everyone looked so smart dressed in red. Thanks also to my steward for keeping the ring flowing smoothly.

MPD (1) 1. Tollan's Rosanley Tavernier To Anasmas, 7mths f/s with black mask, lovely outgoing young boy full of himself as he should be at this age. Head small in proportion to body, moderate stop, lovely dark oval eyes, well set ears with desired fringing, good mouth with nice blunt muzzle, slight undershot, in good body and coat, move well once he settled. BPS

PD (3/1): 1. Gilling's Talocan Heart of Eternity, 11mths g/s presented in good coat, well balance boy, masculine soft head, good front with a slight bow on front legs, moderate neck leading into well placed shoulders, moved well.

2. Tollan's, Rosanley McGregor To Anasmas, 7mths f/s with dark mask, another happy chap enjoying his day, litter brother to MPD, much the same attributes as his brother, well-proportioned head with well-set ears, in good body for his age liked his cheeky Character.

ND (3) 1. Tollan's Anasmas Maverick, 2yr fawn, masculine small head, ears well set, good lay of shoulder, correct size and balance moved well, presented in beautiful condition.

2. Gilling's Talocan of Eternity, 11mths g/s good head with pleasing expression, shoulders well placed, nice spring of rib, quick moving, held a level top line, correct tail carriage.

3. Campbells Tulibell Stan Lee

PGD (2) 1. Cooper & O'Brien's Susu More Than A Prince, 3yrs p/g, small balanced head with soft expression, good reach of neck, well balanced body, very sound on the move with good tail carriage, well presented, showed well.

2. Gilling's Kentwone Epsilon Of Talocan, 2yr g/s good head and expression, correct shoulders and body, move well, lovely hare feet, presented in good coat and condition.

LD (10) a lovely class with a range of types with some lovely dogs being unplaced

1. Bruce's Betranna Aramis, 2yr fawn with white markings an eye-catching boy, good mouth with a nice blunt muzzle with cushioning, firm top line with well sprung ribs of a good length, good bone, moved powerfully and freely, very well presented. RBD

2. Mcleans' Glencoul Magic Dust, 2yr p/g small, neat head with good lift of ears which adds to his expression, well balanced throughout ideal for size, presented in good coat and condition, positive mover, good firm top, correct hare feet.

3. Christie's Betranna Athos

OD (6,3) 1. Campell's Teindland Macduff, 4yr g/s soft masculine balanced head with good eye shape and pigment, well sprung ribs, in good body and muscle, move well, lovely soft coat with fringing, correct hare feet.

2. Tollan's Rosanley Hermes AT Anasmas, f/s Lovely balanced dog, masculine head, dark oval eyes, nice reach of neck, good front with slight bow, well-muscled body move well.

3. Wilson's Rosanley At Lymehills

VD/B (7,1) 1. Cooper & O'Brien's Susu Princess Spice parti JW. W17, 7yr parti-colour B have always loved this girl and she has matured so well. Such a well-balanced bitch, has a lovely head, well placed ears, dark eyes, shoulders well placed, good spring of rib with a correct silky Coat she won this Class on her movement she was at one with her handler BVIS

2. Campbell's Tulibell At Hogwarts JW ShCM 7yr sable B another lovely girl, small balance head, dark oval eyes, ears well set, moderate reach of neck, front legs with slight bow moved briskly round the ring

3. Brown's Torfness Cassius Clay

Vintage D/B (2,1) 1. Campbell's Tibbymills Ace Of Hearts ShCM 12yrs cream B Gorgeous small feminine head with well-placed ears in good body and condition move well round the ring, presented in beautiful condition. Best Vintage.

Special colour 'A' particolour D/B (5) 1. Campbell's Tulibell Su Pryze Partii JW 6yrs particolour B a lovely girl she was shown in a full silky coat with all the furnishings, small balanced head slight defined stop with dark oval eyes with the darkest of pigment which gave her soft melting expression, in good body maybe carrying a bit too much weight this said it didn't hinder her movement she moved true and free.

2. Cooper Obrien's Susu Princess Parti JW W17.

3. Thomson & Prentice Tamrae Parti with The Stars

Special colour 'B' Best Black and Tan D/B (4)

1. Tollan's Anasmas Amalegend almost 10yrs black with white markings D A handsome boy who doesn't show his age, masculine head good defined stop and length of muzzle, slightly undershot showing a good chin, good front, level top line, just the right angulation in front and back which helped him power round the ring, head held high and proud kept his topline at all times, his tail carried well over his back, correct amount of coat in good condition, presented and shown well. Best Dog

2. Johnstone's Tuyet's Charlotti Boo 2yr Black and tan. A well-made girl, a little unsure of herself today, moderate length of neck, good shoulder placement in good body and condition, well presented,

3. Bruce's Betranna At-Lanta

MPB (1)

1. Campbell & Wilson Rosanley Aaliyah 7mths FS with black mask small pretty girl, sweet head good mouth with depth of chin, tail well set, a little unsettled on the move but that's to be expected as she was having a great time enjoying her first show. RBP

PB no entries

JB (3,1) Two promising girls who I know will change places many times

1. Hamilton's Torfness Hollie Day Romance of Galetibbian 13mths g/s excellently presented in coat and condition this lovely girl has a small feminine head, correct dark eyes and pigment well placed ears, level top line which she kept on the move, tail carried well, moderate bone, good front and rear well angulated, moved well round the ring at one with her handler.

2. Thomson & prentice Tamrae Parti with the stars 16mths particolour another promising girl with sweet well-balanced head with a soft expression, dark oval eyes excellent pigment, muzzle blunt with good cushioning and chin, in good bone and body, good spring of rib firm level topline. Lovely soft silky coat which is beginning to come back in, moved well.

NB (3) 1. Tollan's Betranna Ara Minta 2yrs Black with white markings nicely marked girl, soft expression, good mouth with correct dentation, good eye and shape, correct shoulder placement good front, lovely hare feet, moved well.

2. Johnstone's Tuyet's Charlotti Boo 22mths b/t

3. Gilling's Kentwone Hugs and Kisses of Talocan

PGB (9,2) 1. Campbell's Tulibell Bad Habits JW 2yr f/s with black mask very feminine girl head small in proportion to body, moderate bone, beautiful dark eyes and expression, small hare feet presented in full coat and condition, moved well never taking her eyes of her handler.

2. Thomson and Prentice Crockerne Love to Talk with Tamrae 3yrs g/s pretty feminine girl, with good overall balance, correct size, in good body, good front with forelegs slightly bowed, shown in lovely silky coat with desired furnishings, moved briskly round the ring.

3. Irvine's Tulibell Monty's girl

LB (5,1)1. Cambell's Teindland Strathisla 4yr F/s. Have always liked this girl she is a good size, sweet small head with soft expression, good front with well laid shoulders, good spring of rib, soft silky coat finished off with lovely hare feet

2. Adams Balgay Them Thuk 4yr g/s with black mask, glad to see this girl use her ears today which enhances her expression, good level topline well-presented and shown, moved out well

3. Tollan's Anasmas Godiva

OB (5,2) 1. Place & Halliday Ch Susu Wears Parada in Lockdown 3yr p/g beautifully presented glamorous girl so feminine and true to type. Correct small balanced head Front and rear strong with good muscle, such a beautiful profile standing and on the move, a delight to go over, moved like a dream with style worthy of her championship status. Was please to award her BIS

2. Adams Ch Balgay Okurimono 5yr f/s black mask another worthy champion, shown in excellent coat and presentation, so well balanced throughout, so graceful on the move she takes being aloof to the next level have always admired her.

3. Kerr's Vonvue Mythical Queen

McClymont Memorial Members Stake Dog (2) 1. Christie's Betranna Athos 2yr f/s well-presented and handled, in good coat and condition, correct dark eyes of good shape, well place shoulders, level topline, in good body with a good spring of rib, well let down hocks. Moved well.

2. Brown's Torfness Cassius Clay 6yr g/s Masculine boy with a soft expression, good body with depth of chest, well presented with full furnishings, moved steady.

McClymont Memorial Members Stake Bitch (1) Adams Ch Okurimono

Denise Coughtrie.

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Introducing our Judges for 2025

Championship Show

Mr Brian Stevenson



In 1961 I joined the Royal Navy and in 1970 I left and began a career in electronics which lasted for about 40 years before retiring. During this time, I met and married Myra and in 1979 we bought our first Tibetan Spaniel, a Black and Tan bitch called Serena. She was followed by a sable bitch, Friarland Kai Lu, who was mated to Balgay Artali and produced 5 puppies. We kept 1 puppy, Shan-Dee of Amadrew, using our affix Amadrew which is a mixture of Amanda and Andrew, the middle names of our children. We then bought a gold bitch, Changilli Lho-La, who eventually became a Champion and held the CC breed record in Scotland for many years with 11 CCs and 13 Reserve CCs. Most of the other dogs with the Amadrew affix or suffix have been owned and showed by Myra. The only other breed I was involved with was Miniature Shetland Sheepdogs as my parents had 2 when I was younger.

I first awarded CCs in 2004 at Driffield and have awarded CCs 5 times in total and I have judged the breed many times at Open shows as well as judging Groups and Best in Show.

I was the Secretary of Border Union Ch Dog Show for 30 years before calling it a day and was a founder member of the TSCS. I currently serve on the committee and act as the Trophy Steward.

Open Show - 2025

Tina Quest (Chenrezi)



I was born into a dog loving family, and as a child I was fortunate to be encouraged to show my own dogs, firstly Afghans, then later also my Mother's Toy Poodles. When Gary and I married in 1980 we bought our first German Shepherd Dog and we bred and exhibited them for many years. When I was 30, I was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis and realised I would need to downsize if I wanted to keep showing. We looked around for a small breed with a big attitude and of course that led us into Tibbies!

Our first Tibbie came in 1994 from the Sharbonne Kennel, Sharbonne Tash-Shah. As so often happens, one Tibbie led to two, then three.... you all know how it goes once this adorable breed takes hold of your heart! We bred our first litter of TS in 1998 under the affix Chenrezi. We have bred four UK champions and three European champions as well as many here with CCs, Junior Warrants and Veteran Warrants. We were the Tibetan Spaniel Associations 'Breeder of the Year' in 2015 & 2016 and owned the TSA's Top Brood bitch in 2015 Chenrezi Solitaire, her daughter Chenrezi Supermodel for Mynapaw was the South Western Tibetan Spaniel Club's top junior in the same year.

We are regular exhibitors in the UK and Ireland, in 2017 our breeders team came 4th overall all breeds at Crufts. In 2018 we exhibited at the WDS in Amsterdam, where we won the BENELUX-W 18 title with our home bred Ch Chenrezi Troublemaker. I have a special soft spot for our veterans; I believe Tibbies are like a fine wine – they get better with age. We currently share our home and our lives with thirteen much loved Tibetan Spaniels, ranging in age from four-month-old Remi to fourteen-year-old Tia.

We both believe in giving something back to the world of dogs, I am the secretary and treasurer of the South West Utility Club, regularly steward for local open shows and I'm Vice President of Exeter and County Canine Society.

I began judging Tibetan Spaniels in 2017. I am always excited at the prospect of judging the breed closest to my heart and would like to thank the Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland for inviting me to judge at their open show in 2025. I look forward to meeting your beautiful Tibetan Spaniels

Something for the human slaves

Leftover Pakora

Makes 12-15

Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp Greek yoghurt
 - 1 tbsp cumin seeds (dry toasted)
 - 1 1/2 tsp curry powder
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 1 tsp grated fresh ginger
 - 1 tsp chilli flakes or 1-2 chillies, finely chopped (or more to taste)
 - 1 heaped tbsp chopped coriander
 - 1 medium egg, beaten
 - 100-150g chickpea flour
 - Approx. 125g shredded leftover turkey or chicken meat
 - 4-5 leftover roast parsnips, grated or diced (approx. 85g)
 - 3 leftover roast carrots, grated or diced (approx. 85g)
 - handful of curly kale (approx. 40g), destalked and shredded
 - 1 small brown onion, finely sliced (approx. 80g)
 - vegetable oil
- Note: You want roughly an equal volume of each of the leftover ingredients

Method:

1. Heat your oven to 180c and line a large baking sheet with greaseproof paper.
2. Take a large bowl, mix together the yoghurt, cumin seeds, salt, grated ginger, chillies, and chopped coriander. Taste, and adjust the seasoning.
3. Mix in the beaten egg followed by the flour, you'll have a thick batter, you want a dropping consistency.
4. Add the cooked meat, leftover vegetables, shredded kale and sliced onion to the batter. Use your hand to mix and squelch everything together (keep one hand clean). You may want to add in a touch more chickpea flour for a thicker batter consistency or add water if your batter is too thick.
5. Heat some vegetable oil in a frying pan. You can test when the oil is hot enough by gently dropping in a piece of onion, if it sizzles the oil is hot enough.
6. Time to shallow fry. You will need 2 tablespoons, one to scoop out the mixture (ensure you have an equal amount of all the veggies in each scoop), the other to help gently place it in the hot oil and slide off the other spoon. Be mindful not to overload your pan. Fry the pakoras until golden on each side.
7. Once fried and golden place the pakoras onto kitchen towel to absorb any excess oil. Repeat as necessary.
8. Now transfer the pakoras onto the lined baking sheet and bake until cooked through – will be around 5 minutes depending on how thick your pakoras are. Or you can air fry.

Eat immediately with whatever sauces and chutneys take your fancy

Have you ever tasted nasturtium seeds?

If like me you spend ages collecting them from plants before the dogs have a feast

They're nutty and peppery and they can be pickled to make an English version of the continental caper check the seeds carefully only use fresh & green only, reject any brown ones they can be kept dried and stored for next spring.

1. Pick the Nasturtium seeds when still green. Place in a wet brine made of 50g salt and 450ml /1 pint cold water. Leave for 24 hrs.
2. Drain the seeds and rinse, then pack into warmed (sterilised) jars and cover with boiling *spiced vinegar and seal with plastic lined metal lids. Don't use cellophane jam tops as the vinegar will evaporate.

Small jars are best depending how many seeds you can collect

*For the spiced vinegar –

500ml of white wine vinegar plus 1 tsp of black peppercorns, a small piece of blade mace, 1 tsp of celery seeds, 1 clove of garlic crushed, 1 small dried red chilli pepper (crumbled), 1 bay leaf, 1 tsp of juniper berries, 1 tsp of salt. Bring to the boil and simmered gently for 10 minutes and then strained through muslin and cool

Leave for 3 weeks to mature