

Beryl Bugden 9.3.1933 - 5.9.2016



Sadly the founder of the PRS, Beryl Bugden, has passed away. Beryl started her love affair with dogs aged fifteen, walking, grooming and showing an Irish Setter locally in Liverpool. As soon as she could, Beryl left home after saving her earnings as a piece worker, sewing and knitting. She arrived in Largs and the Isle of Arran to be a kennel maid with a show & working Irish Setter "Dochra" kennels. Beryl suffered bad health with asthma but this did not stop her progressing to a new job in Amesbury, Wiltshire, in 1952 to work with Pointers in the famous "Abbots End" show, working and Greyhound racing kennels. Beryl met her husband Philip whilst walking several dogs at a time and he was walking his Alsation having just left the Dog Training Corps in the Army. Beryl was given a liver & white Pointer bitch as a wedding gift from her boss, this led to her establishing her own prefix "Duncarreg". Beryl brought up three children with a houseful of Setters, Pointers and Chihuahuas!

Beryl became aware of healthy Pointers being put to sleep in pounds and by the RSPCA. It appeared many breeders did not have a policy of taking dogs back and she became frustrated by the apparent lack of empathy from the show & field world with the breed clubs in the 1970s. So with the support of like-minded people, Beryl got to work rehoming unwanted Pointers, fostering and raising funds. She ran a bring-and-buy stall at Pointer shows, which grew into a full blown trade stand selling fine art figurines and framed pictures of all breeds, at championship shows and Crufts. 1973 was the inauguration of the PRS but with good fundraising it was established as a charity in 1979. The main purpose of gaining charitable status was to protect those funds and to follow simple, honest objectives to re-home unwanted Pointers and to establish permanent kennels so no Pointer needing help would be left abandoned if no foster home was available. Beryl continued to take Pointers in to her home for nearly forty years, her last resident fosters all being older girls Prue aged 9, Ella aged 10 and Bramble aged 8, in the 2000s, when Beryl herself was in her 70s.



Beryl's steadfast determination has resulted in Pointers being helped with the assurity that funds are always available to help with unexpected vet fees, for transport and kennel fees. The hard work of running the trade stand from 1979-2001 helped raise funds which were invested wisely during the period of high interest rates. The stall raised four figure sums, year-in-year-out, and the interest earned became of a similar magnitude. Beryl saved so much by not incurring expenses, by taking dogs in with no charge to replenish her own housekeeping. So now the PRS has a fantastic legacy to maintain its objectives and gain kennelling shares or even its own establishment.

Beryl was the leading light in rescue of her time, a truly altruistic guardian of the welfare of innocent, unwanted Pointers. She was cremated on September 16th with fourteen of her much loved dog's ashes and will be buried in natural woodland in 2017 in Wiltshire.



Pat Shakespeare who was the PRS's first President who wholeheartedly supported Beryl in the beginning in 1973 onwards.



Dot Torres (on the left) has steadfastly helped rehome Pointers with the PRS for over 35 years and is the current President.



Beryl at the 40th anniversary PRS show awarding cup to the best rescue in 2013.