

SOME EARLY GREATS

Dachshunds..... and Dachshund Breeders



Mrs K M Olver

**Kleinebeine Standard Smooths and
Dachslain Miniature Longs**

Katie sailed to Australia on one of the first ships out of England, after the end of World War 2. She said whilst the war was going on, her roof was blown off every house, she had purchased. As soon as she arrived in Sydney, she was off to buy herself a roof, and of course, it had to be made of slate. She has three lovely daughters, Anne, Jane & Sally.

After purchasing a home at Wahroonga, "QuittyWoods", she bought a property at Exeter, "Whare Tau", then later a property at Glenorie. Her sister Miss I Meek resided at Wahroonga, not far from where Katie lived, and they purchased the SS Dachshund bitch Turlshill Yvonne (imp UK) from Mr Frank d'Harty.



Ch Turlshill Yvonne (imp UK)

Later Katie sold her Wahroonga home. She then sold her Exeter property to her sister, Miss Meek. After buying 50 acres at Glenorie, and naming it "QuittyWoods", she then settled down to concentrate further on her breeding programme, and importing more dogs from England.

She was keen to promote and improve her Valencia Orange orchard, that enhanced her Glenorie property.

Katie had beautiful kennels built, and they faced overlooking the valley, tot he right of the land, it was very scenic. The inside quarters for sleeping, opened out to under cover runs, for wet weather, then proceed further to open, sunny grassy runs. There was a whelping rooms, a kitchen, including a fridge, in centre of kennel block and another section for bathing the dogs. Also a large freezer just inside the front entry, a also an office area.

**Ch Miss Candy of Arundover (imp UK),
Opposite Sex in Show, Melbourne Royal, 1957**



These famous early Dachshunds have left their mark on the breed. Left to right Ch Grunwald Ochre (imp UK), Ch Salford Merry Boy, Ch van Diemen Jasper

It was carefully planned and as Katie always stated *"nothing but the best for her little people"*, as she always called them. Way past the kennels, she had a large dam built, it was huge.

Now here's a bit of trivia!! One day Don and I helped her pick oranges. The three of us started at 9am – stopped at 12.30 for lunch and resumed again at 1.15pm. By 5.30pm and non stop, Don and I were exhausted, and when Don looked across to where Katie was picking, Don said to me "I'm not stopping until Katie does". She was still picking fruit and running up and down her ladder, so we kept on going and feeling so ashamed, that we both could have stopped then. When the sun went down, Don & I appealed against the light, she laughed, and gave in to us, all Don and I could say, what a DYNAMO Katie was.

She donated The K M Olver Perpetual Trophy to the RAS for Best Dachshund Any Variety, which was given with great enthusiasm. It was to remain at the RAS and the name of the winner affixed to the plinth, with a medallion etc to be given to the winning exhibit. She was so excited about this idea, because, she felt the Dachshunds would receive the better recognition they so deserved.

To my knowledge, the first time it was presented was at the Royal Easter Show 1961, and it was won by SS Dachshund Ashdown Peaker (imp UK), owned by Mrs C Martin from South Australia. The honour of winning that trophy each year is still a major achievement in the Dachshund show calendar.

Now a quick list of the dogs she purchased and imported.

Miniature Long Dachshunds

Dog. Paris OF Kellermeister. Red
Bitch. Miss Candy of Arundover. Red
Dog. Priorsgate William. Shaded Red
Dog. John of Petersfield. Black and Tan
Bitch. Wearhead Gina. B/T
Bitch. Zwartfax Yvonne. B/T
Dog. English Champ Mertynabbot Kind Sir. B/T
Bitch Mertynabbot Jill's Choice. Shaded Red
Standard Smooth Dachshunds
Bitch. Turlshill Yvonne. B/T
Dog. Jaegers Nikita. Red
Bitch. Silvae Foolsap. B/T
Bitch. Dachswan Natasha. Red
Dog. English Champ Silvae Frank. B/T
Bitch. Womack Wrapsody. B/T
Dog. Silvae Gobbi. Red
Dog. Dachswan Ungka. B/T

The only words left to mention about Katie Olver is she was a very remarkable lady and a very genuine friend.

**Don and Shirley Spooner
Dalzar Miniature Longs**

**Ch Paris Kellermeister
(imp UK)**



Dubrovnik and Lambrigg - Two significant kennels

Having had Dachshunds Standard Smooth for 45 years I hope I can remember some identities, both human and dogs, I have met. At that time I was a reluctant exhibitor when I first started to Show. People like Mrs Merryvale and Miss Harper her partner with Cocker and Dachshunds, I held in awe, so imagine how delighted I was when Mrs Merryvale a Dachshund Specialist awarded Challenge to my bitch Ch Dacrickdale Suzanne from the first litter I bred. Mrs Merryvale gave me some good advice saying *"you have a lovely bitch but you should show her with more confidence"*. I took her advice from then on and had little trouble making up her title.

The ladies lived on a property at Moss Vale in the Southern Highlands using the prefix of Lambrigg had much success with both breeds. There are many fanciers that remember Ch Lambrigg Too Rite and Ch So Rite. There was a young man who was working in Bowral not far from Moss Vale who purchased his first Dachshund from Lambrigg and called Souvenir. Les Skinner who, like Mrs Merryvale, came from England. He went to live at Lambrigg and handled both breeds with success. He bred Gayhund Memory Lane who won Bitch Challenge at Melbourne Royal from Junior Class. Gayhund being his own prefix. She was sired by Ch Dachswan Phantom (imp UK) and that is another story.



**Robert Waters of Canada judging a Dachshund
handled by Les Skinner**

I was originally asked to write about Mrs Ruth Mathews and Mrs E Mackinolyt and how they acquired a nice black and tan Standard Smooth Dachshund, Ch Dachswan Phantom (imp UK) for Dubrovnik Kennels.

The two ladies lived at Baulkham Hills where they had Standard Smooth Kennels at Chelsea Farm.

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