



Advance Notice of all enthusiasts!!

2017 European Championship for Irish Red Setters on Snipe in Ireland

Dates for your Diary!

Following on the establishment of the International Irish Red Setter Club and its ratification by the FCI, it has been proposed and accepted that the Irish Red Setter Club will host the running of ***a European Championship on Snipe for Irish Red Setters in Ireland in 2017.***

A European Championship for Irish Setters already takes place every March in France on partridges. This is a great event attracting Irish setter enthusiasts from all over Europe and Scandinavia. The International Club has also ratified the running of a Practical Hunting European Championship in Italy in September 2016. All events will be run under FCI Rules.

These events all help to promote the breed attracting the best dogs and creating awareness of its capacity and versatility.

This is a wonderful concept that can only help promote the breed at home and abroad. The Championship will take place over two days on ***the 7th and 8th November 2017*** and will be based around ***Athlone and Moate, Co Westmeath.*** In all, the Club will run a four day event, with a formal training day for our international guests on Monday the 5th November in order to give their dogs an opportunity to experience the wonderful lowland heather bogs and expose their dogs to Irish snipe in Irish conditions. Confined breed stakes will be run on the 6th, with the Championship taking place the following two days. Irish setter have long been recognized as the ultimate snipe dog and the Championship will offer a wider appreciation of this characteristic.

To see the magnificent Championship grounds please click on <https://vimeo.com/189305140> and use the password 'elementpost'.

A panel of experienced national and international judges will be brought together to oversee the championship and associated trials.





Connolly's RED MILLS have already come on board to sponsor the event and we look forward to working with their team in promoting this exciting event.

The Executive Committee of the Club has put a small subgroup in place to organise the Championship and to ensure its success. The members of the committee who write in the Irish sporting journals have already indicated that they will write articles promoting the Championship, but I would ask you all to inform your Irish setter friends at home and abroad to come and enjoy a uniquely Irish experience.

Please click on the link to see a 2 minute video of the fantastic grounds we have secured for these events:

Two other clubs will run Open stakes for all the classical pointing breeds to make this a full week of trails helping to make it an opportunity for all travelling to make the most of their time in Ireland.

We will issue regular updates on the development of the event. In the coming weeks we are going to forward you:

- ***the programme of events***
- ***Regulations concerning bringing dogs into and out of Ireland***
- ***lists of places to stay close to the HQ and the trials grounds***

I look forward to seeing you all there. Please inform anyone who is interested in the breed of this exciting new competition.

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