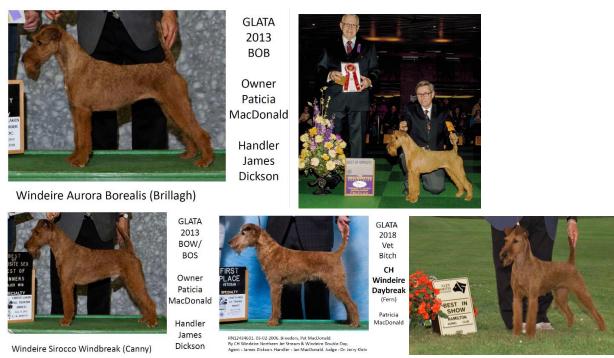
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Growing up, I never had a dog and had never really interacted with them. After graduation, I went to London, England to work for the MRC and do my PhD. There I met Pat (who had had Irish Terriers as a child) and when we went to Nottingham in 1975 for my Post-Doc, we got a couple of pups (Breezy Tara and Breezy Thistle) from Edna Howard-Jones. We returned to London, Canada in 1976 and in 1990 we got an old farm house and started breeding and showing (Pat's idea. She was always the driving force behind Windeire Kennels, I just did what I was told.)

Pat went back to Edna for Molly (Malone's Colleen) who we bred to Paddy (Corkadoon's Raging Rebellion) from David Carscadden. The next year, Edna found us Peggy (Claire's Red Helleborine) who Bobby Clyde showed for us and bred her to Emmitt (Cocksure Eye of the Storm). This gave us two distinct lines with English backgrounds and a few years later we also imported Wallace (Tubereasa Alfie Boy) from Ferelith Somerfield. Since then, we've bred out to a number of American dogs to keep the gene pool broad.

Jim Dickson did most of our showing in the US and we got a lot of good wins with Fern (W. Daybreak), Brillagh (W. Aurora Borealis) and Canny (W. Sirocco Windbreak)



Pat passed away in 2017, but I've taken over the dogs and continue to breed and show. Most of the pups now go to former owners, many now for their third from me. I still consider myself a bit of an amateur at showing but know what I like in Irish Terriers, even if the Judge doesn't always agree. I usually defer to those who know better than I do but I like to contribute where I can. I have a lot of good American friends in the Irish terrier community and I thank them for all their support.

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