

## Knopa's Heritage

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The Background to the Crufts winners I always find fascinating, especially when they are dogs from overseas whose breeding we are not so familiar with.

It had been 86 years since a Scottish Terrier last won best in show at Crufts, but the two animals are directly connected in the tail male line.



Ch Heather Necessity, the only previous Scottish Terrier to win BIS at Crufts. photo Cook

'Knopa', multi-titled Ch McVan's To Russia With Love, is by Japanese-bred Am Ch Land Rose R JP All Right who is by US-bred Am/Jap Ch McVan's The Patriot, by Am Ch Neidfyre Vitta Rouge, by Am Ch McVan's Going To Extremes, by UK-bred Am/Can Ch Jetscot Drambuie, by Fr Ch Scarista Iron Duke, by Stuan Sandman, by Ch Noonsun Sorcerer, by Plutocrat of Penvale by Ch Gillson Grandiloquence, by Ch/Am Ch Gosmore Eilburn Admaration (a UK Dog of the Year all breeds), by Ch Kennelgarth Viking (one of Britain's most successful stud dogs ever), by Ch Kennelgarth Eros, by Ch/Aus Ch Viewpark Vincent, by Ch Viewpark Pilot, by Ch/Am

Ch Glendoune Gauntlet, by Ch/Am Ch Rosehall Toryglen Tam O'Shanter, by Rosehall Enchanter, by Walsing War Loan, by Walsing Watch Tower, by Heather Benefactor, by Ch Heather Realisation (for many decades, before Yogi and Oliver, Britain's top BIS winner ever), by Ch Heather Fashion Hint, by Ch Heather Necessity who was BIS at Crufts 1929!



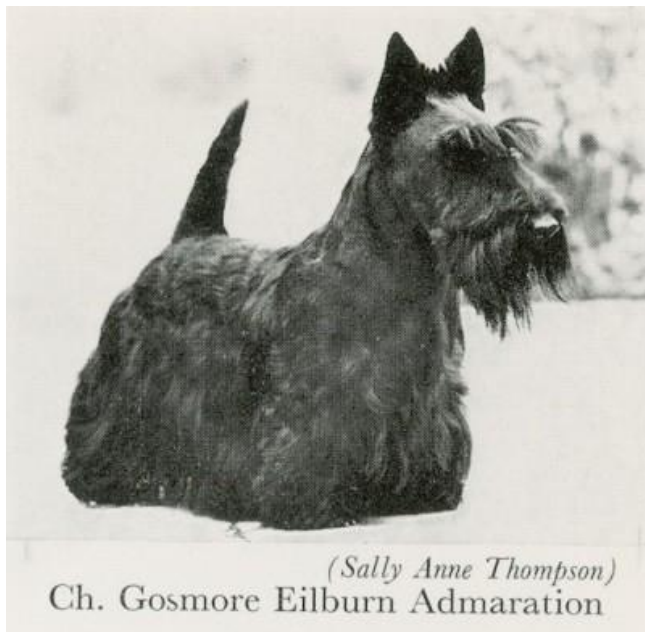
photo Cook

At left is Knopa's ancestor Ch Gael Force Post Script, owned by Vandra Huber and Joe Kinnarney. She was a Westminster BIS winner and is pictured winning BIS at Santa Barbara under Richard Guevara, a popular judge who died sadly young. Maripi Wooldridge was the handler.

What a heritage! Some really historic kennel names there and memories of some unique characters such as Betty Penn-Bull (Kennelgarth) and Audrey Dallison (Gosmore), and others before my time such as Max Singleton (Walsing) and the Chapman brothers (Heather).

And some kennels too which are still active, not forgetting that Viewpark's Archie McLaren was the father of Carol Annan whose Lomondview kennel is still at the top today.

On both sides of the pedigree is Westminster BIS winner of 20 years ago Ch/Am Ch Gael Force Post Script, who was co-owned by Knopa's co-breeder Vandra Huber. The other breeder was Dr. Huber's husband Michael Krolewski.



Male ancestors of Knopa: Ch Gosmore Eilburn Admaration

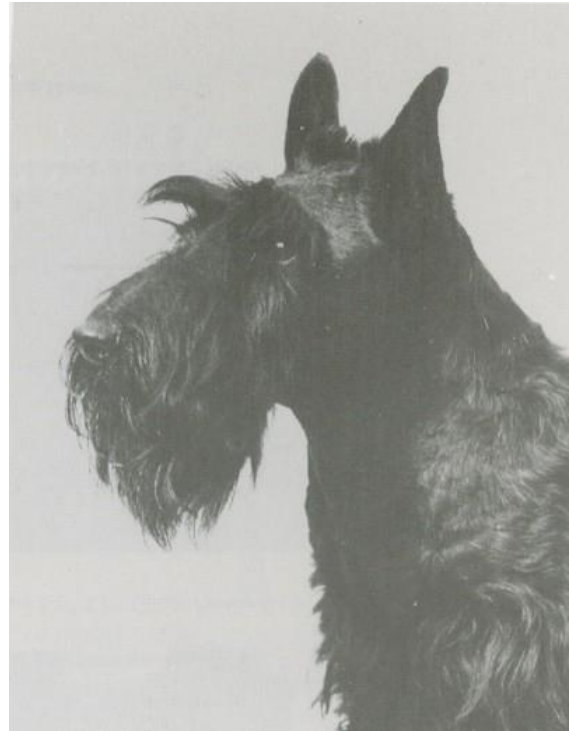
Her female lines is 12 generations of US bitches back to UK export Reanda Dalblane Moon Dream and thence through three generations of Reanda champion bitches to Elsa Meyer's great brood bitch Reanda Rosita.

The Flatcoat Sh Ch Castlerock Simply Magic shares many of the same ancestors as previous Crufts group winners from the breed. His dam's sire is The Sorcerer's Apprentice from Jaeva (who carries the affix of terrier group judge Martin Phillips who can thus claim a share in the achievement of both BIS and reserve!). He was the sire of recent BIS winner Sh Ch Vbos The Kentuckian. The two also share the remarkable Gayplume bitch line, and

'Dublin' has the male Sh Ch Gayplume Dream-Maker, a Crufts group winner, in the third generation. Two Swedish kennels, Almanza and Inkwells, have bred Crufts group-winning pedigrees, and these affixes, though not those particular dogs, appear on the Scandinavian side of Dublin's pedigree. And many times in the background, of course, is the first Flatcoat to top Crufts, Ch Shargleam Blackcap.

The only group winner to be both bred and owned in Britain, the Malamute, is nevertheless by an American dog living in Europe. His dam is a double granddaughter of the first UK champion, Chayo Blue Thunder, and combines American, Canadian, Spanish and Italian imports.

The Bearded Collie, bred in France, is by a dog from the German Philemon kennel which has had quite an impact on British winners. He descends on both sides from the breed's only Crufts BIS winner Ch Potterdale Classic of Moonhill.



Ch Gosmore Eilburn Admaration's sire Ch Kennelgarth Viking who is a Male ancestors of Knopa.  
photo Thompson

The dam is French-bred but both her sire and grandsire come from the Snowmead kennel which

owns Ghost Whisperer, a good example of cross-Channel co-operation.

I hadn't realised there was a dog scene in Paraguay, but clearly there is and the Saluki's Swedish breeders used a dog from an established line in that country to produce their Crufts group winner. There are Finnish, Swedish, American and Candian dogs on that side too, with the closest British dog Burydown Ozymandias, thus going back eventually to Freyja from that kennel, the only Saluki to win RBIS at Crufts.

Ovation's dam is by an American bred dog ex a bitch by a German one, and is linebred to the dog who first made Qirmizi's name, Ch Baghdad Globetrotter, bred in Australia.

The Norwegian-bred Miniature Poodle is by a Swedish dog from the Sandust kennel which has previously made a mark in the UK rings. He is a grandson of an export from the UK's Minarets kennel which has had a Crufts group winner.

The dam is many generations of Norwegian breeding plus a touch of Swedish, Danish, German and American.

The Maltese is several generations homebred from the Italian Cinecitta' kennel with its showbiz names. They have mainly made use of American bloodlines, including his sire and his dam's sire (who had a Cinecitta' dam).

His sire is a grandson of the dog who was imported to Britain, Ch Divine's Marc Of Friendship at Delcost, who won both a group and a G3 at Crufts.

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