

The 2007 Cocker Spaniel Club Yearbook printed the following article by Jack Clarke, breeder of the CORNBOW cockers, together with a photograph showing Solinda and a host of the silverware she won:

“The Champion Solinda of Troquair Legacy

In 1950 Mr and Mrs R H Wylde purchased the unshown two-year old red bitch SOLINDA OF TROQUAIR, by CH BROOMLEAF BONNYLAD OF SHILLWATER ex SWEET SUE OF TROQUAIR. Mr Wylde, or Dick as the name he preferred to be known by, evidently having an eye for a good one, soon made the most of her. Having collected the necessary three tickets, in 1953, after a course of lessons on Sunday afternoons at the Shropshire Gundog Club’s training classes given by Dick Morgan (Marion France’s father), Dick ran her himself and qualified her at the Midland English Springer trials. This was despite Solinda’s five years and her maternal duties (her puppies were only a month old). A truly remarkable achievement – to become the breeds first full champion red bitch. A record that still stands to the present day.

Not only was Solinda a beautiful bitch in her own right, she proved to be a wonderful producer too and a galaxy of winners appeared out of her. She had five litters to three famous dogs – CH LOCHRANZA LATCHKEY, LOCHRANZA LONDON TAN (her own grandson) and CH COLINWOOD BLACK SOMBRERO. To name some of her progeny:

*SH CH LOCHRANZA ENCHANTER SH CH LOCHRANZA ELEGANCE
LOCHRANZA ELDWYTHE EXCEED LOCHRANZA ELDWYTHE EARL
ELDWYTHE ENCORE, EROS, ELINDA, EAST LYNNE and ELIZABETH
CORNBOW ELDWYTHE EMBER CORNBOW ELDWYTHE EGALE
PEELERS ELDWYTHE ESTRALITA*

Solinda, your legacy lives on!

Jack Clarke”