

**Betty Lawson Whyte**  
**13<sup>th</sup> September 1922 – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

September 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 marked the passing of one of our Scottish Beagle Club's past Presidents, Betty Lawson Whyte. She had been in hospital for 3 weeks and had just had her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Alastair had died only four months earlier. She was also President of many other dog breed clubs, and was an Honorary Life Member of the SKC. She bred Boxers, English Setters, Beagles and Siberian Huskies.

I have known Betty since the early 80's. We travelled many thousands of miles up and down the countryside to dog shows. There was usually four of us in the car including Isobel Miller (Millmar) and Christine Watson (Korwin). Way back then, when we were younger, we used to meet in the wee small hours at my house, as it was the most central to everyone, and set off south, spending an enjoyable day at a show and then returning home again, again in the wee small hours! Later we used to treat ourselves to overnight stays. It was always most enjoyable and later when we had all stopped exhibiting our beagles I continued to really enjoy Betty's company. She was an exceptionally knowledgeable lady and always willing to help in any way she could. Both Betty and I ran our own boarding kennels but we were fortunate to have excellent back up to allow us to go away for a day or two. Over the years Betty bred 5 champion beagles, Mistylaw Homespun, Willy Nilly, Party Piece, Gentleman and Chuckle. Chuckle was campaigned to his title by Isobel.



It didn't matter what Betty was doing, entertaining at home, going to shows, attending committee meetings, or even just spending time in their garden, she was always immaculately dressed with her hair just so. A very elegant lady.

She will be much missed in our doggy world and I personally will miss her immensely and feel really privileged to have known her as a good friend for more than 30 years.

Her funeral was held at Paisley on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014, and was well attended by many people from the dog world.

***Kathleen Cooper***  
***Cairniehill Beagles***

I requested Meg Hunter of Huntershope Beagles who had known Betty for over 60 years, to write about the beginnings of the Linister Beagles. Below is her account.....

“I have been asked to write some details about my dear friend Betty Lawson Whyte and her beagles and how it all begin.

I first met Betty when I was showing Dandies in the early 1950's (my kennel name Huntershope was registered in 1955.) Betty and Iain were showing the Mistylaw Boxers a year or two before me. I knew the boxers well but have no records of them.

In 1964 Betty and I decided to go into partnership with Beagles and the beagles were kept at Betty's kennels. We registered the name Linister in 1965 – Linister is the name of the burn near the

kennels. We bought as foundation bitches, Rossut Bluetit (a blue, tan and white) rather rare colouring even then, there was some quite close pack breeding behind her, and Barvae Faithful (by B. Paigan ex B. Affable who was by Barvae Benroe Wrinkles), what I call classic breeding, for the princely sum of 15 guineas + 9/6d carriage. Dogs were sent everywhere by train in these days. The third beagle was not really planned, but her owners were going back to Iceland and could not take her. She had not been registered and we registered her as Linister Polly Wolly Doodle. She was bred by Badenoch Nicholson (more famous for his whippets). She was well bred out of a Wendover bitch. The beagles did well in the show ring and produced some good stock, but as Betty was developing the boarding side and also had her Boxers and English Setters, space was becoming a problem so we divided up the beagles. In April 1976 I had the last Linister litter by L. Harvester (who was by Ch. Deaconfield Rampage ex L. Minimum). Minnie obligingly produced 2 good bitches in the litter, a lemon & white and a tri, Delilah & Damson. Betty and Iain came over and chose Damson who in time was the dam of Ch. Mistylaw Homespun. Betty, of course went on to show and breed with great success for many years but I kept no records of that.”

***Meg Hunter***