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## History

Yvonne purchased her first cairn in 1969 from the **Corbieha** Kennel, but as she was busy showing horses, she did not have time to show her, but she was a super pet. However, in the late 70's Yvonne decided she wanted to start dog showing and in 1980 she purchased a beautiful bitch puppy from the Pinetop Kennel of Sally Ogle. But tragedy was to strike a few weeks later when she developed parvo from a faulty vaccination, and she lost her. Sally was marvellous and let Yvonne have another bitch puppy six months later, this was **Savannah**, a super showgirl who went on to become Yvonne's first Champion. She became the foundation bitch of the Birselow cairns.

Savannah gave Yvonne "**Birselow Jock MacKay**", winner of 2 CCs and 1RCC, and then **Ch. Birselow Country Girl**, her first homebred Champion. Country Girl was the dam of her top winning dog, **Ch Birselow Boomerang**, winner of 23 CCs and Top Cairn 1989 and 1990. He was an outstanding showman and through his daughters, **Birselow April Love (Denmark), Am.**, **Ch Birselow Peggy Sue** and his son **NZ Ch. Birselow Red Gauntlet**, is still influencing the Breed worldwide.

Country Girl also gave Yvonne **Ch. Birselow Countryman** and his younger full sister, **Birselow Uptown Girl**, winner of 1CC and 4RCCs. Uptown Girl's granddaughter, **Birselow Pretty Woman**, was to become her next outstanding brood bitch. She is the dam of three Champions: **Ch Birselow Pretty Special**, **Ch Birselow Buddy Holly** and **Ch Birselow Super Model**.



**Ch Birselow Super Model**

**Ch Birselow Super Model** was to give Yvonne her next outstanding Brood bitch, **Birselow Perfect Moment**. Though not shown widely she, when mated to Billy Fury, gave Yvonne four UK Champion bitches: **Ch Birselow Special Moment**, **Ch Birselow It's My Moment**, **Ch Birselow Firebird Of Stradivarius** and **Ch Birselow Now Is The Moment**. Also, the dam of two overseas champions: **Portuguese Ch Birselow Ideal Moment** and **Int/Ned/Bel/Lux/ Ch Birselow Emma**.



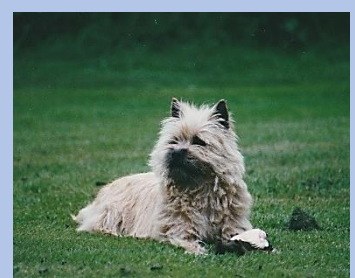
**Birselow Perfect Moment**



Perfect Moment's litter brother is **Ch/Am Ch Birselow Supertrooper**, in 2004 he spent a year back with Yvonne in the land of his Birth. He was to end the year Top Male Cairn.

**Ch Birselow Super Trooper**

**Ch Birselow Pretty Special**





**Ch Nor/Fin/Swed/Dan/Ir  
Ch Birselow Billy Fury**

In 2001 **Birselow Billy Fury** was born, sired by Ch Birselow Buddy Holly ex Yvonne's Penticharm bitch, **Dusky Princess**. This was Dusky's last litter and in this litter were two outstanding males. Yvonne said she found it difficult to choose between them, but eventually she chose Billy, his litter brother went to New Zealand and a very successful show career, being **NZ Ch/Grand Champion Birselow Robbie O' The Isles**.

Billy was himself to have a whirlwind show career, gaining his title at 14 months old, his three CC's won in a period of a month! He had 12 CCs 9 BOBs and 9 RCCs.

In 2004 Billy was to spend 7 months in Scandinavia and there he gained his Swedish, Finnish, Danish and Nordic titles. While in Scandinavia he was at limited stud, but his short stay there resulted in him producing 10 Champions. He has, to date (June 2022) 20 overseas Champions and 19 UK Champions.

In 2009 he attended the European Show in Dublin winning the CACIB, Green Star, BOB and Terrier Group 4.



**Birselow's watching the world go by!**

**Ch Birselow It's My Moment,**  
Runner up  
**Scottish Show Dog of the Year 2007**



**Birselow Bobby Sox, Bitch CC & BIS, NI CTC 2001**



**CH Biorsadh Jezabel of Birselow 1996**



**Ch Penticharm Dusky Princess at Birselow, 1995 (6 months old)**

The Birselow Kennel has produced **18 UK Champions** and **23 overseas Champions**.

**July 2022**

## Champion Birselaws pre-2001

A sample of the many champions

### CH. Birselaw Boomerang

Sire: Ch. Penticharm Guy Fawkes

Dam: Ch. Birselaw Country Girl)

**Top Cairn 1989 & 1990**

**22 CCs**

**20 BOB**

**12 Res CCs**



### Ch Birselaw Buddy Holly

DOB 19 November 1997

**Sire:** Crowneast Special Vintage

**Dam:** Birselaw Pretty Woman

**Top Cairn Stud dog** 2001, 2002, 2003  
(Sire of Ch Birselaw Billy Fury)



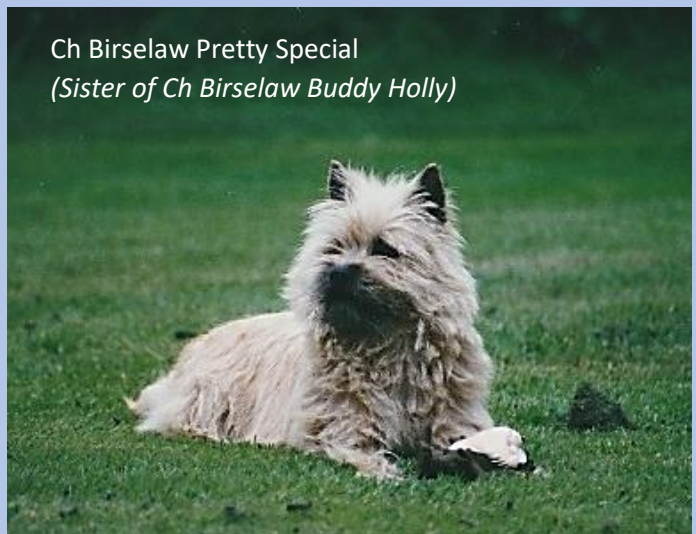
### Ch Birselaw Super Model

(Sister of Ch Birselaw Buddy Holly)



### Ch Birselaw Pretty Special

(Sister of Ch Birselaw Buddy Holly)



## Dogs from 2001



**Ch Nor/Fin/Dan/Swed/Ir Ch Birselow Billy Fury**  
(Ch Birselow Buddy Holly ex Ch Penticharm Dusky Princess At Birselow)

**Born 12/08/2001**

**12 CC's 11 RCC's 10 BOB's**

**Top Cairn Sire 2003/ 2005/ 2006 (Our Dogs)**

**Top Cairn Stud Dog 2004/ 2006/ 2007/2008 (Dog World)**

**Top Cairn Stud Dog 2004/2007/2008 (Midland CTC Awards)**

**Top Terrier Stud Dog 2010 (Dog World) and 3rd Top Stud Dog All Breeds 2010 (Dog World)**

**Finalist Scottish Kennel Club Top Show Dog Competition 2003 and 2004**

**Breed Record Holder for most sired UK Champions, 19.**

**Also sired 21 overseas Champions.**



**Ch Birselow Daydream Believer**

**Top Cairn 2008**



**Nordcairn's Once Upon A Time At Birselow**

**(IMP DNK)**

**1 CC 2 RCC**

**Born 15/10/2013**



**Ch Birselow The Thrill Of It All**

**15 Ccs**

**Top Cairn 2013 and 2014**



## **Bitches from 2004**

**Ch Birselow It's My Moment**

**4 CC's. 7 RCC's. 1 BOB.**

**Born 22.02.2004**



**Ch Birselow Firebird Of Stradivarius**

**(Owned by Ray Munday)**

**5 CC's. RCC's. BOB.**



**Ch Birselow Now Is the Moment**

**3 CC's. 2 RCC's. 1 BOB.**

**Born 03.04.2005**



**Multi Ch Birselow Emma**

**owned by Norah Smook-Van Koolbergen)**

**2 CC's 1 RCC 1 BOB**

**Born 03.04.2005**



**Ch Birselow Any Dream Will Do**

**7CC 2 RCC 6 BOB**

**Born 11-05-2009**



## The Last two Birselow Champions

Becky, CH Birselow Walk with Me



**Certificate wins –**  
Midland Counties,  
CTA (2019),  
North of Ireland CTC 2021



*(Photo - Best Puppy in Show at  
Terrier Club of Scotland LTD show).*

## Flick

**CH Birselow Viking Princess  
Crufts BOB winner 2020**



**Certificate Wins –**  
Belfast. North of Ireland CTC (2019), Crufts (2020)

## Open Show photos

BIS & BB: Birselow Walk Right Back & RBB: Birselow Viking Princess (Catto) with Judge, Gwynne Wright



## Show World



### Crufts 2020 BOB

Richard Rumens, Yvonne Catto,

BCC & BOB

**CH Birselow Viking Princess**



**Crufts 2017: Birselow Page Turner, Winning 1<sup>st</sup> Yearling Bitch**



### Hansel

(Birselow Walk Right Back) at Leeds

**BOB**

**The Northern Cairn & Westie Open Show**

Judge: Sheona Fortune

*(Louise Peers with her puppy, Tweedisle Lively Lad, Best Puppy in Breed & Best Puppy in Show.)*

**Hansel** also won **Dog RCC** earlier in the day at the **Championship Show**

Judge: Brenda Shannon.





**Best in Show: Birselow the Thrill of it all (Yvonne Catto), in a strong line up.  
The South Wales and West of England Cairn Terrier Club Show in 2013**



**CC, BOS & RBIS; Catto's Ch Birselow The Thrill Of It All  
RDCC; Anderson's Birselow Never Say Never At Kerrykeel**

## Historical: Birselow Boomerang photos 1989 – 1990



Ch Birselow Boomerang 1989  
Reserve, Terrier in Group Belfast

Ch Birselow Boomerang, Winning Terrier  
Group **Scottish Kennel Club 1989**



CH. Birselow Boomerang  
Winning the Terrier Group  
**Scottish Kennel Club 1990**



CH. Birselow Boomerang  
(Photo D Freeman)  
(Ch. Penticharm Guy Fawkes ex  
Ch. Birselow Country Girl)  
**Winning the Terrier Group at  
Blackpool  
Championship Show 1990**  
(Judge Miss Ferelith Hamilton)

**Top Cairn 1989 & 1990**  
**22 CCs 20 BOB**  
**12 Res CCs**

## Terrier Club of Scotland Show, Alva 2022



**Birselaw The Miller's Dance**

**Best Puppy in Show, Terrier Club of Scotland Ltd Show, April 2022**

This was to be Yvonne's last show.

Yvonne Catto died very suddenly on 26th July 2022.

## Birselaws Overseas (a few of the many Champions)

### Ir. Ch. Birselow Thunderbird An Ch 1996

Born 3 July 1993

Sire Gb. Ch. Birselow Countryman  
 Dam Am. Ch. Birselow Peggy Sue



### Multi Ch Birselow Emma (Netherlands) Owned by Norah Smook-Van Koolbergen) 2 CC's 1 RCC 1 BOB

Born 03.04.2005

Club winner 2007, Crufts Winner 2008, Best Cairn  
 NCTC 2008

Birselow Billy Fury	Birselow Buddy Holly
	Penticharm Dusky Princess at Birselow
Birselow Perfect Moment	Gyncairn Pistols at Dawn
	Birselow Super Model



**Ch/Am Ch Birselow Supertrooper:** I got Trooper from Yvonne when he was 10 weeks old. She thought he had lovely quality and asked if she could have him back in the UK someday as an adult to show. So, after he finished his American title and had matured a bit more, I brought him back to Yvonne.

She made him up in 3 straight shows and continued to show him for a time. **He won 7 CC's that year** and finished up as **Top Male for 2004**.

He produced some lovely puppies both here in the USA and in the UK. Trooper enjoyed life with us till he passed away in 2016.

**Louise Hooper**



**Portuguese Champion Birselow Stand by Me.**  
He passed away on 25th April at almost 15. Greatly missed. (2007 – 2022) **Maria Lucilia Alves Pereira**

Sire: Penticharm Prince Charming  
Dam: Birselow I got you Babe



**2001 Canadian Champion Birselow Bobby Jo**  
CTC Club speciality Best Bitch, Best Opposite Sex 2001



**Nor CH Birselow Northern Dancer**



**New Zealand**

**Grand Champion Birselow Robbie O' the Isles.**

**5 all breeds BIS 5 specialties BIS**

**Top Terrier Winner** under Lydia Hutchinson

**NZ National Terrier Group winner** under Ronnie Irving many more group in show awards

**1st NZ Grand Champion Cairn Terrier**

**'Robbie' - History maker in New Zealand –**

**1st Cairn and only Cairn so far to become a NZ Grand Champion! Imported from Yvonne Catto.**

New Zealand Grand Champion Birselow Robbie O' the Isles. He was such a great dog and achieved so much in his years with us.

We felt so grateful to get this wonderful dog from Yvonne Catto all those years ago. She was a legendary breeder, and it was a pleasure to have known her. She bred so many history makers!

**Irene & Sam Calvert**



## At home with the Birselow Cairns



**Becky**



**Lily**

**Flick**

**Betsy**

CH Birselow Viking Princess.

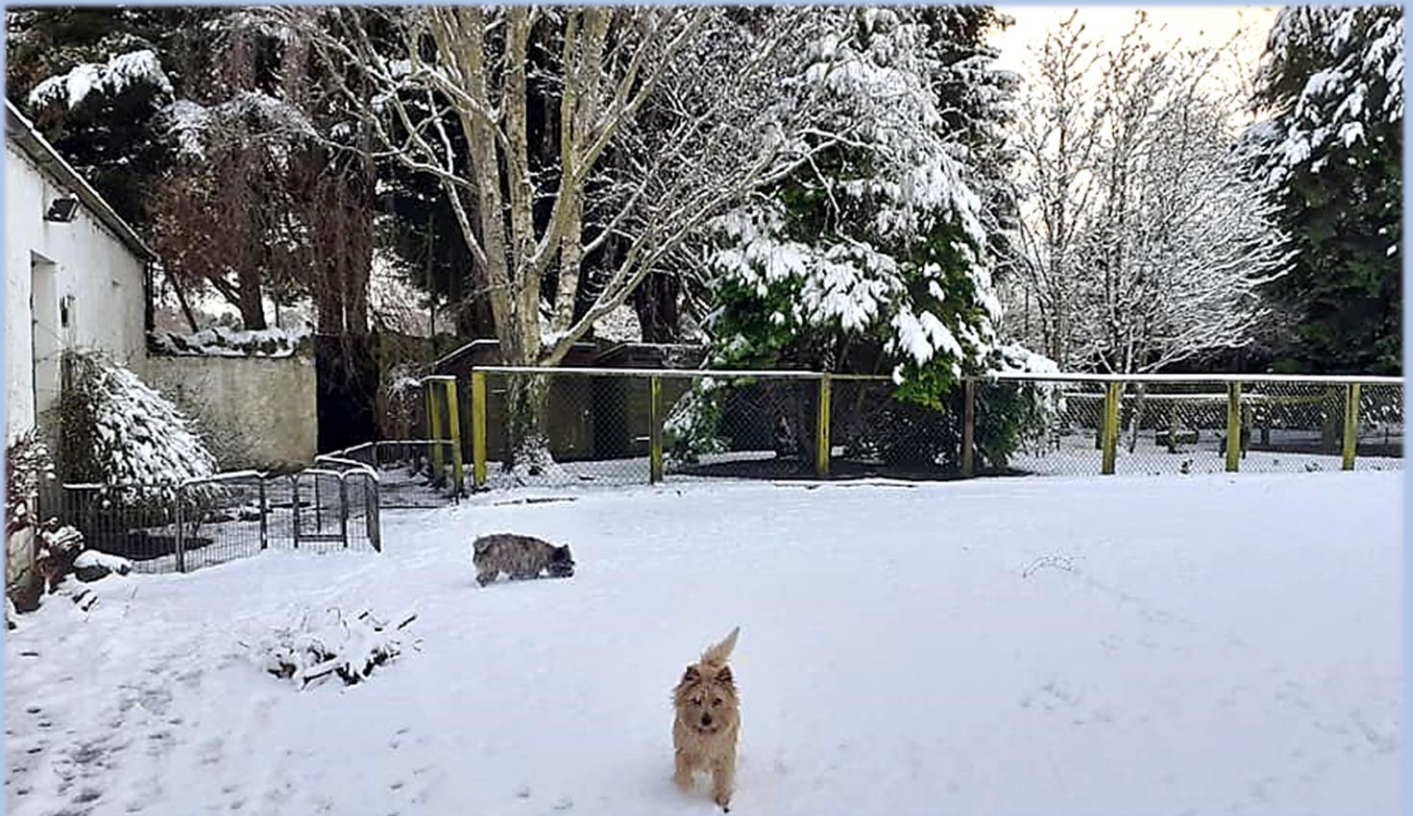


Becky



Flick & Son Gary





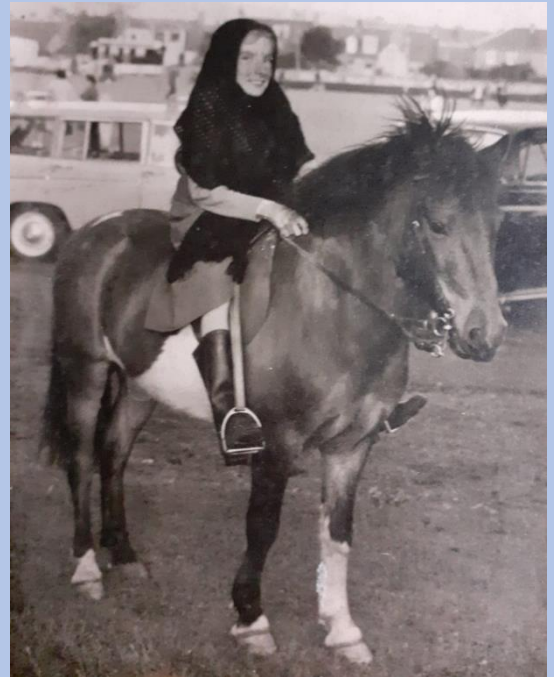


## The Early Days

### Dogs and Horses before the Birselow Cairns



Ben the collie, Penny the poodle and Cindy (Yvonne's first cairn)

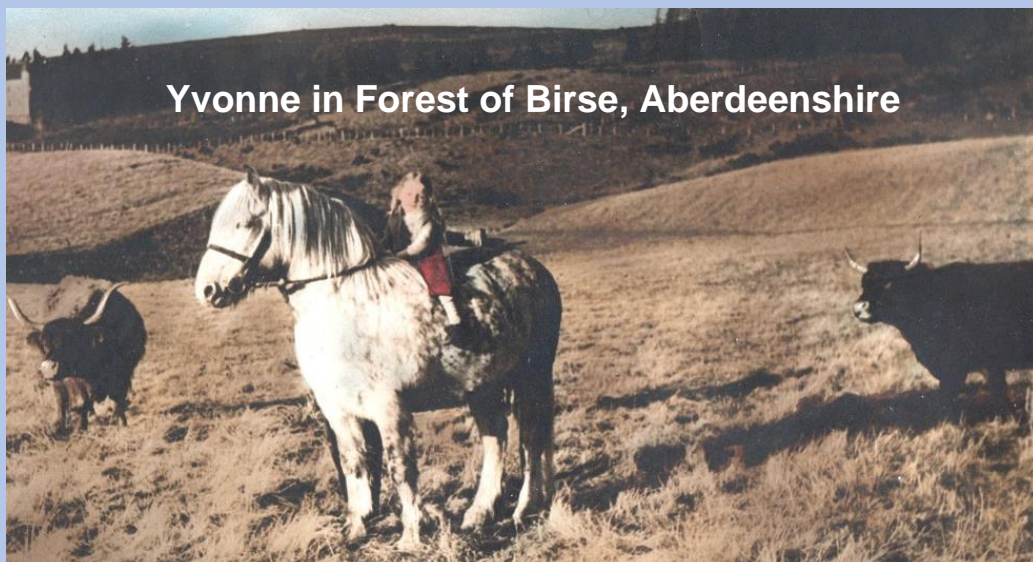


Yvonne waiting to go into the showing for fancy dress competition, dressed as a Peat Wifie, bringing the peat home. Photo taken before panniers with peat were put on either side of the pony. Nero hated the panniers, so they were put on at the last minute. Yvonne was unbeaten that season and won quite a lot of prize money. (Photo from when Yvonne lived in Aberdeenshire)



1973 Yvonne's first Westie litter

Patsy Westie with Yvonne



Yvonne in Forest of Birse, Aberdeenshire

## Yvonne Catto and the Birselow Cairns

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**Birselow  
Any Dream Will Do**

**Birselow  
Billy Fury**

The Birselow Cairns are known worldwide and Yvonne's contribution to the breed has been massive with Birselow Cairns across the world from USA to Europe, to Australia and New Zealand.

She has also made a difference to so many people's lives with happy owners of the Birselow cairns.

**Yvonne Catto  
1951 – 2022**

***And finally.** This Tribute is a small snapshot of the life of Yvonne Catto with her Birselow family. We could not possibly pack in over 40 years into one tribute, but we hope you have enjoyed this selection.*

**Anne Laidlaw, Fran Dawson**