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TOLLING RETRIEVER

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the by Babs Harding Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever was developed in the early 19th century to toll, lure and retrieve waterfowl, the word toll is from the middle English word tollen which means to entice or lure. The playful actions of the Toller retrieving a stick or ball along the shoreline arouses the curiosity of the ducks offshore. They are lured within gunshot range, the dog is then sent out to retrieve dead or injured birds.



The exact history of the Toller is somewhat unclear but is known that "smallish ginger-coloured decoy dogs" were used for centuries in Europe to lure ducks into nets. These "red decoy dogs" could very well be fore-runners of today's Toller. Other breeds thought to be in the Toller's ancestry include the Brittany Spaniel, Irish Setter, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Golden Retriever and some small type of Collie. However it was done, the cross breeding produced a dog with the desired working abilities which became known as the Little River Duck Dog after Nova Scotia's district of Yarmouth County, the centre of the breed's development. Nova Scotia is considered the place of origin of this breed and in 1945 it was officially recognised by the Canadian





Photo: Alan Walker



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Mini breed feature



Kennel Club as the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever.

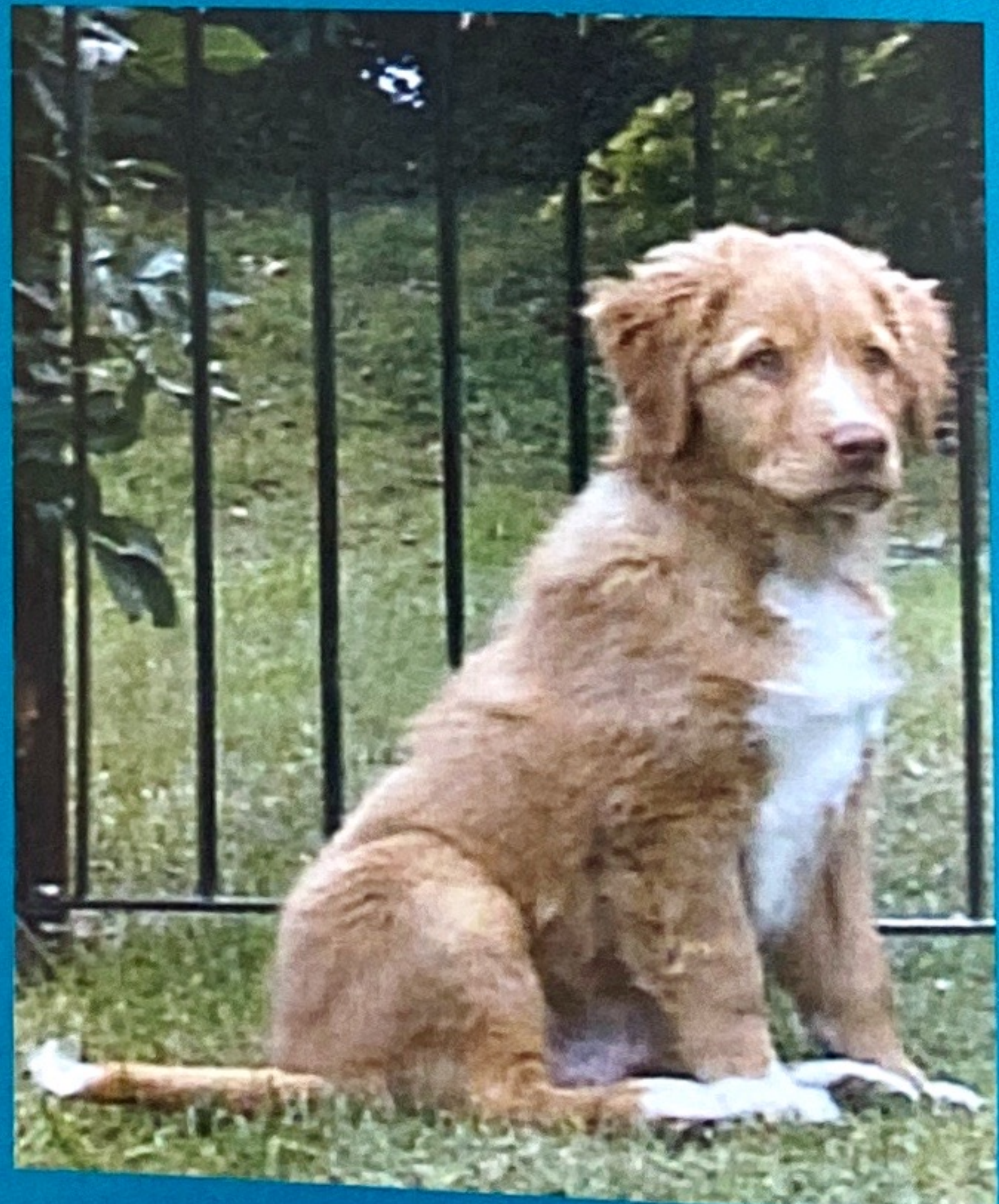
The Toller is a medium sized, powerful, compact, balanced dog, the smallest of the retriever breeds, he is confident, highly intelligent, easy to train and playful with a high degree of agility, he is alert, determined, and quick, with a keen desire to please, he makes an ideal family pet, but is definitely not for the inexperienced owner. He is a strong and able swimmer and is a natural and tenacious retriever on land and from water, setting himself for springy action the moment the slightest indication that retrieving is required.

He has a straight, repellent, double coat of medium length and softness with a softer, dense undercoat, feathering at throat, behind ears and at back of thighs, forelegs are moderately feathered. Colour can be all shades of red or orange with lighter featherings. White markings are usual in at least one of the following places: tip of tail, feet not extending beyond the pasterns, chest and blaze. Lack of white should not be penalised. Any black in coat is highly undesirable.

Ideal height: dogs 48-51 cm (19-20 in), bitches 45-48cm (18-19in)

The Toller was first introduced into the UK in 1988 and has grown steadily in popularity ever since, there are about 800 registered in the country at this time, the breed advanced from the KC Imported Breed register to the Full Breed register on (Canada Day) 1st July 2001 .

The Toller is used for Tracking, Agility, Obedience and Gundog Work at which he excels, they are also shown in conformation, they were first shown at Crufts in 2002. Tollers are also making a name for themselves in Heelwork to Music demonstrations and flyball. At a recent Championship Show Brigitte Van Gestel from The



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Five from her first litter (born December 2003) were placed at Crufts including **'Stig'** B.O.B.

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Netherlands gave a Heel Work to Music display each day before Group Judging with her Toller, Ruby and made quite an impression, at present we are waiting for Kennel Club approval to work Tollers in Working Tests and Field Trials, they work with great success in Canada, America & Europe. Sally Sanford's young male "Wings" has taken and passed part one of his Gundog Working Certificate, to date he is the only Toller to do so, this year a team of Tollers will be seen giving demonstrations at Game Fairs up and down the country, on the show scene Tollers have won a group at open show level, at Crufts father (twice) and son (once) have taken best of breed at the last three shows, the breed is on display twice a year in Discover Dogs in November at Earls Court, London and March at Crufts at the NEC, Birmingham. A Toller Agility League is run successfully by Mandy & Alan Holt from Durham contact details can be obtained from the website

On the health front responsible breeders check hips & eyes under the KC/BVA Schemes, and Optigen test for PRA. Hips are X-rayed and the Optigen test is done once in the dogs lifetime, eyes should be tested annually especially stock that is used in a breeding program, The breed mean score for hips at present is 12.

Anyone purchasing a puppy should ask the breeder if they can see the sire and dams health records i.e. Hip Score Certificate/Current Eye Certificate and Optigen Test Report, plus the Kennel Club registration certificate, without this one cannot prove whether the pup they have bought is a pure bred Toller or not.

Anyone wishing to own a Toller puppy should be prepared for a lengthy wait as they are not readily available, please note that a well bred and reared puppy is well worth the wait. Check out the club website at www.toller-club.co.uk

A breed Club was formed and approved by the Kennel Club in 1994, for further details contact the Hon.sec. Babs Harding - uk.toller@virgin.net



Danehaven Tollers

Show Team 2003/04

Proudly Presents

Show Team 2005



Left to right

Candeebar Big Sky Over Danehaven
Jaby Lavender at Danehaven
Danehaven Mackenzie
Danehaven Nanika
Danehaven Taseko

Multiple Ch Show winning team
including Crufts 03/04/05



Left to right

Danehaven Nictaux
loved & owned by Miss P Hunt
Danehaven Jordan
loved & owned by C Powley
Danehaven Murry
loved & owned by Mr & Mrs Sayer

Thanks to all the judges

Puppies planned for June 05

Danehaven Mackenzie at stud to approved bitches
All breeding stock hip and eye tested

Owned bred and loved by Chris Powley

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