

# Tribute to Kofi

Kofi – Montecani Moon Storm  
at Estover 6th March 2003 –  
20th May 2015



Well, what can we say about Kofi, he came into our lives at 7 weeks, a little bundle of whiskers and moustache, looking like a studious old man. Little did we know just how special and unique he would be!

We had waited for some time for his arrival and he immediately fitted in to our home, strutting around with such a happy, playful disposition.

It is with great sadness that we lost our big beautiful Gent, Kofi. The 'face' of Dogmatic for his 12 years, Kofi has always been a wonderful, gentleman, who has filled our lives from the moment we brought him home.

We nearly lost Kofi at 6 months – he had attended his first Show and won Best Puppy but later that evening he became extremely poorly and was rushed to the Vets. It later transpired he had caught Campylobacter and was desperately ill. He lost 10kgs in three days and we were told to expect the worst. One of the Vets advised we could try 'Interferon' which may help him but as it was



Kofi and Archie

the Friday evening of a Bank Holiday, they couldn't order any in until Tuesday and he probably wouldn't make it. We asked if we could get it elsewhere and she advised she was off duty now and 'it depends how hard you want to try'! Needless to say, we travelled surrounding counties each day to buy enough for him (and will forever be indebted to the help from The Dog's Trust for their generous donation of the drug) and, eventually, after much worry and hard work, he recovered.

So I suppose, anything after then was a bonus!

Kofi far exceeded our expectations both as a Show dog - Winning at Crufts, Winning his Challenge Certificate at Leeds Championship Show, passing on his qualities and temperament to his Son and Grand Son and producing CC and RCC progeny but also as an Ambassador for the Italian Spinone. His face is recognised as the 'face' of Dogmatic and he has beautifully modelled our Range for his 12 years with great style. He would entertain the crowds at Shows, Crufts and the Trade Shows we attended, thoroughly enjoying meeting and greeting – I'm sure he thought they had come just to see him!

Kofi had the most wonderful, kind and gentle nature, he was an absolute joy to live with, a faithful companion who was at his happiest by your side, seeming to read your every thought. He really was a soulmate and best friend who has been through so much with us, both at home and work. Kofi was by our side both whilst we worked and at home. We had the honour of sharing our lives with such a special, gorgeous boy who had such a big heart and took delight in playing the fool with us and his 'boys', making us laugh and cry.

He has brought us great joy and pride, not only in the Show ring, but also through his beautiful Son and Grand Son and his other progeny. Kofi has always been a wonderful ambassador for the Breed, meeting and greeting people, especially children, as well as dogs with great aplomb. But most of all, a



Kofi as a puppy

wonderful, 'one in a million' much loved member of the family.

Everyone who met Kofi knew he was a very special boy and he has been a huge part of our family.

Kofi will continue to be remembered as the 'poster boy' and handsome face of Dogmatic. He was such a handsome boy, with eyes that seemed to go deep into your soul and make your heart ache with the love he brought to you.

Despite coping with health problems in his later years, including an enlarged heart and heart murmur, his problems had become much worse and Kofi quickly became poorly with his

latest bout of Aspiration Pneumonia which causes persistent coughing and laboured breathing and he was not recovering with antibiotics. He was becoming increasingly wobbly and signs of Geriatric Onset Laryngeal Paralysis Polyneuropathy were worsening so the dreadful decision was made to let him sleep in peace.

It was as if Kofi was telling us he had had enough as he struggled down to the bottom of the garden and lay on the grass under the newly planted Indian Bean tree where we had planned to put our past dogs' ashes. He was joined by Archie and Norman who lay either side of him and they seemed to be saying their goodbyes.

We had hoped that having the Vet come to our home to put Kofi to sleep would be a quick, peaceful and dignified end to Kofi's wonderful life, but it was far from that – making for a terribly upsetting time which will continue to haunt us.

Kofi's wonderful Son and Grand Son, Archie and Norman have been absolutely lost without him – as have we – but they will help us to keep Kofi's memory alive and we will help each other through this time.

Kofi leaves a huge void in our lives and we miss him terribly.

Goodnight our Darling Kofi xxx