



Spotlight on Breeding

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Bounding Heart's 20th dam was the imported broodbitch Runwick Lumley* (whelped in 1908), who came from a very successful English damline.

Runwick Lumley* was the dam of Volum King, a leading sire of his era.

Maternal Grandsire

Bounding Heart's dam, Flighty Vixen, was sired by the Topgun winner New Fox. He is also the dam-sire of Family First, Montana Sky, O'Shaunessy, Jack A Dandy, Got The Magic and Perfect Heart.

Nicks

The most striking nick in Bounding Heart's pedigree is that between his sire Just The Best and New Tears who sired maternal grandsire New Fox.

This cross appears in many of the good Just The Best progeny such as Elite State, Big Daddy Cool, Bogie Leigh, M'Lady's Fool (and littermates), Tipper's Comet, Woops A Daisy, Mighty Galore and Stoddard.

Others contain Just The Best and New Tears' sire Pretty Short.

This cross resulted in Halla's Rocket, Hilary John, Jackson Brandon, Kerrie Jackson, Scottish Express and Waterview Star.

Halla's Rocket and Hilary John both come from the Travelling Girl damline. Travelling Girl also appears in Bounding Heart's pedigree via Golden Fox and New Fox.

There was previously a similar cross between Just The Best's sire, Credibility over New Tears line bitches which produced Bearability, Faithful Hawk, Fiery Asset, Reliability, Mr Faithful, Mr Reliable, Stella Brandon, Kaneego, Nurswa and Yo Yo's Gem. Others with Credibility over Pretty Short are As Directed, Berella Xanadu, Gotta Be Tricky, Fine Devil, Smoke Em Up Vintage Gal, Gold Saint, Kumalie Gold, Light Credit and Beyond The Stars.

Line breeding

Probably the most notable aspect of Bounding Heart's breeding can be seen if we look at his five generation pedigree.

This will clearly show a fascinating pattern. Firstly we notice that both sire (Just The Best) and dam (Flighty Vixen) are out of daughters of the Brother Fox-Promises Free littermates, Amerigo Man and Bogenfel.

Also, in both cases the next dam was by a son of Waverly Supreme*.



Fred Crowther and his "Gift from God" the top grade Albion Park sprinter Bounding Heart.



Next we examine his grandsires and see that Credibility was by a son of Brother Fox out of a daughter of Pretty Short while New Fox had the reverse breeding (by a son of

Pretty Short out of a daughter of Brother Fox).

This gives four crosses of Brother Fox (4x4x4x4), two of Pretty Short (4x4), two of Promises Free (4x4) and three of Waverly Supreme* (5x5x5).

It doesn't seem that long ago when breeders were wondering if they could double-up Brother Fox in a pedigree.

Bounding Heart's pedigree shows that four crosses can produce top performers. Previously there had been a number of quality greyhounds with three crosses including JTBs such as Bogie Leigh, Jackson Brandon, Just The Power, Lissiloo, Macbeth's Image, Rivergum Slayer, Rocka Cockatoo, Rylee's Rumour, Stoddard and Woops A Daisy.

Others with triple crosses of Brother Fox include Montana Sky, Jimmy Hand, Sottie Allover, Dancing Habit, Arisara, Banner Park and Smack Wallop.