

## **Year of Induction - 2000**

**CATEGORY: Prominent Dog - Field Trials**



**F.T. CH. Bellever Raffleson CM (Imp UK)**

**(Raffles)**

**14-5-1976 - 5-8-1990**

***BREED: English Springer Spaniel***

***Sire: U.K. F.T.Ch Crowhill Raffle***

***Dam: U.K. F,T,Ch Nell of Bellever***

***Breeder: Mr Rupert Hill UK***

***Owned by J. Rachel Greaves Victoria***

### ***In Brief***

When Raffle came to Victoria in 1979, the English Springer Spaniel as a field trial dog was at an all time low. In fact, when he won his first trial in 1980 it was the first time in 14 years that a spaniel had been in the awards at a field trial in Victoria. In the following decade, he, and his descendents, won over half the trials in Victoria and in 1984 and 1989, they won eight out of the nine Spaniel & Retriever trials held.

Sire of nine Field Trial Champions and three Retrieving Trial Champions he has been the lynchpin in the resurgence of the working spaniel in Australia and New Zealand today.

As a working gundog, his ability to be at once both responsive and fiery made him the perfect companion in the field. (Courtesy – Rachel Greaves)