



The Scarlett Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc
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Here it is, April 1st...that means that not only is Easter nearly here, but so is spring, just right around the corner! What does that mean? WARM and SUNNY. weather ...maybe ! And the beginning of the outdoor shows.



Happy Easter

Each month, I have tried to find some little tidbit of history about GTISC. I've been able to pull bits and pieces from a folder that Ruth gave to me from the first year of the independent specialty. I have been getting my information from the very first catalog and two issues of the Scarlett Letter. They are numbered Issues 2 & 3. I can't find anything prior to 1979, but what I have been able to read, it seems that it was a "new beginning". I found it quite interesting as I read the following, written by the Club President, William J. McNeely. It shows me how things always come full circle.

"Dear Members and Friends,

The tide is turning in our favor. The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc. is beginning to take on a new image and EACH of you can take PRIDE in being part of it's positive development. Our membership is slowly growing. Our first Independent Specialty, though lower in entries than we anticipated, was a huge success and at the same time the club was privileged to realize a small profit. Our more recent B-OB Match turned out to be a well organized presentation of high quality which also left us in the black. Plans for our AKC approved Spring Specialty are in the final stages. After one more OA Match (now in the planning stages) to be held this winter, we should be in position to hold Obedience Trials in conjunction with our fall specialties starting in 1980. In keeping with our new image, the Club now sports a new Emblem. Our publication, the Scarlett Letter, has a new cover and it's format has been changed. Educational Programs for our meeting nights are being arranged. Now that we have the momentum going in the right direction, let us each make a resolution, and in our own way help to keep the club moving.....

.....I must thank all who are giving this club the support it badly needs for without it, the club is nothing. There are some who are extending themselves far beyond reasonable expectations and to these goes a very special thank you !!!

Best Wishes,
William J McNeely
GTISC President

This year, 2006, has found us in a similar situation. We have many new members, along with many returning members, all striving for the same results as Mr. McNeely mentioned. Our membership is growing slowly, and each and everyone is working in some way to make all that we do much fun and with success. Thank goodness for the members we have, with their knowledge and experience, making them able to show the rest of us, and to teach us the things we need to know to "keep the club moving...".

I feel that we can all take pride in what we've accomplished in a few short months. Our May Specialty is well on it's way....with the premium list out at the printer's, and only the catalogs and final details, left to do. Our raffle is progressing as we had hoped. Our supported entry trophies for the Monday May 28th NCKC club are also bought, and offered by Mary Hummert in obedience, and all others offered by Coleen McGee. How very generous and thoughtful of the two of them. July's is nearly finished with the exception of what we need to do for the premium list and catalogs. Only final organization details will need to be completed. A big "thank you" for the group effort of Ruth, George, Coleen, Mary & Debbie for getting the premium list together. "Experience teaching the inexperienced". We are grateful. My head is still spinning. We are beginning to be a well-oiled wheel...a wheel that will continue to turn and move ahead. We all go far beyond the expectations needed to have a fun and smooth running club. Everyone deserves applause. Mr. McNeely spoke it well.

Specialty updates;

May 26th – everything is listed in the above paragraphs, with the exception of the raffle and catalog ads. Please continue to donate items into our basket. Continue to sell the tickets. Our goal is to sell all 1000 tickets that we had printed. Contact Judy Roberts for your tickets. Please continue to sell catalog ads. Contact Dee Hasley. Deadline for the ads is May 1st.

Raffle basket items;

Have;	Natural Choice dog treats	Rawhide house with treats
	2 stainless steel dog bowls	10 ft training leash
	Stainless steel bucket	Slumber pet crate mat
	Vita Oil Coat Oil	Smokey hambone
	Rawhides	lint roller
	Scooby Doo people snacks	Animated musical photo frame
	Soap Art dog picture soap	picture frame
	stationary	tidy paws paw towel
	stuffed dogs	book – "Bone dog/Buddy Dog"
	Fire Hydrant dog treat jar	coat conditioner
	Sample bag of dog food	can of Eagle pack food
	3 latex dog toys	Doggie Magnetic Poetry set

July 14th – Mary has reported that the embroidery on our trophies is nearly finished. The aprons for breed and opposite need to be purchased and embroidered yet. Premium lists and other details need to be finalized. Think about what "job" you would like to do. Remember, this is a group effort for success.

ISCA National - June 12th through the 18th. We are still asking for donations for our Pittsburgh themed basket. Thank you to those who have already donated towards this effort. Please keep the donations coming. I am proud to announce that I read in the Michigan club newsletter that they are very excited about our Steelers items and everything is on sale now at clearance prices...

Pittsburgh Basket items;

HAVE or is already coming from someone:

Terrible towel	Pirate ball cap
Dog football	Pirate bag
Heinz products	Black & gold travel mug
Isaly's BBQ sauce	Steelers tumbler w/biscuits
Clark Bars	Penguin hockey item
Mallo Cups	Joe Clark's candy chocolate shamrocks
Pittsburgh Zoo item	"Speak Pittsburgh-ese" book
Kennywood item	Black & gold fleece throw w/ gtisc & isca logos
Steelers shirt	Pittsburgh Magazine

Iron City Beer

Steelers football dog toy

If you have volunteered to bring one of the above, and have not yet, please get it to Mary asap, so that we can get our basket finished.

WOULD LOVE TO HAVE;

Iron City Beer Nuts
Pittsburgh Pretzel Co ?
Pittsburgh mug w/skyline

Clark's teaberry Gum
Pittsburgh Symphony cd
University of Pittsburgh item

Black & Gold beads
Nicholas coffee co?
anything Pittsburgh

Website;

Remember to get your photos and "blurbs about yourself / dogs to Mary. We can't have them posted if Mary doesn't receive them.

New Membership Applications

Although we have not had any new applications this month, there have been positive inquiries of membership. We will keep on it.

Sunshine Committee aka Public Relations

Our chairperson, Judy Roberts, has nothing to report this month, other than her cheery smile! Keep it coming!

AKC Liaison

Dee has informed us that AKC has been notified that she is our representative. She will soon be receiving a package from them and will start to receive emails concerning important AKC news. We are looking forward to Dee keeping us up on all important issues and matters.

One important article and subject recently released by AKC is the "**AKC Code of Sportsmanship**". Please take the time to read it...

FEBRUARY AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT;

Every sport has a Code of Sportsmanship. Some are unwritten, informal guidelines that people learn along the way in their journey to learning a new sport. Others are formal and rigorous, written out for all to see, appreciate and embrace.

The Board of Directors, as a result of the Chairman's Committee on Conflict of Interest, approval this month the first-ever written Code of Sportsmanship for our sport of purebred dogs. I have included the new code in its entirety;

- * Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- * Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigor's competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- * Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- * The sportsmen judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- * The sportsmen or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- * The sportsmen exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dog.
- * The sportsmen exhibitor refused to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- * The sportsmen respects the AKC Bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.

- * Sportsmen find that rigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the efforts of the competitors.
- * Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- * Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- * Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both strengths and weaknesses in their breeding stock.
- * Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- * Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- * Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, The American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

Dog News

On Saturday, March 11th, the St. Patrick's Day parade was held in Pittsburgh. How much fun it was! To make it the best parade day ever, it turned out to be 65 degrees and sunny! There were about 12 dogs, young and old. One senior rode in the "Senior Setters" truck. Thanks to Sally Tress for always organizing everyone for this event.

In Mariette OH, March 9 – 12th, Dee and Judy had WB and BOS for the first points on their little English Cocker, "Graemar Queen Anne's Lace" aka Lacey.



Lacey



Glory

Also that weekend, Coleen's little girl, "Ballymera's Walkin' on Water", aka Glory, had a superb and exciting weekend. On Thursday, Glory's sister was WB to finish, Glory was not entered. Following her sister, not to be out-done, Glory went WB and BOS Friday, WB on Saturday and WB & BOW on Sunday, for three additional points. She now has a total of 7.

At the WPKA shows, held at the Convention Center, on Saturday March 25th, Coleen and her glorious Glory went WB for another point...congratulations to Glory and Lacey for a successful month of March. Included in the WPKA weekend, was Lisa and her Bernese Mountain Dog, "Greenway's I'M Gus", aka Gus, had a major reserve on Saturday.

On the Medical front;

Our March Meeting was held at Joan's store, The Wellness and Training Center, Butler. Her friend, Pat Henry, had a presentation, "**Experiences with Alternatives**", on treating your pets, and yourself, with herbs and other natural products. We found it fascinating and very interesting. Pat suggested some basic items to keep on hand in your "First Aid" box. Some of the items are; "*Rescue Remedy*", which covers anything from shock, panic, stress, disorientation, and desperation. For the Homeopathic approach, Pat suggested *Arnica* for treatment of shock and injuries, *Apis* for bee stings and swellings of any kind, *Nux vomica* to use in the case of poisoning or upset digestive systems due to eating garbage or toxins. And in the case of using aroma therapies, Pat suggests *lavender* for calming, *thyme* as an antibiotic, *rose geranium* for a treatment as an astringent and antiseptic. Using *Rosemary* for the treatment of all muscle conditions, such as a sprain or arthritis. If you were not at the meeting, and

would like a copy of Pat's handout with the above information plus MUCH MORE, please see one of the officers, as they were all in attendance. Pat would be very happy to help and guide anyone who may be interested in trying any of the products and remedies.

Vaccination Protocol by Dr. Dodd;

While attending the Marietta shows, Coleen reported that the discussion of vaccine protocol suggested by Dr. Dodd, was of primary concern. The following article explains how the protocol should be followed. It is now being adopted by all 27 Veterinary schools. It is highly recommended to read this and save it to your files and records, and follow the protocol with your pets.

“ All 27 Veterinary Schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical and economical challenge to vets, and there will be skeptics. Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting that vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear lose of income vs those concerned about potential side effects. Politics, traditions, or the doctor's economic wellbeing should not be a factor in medical decision.

NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY

“Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity which is good for the life of the pet (ie: canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not “boosted”, nor are more memory cells induced.” Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. “There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines.” Puppies receive antibodies through their mother's milk. This natural protection can last 8 – 14 weeks. Puppies and kittens should not be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0 – 38%) will be produced. Vaccinations at 6 weeks, will however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress, rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3 – 4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 months) will provide lifetime immunity.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOGS

Distemper and parvo – “According to Dr. Schultz<AVMA, 8- 15- 95, when a vaccination series given at 2, 3 & 4 months, and again at 1 year with MLV, puppies and kitten program memory cells that survive for life, providing lifelong immunity.” Dr. Carmichael at Cornell and Dr. Schultz have studies showing immunity against challenge at 2 – 10 years for canine distemper & 4 years for parvovirus. Studies for longer duration are pending. “There are new strains of parvovirus as one mfg. would like to suggest. Parvovirus vaccination provides cross immunity for all types.” Hepatitis (Adenovirus) is one of the agents known to be a cause of kennel cough. Only vaccines with CAV -2 should be used as CAV-1 vaccines carry the risk of “hepatitis blue-eye” reactions & kidney damage.

Bordetella Para influenza - Commonly known as “kennel cough” recommended only for those dogs boarded, groomed, taken to dog shows, or for any reason housed where exposed to a lot of dogs. The intranasal vaccine provides more complete and more rapid onset of immunity with less chance of reaction. Immunity requires 72 hours and does not protect from every cause of kennel cough. Immunity is of short duration (4 to 6 months).

RABIES

There have been no reported cases of rabid dogs or cats in Harris, Montgomery or Ft. Bend Counties (Texas), there have been rabid skunks and bats so the potential exists. It is a killed vaccine and must be given every year.

LYME DISEASE

Lyme disease is a tick born disease which causes s lameness, kidney failure and heart diseases in dogs. Ticks can also transmit the disease to humans. The original Ft. Doged killed bacteria as proven to be the most effective vaccine. Lyme disease prevention should emphasize early removal of ticks. Amitrax collars are more effective than Top Spot, as almatraz paralyzes the tick's mouth parts preventing transmission of disease.

VACCINATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED

Multiple components in vaccines compete with each other for the immune system and result in lesser immunity for each individual disease as well as increasing the risk of reaction. Canine Corona virus is only a disease in puppies. It is rare, self limiting (dogs get well in 3 days without treatment). Cornell & Texas A & M have only diagnosed one case each in the last 7 years. Corona virus does not cause disease in adult dogs.

Leptospirosis vaccine is a common cause of adverse reactions in dogs. Most of the clinical cases of lepto reported in dogs in the US are caused by seravaars (or types) grippotyphosa and brat Silvia. The vaccines contains different serovaars eanicola and ictohemorrhagica. Cross protection is not provided and protection is short-lived. Lepto vaccine is immuno-suppressive to puppies less than 16 weeks.

(if you are interested in information on the cat protocol, call Deb Lawrence..it's a lot to type and she will get it to you.)

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Giardia is the most common intestinal parasite of Humans in North America, 30 % or more of all dogs & cats are infected with giardia. It has now been demonstrated that humans can transmit giardia to dogs & cats & vice versa. Heartworm prevention must be given year round in Houston.

VACCINES BADLY NEEDED

New vaccines in development include: Feline Immunodeficiency Virus and cat scratch fever vaccine for cats, and Ehrlichia (one of the other tick diseases, much worse than Lyme's) for dogs.

THE VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES; BUSINESS ASPECTS

Most vets recommend annual boosters and most kennel operators require them. For years the pricing structure of vets has misled clients into thinking that the inherent value of an annual office visit was in the "shots" and they failed to emphasize the importance of a physical exam for early detection of treatable diseases. It is my hope that you will continue to require rabies and kennel cough and emphasize the importance of a recent vet exam. I also hope you will accept new protocols and honor these pets as currently vaccinated. Those in the boarding business who will honor the new vaccine protocols can gain new customers who were turned away from vet owned boarding facilities reluctant to change.

CONCLUSION

Dogs & cats no longer need to be vaccinated against distemper, parvo & feline leukemia every year. Once the initial series of puppy or kitten vaccinations and first annual vaccinations are completed, immunity from MLV vaccines persists for life. It has been shown that cats over 1 year of age are immune to feline Leukemia whether they have been vaccinated or not. Imagine the money you will save, not to mention less risks from side effects. PRC rabies vaccine, because it is not adjuvanted, will mean less risk of mediated hemolytic anemia and allergic reactions are reduced by less frequent use of vaccines as well as avoiding unnecessary vaccines such as k-9 corona virus and Chlamydia for cats, as well as ineffective vaccines such as leptosirosis and FIP. Intranasal vaccine for Rhiotracheitis and Calici virus, two upper respiratory viruses of cats provide more complete protection than injectable vaccines with less risk of serious reactions.

The AAHA and all 27 veterinary schools of North America are our biggest endorsement for these new protocols. Please consider as current on all vaccinations for boarding purposes.

DOGS - initial series of puppy vaccines;

1. Distemper, hepatitis, parvo, Para influenza - 3 sets one month apart concluding at 16 weeks of age.
2. Rabies at 16 weeks of age (later is better)
3. bordetella within the last 4 -6 months

First annual (usually at 1 year and 4 months of age)

1. DHP, Parvo, Rabies
2. bordetella within 4 – 6 months

two years or older;

1. rabies within the last year
2. bordetella within 4 – 6 months
3. DHP & parvo given anytime over 6 months of age, but not necessarily within the last year. Recommended; physical examination for transmissible diseases and health risks.

(if you would like initial kitten series, contact Deb Lawrence)

Club News and Reminders;

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 28th @ 7:00, Mary Hummert's.

Directions to Mary's: From the turnpike, get off in Monroeville, cross 22, turning left onto Mossie Blvd. For 0.8 miles, slight left onto Haymaker Road (towards Forbes Regional Hospital) for 0.4 miles, bear to the left & turn onto Saunders Station Road. Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn left onto Meadowbrook Road. (stop sign here). Go up the hill, then down to stop sign. Continue to go straight through several stop signs. You will go up a hill and Mary's house is on the left with an Irish setter on the mailbox. The house numbers on Meadowbrook are not consecutive. A BIG help...watch for the electric power station on the right before you go up the last hill and Mary's house is the second one on your left from that point. Mary's phone number # 412-373-1784.

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