



The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club,
Inc
October 2006



The crispness of fall is in the air, the leaves are beginning to turn the beautiful colors of the season. The end of the dog shows being held outdoors is near. Of course, that means hauling everything inside, coats, boots and the thoughts "snow"..YUCK! Let's not forget Halloween.

"Dog Tricks, but prefer biscuit treats, please"

Oatlands Plantation, Leesburg VA



DOG NEWS

Ebensburg.... congratulations to Ruth for going WD/BOW & WB with **O'Dorsey's Fireside Sweeps** aka "Sootie" and **O'Dorsey's Blue Stockings** aka "Carly" BOTH days at Altoona Kennel Club and the Laurel Highlands Kennel Association. Yeah !!! Ruthie !!!! Way to go !

Congratulations to Deb and Skip for their very first Best of Breed win for **Ch Stonepoint's Spell Breaker**, "Callie", on Sunday at Laurel Highlands Kennel Association. THANK YOU, Coleen! What an exciting day...

Clarksburg, WV.... Congratulations to Holly Semich for going WD with "Rhett", **Kenobi's Never Miss A Beat**, on Saturday for another point!

Coleen for going WD with Diane Botula's Irish. "Corey", **Kenobi's Movin' Gruvin' Irishlad**, on Sunday, for another point!

Butler Fairgrounds - congratulations to Mary for going RWB with little Miss "Breeze", **Limerick's Against the Wind** at the Butler Co. Kennel Club show on Saturday.And for Coleen, for going RWD with Sue Benson's, "Arte", **RisingRed Sweet Artemis** at Butler Co. Kennel Club. The Benson's live in Altoona.

"Dewey", **CH Kenobi Just Do It**, spent his time at the Irish Festival in Pittsburgh, letting everyone know exactly of his origin!! Good job, Dewey!



On the health front of our members dogs;

Coleen reports that "Creed" is doing well on his thyroid medication and that there have been no more "episodes" of ill-health.

George reports that "Sadie" has broken a toe and is on the mend, and able to attend the upcoming shows that she is entered in. Surgery on his girl, "Chantilly", had a positive outcome. Tumors removed proved to be benign.

Continued good health to these dogs.....

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Responsible Dog Ownership Day was held on Saturday, September 16th at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall. What can I say? What a success! Deb had put an ad in the local newspaper and had several phone calls. The members able to attend were Joan, Mary, George, Ruth, Jean, Sally & Davis, and Deb. We had many guests bring their dogs for our "Meet the Breed" event. The guests included Sally's sister, Nancy and a friend, Joan's graduates of her obedience classes, Joan's own Veterinarian, friends and clients of Coleen's, and a local person that owns a Boarding kennel and shows / breeds Papillion's. Breeds represented were our Irish - Willie, Dewey, Chase, Callie, Madeline and Bailey. Other breeds were an English setter, English Cocker, Irish wolfhound, Papillion's, Japanese Chin, German shepherd, lab, goldens, rottweiler and Spinone. Chase and Dewey demonstrated all of their areas of "training". Thanks to Petsmart for donating t-shirts and totes as our give aways for a \$5.00 donation to "PAWS with a Cause". AKC sent tons of hand-outs on just about anything you could think of, with our concentration on being a responsible pet owner. The check for the \$308.00 that was collected was given to Mary to

send with a letter to PAWS With A Cause. The Director, Deb Davis, expresses much gratitude and thanks us for our donation. They greatly appreciate our efforts. Mary also sent out letters of thank - you to PetsMart and the Pittsburgh Mills Mall. The Mall Management was very pleased with everything and we'll have no problem being accepted back. They were very helpful and accommodating and checked on us often. It was a great day!

"Halloween Howl" - On October 14th, Joan has arranged for "A Blessing of the Animals", to benefit the Rainbow Animal Refuge. Time is 10:00 a.m. at the Schramm's Farm Market at 291 South Criswell Road, Butler. A donation of \$5 is asked, and all animals will receive the St Francis of Assisi Medal. Please contact Joan for further details and to let her know if you would like a medal. There are other "fun" activities for the day. Please go to our website events link.

Tickets for our November Dinner at Paparazzi's are moving along. We need to sell as many as possible, if not all 125, to make this a success. Please contact Deb for your tickets. Mary will be putting together the "Fall Basket", Jean volunteered to do the "Christmas Basket" and Deb will do the "Winter, warm and fuzzy" basket. If you run across any items to fit into one of these categories, please pick it up and get it to the appropriate "basket" person by October's meeting. These baskets will be raffled off at our dinner using the dinner ticket that is purchased. It has been decided to have a 50 / 50 raffle available that evening, also. Dee has been working with the restaurant to set the menu. Bob Evan's is donating chicken and sausage for the buffet entrées, thank you Dee! Tiramisu will be the dessert item. The buffet will include appetizers, salad, breads, several pasta entrees and the Tiramisu. Sounds yummy!!! The list of guests representing their services is growing. Mary will have that compiled once everyone gets the names and titles to her.

Saturday, December 2nd is "Photos With Santa Day", arranged by Joan. Photos will be taken at Brinkle's Greenhouse on Rte. 68. Mark your calendar. We'll have more details in October. Joan needs a photographer. Please contact Joan if you can help out in any way, before or the day of. She would like help on photo day, especially.

Christmas Meeting / Dinner is tentatively chosen for Friday December 8th at Paparazzi's Restaurant. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting / dinner at 7:00. Please mark your calendar. RSVP to Coleen so that we can give them an idea on how many will be attending. The meeting will be brief, only to touch base on anything that may need our attention. This will be a social evening of celebrating not only friendships and the holidays, but also the end of a very successful year! Everyone should be very pleased and extremely proud of our club's accomplishments in 2006. We need to confirm our reservation with the restaurant. Final details for our evening's activities will be decided upon at the next meeting. Come with ideas of thing(s) that you might want to include.

Temperament Testing is set for April 28, 2007 at Ruth White's Home. The date was determined by the Dog Show schedule, although this is also the I SCA National in Ocala Florida. Please mark your calendar to help with this event as A LOT of manpower is necessary. As of now, Mary, Deb and Skip have reservations for the National and will not be present to help. Nearly all club members will be needed for this event. Joan is the chairperson. We MUST be organized. A tester will be hired. There will be a \$35 fee per dog, with \$25 to ATTS and \$10 to Irish Setter Rescue.

Always check our website for all of the updated information on the events link.

www.gtisc.org

WAYS and MEANS

While the dinner is a fund raiser for the club, there are also other projects in the works.

A portion of the Santa photos will go to Rescue.

Dee and Judy put together a sample lottery ticket for the month of June. We will begin selling these tickets in January, in order to sell all 1000 tickets. The cost per ticket is \$5.00. Dee will check into finding reasonable printing costs. That will be the only expense. If this is successful, it was decided to do this also for the month of December. We should not have difficulty in selling all of the tickets.

And not to forget, our fund raising projects for the specialties; The \$5.00 Raffle ticket for the first specialty with prizes consisting of; 1st - Booster Bath complete with pedestal legs and ramp (valued at \$400), 2nd - the Danny Quest piece donated by Coleen and 3rd - the HUGE raffle basket. Please start picking up items for the doggie basket. Those can be given to Deb to collect. We'll have Mary wrap the basket and get it together. For the second Specialty - the Silent Auction for Rescue and our Chinese auction for the club operational fund. Items for these two raffles are needed. Please keep your eyes open for purchases.

PR

Judy has taken care of sending cards out during the month of September. People and dogs in our thoughts and prayers include George and "Riley".

A few members have brought up the idea of getting everyone's birthday on file (no year, don't panic!) We need to celebrate "happy" events, too. Everyone knows we just celebrated Ruth's 80th birthday on August 31st. And now we are getting ready to celebrate Judy's 65th birthday on October 7th! So, let us know what you think....and we will compile a birthday list. Send to Deb and she'll "announce" each month.....AND to Judy.

AKC LIASION / NEWS

There is a great concern about agreements and contracts between AKC and Petland with the sale of puppies and registrations. Please go to www.AKC.org to read all about it. There is contact information for responses/comments from the public. Connie Vanacore is our AKC liaison for ISCA. She has been attending these meetings with AKC and has been reporting on the setters list. There is a multitude of topics in this matter...AKC financial stability, puppy mills, contracts, registrations, etc. Also new is that Congress has passed a bill concerning Pets in disaster situations. Once again, go to www.AKC.org ,for the information, and explanation.



SPECIALTIES 2007

Coleen and George report everything is falling into place concerning our specialties next spring. We are waiting on final approval from the host dog clubs/AKC in order to finalize our paperwork. George has all paperwork to that point completed. Judges have been chosen and the contracts have been sent out. Three, so far, have been signed and returned. Confirmed judges are Sweeps - Laurie Demaux and regular classes, David Allen Feller for the first specialty (Butler Co KC); and sweeps - Kirsten Wilson for the second specialty (Trumbell CO KC). All details should be finalized within the next month or two. Mary and Deb report that almost all trophies for 2007 have been purchased. These include 3 Supported Entry Shows and our two Specialties. Once everything is finalized and complete, details will be given to all club members. Mark your calendar for Memorial Day weekend....everyone's help is needed.



RESCUE

We have received donations from Coleen in "Memory of.." Riley and Duffy. Thank you for the generosity. These boys are loved and missed.

Coleen has the boy that was picked up running the streets of Indiana by the Humane Society. He has received medical attention and will be neutered. He is not a puppy as we first thought. He looks to be at least 3 years old. He is extremely thin and with Coleen's magic grooming touch, doesn't look too bad! He is a nice boy, and with some training, will be a wonderful addition to his new home. He shows signs of some training as he sits, lays, and gives paw when asked, and walks well on a leash. For an abandoned dog, he is pleasant and

happy. Mary did a home visit with an applicant for a Rescue Dog. Mary and Coleen had a meeting to introduce the two, and are pleased to announce that our rescue boy has been named "Flynn" by his new owner, Dana Davis. Flynn will be going to his forever home on October 6th. Once again, another "Happy Ending".



NEW MEMBERSHIP

A membership application has been received from Dana Davis. Dana attended September's Club Meeting. Per club by-laws, membership will be voted on for approval at the October meeting. Dana contacted Mary through our website with interest in obtaining a rescue dog. Fate had it that we had just gained Flynn to our possession...which became a match "meant to be". Dana also expressed interest in becoming a club member. Dana's love of the breed goes back many years when she previously owned/showed Irish Setters. Dana is very excited to be getting Flynn. We are very excited that they have found each other. Dana is sponsored by Mary and Coleen.

CLUB NEWS & REMINDERS

The final copy of the updated by-laws has been signed by the club officers, and members present, and sent to AKC for that "final approval". All required "tweaking" has been completed with George's help and expertise. Hopefully, this will not take long to have approved and returned by AKC. Once approved, all members will receive their copy of the revised by-laws.

Our next meeting will be on October 19th at Mary Hummert's. We will have a Chiropractor that is certified in animals present as our guest. Meeting is at 7:00 p.m. Phone # 412-373-1784. 415 Meadowbrook Road, Level Green.

Directions;

From the turnpike, get off in Monroeville, cross 22, turning left onto Mosside Blvd. For .08 miles, slight left onto Haymaker Road (towards Forbes Regional Hospital) for .04 miles, bear to left onto Saunders Station Road. Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn left onto Meadowbrook Road. (stop sign here) Go up hill and 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 the left from that point.

"Old Dog In A Locket"

Old dog in a locket
That lies next to my heart
I will always love you
As I did right from the start
You were right beside me
Through the darkest of my days
It was your kind and gentle nature
That made you want to stay.
Now I hold you in my arms
Your breath still warm against my hand
Our hearts still beat together
And I wonder if you understand
Through the hours that I held you
Before the light did leave your soul
I knew a way to keep you
Forever in my hold.
I snipped the hair from around your ears
So I would always hear
Music in the distance
To quiet any fears.
I snipped the hair from across your back
To bring me strength in times of need
And the power of your essence
Would always be with me.
I snipped the hair from around your heart
That beats in time with mine
So I would know that love would find me
At some distant time.
And so your life slipped out of mine
On a quiet, spring like day
But I knew that part of you
Was always here to stay.

To the Rainbow Bridge.....

August 31st, George's boy, "Riley", **CH Highland April Tapestry**. Riley was 6 years old and became suddenly ill. Riley is dearly missed.....



May the Shamrocks fall softy.....

Breeze's Column of the Month;

Breeze and her brothers recently had their picture taken at a Photography Studio. She thinks she looks beautiful, and the brothers look "like nerds". She notes that lots of people want pictures of their dogs, and thinks this can be done at home. She has some suggestions for the amateur photographer:

1. Remove film from box and load camera
2. Remove film box from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.
3. Remove puppy from trash and brush coffee grounds from muzzle.
4. Find a nice background for the picture, and put the dogs on a sit-stay
5. Focus with one hand, and fend off dogs with the other hand.
6. Get tissue and clean nose prints from camera lens
7. Put dogs back in the assigned spot in a sit-stay
8. Try to get the dogs' attention by squeaking a toy over your head
9. Replace your glasses and check camera for damage
10. Put dogs outside and call the Pet Photography studio for an appointment

Until next month, remember: *You can say a lot without talking. Ask a dog.*

Love,
Breeze

Remember, folks...you need to send me things to print.....I need ideas, stories, etc.....and keep me up-to-date on ANY Dog News!

Happy Autumn !!
Deb



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