



The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc

September 2006



The essence of fall will soon be in the air, where HAS the summer gone??? It is our last summer holiday weekend of picnics and celebrations. Enjoy!

Dog News

Canfield was a weekend of fun and good times! Coleen, Dee, Judy, George, Deb, Skip, Mary, Sally & Davis...spent time with dogs and great friends! It was HOT and that would not spoil a weekend!

Congratulations to Dee & Judy for RWB with "Lacey", **Graemar Queen Anne's Lace**, on Saturday's Beaver County KC show.

Harrisburg - congratulations to George for RWB with "Sadie", **Highland's April Pearl**, on Saturday, Penn Ridge Kennel Club, with Coleen on the other end of the lead.

Congratulations to Joan and "Dewey", **CH Kenobi's Just do It**, on August 12th, for winning the "Best Groomed Dog" at the New Haven Court, Senior Day Care facility. Joan and Dewey were also busy at the Community Days for the Butler County Humane Society on August 26th, mingling through the people and demonstrating the importance of Dog Obedience. Good job, Dewey!

Website;

Mary has been keeping up with the website information. If you have any updates and / or photos, this is the time to get them to Mary. Tammy is off work for the summer and has been changing and adding things very quickly. All of our club activities have been updated on the site, also.



Rescue:

We are in possession of a young male, about 14 months old. Coleen's sister, Annie, is fostering him for the time being. She will have him treated for fleas and neutered. Inquiries for a young male have been received by Mary. This woman has completed all necessary paperwork and a home visit was completed. We will hope for a "forever home" for this young boy. He was found running the streets of Indiana, PA and turned into the shelter.

The club has received yet another donation to rescue "In Memory of Morgan". What a loved boy he was!

We are all pleased to announce that our "Special old-boy, Wagner" is living the high-life! Bless Wagner and his owner Bill! All rescues should be so lucky and so happy!



Specialties 2007

We are pleased that plans are moving right along. George, along with Coleen, is completing the necessary paperwork to be submitted to AKC and ISCA. Ruth White will be our Show Chairman for the spring specialties. Judges will be chosen from the panel already in place. George will be working out the details, as he is our club secretary for handling the shows. Judging times will be chosen at a later date. Laurie Demaux and Kirsten Wilson have agreed to be the sweeps judges for puppy & veterans, Laurie for the first specialty and Kirsten for the 2nd. The proper contract will be forwarded to them and the information sent to AKC. We will wait for approval.

Trophies for both specialties and the supported entry shows are nearly all purchased. Deb and Mary have been working on that. Themes have been chosen for each show. We are supporting the entries for the New Castle Kennel Club on both Friday and Monday of the Memorial Day weekend. We are also supporting the entries at the Maryland Sporting Dog association show in March. Those trophies have been purchased. Once the purchases are completed, I will post a list. How exciting to have that out of the way by fall....nearly 8 months in advance!

We will again do a \$5.00 raffle ticket for the first specialty. Due once again, to the generosity of Coleen, she provided the \$250 from the sale of a Pictorial towards the

purchase of a Booster Bath as "First" of the 3 prizes. We MUST thank Davis for "working" the price of the Booster bath, equipped with leg-pedestals and a ramp, from over \$400 to \$250. Way to go, Davis!! I'm glad he is on our side! Swamp land in Florida, anybody? Second prize is a Danny Quest piece, also being donated by Coleen. Third prize will again be a HUGE doggie basket! So, watch for sales on those items to be placed into it!

The second specialty fund raisers will once again be the Silent Auction for Rescue and the Chinese basket auction. Donations requested, please. Davis was sent on a mission at the Canfield shows. Not only did he obtain the great price on the Booster Bath, but he was also able to obtain gift certificates from several vendors. We also were able to purchase a \$90 piece of hand-made jewelry for \$15.00. Thank you, again, Davis!! These items will be put into baskets for the Chinese auction or the rescue auction.

Ways and Means - Activities & Events

Responsible Dog Ownership Day will be held on September 16th, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall. The details of insurance and permission with the mall have been finalized. They are giving us a space in front of the "Wag Barkery & Boutique". The mall will also provide a roped off area and advertising to promote this event. Activities will be "Meet the Breeds", examples of dog conformation and obedience, therapy and rescue. We would like to set up a schedule with everyone on the time that they can spend at this event. Please contact Deb or Sally O'Neill at least a week in advance with your intentions. We need to be organized ahead of time. We will not have another club meeting before this event. We are asking for an hour or two of your time to make this successful. If you are able to stay longer, you will be welcomed. We will be accepting donations for "Paws with a Cause" as the organization we are sponsoring. Mary has contacted Pets Mart for donations of items to be used for "gifts" when someone makes a donation, examples being a Frisbee or ball. Fliers and tickets for our dinner will be available, along with club information and business cards.

Dog Match...

This has been postponed until spring due to conflicts of weekend work schedules. (tentatively scheduled for October 21st).

Benefit Dinner;

The benefit dinner at Paparazzi's has been confirmed for November 9th at 6:30 p.m. The tickets have been designed and printed. Distribution is now. Contact Deb for the number of tickets you need. Fliers were handed out at the meeting. If you are in need of any, please contact Mary. Advertising has begun. We have guests attending to talk about their services dealing with animals, which include a chiropractor, Pet sitter, Dog trainer, Pet Psychic, an attorney, a photographer and groomers. Others are being encouraged to attend. If you know of anyone who is in any career that can educate us in their field, please talk to them. Tickets are \$25 each and are advance sales only. Dee will be finalizing the menu. Mary and Deb will make 3 baskets that the ticket holders will have a chance to win. Cash bar will be available. We have 125 tickets to sell and would like to have them all sold.

Breeze's Column of the month;

Breeze is proud that her brother, Chase, has so many initials before and after his name. She has come up with a list of some very special titles that dogs can also have....

BW Butt Wagger

BWX Butt Wagger Excellent

CC Cat Courser

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CP Couch Potato

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CSX Counter Surfer Extraordinaire (Deb's Dogs have this title)

GFIY Go Fetch It Yourself

IDDI I Didn't Do It

LD Lap Dog

OWTH Oh What The Heck

TGAN Terribly Good At Nothing

TSIM That Seat Is Mine

TTIM That Toy Is Mine

UTCD Under The Covers Dog

UTCDX Under The Covers Dog Excellent

WM Who Me?

Until next time, remember...

Believe it or not, you will feel better after a bath.

Love,



Limerick's Against the Wind, TTIM "Breeze"

A Simple Story;

We should always see things through a child's eye, it makes life so much easier.....

"Being a Veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten year old Irish Setter named Belker. The dog's owners, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found that he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, the parents told me that they thought it would be good for the 4-year old, Shane, to observe the procedure. They felt that Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal's lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The four year old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God."

Club News and Reminders

SUMMARY; schedule your time at the Mills Mall and sell your dinner tickets!
"Teamwork" is the key to success!

The next meeting is Thursday, September 21st @ 7:00 p.m at the home of Jean Hutchinson.
Address 647 Linwood Road, Canonsburg 724-745-4371

DIRECTIONS; (from I won Maps)

From 79, take exit 45 PA 280/Canonsburg
Right on McClelland Rd
Left on Morganza Rd
Left on Weaverton Rd
Right on Washington / US 19
Straight on S Central Ave
Left on 519
Right on Linwood

According to the directions, from the exit 45 to Jean's is only a few miles, less than 5.
Other than this, you're on your own or call Jean.



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