



# The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club,  
Inc

January 2007



Welcome 2007!!!!!! Happy New Year to everyone!!!

The holiday rush is over....it's calm and quiet..OR, is it? After a two week break from all of the dog shows and activities, it's time to start again. We're off and running into another exciting year!!!

I usually start off each month with my "Dog News" portion. That's first because it's all about the dogs and our love for them. This month, I am putting everyone's comments and views of the 2006 year first. The dogs have brought us all together...it's was a wonderful year...so let's share everyone's thoughts and feelings about the dogs and what gtisc has meant to them....enjoy!

From Mary.. "What a busy year we've had! At last, an outlet for my 'Martha Stewart on speed' creative energy!!! I've had a blast shopping for trophies, creating the website, designing ads and programs, and making baskets for every event we could think of. I've loved opening my email and seeing fun, supportive and friendly messages from what I have come to see as my 'extended family' . Our love of this breed has brought us together for all the right reasons, at the right time in each of our lives. We have challenged ourselves to stretch the limits of our creativity, our time constraints, our knowledge and commitment. Our response to this challenge is something to be proud of. As we move forward, I'll remember that "the journey is the reward", and enjoy each and every minute! "

From Deb..."What can I say besides WOW? I haven't had this much fun doing something for a long time! Getting ready for the specialties were definitely a challenge for me, who is clueless on the dog show information. But I used my organizational skills and my creativity (I admit that I am not as creative as Mary) to do baskets and get the items for the Chinese auction together, along with Mary. Being part of the trophy committee with

Mary and Coleen was also a good time. But the really great part of the year was all of us becoming a "family", putting our heads together for not only the working part of this club, but for the fun things that we did to raise money. I've have enjoyed putting together this newsletter. We also made new friends with the introduction of Sally and Davis, and also with Dana. Going to the National, and representing our club made me proud! Good things have happened, and with 2007 here, many more are to come! "

From Joan ... " For what it is worth, I sum up this year as a TV show...First the PRICE IS RIGHT..Come on down, Spin the Wheel and see what name comes up. Chauncy, Paddy, Harry, Dewey, Skye and see who gets to pay the vet the most money! In the end, we all won because they are all healthy. SURVIVOR...This is the one and only chicken who survived Dewey after he nearly killed him for his deeds. FAMILY FEUD... this is where the boys wanted to kill one another after the old rescue, Chauncy, came into season! I wanted to get all the dogs together then..and this was meant in a six-foot-under kind of way!! This is for the loss of My Dear Duffy, and to all the club members, and to friends that have had the losses this year. And now FRIENDS..this is for all of the club members who I got to know really well and to know that everyone is an email away and a phone call away. It's nice to know that I have a good circle of friends just waiting to help. With out the help of members, we could not have done our shows or our fund raisers. Thanks to Deb for your time in getting this together, to let others share in OUR ONE LIFE TO LIVE!!!!!! "

## Dog News

Cleveland Weekend - **CONGRATULATIONS** to Coleen and her new [Champion Ballymera's Walkin' On Water](#) AKA "Glory", who went back to back majors on Saturday and Sunday. Miss Glory finished out with 17 points! What a way to end the year!! Other congratulations for Coleen, who finished a Golden Dog with a major and BOW on Sunday, also.



Congratulations to "Creed" for making the home page of the ISCA website! Deb sent in a photo from Santa Photo Day and he made the "front Page". Yeah!! Stardom!

On the health of our dogs, Coleen's "Quest" gave us scare. It turned out his coughing was due to bronchitis and not something far more serious. He's been treated with antibiotics and is doing well.

## Events

Santa Photos were on Saturday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Brenkle's in Butler. What can we say? Another event that was fun and quite successful! We took 68 photos between noon and 5:00. People and pets were coming through the door continuous through 5:00. Photos were \$5.00 each, with profits going to our Irish Setter Rescue fund. Many people were far more generous than the \$5.00 donation that we were asking. Thanks to Joan, who organized and advertised in the Butler area. Mary, Coleen, Deb, Henrietta and Lisa were there to help "Santa George" get the most perfect photos! Thank you to Joan's friends who came to take photos and entertain the animals to "photo perfection". A BIG thanks goes to Brenkle's for offering their beautiful greenhouse to hold this event. What wonderful holiday spirit from all who came to the greenhouse. Brenkle's had poinsettias in the most beautiful colors along with many items made of greenery for sale!

Christmas Meeting / Dinner at Atria's was WONDERFUL! We had a full house including two guests, Joan's niece, Nikki, and Dee and Judy's friend and neighbor, Roseanne. It was nice to have them join us. The gift exchange was a blast! They were all wonderful gift ideas. Sally's game, hmmm, well, that was hilarious! It was a great idea from Sally S. Everyone agreed that our gift exchange game and Atria's is worth repeating next year! We all agree that it was a wonderful year for friends, family, dog events & FUN!

And our Blessing before dinner, as written by Judy Roberts & read by Mary Hummert....

"We thank YOU for the blessing of your presence with us this evening. And we thank YOU for blessing us to become a club that shares each others' losses and sorrows; that recognizes each others' gifts & talents and appreciates them; and for always being ready to celebrate each others wins and joys! And we are here tonight to celebrate!! To celebrate YOUR seasons of miracles and your season of love! "



## 2007 Specialties

Now that we are over the holidays, finalizing our trophies is the first matter at hand. Deb and Mary will work on getting the last of our trophies together, packed by show, and ready to go. We can concentrate on selling the raffle tickets and getting our raffle and auction items together. Hospitality will need to be finalized. How exciting! This should be easy and a lot of fun, especially with the shows close to home. Think about the job(s) you are interested in taking on. There are enough members that no one person should be overwhelmed by taking on too many things to do.

We need to make a correction to our raffle, once Coleen dug the statue out of her box of goodies that she inherited from Marita, it was found that the Bronze Statue is NOT a Danny Quest piece. It IS bronze and quite heavy, but without a signature.



### Breeze's Column of the Month

I would like to encourage everyone to raise your milkbones in a toast .. Happy 14049! (that's 2007 in dog years). As the New Year approaches, I decided to make some New Year's Resolutions.

1. I will not chase the ball until I **SEE** it leave my Mom's hands.
2. I will not drop soggy tennis balls into the underwear of someone who is sitting on the toilet.
3. It's wrong to back Grandma into a corner and guard her. I won't do that anymore.
4. I will not practice my big girl "woof" at 3 am.
5. Barking at guests 10 minutes after they arrive is stupid. I'm done doing that.
6. Every time we go for a car ride, I will not bark loudly at nothing right in my mom's ear.
7. My toys are my toys. The little humans' toys are the little humans' toys. I will not take them.
8. I will *try* to wear a collar that is not pink. I can't guarantee this one...
9. When mom calls me, I will not pretend to have suddenly gone deaf.
10. I will try to remember that some of the stuffies in the house DO belong to the brothers..

Breeze's final word:

Leashes are good....they keep your human close.



### Rescue

Sally reported that we have a 5 year old girl, asked to be placed through our rescue connections. Sally will contact them to get the dog for our evaluation before she can be placed into a forever home. Ruth has had an inquiry from a woman that she knows interested in obtaining a rescue.

A donation was made for our IS Rescue Fund, in Memory of Dee's mom, who passed away in October. Thank you for that donation.

Since we have been very successful in our fund raiser deeds to raise money for not only our rescue, but two other organizations this past year, Mary suggested that we donate \$100 in

the club's name to the National Club Rescue Fund. It was unanimous. That letter, along with a check for \$100, was sent to I SCA Rescue c/o Marilee Larson, national chair.

A note of an extremely grateful thank you was received from Rainbow Animal Refuge in response to our donation of \$173 that was sent to them from monies raised at our Blessing of the Animals Event. Best Wishes to them.

#### An Inspirational Message.....

Everyone needs a companion. Even when it's not easy to admit that we do....when we act as though we've got it all together or when we think we don't need anyone or anything...God knows what we need. Sometimes our companions are other human beings, but many times they are not.

Our most loyal companions might be our pets. These companions may not be able to mow the yard or wash the dishes, but they are roommates that help make our house into homes. And those unquantifiable gifts make them essential to our everyday lives.

Pets unquestionably do more for us than many people are willing to admit. Although they can't speak to us in words, they most assuredly speak to us loudly in the little things that they do for us from day to day.

When your pet faithfully gives you that early morning wake-up call, he's saying that you are needed. When she enthusiastically barks and jumps to greet you each time you come home, she's shouting "I missed you. I'm glad you're back!" When he's never too busy to snuggle on the couch when you're alone at night, he's letting you know that you're loved and valued.

Today, take a moment to appreciate your pets---even though they haven't once taken out the trash. The little things they do to enrich our lives make them more than just pets: They're bona fide, loving companions.

Taken from "HUGS for Pet Lovers"



#### To the Rainbow Bridge.....

December 1, 2006, George's girl, "Ali", [CH Kenobi Chasin' the Memories](#), joined her son, "Riley", at the Rainbow Bridge, at the age of 13 ½. "Ali" is also mom to George's "Sadie" and Joan's boy, "Harry". Ali is sadly missed....



May the shamrocks fall softly.....

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." Roger Caras

PR - Judy Roberts

January Birthdays.....

Davis Denny - 6<sup>th</sup>



Happy Birthday!!!!

Club News and Reminders;

The lottery tickets were handed out at the December meeting. See Dee & Judy if you didn't receive yours, and of course, when you need more. The specialty raffle tickets are also ready and will be handed out at our January meeting. Both tickets sales should prove successful with 6 months to get them sold. See Dee and Judy for the raffle tickets also.

The Nominating Committee Chairperson, Judy Roberts, asked for nominations once again, and to date, all officers are running for their respective positions. Nominations will be taken up until the January meeting, when elections for 2007 will take place.

Membership renewals are now due. If you did not receive your notice, please contact Mary, to get your payment to her. Deadline is near.... And for I SCA, if you are a member there.

The next meeting is on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m., at Ruth White's home. Ruth lives on Route 910, 4817 Gibsonia Road. 724-443-6248 If you need directions, please call Ruth. There will also be an annual Board Meeting to be held on Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any ideas, questions or concerns that you think needs to be discussed, please contact any of the Board Members, Coleen, Mary, George, Ruth, Joan or Deb prior to that date.



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