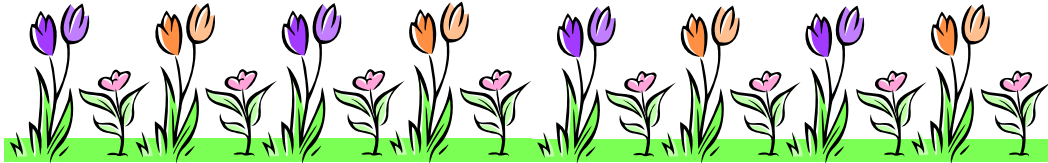




The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club,
Inc
May 2007



"April showers bring May flowers". It was also nice to have the daylight savings time much earlier...gives you that "boost" of energy to get out of the winter slump! Now we move outdoors with the shows. Smell that fresh air! We can just ignore the April snow we've had! And what was in YOUR Easter Basket???

ALERT! _ an Irish Setter has been spotted running loose out near the Observatory, in the Perrysville Area, at the Riverview Park. An Attorney, who was walking her dog, contacted us through Mary, stating that it seems to approach people walking their dog, but runs off when called. The attorney has been keeping in contact with Mary, saying she carries a slip lead and has all Mary's phone numbers programmed in her cell phone. Hopefully, we can get this dog in our possession. Coleen and Dee scoured the park the day it was first reported, unable to see any Irish running loose.

Dog News

Harrisburg, April 13 - 15

Congratulations to Dana & Dan Graff AND Coleen (co-owner) for going BOB with "Ruby" CH. Sweetbriar's Brilliant Gem at the Harrisburg Kennel Club show held Saturday. She was BOS the other days!!! Watch for Coleen and "Ruby" on the telecast of this show on Animal Planet, which will be on June 26th. Also at this show, Coleen went WD with "Jake",

[Sweetbriar's Blaze of Glory](#), all weekend and is up to 8 points. Jake lives in Arizona and this is his second weekend out with Coleen. Not bad!! These guys are spinone.

Welcome to "Echo", a new English Setter puppy, that is now family member to Davis, Sally and Aunt Nancy. Her full name is not yet been decided. She arrived on April 24th from North Carolina. Ahhhhhh..more puppy breath!



Congratulations to Sharon Reilly and the Jewelset team for going Best of Breed with "Windy", [CH Jewelset's Up Up & Away](#), for the second year in a row at the I SCA Nationals, held in Ocala, Florida. Next year's National, Scottsdale Arizona!!



Website

A huge thank you to both Mary and Tammy for all of the hard work in keeping our website up-to-date. With all of our activities and events coming up, Mary and Tammy are working continuously to keep the information current. We are adding photos of our raffle items, along with the information about all of our great raffle items we have this year.

After the Pittsburgh WPKA weekend, Mary had some email inquiries through our website. She answered the questions, and hopefully, they will visit us again at our Temp test and the specialties weekend. With interest and curiosity, through our member pages, they will see we just all love the dogs, and love to have fun as a group. Visitors were informed we have all areas of interest, from show, to rally, obedience, agility and therapy AND our loving couch potatoes!! Plus, we work hard with the rescue under Sally S. and Joan. And we also told them, not everyone has a red dog, but also about our English cockers, English Setter, Berners and now a poodle.

Please get your bio updated, or to Mary, if you haven't done it yet. We are proud of what we are and who we are...let's share. After all, it is the dogs that bring us together.

Mary also had an inquiry for a puppy. We will do our best to find this person a puppy.



Breeze's column of the month

May brings Mother's day. We all want to make our mom's happy, and we want to be happy! I thought I'd share some advice on making life a little happier this month...

Always chose the second most comfortable chair. If you chose the best chair, someone will make you move.

Have some pride. Don't beg.

Once in a while, run real fast for no reason.

A handshake is the proper greeting. Don't sniff someone's butt. Things will get off to a bad start.

Don't stand up in a moving vehicle.

Pace yourself. Periods of high activity should be followed by a nap.

If you have to throw up, move off the rug.

Don't whine. If you do, someone will eventually just tell you to "quit whining"

Show interest in what others are doing. For example, if your owner likes gardening, GET INVOLVED. Help dig.

If someone is sleeping, sleep right along with them.

If you put your head out the car window, keep your mouth shut.

Don't eat soap (see advice on throwing up)

Bees are not meant to be played with.

Never eat a stick.

Be friendly.

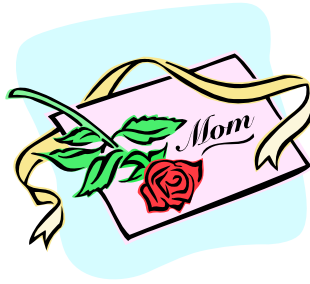
Last words...

Learn a firm pawshake

Howl from the heart

...and always love your mom.... (I do)

hugs,
Breeze



Rescue

While at the dog shows in Maryland this past month, Coleen was able to visit with Laura and Bailey.

Here is an update from Laura....what a great life she and Ruby have given Bailey!

"You all amaze me at the showing of the red dogs. I've never done any of that. Shannon was told to me by vets and groomers that she was "show quality" and she seemed to me to be the most beautiful. And Ruby, while I was a bit disappointed initially that she was so small has turned into my little spitfire. Now that I have Bailey, he seems to be the most beautiful boy ever. He will get groomed on 4/18 and I will give the best direction I can (not being very knowledgeable) but I will learn.

For us here... I'm so fortunate to be home with them for the most part, that they experience other humans that love them and that everyone who enters my home knows "IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RED DOGS". I just have to tell you that my only worry was Ruby initially. And that is over. She adores her big brother. Sometimes they play, sometimes they want the same toy, sometimes they fight for the sofa... But after only 6 weeks... they both know they are here together and for me that is so wonderful. We have passed the stage of "making sure Ruby is ok" if Bailey gets on the sofa first I say to Ruby "oh well, he was faster". And so funny... if Bailey gets on the sofa first... Ruby will get a toy and coax him off he sofa and drop it and get on the sofa where he was... "oh well Bailey,, she outsmarted you".

My perfect ending of each day is "bed time" and they both follow me to the bedroom and Bailey gets in his crate and Ruby gets on the bed and I tell them how happy I am they are here and I say "goodnight Bailey Boo and Goodnight Ruby Duby and we all fall to sleep.

I'm blessed... that this perfect red boy has made my life crazy along with my little spitfire and all the "ones who love the red dogs" to support me.

Thank you all... Laura, Ruby and "George Bailey, the richest man in town" we have stolen that from "It's a wonderful life" And it is.... "

Look for Laura's Poem, "Ode to Bailey" in one of the upcoming issues of the MEMO.

Events and Activities

Temperament Test - Saturday, April 28th, at Ruth's. **As usual, it rained!! But the show must go on!** What mud? There were 29 dogs tested. We had plenty of help, making it easy to switch around people and give "breaks". We had hot coffee and plenty of muffins, bagels and some donuts to share with everyone who came. What mud? We have HUGE congratulations to those dogs who passed. Among those new "TT" dogs are a few who belong to club members. Congratulations to Coleen and "Creed", our **Bad Moon on the Rise TT**; Davis and his Aunt Nancy for "Paislee", **Paislee Print by Davis TT**, and Skip & Deb with "Ian", Touchstone's Chills n Thrills TT. Also, to Diane Botola with her Irish, "Cory", **Kenobi Movin' Gruvin' Irish Lad TT**. What mud???? There was quite an assortment of breeds tested including Giant Schnauzers, Dobermans, German Shepherds, white shepherds, mixed breeds and a little Manchester terrier. People traveled from as far away as Morgantown. Thanks to all of those dogs and their owners who came. And thanks to the club members who were able to come, our organizer Joan, Coleen, Lisa, Dee, Judy, George, Mary, Jean, Linda Hughes, Deb, Skip, Sally & Davis, Sally S., and Nikki. AND thanks to Ruth for use of "White Park". Proceeds to benefit our Rescue Fund. Did you say mud????

From Joan;

"I want to say THANK YOU to Ruth White for letting us use her property for our test. Also to Lisa Edwards who helped me transport and help set up the course the night before the test, and for manning the Umbrella station the whole time in the pouring rain. To Megan Heisel, and to her mother Kathy, for doing Friendly stranger to person and friendly stranger toward the dog. ,Sally O'Neill for the bucket shaker, Skip Lawrence for the firing the gun. Big Thanks to Jim Meyer for being the unfriendly stranger he had all of us backing away!!! To the rest of club members who helped; Deb Lawrence for paper work, Mary Hummert for filling in stations and walking Dewey! And starting the Bon Fire, George Towle for filling in at stations, Judy Roberts for filling in at stations; Dee Hasley and Sally Stewart for their support. Davis, for keep helping me set up the blinds and keeping that cute puppy dry. To Sally O'Neill's sister Nancy, for bringing the puppy and her English setter for testing. (I think we really should get Nancy to join our club she's been supporting all our activities) . To Coleen McGee for being a tester and having her Irish, " Creed" tested and for handling another Irish, " Cory" for the test. Once again working together and being as crazy as our breed for standing in the rain all day we did Great job!!! Thanks GTISC..... Joan Fiser chairperson for the Test

Sarris pretzels - This is ongoing through May. See Sally O'Neill for your pretzels. A BIG hurrah for Sally, who stood outside a local Market and sold 3 boxes of pretzels and 12 lottery tickets on April 3rd. Deb kept Sally company for a few hours.

Lottery Tickets - Please see Dee. We need to get as many as possible sold, if not all of them.

Wal-Mart- Pittsburgh Mills - On Saturday May 12th beginning at 8:00 a.m., we will have tables set up to sell the remaining lottery and raffle tickets, and pretzels. Please contact Sally O. to let her know if and what time you will be available to help.



Specialties 2007

Well, we are getting close!! PLEASE find your perfect "commitment time" and let the chair people know. See our member's page online for the sign up areas needed. Ye, it will be a crazy weekend, but let's do all we can to keep it fun! Enjoy what we do...

Trophies are already to go. They have all been packed by day in containers ready to grab. Thanks you Mary for getting these organized. The judges gifts have been ordered and should be delivered the first week of May.

Hospitality - Saturday chairs are Joan, Henrietta and Nikki. Sunday chair is Mary. While the main course has been decided, final decisions on desserts, salads and sides will be needed this month. Amounts will be determined once we get the numbers of entries. We have a great reputation for wonderful hospitality, so we must continue that. PLEASE contact the chair people with what you would like to offer to bring.

Once again, the raffle table of items will be set up Thursday and Friday by the restaurant. If you can help out there, please let Deb, Coleen or Mary know when and how long. Items will be moved ringside on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday -

Raffle Baskets - All baskets should be in to Deb following the Temp test. If you have not gotten your basket to her, please let her know what you have. She is tagging and numbering all baskets in advance. So far we have quite an array. Wine basket, car care basket, a children's basket, Cat basket, an Irish basket, photo basket, three doggie baskets for

different sized dogs, two Bath and Body baskets, a "checks and Balances - items for paying bills, etc.(except the cash, of course). So far we have over 24 items/baskets to raffle! We are asking to make your basket with a theme that reflects your personality or interest. A complete list will be made for everyone once it's all together.

Silent Auction for Rescue - Sally Stewart is our chair. Items are coming in and Sally has a nice assortment for the auction. Thanks to everyone who has donated to this cause.

Sunday -This is the day we will draw the winners for our raffle tickets. This is the \$5 ticket or 5 for \$20 drawing. First ticket is our Booster Bath. This comes with the ramp and pedestal legs. We've added an oversized bath towel and a package of Chris Christenson grooming supplies. (sample sized bottles) Second ticket is the VPG bronze sculpture from the early 80's, donated by Coleen. And third ticket is the doggie basket. If you have any items to donate to this, please get them to Mary. We want to get a photo up online for this also.

VPG gold pendent - this drawing will be held this day also. Tickets are \$5 each. We again thank Virginia for her generous donation of her beautiful work.

Basket of Cheer - We'll pull the winning ticket for this on Sunday also. Tickets will be \$1 each. We will use the roll tickets.

All Drawings will follow Best of Breed.

RDO Day - Mills Mall on September 15th. Sally O. has received approval from the mall and now the final paperwork and insurance will be completed. Our theme this year will be "Health", with our donations to be collected going to the I SCA Health Foundation. A Vet and our animal Chiropractor have agreed to participate sometime in our time slot. Other people of interest are being researched. We will also try and do "Meet the Breed" again, as that is a "crowd pleaser and attention getter"! If you have any ideas, contact Sally O. If you can attend, also let Sally know. For those of us who were at last year's RDO, we all had a fun time! The Mall personnel were pleased and are happy to welcome us again! Mary will contact AKC about our participation.

PR - Judy Roberts

Birthdays

Coleen - 4th

Sally Stewart - 11th



Happy Birthday!!

On the health of our dogs....

Jean has reported that "Maddie" is still resting. All biopsies came back negative and she is on her way to a full recovery.

On a very sad note; Sally and Davis lost their 10 year old Weim, "Rocket" on April 22nd, following their return from Maryland. "Rocket" was fine until a week prior when he began with Congestive heart failure. "Rocket" and "Bailey" were new best friends. This follows a loss several days prior of the "family" dalmation, owned by Davis' Aunt Nancy. Also, that their 13 year old weim, "Maisie" is in failing health with Cushings. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers. "Rocket" will be missed

Also to Sally and Scott Stewart on the sudden loss of their cat to feline leukemia.....



May the shamrocks fall softly.....



New Membership

Welcome to Linda Hughes and "Simon". Membership was voted on at our meeting, which was unanimous. Linda is a friend of Mary's, and was sponsored by Mary and Deb. Linda has decided she wants to join in the fun and participate in our many exciting activities. "Simon" is a standard black poodle, but he doesn't mind!

Club News and Reminders

The OFFICIAL word is in!! Our by-laws have been approved and are retroactive back to September 2006, when the members signed the last changes required by AKC for the approval!! A HUGE thank you to George for working on all of the changes and recommendations needed for the approval. Please get your copy from Mary, if you missed the meeting.

Speaking of AKC....Mary spent some time while in Harrisburg chatting with reps at the AKC Booth. She asked a few questions about the new "show rules" and talked about our RDO Day with them. AKC said not many have made inquiries about the new rules, but we are already doing the requirements. We should be proud that we are doing what clubs should be doing...

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 17th @ 7:30 at Panera Bread in Monroeville. Please plan on attending as final details for the shows will be set. We have the room from 7:00 - 9:00. They close at 9:00 and we have to be out of there.



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see you next month.....