



The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club,
Inc

October 2007



The month of Trick or Treats! Yikes! There is a large assortment of "treats" out there, so we must try not to encourage those "tricks". While the month is starting out absolutely beautiful...70's and sunny, there is that morning crispness of fall air! The leaves are beginning to turn into beautiful artwork! The morning sun is breathtaking shining through the colors! Enjoy, as it ends all too soon!

Dog News

Congratulations to ~~

Altoona Kennel Club Ebensburg - Davis and "Paslee", *Huntwood Paslee Print by Davis* for WB & BOB

Laurel Highlands KC - Davis & "Echo", *B J's Silverline Echo of Emrock*, for WB & BOB! This little girl has 5 points in two weekends!

AND to Davis and "Bailey" *CH Courtwood Always Bailey, CGC* for BOB and making the cut in Group!!!

Coleen for BOB with the spinone, "Ruby" *CH Sweetbriar's Brilliant Gem* for BOB both days.

Clarksburg WV - Ruth for WB both days with "Carly", *O'Dorsey's Silk Blue Stockings*.

WCOTC - Rally trials

(Friday) To Deb & "Peter", *CH Touchstone's Fire and Ice, CGC*, for their first leg of Rally Novice with a Qualifying score of 74. It was a "don't really feel like sitting" day, so a qualifying score is a qualifying score! They are not picky!! This was the first entry for both Deb & "Peter".

(Saturday) - Way to go, "Peter"! Only 2 sits on the course today, giving "Peter" and Deb a second leg with a score of 84 !! Not too bad for "Novice" everything. Training began last February.

In other events.....

We are proud to announce our "Calendar pair". Mary sent in a photo of "Miss Breeze kissin' Santa" from our "Photos with Santa" event 2007, to the ISCA foundation calendar contest. These photos are posted each year at the Nationals for a vote by those attending. Mary received notification that 'Breeze" and "Santa George" are to be December 2008! While the MEMO arrived today and the order form for the 2008 ISCA Foundation Calendar is in there, no "official list of winners" has been posted anywhere. So per Mary's notification..this is exciting! Also, Joan's "Paddy" is Mr. October 2008 in the all setter rescue calendar.

Pittsburgh held their annual Irish Festival, this year, at Sandcastle. "Dewey", *CH Kenobi's Just Do It, RN*, along with Joan; AND "Rhett", *Kenobi's Never Miss A Beat*, along with Bob & Holly; AND "Willie", along with George, attended the day's festivities! These three boys were proud to show off their Irish heritage!!! Joan reports other breeds were present and the event drew a very large crowd!



Joan & "Dewey"



George & "Willie"

Joan also wants to let everyone know, along with the Irish Festival, that she keeps her dogs very busy! Joan is very "community active", attending as many events as she can. She teaches Obedience classes at the Butler County Humane Society, using "Dewey", "Skye" and "Harry" in her training. These boys give people adopting out shelter dogs the chance to learn with a trained dog before tackling the task of training a shelter dog.

Joan and Lisa also helped the White German Shepherd Club hold a Temperament Test in September at Cooper's Lake. Lisa was Chairperson for her Berner Club, while the shepherd club was the host. They were happy to announce that 20 dogs were tested!

Important "football season" advice from Laura...concerning those snacks for watching the game....

"I made cornbread and chili for football today. I sat here and thought to myself BAILEY AND BEANS... NO WAY IN HELL... so I tore off to the freezer and pulled out some chicken that I'll grill up for the kids... There's no way I'm going to have two tootin' red dogs around here tonight. 😊 " Too funny!!!



Breeze's Column of the Month

Boooooooooooooo... that was me being scary! But you all know I am not scary. Although, I'm not sure how much everyone knows about me, so I thought this month I'd start with a Personal Profile about myself:

Name: Limerick's Against The Wind, CGC "Breeze"

Age: Two

Hometown: Levelgreen, PA

Nicknames: Pea, Lizzy-B

Likes: Playing ball, running, muzzle kisses

Dislikes: Getting my nails dremeled, being left alone, closed doors

Favorite Pastimes: Fetching anything, shoving tennis balls under the dresser

Favorite Food: Whatever Chase or Gunner is eating

Favorite Saying: It's mine

Dirty Little Secret: If you're cute enough, you can get away with anything.

Secret Talent: I can write poetry... it's true. Here is a sample of some Haiku

Thanks for the new toy
fifteen bucks! You
shouldn't have.
Too bad I hate it.

Wishing you all treats, no tricks

Love

Breeze

Thought for the day: Good dogs get more biscuits and belly rubs than bad dogs



New Membership

An application has been received from the Holleran family for membership. Their family consists of Tim, Ellen, 7-year-old Conner, and daughter, Maggie. Tim just retired from the air force. As previously mentioned, the Holleran's are now the proud family to "Molly", a rescue received from the Ohio Club. Ellen and Conner, along with "Molly", attended the RDO event at the Mills mall and Ellen attended our September meeting. This fulfills attending two club meetings/events, and per by-laws, will be voted on at the next meeting. They are being sponsored by Mary and Dee.

Mary reports that she has received another request for membership via our website! How exciting! This inquiry is interested in a rescue dog, and has previously owned Irish Setters.

In two years, we have gone from 8 members to a current total of 25!

Growing.....



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Ya-hooo.....



Events and Activities

RDO - September 15 @ Pittsburgh Mills - Our event was 11:00 - 5:00 p.m. Dr. Doug Kneuen arrived and talked about his area of veterinary medicine that includes acupuncture and natural feeding. Members Sally O, Davis, Sally S., Deb, Mary, Joan, Lisa, Dee and Judy hosted our event throughout the day and had their dogs along. Our "Meet the Breed" segment is always an attraction! We had our Irish, of course, along with a Gordon Setter, English Setters, Irish Wolfhound, Dalmatians, Bernese Mountain dogs, Papillons, Japanese Chin, Spinone Italiano, & a Leonburger. Raylene Hoover, owner of "Your Critter Sitters" in-home Pet Sitting Service was on hand as part of being a Responsible Dog Owner, and had her husband Mike dressed in a doggie costume, drawing in a crowd! He looked like a giant Irish Wolfhound!!! "Chase" was an interesting aspect attracting many people who wanted

to know how to get started in Therapy with their own dogs. "Chase" demonstrated his skills, then napped...repeating this throughout the day! The newspaper advertising of this event had guests attending specifically to see Dr. Kneuen or "Chase". We had a section on Rescue, and dental. Sally O's sister, Nancy, as always, spent the day with us. (WHY is she not a member? She is at EVERYTHING!) We were pleased to have Ellen Holleran and her son, Conner, spend part of the day with us, along with their Irish girl, "Molly". Sally O. had Steelers items to raffle and Mary had a "doggie package". These 3 items were used in a Chinese auction" and helped to raise funds. We had the tote bags and Tees from PetSmart, and thanks to Sally O., Steelers tees to use as a "gift" for a \$5 donation. Our funds collected passed last year's total and was sent to The Irish Setter Club of America Health foundation. Our club matched this total and sent it to the Canine Health Foundation. What can we say? Another successful event with our club! A HUGE thank you to Sally O'Neill for chairing and organizing this event!

Sarris candy sale - We have Sarris chocolate pretzel rods and candy bars available to sell. The candy bars come in several flavors and we can make assortments for those who ask. Sally O'Neill has agreed to chair this, along with Dee's help. Dee has offered to pick up the boxes after Sally calls in the order. As previously, profit is 60/40 until we reach a certain level of sales, then it becomes 50/50. Sally had candy at RDO and we sold one box. Candy will be available at the Dog Match for sale. You can pick up your boxes to sell on that date. Let Sally O. know how many and which kind you would like to have. Proceeds will go towards club expenses for activities and events.

Fun Sporting Dog Match @ Ruth's - on October 13th - Beginning at 9:00 with CGC Testing by Lisa and Joan. Registration will also begin at this time with the Match beginning at noon. All information is on our Website, and fliers have been distributed by members at events they have been attending. Chairpersons and positions have been filled. Coleen will order the Port-a-potty. Coleen will judge sweeps, with Leah Lange judging regular classes. George will receive the entries. Mary sent a letter to Dad's Dog Food for trophies. No word yet. George has sample dry food from Nature's Recipe to be given to all entries. Mary is the chairperson for hospitality. Joan is handling Ribbons and has the paper products and rings. Sally will have hotdogs donated. Dee is getting buns & hot chocolate. Deb will bring cookies, the coffee pot and supplies. Everyone is asked to bring their EZ-Ups, chairs and tables. Dee and Judy have donated a filled "Dog Toy Box" to be raffled and one of Coleen's pointer friends has also donated a basket to raffle. We thank them for their generosity. All members and volunteers will be assigned "jobs" when they arrive. Arrival time for members is 7:00 a.m. This event fulfills an AKC Requirement to hold a show, with the proceeds to cover expenses.

Rescue masks for Pets - this project is moving ahead as planned. Masks are \$60 for a 3-mask set. The club has voted unanimously to purchase a set of masks for each EMS / firehall in the areas where each member resides. All members are asked to get their local information of where a set will be provided before the end of November. We will post the information about our project at the "Photos with Santa" event. Dee and Judy have already placed a set in their area. Mary and Deb have their information and need to finalize and purchase for those areas.

Dee & Judy - Tri-community South, Bethel Park
Mary - Level Green Firehall, Level Green

Deb & Skip - Citizens Hose EMS, Harrison Twp

"Photos with Santa" - Saturday Dec 1st 11:00 - 5:00 @ Brenkle's Greenhouse - Joan has made arrangements once again to hold a photo day. This was a nice way to kick off the holiday season! The Greenhouse will hold their "Open House" on this date. Their poinsettias were an array of breathtaking colors! Monies raised with this event will benefit the purchases of the oxygen masks for pets.

Christmas Meeting / Dinner @ Atria's - Saturday December 8th - Perry Highway, same location as last year. Reservations have been made by Judy Robert's to hold a private lounge. Deb sent in a deposit. Mark your calendar to attend this holiday event! More details will be provided at the October meeting. We will need to decide on a menu first. Our festivities will need to be decided on also.

Lottery Tickets - See Dee & Judy for tickets. Profit from this event is to support our organization with 10% going to the Trophy Fund.



Specialties 2008

MSDA - We will be offering supported entries on Saturday, March 1, 2008. Deb & Mary will be on a "trophy hunt".

Memorial Weekend Cluster- May 22nd through the 26th

GTISC shows - Coleen is working on the judges with Paula Mondock, hoping we can choose from their panel. We will again do the "Raffle Baskets" and "Silent Auction for Rescue". We have a few items for the silent auction to start with. We are asking each club member if they would like to donate a basket for the raffle. Mary has several things to start with for baskets left from last years' donations from Dog supply companies. Deb will chair this again and put the baskets together, if needed, and will collect and organize those. For the second day, we will offer the \$5 raffle ticket. Mary will send a letter to Honda to see about a generator as the first place prize, or we will purchase a Dyson Animal vacuum through Sally O., when there is a sale and her generosity of purchasing it with her employee discount option. Second and third prizes have not been decided on yet, other than a discussion on making those gas cards, or gift cards of some kind. A decision will need to be made by the November meeting so we can get the tickets printed and ready by the December meeting, for distribution. Deb has all Veteran Trophies for the two days left from last year. Those trophies will not need to be purchased. Ruth had an idea to try and base the trophies on the 250th anniversary of Pittsburgh. Mary wrote a letter requesting "hand-outs" that would be used in the city celebration to be used towards our trophies. We shall wait and see the response.

Supported entries Thursday, Friday and Monday - We need to purchase trophies, part of the "Trophy Hunt".

ISCA National 2008 will be held in April, in Scottsdale AZ. It's looking good that Deb & Skip will be attending. They have friends that live 15 minutes from the show site!! Can't get better than that! We will have to think what impressive thing our club can do as far as participating in some event or fund raiser!



Rescue

Ellen Holleran and her 7 year old son, Conner, spent the RDO afternoon with us. Their newest family member is "Molly", who arrived in August. Ellen acquired 2-year-old "Molly" through the Irish Setter Club of Ohio's Rescue program! Dee did a home visit, introducing herself and offering any help or guidance from our club. RDO was the first chance any of the other club members had a chance to meet Ellen, Conner & "Molly". We very excited that they drove up to meet us and participate in our event.



"from the Rescue side...."



Hi All,

Just wanted to let everyone know that our new work schedule in Baltimore is going just fine. I got a little crazy last month, but as usual Mom figured us all out. She's pretty patient that way. A few extras via treats and belly rubs and the one on one time that I told you about have made for a smooth transition. We have truly become a family here in Charm City. Mom use to keep count on how long I've been here, but she no longer does that. I still keep it on my calendar it's already been 7 months 🗓️

September brought us some cooler temperatures and now I can lay outside on the deck with Ruby. As you recall, summer was too hot for me to enjoy that time with my little sister. Mom comes out from time to time to check on us, always assuming there's some trouble brewing. Now don't get me wrong, sometimes there is, but I have to say I love the look on Mom's face when she see's Ruby and I just laying out there in the cool breeze quietly enjoying each other's company. I'm going to try a bit harder to see that look on my Mom's face. It really does make my heart go pitter patter.

Now for the current events. We had a get together on September 10th. It was a Monday night and Mom and her friends were hanging out planning their February vacation. Then around 6:30 they threw on these fun purple shirts and hats with a big bird on it. Now we

all know how birds make me crazy 😊. The music went off and the big TV went on and then I heard Mom say "ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?" Well, they must have been ready because everyone got pretty fired up,,, even Ruby.

Mom went to our doggie drawer and pulled out a jersey with a big Raven on it that was made just for Ruby. It's a Baltimore thing 😊. Ruby got lots of attention with that shirt on. I was kinda jealous so I chewed on it a little bit,,, Mom said no to that. All that purple stuff is suppose to bring them luck.

Now, as it turns out, since I'm from Pennsylvania, I'm suppose to be a Steelers fan. Mom reassured me that it was perfectly fine to be a Steelers dog. The only thing is... all the fun was happening with the purple people.

Mom pulled out a bag with a brand new extra large purple dog collar in it. She let me know that I get the same love one way or the other but I was more than welcome to adopt a new team.

For a while I sat on my big chair and watched the crazy Raven people. AND THEN,,, the doorbell rang. The "tailgate treats" had arrived. Several bags of the most delicious smelling food ever. I continued to watch this new game and when something interesting happened they would rub Ruby's jersey. If there was "HOLDING", they held her, if there was an "INTERCEPTION", they passed her around. Sometimes they all yelled "Who let the dogs out,,, WOOF WOOF WOOF." I woofed too,,, but without the purple, it just didn't feel the same.

I realized the team choice was all mine, but I have to say there was quite a bit of love among those purple people. Now, I'm not sure which I am a bigger fan of... all the love... or all the food, but the next time Mom offered me that purple collar I simply could not resist. I let Mom place the big purple collar on me and then I could see the enthusiasm growing in the room. There were huge hugs, kisses, high fives and belly rubs and at the end (because get real, Mom doesn't let Ruby and I have wings) there was an order of grilled chicken from the tailgating carryout place, just for us K-9 Ravens fans. Between you and me I'm sure I would have gotten the chicken either way,,, but boy I really think it tasted better as I sat among the purple people.

While I know I came from PA, and I guess with this new fall Sunday event I should be rooting for the Steelers , you gotta know I'm a K-9 first. Pretty much whoever has the love and grilled chicken has got to be my team. From now on when the Ravens are playing, I'm gonna let Mom put on my purple collar and then I'm gonna sing with Ruby to Mom and all of her friends... ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Hey that's today! Yippee

Happy Fall Y'all This is Bailey sending out Big Barks from Baltimore 😊

"When you bring a dog into your life, you begin a journey - a journey

that will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever known, yet also test your strength and courage. If you allow, the journey will teach you many things, about life, about yourself, and most of all, about love. You will come away changed forever, for one soul cannot touch another without leaving its mark." "

-- Crystal Ward Kent

AKC Liaison - Dee Hasley

George reports having received a request from the American Kennel Club to help fund their Legislative Lobby Group. AKC is forming this group to help fight dog specific legislation, such as the spay/neuter law currently being considered in California. We have tabled the issue until further information is obtained.

The BIG discussion with the members of the ISCA is concerning accepting AKC registration for Irish Setters from the American Field Trial and the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association. According to the minutes in the October issue of AKC Gazette, AKC was contacted by the ISCA Delegate to the Board, stating the ISCA Board voted to request AKC accept the pedigrees from these two organizations. Apparently from information on the Setters List, this issue has been tabled until which time the members of the ISCA have their say. The members at large feel this is an issue that the entire association should vote on. Coleen suggests that any member from our club that chooses, should voice their concerns to their region representatives, as well as the offices of the ISCA. Sally O. made a good point that all Irish Setter owners, regardless of membership status with ISCA, should contact AKC concerning this issue. This involves all owners of Irish Setters.

Also in this particular issue of AKC Gazette, the "Message from the Chairman" is about the Michael Vick / Dog Fighting issue. The Chairman, Ron Menaker, wants to use this opportunity to advocate for the humane treatment of dogs and demonstrate that our society will not tolerate these brutal acts against animals. For the entire message, please see this issue of the Gazette or go to www.AKC.org concerning any of the above issues.

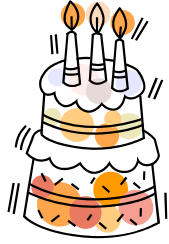
On a happier subject, the main breed feature in this issue of the AKC Gazette is the Irish Setter. There is a nice article and many nice photos.

PR - Judy Roberts

Birthdays

Linda Hughes - 4th

Judy Roberts - 6th
Henrietta Paserba - 13th



Happy Birthday!!!!

AND "missed" for September Sally O'Neill -23rd
And "adding" Ellen Holleran for September 13th!



Happy Belated Birthday!!!

Bob Semich is recovering nicely from his heart attach. Bob reports he feels better than ever and is in great shape physically. It was truly great to see Bob come to our September meeting!

Deb reports that Dr. Michael Savko, the chiro vet, is doing much better. He was in an accident the day before RDO, which made him unable to attend. A young man broadsided him as he was backing out of his driveway. He was not happy about missing our event, either.

On the health of our dogs....

Get well wishes to "Breeze", *Limericks' Against the Wind, CGC*, as she had an abscess on her paw. Mary reports she is a very good little patient having her foot soaked in medication several times a day. She is now off and running her agility again.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers, "Paddy", Joan's old rescue boy. He has spent the last few years of his life in the love and comfort of Joan's home. He is now in failing health. Joan will keep him comfortable, with much love. You can read about "Paddy" on our website under the rescue link.

Due to some unavoidable circumstances, "Peter", *CH Touchstone's Fire and Ice, CGC*, missed two months of chiro appointments and is having a bit of a setback. Hopefully, now that Dr. Savko is back at work, "Peter" is back on track.

Jean passed on a warning about Smoke House Chicken treats. Another product of China. It seems that we should just read labels and avoid any kind of food (and toothpaste) that comes from China. Also, Starbucks announced mid-September that they will be purchasing their coffee from China!! Talk about a stupid move!!

Our condolences to the Semich family ...

A message from Bob...

"Here's the information on our Shitzu...named "Yoshi". He was 12 years old. Earlier this summer, he was diagnosed with bladder stones and was scheduled to have surgery. During the surgery, the vet had to reverse the procedure because his heart was enlarged and the vet thought he might lose him on the table.. Two weeks ago, we had to have him put to sleep due to his constant pain. It was very sad....we lost a great companion. He is deeply missed by the whole family and Rhett. Rhett is still looking for him...There is no question that Shirley was his favorite...they were inseparable when it came to the sofa."



May the shamrocks fall softly.....

Club News and Reminders

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 13th following the Dog Match. A short board meeting will be held prior. Most members will be present already, to help with the match and CGC testing.

Mary has attended an all-day seminar by Dr. Doug Kneiven that attended our RDO event. It will be interesting to see what she has to report. Something to look forward to hearing about.



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