



# The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc

September 2008



The last holiday weekend of the summer is here and gone, ALREADY! School has started and it's football season. The nice weather for outdoor shows will soon be behind us. Enjoy the end of summer and the beginning of autumn.

As we welcome the Fall Season.....

## Dog News

Welcoming yet, another new puppy to the club. Welcome to Davis's new puppy, *Beaubriar's Signature Etched in Emrock*, aka "Brody".



"Brody"

Congratulations to~~~~

Conformation ~

(July)

>Davis and "Bailey", *CH Courtwood Always Bailey, CGC*, was BOB all 3 days at Howard County and made the cuts in group.

>"Bailey" was also BOB at the Madison OH Shows and his and Nancy's English Setter "Echo", *BJ's Silverline Echo of Emrock*, was WB and BOS both days.

>At Bloomsburg his Irish "Bailey" had a BOB Saturday. For Nancy's birthday "Echo" was WB,BOW,BOB over a special Sunday and made another appearance in the group ring.

>"Brody" made his first show appearance at the Ashtabula Puppy Match and walked out of the ring with a Sporting Group 1.

(August)

- >Dee and Judy with "James", *CH Sweetbriar's Diamonds are Forever*, for BOS all four days at Canfield.
- >Deb & Skip with "Claire", *Courtwood Cobblestone* for going WB on Saturday at the Ohio Irish Setter Club specialties for a 5 point major, and then on to Best Puppy! Thank you Coleen, for expertly handling "Claire" to this win!
- >And to Holly Semich, with "Rhett" ,*Kenobi Never Miss A Beat*, for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the OH Specialties in a very large open dog class. This is quite an accomplishment for a young lady and her dog, who have not been in the ring for more than a year.
- >Davis and "Bailey", and English Setter " Echo", made the trip to Harrisburg,. where on Friday "Bailey" was BOB and "Echo" was WB,BOW, BOS. On Saturday, " Bailey" was BOS.
- >Davis and "Bailey", the next weekend, went on to St Clairsville, OH where "Bailey" was BOB Sat and Sun, and Sat brought home a Sporting Group 2 and made the cut Sunday. "Echo" was WB and BOS Saturday and WB,BOW,BOB on Sunday and made another appearance in the group ring with friend Jean Kroll. Thanks Jean!
- >Davis also showed Kushinda's Rhodesian Ridgebacks and put 2 points on Jessica Saturday.
- >Sally Evans & "Dugan", *Saxony's Boutonniere*, for WD, BOW & BOS at the Tonawanda show Saturday, and then WD & BOS Sunday for the points. Thanks to Coleen for handling "Dugan" to this win.



Agility

On Saturday, August 16th, at the Youngstown All Breed Training Club trials in Washingtonville, Ohio, Breeze earned her 2nd leg towards her Open Standard Agility title, bringing home yet another 1st place blue ribbon! Breeze has earned 10 agility legs since her first qualifying run in March of this year, with nine 1st place wins, and one 2nd place win. Way to go, Breezie!!



### Our dogs at College;

On Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>, several members and their dogs were able to participate in the Judges' Seminar at IUP. Coleen was asked a few months back by Sam McDonald to line up dogs and handlers for this date. Those able to attend and participate were; Sally Evans and "Dugan", *Saxony's Boutonnière*, handled by Coleen, Bob Semich and Holly with "Rhett", *Kenobi's Never Miss a Beat*, Joan and "Dewey", *CH Kenobi's Just Do It, RN*, handled by Christine Karr, Linda Scopa and "Jada", *Captiva's Catalina Race to Ohkom, RN, CGC*, Deb and "Claire", *Courtwood Cobblestone*, handled by Karen and "Callie", *CH Stoneypoint's Spell Breaker*, handled by Lisa Edwards, and Davis and "Bailey", *CH Courtwood Always Bailey CGC*, who was used in the classroom portion of the seminar. For those of us who were able to watch and listen to the "mock dog show", it was quite educational. An afternoon well spent.

### Specialties 2009

Plans for our specialty weekend are falling into place. Our grounds are reserved for 5 days. We will have use of the extra building again, as the possibly of another breed planning their specialty in that area have changed. George has the proper paperwork in order. Dee will be our Show Chairperson. We will be offering Sweeps on Friday and Monday in addition to sweeps at our specialties.



### ISCA National

The theme for this year's national is "The Redcoats Are Coming". Deb still has packets for those who may be interested. Also, the hotel reservation form, along with some additional information is available on the website, <http://irishsetterclub.org>. Hotel reservation day is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please follow the specific instructions for reservations.

We are moving right along with the Rescue Bags. In addition to all of Mary's great and fun crafty ideas, Joan has some great ideas for items to add to the bags, and is in the process of getting those organized and gathered. If anyone else comes up with something, let either Joan or Mary know what your thoughts are.

from Marilee Larson:

We will need volunteers to help man the booth and sell raffle tickets. Please let Marilee ([mlarson@volcano.net](mailto:mlarson@volcano.net)) know if you would be able to spend a couple hours to lend a hand. We also will need help setting up and taking down. We try to have the booth covered during the show hours.

PR - Judy Roberts

Ellen Hallaran - 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sally O'Neill - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Shirley Semich - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Deb Lawrence - 27<sup>th</sup>



Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Get well wishes to Sally Evan's ,who underwent eye surgery.

Continue to keep Mary's husband, Hank, in your prayers. Hank is still having some health issues.

Also continue to keep in your prayers, Sue Rosko and Shirley Semich as they continue with their cancer treatments and recovery.

Adding to our prayers is Dan O'Neill, brother of Nancy and Sally, who has been in the hospital intensive care unit.

On the health of our dogs;

Coleen's "Quest" and Jean & Bill's "Zoe" are both experiencing serious health problems that have arisen in the past year. Both dogs were diagnosed with issues that have progressed over time. Please keep these families and their Senior dogs in your thoughts and prayers.



From the Rescue side.....

Hi Everyone,

Sorry to say this month we are having some "TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES" here in Baltimore. The good news is our tenant is an I. T. Specialist and coming for lunch today, Labor Day, to get us back on track.

So we'll see everyone next month when I can tell you all about our Olympic Fun.

Bye now from Big Bailey..... 😊





Breeze's Column of the Month

Happy Fall!!!



This time of year, it's fun to watch the leaves fall. Sometimes Dad puts them in a big pile, and my brothers and I run thru them. Mom laughs, Dad rakes some more. A great fall activity! It made me think about things that fall... sometimes the bar falls in my jump-high contests that I go to, and that makes the whistle lady that stands in the middle put both her arms up over her head. Seems to me that is not a good thing when she does that. If that happens, I never get a big ribbon or get to pick a toy out of the 'you did good' box they have at my agility trials. So, leaves falling = good, bars falling = bad.

Rain falls sometimes, and that's when we get to make mud outside and bring it inside. This is one time Mom doesn't laugh. So it depends on which one of us you ask if rain is good or bad! Pretty soon, when it gets cold out, snow falls. My brothers are so funny. My dad makes snowballs, and the boys try to catch them...splatt...right in the face. So hilarious. Chase tries to catch snowflakes on his tongue as they come down. Little things like that make him happy. When the little yellow-haired humans my mom and dad like so much come for dinner, lots of stuff falls. I cover for them, quickly cleaning it up before anyone knows it hit the carpet.

Some things fall apart.. like my stuffies that have round things on them.. wheels, noses, eyeballs. My brother, Chase, puts his big teeth on them, pulls a little, and they fall apart. That's when the real fun begins.. the white fluffy stuff that is inside them ends up all over the house. It doesn't really fall, more like.....tumbles. So funny!

But when I think about it, it takes more than stuff falling to make me happy!

I think I need what every furkid needs to be happy.... A mom and dad to love me, a warm place to sleep, good food in my belly, toys to play with, and 27 pink collars.

Happy fall to everyone!

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(my name fell...)

## Autumn



What do we do when our loving dogs face the last leg of the race? We do all we can to help them finish well, of course. We take time to read the unspoken needs of the friends we've come to know so well. We give the simple reassurance of a loving touch when the old boy seems confused for no reason. We groom them faithfully, but more gently, as age brings muscle wasting, and the arthritic bones aren't so well padded. We learn to slow down for their sake, as they enjoy the scent of the wind, or track a visitors trail across their yard. We expect to be inconvenienced, and aren't angry when it happens. We watch for pain and treat it, watch for changes in vision and hearing and do what we can to help preserve those precious senses for as long as possible. We take care of their teeth, and make sure their food is a manageable texture for them. We remind them of the need for a potty walk when they seem to forget. We remember the little rewards. We scratch the graying ears and tummy, and go for car rides together. When the dog we love has an unexplained need for comfort, we give it freely. When infirmities bring a sense of vulnerability, we become our old guardian's protector. We watch their deepest slumbers, when dreams take them running across long-forgotten fields, and we remember those fields too. When they cannot stand alone, we lift them. When their steps are uncertain, we steady them. And if their health fails, it falls to us to make the choice that will gently put them to rest. But until that is absolutely necessary, we pause to let the autumn sun warm our old friend's bones. And we realize, autumn is not a bad time of year at all. Old age is not a disease or a reason to give up. It is a stage of life that brings its own changes. Autumn can be a beautiful time of harvest. And, sometimes, the harvest is love.

Author unknown

Hug your senior dogs.. I know I am

Living with and Loving forever my **old boys**,

CH Ohkom's Angel In Disguise, CD, RN, CGC, TDIA "Chase" age 9 1/2 years

Ohkom's Honky Tonk Angel "Gunner" age 9 1/2 years

~~~submitted by Mary Hummert





## Events and Activities

RDO - September 13<sup>th</sup> - Pittsburgh Mills Mall, 11:00 - 5:00. Planning is moving right along. The Canine Officer, Mike Naviglia, from Springdale Township, will attend and bring along his dog, "Havoc". Mr. Naviglia is the registered trainer of these police dogs. He will bring along the dog laws of his area and also the PA laws from Mr. Hoffman, the Animal control Officer. Mary had Paws With a Cause offer to bring along a Service Dog and present the Dog Laws that that are involved. We'll be happy to have them attend. We also are doing Meet the Breed. Raylene, from Your Critter Sitters will attend as part of Responsible Dog Ownership when it comes to outside care of your pets. A dog raffle basket will be offered. All donations for this event will help defer costs of Officer Naviglia being able to purchase a Bite Suit. Contact Coleen to let her know if you can attend and the time frame that you have chosen.. ALSO, OFFICER NAGLIVIA ASKS THAT NO 'DOG AGGRESSIVE DOGS' BE PRESENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS DOG IS BRED AND TRAINED TO WORK AND IS ALFA. ALTHOUGH HE WILL NOT BOTHER ANOTHER DOG, IF APPROACHED, HE WILL RESPOND. Since he is our guest, we need to respect this request.

Pirates Baseball "Dogs Night Out" - thank you to Lorrie Nogrady for organizing this event to be held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Lorrie has 14 members and their dogs attending. She is hoping to make it 20. There is still time if you would like to go. Contact Lorrie for details. She is planning on dinner at Atria's and will meet there. If you cannot be there right away, your tickets will be held at "will Call" and you can pick them up there. Be sure to have identification to get them.

Home Interiors candle Sale - this replaces Yankee Candle which turned out to be too costly. This brand is more cost effective and is 50% profit on all items offered. Deb will chair this event. Order forms will be available at the September meeting with orders due back at the October meeting. Delivery will be the November meeting. Payment is due with your order. Make checks out to "GTISC". If you can't attend the September meeting, contact Deb and she will mail you the order form.

Lottery January 2009 - we will once again have a lottery. Tickets will be printed and distributed in September. Dee has agreed to chair this event. Please contact her for tickets. 10 % of the profit to benefit our trophy fund.

Big Red Olympics - cancelled

Santa Photos - in the works by Joan. We will once again hold our Santa Holiday photos at Brenkle's Greenhouse in Butler. We will offer a basket of holiday toys and treats as a raffle. Proceeds for this event will go towards the cost of the Bite Suit.

## Club News and Reminders

Thank you to Lorrie Nogrady for hosting our August Meeting. The Halleron children and some dogs enjoyed the use of her pool while we had our meeting. Lorrie's brother grilled dinner for everyone. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality. Lorrie arranged for the Red Cross presentation on Pet First Aid. Everyone passed their test and will receive their cards. Thank you to Donna and Norma for a wonderful presentation. What a productive and educational evening we had. This fulfills an AKC requirement to hold a show.

Our next meeting will be September 18th at the home of Sue Rosko. Meeting begins at 7:30. Sue lives at 100 Union Ave. Pittsburgh. She is one more exit off the Parkway from Lorrie.



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