



# THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC  
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So far, we have had a very comfortable summer, with no complaints from most of us. The summer months seem to be passing quickly.

## Dog News

### *Congratulations to:*

#### Hamlin, NY:

>Joan and "Drummer", *Ballymera's Glory Days of March*, for going RWD to the major on Friday at ISCWNY specialty and again on Saturday, Genesee Valley KC supported entry. "Drummer" won his Bred-by class all 3 days from a lovely class of 5 & 6.

>Sally E. with "Quincy", *Courtwood Quennel*, for going Best Opposite in Sweeps and WD for the 4 point major on Sunday, Genesee Valley KC supported entry.

Both boys were handled with perfection by Coleen.

#### Canfield, OH

>Joan & "Drummer", *Ballymera's Glory Days of March* for RWD on Thursday at the Fort Steuben KC show. Also for WD for two points on Friday, the Columbiana KC show, and RWD on Sunday, Mahoning-Shenango KC.

>Lorrie and "Mulligan", *Santera's Charmin' Mulligan, TT CGC*, for passing his Canine Good Citizen! Way to go!

### *Therapy Dog~~~*

>Deb reports that "Callie", *CH Stoneypoint's Spellbreaker CGC TDInc*, has been doing a private summer reading program with a 9 year old boy with dyslexia. Since Deb & Skip's one son is dyslexic and they had to learn how to help him overcome his reading difficulties, this makes helping this young boy all the more important. "Sammy" was told that "Callie" was sad and needed someone to read to her, so he has been really excited about coming to read to "Callie". We have learned about bugs, reptiles, bats, birds and "Callie's" favorite, digging in the mud!

\*\*\*Deb and Skip wish to thank Coleen for her talents and expertise in her handling and grooming of "Claire", BISS CH Courtwood Cobblestone.. Her hard work and time have paid off for Deb & Skip to have been notified that "Claire" is listed in the *Canine Chronicle's TOP 20 Irish Setters* thru June 30<sup>th</sup>, at number #18, for both May & June..



Website- [www.gtisc.org](http://www.gtisc.org)

Members are slowly getting their bios updated. The photo gallery is up to date with "member adventures". The cameras have been quite busy all year! Thank you to Tammy for keeping our information current.

### "FILM AT ELEVEN"

PR - Judy Roberts

#### Birthdays

Ruth White - 31st

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



The members of GTISC send Get Well wishes and a quick recovery to Sue Rosko. Sue fell and broke her hip in her home, had hip replacement surgery and was to be hospitalized for a week. She was at St. Margaret's in Aspinwall, for intensive PT. Sue is discharged to her mom's to continue her PT and recovery. Deb & Coleen made a visit to Sue to deliver our well wishes personally. Cards can be sent to Sue at her home, 200 Union St. Pittsburgh PA 15221.



Congratulations to "Dewey", CH Kenobi's Just Do It RN GCC, who is the proud father of 7, 3 boys and 4 girls, on July 24<sup>th</sup>.



The members of GTISC send our condolences to Joan on the loss of "Chauncey", her 15 ½ year old Rescue girl. "Chauncey" came to Joan at the age of 12 and has spent the last years of her life knowing what love and caring is all about. You can read "Chauncey's" story under Rescue, Happy Endings on our Website.

May the shamrocks fall softly....





## From the dog's Point of View....

### Basic Rules for Dogs

Newspapers: If you have to go to the bathroom while playing in the front yard, always use the newspaper that's placed in the driveway every morning for that purpose.

Visitors: Quickly determine which guest is afraid of dogs. Charge across the room, barking loudly and leap playfully on this person. If the human falls down on the floor and starts crying, lick its face and growl gently to show your concern.

Barking: Because you are a dog, you are expected to bark. So bark--a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting their house. Especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing your protective bark, bark, bark...

Licking: Always take a big drink from your water dish immediately before licking your human. Humans prefer clean tongues. Be ready to fetch your human a towel.

Holes: Rather than digging a big hole in the middle of the yard and upsetting your human, dig a lot of smaller holes all over the yard so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think its gophers. There are never enough holes in the ground. Strive daily to do your part to help correct this problem.

Doors: The area directly in front of a door is always reserved for the family dog to sleep.

The Art of Sniffing: Humans like to be sniffed. Everywhere. It is your duty, as the family dog, to accommodate them.

Dining Etiquette: Always sit under the table at dinner, especially when there are guests, so you can clean up any food that falls on the floor. It's also a good time to practice your sniffing.

Housebreaking: Housebreaking is very important to humans, so break as much of the house as possible.

Going for Walks: Rules of the road: When out for a walk with your master or mistress, never go to the bathroom on your own lawn.

Couches: It is perfectly permissible to lie on the new couch after all your humans have gone to bed.

Playing: If you lose your footing while chasing a ball or stick, use the flower bed to absorb your fall so you don't injure yourself.

Chasing Cats: When chasing cats, make sure you never--quite--catch them. It spoils all the fun.

Chewing: Make a contribution to the fashion industry. ...Eat a shoe.

Author Unknown





## A time for Reflection~~~~

### In Memory

Recently I attended the funeral of a long time friend who sadly succumbed to cancer after an incorrect diagnosis, at the age of fifty one. As we felt the loss of our friend and the sorrow of her husband and family, it seemed somehow fitting to also keep them in memory by sharing with GTISC members.

Diane was an Irish Setter and Pointer girl and liked nothing better than to be at a Dog Show with her family and friends and all the dogs! For many years we attended the same shows with her husband Jeff and son Jeffrey. There were very special times for her and me as we reminisced just about two months before she passed away from her diagnosis. I recall her smiling as we looked through my scrapbook at some of photos of us all and of course the dogs.

I believe that "Dog People" are special people and witnessed that when Diane's breeder came in from out of state to express her condolences, offer support to her family and attended the funeral. Coleen stayed all day, only leaving to come back and check on her dogs then pick me up so that I could be there as well. Dee stopped in during her working day and other "Dog People" stopped by as well. We were committed to being there for Diane's son and husband and as we were leaving the beautiful service the priest performed to bid our final farewell we heard these words floating through the air:

*"When I am down and so my soul so weary, When trouble comes and my heart burdened be. Then I am still and wait here in the silence until you come and stay a while with me. You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas. And I am strong when I am on your shoulders – You raise me up to more than I can be."*

Perhaps this month we can remember those special ones who have gone before us. The ones who have taught us by their example and have comforted us along the way; both human and canine "friends of the spirit".

God Bless Us ALL ~

Judy



### Events & Activities

Lottery July 2009 - thank you to Dee and Judy for chairing our semi-annual fund raiser. A total of 322 tickets were sold. Thank you to the members who participated. 20% of the profits will go to the Trophy Fund.

BOB EVANS dinner fund raiser - Bob Evans has sent us our check for participating in their program. It has been designated to our general working funds.

RDO - Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Pittsburgh Mills Mall, Metals Court, 11:00 - 5:00.

Please let Deb or Coleen know if you are attending, and what time you can be there. Our theme is Local Shelters. Please get your "shelter of choice" information to a Board Member by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our information is on [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org). Meet the Breeds will also be included. Raylene Hoover will be on hand with information on her in-home day care/pet sitting. She also will have demonstrations on Mini-massages for your pet.

Home Interiors Candles - a fall candle sale for the holidays will be scheduled. Keep this in mind for your Holiday Shopping. Since the Dyson has been donated back to GTISC for our spring raffle, the proceeds will benefit our Trophy Fund.

Members Fall Fun Day - to be held at Dee and Judy's and organized by Lisa. A day for members and their dogs with games and food and fun! This will be September 27th...stayed tuned....watch the website for updates through the month.

Meet the Breeds to benefit the Four Legged Food Drive - the event is a combined effort of ideas from Dee and Judy. A Meet the Breeds will be held at Bob Evans, Moon Twp. on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Judy suggested a food drive for dogs and cats whose owners are having a hard time with purchasing food for their pets. Watch our website for details as they are finalized. We would like to get a large raffle basket or two together, possibly one "Dog" and one "Cat". Spectators will be asked to bring dog or cat food for donations. Judy and Coleen are working on the details of the food distribution plans. Other ideas are on the table for the days' events. Anyone with an idea or two, please bring it to a meeting.



### Specialties 2010

A job that is never done.... we continue to get all requirements in as requested and required. The Specialty Arrangements Chairperson for our specialties will be Dee. Thoughts of trophy ideas have begun. Judge choices from the NC panel are being discussed by the board. Any member input is welcomed. Please get your ideas and thoughts to the board and/or bring it up at a meeting. We will be supporting the entry of IS for MSDA, and offering sweeps on March 6, 2010. Coleen announced that her sisters, Laureen and Tammy are already planning next year's menu ideas and are looking forward to Chairing our Hospitality again.

### ISCA National Specialty "Come Home to the Heartland"

>Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Olympia Resort & Spa Host Resort. Deb & Coleen picked up a few packets for this national that includes a reservation form. Copies will be made available to members who think that they may be going. No other information is available at this time but we can watch the ISCA website and the Members MEMO for updates.

A Setters list post follows;

Western ISC has a great fundraising raffle thanks to the generosity of the great people at the Olympia Resort.  
>1st prize is a 4 night stay in a deluxe guest room at the Olympia Resort during the week of the 2010 ISCA National which is June 7<sup>th</sup> thru June 12<sup>th</sup>.  
>2nd prize is a 3 night stay.  
>And for the individual selling the most tickets, the Western ISC is offering a 2 night stay.  
The tickets are \$5 each or you may purchase a book of 5 tickets for \$20.  
Tickets may be purchased through Jeanne Jardien at: [JeanneJardien@hotmail.com](mailto:JeanneJardien@hotmail.com)  
For as little as a \$5 investment, you can have an opportunity to have a good portion of your stay at the beautiful Olympia Resort paid for so that you will have extra money to spend at all the great vendors, raffles & restaurants during the 2010 ISCA National at the Olympia Resort.

### posted by

Tina Gradowski,  
Asst. Show Chairman  
2010 ISCA Nat'l Specialty

Deb has a phone Number for Jeanne along with her address for tickets.



Enjoy~~~~~

### A TRIP TO COSTCO

Yesterday I was at my local COSTCO buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Biscuit, the Wonder Dog and was in the checkout line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant? So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.) Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's butt and a car hit us both. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Costco won't let me shop there anymore.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say. Forward this (especially) to all your retired friends.....it will be their Laugh for the day

~~~~~submitted by Aaron Lawrence



### Rescue

A donation was sent to the Irish Setter Club of Houston TX to help with expenses on 3 littermates that were confiscated into rescue. The three were in horrible condition requiring a lot of medical care. One has been adopted and two are in other states in foster until their health is back and a new forever home is found. We received two thank you emails from the TX rescue and from the IS club. We are listed on their website as donating to these three puppies. [www.IrishSetterClubofHouston.org](http://www.IrishSetterClubofHouston.org) Rescue link. Photos and the story can be found on that website.

We received a request for help that a home is needed for two six year old girls, whose owner was killed in a car accident in April. Joan is working with the person gathering information to help re-home these girls. They are not spayed, and are good with other dogs, cats and children, and have great personalities and temperaments. Joan is working with them to get the dogs listed on Pet Finders.



From the Rescue side.....

Hi Everyone,

We are happily enjoying summer here in Baltimore. Mom has a few small day things planned for Ruby and I and just spending time with her.

We are taking a little vacation off from the article for August and September. We will see everyone in the fall with more adventures

"FROM THE RESCUE SIDE."

Have a safe and fun summer. See you all in the fall. 🏠

Hugs, Baltimore Bailey, Little Ruby and Mom too!



## Tails From the Hills

No one said it was going to be easy!

### Recipe for Success

Take one "adopted" setter puppy  
Mix with one Senior citizen and wife  
Add butterflies, mix in a tom turkey, chickens, horses and love  
Stir in hours of playing fetch, walking (sometimes) at lead, and going to the Park  
(Yes there are flat areas in the WV hills)  
Fold in empathy and understanding  
Walk around a lake with frogs and fish jumping  
Sprinkle in some patience  
Place in a home with a love for the Irish Setter!

Boy, does Bella enjoy having her lead taken off so she can run the beautiful hills of WV!!! She runs, jumps, does, circles and wags her tail in total bliss. Pam and Ed's "Ole lady", a special needs small standard doxie with disc surgery, has benefited from these long walks. She went from 19 pounds down to 17.4 pounds. The walks and runs are strengthening her back and hind legs.

Our setter just isn't happy unless she gets to run daily. Rain or shine she needs to get out and run! It seems necessary to lower her energy levels to keep her attention for training.

I guess Bella is a happy girl because it's showing. She is building a chest and leg muscles.

At her last weigh in, she weighed 50 pounds. She is on a food portion formulated for her needs. One can still feel her rib cage. Looking down Her back, her shape can easily be detected. Guess it's climbing all those WV Hills.

All for now from Wild and Wonderful WV.

Ya all come back now, ya hear?

Ed, Pam & Bella.



### Club News and Reminders

The Shelter list for our 2009 Community Service Project needs to be compiled. Please get your choice and the information to a Board member by the end of August.

Our next meeting will be on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lorrie Nogrady's beginning at 8:00.



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“Friendship is A Sheltering Tree”

