



THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC SEPTEMBER 2011



It's hard to believe we are at the end of summer. The weather has begun to cool while the daylight hours are getting shorter. Where has the time gone? Enjoy the remaining summer days.

Dog News

Congratulations to~~~~

>Joan with "Dewey", *In'tl Am GCH Kenobi Just Do it RN CGC TDI TT* and "Drummer", *CH Ballymeras Glory Days of March*, for qualifying for the Eukanuba Invitational, to be held December 17 & 18 in Orlando Florida. "Dewey" qualified for earning his GCH title. "Drummer" qualified under the BBE/Exhibitor Puppy class.

>Deb & Skip with "Claire", *BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC TT*, for qualifying for the Eukanuba Invitational. "Claire" qualified with achieving her GCH Bronze level and also in the top 25 Irish Setters so far this year. The hard part is staying in the top 25...not an easy task. Thank you to Coleen for handling these two dogs to this achievement.

>Joan and "Diddle", *Int'l. Ch Kenobi Redheart Over the Moon CGC TT*, for going Winners Dog in Harrisburg. Almost there~~~~

>Deb & Skip with "Claire" *BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC TT*, for receiving an Award of Merit at the Irish Setter Club of Ohio specialty and then BOS the following day at the Lorain County KC show. She earned 4 GCH points. Deb, Skip and Coleen thank Kim Haupt for stepping in and handling Claire in OH while Coleen went to Harrisburg.

>Deb & Skip with "Claire", *BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC TT*, for BOB and then onto a Group 4, on Saturday in St, Clairsville. On Sunday, "Claire" went BOB.

>Deb & Skip with "Claire" for Select bitch on Saturday at Sugarbush KC, and BOB on Sunday at Western Reserve, for 2 GCH pts.

>Deb Calmbacher reports that "Cassie *CGC TDI*" continues to make regular nursing home visits. Cassie LOVES her Therapy Dog job! And what a special job~~~~

Our pet's health~~~~

PET MEDICATIONS

Just a note on comparisons: The new products, PetArmour and PetArmour Plus, are exactly the same as Frontline products. The cost for the PetArmour is less than half of the Frontline. The patent for the Frontline was released allowing for the manufacturing by other companies. The KDKA News ran a story about buying medications for pets and where to get the best prices. The PetArmour products are sold at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. It is recommended to price compare with online pharmacies such as 1-800-PetMeds,

HEALTH FAIR

George is also a member of Bushy Run Kennel Club. The club will be holding a Canine Health Clinic on SUNDAY SEPT. 18th. 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 at Delmont Veterinary Hospital Route 66 Delmont.

- 1) CERF exams \$28 per dog, includes forms
- 2) OFA Patella's \$18
- 3) Home Again Microchipping \$35
- 4) Rabies \$11

Additional tests and services Performed by Dr. Beth Harr DVM

Preregistration is Required Contact Jim McCreery 724-423-6625 OR 724-433-7797

Email Carolyn Pershing at cjpershing@comcast.net

THUNDERSHIRTS

At our August meeting, both Tally and Ellen reported that they purchased a Thundershirt and it works! "Bailey" and "Glory" have terrible reactions to thunderstorms. Ellen purchased hers from a local store while Tally ordered hers online. At the first sign of an approaching storm, place the shirt on the dog. It may not completely end the anxiety, but it relieves most of it. It works like swaddling for an infant. It will be interesting to see if it relieves all anxiety the more the dog gets used to it.



Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Birthdays

Ellen Halloran - 13th

Shirley Semich - 25th

Deb Lawrence - 27th



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

Please keep the Prichard's in your prayers. Ed's daughter and grandson are both seriously ill. His mom broke her hip. This is far more than any family should endure. We send many prayers and healing thoughts.



Congratulations to Nikki Greider for passing her boards. She is officially an RN! Way to go, Nikki!!!

A time for Reflection~~~~

"Determination leads to action. Action leads you to achievement. If you want something, don't look for it to be handed to you." ~ Jaime Lamphier



Events & Activities

July Lottery - thank you to those who participated. While participation was down, we did okay. Thank you to Coleen for chairing this fund raiser.

RDO- is Saturday, Sept. 17th, Pittsburgh Mills Mall, 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. We will hold our annual "Meet the Breeds" and have a raffle basket or two. Joan purchased a game wheel to spin for a prize. We'll have children's items and dog toys. For the adults, a pair of Steelers tickets will be raffled. And any donations received will benefit Animal Protectors, New Kensington. Cash donations will be used to purchase an Agway Gift Card to be handed to Animal Protectors to use as they see fit. Agway was very accommodating for our Santa Photos last year and we want to show our appreciation.

Our theme is Pet Health, "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure". Dr. Michael Savko, ChiroVet, will be our guest for the day. Raylene Hoover, owner of Critter Sitters, may possibly be available to discuss animal massage and in home care in place of boarding in kennels, for your pet. She is also helping Deb organize details with Animal Protectors. Susan Hillary of Animal Protectors will be present to talk about obtaining a shelter pet ~ what's best for your household and family.

Coleen has always done a wonderful job of getting different breeds for our Meet the Breeds part of the event. Coleen is excited with this year's lineup of breeds.

Ideas for generating donations have been interesting and different. Joan is looking to get a wheel, such as those you find at carnivals, to spin for a prize. Fun prizes for kids can be purchased from Oriental Trading. Dog/pet items can be purchased from Pet Edge. Deb wants to make small goodie bag handouts "for a donation". She, with the help of Paula, is contacting companies for sample sizes of pet foods and vitamins, to put together these bags. If you have any connections or want to search online for companies to donate please do. We would like to finalize all details for RDO at our next meeting.

October -our annual Members Fall Fun Day at Ruth White's is scheduled for Saturday October 22nd. Arrival time is 11:00 a.m. Our fall outdoor meeting at her home last year was a great day that all enjoyed. For our newer members, the Member Fall Fun Day was organized to be a social event of fun, food, friends and dogs. Photos can be found in our Photo Gallery on the website to give you an idea of what we did. There will games and food and Smore's over the campfire. Lisa will be in charge of our Team Games. A team is one dog and one human. We will hold our meeting that day also. It will be a Saturday so everyone can try and attend.

Santa Photos - The date is December 3rd at Agway in Butler. Last year was our most successful photo event. The proceeds will benefit our Trophy Fund/General account with a portion to go to Our Irish Setter Rescue on as "as needed basis". Tammy Boice will be present to help Deb to print cards with a second laptop and printer.

Steelers Tickets - it was decided by the members at our August meeting to make this project as productive as we can. First, any raffle ticket sold through September 17th will benefit Animal Protectors. Any tickets sold from Sept. 18th through Dec. 3rd will benefit various club events. Tickets are being printed and will be ready for distribution soon. Each member will be mailed one book to start. Tickets will be \$3 each to 2 for \$5 for a chance to win a pair of Steelers Football tickets. The game is Saturday December 24, at 1:00 p.m.

Celebrating Home - we will sell the Celebrating Home jar candles with the Holiday scents. The information will be mailed to each member. This sale will be September 15th thru October 15th for delivery in mid-November. These candles make great stocking stuffers or a small Hostess gift at the Holidays. Proceeds (50%) to cover the cost of our May raffle item.

MSDA - March 3 & 4, 2012

We will be supporting the entry of Irish Setters for the March 3rd show.



Memorial Weekend Classic

2012 Memorial Cluster, New Castle PA

Our show secretary is Laureen Sholtz. Laureen has sent out the letters to prospective Sweepstakes Judges for the 4 days. Judges from the New Castle panel have not been selected yet.

Trophy ideas are needed. A few were thrown on the table as we need trophies for 6 shows, one being MDSA in March. The board voted for Kathy Erickson's House Afire Clayworks for Sunday's trophies. Kathy sent back her proposal and the trophies have been ordered. Kathy will send them after the first of the year. Possible duffle bags are Saturday's idea. We need Friday and Monday trophies, along with MSDA. Cool Clothes for trophies was selected for Thursday and possibly they will work elsewhere. Small portable soft coolers are being considered. So, any ideas are welcomed.....contact Deb or bring your ideas to a meeting. Once we have the trophy ideas, we will decide which day each will be awarded.

The reservations for the grounds have been paid for next year. Our judge's gifts are bought.



ISCA National Specialty 2012 - "Wine Country Reds", to be held in Napa Valley/Sonoma Wine Country, June 11 - 15, 2012. Host Club: Irish Setter Club of the Pacific.

ISCA National 2013 - this national will be held in Richmond VA, with the ISC of Richmond as the host club. As always, we will participate and support their fund raising efforts.

Joan has contacted Marilee Larson to see if we can do the Rescue Bags. Deb and Joan have ideas already! Joan is waiting to hear back from Marilee.

From the Rescue Side~~~~



Tails From the Hills

As seen and told by Bella O'Shea

WOOF, WOOF, WOOF! This is Bella O'Shea, ace canine reporter, reporting again from the hills of West Virginia. Well another month has come and gone here in the Tri State area. August was another hot month with a few cooler days to enjoy the outside with my friends.

In early August the long red fur on my back began to yellow from the sun's scorching rays. My fur there was drying out and beginning to turn a golden yellow. Ed had Pam give me a "buzz cut" on my back to give me heat relief and to get rid of dead hair. My beautiful straight part down my spine is now gone! Momma used the skip-tooth # 5 oyster blade that cut the hair on my back to three eighths of an inch in length. Ed calls my haircut a farm cut. Not pretty, but functional for the month of August. Pam sculptured the hair down my sides to preserve my beautiful skirt that I have worked so hard to grow.

Pam works hard to keep it detangled as I make side trips through the brush and woods on my daily runs.

Ed's bird friends are getting bigger. There is a pair of Chinese Swan geese he calls "Gus" the gander and "Gabby" the goose. There is also Millard the mallard and Tommy Gray the gray duck. Ed is silly about naming his companion animals. Oh, Ed got three pinch bruises from Gus early in August. He said they really did hurt. Gus and he had a long talk and are now friends. Ed hand feeds Gus and Gabby blades of grass that he has picked especially for them. Gus and his mate, Gabby goose, and the ducks often follow Pam and Ed to the barn and back. They usually stay behind our house to eat grass and swim in a plastic wading pool. I have never been formally introduced to the geese. Ed thinks Gus would be mean to me. Gus is pretty aggressive to strangers! He shouts out "Honk", spreads his wings and attacks dogs! Gabby chimes in with a "wadda, wadda, wadda. He bit Poodie, the farm poodle, in the "pooper" once and Poodie won't get near him anymore. OUCH!!

By the way, every night I bring Ed my Mr. Sheep, or Teddy Bear to play with him. I shake them and practice my strut and then lay them in Ed's lap. After a few minutes of "fetch", I crawl up on to the couch and sit in his lap for some pets. Then it's on! He grabs my feet and tickles my foot pads. I then roll over on my back and he pats my little red belly. I growl and resist...sorta, hee hee hee. I need my playtime every day!

Wouldn't you know it? A water leak developed three feet underground at the other house on the property. We had to dig up and repair the line. I ran through the mud pile and sniffed at the renter's chickens while Ed got really wet and muddy laying on the ground. I never get that dirty! Anyway, we got it repaired and came back to our house after several hours and a trip to Lowe's for needed parts.

Happy Birthday to me, happy birthday to me. I came to the hills at nine months and I'm now turning three. I have ventured out of my Terrible Two stage and moving full force into my "Terrific Threes".

I haven't been on lead for months now. I still go exploring but I hang pretty close to my people. I always come when I am called! I might be a little slower than Ed likes but I am responding more quickly than I did! I am three years old now, don't ya know? BOL(that means barking out loud), hee hee hee. Ed and Pam are great friends and teachers of this Irish from PA. I just love them!

Well that's about it for the August recap of the "doings" on Goose Creek, I hope I haven't left anything out. You guys keep your fur clean, your eyes bright, and your show skills sharpened. I wish you happy showing till the next time.

From the Hills,
Bella O'Shea





Website- www.gtisc.org

Our website has kept us very busy helping families locate dogs, both rescue and puppies. In the past two months, we've helped 4 families locate their new family member. The website continues to be a great source of communication.

Club News and Reminders

Don't forget RDO on September 17th. Watch for the Steelers raffle tickets and candle information in your mail if you do not make the meeting or RDO.

Our President < Bob, is asking for input and ideas for events and fundraisers. Let Bob know of anything you think might work.

We wish to thank Lorrie Nogrady for inviting us to her home for our August Meeting. She grilled out burgers and had some sides and a few members brought along a favorite dish. A birthday cake was dessert in honor of celebrating Ruth's 85th birthday!

Our next meeting is Wednesday September 21, 7:30, Denny's Harmar.



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