

SETTER NEWS

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Gordon Setter : English Setter : Irish Red & White Setter : Irish (Red)Setter



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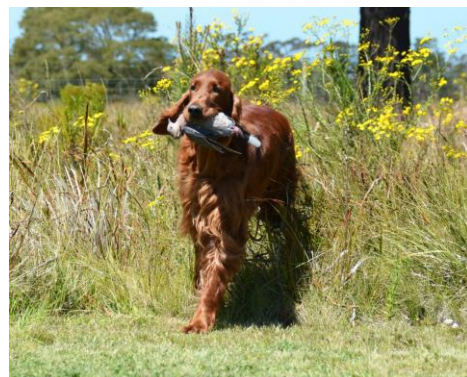
**Historical Supplements The Russian Setter by Craig Koshyk &
The Irish Setter in Russia compiled & written by Simpsons – Enjoy!
(Distributed separately by e-mail)**

IN THE FIELD



Living up to her name Caemgen Ever So Clever competed in the Maiden Stake for the first time in the Western Cape Retriever Field Trials held over the weekend of 29th September to 2nd October 2016. Trained with Marinette Teeling's Beldigo Golden Retrievers "Eva" showed off her talents and although she didn't finish in the top rankings, the judge commented "she showed lots of potential and the best nose (scent for game birds) of the entire field of dogs".

CONGRATULATIONS Marinette & "Eva"



More beautiful photos of Eva" retrieving taken expertly by Marinette's husband.

“SADIE’ ENGLISH SETTER HEROINE



On a cold winter's morning in Bethpage, Tennessee, the lure of the hunt called strongly to thirty-six year old Michael Miller. The cloudless sky, the light wind, and the freezing temperature signaled the perfect day for hunting doves. A gleam showed in the man's eyes as he stepped off the front porch, squinted into the morning sun, and headed up a hill with his dog Sadie, happily leading the way.

Sadie was a forty-five pound English Setter, a breed that for four centuries has been pointing out winged game to hunters. Trained to not only find and flush the birds, but also to stay calm during the firearm's discharge, the English setter is a canine with a singular purpose and because of that purpose few members of the breed are seen outside of rural areas.

Setters are by nature high-energy animals. They love to run, and when not hunting, they are the carefree children of the dog world. They have little desire to herd sheep or do farm chores, they don't pull wagons or sleds; for them life is a play just waiting to be experienced. Therefore, nothing in Sadie's breeding or training positioned her for the responsibility that was about to fall on her slight shoulders and lean body.

As the sunlight filtered through the bare limbs of a hickory tree, Michael's attention was drawn to Sadie nosing around just ahead, In that instant he barely noticed the first slight twinge of pain in his arm. He figured it was a cramp from carrying the gun, so he shifted the weapon to the other side.

A few seconds later the aggravating sensation grew slightly worse, but Miller still reasoned that it was nothing to worry about and it would pass as quickly as it came. Cradling his gun in the crook of his left arm, Miller used his left hand to rub his right arm. As he did, he glanced back over toward the house.

It was no longer visible hidden behind the crest of the hill they had crossed a few minutes before. As Sadie moved farther away from him, he considered turning back toward home, but that thought was immediately wiped from his mind and replaced with an electrifying agony far beyond any he had ever known.

The once slight tightness in his arm now raced through his body like a bolt of lightning. In an instant the pain had become searing, pushing through his ribs and deep into his chest. His eyes still locked on the hilltop, Miller now realized something was incredibly wrong.

Grunting, a confused expression framing his face, his gun dropped from his hand as he wrapped his arms around his chest and awkwardly fell to his knees.

Miller was slim and muscled. He was in great shape, a man of self-discipline and no bad habits. He was not under stress. Nothing in his family background forewarned of what had just happened. But nevertheless he knew what was going on. He didn't have a cell phone and was too weak to even cry out for help. He was just over 1,700 feet from his front door, but it might as well have been a hundred miles.

As tears clouded his eyes, Miller remembered the dog whistle hanging from his neck. He used it to let Sadie know when he needed her to come back to his side. It was often the only thing that kept the dog from wandering too far away from the man. His hands shaking, the camouflage-clad sportsman grabbed for the whistle. Trying to ignore the pain and calm his ragged breathing, Miller shoved the brass instrument between his lips.

His strength almost depleted, his mind beginning to drift into a semiconscious state, he weakly pushed his breath through the whistle. He blew several times, each toot robbing him of what little energy remained in his body. The, without knowing if Sadie had heard his efforts, the man's head sank down onto the frozen ground.

Somewhere in the back of his mind, Michael heard what sounded like an animal running across dry grass and leaves. Was it a deer, a coyote, or maybe a wild dog? Lifting his eyes, he was comforted when he spied familiar white paws racing up to him, Sadie had heard the whistle and come back to his side.

Seeing her master flat on the ground must have initially confused the dog. She had to be wondering what kind of new game he was playing. Was this part of a training drill? Did he want to wrestle? Yet as the seconds ticked by, as she observed his moans and saw the tears stream down his cheeks, her playful expression was transformed into a look of genuine concern. Lowering her head to lick away a salty teardrop, Sadie quietly cried out.

As Sadie continued to cry and lick his face, Miller reached up a few inches and patted her head. This simple act seemed to help ease the pain. With a new sense of hope and Sadie's barks encouraging his every effort, Miller tried to stand.

He fell and tried again, with the same result. And with each new attempt, the pain raging in his chest grew worse. After several minutes of giving more effort than he had expended in his entire life, the strong 180 pound man couldn't even rise to his knees.

Knowing what little hope he had was ebbing away, Michael grabbed onto Sadie's collar with his right hand and tried to use the dog's neck as leverage. But it was no use. With Miller's hands curled around Sadie's leather collar, he was resigned to dying in the woods with his hands on the best dog he'd ever known.

A sad expression in her deep eyes, Sadie now finally understood that this was no game. After several moments of lying beside him, his hand locked onto her collar, the setter dug her paws in the soil and made an effort to move up the hill and in the process yanked Miller a few inches across the frozen grass.

Sadie weighed just forty-five pounds. She was not bred nor trained to pull anything, yet she was suddenly determined to take Michael home a few inches at a time.

Miller's mind was now so clouded and confused he didn't fully comprehend what his dog was attempting to do. He just didn't want to lose touch with Sadie, so he kept his fingers curled around the collar and let her slowly drag him. Ten yards became twenty and the distance to the top of the rise grew closer. Twenty more minutes and they were a hundred yards up the hill. Sadie took a deep breath, rested for a few seconds, took another look at the hilltop, and dug back in, bravely putting one foot forward and then another. Growing tired, she slipped to her knees, but rather than quit, she got up, and continued to move ever closer to home.

Each foot of the journey was as painful for the man as it was the dog. The same rocks and limbs that were causing Sadie to lose her footing and slicing her paw pads were raking across his body creating bruises and cuts. Yet they were headed home, so pain began to diminish as hope took root in Miller's heart

As they crested the hill, Sadie must have sensed the worst was behind her. Pulling Miller downhill was much easier than the first two-thirds of the trip, but as tired as the dog was, each step was still a monumental effort. Sadie's muscles were aching, her heart pounding so loudly that even groggy Miller could hear it. Now Miller began to wonder if the dog could manage the last few steps of the way. Was she actually going to give her life so that he might have a chance to live?

It took the setter just over an hour to complete her impossible journey and drag the man outweighing her by one, hundred and forty pounds into the yard. Now, just as some deep seated instinct had told Sadie to pull Miller the third of a mile to home, another instinct told the dog to fight free of the man's grip. Shaking loose, she raced to the back door, yelping and scratching until Miller's wife, Lisa, came to find out what was the fuss was about.

"Sadie", Lisa practically yelled, "what has gotten into you? I'm going to put you in your pen until you can calm---" Lisa never finished her threat as her eyes fell upon her husband's crumpled and motionless form just a few yards in front of her, "My Lord," she sighed, rushing out the door, Lisa and Sadie both arrived by the man's side at the same time.

For a few moments Lisa tried to rouse her husband. It was a useless effort. He was now completely unconscious, much closer to death than life. "Stay with him Sadie," Lisa ordered as she ran back to the house. Grabbing the phone, the woman dialed 9-1-1.

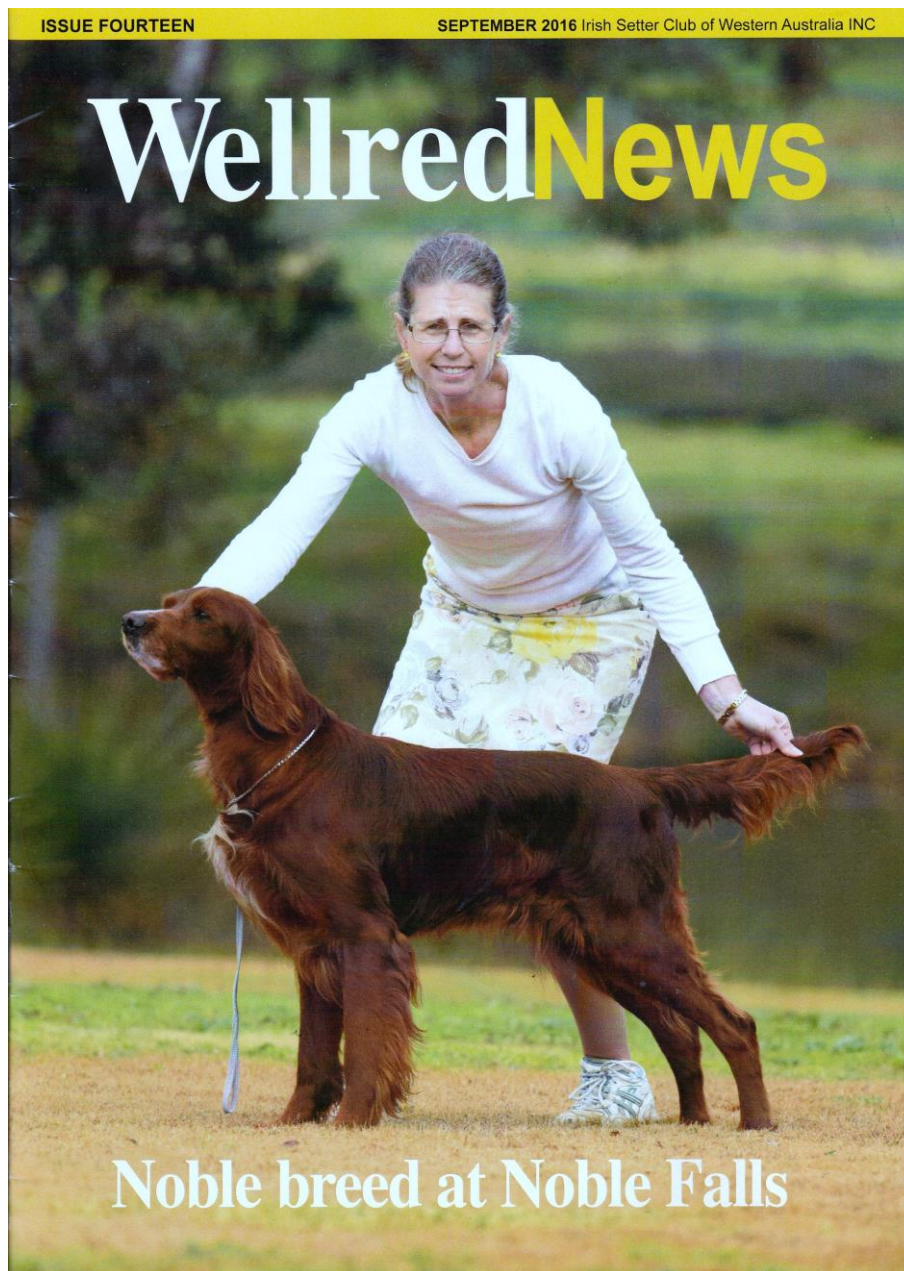
Within twenty minutes paramedics were ministering to the barely breathing man. Doing all they could for him on site, the medical team then raced him to the emergency room, where he was stabilized and prepared for emergency triple bypass surgery. The next few hours would be the longest of Lisa Miller's life, yet somehow her husband fought off not just the extensive damage to his heart but also the numbing cold and injuries he'd experienced as the noble English setter had dragged him home

For more than a week, Sadie waited, not knowing what had happened or if she would ever see her master again. Then, on a sunny day not unlike the one eight days before when the adventure had started, the family car drove up and Michael Miller got out. The setter's face showed her great joy, yet somehow sensing Miller was still weak, she approached him cautiously. Though Lisa begged her husband to go immediately inside and rest, the man took a moment and leaned down to thank the dog that had given him a second change at life.

It has long been said that courage is not displayed when you do what you are trained to do, but is found when you do the unexpected. Sadie proved the size of her heart and the full measure of her devotion by stepping beyond what she should have been able to do and doing the impossible.

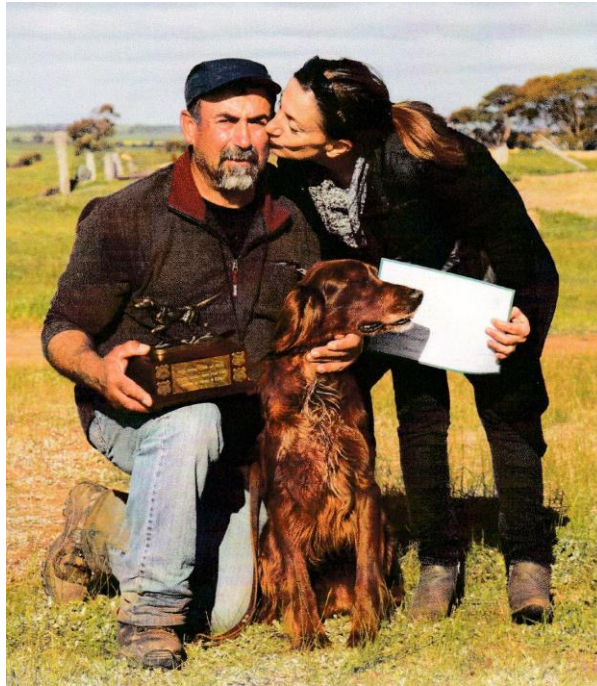
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NEWS FROM PERTH, AUSTRALIA

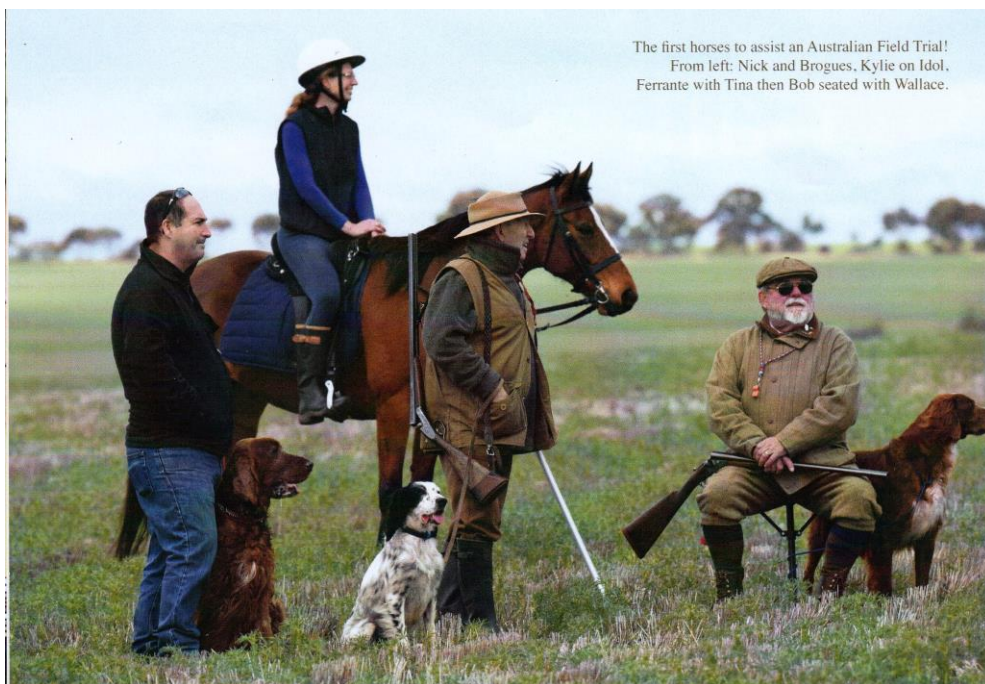


From Sandy Peter'ka of the Irish Setter Club of Western Australia Inc we were delighted to receive a copy of the Club's glossy magazine which highlighted their Field and Breed Show activities in the last six months. On the front cover is "Scotch" (Field Trial Champ Russetray Royal Flush) owned by Taner Oz Sehitoglu. Having clothed himself in glory at the Club's Field Trials in Corrigin, he was crowned Reserve Best in Show on his first outing in the showing at ISCWA Breed Champ Show in July 2016 at Noble Falls.

Congratulations from Setter enthusiasts in SA – a great achievement !



Taner and 9 year old Scotch get a celebratory peck from Meral with the presentation of the trophy and winner's certificate at the Field Trials. Scotch is heading for his Grand Champion title in the field.



The first horses to assist an Australian Field Trial!
From left: Nick and Brogues, Kylie on Idol, Ferrante with Tina then Bob seated with Wallace.

And the horses joined the field trial too! For the first time 2 horses (Idol and Conan) assisted at the WAISC Field Trials. With a panoramic view of the proceeding from their elevated position the riders Kylie (above) Steve and Jasmine were kept busy riding the firebreaks, delivering messages and gear and on three occasions galloping down ambitious dogs ranging too far. The competitors in this photo are (L to R) "Brogues" and his owner Nick, "Tina" with Ferrante and "Wallace" with a seated Bob.

NOT WITHOUT MY BEST FRIEND.....

Bonny Fourie reported for the Argus Independent Home on 1st October 2016 concerning the growing demand for pet-friendly residential properties and holiday accommodation as among the biggest trends in the market globally. Her report reads:-

In 2012 a KwaZulu Natal family made news headlines when it turned to the country's courts for consent to keep its 79kg St. Bernard at their Mount Edgecombe estate home.

This was after management ordered the dog he removed from the estate, because he exceeded the 20 kg size limit.

During the three year court battle, attorney Edward Abraham and his mother Pathmasolahani Abraham fought for the right to keep 3 year old Theodore at the estate. However, in January last year ((2015) they abandoned the bid and decided to rehome their beloved pet.

But although their protracted legal battle did not end in their favour, their determination was applauded by many pet owners, around the country. It was also a sign of just how desperate many people are to live in the homes they want alongside pets.

The growing demand for pet-friendly property – even holiday accommodation – is among the biggest trends in the market globally and is evidenced by the number of estates, complexes and buildings marketing properties bearing a“pet-friendly” tagline.

Earlier this year, Adriana Meucci wrote in an article published in the UK Millennial Magazine: “Changing demographics demand a fresh look at our nation’s housing policy. Eighty million millennia’s are entering the housing market. Harvard’s Joint Center for Housing Statistics estimate millennials will create 24 million new households between 2015 and 2025.

Therefore, millennials and their pets are set to be a driving force in the apartment industry. Housing is strongly controlled by the market which means renters ultimately have the power to pressure policies to change.”

“In South Africa, the lack of pet-friendly accommodation is an issue in both purchase and rental markets.” says Lew Geffen-Southeby’s international realty director Sandy Geffen, “and most animal lovers view it as scandalous if a complex or cluster development has a total ban on residents’ pets.”

But as residential space in cities shrinks, prospective owners and tenants are increasingly battling sectional title body corporate rules to keep their furry family members with them when they move, she says, adding a “surprising number” of sectional title complexes – even those with garden units – have stringent rules pertaining to the keeping of any pet larger than a hamster.

“Several species of birds are considered to be noisy and cause a mess and cats tend to stray onto other people’s properties. The noise factor is a major concern in the case of dogs, because they are often left unattended all day while people are at work and most will bark or howl at some stage, some even become aggressive.

“A number of rural estates with free-roaming small game also bar dogs because of the threat they present to the wildlife.”

“Geffen acknowledges such rules are often “hugely traumatic” for those who consider pets as family and “it’s even worse when children devoted to their four-legged companions are involved/”

And while she says she understands the close-quarters densification means rules and regulations are essential to maintain general order, the fact remains there are more than 10 million pets in South Africa, most owned by people who adore them.

“More than R5 billion is spent on pet food annually in this country. That is a huge amount on ‘non-essential’ expense – especially in the current economy. The people who spend this money, by and large, have the means to buy or rent decent homes.

“There is undeniably a shortage of pet-friendly sectional title property available and freehold landlords are rejecting a huge pool of potentially superb tenants by insisting on the no pet rule.

Somewhere along the line, says Geffen, there must be more compromise – neither cluster housing, nor pets will be going away.”

This is echoed by others in the property business, including Myles Wakefield, chief executive of Wakefields Real Estate, who says young homeowners – either with a family or planning to start one – want to buy into pet-friendly complexes on gated estates.

“They want children to grow up with a puppy or kitten. Complexes permitting pets are in the minority – most don’t allow them, or allow dogs, but no cats, or vice versa. Others limit the size of the dog; all restrict numbers.

“Often, the rule has been instituted because it’s easier to say ‘no pets’ than to deal with an owner who won’t or cannot control theirs.”

Young families often choose free-standing homes- not only because of space and autonomy, but so they can have pets.

Wakefield adds retirees also look for pet-friendly living environment as often they are downscaling from big family homes and choosing a retirement complex or gated estate and/or complex.

Not only do they often have elderly pets but, frequently these pets are sole companions. They won't relinquish them. Some retirement homes make provision for a pet, on the proviso that when it dies it may not be replaced. Others don't allow them at all, which can be traumatic."

"There is undoubtedly a sector of prospective buyers who state upfront their interest in a pet-friendly home only and not to bother showing them anything else."

Property developments are clearly well aware of this growing demand, with a majority making homes pet-friendly. This phrase is well-entrenched in their sales pitches and taglines. Just some examples are Infinite in Bedfordview, Tenon in Sea Point and the Mount Edgecombe Retirement Village.

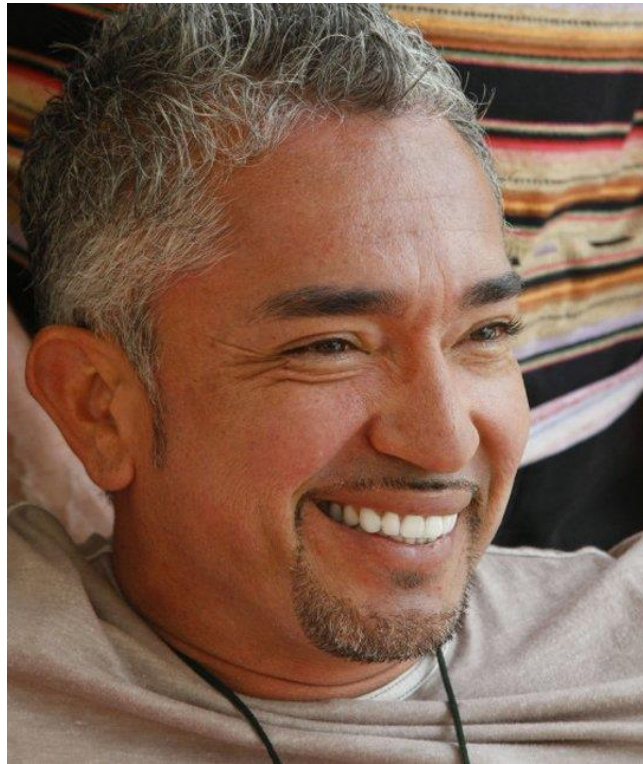
Even holiday establishments are catering for those who do not travel without furry companions.

There are even websites which market themselves as travel guides for those who take their pets with them everywhere, including holiday resorts, shopping malls, pubs, restaurants, beaches and wedding venues.

A FEW BASIC RULES TO RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

- Clean up after your pet and dispose of the waste in a sanitary manner especially when in public areas.
- Always keep your dog leashed when in the street and only exercise your dog in designated public areas off leash, Ensure that your dog is trained to come to your side when called.
- Your Setter has been microchipped but when "out and about" ensure your dog wears a collar with his/her microchip "tag" attached.
- Obey local bylaws pertaining to pets.
- If you own an unsprayed bitch confine her to your own property during her season or kennel her. Do not exercise her in public places.
- Ensure your dog's vaccinations are up-to-date.
- Maintain an active tick and flea programme using products available from your Veterinarian especially through the summer months
- Groom at least twice a week.
- Provide enough training, exercise and attention. A Setter" has brains between those ears" so stimulation is important Provide toys for your dog's entertainment when left alone.

CESAR'S WAY



Cesar Millan

We are all familiar with the face of Cesar Millan and his Pit Bulls buddies, Daddy (RIP) and Junior, stars of National Geographic TV Channel's hit Show The Dog Whisperer, but how many viewers know that the very first dog he owned in Mexico was an Irish Setter named "Saluki" given to him as a puppy by a neighboring doctor.

His book **CESAR'S WAY** is written as a natural, everyday guide to understanding and correcting common dog problems and is high on the list of best sellers - .one for the Christmas stocking.!

HIGH FLYERS

(Sunday Times published this report by Shelly Seid on 9.10.2016)

In America over the past two years there has been an increase of more than 100% in people traveling with emotional support animals on US airlines for issues other than visual or physical disabilities.

For an owner to get an emotional support animal to sit with one during a flight – at no charge – nothing is needed other than a letter from a licensed mental health professional stating that the owner would benefit from the animal's presence. These letters are easily obtained over the internet.

But as a result of abuse of this policy the American airlines are making recommendations to the US Department of Transportation for stricter control of the practice.

In South Africa the only animals allowed as cabin passengers are guide dogs for the blind and service dogs for the physically disabled – 400 are registered with the South African Guide Dog Association for the Blind.

SAA accepts a guide dog accompanying its owner as a cabin passenger in any class, free of charge, but the dog cannot occupy a seat and must be properly harnessed. SAA ONLY allows emotional support animals on its US routes..

But while there may be no animals in the cabin, underneath the feet of unsuspecting passenger is a veritable zoo.

BIDVEST PET LOUNGE (Johannesburg/Cape Town and soon to be launched at Port Elizabeth Airport), a specialist animal handling facility, handles animals transport for Comair. It moves about 40,000 animals annually, SAA would not provide figures.

While around 90% of these are domestic animals – dogs, cats and racing pigeons – The Pet Lounge also moves wild and exotic animals, such as lions, tigers, seals, snakes and the occasional baby goat.

“The oddest animals we were asked to transport was a single praying mantis. It was some one’s pet.” Said Roy Solomons, BidAir Cargo’s chief commercial officer.

His “pet peeve” is passengers trying to save money on packaging. “We are strict on the size of the containers. The animals need to be comfortable. We work in relation to IATA (International Air Transport Association) regulations”.

Great investment had been made in Pet Lounge infrastructure, the training of staff, and ensuring animals were transported in the best possible way.

“Animals should not be transported like baggage. We face challenges daily, but we want to do it the right way.”

Ed. Note: Many Animal Transportation Agents are using Bidair Pet Lounge Services. Purchase of IATA approved travel crates can be arranged through companies such as Animal Travel Service who will also hire crates to breeders/owners shipping pups between major centres i.e. Cape Town/Johannesburg which helps to reduce the cost of transportation to the new owner who has no use for the crate after arrival of the pup.

IDENTICAL CANINE TWINS

After an Irish Wolfhound bitch had been in labour for two hours Dr.Kurt de Cramer (51, Cecil Knight St., Rant-en-dal, Krugersdorp Gauteng SA) performed a Caesarian section to deliver the litter. When he found two pups shared a placenta, were the same sex and had similar markings. he says “I suspected that they were identical twins”.

To prove his theory scientists carried out DNA profiling to confirm that the two pups were indeed monozygotic twins (derived from a single egg). Scientists at the University of Pretoria believe that this is the first proven incidence of identical canine twins in the world. .



Wolfhound Identical Twin pups proven by DNA Profiling in SA

WORLD'S FIRST TEST-TUBE PUPS

The technique of fertilizing an egg in a test tube and then implanting the embryo in a woman's womb has been used to help human couples have children since the 1970's, but scientists have struggled to do the same for canines.

But researchers at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, working with the Smithsonian Institution, managed to tweak the IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) procedure enough to produce seven healthy IVF puppies – the first in the world they say.

The dogs, born 10th July 2015 are of mixed breeds, each sibling from a single surrogate bitch have three sets of biological parents : Beagle, Labrador and Cocker Spaniel.

“We each took a puppy and rubbed it with a little towel and when it started to squiggle and cry, we knew it was a success”, said Alexander Travis, who runs the lab at Cornell.

“Their eyes were closed. They were just adorable. We checked them to make sure they looked normal and were all breathing.”

The puppies birth was a reward for years of research into making IVF work for dogs. The problem, the scientists say is that the canine reproductive cycle differs from that of humans and other mammals. When the female dogs’ eggs were extracted at the same stage of their menstrual cycle as humans, the eggs weren’t ready to be fertilized

According to Cornell veterinary college, the team “found that if they left the egg in the oviduct one extra day, the eggs reached the stage where fertilization was most likely to occur.” Altering the cell culture where the egg was fertilized also helped, they wrote.

The researchers tout the achievement as having key implications for conservation.

“We can freeze and bank sperm to conserve the genetics of endangered species” said co-author Alex Travis, a Cornell; professor of reproductive biology. The method can also preserve rare breeds of show and working dogs.

But it’s likely to have consequences for human health. Dogs and humans share 350 inherited diseases, including cancer and diabetes. IVF will allow researchers to examine how those illnesses are passed through dog DNA.

Sarah Kaplan & Fred Barbash reporting for the Washington Post



Two of the pure bred IVF litter siblings – R. Cocker Spaniel and L. Beagle

IRISH SETTER PUPPIES



Western Cape - Plettenberg Bay

Marinette Teeling of Beldigo Golden Retrievers and Irish Setters has bred her well known Swedish imported Irish bitch “Eva” **SA Ch. Caemgen Ever So Clever** (Hip score A2:B1 elbows 0:0) to Estelle Meiring’s **Heathclare Star from Heaven at Meiomie** (Imp UK) (Hip score A2:A2 elbows 0:0). Both sire and dam are inherited clear of PRA rcd 1 & CLAD – “Star” is inherited clear of LOPRA rcd 4 while “Eva” has DNA tested clear. Pups are expected around mid--December and will each receive their personalised “KUSA Health Screening Certificates”. Contact Marinette at the telephone number or e-mail address given below

Kennel Beldigo



Home of Golden Retrievers and Irish Setters

		Heathclare Star from Heaven at Meiomie (Imp UK)	AM CH Pure Geniuse by Clonageera	Clonageera Kieren
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		Ch Caemgen's Ever so Clever (Imp Swe)	Ch WW12 Pendoric Foggy Perfection	Ch Setterlands Tamburello at Pendoric
			Ch WW12 Caemgen's Cross any River	Pendoric Perfect Thyming
				Irish Melody Piece of Diamond
				Ch Caemgen's Butterflies in Winter

Please visit www.kennelbeldigo.co.za

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Western Cape : Napier

Mark & Bridget Simpson of Oakdale Irish Setters will be mating their young lady **Oakdales Sugarplum Fairy** to Lynn Fergus' **Oakdales Attraction** "Finn" during November/December 2016. This is the Simpson's TENTH homebred generation hailing back to their foundation bitch. The pups pedigree will reflect all the imported and locally bred great Irish Setters seen in the South African showing during the period of the last 50 years. Both sire and dam are DNA tested for PRA rcd 1 CLAD and LOPRA rcd 4 and are Hip and Elbow X-rayed and scored under the KUSA Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (HD "Finn" B1:B2 - "Sugar" B2:C1 both 0:0 for ED) Mark & Bridget's contact details appear below:



RABIES WARNING !

The 28th September 2014 was Rabies Awareness Day and the department of Health & Agriculture, the National Institute for Communicable Diseases and pharmaceutical company Sanof SA teamed up to promote public awareness concerning this preventable disease. As a result of the drought conditions in 2015/2016, wild animals (all mammals are susceptible to Rabies) are being drawn closer to areas of human habitation for food and water with the risk of Rabies transmission heightened as a result.

Though prevalent in certain areas of South Africa the Western Cape Province is not considered one of them, yet this year two cases of bat-eared foxes and a cow have recently contracted and died from the disease within the area. In Gauteng several cases of rabies in dogs and jackals and two in humans have been reported. All pet owners of dogs and cats are urged to vaccinate their animals against Rabies immediately. The inoculation can be given as early as 12 weeks of age and repeated annually thereafter.

Puppies younger than 12 weeks should have maternal immunity from their dam if she was vaccinated during the preceding year and breeders should be aware that Animal Travel Services/Airlines will not accept puppies for transportation at 8 weeks unless this is the case and proof is provided.

Commercial Kennels will also not accept dogs for boarding if their vaccinations against all preventable canine communicable diseases are not valid. Owners are required to provide proof in the form of the dog's vaccination certificate signed by a Veterinarian. Ed

Kowthar Solomons reported for the Sunday Times newspaper on 27th September 2014 that:

'Ignorance and misinformation about rabies leads to the needless deaths of about 30 South Africans each year and about 55,000 people globally, medical experts report and some believe the statistics may be even higher, thanks to under reporting and misdiagnosis as the disease spreads from animals to humans. The last known South African human death reported was in 2010 when a 26 month old girl was scratched by an unvaccinated puppy and died as a result. Seventeen infected dogs were discovered between August and October of that year.

Rabies is a virus that causes acute inflammation of the brain and is mostly fatal. It is usually spread through the bite of an infected animal, such as a dog. Rabies cannot be spread from person to person. Symptoms in humans can include headaches, fever, anxiety, muscle pains, vomiting, paralysis and hydrophobia (fear of water).

Dr. Jacqueline Weyer, from the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, referred to rabies as a "neglected disease". "Everyone knows about the big ones like HIV/AIDS and cancer, but rabies is not highlighted and as a result a disease which is 100 percent preventable is still killing people. Prevention and control of the disease is completely possible if people know what to look out for," she said.

A vaccine is the only way to prevent rabies, although there is an alternative treatment for humans which has to be administered immediately after suspected contact with the virus. Rabies is usually spread through the bite of an infected dog or other animals, like bats. Further problems arise when dealing with rabies in townships, said Weyer. "We believe the infection rate of rabies is higher than reports indicate because the disease is misunderstood. Some cultures may fail to recognize a rabies sufferer, and instead brand them as a victim of witch craft. If action was taken immediately, we would provide comfort or, if detected early enough, prevent death."

Weyer said that "beyond the large number of stray dogs in South Africa, there were also "Community" dogs which were often fed and taken care of by the surrounding community, but never receive a vaccination."

CHRISTMAS FAMILY GALLERY



Terry & Sue Wright's "Seamus" dressed for the celebrations!



Dog Whisperer - Miss Logan Rose Teeling



Life was busy for Logan Rose during the course of the year with the arrival of the Teeling family's Golden Retriever litter.

SELECTION OF SHOW RESULTS: Western Cape: CONGRATULATIONS !!!!

Breede Rivier KC Championship Show (Judge : J Marques) 15 / 10 / 2016

English Setter bitch

BOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD AFRICAN VISION

Irish (Red) Setter dogs

BOB Anthony Wonfor's CH OAKDALE BOREAS

CC Anthony & Rowena Wonfor's INT FCI & SA CH. TABORRA DONEGAL

2nd BEST GROUP VETERAN

Cape Town KC Championship Show (Judge : P. Chatterjee – India) 16/10/2016

English Setter bitch

BOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD AFRICAN VISION

CC Rowena Wonfor's Int. FCI & SA CH REIDWOOD AFRICAN DAWN

RBOB & 3rd BEST GROUP VETERAN

Irish (Red) Setter dogs

BOB Anthony & Rowena Wonfor Int FCI & SA CH OAKDALES O'DRISCOLL

RBOB Anthony Wonfor's CH OAKDALE BOREAS

Cape FCI Championship Show (Judge : Mrs N. Vzhyshevskaya – Taiwan)
18 / 10 / 2016

English Setter bitch

CACIB & BOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD AFRICAN VISION
RESERVE IN GROUP

Irish Setter dogs

CACIB & BOB Anthony Wonfor's CH OAKDALE BOREAS
GROUP WINNER

Cape Gundog Club Championship Show (Judge : Mrs. L. Ruddle) 21/10/2016

English Setter bitches

CC & BOB Rowena Wonfor's Int FCI & SACH REIDWOOD AFRICAN DAWN
3rd BEST GROUP VETERAN
RBOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD AFRICAN VISION

Irish (Red) Setter dogs

CC & RBOB Anthony & Rowena Wonfor's INT FCI & SA CH. TABORRA
DONEGAL
4th BEST GROUP VETERAN

Irish (Red) Setter bitch

BOB Marinette Teeling's Ch Caemgen Ever So Clever

Western Province KC Championship Show (Judge : Mrs S Kealy – Ireland)
22 / 10 / 2016

English Setter bitch

BOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD AFRICAN VISION

Irish (Red) Setter dogs

BOB Anthony Wonfor's CH OAKDALE BOREAS

Irish (Red) Setter bitch

RBOB Marinette Teelings Ch Caemgen Ever So Clever

Hottentots Holland KC Championship Show (Judge : Mrs G.Cook – Australia)
23 / 10 / 2016

English Setter bitch

BOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD AFRICAN VISION

Irish (Red) Setter dogs

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Irish (Red) Setter bitch

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IRISH SETTER MASCOT



This furry Irish Setter is named T-BONE the mascot of the athletic teams at Pace University in America

SPECIAL NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The November 2016 issue of *Animal Talk* magazine is on the shelves of retailers around the country which contains a feature on Irish Setters, German Shorthaired Pointers and Weimaraners

2. Irish (Red) Setters DNA testing for Late Onset Progressive Retinal Atrophy rcd 4 (LOPRA rcd 4) 2016 annual SA statistics are now available on request and have been submitted to KUSA. Good progress has been made and the current National Registers reflect a total of 137 Irish Setters of which 18 were DNA tested CLEAR 18 tested CARRIERS 4 tested AFFECTED (1 a UK import returned to UK with owner) and 97 INHERITED CLEAR (1 addition litter pending KUSA Registration) these mostly the progeny of tested clear parentage or grand parentage. All are issued with KUSA's "Health Screening Certificates". (e-mail) mss01@telkomsa.net for National Registers)

3. Irish (Red) Setters DNA Scheme for testing of Canine Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency (CLAD) AND early onset Progressive Retinal Atrophy rcd 1 (PRA rcd 1). Up to date National Registers are available on request. These reflect a SA population (351dogs) that are INHERITED CLEAR of both these conditions. NO incidence of either condition has been reported. (e-mail) mss01@telkomsa.net for National Registers)

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4. This brings to an end the Summer edition of Setter News, the last issued for the year. We always try to give our readers a wide range of articles and trust that whether you are a first time owner, a seasoned exhibitor or a veteran breeder you have found something of interest and enjoyment within its pages and those of the History Supplements.

It is worth noting that Setter News readership is spreading beyond SA with copies sent to UK, Ireland, Sweden and Australia during 2016 and this is due to all those wonderful South African Setter people who have supported Setter News with their contribution of content material. **Thank you!!**

It only remains for us to wish you:

Happy Holidays, A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2017.

Bridget & Mark Simpson

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E-mail mss01@telkomsa.net or 'phone landline 028-4233934. with all your news for the March 2017 edition of Setter News We look forward to hearing from you.