

SETTER NEWS

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



Poster of three Setter Breeds by artist Robert J. May (UK)

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5 yrs of AUSTRALIAN INFLUENCE ON SA IRISH SETTERS (2011-2016)

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IRISH SETTER DOG RACER 'DOC'

(Extract from The Great Delaware Sports Book)

Late in 1891 Dr. J.C. McCoy of Middletown began work on the first kite track race course in the eastern United States near Kirkwood, Delaware. McCoy employed 80 men for ten weeks to build his racing palace which featured stables for 190 horses and a grandstand to hold 3000 spectators. The track cost \$50,000 to build, including \$10,000 for an ingenious sprinkling system.

The Maple Valley Trotting Association previewed and promoted the innovative track in 1892 for reporters and horsemen from Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore. The pundits quickly anointed McCoy's kite track as the swiftest surface to be found anywhere and preparations were made for a grand opening on July 4. Despite a multitude of other Independence Day events more than 8000 race fans descended on Kirkwood. By 10.45 in the morning, ticket sellers were overwhelmed.

The crowd was treated to its first world record when the trotting horse Globe and Belle Hamlin ran one mile (2.6 Klm) in 2.12minutes to break their own record by a full second. Next onto the tract was Doc - The Trotting Dog. Doc was enormously popular, earning his master, Willie Ketchum, more than any horse. Willie, perched in a diminutive sulky with pneumatic tyres guided the "Canine Wonder of the World" to a personal best of 48 seconds for a quarter mile. Adoring fans mobbed Doc. Returning to the track Doc then outran a Wilmington man in a man-versus-dog sprint in front of the grandstand



Irish Setter "Doc" from Canada pleased the crowds on opening day at Kirkwood Race course.

Note: Today 39 states in America prohibit dog racing in any form as does South Africa.

SPCA GIVEN POWERS TO PROSECUTE

The South African Constitutional Court has ruled the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) can prosecute those who infringe on animal rights, but only in cases where the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) declines to prosecute.

Advocate Kevin Hopkins, for the SPCA, said the application was to “ensure that people who commit crimes do not go unpunished simply because the NPA declined to prosecute.”

The north Gauteng High Court in Pretoria dismissed the application in 2010 and the Supreme Court of Appeal later upheld this, saying that to allow the SPCA to proceed with private prosecutions would create an alternate prosecution system.

Last month, Judge Sisi Khampepe of the Constitutional Court ruled the SPCA has the statutory power to institute private prosecutions. The minister of justice and constitutional development and the national director of public prosecutions, the respondents, were ordered to pay the SPCA's costs in all three applications

Lloyd Govindsamy reporting for the Argus 21.01.2017

Ed Note: As a result of co-operation between SPCA and the SA Defence Force SPCA inspectors have recently been given permission to enter military bases to check on the welfare of horses, dogs and other animals used by SADF to ensure compliance with the Animal Protection Act. Such agreements are already in place with the Police, SARS and Correctional Services.

ALASKA LEGALLY RECOGNIZES THAT “PETS” ARE NOT PROPERTY”

Divorce can be messy leaving aside the very raw emotions involved, there is the matter of splitting property. Who gets the house? Who gets the couch? Who gets the dog?

If one of those items seems different to you, that's probably because you, like many Americans, consider pets to be more like family members than furniture, but courts do not.

In the eyes of the law, animals are property. So while pet custody battles are often passionate and sometimes truly wacky, courts think of them more prosaically, as part of the “property distribution” in a divorce.

That's why an amendment to Alaska's divorce statutes, is making waves in the world of animal law. It makes Alaska the first state in the US to require courts to take “into consideration the well-being of the animal” and to explicitly empower judges to assign joint custody over pets.

In a blog post, the Animal Legal Defence Fund called the well being provision “groundbreaking and unique”. David Favre, a Michigan State University law professor who specialises in animal law, said. “For the first time, a state has specifically said that a companion animal has visibility in a divorce proceeding beyond that of property – that the court may award custody on the basis of what is best for the dog, not the human owners.”

As animals social status has evolved, courts across the country have struggled with the pets as property idea, said Kathy Hassler, director of the Animal Law Clinic at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. The parties involved often want decisions on custody, visitation and even monetary support for a pet, she said. But existing states that guide such matters are designated to address children not animals.

Some people argue that pets should stay with the children others think they should remain with whoever purchased them, or whoever was their primary caretaker. Often couples purchase pets with shared funds, but rarely do people want to be “bought out” of their share in Fido, as might happen with a car or a house, Hessler said.

“The relationship with the animal is what is important in the family law context, so the property law analysis tends to be a poor fit for resolving disputes, making more work for the courts” Hessler said.

The Alaska amendment was sponsored by former representative Liz Vazquez and the late Max Gruenberg, a Democrat and family law attorney who said in 2015 that he’d once handled a divorce that resulted in joint custody of a sled dog team.

“Our pets are members of our families,” Vazquez, who lost her bid for re-election in November, said in a statement last year “We have to remember that we’re sent here to Juneau to represent people, real human beings, many of whom have pets they love as much as their friends and family.”

The Alaska bill also allows courts to include pets in domestic violence protective orders and required the owners of pets seized in cruelty or neglect cases to cover the cost of their shelter.

“I hope it is the beginning of an explicit trend,” Hassler said of the well being provision “It makes more sense to address these issues at the legislative level to allow for public input and create rules that can be applied evenly to all citizens.

Karin Brullard reporting for the Washington Post

Ed’s Note: Lawmakers in SA would do well to adopt the example set by the Alaskans

AHT PROJECT “GIVE A DOG A GENOME”

UK's Animal Health Trust's launch of their research project "Give a dog a Genome" is now well under way. Heading the list of 75 breeds is the Gordon Setter with the English and Irish Setters also included in the first phase. This will create a canine genome bank as a permanent resource to aid all future genetic research investigations. Funds for the research have been donated by owners, breeders, Clubs and the UK Kennel Club Charitable Trust bringing their total grant funding for this project to 75,000 pounds sterling.

What is Whole Genome Sequencing?

The genome is the term given to all the DNA that is needed to make a person, dog or other animal. The canine genome is a vast sequence of 2.4 billion bases, or letters, of DNA.

The DNA which makes up the canine genome codes for around 20 thousand proteins which make the cells, tissues and organs of the body. There are actually only four different letters that make up the DNA code, these are A, T, C and G. The Canine Genetic Research Group can work out the order of DNA letters making up a genome using a technique known as DNA sequencing.

The first complete human genome sequence was determined in 2000. Not long after, the genome of a boxer named "Tasha" was sequenced. "Tasha's" sequence is known as the canine reference sequence.

How will this help the Animal Health Trust find mutations that cause disease?

Once AHT have built up a database of neutral variants that are present across breeds they can then compare variants in the affected dogs against the database of neutral variants and make a shortlist of candidate variants – variants that are potentially the disease mutation they are trying to find.

The more comprehensive the database of neutral variants, the shorter the list of candidate variants and the more quickly researchers will be able to identify this true disease mutation. This will be true for disease investigations in all breeds, not just those that have been sequenced

RADIO SHOW WILL GIVE PEP TALKS FOR PETS

We all know that leaving a radio on low volume will very often soothe a pup through his first night in a new home or calm an anxious one when you leave the house. But Noel Edmonds of London (UK) has taken this practice one step further:-:

Noel Edmonds had to defend his latest business plan – a motivational phone service for pets and a radio station for plants. He will launch an internet radio

show for pets and another called Positively Plants, which plays music he believes will get gardens blooming.

Explaining the concept behind the pet radio show, he said “A very large number of people turn the radio on when they go out, in order that their pets have something going on in the house.. It’s a very common thing. People will be able to go onto my radio station and leave a message for their pets.”

And to get a phone call from Edmonds, pet owners have to fill in a form so his website and he will ring up and give the animal a pep talk. He says he is ‘pioneering genre-casting’ and aims to have 100 niche stations by next year (2017) including a birdsong channel, a station for horses and one to help people lose weight.

(Acknowledgements to The Daily Mail, London)

PLANNED IRISH SETTER LITTER



Natal : Fenris Irish Setters: Gail Green plans to mate her young bitch Fenris Latest Edition (Hip score A2: A2 elbows 0:0 and clear of PRA rcd 1, CLAD and LOPRA rcd 4) as soon as she comes into season. The sire has yet to be confirmed but the resultant litter of pups will each receive their own personalized KUSA Health clearance certificates. Gail can be contacted at landline 033-3261743 or cell: 082-8064008 and can be e-mailed at fenris.dobermanns@gmail.com Air transportation to other provinces can be arranged if this is required.

BEYOND THE RAINBOW

Tribute to:”Didi” CH WHIDAURA’S WHIDBEY MAGIC (Imp Australia)

On 3rd March I said my last goodbye to my big gentle soul Miss Didi at the age of 10.as my vet Dr. Steve Kitley helped her to the bridge. She suffered from epilepsy which started as she turned 2 year old – this is a dreadful thing to live with, but she never complained just got on with life. She was everything an English Setter should be in nature, kind, gentle, trustworthy with children and other dogs. We miss you my girl, you have left a big empty place in our

home, but you will suffer no more of the pain and confusion of seizures. All our Setters, Lulu, Troy, Mac, Sky & Muffin would have been there to meet you, God speed my girl till we meet again.

Rowena Wonfor

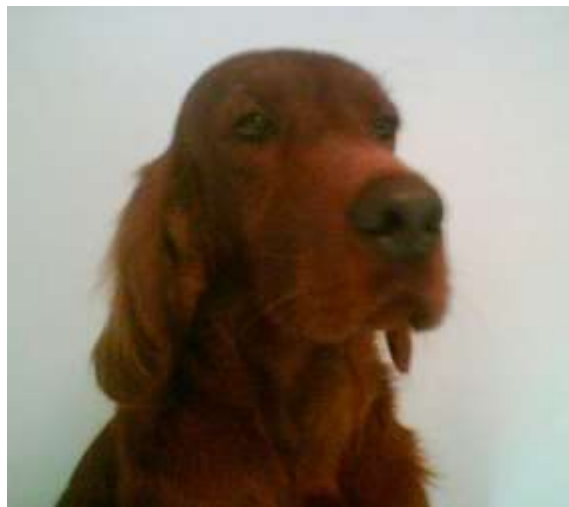


Ch. Whidaura's Whidbey Magic (Imp Australia)

Tribute to "Dermuid" CH. OAKDALES HOT TODDY ARC

I miss you old friend, the days seem longer without your gentle watchful gaze and the warmth of your breathe as you rested your head on my knees to be caressed. What a life you led from the wild days of your youthful exuberance when you ran, hunted and jumped like a springbok through your successful career in the showring where you competed amid a field of imported dogs to claim your Championship - I was so proud of you. Then you sired two litters to the love of your life "Robin" albeit that your dalliances with "Lilly" and "Bliss" produced four more litters that added to the Oakdale clan. Healthy all your life the rigours of age finally claimed you as you quietly slipped away at 12 ½. Wait for me at the pearly gates dear boy

Bridget Simpson.



Ch. Oakdales Hot Toddy ARC

HARPERS WEEKLY 26th May 1877



The first New York Dog Show was held in 1877 and run under the auspices of the Westminster Kennel Club (USA). It was staged at Gilmore Gardens (the forerunner of Madison Square Gardens). To advertise the event the above hand coloured engraving, which features the Setter breeds centrally, was published in Harpers Weekly on 26th May 1877. The show attracted an entry of 1,201 dogs.

WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB (USA) 141st CHAMP SHOW 2017

Held in Madison Square Gardens the Westminster Kennel Club Show is the most prestigious of the American annual calendar. This year the event was held from Saturday 11th February through to Tuesday February 14th when the Sporting group (Gundogs) were judged. Mrs. Joan Savage judged all the Setter breeds exhibited. Irish Setter "Adrian" GCH CH VERMILION'S SEA BREEZE won the top spot in the Group, followed by the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon with the Golden Retriever in 3rd place and in 4th place was the Irish Water Spaniel. Finishing the weekend with a flourish Sea Breeze was judged Res. Best in Show All Breeds only beaten by the German Shepherd Dog.

ENGLISH SETTERS



Best of Breed: GCH CH Winchester's Made My Day (d)

Best Opposite Sex GCH CH Pinemeadow's Three Time a Lady (b)

GORDON SETTERS



Best of Breed GCH CH Amberlove's Are We A Pair JH CGC (d)

Best Opposite Sex Ch Skara Braes Worth The Wait (b)

IRISH RED & WHITE SETTERS



GCH Killary's Grand Getaway(d)
Best Opposite Sex Ch Aislingcudo Is Nessa Na Ri (b)

IRISH SETTERS

Best of Breed &, Group Winner (Judge Mrs Paula Nykiel)
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW ALL BREEDS (Judge Mr. Thomas Bradley III



GCH CH Vermilions Sea Breeze (d)

Best Opposite Sex: GCH CH Kellyglen's Twilight Affair (b)

CRUFTS (UK) 9th -12th March 2017
The National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham

The biggest dog show in the world with 22,000 dogs competing for top honours in a variety of disciplines. The Kennel Club were delighted that 21,838 dogs were entered for exhibition on the breed show 3,469 of which came from 55 overseas countries.

Saturday 11th March was Gundog day with English Setters represented by 80 dogs and 94 bitches for Mrs. R.M.C. Martin to adjudicate, The Gordon Setters were judged by Mrs. H. Tye with a good entry of 93 dogs and 107 bitches. Irish Red & White Setters had an entry of 40 dogs and 42 bitches judged by Mr. P. Jeffrey while the largest entry of Setters were the ever popular Irish Red Setters with 173 dogs being judged by Mr. M.J. Howes and 150 bitches judged by Mrs. P. Smith. Mrs. F. Coward-Scholes placed the Gordon Setter 4th in the Gundog Group. The wining American Cocker Spaniel, Ch. Afterglow Miami Ink owned by Jason Lynn was judged 2017 Crufts Best in Show All Breeds winner.

ENGLISH SETTERS



Best of Breed (Bitch) Sh Ch Wansleydale Star Queen of Glenmaurangi
Owned by : Mrs A, Mrs K L & Ms T Phillips, Bryant & Watkins

Best Opposite Sex (Dog) Quensha Back to the Future (AI)
Owned by Mr R P , Mr AC & Mrs AH Bott , Allen & Morgan

GORDON SETTER



Best of Breed (Dog) **Sh Ch Lourdace Fulcrum (JW)**
Owned by Messrs D & D & Mrs J Alcorn,Crowther & Baddeley

GUNDOG GROUP 4th Place & RESERVE WINNER IN VULNERABLE BRITISH & IRISH BREEDS COMPETITION

Best Opposite Sex (Bitch) **Hernwood Black Pearl (SHCM)**
Owned by Miss G Caulfield

IRISH RED & WHITE SETTER



Best of Breed (Dog) **IR Sh Ch Shadow Dawn of Oakley**
Owned by : Miss T Robertson

Best Opposite Sex (Bitch) **Roanjora Fleurie**
Owned by : Mr G & Mrs H Farrow

IRISH (Red) SETTER



**Best of Breed (Dog) Sh Ch Forfarian I'm Sexy An I Know It (JW)
Owned by : Mrs S & Misses N & J Sturrock**

**Best Opposite Sex (Bitch) Ch Copper's Wine'n Roses (Imp Sweden)
Owned by : Miss L Kolbach**

BREED STANDARD OF EXHIBITOR

CHARACTERISTICS

A pleasant intelligent person, helpful, considerate, attentive and of a sporting demeanour. Always willing to give advice and assistance to newcomers, or to others needing it. Attentive to the needs of the dogs being handled, and presents each dog to the best advantage

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A neat, smart, fit looking individual, well-groomed, well shod and well equipped, who moves freely both in and out of the ring.

TEMPERAMENT

Calm, confident, unhurried and friendly.

HEAD:

Neither big nor pin headed. Skull broad to allow for plenty of brain room. Expression pleasant and smiling, regardless of judges' decisions, other exhibitors actions and the dog's behaviour. Nose small so as to not be stuck into where it is not wanted.

EYES

Sharp and bright, observant of other exhibitor's location, judge's hand signals and the movement and position of all dogs in the ring.

MOUTH

Usually best kept closed except to briefly answer judge's questions or to congratulate successful exhibitors. Teeth clean, white and presented in a smiling fashion at all times.

NECK:

Long enough to hold the head up proudly and flexible enough to turn the head as to observe everything that is happening in the ring. Should never be stuck out.

FOREQUARTERS:

Shoulders broad and able to shrug off unsporting comments from other exhibitors. Arms of sufficient length and strength to extend a handshake to the winners, keep a firm hold on the dog, collect any prize cards, and give a friendly pat to the dog all at the same time.

BODY:

Sufficiently slim as to not impede other exhibitors leaving the ring and to not completely block the judge's view of all the dogs behind.

HINDQUARTERS

Well developed and strong so as to be able to move the dog in the ring at its optimum speed

FEET;

Firmly on the ground as this is only a sport after all. To be kept out of the mouth at all times.

GAIT:

Free moving and graceful ,moving in harmony with the dog's speed.

COAT:

Dress should be neat, clean and tidy, neither flamboyant nor immodest, but designed to allow free movement without distraction to any dog in the ring. Feet should be well shod in practical shoes to allow for easy movement.

COLOUR:

Should be chosen to complement the colour of the dog, or if several different coloured dogs are being handled, to at least not completely hide the outline of any dog; eg, wearing a long black skirt when showing a black dog.

SIZE:

Exhibitors may come in all sizes and shapes, the only limitation being ability to do justice to the dog when in the ring.

MAJOR FAULTS:

Dirty or scruffy appearance, grumpy, vicious or flustered temperament, swollen head, loud mouth, especially when used for insulting comments or bad language, unsporting behaviour; unkempt dress.

(Author unknown)

SA CHAMPION SHOW RESULTS – Western Cape – 1st Quarter**2017****19.02 Cape Town FCI International CACIB Show :
Judge Mrs. N. Robertson (WP)****English Setter bitch**

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

Irish Setter dog

CACIB & BOB Anthony Wonfor's CH OAKDALES BOREAS
1st GROUP WINNER

25.02 Kennel Assoc |Judge Mr. Frank Kane (UK)**English Setter bitch**

BOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD AFRICAN VISION

Irish Setter dog

BOB Anthony Wonfor's CH. OAKDALES BOREAS

26.02 Liesbeek KC Judge Mrs. Judy Musto(WP)**English Setter bitch**

BOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD AFRICAN VISION

Irish Setter dog

BOB Anthony Wonfor's CH OAKDALES BOREAS.



At Liesbeek Park KC Champ show the Wonfor's old man Int & SA Ch Taborra Donegal ("Conner") went out to play in the Junior Handler class and at 9 years & 9 months was half of the winning team. !!!

ST PATRICKS DAY GATHERING

St. Patrick's Day falls on Friday 17th March 2017 and to celebrate this truly Irish Feast Day the WC branch of the Irish Wolfhound Club have invited all Irish dog breeds and their owners to join them on Sunday 19th March at Blauklippen Wine Estate Family Market in Stellenbosch at 12 Noon.. If you wish to accept this invitation RSVP to Heather Gould darzet@telkomsa.net . Take chairs, water for your Irish Setter and poop bags



This brings us to the end of the first edition of Setter News for the year. We hope you found something of interest and enjoyment. Please e-mail us at mss01@telkomsa.net or 'phone 028 4233934 with all your news, views and pics for the June issue – we love hearing from you. Thanks to those readers who sent messages of appreciation for the 2016 Setter News during the Christmas break.

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