

SETTER NEWS

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



The day's pheasant bag

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History Supplement: THE IRISH SETTER written and compiled by Rawson B. Lee with a page of guidance notes provides insight into the transition period during the 19th century from **Irish Red & White Setters to Irish Red Setters**. (Guidance Notes plus 1-23 pages e-mailed separately)

MICHELLE WEBSTER receives CAROL DINES AWARD



**ISBC Chairman Brain Ross presents Michelle Webster with
The Carol Dines Award Trophy at their Ch. Show 26.03.2016**

We were delighted to extend South African congratulations to Michelle Webster who was presented with the Carol Dines Award Trophy by the Irish Setter Breeders Club (UK) for her long service to the breed being the very first person to receive this honour. For 18 years, Michelle has been a diligent Committee Member and Secretary of the ISBC East Midlands Region and has contributed many articles to ISBC Newsletters. In addition Michelle has maintained an open approach to Irish Setter health issues which is reflected on her own website www.hooley-irish-setters.co.uk.

Hooley Irish Setter pedigree data base has thousands of pedigrees from around the world which are an invaluable source of information. Michelle has generously uploaded hundreds of SA Irish Setter pedigrees on her site as a "labour of love". This benefits SA breeders and owners who wish to know not only the history of the breed, but also the current degree of COI (inbreeding) of local Irish Setters and we are profoundly thankful to Michelle for this work.

Michelle's introduction to the breed began in childhood, when an Irish Setter named "Shandy" visited her home on his walks about the neighbourhood and she admits it was "love at first sight". But the opportunity to own her own Irish only arose in 1980 when she purchased "Oliver" Kerrigan Amber Dream. As a teacher of 5-7 year olds "Ollie Dog" joined Michelle's class at story time and was always a firm favourite with the children

With retirement Michelle was able to become more involved in the dog scene and in 1992 she purchased Twoacres Joker and they embarked on a huge learning curve when she decided to enter the shows and qualify him as a

Kennel Club Good Citizen. At home Joker was known as Hooley O'Flynn as he was such a loveable hooligan. In his honour Michelle titled her website and registered Hooley as her official Kennel name.

In 1995 "Flynn's" sister Sh. Ch. Twoacres Jade whelped a litter sired by Goldings Festival which produced the "star" of Hooley, Twoacres Fergus. A beautiful youngster he exceeded the points required to achieve his UK Kennel Club Junior Warrant and won well in the showing. In 1998, at the pinnacle of his show career, he was judged Reserve Best in Show by Marjorie Jarosz at the North East of England Irish Setter Club Championship Show. Having gained two Challenge Certificates Fergus was unlucky not to be awarded a third to achieve his Show Championship title. However, to prove he had beauty and brains Fergus gained his Kennel Club Good Citizen Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. During his lifetime he also sired several litters and Michelle still has stored frozen semen which she hopes to use one day.

One of Fergus' progeny born in 2002 was Cymbeline Fallon by Hooley. "Geordie" He walked into Michelle heart and home and took over the entire household. Michelle was bereft without an Irish Setter when "Geordie" suddenly died at 10 years old – a fate not to be borne for long. In 2013 "Mulligan" Glenvarna Fire and Ice at Hooley arrived to fill the void and claim Michelle's heart and home. Have many more happy years together in and out of the showing Michelle.



Michelle Webster and "Mulligan" Glenvarna Fire and Ice at Hooley exhibiting at Crufts 2016

(Read more about Michelle Webster's Hooley Irish Setters under "My Dogs" on the Menu and look up your own dog's pedigree on her website www.hooley-irish-setters.co.uk. If you do not find your Irish's pedigree please submit a copy of your official KUSA registration certificate to us at mss01@telkomsa.net for submission.)

ONE DOG; TWO DOGS BETTER

Grace Dent wrote the following article for The Independent UK Newspaper (also published in the SA Argus 26.03.2016). Although she is the owner of “Betty”, a Labrador Retriever, we’re sure she qualifies as a Setter owner as they always come better in pairs!

“If you own one dog, there will come a time when you gaze at your silt-smear house with its chewed skirting boards and decorative piles of gnawed squeak-squeak toys and you’ll think: “We should get a second dog.” Your wonky reckoning will tell you, “our first dog needs a friend.”

The solo-dog owner becomes suspicious that owning one dog – in my case Labrador Betty – is really just dog abuse. And at that point your eyes will linger on doggy-shelter websites.

I didn’t intend to become a two-dog household, but now on my dog walks I view those stalwart, welly-wearing old birds flanked by half a dozen yapping rescue mongrels with a proud sense of destiny. I love these women. They walk their dogs off-lead fearlessly on a Saturday greeting snivelling joggers with an acrid stare that says, “Oh, pull yourself together: It’s a bloody 11 month old Spaniel-cross not air-borne Ebola.”

Women like this are not overly concerned that of the six dogs they set off with, two of the more ratty-looking terriers went Awol near rabbit-holes 900m back. “Binky?” “Rhubaaaaab? They might shout with some urgency.

We solo-dog owners are so constantly worried – so apologetic to dogophobes and fusspots. I knew I was on the two-dog turn when a journalist friend wrote a furious column recently about people with two or three dogs, who completely ruin her outdoors British Military Fitness classes in the park.

So now the conundrum is whether we’ll adopt another bonking, Labrador-sized amigo for Betty – while simply accepting that we’ll live in a hurricane of mud and pet hair or whether to find a tiny sidekick. I have some concerns about adopting a titch. There is, I find, a great beauty in owning a thunderous beast of 40lb or more – a Ridgeback, a Weimaraner, [a Setter?] a Mastiff – with paws like coal shovels who greets your return by knocking you onto the hallway floor and then trying to dislodge and eat your earwax. That, to me, is a proper dog.

I looked after a Yorkshire terrier recently which quickly set out its stall as preferring to be carried in my armpit. She was loveable, but in a weird way almost too loveable. We clung to each other like koalas for 24 hours. Less dog owning, more intense baby-sitting. To make things more muddy, a lot of the small breed dogs on adoption websites need homes because their owners had died, aged 106, leaving maybe a wheezing pug with one good eye, or an incontinent Pekingese with a heart murmur.

This does not mean I won't adopt them, quite the opposite in fact. My partner is monitoring my access to the Battersea Dogs Home [UK] website vigilantly. "But they are orphans" I weep.

Now that I've brought Betty up from a tiny puppy and watched her turn into a loyal adult hound with her own character quirks and a vast love of human company – well, leaving all these unwanted dogs in cages just seems abhorrent. Any idiot can buy a puppy – British shelters are full of "teenage" dogs chucked out like rubbish at around 14 months proves this to be fact – and I realise now that the ethical, grown-up thing to do is rescue a dog, not acquire a "new" one.

I hope Betty loves whoever we bring home for her, although I don't worry greatly. Betty loves without boundaries. She loves big dogs and she loves small dogs. She loves squirrels and cats unconditionally, despite them hating her: Betty, like most dogs, loves without ration. Her love is boundless and unguarded. I'm hoping two dogs will feel like enough and that I'll stop there. I have an odd feeling, however; that we're going to need a much bigger sofa.

GOLDEN OLDIE GALLERY



Bridget Simpson's 11 ½ year old gentleman "Diamuid"
Ch. Oakdale's Hot Toddy ARC enjoys a leisurely winter stroll in the warm sunshine when not giving a nod and a wink to the content of Setter News from his bed beneath the desk

GOLDEN OLDIE GALLERY



The Simpson's current matriarch 9 ½ years old "Sari" Ch. Oakdales Safari Sunset. Favourite pastimes - stalking pigeons and guinea fowl, but crows receive gruff rebuttal.



Simpson's 9 ½ year old "Chester" Oakdale's Wild Chestnut refuses to go anywhere without his gonk – he even manages to bark at the postman with it in his mouth!



Rowena Wonfor's girls 9 year old "Didi" Ch. Whidaura's Whidbey Magic (Imp Australia) indulges in a leisurely paddle with "Autumn" (in front) multi BIS, Int. FCI & SA Ch. Reidwood African Dawn (Imp Canada) who celebrates her 8th birthday this year.



Anthony & Rowena Wonfor's 9 year old "Connor" BIS winner Int.FCI Ch. & SA Ch. Taborra Donegal regally stands waiting for Anthony on his walk in this wooded winter scene.

CARING FOR THE VETERANS

For more than a decade your Setter will be a member of the family and remain sprightly into old age, but your dog will need greater care, support and comfort from you as a veteran.

Despite broad spectrum vaccination and a wide range of health screening tests to limit undesirable diseases one has to accept the fact that senior Setters develop conditions which cannot be eliminated, but can be controlled.

Joint Health

We all wear out and one of the commonest aging conditions in humans and canines is arthritis. Researchers state that “one in five adult dogs suffer from arthritis” irrespective of breed and despite Hip and Elbow Dysplasia control programmes, but there is no reason why old dogs can’t enjoy life

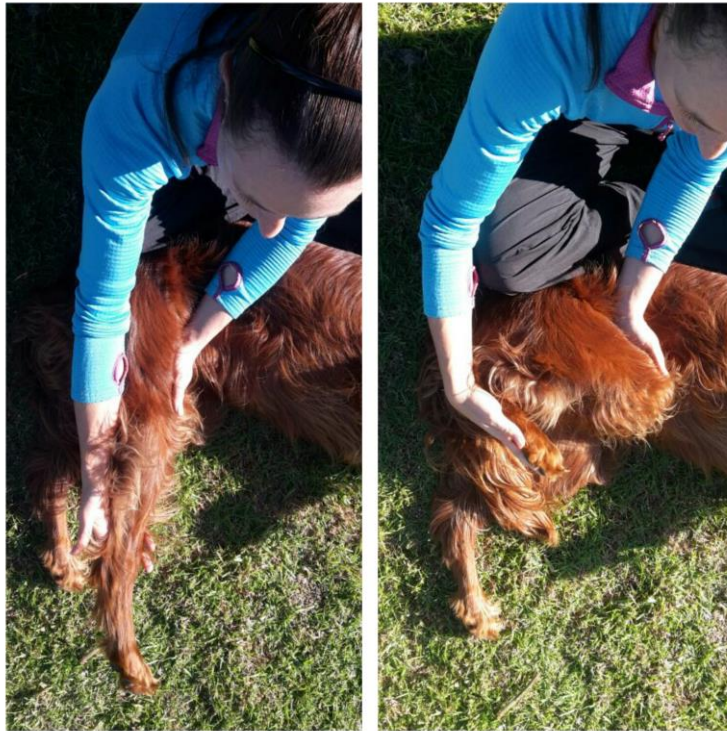
Being a highly energetic breed in their youth and middle years Setters stay active when veterans, but the gallop may become shorter and after an initial burst of energy may slow to a lively trotting jog and in advanced old age to a brisk walk. Your Setter may not enthusiastically jump over obstacles or into the back of the car as he/she once did and in very old age (12 plus years) climbing steep hills or up long flights of steps/stairs may prove problematical.

Owners must tailor their Setter’s exercise to the degree of their dog’s joint health. While swimming is one of the best exercises for arthritis which most Setters enjoy, it is not beneficial for senior dogs to swim in cold home pools in winter, but in the summer months when their coats can be dried quickly it is an excellent way to strengthen the muscles and keep the joints mobile. Always ensure your Setter is supervised when in the pool.

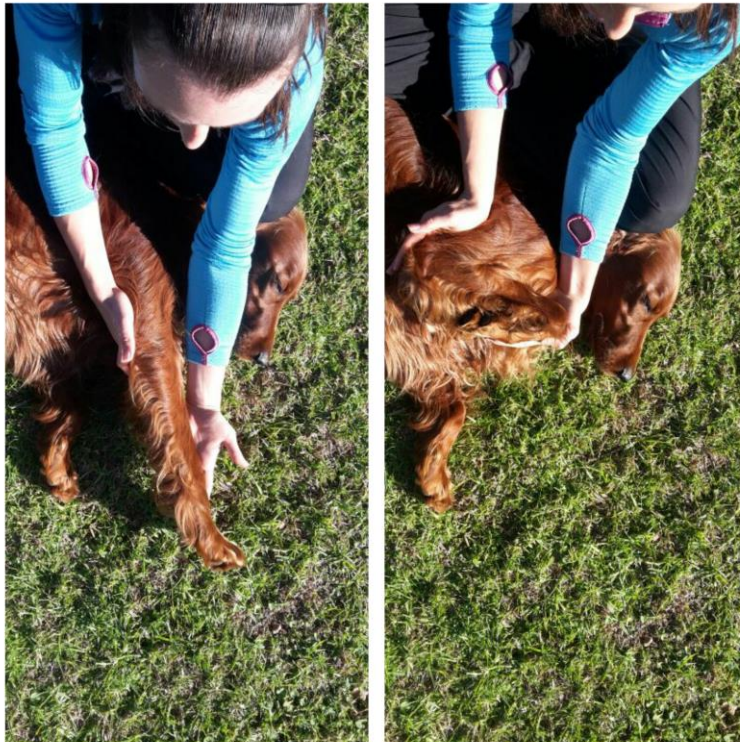
Specific exercises and massage techniques can be recommended for your Setter by a Veterinary Physiotherapist so we asked, Marinette Teeling for advice on passive joint exercises which owners could follow at home to help canine “old timers”. Here is Marinette’s response together with photo demonstration.

‘Your can do these easy passive joint movements to help maintain a good range of the joints, to increase the viscosity of the joint fluid and to decrease pain. They should not be painful and should be done very gently and slowly’

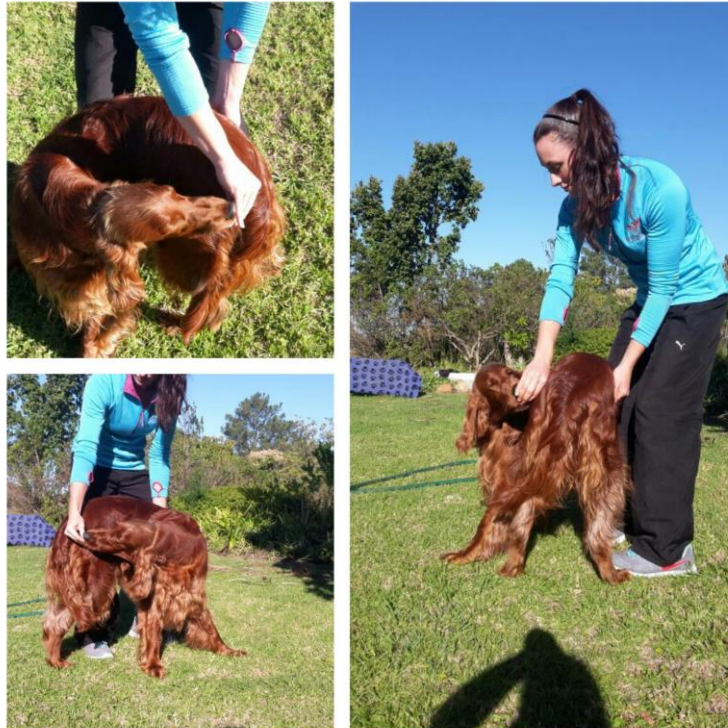
Passive joint movements



Back legs: Gently extend limb, support upper leg and gently zig zag leg up. This is called flexion of the joints. Never force the movement. Repeat 10 times.



Front legs: Gently and slowly extend limb, support elbow and then gently zig zag leg up. This is called flexion of the joints. Never force the movement. Repeat 10 times.



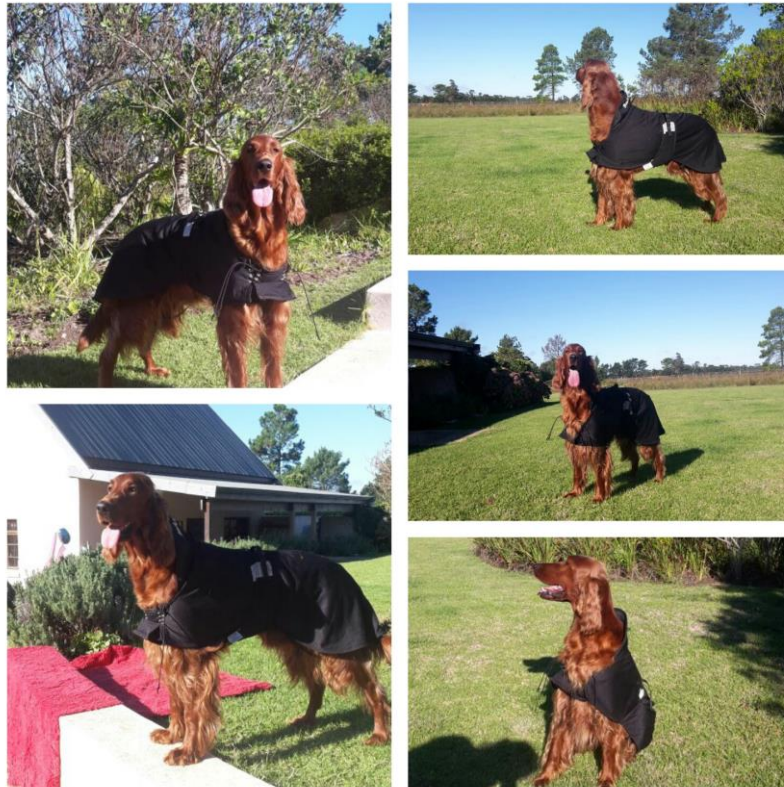
Spinal stretch: Hold hands at hips and have a dog treat in one hand allow dog to turn and take treat (a little biltong) first from the left hand then from the right.



Neck and chest stretch: Massage chest with one hand and hold a treat in the other downward movement of neck will follow for dog to take treat

Repeat exercises 3 times a day. Especially after your Setter has slept

Back on Track canine clothing and bedding products are recommended by Marinette. *“They are great for maintaining joint and muscle health as they have ceramic bead imbedded in the material which reflects body heat and functions like ‘infrared’* she states. The company markets jackets for dry and wet weather, specific joint braces, blankets and beds.” View at www.backontracksa.co.za – scroll down and click on download Animal Catalogue products.



Back on Track therapeutic dog coat

A simple choice for extra bedding comfort in old age, is a large wooden box approx 106cms long x 62cms wide x 33cms high standing 2-4cm off the ground on four strong wooden square feet. Inside place a 12cm thick high density foam mattress cut to size and covered with removable washable fabric. This will give your Setter's body support while resting and help prevent excessive corns forming on their elbows. A blanket can be added for warmth in winter.

However, if your dog has an arthritic pain flare or joint injury a course of the anti-inflammatory non-steriod drug Meloxicam or the steroid Prednisone tablets can reduce and control inflammation effectively. (Read more about Meloxicam at www.petmd.com/pet/medication/meloxicam and Prednisone at www.veterinaryplace.com/dog-medicine/prednisonefordogs.) These drugs are only obtainable from Veterinarians and/or on prescription from Pharmacies. Both are also used for treating osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis in humans and other animal species

Dietary considerations for pensioners

As exercise levels lower in intensity your Setter may gain weight, so it is important to watch their waistline as the extra kilograms put additional stress on the joints. Hills, Eukanuba, Royal Canine and Montego all manufacture specially formulated dry biscuit cubes for Senior dogs, but if your Setter is doing well on his lifetime diet owners can consider boosting this with a couple of tinned sardines or 2 or 3 tablespoons of tinned pilchards (not in sauce) as a topping on one daily meal to protect against joint inflammation.

Adding supplements to guard against and reduce arthritic problems and boost the immune system are another option. Omega 3 fatty acid in the form of salmon oil capsules or The Real Thing Mega Fish Oil which Marinette Teeling endorses as “a fantastic product.” Antioxidant vitamins A, C and E as well as the mineral selenium are also supplements that neutralize free radicals which are the chemicals that damage cartilage between the joints. Choice of supplementation products is wide and can be made from the shelves of Pharmacies, Supermarkets and Health shops. Setter News reader Stephanie Stanton, recommends 10 Traumeel drops daily with breakfast which she purchases from Dischem - cost R190.00 per bottle which lasts more than a month.

Feeding smaller meals twice or even three times a day will also help control weight and satisfy your Setter's appetite. Also consider raising your Setters food and water bowls off the ground for easy access and comfortable feeding. Stainless steel “tripods” are available, but a cheap solution is to purchase an empty plastic flower pot about 20cms high on which the rim of your Setter's stainless steel feeding and water bowls fit snugly and are firmly supported by the rim of the flower pot. Put some heavy stones in the bottom of the pot for stability.

Eyes

While responsible South African Irish Setter breeders are DNA testing and clearing breeding stock of the blinding condition Late Onset Progressive Retinal Atrophy rcd 4 there are other conditions which they cannot control.

Part of the normal passage of aging is Nuclear Sclerosis of the eyes in which the lens appears bluish and owners may think their veteran Setter has cataracts. In fact Nuclear Sclerosis is benign and the result of fibres growing into the clear lens as a normal part of aging. It may reduce the clarity of visual perception, but will not destroy sight.

Some Setters may develop Senile (old age) Cataracts which are not painful, but do limit vision. Often the cataracts affect both eyes but they may progress at different rates. With slow development it's unlikely that your dog will become completely blind in his/her lifetime and in familiar surroundings your Setter will still cope well.

Only an examination by your home Veterinarian or a Veterinary Ophthalmic Specialist will diagnose whether your Setter has Nuclear Sclerosis, Senile Cataracts or some other degenerative eye condition.

Ears

Being “drop eared” breeds, Setters ears are more inclined to be waxy and as a pensioner he/she may rest with one or other ear beneath their head to a greater degree, this can restrict the drying air flow to the inner ear. A weekly clean with products like Epi-Otic or even cold brewed green tea on a divided Dove cotton facial pad used over the top of the index finger to wipe the inside of the ear clear of wax and debris is necessary. Do not poke around the inner ear canals with earbuds. Always ensure the inner ears are dry after swimming or bathing.

Your Setter may lose some degree of hearing in old age, so be aware that your veteran's behaviour may not be disobedience if he/she fails to come when called, To attract your dog's attention clap your hands or use a pea whistle (the type used by Sports Referees) to help resolve the problem

Teeth

Dogs don't get cavities in their teeth in the same way as humans, but they do get periodontal diseases which can cause major problems and affect the health of their entire body.

Setters of all ages like chewing rawhide bones, dried calf's hooves and pig's ears, in fact any large pet chews from Vets and Supermarkets .This helps remove the natural plaque build-up from their teeth which is especially important in old age. Give these treats for an hour a day - rinse in hot water and drain on a clean tea-towel before storing out of reach of your dog until the next day. Replace the chew when it becomes too small - you do not want your Setter swallowing a chunk!. A word of warning – if you own more than one dog never, ever feed dogs chews or bones when they are together as it fuels disagreements, even a fight between your dogs – each must have its own private secure space to relax and enjoy the treat.

For extra sparkle, dog toothpaste and brushes are available from your Veterinarian and Pet supply shops, but another option is to use folded gauze swabs (available from pharmacies) over your index finger with a blob of dog toothpaste and rub each tooth to clean. Do not be tempted to use any human toothpaste, many of which contain fluoride and other chemicals which are toxic to dogs - unlike humans dogs cannot spit and rinse their mouths after brushing - they swallow the paste in their saliva .

Unless lifetime dental care and diet has been neglected very few Setters will require further periodontal procedures, such as teeth scaling or the removal of loose teeth in old age both of which require anaesthetic.

Parasites and Grooming

It is important to continue with a regular de-worming programme (at least every six months) using a broad spectrum de-worming tablet available from your Veterinarian to keep your Setter free of these parasites as worm infestation will impact on your dog's health.

Maintain the "war" on fleas and ticks which are a scourge in spring and summer. There is a wide range of products to choose from such as monthly use of Revolution pipettes which are very effective, or alternatively the Frontline products, all obtainable from your Veterinary shop. New products are constantly being introduced, the latest trend being tablets with products like Bravecto being marketed for large dogs 20-40kgs (Setters). Reportedly the efficacy rate is 90 -95% for a 12 week period. (View data at www.med-animal-health.co.za/Products/bravecto/020-Product-Details.aspx) cost approximately R376.00 per dog per treatment - 4 times a year. Setter News reader Kathy Dwyer in Natal highly recommends Bravecto tablets using it on both her Irish Setters and her elderly Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

Being a long coated breed your Setter has been groomed all his/her life so do not neglect the pampering sessions in old age, particularly trimming of hair on feet and clipping of nails when necessary as this will aid your Setter's posture..

If your Setter has a "white" nail you should be able to see the pink quick inside the nail and this can guide you on how much to cut from all the nails. If the quick is nicked by your pet nail clipper a quick dab of Dr. Du Toits Staal Droppels (iron drops) will stop bleeding and seal the end of the nail. (Obtainable from Pharmacies)

Urinary Incontinence

Setters are one of the easiest breeds to housetrain as pups and become anxious and miserable if they mess in the house as adults. If this happens it should be a clear sign to owners that something is wrong, so don't scold your dog it is not a deliberate act, get Veterinary advice.

One of the commonest problems in older bitches, particularly spayed females, is urinary incontinence believed to be caused by low levels of the hormone estrogen. Your Vet may prescribe Diethylstilbestrol (Stilboestroal) 1mg once a day for 5 days then once every 4 to 7 days thereafter or Incurin a drug approved in 2011 by the Food & Drug Administration of America which is the first hormone-based incontinence drug researched for use in dogs.

Low doses of testosterone can help male dogs with urinary incontinence, particularly neutered males, but changes in behaviour such as aggression may prove a problem.

A bladder infection may be the cause of urinary incontinence which will clear in approximately 1-3 weeks with the administration of antibiotics. A weak bladder sphincter is also a common cause of incontinence in aging female dogs. If water consumption is excessive it may indicate greater evaluation for serious problems such as Diabetes, Cushing's disease or kidney failure.

Thyroid Problems

Sadly of the 112 breeds tested by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (USA) for thyroid dysfunction English Setters rank top of the list. Of the 1096 evaluated since the 1970's 26.3% have been diagnosed with Autoimmune Thyroiditis with .4% Idiopathic (unknown cause) Hypothyroidism. This compares with 14% of the 136 Irish Red & White Setters tested which had Autoimmune Thyroiditis and 8.9% of the 801 Irish (Red) Setters. (No statistics available for Gordon Setters)

Symptoms include lethargy, weight gain and poor thinning coat –use a dog coat to alleviate chilling of your Setters body in winter. A blood test taken by your Veterinarian and subsequent pathology provides conclusive diagnosis. Fortunately the condition responds well to treatment with thyroid hormone tablets (Thyroxine) Further information on this condition can be found at www.offa.org/thy-info.html or www.englishsetterassociation.co.uk/2015/caninehypothyroidism

Lumps & Bumps

Don't assume a lump under your Setter's skin in old age is cancerous. Lipomas, cysts, warts, infected hair follicles, haematomas (blood blisters) are all benign and tend to stay in the place of origin.

Lipomas are soft, round non-painful fat masses which form on old dogs, sebaceous cysts happen when skin glands become plugged with oil, they are composed of dead cells and often rupture on their own, heal and are not seen again, but occasionally one may develop into a sebaceous adenoma tumour which can be surgically removed by your Veterinarian

To allay concerns about these lumps and bumps your Vet can perform a simple needle biopsy to draw some cells from the growth and send a slide to a pathologist for definite diagnosis. If these benign lumps become large or are in an awkward place, like in the armpit, on the tail or eyelid where they can become chronically irritated, they should be removed surgically, but in most cases they are best left alone.

However, cancer is the leading cause of death in dogs over 10 years old and types are as diverse as human cancers (View www.doghealth.com/cancer/most-commo-canine-tumors for additional information). If caught early surgery may be possible to remove a malignant tumour and give your Setter a good quality of life thereafter.

Many of the cancer fighting drugs used currently were designed for humans but in 2009 the American FDA approved the first specific canine cancer fighting drug.

The Health Trust Kennel Club Cancer Centre opened its doors in 2013 as a result of a 1.5 million pound interest free loan from the UK Kennel Club. They have subsequently treated 130 dogs in 20 different breeds with 15 different types of cancer (See www.aht.org.uk/cms-xmodnewsrss-CANCER-CENTRE-UPDATE-FROM-THE-AHT.. Unfortunately such treatment is extremely expensive and the facilities for radiation and chemotherapy are not readily available to dog owners in South Africa. In this situation your last act of devotion to your beloved Setter is euthanasia by your Veterinarian – the tears will be yours, the release from further suffering your Setter's bounty.

Editors Note: This article has proved to be a collaborative effort and we extend special thanks to Marinette Teeling, her helper and her (non-arthritic) Irish model "Eva" for their valuable input. We also thank Kathy Dwyer and Stephanie Stanton for their product recommendations and to Antony and Rowena Wonfor for their Golden Oldie photographs. We hope this article aids all owners with the care of their veteran Setters.

WILLIAM SOMERVILLE'S (1676-1742) POEM in "THE CHACE" [The Chase]



Engraving by Thomas Bewick renowned book illustrator of the 1700's

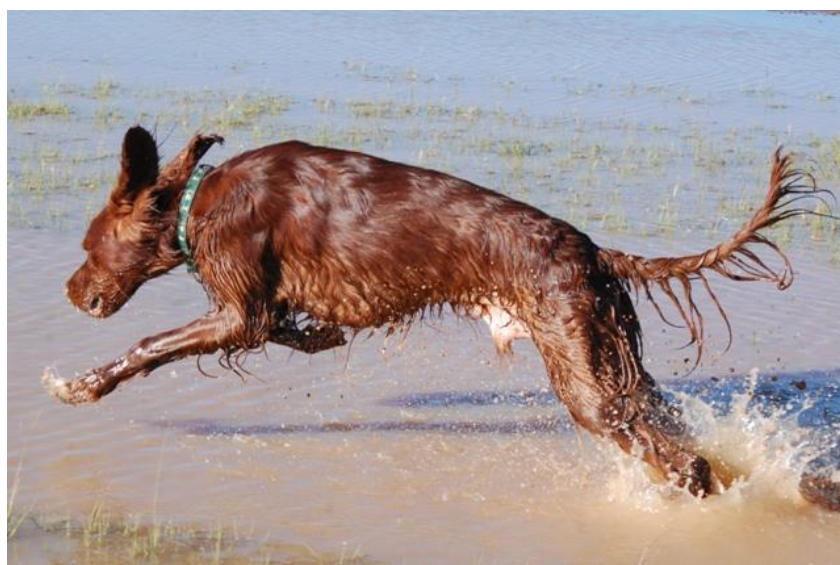
When autumn smiles, all beauteous in decay,
And paints each chequered grove with various hues,
My setter ranges in the new-shorn fields,
His nose in air erect, from ridge to ridge,
Panting, he bounds, his quartered ground divides
In equal intervals, nor careless leaves

one inch untried. At length a tainted gale
His nostrils wide inhales; quick joy elates
His beating heart, which, awed by discipline
Severe, he dares to own, but creeps,
Low cowering, step by step; at last attains
His proper distance; there he stops at once,
And points with his instinctive nose upon
the trembling prey. On wings of wind upbourne
The floating net, unfolded, flies, then drops,
And the poor fluttering captives rise in vain.

ELATION AS DROUGHT BREAKS IN FREE STATE



Sunette Fourie's young "Surya" (Meiomie Starry Night) revels in this muddy flooded Free State field



**On his own mission! "Surya" exuberantly gallops through the field
17.**

CLIMATE CHANGE MAY HAVE DRIVEN DOG EVOLUTION

Rachel Feltman of the Washington Post (USA) reports:

It's possible that a shifting climate million of years ago helped make dogs what they are today.

In a study published in Nature Communications, researchers report that based on the analysis of wolf and dog remains dating back to 40 million years ago, it's likely that the animals developed their unique approach to hunting in response to changes in their habitat.

Forty million years ago, dog ancestors living in what is now North America looked more like mongooses than our modern pets. In fact, the group that would one day split into cat ancestors and dog ancestors had yet to part ways.

These animals were well-suited for a warm, heavily wooded climate – which was the climate of North America at the time.

But things were changing. The planet started to warm rapidly at this time, and eventually the lush forests of the region gave way to open grasslands.

According to the new study, wolf ancestors developed a change in their elbows – which turned them from predators that relied on the element of surprise to predators that could chase down their prey – along the same timeline as the habitat changes caused by global warming.

“It's reinforcing the idea that predators may be as directly sensitive to climate and habitat as herbivores” study author Christine Janis, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at Brown University said.

Editors note: The prehistoric Dire Wolf (Canis Dirus) became extinct more than 10,000 year ago, but TV viewers may think they are seeing the species in The Game of Thrones series (based on the book A Song of Ice & Fire by author George R.R. Martin). In fact, these “wolves” are Northern Inuit dogs whose images are often digitally enhanced to magnify their actual size

Greywind, Lady, Summer, Nymeria, Ghost and Shaggydog are all Northern Inuit dogs cast in the Game of Thrones production. They are not in any way genetically related to wolves merely bred to resemble them in appearance. Origins of this dog breed are murky but initial breeding stock appears to hail from Canadian imports into UK in the 1980's. These were bred to several recognized breeds such as the Siberian Husky and other dogs of mixed ancestry. There are independent Northern Inuit Dog Societies around the world, none of whom appear to hold any affiliation to each other or to any National or International Canine Governing Body.



Game of Thrones Northern Inuit Dog “Ghost”

LE DOGGY BAG C’EST TRES CHIC

(The doggy bag is very chic)

Many highbrow French foodies perceive doggy bags as American and, synonymously, uncouth. But *“un doggy bag, sil-vous plait”* (a doggy bag if you please) may become a more common request if environmentalists have their way.

A law in France requires large restaurants to provide take-away containers, or doggy bags. Aimed at cutting back on food waste, the initiative was launched at the beginning of the year and applies to establishments with at least 150 diners a day. More than 100 restaurants in Paris are already compliant with the new regulation, but shifting behaviours is another thing entirely.

But are doggy bags American? Today’s doggy bags are the descendant of a tradition among Italian Roman nobility. In the 6th century BC, banquet guests wrapped their leftovers in napkins and took them home. It was considered rude to do otherwise, a suggestion that the food was not good.

(Published in the Cape Argue 30.01.2016)

BREED SHOW RESULTS – 2nd quarter 2016 – Congratulations !!!!!

Gauteng:

19.03 VEREENIGNING & DISTRICT KC Judge: Mrs. V. Haga (Brazil)

Irish Setter dogs

BOB Doug Robinson's CH. SHINEON BRYAN OF SOUTHERNSTAR

3RD place in the VETERAN GUNDOG GROUP STAKE

RCC & RBOB Petra Hullen's MEIOMIE WILDFIRE

20.03 JUNIOR KC OF GAUTENG Judge: Mrs. Rayne Spencer (Australia)

Irish Setter dogs

BOB Doug Robinson's CH. SHINEON BRYAN OF SOUTHERNSTAR

2nd place in the VETERAN GUNDOG GROUP STAKE

RCC & RBOB Petra Hullen's MEIOMIE WILDFIRE

26.03 TRANSVAAL MIDLANDS KC. Judge: Mr. Daniel Ceres Rubin (Brazil)

Irish Setter dogs:

BOB Doug Robinson's CH. SHINEON BRYAN OF SOUTHERNSTAR

2nd place in the VETERAN GUNDOG GROUP STAKE

RCC & RBOB Petra Hullen's MEIOMIE WILDFIRE

27.03 WITWATERSRAND KC Judge: Mrs. Colleen Stoate (Australia)

Irish Setter dogs:

BOB Doug Robinson's CH. SHINEON Bryan OF SOUTHERNSTAR

1st place in the VETERAN GUNDOG GROUP STAKE

RCC & RBOB Petra Hullen's MEIOMIE WILDFIRE

27.05 KUSA FCI Show : Group 7 : Judge: Karl P. Reisinger (Switzerland)

Irish Setter dog

BOB & CACIB Petra Hullen's MEIOMIE WILDFIRE

& 3rd Place in Group 7 Setter & Pointer Group

28.05. KUSA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW : Judge Laurent Pichard (Switzerland)

Irish Setter dogs

BOB & CC Doug Robinson's ARDMORE SYDNEY'S RILEY OF

SOUTHERNSTAR

RCC Petra Hullen's MEIOMIE WILDFIRE

Thanks to Karen Evans for above show results

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **The World of Dogs and Cats (WODAC)** will be held from 15-17 July at Gallagher Estate, Gauteng. Exhibitions and stalls galore to find all you need to know about dogs and cats in South Africa.
2. **Breeders and owner's flying dogs note that Bidair will not accept dogs for transportation unless vaccinated by a Veterinarian. Also note that problems with certain makes of collapsible travel crates have been experienced due to the securing pins, particularly on the gate, being too short and loosening. Ensure air travel crates are IATA complicit.**
3. In response to the appeal for **owners willing to take older rescue Setters into their family we report that Kathy Marneweck and her husband and Jop Magielse resident in the Western Cape are willing to take an older male into their homes and hearts.** They are very experienced Setter owners and any Setter would have every care with them. We understand that Estelle Meiring has also been approached by a family in Gauteng willing to consider an older Irish Setter. **A big thank you!** We will keep your details to hand and contact you when a re-homing situation arises.

In closing we welcome all new Setter owners and hope you and indeed all our readers enjoy this winter edition. Please e-mail us at mss01@telkomsa.net or 'phone landline 028-4233934 with all your news, views and pics for the Spring Setter News Edition

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