SETTER NEWS

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

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NOSEY !

Nose prints
Your dog's unique "fingerprint". No two dogs have identical nose prints. From 1938 (long before the age of microchip identification) the Canadian Kennel Club accepted a dog's nose print as positive identification.

Only one dog will ever have this nose print

What colour is a Setter's nose?
English Setters have black or liver coloured noses. This is influenced by their coat colour (blue or orange belton or tri-colour). Gordon Setters have black noses while Irish (Red) Setters have dark mahogany, dark walnut or black coloured noses. The colour of Irish Red & White Setter's nose is not indicated on their official Breed Standard but are predominantly black or dark coloured.

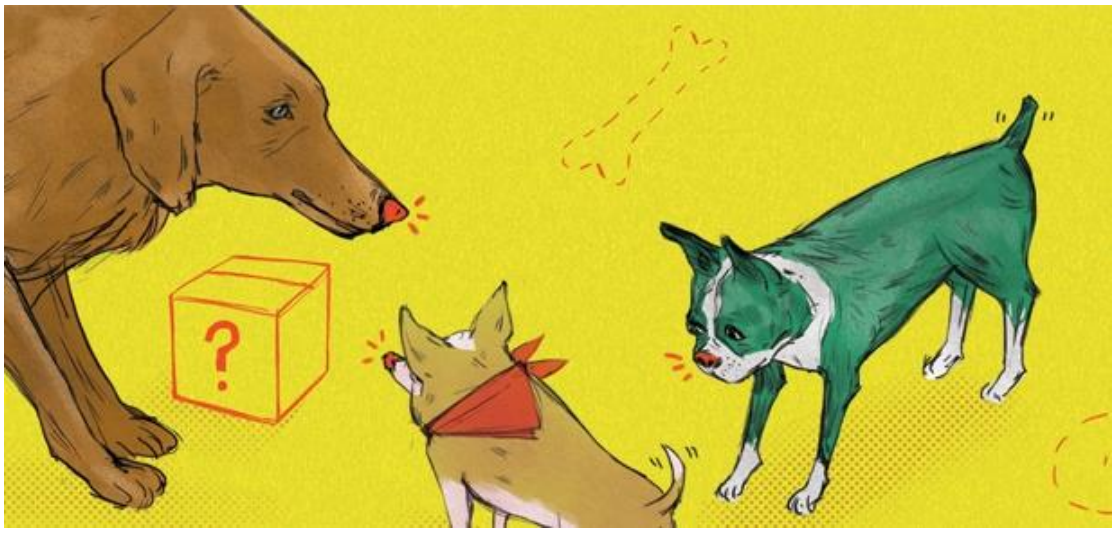
Colour Changes
Contact dermatitis can cause your dog to lose nose leather pigmentation which maybe a result of sensitivity to plastic food and water bowls through constant exposure. Use only stainless steel dog bowls.

Who's best?
While dogs' keen noses are legendary, their sense of smell varies between the breeds and is influenced by their original function. Bloodhounds with around 300 million receptors have about the highest number and Setters also fall into the high category as they hunt using airborne scent. Long floppy ears enable aromas to be directed into their nostrils. Cats on the other hand have about 200 million smell receptors still more than the average dog, while humans have a paltry 5 million.

Where's mom?
Puppies are born blind yet have a highly developed sense of smell giving them the ability to find their mothers and her "milk bar".

Is a wet nose healthy?
A wet nose is not a significant sign of health, neither is a dry nose an obvious sign of illness, but if your dog exhibits other symptoms seek Veterinary attention. Changes in the texture or colour of the nose, or cracks that don't heal should also be thoroughly investigated.

Achoo!
Some dogs sneeze from excitement as the nerves in the nasal passage are stimulated, but persistent sneezing and irritation could indicate an allergy or foreign body in the nose.



8 FUN SCENT GAMES YOUR DOG WILL ENJOY can be found at www.moderndogmagazine.com under Dog Training p.2 **with text by Steve Duno, The above illustration is by Taryn Gee**

DOGS HELP SNIFF OUT MALARIA

In July 2016 Andrew Pierce of the London Daily Mail Newspaper reported:-

'A low flat, white building in rural Buckinghamshire (UK) would seem an unlikely spot to develop an early warning test for deadly malaria.

The building is home to Medical Detection Dogs, a charity set up in 2008 to harness animal's extraordinary sense of smell to detect disease in humans.

Dogs trained by the charity have already proved their worth as medical alert assistance dogs, helping their owners manage conditions such as type 1 diabetes by detecting odour changes linked to low or high blood sugar levels and then alerting them.

The charity also works with the National Health Service on trials testing the dogs' ability to sniff out cancer from urine samples. And now the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has made a £70,000 (R1,4million) grant for a joint collaboration with the dogs for the early detection of malaria. In conjunction

with Durham University, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the Medical Research Council in Gambia, the charity will be testing if the dogs can be trained to detect malaria early.

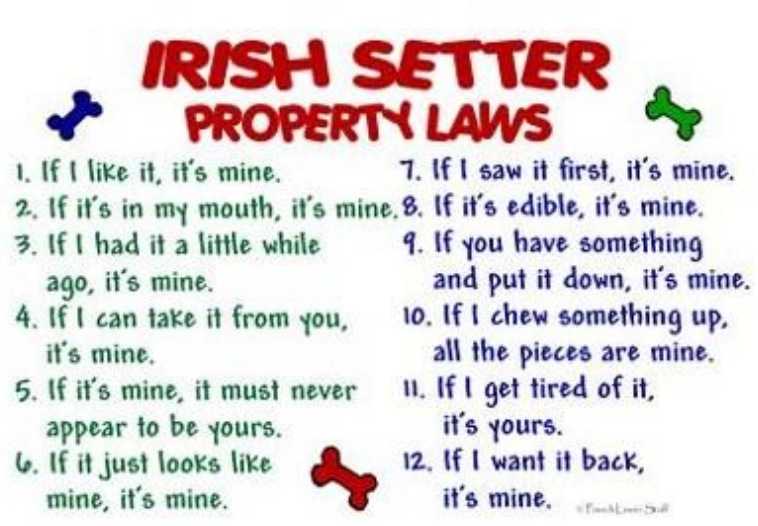
Last year, there were 214 million malaria cases and an estimated 438,000 deaths – 90% of those in Africa, with pregnant women and children under five the most vulnerable.

Diagnosis involves finger prick blood tests that are then screened in a laboratory. "Using dogs has the advantage that it is non-invasive, portable and does not require a laboratory – it's fully functional in field settings and can be used to test a high quantity of samples," says Professor Steve Lindsay, an expert in the development of malaria control measures at Durham's School of Biological and Biomedical Sciences. The idea is to train the dogs to distinguish malaria in samples.

If this proves successful, the technique could be used to screen travellers entering areas that are malaria free, says Lindsay. Long term the hope is to train dogs in Africa to detect Malaria.

"We have real trouble finding out who is carrying the malaria parasite in communities where the disease is present at a low level" he says. "By using the dogs, we would quickly find and treat those with malaria."

"To train the dogs, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine will collect sweat samples from 400 Gambian children. Of the samples, 15% will be collected from children known to have the malaria parasite, so that the dogs can be trained to distinguish positive from negative samples. If the first phase of the trial is successful, the project will be in line for a further £700,000 grant.



TROPHY HUNT

The following extract was written by William (Bill) Rasbridge (UK) renowned for his Watendlath Irish Setters, his contribution to the eradication of Early Onset Progressive Retinal Atrophy (rcd 1) and his research work into the breed's history from the post World War II period until his death on15th December 1994 .

This extraction is from an article concerning early Setter Field Trials. William Hill Cooper (1855-1905), a prominent North Country English businessman, was an Irish Setter breeder and field trial enthusiast. The full article was written for the Irish Red Setter Club, Dublin, Ireland and intended for use with their centenary celebrations in 1982/1983, but due to postal delays, the text did not reach them in time for publication – no quick click to "send" an e-mail in those days! However, the full text was subsequently published in Our Dogs UK newspaper on 29th Sept. 1983. Ed.

'As an indication of what was required of dogs, handlers and judges, let me instance the not untypical Irish Setter All Aged Stake at the Irish Red Setter Club Trials at Cookstown, Co Tyrone, Ireland in 1891. There were eight brace entered. Despite an early start and going on until 6pm the Stake could not be finished in one day and the deciding round between (then) Capt J.K.Miller's Spalpeen and Hill Cooper's Wrestler had to be run the next morning. These two were placed in this order with Hill Cooper's Regalia and J.G.Hawkes' Signal third and fourth respectively. Another vanished feature of the trials in those days was the offering by clubs and individuals of **SILVER CUPS** to be won outright.

In the last quarter of the 19th century the tremendous expansion of output of silver in USA and the demonetization of that metal in several countries, such as Germany, which adopted the gold standard after the war of 1870 caused a slump in the price of silver. £5 the stud fee of a quality Irish Setter, would purchase a cup for outright presentation. Hill Cooper was an ardent supporter of the Irish Red Setter Club's trials and both offered and won such (solid) silver cups at them.

A few years ago the Hunt brothers in American with Saudi Arabian backing, tried unsuccessfully to corner the world's silver market. By January 1980 they had run the price up to over £22 an ounce. This attempt at cornering the metal failed dismally. The price collapsed, falling at one time to below £4 an ounce, but while it lasted the unprecedented high price brought out, and consigned to the melting pot, many hoarded silver trophies. It was believed that among such trophies were those cups won by Hill Cooper with his Irish Setters at IRSC Trials around 90 (currently approx 120) years ago.

However, with the death of Hill Cooper's only daughter Hilda at the age of 82 in 1980, the family solicitor found and sold the remaining cups to an Ashbourne jeweler where they were spotted in 1982 by Dr. Michael Thompson who with Mr. George Burgess had played a leading part in founding the recently formed Gordon Setter Field Trial Society. He approached me (Bill Rasbridge) and I contacted John Nash of the Irish Red Setter Club, Dublin, Ireland.

The upshot was that Dr. Thompson secured these four cups. He retained one, I bought one and the other two were bought, on behalf of the IRSC by John Nash. These cups were originally won by Hill Cooper's Regalia and Wrestler and it is good to know that they were saved from the crucible. I fear that other similar trophies of other days did not escape this fate and that the 1979 rise in the bullion price of silver meant the disappearance of trophies that had a place in Irish Setter history.'
Bill Rasbridge

These silver plate TROPHIES are part of our South African Heritage. Initially they were presented to Mr. William McBride (past Patron of KUSA) and his wife Eileen owner and breeder of REDSUN IRISH SETTERS (Pinelands, Cape Town) during the 1950s.

Several of these small trophies were presented to Western Province Setter Association (SA) by Eileen McBride after her husband's death in 1985. They were awarded at the first Western Province Setter Association Championship Show of that year. We were fortunate enough to win two of these treasurers which still grace our home.

While the Redsun Irish Setters breeding ended sometime during the late sixties, Bill McBride continued to judge Gundogs. We believe his last official appointment was in Queenstown, Eastern Cape on 6.9.80 when he awarded our Irish Ch. Oakdale's Dungarvan Best of Breed and his daughter Oakdales Sonatina her first Challenge Certificate from Puppy Class. Ed.

MURDER MOST FOUL!

On February 24th, 1893 the Pine Bluff Graphic Newspaper reported :

"Dr. E. Overton Moore was shot and instantly killed Thursday evening last week by Dr. C.R. Shimault. It is claimed the shooting was in self defence." The murder of Dr. Moore was also reported in the Pine Bluff Weekly Press Eagle which indicated that Dr. Moore was killed by Dr. Shimault at Helena

(USA) as a result of Moore quarrelling with Shimault over his attendance on one of Moore's former patients. It adds:

"The deceased was a very dangerous man and a terror to the community when drinking."

Dr. Moore was buried in Maple Hill Cemetery in Helena, Arkansas but amid the ornate stone sculptures of angels and cherubs, commissioned by relatives in memory of the dearly departed, is the sculpture of "Pedro"
Dr. Emile Overton Moore's Irish Setter companion patiently waiting atop Moore's grave for his slain master.

On the front, east facing side of the pink marble are the words:

DR. EMILE OVERTON MOORE
BORN OCT.2 1854
MURDERED FEB. 16, 1893
HE IS NOW BEYOND THE REACH OF BLAME OR PRAISE
AND LOVE WITH HOPE AND FAITH
WILL TRUST THAT HE HAS FELT THE JOY
THAT IS FELT WHEN THERE ARE NO TEARS
AND NO GRAVE

Underneath, on darkened alabaster, the inscription reads:

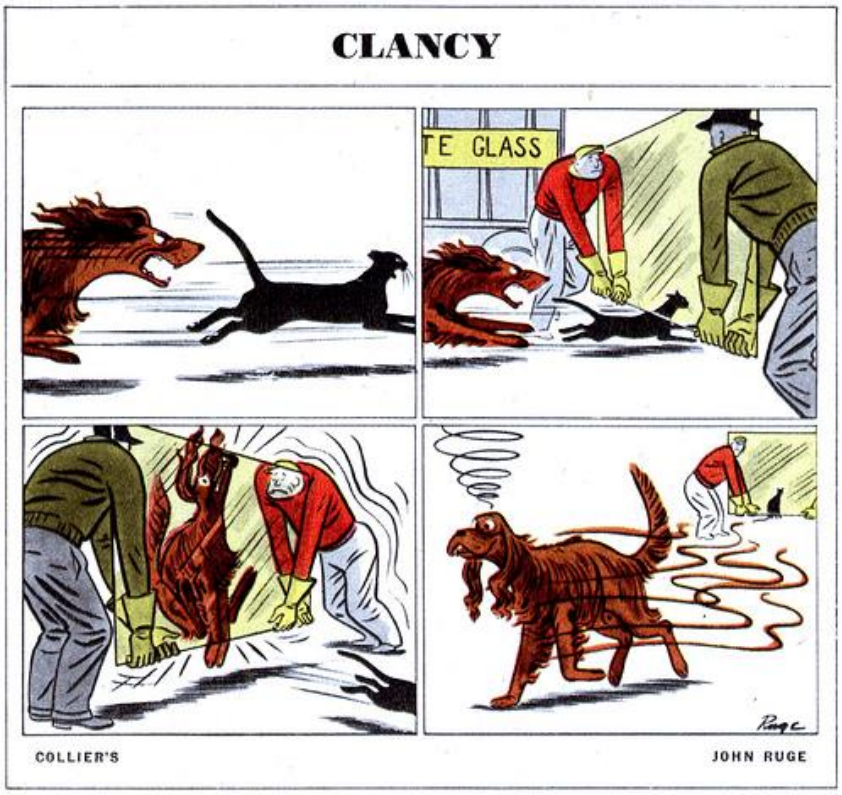
HIS ERRORS WERE THE ERRORS OF A MAN
AND THEY STAND OUT IN BOLD CONTRAST
WITH THE TIME SERVING, TWO FACED HIPPOCRITES
WHO CONSPIRED TO HAVE HIM MURDERED

On one side of the pink marble is inscribed:

HE POSSESSED MARKED INDIVIDUALITY
HE WAS INCAPABLE OF DISSIMULATION.
LET US REMEMBER
THAT AFTER MIDNIGHT COMMETH MORN

The Smithsonian American Art Museum has this monument listed in its Art Inventories Catalogue

Beyond Dr. Moore's monument lies the graves of Mrs. R.C. Moore and her daughter Miss Ophelia Moore, both of whom were injured in the 1891 rail disaster when a passenger train was derailed on the Bostians Bridge over Third Creek. 25 people were killed and 26 injured. Ophelia died of her injuries and her mother, unable to reconcile with her daughter's death, died two years later. A family beset by tragedy.



Collier's for December 15, 1951

IS AN IRISH (RED) SETTER THE RIGHT DOG BREED FOR YOU?

Illustration by Laura Watkins

Michele Welton of www.yourpurebredpuppy.com offers her thoughts and advice on the question of whether to own an Irish (Red) Setter **:-**

The most popular of the three setter breeds (Irish, English, and Gordon), the elegant Irish Setter has been described as rollicking, happy-go-lucky, clownish, impulsive, flighty, and demonstrative.

This lively dog can be a destructive handful during the gawky adolescent stage -- which lasts two or three years. But given sufficient exercise and obedience training to instill good manners, adults gradually become more dignified and aristocratic.

The sociable Irish Setter gets along well with everyone, including other pets. Indeed, he requires a good deal of companionship and doesn't thrive if left alone too much.

Though he has a willful streak and is easily distracted by exciting sights and smells (remember, this is a hunting dog!), the Irish Setter is probably the most willing to please of the three setter breeds. You must be both patient and persistent when training setters, but never harsh, because these dogs are physically and emotionally sensitive. And they have long memories: once they learn something (whether right or wrong), they'll remember it for a long time. This means bad habits can be difficult to break and harsh handling is not easily forgotten .

If you want a dog who...

- Is medium to large, elegant and graceful in build and motion
- Has a lovely feathered reddish coat
- Thrives on lots of exercise and athletic activities
- Is good-natured with everyone
- Is peaceful with other animals
- **An Irish Setter may be right for you**.

If you don't want to deal with...

- Providing enough exercise to keep him satisfied
- Exuberant jumping, especially when young
- "Separation anxiety" (destructiveness and barking) when left alone too
- much
- Stubbornness (mind of his own)
- Frequent brushing and combing
- Shedding
- **An Irish Setter may not be right for you**

More traits and characteristics of the Irish Setter

If I was considering an Irish Setter, I would be most concerned about...

1. Providing enough exercise. Irish Setters need regular opportunities to vent their energy. Otherwise they will become rambunctious and bored -- which they usually express by destructive chewing, especially when young.
2. Separation anxiety. More than most other breeds, Irish Setters need a great deal of companionship and do not like being left alone for more than a few hours. They tend to express their unhappiness through destructive chewing and barking.
3. Stubbornness. Irish Setters are probably the most trainable of the setters, but they can still be stubborn and manipulative. You must show them, through absolute consistency, that you mean what you say. To teach your Irish Setter to listen to you, "Respect Training" is mandatory.
4. Grooming and shedding. To keep their silky coat free of mats, Irish Setters require regular brushing, and also clipping and trimming every few months. And they do shed.

IRISH (RED) SETTER PUPPIES

"I think we're outgrowing this basket"

Gauteng:

Chris & Karen Black of Karisah Irish Setters welcomed a litter of 10 puppies – 6 girls and 4 boys from their homebred **Karisah Holly Molly** and sired by **Heathclare Star from Heaven at Meiomie (Imp UK).** Born on 3rd July 2016 each pup will be issued with a KUSA "Health Certificate" (an annexure to the certificate of Registration and Pedigree) indicating that they are inherited clear of PRA rcd 1 CLAD and LOPRA. The certificate also reflects the Hip and Elbow dysplasia scores of the parents under the KUSA X-ray Scheme. All the pups will soon be settling into their new homes and we welcome all new owners to our Setter Group.

Natal:

Gail Green of Fenris Irish Setters Dobermanns & Jack Russell Terriers has mated her Irish Setter bitch **Fenris Latest Edition** (Hip score A2:A1 elbows 0:0) to Karen Black's **Champion Shineon Able Aidan of Karisah** (Hip score B2:B2). Both are inherited clear of CLAD & PRA rcd 1 and both have been DNA tested clear of LOPRA rcd 4 all of which will be reflected on the puppies KUSA Health Screening Certificates. Gail can be contacted by telephone at 033-3261743 or cell 082-8064008 or e-mail fenris.dobermanns@gmail.com .

On the horizon in Western Cape - Plettenberg Bay

Marinette Teeling of Beldigo Golden Retrievers and Irish Setters is about to breed 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.

So all the pups will be certified clear of these conditions on each of their personal “KUSA Health Screening Certificates”. Contact Marinette at the telephone number or e-mail address given
below:

On the horizon in the Western Cape : Napier

Mark & Bridget Simpson of Oakdale Irish Setters will be mating their young lady **Oakdales Sugarplum Fairy** to Lynn Fergus’ **Oakdales Attraction** in September/October 2016. This is the Simpson’s TENTH homebred generation hailing back to their foundation bitch purchased in 1970. The pups pedigree will reflect all the imported and locally bred great Irish Setters seen in the South African showring during the period of the last 47 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. Mark & Bridget can be contacted by ‘phoning landline 028-433934 or e-mail mss01@telkomsa.net

A FEW TIPS FOR NEW PUPPY OWNERS

Ask the breeder to supply (or you supply him/her) with a small blanket which the puppy's Mum can lay on. When you collect your pup remember to take the blanket home and place it in the puppy's bed. The scent of his Mum will give the new addition to your family a feeling of security in strange new surroundings. Don't wash the blanket during the first week unless absolutely necessary.

Always feed in the same place and ensure water bowls are in a cool area and always filled. The puppy's breeder has supplied you with a diet sheet, follow it. The breeder probably has far more knowledge and experience than you or your Veterinarian on the subject of raising Setter puppies and recommends the diet products for your pup's continued health and well being.

Start "house training" immediately on reaching home by allowing your puppy to urinate on a grassy area – wait until he does so, then tell him what an incredibly clever chap he is. Wait awhile and return with your pup to the same patch where he will scent the smell of his own urine and probably oblige by urinating, give lots of praise. He will soon realize this is his toilet and probably return on his own to the same area after a few helpful excursions with you.

Recognise the signs – if your puppy turns around and around, or sniffs the floor indoors, he needs to go outside NOW! In the event of an accident, don't scold him just get him to the garden quickly. Don't mop up while he is present, as this will spark his interest in what "game" you are "playing".

Remember puppies need to sleep a lot so don't expect activity all day long. Usually high octane hi-jinks are followed by periods of deep sleep, remember to put him out to urinate on waking.

Lots of chews are needed when your pup starts to loose his baby teeth, you will seldom find a tooth as they usually get swallowed and are then excreted naturally without any problem, but occasionally, a baby canine tooth may linger hanging by a root thread in the gum. If it does not dislodge itself in a reasonable period of time ask you vet to remove it rather than compromise the growth of the adult tooth.

If your puppy is not in sight but has obviously chewed the fringe off the your rug ,etc., it is no use scolding him after the event he will not "connect the dots" and understand his naughtiness. You have to catch him "in the act" of his misdeed. A very stern "NO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!" from you is usually enough for him to get the message, then lead him away and coax him to play with his own toys.

OLDER DOG OWNERS TEND TO BE HEALTHIER

Walking is the most common form of physical activity for people over age 60 and it's good for them. Among other benefits, it's linked to a lower risk of heart disease and it can improve leg strength and increase endurance.

Dog owners, get more exercise than people who don't have dogs, probably because of the walking involved, So, do seniors who walk their dogs have better health and get more exercise? Yes, according to a new study in the journal the Gerontologist.

To come to this conclusion researchers at Miami University in Ohio and the University of Missouri looked at data from the 2012 Health and Retirement Study, a Biennial survey of Americans older than 50 that is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging.

They found that those who walked dogs had lower body mass indexes, fewer chronic conditions and fewer visits to the doctor. They also got exercise more often and did it more vigorously.

Those who owned dogs, but didn't take them on strolls, however had poorer health. "Dog walking appears to be the mechanism by which dog ownership promotes health," the study said. It noted, however, that it wasn't clear whether the dog-walking caused the better health.

Still, co-author Rebecca Johnson, a professor at the University of Missouri and director of its Research Centre for Human-Animal Interaction, said she felt confident the association between the dog-walking and health, combined with previous studies on the benefits of dog ownership, should be enough to prompt medical professionals to recommend seniors both have a pooch and walk it.

"The whole body of literature on dog ownership indicates that the dog is unconditional loving," Johnson said. "They are a social lubrication, meaning other people talk to people if they're out walking their dog. They're a bridge to other generations."

But there maybe good reasons to think hard about adopting a dog. Hal Herzog, a psychology professor who studies human-animal relationships at Western Carolina University, praised the study's large sample size and analysis and he said the association between dog walking and health appeared to be strong. But he said it's important that it didn't show dog walking caused better health.

"It is equally likely that elderly people who are in good health have the energy to walk their dogs," he said. "It is critical in these types of studies that readers do no confuse correlation and causality."

There can also be cons to owning dogs, Herzog said. The Centres for Disease Control for example reported in 2006 that more than 86,000 people are injured each year in falls associated with cats and dogs – mostly with dogs – with increasing rates of injury as people get older.

Johnson acknowledged that dogs can come with downsides and she noted that you don't have to own a dog to reap the benefits of walking one – walking shelter or friends' dogs work, too. But she said seniors shouldn't have to forgo pet ownership just because it can involve lifting heavy bags of dog food or visits to the vet. Changing light bulbs can be difficult for older people too. They need help, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't have electric light." Johnson said. "People say, it's a burden for older people to have dogs because they need help. As they age, they need help with a lot of things."

Reported by Karin Brulliard for the Washington Post USA

BEWARE – CATERPILLAR ATTACK !!!

Like most people, we had only considered caterpillars as plant eating pests but our attention was drawn to the warning on www.irishsetterhealthinfo concerning the danger of Processionary Oak Moth Caterpillars. The UK Forestry Commission issued the following alert:

"People in parts of London and Surrey are being reminded not to approach caterpillars of the Oak Processionary Moth which are now emerging (May/June) from Oak trees in these areas. They are advised to keep children and animals away from the caterpillars and their nests, because the caterpillars' hairs can cause itching skin rashes and other health problems. The public is urged to report any sighting."

It appears this species were imported on plants from European and North African Mediterranean countries. With no natural predators in UK the moths have thrived and an eradication programme is underway. Tree surgeons removing Processionary Moth caterpillars are forced to wear full body protective clothing akin to radiation gear, including visors to prevent the poisonous Thaumetopoein hairs of this species touching their skin, floating into their eyes or being inhaled to cause multiple medical problems.

Processionary Oak Moth Caterpillars

One can only hope that the Processionary Oak Moth does not enter South Africa to threaten the Oak trees in the Western Cape where the Mediterranean climate would suit them. If you see this species in SA do not touch them, report the sighting to your local Municipality or the Forestry Department.

South Africa experienced a similar problem with Stinging Slug Caterpillars which are a major problem in coffee plantations in Central and Southern Africa. This species plagued the Johannesburg area in Gauteng during the Spring and Summer of 2015/16. Their "hairs" also inflict a painful sting which results in a general skin rash necessitating treatment with antihistamines and/or cortisone.

Stinging Slug Caterpillars seen in SA

In the summer of 2014 the Areena Riverside Resort and surrounding area in East London had an invasion of stinging caterpillars of unidentified species that had patrons receiving medication and curtailing their camping holidays.

So heed the warning - BE ALERT to the presence of dangerous caterpillars when with your dogs in the garden and especially when exercising them in unfamiliar places and keep antihistamine tablets (Phenergan 10mg) in your emergency medicine kit.

SHOW RESULTS – 3rd quarter

Western Province
18.06 Swartland KC : Judge: Mrs. G.Morrison (Natal)
English Setter Bitch:
BOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD AFRICAN VISION

Irish Setter Dogs:
BOB Rowena & Anthony Wonfor's INT & SA CH. OAKDALES O'DRISCOLL
RBOB Anthony Wonfor's CH. OAKDALES BOREAS

19.06 **West Coast KC** : Judge: Mrs. D. Hansen (Natal)
English Setter Bitch:
BOB Rowena Wonfor's CH. REIDWOOD ARICAN VISION

Irish Setter Dogs:
BOB Anthony Wonfor's CH. OAKDALES BOREAS
(Thanks to Rowena Wonfor for these results)

Gauteng

13.08 Celtic Breeds Club of W. Tvl : Judge Mrs. Lesley Chalmers (New Zealand)
Irish Setters – Dogs:
CC & BOB Doug Robinson's CH. SHINEON BRYAN OF SOUTHERNSTAR
Best Breed Veteran and 4th Best Veteran on Show

RCC Doug Robinson's ARDMORE SYDNEY'S RILEY OF SOUTHERNSTAR

Bitch:
CC Dough Robinson's SOUTHERNSTAR MISS MOLLY

20.08 Roodeport KC: Judge Mrs. D Holman (Gauteng)
CC & Doug Robinson's ARDMORE SYDNEY'S RILEY OF SOUTHERNSTAR
BOB

21.08 Goldfields KC : Judge: Mrs. C. Buitendach (Gauteng)
CC & Doug Robinson's ARDMORE SYDNEY'S RILEY OF SOUTHERNSTAR
BOB
(Thanks to Karen Evans for these results)

IRISH FAMILY GALLERY

Lynn Fergus "Finn" (Oakdales Attraction) soon to sire his first litter

“Oliver” (Oakdale’s Jack Sparrow) hitchhikes to the Kanonkop vineyards with owner Paul Krige and his daughter

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Regal pose in the winter sunshine from Terry and Susan Wright’s “Seamus” (Oakdales Extrovert)

SPECIAL NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Animal Talk magazine are running a feature on Irish Setters, German Shorthaired Pointers and Weimaraners in their **November 2016** issue. Look out for your copy of Animal Talk on the shelves of your local retailers.

2. Irish (Red) Setters DNA testing for Late Onset Progressive Retinal Atrophy rcd 4 (LOPRA rcd 4) 2016 half year 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 134 Irish Setters of which 17 were DNA tested CLEAR 18 tested CARRIERS 2 tested AFFECTED (1 a UK import returned to UK with owner) and 97 INHERITED CLEAR 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)

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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 that is INHERITED CLEAR of both these conditions. NO incidence of either condition has been reported. (e-mail) mss01@telkomsa.net for National Registers)

4. Mark Simpson will be judging the Western Australia Irish Setter Club, Inc Championship Show in Perth on Friday 21st July 2017. An appointment which he greatly looks forward to officiating...

This brings to an end the Spring edition of Setter News, we hope all our readers found something of interest and enjoyment. We welcome your news and pics for the Christmas edition. E-mail mss01@telkomsa.net or 'phone landline 028-4233934.

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