



TARTAN

GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC

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Duncan's Story

Cindy's 'leg':

My involvement with Duncan came when Ellen called to say that there was a Gordon in the Waterbury pound and they needed someone to come get him ASAP. I asked my daughter to run down and confirm that he was indeed a Gordon before we put wheels into motion. He was, although small and fieldy. It turned out that I did have some history with Duncan, as TarTan had previously done a home visit when his former owner contacted us for some guidance.

I have to admit, I went to the pound with a preconceived negative feeling about the adoptability of this dog. He had originally presented himself as an extremely hyper animal and I was not sure WHAT type of home would suit him.

I went to the pound and when they first brought him out to me, I was slightly taken aback...he was tiny-VERY tiny and thin-VERY thin but he sat quietly next to me while they filled out his paperwork and rested his head on my knee and I thought, there may be hope for him yet.

But then we went outside! Duncan immediately forgot that I even existed...he cared for nothing other than being at full attention, his tiny frame one big nerve ending, staring off into the distance and lunging at any chippy bird or leaf that moved. Sigh.

I put him into a crate in my car (very simple since he weighed all of 25-30 lbs) and off we went to meet Karol Paduch, who had graciously agreed to be a middleman on Duncan's journey to Dr Sue's place for fostering. Not a long car ride, but a vocal one as Duncan whined and shook most of the way to meet Karol.

I gave Karol the minimal background and off Duncan went... I was anxious to get reports from Karol on Duncan's 'settling in progress' and then ultimately thrilled to hear about his 'forever home' with Eric. For once in my life I was sooooo glad to be 'wrong' about something (but don't tell my husband as I could never admit anything like that to him).

Karol's 'leg':

The email came from Cindy on a warm Monday morning in August – an animal shelter had notified Rescue they had a Gordon, an owner turn-in the previous week. Who could help her with rescue/foster/transport? She said she could "spring him" in the afternoon and we arranged to meet in the parking lot of the Stop & Shop in Cheshire, where he'd be turned over to me. We'd been told that Duncan was thin because he didn't like to eat, but I guess I was quite unprepared to see how desperately skinny this boy really was! We switched him from Cindy's car to mine and we had a vocal drive back to Durham.

The first thing I did was turn him loose in the dog yard to see how he handled a fenced area. He was totally unphased and went about his business. When he came in, I put him in a 500 crate – huge for such a little guy – but it gave him lots of room to move around. The Clan was introduced to him, and that was uneventful. When they were given dinner, he was fed in his crate and much to my amazement, since we'd been told he didn't like to eat, he ate it all. He ate more at bedtime, which pleased me because he needed the extra food. So for the two days and nights that he was here, he ate three times a day in addition to bones, and as long as the food was in his crate, it all disappeared. Duncan was allowed to run in the dog yard with my crew under supervision and all went well. He seemed to have good, basic house manners.

In the meantime, arrangements were made to get him to Dr Sue for vetting and foster care, and Duncan stood in the crate in the back of my vehicle and "sang" for the whole 125 miles (read 2 ½ hours)! He walked with me into Dr Sue's facility like he'd done it a hundred times before and happily went off with one of her vet techs after we said good bye.



Dr Sue's 'leg':

I can tell you something funny. His original name was spelled Dunkin, as in donuts!! I know that his new owner spells it differently, but his records show his name as Dunkin. He initially displayed some habits that made us fear that he may not be the most adoptable dog coming through TarTan rescue. This in spite of the fact that he was a very friendly dog and loved any attention, whether human or animal.

Then he and Eric met and the rest, as they say, is history.

The following is a series of emails from Eric to Ellen:

Date: Fri, 9 Oct 2009 09:38:32 -0400

Ellen,

Yes I did pick up Duncan on Wednesday evening. He is doing well and loves his new home. He is house trained very well and even lets me know when he wants to go out. (I guess, since that is all he wants to do is be outside hunting birds) I took him for several walks yesterday and let him run around with some friends dogs in their large fenced yard, he liked that.

I also took him for a walk near a river, I was far from the road and surrounded by woods and fields. I let him off the leash to see how he would react. He immediately bolted off running with me sprinting in tow as fast as I could trying to keep up with him (I can run pretty fast). I lost sight of him around a bend, next thing I know, I come up to the river bank to see him swimming in the middle of the Charles River downstream. So he swims about 50 yards downstream and gets out of the water on the same side I am on. I'm calling him the whole time thinking im going to lose him. He mills around in some tall brush for about 10 minutes with me calling him the whole time. Then he just kinda comes right over to my feet and I put his leash on and walk him back to the truck. That was a good learning experience.

He knows a couple commands very well. He sits and lies down on command. I am in the process of teaching him how to walk on the leash and heel. He is very bad while walking on his leash and I don't think has ever been lead by someone. So that is my main goal this weekend and the next few weeks. I am then going to try to teach him to come when called, (any suggestions?) so I can try to take him hunting. He loves birds and I cant stop him from looking out the window all the time. He loves to cuddle and jump on our bed. I have a crate as well as a dog bed but he has slept on the foot of the bed the last two nights.

I'm a little concerned he doesn't have much interest in eating. I spoke with Dr. Sue, and all the women at the vet prior to taking him about his eating habits. I got the recommended purina pro plan food. I want to feed him at least 3 times per day but I put his food down for him (two cups) in the am and he only takes a few bites and goes back to looking out the window. I do the same when I got home from work, and then again later at night, same response. So he only ate a total of about 1 1/2 cups the whole day yesterday. I think he may just be nervous from the move?

We took some pictures of him which I will upload soon and send to you.

Date: Wed, 28 Oct 2009 14:02:24 -0400

Ellen,



Update,

Thanks for all your help. I love Duncan very much.

He is doing great as i have been working with him daily on his training, obedience as well as hunting. I have taken him live hunting twice, once with a veteran dog and once just him and I. He is very birdy and absolutely loves to be in the field, although im working very diligently with him on recall as he does not come when called, hes learning though. He put up two birds all by himself which surprised me very much.

Also I attached a couple pictures of his first training hunt, with planted birds. He flash pointed a couple times, which was great.

I'm taking him to a place in NH in a couple weeks for some formal hunting and obedience training.

He is a very happy boy. He is eating very well and settled in nicely.

Again thank you for all your help

Eric

Date: Tue, 15 Dec 2009 10:40:45 -0500

Ellen,

I would love to have you publish any and all emails and photos you would like. It's been a while since we spoke last and I have been very busy with him, and have too many stories to tell in short time. I have tons of photos as well I will send you some more shortly when I get a chance.

Bottom line is: Duncan is Awesome! Hes doing incredible with all that i have asked him to do.

With the help of Garret Booth at Greys Outfitting in Peterborough NH, who trains pointing dogs for hunting and obedience, he has come leaps and bounds. Towards the end of the hunting season him and I went out alone and he got me four pheasant, and pointed two of them. I walk him down the street with his leash draped over his back because he knows the heel command so well. He comes when called and is he is loving life.

I am taking him wild grouse hunting in Maine soon, he will love that. At this point i'm working hard on his Whoa command and working that into the point which he is getting the hang of pretty easily as its bred into him.

Also Duncan loves to harass and play with cats. He's a nut.

I'm very glad I had the opportunity to adopt Duncan and thank you for all your help again.



Looking for Membership Input:

A suggestion from a TarTan member showed up in New Business on the agenda at our most recent board meeting.

We were asked to 'visit' the possibility of TarTan GSC hosting the GSCA National Specialty in 2012.

TarTan has successfully hosted three National Specialties; 1989, 1998 and 2004 so are confident that we had all the necessary experience to handle this request...

HOWEVER, as those of you who were involved in the past know- it takes a village- or in this case- the whole club - to run an event of this magnitude.

Before the Board made this potentially monumental decision, we needed to know how our membership felt about taking on this huge responsibility.

We have been so successful in the past because TarTan had many dedicated and hardworking members, willing to volunteer many long hours to these events...we need to know that this dedication still exists and that we can count on a large percent of our members taking on and completing all the tasks that that are involved with this endeavor.

Hosting a GSCA National Specialty includes mandatory Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, Obedience and Rally Trial, and an additional Agility Trial and Hunt Test if the host club so chooses.

Please let the Board know your feelings in this matter, and if you would be interested in participating in hosting the GSCA National Specialty in 2012.

We need to make a decision by the end of January so please send your comments to TarTan Secretary Cindy Fitzgerald-wdsmke85@aol.com or 203.592.6541 by January 31, 2010.

FEATURED DOGGIE YUMMY!

From Cooking The Three Dog Bakery Way:

Cupid's Crush Cookies

2 cups all -purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/3 cup canola oil
1/2 cup molasses
2 tablespoons honey
1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
5 large egg whites
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 F, grease 2 baking sheets with nonstick vegetable spray. Stir together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and ginger in a bowl and set aside. In a large bowl, stir together the oil, molasses, and honey until well mixed. Add the applesauce, egg whites, and vanilla to the molasses mixture and stir to blend. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix until smooth.

Drop the dough by the rounded teaspoonful, 1 1/2 inches apart, on the baking sheets. Using the back of a spoon, press down on each dough drop to make an indentation. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, or until golden. Cool to room temperature before serving. Store in an airtight container for up to 1 week, or wrap well and freeze for up to 2 months. (Thaw before serving.)

CALL TO MEMBERSHIP:

Have you read a book you think would be useful to others? Did a certain book or author make a difference in your life, training approach or outlook on life and you would like to share that with others?

Send your book recommendations along with a review of the book and author in 500 words or less to our editors!

Karol: Trilogygordons@aol.com

Jani: vger4@verizon.net

TarTan Positions Available:

Membership Chair:

A computer, 'some' computer skills and an organized personality are the basic qualifications for this position.

Although this is an important position, it is one of the least demanding day-to-day in the Club and it has the neat perk of being on the front line to welcome new members.

As Membership Chair, you accept new member applicants and renewals throughout the year, updating our lists, notifying the newsletter and sending out welcome packets.

Annual dues renewals, in July, require the most amount of time and is the most involved part of the job, coordinating with the Tidings staff, webmaster, and working with our Treasurer.

Additionally, the Membership chair has been in charge of providing updated mailing labels for the Tidings, as well as for any other functions that might need a mass membership mailing.

After many successful years in this position (in fact she designed and edited the membership procedures through the years), current Membership Chair Dorie Viguers is stepping down BUT has committed to mentoring our new chair throughout the year and into the first renewal period in order to help make a smooth and efficient transition.

If you are interested in the position, or have any questions, please contact TarTan Secretary Cindy Fitzgerald at wdsinke85@aol.com or by calling 203.592.6541. We would like to have this position filled by March 1, 2010.

Tidings Mailing Coordinator:

Here is your chance to join our highly successful TarTan Tidings newsletter staff.

In an effort to 'spread the wealth', this is an additional position we are adding to our newsletter committee. We would like to assign a committee member to be responsible for the mailing and emailing distribution of our newsletter.

In a nutshell, the completed newsletter would be sent in a pdf version to you and to a printer local to your area. It would be your responsibility to send the pdf version to the TarTan members who had requested e copies only. You would also be responsible for picking the hard copies of the newsletter up at the printers and getting them mailed out to those members requesting hard copies only.

We had done this procedure once in the past and it was most successful, so in an effort to lighten some of the burdens, we are reinstating the position.

Any question or concerns, or to apply for this position, please contact Karol Paduch-Trilogygordons@aol.com or 860.349.9472 or Jani Wolstenholme - vger4@erizon.net or 401.846.1779 BEFORE February 1, 2010.

Got a favorite Gordon Goodie or a special treat you would like to share? Send your Recipe Ideas and Suggestions to

Karol: trilogygordons@aol.com **or** **Jani:** vger4@verizon.net
for publication in the Newsletter!!



TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for one (1) \$1,500 scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Applicant requirements:

- **Owns a Gordon Setter or**
- **Is the child or spouse of someone who owns a Gordon Setter**
- **Will be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher learning for the 2010-2011 academic year**
- **Major field of study shall be related to Animal Sciences (including, but not limited to, veterinary, zoology, wildlife management, ecology, behavioral science, etc.) or Comparative Medicine (including, but not limited to) microbiology, pathology, biotechnology, genomics, molecular genetics, etc.)**

The application can be downloaded from the TarTan GSC Inc. website;

www.tartangsc.org ;

or is available from:

TarTan GSC Inc.

c/o Ginette Desrosiers

32 Baggs Hill Rd.

Granby, MA 01033-9508

(413)467-7919

email: ginetteld@comcast.net

The deadline for submitting completed applications is May 31, 2010.

Dear TarTan Members,

Please take a few minutes of your time to choose 5 health issues for research from the list below. Please list the 5 in descending order of importance and return to me at fh2ovet@aol.com as soon as possible.

The AKC/Canine Health Foundation has requested TarTan submit our Club's preferences (5) for research. The entire list has been submitted to the CHF and will receive consideration from researchers, however, only 5 will be listed on their web-site for 2010.

Thank you for participating
Candice Bell

- Addison's
- Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL)
- Bloat (Gastric Dilatation & Volvulus)
- Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
- Digital Squamous cell carcinoma
- Hemangiosarcoma
- Insulinoma
- Lymphosarcoma
- Oral Melanoma
- Mast Cell Tumor
- Cerebellar Cortical Abiotrophy (Gordon Setter)
- Diabetes Mellitis
- Elbow dysplasia
- Epilepsy
- Hip dysplasia
- Hypothyroidism
- Juvenile Renal Disease (JRD)
- Lethal Infantile Encephalopathy (LIE, Dung'd)
- Megaesophagus
- Osteochondritis Dessicans (OCD)
- Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)
- Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA-Gordon Setter)
- Symmetrical Lupoid Onchodystrophy (SLO)
- Vitiligo/Leukotrichia

New Webmaster

As many of you already know, Donnah Brnger has recently taken over the role of TarTan GSC Webmaster.

What many of you might 'not' know is the depth of commitment to TarTan and its website that former Webmaster Lynn Tenny had maintained for so many years.

Lynn singlehandedly dragged TarTan into the wonderful world of the Internet.

She formulated the idea of TarTan having their own website and, although not quite 'kicking and screaming', it originally was not an easy sell, but Lynn had the patience and foresight to proceed and win us over. So with Board approval, Lynn set about her task and built our website from scratch, designing and developing it through hours of hard work ,dedication and thoughtfulness.

For all this hard work and years of support, TarTan is continually grateful to Lynn Tenny-TarTan's original webmaster and creator.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have had one family renew this month. They are:

Dwyer, Richard, Karen & Bryan RR 2, Box 1617 Warner NH 03278
603 456-2414 dragonwoods@mcttelecom.com

The New Site for the Bay Colony Cluster:

The Bay Colony Cluster shows which has been a Boston tradition for a hundred years had to make a big change this year when the Expo Center outside Boston closed. The group of clubs running the cluster contracted with the Providence (RI) Convention Center in downtown Providence. I admit that initially I was dubious about that choice because having been to several functions there, I was less than impressed with the organization and how crowded it was. My first observation, though, was how easy it was to get from the parking garage to the Center (all inside) and that they had opened up the entrance to make it less crowded. Dogs entered by another door which also made for a better coordinated entry. The Center also made arrangements for RVs and larger vans to park in a nearby lot since the several story garage could not accommodate them. I spoke to many exhibitors, including Donna Grant, who had nothing but positive comments about the entire show organization. Security was excellent, in fact at one point someone from the show organization came by to tell exhibitors in the grooming areas to not leave any valuables in sight because they'd spotted some of the local "problem children" in the crowd. Dogs could not be removed unless the person taking them out had a pass and it seemed to be enforced at the dog entrance/exit area.

TarTan had been asked by the show coordinators to support the entry on Saturday. The entry wasn't large, most likely because many, including me, were unsure of the site, as well as the fact that entries are down everywhere. The state-wide newspaper, the Providence Journal, had almost daily coverage of the shows, including some front page articles, starting on the first day of the show. Local television stations also ran live news blurbs on the shows over the weekend. All articles and videos were extremely well done, very positive (not cutesy!), giving plenty of information on how a dog show is run, as well as how the dogs are treated as family members first, etc. Rhode Island has one large site, the Inn at the Crossings, that holds several breed specialties per year (TarTan was there in 1998), as well as the new expanded show site at Twin River Casino in Lincoln where all of the RI clubs have moved to. All of these shows have been reported by the Journal and on television in a positive light.

Jani

TarTan Gordon Setter Club 2010 Annual Banquet

Saturday, February 20, 2010

Storowton Tavern

West Springfield, Massachusetts

Cocktails at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00

Annual Awards
General Membership Meeting
RAFFLE

Please join us as we rekindle friendships and create new ones, share stories about our dogs and family, learn something new, and have a wonderful time!

In keeping with tradition, proceeds from our raffle will go to our scholarship fund, so dig out those long-forgotten items, doggie or otherwise, and bring them in, with the expectation that you will be going home with new goodies.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Name

Number of diners at \$30

Send reservations with check to: Laura Bedford, 11 Shafer Road, New Hartford, CT 06057

Questions?: halcyondog@aol.com

860-489-9908

ANNUAL AWARDS APPLICATION

Any dog owned by a member of the TarTan Gordon Setter Club, which has earned a title during the calendar year 2009 is eligible for an award.

Dog's registered name:

Title(s) earned:

Date and event where completed:

Owner's name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Send Awards Application to: Coleen Banks, 28 Kenilworth Drive West, Stamford, CT 06902

Questions?: aileyfan@yahoo.com

203-969-9069

DEADLINE FOR BOTH: JANUARY 22

TarTan Gordon Setter Club

Art Auction

Own a piece of Scottish heritage



"Peter of Crombie" by Reuben Ward Binks
Framed size is 28"x24"

Reuben Ward Binks (1880-1950) is well known for his Sporting Dog Art. Commissioned in 1929 to paint the head of Gordon Setter Peter of Crombie, this is a print from the original oil painting.



"Lord of the Glen" by Julie Stooks #101/500
Framed size is 28"x24"

Julie Stooks was born in London and studied art at Twickenham Art College. As well as painting, she also runs the successful Mayfield Gallery in Bournemouth and has lived in Bournemouth for the last 40 years. Julie has three sons (one of which is a successful artist), a daughter Sarah, and the best little grandson in the world, and two Cocker Spaniels Polly and Lily. Julie's paintings are published as limited edition prints and she has illustrated a number of books.

Julie attends many of the championship dog shows throughout the country, including Crufts and major agricultural shows where she paints from life. Julie's paintings are in many private collections throughout the world.



Gordon Setter by John Lewis Fitzgerald #105/500
Framed size 24"x28"

John Lewis Fitzgerald was born in 1945 in a small Leicestershire village. John's peaceful and pastoral childhood cast a long lasting influence on his life and work.

As a child John became particularly absorbed in portrayals of the local wildlife and landscape and thus established the future pattern of his life and art. In more recent years he has specialized in painting dogs and horses.

His work has been awarded "Best in Show" at the British Watercolor Society and the British Society of Painters exhibitions five times for his canine and equine art.

He has held many successful exhibitions over the years and his paintings have been featured in numerous impressive collections in the United States, Canada, West Germany and the United Kingdom.

You may place a bid for any or all of the prints by following the directions below:
Fill out one form for each of the prints you will be bidding on. Place each form into a sealed envelope. Do not write anything on the outside of this bid envelope except the Name and Number of the print on which you are bidding. Place the sealed bid envelope into a mailing envelope and address it to:
Candice Bell, 4 Stepping Stone Drive, Broad Brook, CT 06016.

I am placing my bid on _____ (# of print) Name of print _____ Amount of bid \$ _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

GSA Specialty Shows are now posted on our new Facebook Page
Please go to facebook.com/
westminsterweekenddogshows and send us a friend request. Then please send all your friends a suggestion to be our friend. This is a great way to constantly remind people of the show and also contains links to our video website and to Rau Dog Shows our superintendant. When we have the Judging Schedule a link will be posted and the breeds index will be added to our wall. Each individual show is on our events page and we are currently working on putting a link to each club's judging panel up with the event. If your club has a website please email the link to wwd2010@live.com.

NEW TITLES – September 2009

PERFORMANCE & FIELD:

Junior Hunter

Dundee's Thistle Of Trilogy JH (B)
October 4, 2009
(Ch Trilogy Beacon Hill x Dundee's Lass Of Holly Hollow JH)
Breeder/Owner: William Hardie

Rally Novice

Ravenwoods Quest For Virtue RN JH (D) October 9, 2009
(Ch Orion Americana Ravenwoods CD JH x Ravenwoods Millenium Rose)
Breeder/Owner: Nancy Large

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 9

MACH Pinebitch Southern Promise CD RE JH MXP4 MJP9 PAX OFP (B) Oct 25, 2009
(Ch Timbaray's Southern Comfort CDX RN x Ch Pinebitch Guilty As Charged UD RE JH NA OAP OJP)
Breeder/Owner: Maureen A McLatchy

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Submitted by Karol Paduch
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Donations to the AKC/CHF TarTan Gordon Setter Donor Advised Fund

The American Kennel Club/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) TarTan GS DAF Fund was specifically established to sponsor health research for our breed. It is through your generous and continued support we are able to subsidize qualified researchers investigating genetic disorders affecting the Gordon Setter. Donation forms can be found in the TarTan Tidings, or downloaded at the TarTan web-site www.tartangsc.org Contributions are tax deductible. This month's donors are:

Jerold Bell, DVM

In appreciation of the TarTan membership for their continued support of canine health

Diane Avery and Beni Levi

A generous donation toward the improvement of Gordon Setter genetic health.

Phyllis and Jerry Lundy

**In memory of their beloved boy
Ravenwoods Missing Link
"Link"**

Litter Announcement

Arrowood Setters is proud to announce a new years litter of 10 puppies-5 boys and 5 girls whelped 12/30/09. The proud parents are Ch. Spring Run Quail Run Firethorn Uproar and Ch. Arrowood's Blue Mist. Both parents have CHIC OFA health

clearances. Inquires welcome. Contact Ardys McElwee at 860-355-3302

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AKC-CHF Parent Club Health Conference
Jerold S Bell, DVM (CT)

The AKC Canine Health Foundation 2009 National Parent Club Canine Health Conference was held in St. Louis, MO on October 23-25, 2009. The conference was once again sponsored by Nestle Purina, and they had several speakers on the program. The following are synopses of the scientific presentations. The entire conference was videotaped, and the AKC-CHF will be sending DVDs to the club for viewing.

One Health, One Medicine – Strengthening the Human-Animal Links. Dr. Mike Sampson (Keynote Speaker). Dr. Sampson is an agroterrorism and emergency management instructor at the University of Tennessee veterinary college. The One Health Initiative (www.onehealthinitiative.com) recognizes that human health and animal health are inextricably linked. Dr. Sampson pointed out that the majority of recent human infectious disease outbreaks originated as animal diseases (West Nile Virus, H1N1, bird flu, mad cow, etc.). The most potent biological agents that can be used by terrorists are also animal diseases (anthrax, hoof and mouth disease, dengue, ebola...). Many experts predict that a major agroterrorism attack on the United States will occur within the next 5 years, and will be geared towards disrupting our food and water supply. People can purchase dog and cat evacuation kits from www.readyamerica.com. (People were looking over their shoulders after this lecture.)

Canine Cancer & Comparative Genomics: New Technologies, New Opportunities. Dr. Matthew Breen. Comparing the genetic changes between different cancers enables us to understand the processes that cause cancer, and possibly ways to prevent cancer. Most tumors have abnormalities in the number of chromosomes (duplications or deletions) in tumor cells. This is called the tumor signature. Tumor signatures tend to be the same between dogs with the same type of cancer, and between dogs and people. Tumor signatures (cytogenetic scoring) can allow us to predict the response to different cancer treatments and survival time prior to treatment. Once they are identified, mutations that cause inherited predisposition to cancer could be tested. Cancer research has focused on purebred dogs, because the uniform background of pure breeds allows the researchers to identify the differences between normal and disease causing genes. However, the tumor signatures that have been identified are present in all dogs with cancer – both purebred and mixed breed.

Clinical Trials in Veterinary Oncology: Past, Present and Future. Dr. David Vail. In order to understand how different treatments work for different cancers, a uniform system of diagnosis and treatment needed to be established. Groups of oncologists have formed cooperative groups to test new drugs and treatments in controlled clinical trials (for cancers that lack effective treatments). Pharmaceutical companies are also involved with clinical trials for new drugs. Through these clinical trials, new medicines are becoming available for cancer treatment, including the melanoma vaccine (to treat melanoma, not prevent it), and Palladia - a new drug to treat mast cell tumors.

Immunonutrition. Dr. Ebenezer Satyaraj. Over 65% of immune cells are located in the gut. Natural stress is the major cause of lowered immune status in humans and animals. At Nestle Purina, researchers have been studying immunomodulation via the diet. They are developing dog foods supplemented with bovine colostrum as an immune-enhancing ingredient.

New Diagnostic and Therapeutic Investigations of Neurological Disease in Dogs. Dr. Simon Platt. The University of Georgia veterinary college has a 3T MRI machine, which enables it to detect structural and functional abnormalities with greater accuracy in neurological disease. They are using it in their studies of Chiari-like malformation in the Brussels Griffon, brain tumors in all dogs, toy dog meningitis, epilepsy, and stroke.

Matters of the Heart: Advances in Canine Cardiac Research. Dr. Mark Oyama. Dr. Oyama summarized research on inherited heart disease in dogs. A genetic mutation has recently been discovered that causes arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy in Boxers. A genetic test for this dominant gene predicts which Boxers will develop the condition, and allows breeders to breed away from the defective gene. Molecular genetic research is ongoing to identify defective genes in other breed-related cardiomyopathies (Great Dane, Irish Wolfhound, Doberman Pinscher), congenital diseases (subaortic stenosis, tricuspid valve dysplasia) and arrhythmias (German Shepherd Dog).

Dalmatian Bladder Stones: not just a Dalmatian Problem. Dr. Danika Bannasch. An autosomal recessive genetic defect that causes hyperuricosuria and urate bladder stones in dogs has been discovered. All Dalmatians are homozygous recessive for this defective gene, have hyperuricosuria, and have an increased tendency to develop urate stones. Because no Dalmatians have a normal copy of the gene, breeders are unable to breed away from the disease. In the 1970s, with the cooperation of the AKC and the Dalmatian Club of America, a Pointer dog was bred to a Dalmatian to introduce a normal copy of the (then undetermined) gene into the breed. Today, there are Dalmatians that are 12 or more generations removed from the Pointer cross and are greater than 99.98% Dalmatian that are indistinguishable from other Dalmatians except for having the normal gene. They are allowed to be registered as Dalmatians by the United Kennel Club (US), but the Dalmatian Club of America is preventing their registration with the AKC. The same ancestral mutation is present in Bulldogs and Black Russian Terriers at a much lower frequency than in the Dalmatian. A genetic test is available for breeders to breed away from the defective gene.

Nutrients to Promote Physical Recovery in Active Dogs. Dr. Brian Zanghi. Exercise and activity depletes energy stores and causes metabolic stress. Researchers at Nestle Purina have found that feeding specific nutrients immediately after activity dramatically improves metabolic recovery and reverses oxidative stress. Antioxidants Vitamin E and C have been used in the past to counteract oxidative stress, but research now shows that these Vitamins can actually act as pro-oxidants. Diets containing whey, maltodextrins, and carotenoids provide optimizing benefits during brief events that are metabolically and physically challenging. They help dogs recover faster, and perform at peak ability the next day and in following days.

Canine Herpesvirus-1: a New Pathogenic Role for an Old Virus. Dr. Eric Ledbetter. Herpesvirus is well known as a serious cause of illness and death in fetal and neonatal dogs. In dams that were previously infected with herpes, it causes mild disease in their puppies. However, in dams that were negative for herpes exposure it causes severe disease and death. Herpesvirus rarely causes disease in adult dogs. In the past few years, veterinary ophthalmologists have identified several ocular diseases linked to recurrent herpesvirus infection. These include conjunctivitis, ulcerative keratitis, and non-ulcerative keratitis, especially when seen as an epizootic outbreak in group-housed dogs. Most dogs with these conditions are not associated with herpes, but it should be considered when these diseases are diagnosed.

Metabonomics: A Tool for Nutrition Research. Dr. Ziad Ramadan. Nutrition research is starting to look at health biomarkers. Metabonomics is the measurement of the products of metabolism, and their correlation with known metabonomic profiles in disease states. Identification of biomarkers that can reveal early changes in health and disease can enable early intervention. Some biomarkers can be used as diagnostic tools to recommend diet changes that reduce the risk of disease. Researchers at Nestle Purina are using metabonomics to find ingredients and nutrients with enhanced nutritional value for maintaining health and well-being.

Ramblin' the Coverts

By Jim Dillon

Previous articles have taken us through grooming, safety, starting a dog and even picking out a gun. What more is there? Well there are lots; I mean there is a whole industry devoted to hunting accessories.

Lets start at the bottom and work our way up. Don't start your day out in the field wearing a pair of sneakers. The first thing you're going to do is step in a puddle and have wet feet for the rest of the day. They don't provide the support you need for uneven ground and you stand a good chance of rolling your ankle. For early in the season when it's warm I like uninsulated 9" kangaroo boots with Gore-Tex lining. There are a number of different companies making boots of this type and they are available in women's sizes too. Why kangaroo, because it is stronger and lighter than cowhide. And Gore-Tex will keep the piggys dry, even if you're ankle deep in water. Now if you know you're going to do some serious water slogging, there is always a pair of Wellingtons, *LeChateau* make the best, but they are not cheap! I like natural fiber socks, with poly liners to wick the dampness away.

Moving up, you will find that jeans will work, but only if your hunting open fields. *Wrangler* makes a nylon-faced pair of jeans that work well for most New England hunting (Rugged Wear at Cabelas). For the truly hardcore hunter there is chaps, *Turtleskin* makes very good fabric chaps and a visit to the local equine supply might find you a lightweight pair made of leather.

The shirt you wear is mainly dictated by the weather, but a hard surface is a recommended if you hunt any areas with thorns. Long sleeves are a must and light colors help you spot any of those insects that like to bite. In most states an orange vest is a must wear. *Boyt Harness Company* makes a vest that has everything you could think of, it is called the dog handlers vest. Now there are plenty of other companies making vests and it pays to do some looking around. Rip stop nylon or tightly woven cotton is what you're looking for; the cheap poly-nylon blend stuff won't make one hunting season.

Don't forget a hat. In some states orange is required and is not a bad idea anywhere you hunt. I prefer a western style hat with a 2-1/2 inch or more brim to shade my eyes. It is important that the under side of the brim be dark in color so there isn't any glare in your eye when shooting. The second reason for a large brimmed hat is the sun; take it from one that has had skin cancer, shading your face and using sun block is up there on my list of must do's.

There are literally tons of hunting accessories on the market, some are very good, and others are a waste of money. The list above is meant to give you an idea of the basics. For the guys look at *Cabelas*, *LL Bean* and *Orvis* and for the ladies there is a place for you, *SHESafari.com* is the ticket; *Cabelas* also carries a limited number of items for women.

Now that you're outfitted with the right gear, a gun that you've practiced with and you've worked with your dog, you're ready to truly enjoy your dog. Happy hunting and be safe. Oops, I forgot, where does the novice go hunting? That is becoming harder every day. Check with your local Fish & Game, Dept. of wildlife or DEP, what ever they call it in your state. You will need a license and that may mean you have to take a hunter safety course, a good idea! Maybe you don't know if you want to really do this, but would like to give it a one-time try first. There are many hunting preserves all around New England that offer one day or half day hunts. They are usually easy walking, well maintained and have guides to help the novice and many don't require a license. Your dog will think the cost is well worth it.

TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday November 29, 2009- East Hartford, CT

Call To Order:

President Larry Clifford called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

Attendance:

In Attendance: Cindy Fitzgerald, Laura Bedford, Larry Clifford, Robin Marshall, Ellen Shanahan, Ralph Schmid, Nancy Smith

Absent: Richard Dwyer

Quorum Certification:

The Secretary certified a quorum was present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Laura Bedford made a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as published. Ellen Shanahan seconded and all present voted affirmative.

Officers' Reports:

President: Larry Clifford –Minimal correspondence and the rescue financial report which he passed around for board approval.

Vice President: Laura Bedford-No report at this time

Secretary: Cindy Fitzgerald reported limited correspondence;

- Various AKC event closeouts and approvals:
- Requests from Garden State Association to join as a specialty club.
- Thank you notes from Judges Carol Brown & Kevin Flynn, Larry & Denny Clifford, Ginette Desrosiers & Family
- Announcements from various agencies and clubs

Action Taken by the Board between meetings: None

Treasurer: Nancy Smith –Balance is currently \$16,551.53 but Nancy said that we would soon have a fairly substantial outlay for the February Agility trial and the Annual Banquet.

Agility: Maureen McLatchy- Financial Report (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) February trial dates are the 6th & 7th and then a one day trial on the 14th. LOTS of help requested for both days from club members but especially for the 14th as it will be competing against the NJ specialties so some members might be attending that event.

Archives: Karen Gatchell –no report but it was noted that Bill Fralick picked up the boxes that had been in the storage and brought them to Karen. She mentioned that she is slowly going through them all.

Awards: Coleen Banks-no report but Laura Bedford mentioned that all the information will be included in the banquet flyer she is putting together.

Banquet: Laura Bedford- February 20, 2010 at Storowtown Tavern again. She will be sending out flyers and make sure the website and newsletter have all the information and forms.

'09 Fall Field Trial: Susan DeSilver- Canceled due to conflict with the GSCA Championships. Brief description about the age old question of how to recruit workers for the field trial, actually all events.

'09 Fall Hunt Test: Mark Gallagher /Richard Dwyer-Canceled due to only minimal entries making it financially impossible. Discussion as to why so few entries. Ralph Schmid offered to contact some of the NH/VT people to try to find out if it was a date or local lack on entries so that we can move forward and investigate other possibilities if needed.

Health & Genetics: Chair Candice Bell submitted a report from Dr Bell on the AKC-CHF Parent Club Health Conference which he attended. (It is published in its entirety in this newsletter).

She also reported an email that she had sent to Erika Werne of the CHF explaining TarTan's disappointment that the CHF Grant committee declined to fund the three 2008 grant proposals which TarTan had designated for their donor dollars. The new grant selection process does not take into consideration the donor clubs wishes or suggestions. TarTan has declined to fund the 2009 CHF chosen grant decisions as they are not breed related. She also included in that email, a list of diseases that reflect health issues in our breed and requested that they be taken into consideration for researchers in 2010.

There was also discussion regarding the 'Art Auction' to benefit H&G which will culminate at the annual banquet in February.

Inventory: Laura Bedford reported that she is very pleased with our new vendor and that we sold about \$400 of inventory at the specialty.

Membership: Dorie Viguers –No report but Cindy mentioned seeing Dorie the weekend before and Dorie requested that we start looking for a new Membership Chair. Since Dorie is willing to stay on until a new chair is found, the Board decided that the position should be advertised in the newsletter. Cindy will pull something together for the newsletter. There was also some discussion regarding formulating an electronic list and an email address list. Possibly the electronic list is something that Dorie already has and Cindy will ask her. (As of this writing, Candice Bell was in the process of putting together an email address list of members.)

Newsletter: Jeff & Jessica Martin/Karol Paduch/ Jani Wolstenholem –no formal report but Cindy said that a request came from a member to include in the Tidings, a standard information box with pertinent committee chair information. The board thought it was a great idea and would talk to the newsletter staff about it. There was also some discussion regarding renewing the old position of newsletter mailer to help with the distribution of the newsletter. Cindy will bring it up with the staff.

Nominating Committee: The Board nominated Liz Wilshire to serve as the nominating committee chair. They suggested a few names to be submitted to Liz to serve on her committee. The final committee will be published after all have been contacted.

Picnic: Robin Marshall- 2009 expense report submitted. 2010 picnic will be June 27th and we will maintain same format, very relaxed and fun activities. Val Schmid will do games, Cindy Fitzgerald & Ellen Shanahan will do some sort of rally activity and we will do birds again.

Public Education: Jani Wolstenholme –Cindy had information on some local dog walk and rescue fairs that she will periodically send to Jani.

Rescue: Ellen Shanahan-Current rescue financial balance is \$11,397.19. Ellen reported minimal activity although there was a senior Gordon found and on Craiglist. Ellen contacted them and offered TarTan's support. They opted to foster the dog themselves and work on a permanent home with TarTan's support.

Scholarship: Ginette Desrosiers produced a new form and has placed it on the website as well as sending it to all regional GS clubs. She reported that we had one applicant this year (Kara Burke of Peru, MA).

'09 TarTan Specialty:, Robin Marshall –Financial report submitted. New tents worked out great. We will ask Jim MacWalter to keep an eye on the flyers and get us another 12X12 EZ Up before next fall.

'10 TarTan Specialty: Robin Marshall- Robin is building her committee and judges have been chosen: Tibby Chase will do Rally and Obedience/ Trudie Whitaker will be judging Puppy Sweeps and Judy Harrington has agreed to judge conformation and Juniors.

Supported Entries: Karol Paduch-2010 shows are: Big Apple Sporting (NJ)/NESGA (two shows)(MA)/Vacationland (ME)/Ladies (MA)/Eastern (RI). Karol had also sent out a request to the membership via the newsletter asking what their ideas would be for shows to support.

Trophies: Beth Beatty – no report

Website: Donnah Brnger- has been updating information as she gets it/ is looking into some new ideas and formats/will be working with the newsletter staff to make sure all information is updated and current.

Delegates Reports:

Flaherty: Susan DeSilver-no report

HELDCA: Maureen McLatchy-Nancy Large sent in a report from the last HELDCA meeting.

GSCA Liaison: Jane Matteson –No report

Old Business:

-Grooming DVD- Ellen noted that a regional ES club has started the process and maybe we should look into how they are handling it

New Business: Anita Lustenberger proposed that TarTan visit the idea of hosting the 2012 GSCA National Specialty. The Board suggested that wethrow this idea out to the membership to get an idea as to whether we would have enough member support before we went any further into the bid process.

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the NESGA shows in Fitchburg, MA. Time TBA after we see judging time.

Robin Marshall made a motion to adjourn, Nancy Smith seconded and the Board voted in favor.

President Larry Clifford called the meeting adjourned at 12.24 pm

Upcoming TarTan Supported Entries

Thursday, February 11, 2010

Big Apple Sporting Society

Nassau Memorial Coliseum

Uniondale, New York

Sweepstakes Judge Doug Holloway (DE)

Regular Class Judge Paul Robinson (New Zealand)

Closes January 27 (Rau)

Saturday & Sunday

March 20 & 21, 2010

New England Sporting Group Association

Trade Center at Courtyard

Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Sweepstakes Judge Ms Olga Evelyn (CT) Sat

Regular Class Judge & Group Mrs Ann Yuhasz (OH) Sat

Sweepstakes Judge Ms Dyane Baldwin (PA) Sun

Regular Class Judge & Group Ms Pluis Davern (CA)

Closes March 3 (MB-F)

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Vacationland Dog Club

Rhode Island Convention Center

Providence, Rhode Island

Judge Mr Don Evans (MD)

Closes May 5 (Sandra Bergeron)

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Ladies' Dog Club

Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds

Wrentham, Massachusetts

Judge tba

Closes May 19 (MB-F)

Karol Paduch

Supported Entry Chair

Agility		
		Date: August '09
Chairman: M. McLatchy		
Description:	Income:	Expense:
AKC		\$ 200.00
Fees/App		\$ 2,000.00
Birds:		
Donations:		
Publications/Flyers		
Printing Fees:		
Advertising:		
Sales:		
Postage:		\$ 13.17
Entries:	\$ 11,284.68	
Insurance:		
Hospitality:		\$ 352.00
Raffle:		
Grounds:		\$ 1,800.00
Horses:		
Judges/Gunners:		\$ 1,075.00
Gifts:		
Meals:		\$ 102.06
Fees:		
Expenses:		
Veterinary:		
Telephone:		
Misc. Chairman:		\$ 5.69
Rosettes:		\$ 312.34
Trophies:		
Other:		\$ 63.67
Photo Contest		
TOTAL:	\$ 11,284.68	\$ 5,923.93
Net Gain/(\$	5,291.29

Event Income & Expense Report- TarTan GSC		
		Date: 6/28/2009
Chairman: R. Marshall		
Description:	Income:	Expense:
AKC		
Fees/Application		
Birds:	\$ 161.00	\$ 182.40
Donations:		
Publications/Flyers		
Printing Fees:		
Advertising:		
Sales:		
Postage:		
Entries:		
Insurance:		
Hospitality:		\$ 85.30
Raffle:		
Grounds:		\$ 75.00
Horses:		
Judges/Gunners:		
Gifts:		
Meals:		
Fees:		
Expenses:		
Veterinary:		
Telephone:		
Misc. Secretary:		
Rosettes:		
Trophies:		
Other:		
Photo Contest		
TOTAL:	\$ 161.00	\$ 342.70
Net Gain/(Loss):	\$	(181.70)

Agility		Date: October 12, 2009
Chairman: R. Marshall		
Description:	Income:	Expense:
AKC		
Fees/App		
lication		\$ 60.00
		\$ 293.50
Birds:		
Donations:		
Publications/Flyers		
Printing Fees:		
Advertising:	\$ 210.00	
Sales:	\$ 240.00	
Postage:		
Entries:	\$ 2,374.00	
Insurance:		
Hospitality:	\$ 420.00	\$ 153.98
Raffle:	\$ 700.00	
Grounds:		\$ 120.00
Horses:		
Judges/Gunners:		
Gifts:		\$ 157.92
Meals:		\$ 85.67
Fees:		\$ 203.00
Expenses: Sweeps		\$ 131.40
Veterinary:		
Telephone:		
Misc. Secretary:		\$ 1,452.00
Ribbons/Rosettes:		\$ 344.87
Trophies:		\$ 870.40
Photographer		\$ 125.00
Savings Bonds		\$ 125.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,944.00	\$ 4,112.74
Net Gain/(\$	(168.74)

TARTAN GORDON SETTER RESCUE FUND
INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY
CUMULATIVE
5/20/92 through 9/30/09

INCOME

Adoption Fees	\$ 10,125.00
Breeder Support	1,350.00
Checking Account Interest	800.89
Donations	3,508.00
GSCA National Raffle	100.00
GSCA Rescue	941.00
GSCA Travel Reimbursement	101.08
Membership Donations	12,554.00
Memorials	2,210.00
Microchipping Clinics	307.00
Surrender Donations	209.00
TarTan Fun Days	119.00
TarTan Raffles	520.00
TarTan Seed Money	500.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 38,898.98

EXPENSES

Adoption Fee Reimbursement	\$ 534.00
Bank Charges	0.00
Boarding Fees	907.00
Donations (D&D Breeder Endot, Handprints, Dams, Pinwheel Valley humane Society)	1,320.00
Equipment	753.30
Food and Supplies	2,195.51
Gifts and Concessions	191.52
GSCA Conference Expense	613.80
GSCA Conference Travel	101.06
GSCA National Rescue Parade	279.42
Microchipping	32.50
Postage	255.07
Printing	234.42
Promotion	647.46
Shelter Fees	596.32
Shipping Expense	231.51
Telephone Expense	4,553.71
Training Expense	80.00
Transport Expense	697.66
Veterinary Expense	12,434.06
Reimburse TarTan Seed Money	500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 37,648.28

CHECKING ACCOUNT
BALANCE at 9/30/09

\$ 11,250.70

TARTAN GORDON SETTER RESCUE FUND
INCOME AND EXPENSES
FISCAL YEAR 09/10

7/01/09 through 9/30/09

CHECKING ACCOUNT

BALANCE at 7/01/09

\$ 11,444.92

INCOME

Checking Account Interest	2.00
Membership Donations	120.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 122.00

EXPENSES

Transport Expense (Rescue Equipment)	\$ 172.01
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TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 172.01

CHECKING ACCOUNT
BALANCE at 9/30/09

\$ 11,272.91

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TarTan Archives

To complete our records of Gordon Setters, we are in need of the following:

GSCA Newsletters from #1 through #27. Please advise what you are willing to donate so I can complete our records.

Also need several copies of the Catalog for the 1998 GSCA National Specialty, hosted by TarTan in Warwick, RI, as I can not find that any copies were kept for our records.

Thanks for all the CD's that I have been receiving – and thanks for dating them as well. Event names and dates are very important for all info sent to the Archives.

Karen Gatchell
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All done!!!

Eating can be so exhausting!