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ANNUAL WALK FOR FIDELCO

May 15th 2010

Celebrating FIDELCO's 50th Anniversary

It was a gorgeous morning on Saturday, May 15th as TEAM TARTAN joined the FIDELCO Annual Fundraising Walk. More than 1000 people, including Governor Jodi Rell showed up to support the cause. The two mile walk around Manchester Community College's campus was kicked off by the Governor's Foot Guard Band. Photo shoots of the various teams followed and then the crowd lounged around the lawns eating picnic lunches and good food from the vendors that were present.

Connecticut Governor M Jodi Rell leads the walk with a FIDELCO guide dog and handler.

The Connecticut State Police did a demonstration on the diversity of the German Shepherd dogs, using some of their K-9 teams and FIDELCO's staff followed with their own demonstration of how they train their guide dogs. At 11:30, a free concert by "Diamond Collection" (a Neil Diamond tribute band) topped off the event.

This is truly an amazing and enjoyable event and I urge all TarTan members to consider participating next year. You can bring all your dogs (every breed was present), a lawn chair, and if we get enough people we could bring our own food and make it a mini-TarTan event as well. It's fun and for a wonderful cause and you are done by noon!

Val Schmid, Chair

Removing the stigma of genetic disease

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(Adapted from an article published in the "Healthy Dog" section of the October, 2003 *AKC Gazette*)

An inevitable consequence of breeding is the occurrence of genetic problems. No one wants to produce affected dogs, yet some breeders and owners are quick to assign blame. There are no perfect dogs, and all dogs carry some detrimental genes.

The emotional reaction to producing a dog with a genetic disorder often follows what is called the grief cycle:

* Denial: This isn't genetic. It was caused by something else.

* Anger: This isn't right! Why is this happening to my dogs?

* Bargaining: My dog sired more than 100 other dogs that are healthy. So this one doesn't really count, right?

* Depression: My kennel name is ruined. No one will breed to my dogs.

* And, finally, acceptance: My dog was dealt a bad genetic hand.

There are ways to manage genetic disorders, breed away from this, and work toward a healthier breed.

Getting beyond denial

Unfortunately, many breeders can't get beyond the denial stage. Some will hold to increasingly improbable excuses, rather than accept that a condition is genetic. They will falsely blame relatively rare disorders on common viruses, bacteria, or medications. The fact that these organisms or drugs are common to millions of dogs annually

who do *not* have these disorders is not considered.

Some owners state that their veterinarian recommended not sending in a hip radiograph to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) because the dog would probably be diagnosed with hip dysplasia. Then these owners lull themselves into believing that since

the dog wasn't evaluated, it does not have hip dysplasia. The fact that a dog does not have an official diagnosis does not mean the dog has normal hips, "not affected" with hip dysplasia.

It is important to confirm diagnoses of genetic disorders with blood tests, radiographs, or pathology specimens. However, the primary concern should always be for the individual dog. If an affected dog is not suffering, it *should not* be euthanized simply to obtain a pathological diagnosis. The increased availability of non-invasive techniques has made diagnoses easier to obtain.

Once confirmation of a genetic disorder is made, denial sometimes becomes deception, which is not acceptable. There are breeders who actively seek to prevent diagnoses and later necropsies, but who eventually realize those actions are detrimental to the breed, and in the long run to themselves.

Working together to improve our breeds

Reducing the stigma of genetic disease involves raising the level of conversation from gossip to constructive communication. Dealing with genetic disorders is a community effort. Each breeder and owner will have a different level of risk or involvement for a disorder. We do not get to choose the problems with which we have to deal. Breeders should be supportive of others who are making a conscientious effort to continue breeding their dogs while decreasing the risk of passing on defective genes.

Breeders should follow up on the puppies they have placed. Breeders should periodically contact their puppy buyers and ask about the health of the dogs. Some breeders fear they will be castigated if a dog they placed develops a problem. However, the vast majority of owners of affected dogs are *pleased* that their breeder is interested in their dog, and in improving the health of the breed so that other affected dogs are not produced.

A breeder cannot predict or prevent every health problem. If an owner's dog is discovered to have a problem, show your concern.

Breeders and breed clubs should be cooperative and supportive of researchers studying genetic disorders in their breed. Through research funded by breed clubs and by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), new genetic tests for carriers of defective genes are continually being developed.

The Canine Health Information Center (CHIC; www.caninehealthinfo.org) was established by the CHF and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (www.offa.org). CHIC is an online registry that works with the breed parent clubs to establish a panel of testable genetic disorders that should be screened for in each breed. The beauty of the CHIC concept is that dogs achieve CHIC certification by completing the health-checks. Passing each health test is not a requirement for certification. CHIC is about being health conscious, not about being faultless.

My hope for each breed is that there will eventually be so many tests for defective genes that it will not be possible for any dog to be considered "perfect." Then we can put emotions aside and all work together on improving our breeds.

Breeders must lead the way to remove the stigma of genetic disorders. The applications for both the OFA and CHIC health registries include options that allow for open disclosure of all health-test results or semi-open disclosure listing only normal results. It is up to breeders to show that they are ready to move genetic disorders out of the shadows and check off the boxes for full disclosure.

More and more national clubs are having health seminars and health screening clinics at their specialties. This shows those breed clubs and breeders care about the genetic health of their breeds, and are working toward a healthier future.

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A Tribute & Thank You To Dorie Viguers TarTan's Retiring Membership Chair

Dorie Viguers is the essence of the "hard working silent type." I have had the pleasure of knowing her for 20 years. When I calculated this time reference tonight, I can't believe that I have known her for that period of time – I guess sometimes 20 years does fly by!

Dorie's first Gordon Setter came to her by way of Natalie Haberman, who is a TarTan honorary member. Natalie, at that time, had a litter of Gordons and one puppy in particular was being picked on by the others and Natalie also had to cut down on the number of dogs that she housed at that time. So as luck would have it, Ch. Brandywine Bess, CDX came to be owned and loved by Dorie. She also, at that time had a Golden Retriever named Pandora of Eden Trail, UD.

Dorie's first passion was obedience and Pandie worked for and received her UD under Dorie's training and guidance. Dorie also started tracking with Pandie and another of her passions began. I do remember Pandie and not only loved her name but she had a very sweet face and looked like a "Pandie." Back when Pandie earned her UD, the jump height were 1 ½ times the height of their body and twice the height for the broad jump – quite a feat!

Dorie periodically showed other Gordon's in the breed ring and Brandywine Bess was her first Champion Gordon Setter. After completing both majors and chasing that last elusive point, her partner Pat McGinnis took Bess to a Gordon supported show and that day took home 5-point major to finish! Now that is truly the way we would all like to finish our dogs! Dorie was not able to attend that show but you could well imagine what an exciting moment it was for her when Pat called to inform her of her new Champion Gordon – that is something that that we should all remember clearly!

Bess also was a great obedience Gordon receiving her CDX with Dorie at the helm. Dorie and Bess went to the AKC Centennial show and although she wasn't really ready, she did enter her in Utility. Dorie recalls that they broke a perfect 0 by making it through the group stand for examination – many memories were borne with her as her first Gordon Setter.

Over the years, both Dorie and her partner of 26 years, Pat McGinnis had many Gordons together. I remember the first time that I met both of them. My husband and I went over to their house to "meet the Gordons" and meet them we did! Their house was set on a small hill and the fence on higher ground in back of their house and out comes three bouncing, barking Gordons and one Golden – it was quite a day for all of us! I actually came to own my first Gordon which was a breeding that Dorie and Pat accomplished – this is one of my favorite memories!

Dorie and Pat always found the breed to be both independent and a challenge. She found them to be a thinking dogs always aware of their surroundings, doing their own thing while being clowns at the same time. She felt that Gordons always wanted to know everything going on around them and some of her dogs throughout the years were quite the social butterflies. Since both Dorie and Pat did much obedience, their Gordons were always waiting for human entertainment and the "what's next" attitude looking for the next challenge.

So given that background and wanting to get more involved with Gordons, Dorie was approached by Muriel Clement to get involved with TarTan as membership chairman. At that time,

DOGGIE YUMMY of the MONTH!

From Cooking the Three Dog Bakery Way:

Father's Day Muttigan Stew

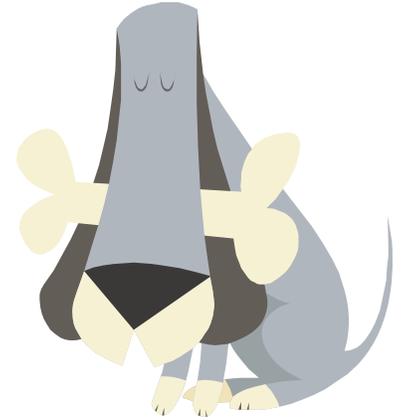
2 fresh tomatoes, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
 1 large carrot, diced (about 1 cup)
 4 sweet potatoes, diced (about 4 cups)
 1 cup frozen peas
 1 teaspoon honey
 1 teaspoon ground sage
 6 cups Homemade Chicken Stock or canned, low-sodium chicken broth
 2 cups diced cooked chicken

Combine the tomatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes, peas, honey, sage, and chicken stock in a large pot.
 Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer for 30 minutes. Add the chicken and simmer for 10 minutes.

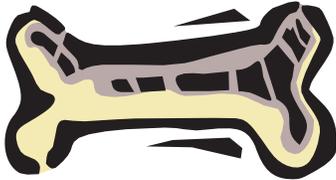
Cool to room temperature before serving

Serve with cooked rice (brown, preferably) or pasta (whole wheat, if possible)

Store in the fridge for up to 3 days.



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



Karol: ttgscnews@aol.com or Jani: vger4@verizon.net

for publication in the Newsletter!!

Supported Entry Results

May 22 – **York Kennel Club**, Scarborough Maine - Judge Don Evans (MD)

Winners Bitch, Best of Breed, from Bred By Exhibitor: **Damon's Fire And Rain**
 (Ch NCM's Tradition Of Heavenly x Ch Damon's Times Square) Breeder/Owner: Carmen A & Gail F Paludi

June 5 – **Ladies' Dog Club**, Wrentham Massachusetts - Judge Robert Slay (NC)

Winners Dog (1 point), from Open: **Tamarack Looking Good Forester**
 (Ch Sandpiper's Brynbar For Damn Shore JH x Ch Brynbar's Good Golly Miss Molly CD JH)
 Breeders: E Shanahan, D Brnger, M Brnger; Owners: Ellen Foy & Ellen Shanahan

Reserve Winners Dog, from Open: **Gordon Hill Ready Or Not**
 (DC Sun-Yak Spellbound Heaven Scent x DC Gordon Hill Odyssey) Breeder/Owner: Susan DeSilver

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex (1 point), from Bred by Exhibitor: **WP Mistress Of The Dark Pines**
 (Ch Holly Hollow Rem'B'R Sam's Son JH x Ch Highland's Glenlivet Jubilee JH)
 Breeder: Billie Toupin & Susan Adams Conley DVM, Owner: Susan Adams Conley DVM

Best of Breed: **Ch Sunrunner 'N Sealgair See Ya**
 (Ch Cascade's Sunrunner Here Comes The Son x Ch Winteridge Sealgair Let It Be) Breeder: Nancy Moen & Barbara Young-Tompkinson & William Stauder, Owner: Ken Brate & Lizzy Brate & Barbara Young-Tompkinson

Dorie from page 5

At that time, Dorie was one of the few persons that had a computer and Muriel felt that this was the perfect fit to organize, tabulate and maintain the Gordon membership. And boy did she ever! When I met Dorie for dinner a few months ago so that she could “break me into this job” she brought along extremely detailed letters, spreadsheets and the original membership forms from 20+ years ago. She said that she could not depart with these originals and needless to say, if she couldn't, then I guess I can't either!

Dorie has retired from Northfield Mount Herman School where she served as a math teacher. She has retired from this job and has gone on to work two to three other jobs – one of which is a tax preparer for H&R block and another is bottling beer at the Berkshire Brewery for a little diversity. Someone really must inform Dorie that when you retire that you don't take on extra jobs! She is very busy with tracking these days and is currently judging this sport which is truly exciting! She currently lives with her two Golden Retrievers one of which is still a puppy – 13 months old. So between work, training, tracking and judging tracking, along with her many Pioneer Valley Kennel Club duties (she is also Treasurer), Dorie's retirement is anything but boring! I truly hope she is enjoying all of her current activities!

Dorie has worked very hard for TarTan throughout the 20 years that she has served as Membership Chairman. She has been, and I am sure will continue to be, most helpful to me as I become more and more familiar with this job. I am truly grateful for all that Dorie has done throughout the years and am very lucky that she continues to coach me through the transition.

Thank you Dorie for all that you have done for TarTan Gordon Setter Club!

Kathy King, New Membership Chair

* EXHIBITOR'S PRAYER, Author Unknown*

Dear Protector of Dogs and Fools:

When that intelligent, hardworking, honest judge finally sees what I see in this dog I've worked so hard and long with, help me to accept my win with grace and dignity.

And, when that blind, clueless idiot -- I mean, judge -- somehow fails to see what a fine job we've done, (well, at least better than the so-and-so he placed ahead of us!), help me to accept my defeat with some of that same grace and dignity.

Lord, you alone know how I've sweated blood over this dog, the hours I've spent getting her ready (and, Lord, are any of them ever ready?).

You (and probably only you!) understand why I've spent good money on this animal.money I could have spent on lots of other things ---- things that just might have afforded me a little more pleasure and a lot less frustration.

Lord, tolerate my disappointment when I lose, and help me keep it all in perspective.

Help me remember that when some dog show judge gives me the gate, it's not as if St. Peter just gave me those pearly ones.

Lord, clear my eyes and help me see, before I open my big mouth, that the so-and-so with the cow-hocked, pony-gaited dink walking out of the ring ahead of me is actually a fellow exhibitor who has also worked hard, maybe even sweated blood over his dog too, and probably deserves to enjoy this moment to its fullest while it lasts.

Lord, you know there are sometimes -- but not nearly as often as I tend to suppose when I lose -- such ugly things as Politics, Prejudice, and Unethical Practices, which may cause my dog to get beaten unfairly -- sometimes.

Help me, then, to remember that several wrongs won't ever make a right, and that none of the wrongs gives me an excuse to act like an idiot.

You know I'm a competitor, Lord; I make no bones about that.

I love to win and I hate to get beat.

There are few things more abhorrent to me, Lord, than placing sixth out of six.

If I didn't love to compete, I'd stay home and knit afghans.

But then, there are probably Afghan shows, and people who hire professional knitters with high-tech knitting machines, and most likely there are afghan show judges who raise sheep whose wool goes into some of the winningest Afghans, and there I'd be -- still frustrated, still getting beat, and without a dog to share half the blame.

This year, Lord, help me to have a little more faith in my fellow dog folks, and for Heaven's sake, help me win, or lose, with a little class.

Amen

Bulletin Board

Notice to Members:

Election of Officers and the new Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting, at the Picnic on June 27. Please see page 2 of the May issue for full picnic details.



If you have a photo you'd like to submit for The Tail End, please email in jpeg format to ttgscnews@aol.com

Upcoming CarTan Supported Entries

Saturday, December 11, 2010

Eastern Dog Club

Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, Rhode Island
Judge Mr Harold J Pybus (BC)
Closes November 24 (MB-F)

The Bells will have cheek swabs available for "CHIC DNA Repository for Genetic Research" (free, club pays for members) at the picnic. There are still a few AKC/DNA identification swabs available for people who may be interested.

Don't forget to pay your dues!!

See renewal form in the last issue

Highland Games

Western Massachusetts Highland Games and Celtic Festival
(Tentatively scheduled for June 26, 2010)

Check website for updates
www.wmhg.org/

17th Annual Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival
Look Park , 300 North Main St, Florence (Northampton), MA 01062

Saturday, July 17, 2010 - 9:00 am to 9:30 pm

<http://www.glasgowlands.org/>

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!

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Special Gifts Donated To TarTan Rescue In Honor Of A Special Anniversary

TarTan Gordon Setter Rescue has received donations in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Phyllis and Jerry Lundy! Close friends decided to recognize the occasion by making a donation to a cause so dear to Phyllis' heart and for whom rescue was a life mission for so many years as she headed our rescue efforts.

Congratulations to the Lundys, and thanks to their special friends,
Lee Greenberg, Verna and Jules Kernberg, and
Susan and Allan Viner.

~ MEMBERSHIP NEWS ~

Address Change

Effective June 5:

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cell phones and e-mail are the same:

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Wags & Brags & Puppies!

We at **Damon's** Kennel are pleased to announce our litter out of Ch. NCM's Heavenly Heart's On Fire (ZuZu) X Ch. Windcrest Take It To The Limit (Rab). There are 5 girls and 4 boys born on 5/23/10.

Inquiries welcome! Contact us at:

(603) 495-1291 or (603) 315-9158 or cpaludi@gsinet.net

Gail and Carmen Paludi

NEW TITLES

Titles earned in April will appear in the next issue.

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NEW ENGLAND



Sporting Group
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AKC Sanctioned Match**Open to Sporting Breeds Only****Saturday, July 17, 2010****Silver City Canine Training Center**

480 John Hancock Road, Taunton, MA

Puppy Classes 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo & Junior Showmanship
Best Puppy in Match * Best Adult in Match * Best Bred By Exhibitor**Conformation Judge: Susan Willumsen**
(Golden Retrievers & Labrador Retrievers TBA)**Entries taken 8:00a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Judging starts at 11:00 a.m.****Entry Fee: \$8.00 Second entry \$4.00**

Ribbons, trophies, raffles, air conditioning and lots of fun! Lunch will be available at a nominal cost.

Match Chair: Nancy Conner, wildcard@robinfood.org www.nesportinggroup.com**Microchip Clinic****AKC Canine Animal Recovery****12:00 Noon First Come First Served Basis \$40.00 includes enrollment**

Open to all breeds

AKC Canine Good Citizen Test Open to all breeds Entry Fee: \$15.00

Entries 9-10:30 Start time 11:30 p.m. Entries limited to 30 dogs for CGC

Contact Evaluator: Gary Burdick gary@burdicklabradors.com

Obedience Show and Go - Sporting Breeds Only

will also be available on premises. Limited to 30 dogs. Pre-enter to reserve your spot.

Show and Go starts at approximately 1:00 pm

Utility through Novice Entry Fee: \$8.00 Second entry \$4.00

Please mail your check made out to NESGA & form by July 10, 2010 to

Anne Angelastro, 466 Lebanon Rd, N. Franklin, CT 06254 langelastro@snet.net

You will be notified via e-mail your approximate start time-use additional sheet for more dogs.

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Dog's Call Name: _____

Class: _____ Jump Height: _____

Doggie Equipment Yard Sale - Proceeds to benefit NESGA Educational Programs

Contact Jane Folkman to donate items janetolls@aol.com



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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.

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It's summer—time for a Puppy Pool Party!!

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