



# TARTAN

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## Rescue Success!! Hooray Duncan!



Duncan was placed in his new forever home in March of this year with Marcia, John, their two children Alec and Jenna, and their other rescue adoption dog a Basset hound named Maggie. Needless to say it was love at first sight of Duncan, however it was not entirely a smooth transition. These first time Gordon owners were set upon by a very happy and active 10 month old Gordon boy with minimal training and maximum love. The first week with Duncan was especially trying, but Marcia and John hung tough, hiring a trainer and talking through their problems with our wonderful rescue volunteers!

In the beginning of April there was a real fear that Duncan was going to come back to rescue as he had bolted from the home and gone on a very unauthorized tour of the neighborhood!

Duncan's new family was very worried they had bitten off more than they could chew. Although they loved him very much, especially their daughter Jenna, it was hard for the family to consider having to say goodbye to Duncan. But they have stuck it out and worked on his training and obedience and Duncan seems to have earned his place in their hearts and homes forever! The following on page seven is an updated letter from Duncan's family, a real success story of what a loving family and a great set of volunteers can accomplish!



Duncan and Jenna



### TarTan Highlights

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### ATTENTION:

**EVERY owner entering the 2008 GSCA National Specialty** in Gettysburg or at the 2008 GSCA National Championships their animals will have to be **AKC DNA CERTIFIED**. These AKC DNA certification kits are available through the AKC or through Candice Bell. It will take 6-8 weeks to receive confirmation that the AKC has completed the process.

**We recommend this being done NOW.**

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## Vitiligo: My Gordon Setter is turning white!

Jerold S Bell DVM, Dept. of Clinical Sciences, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

Vitiligo is a disorder where your Gordon Setter's hair suddenly begins to turn white. It is an autoimmune disorder where the dog starts producing antibodies to pigmented cells. Leucotrichia (the change in hair color to white) is the primary symptom of vitiligo. Over time, the skin can also lose pigmentation, which can be most evident on the nose leather and around the eyelids.



Vitiligo does not cause any other health or immunity related problems. Vitiligo is purely a cosmetic disorder. Age of onset of the disorder is most often in middle aged to older dogs. The loss of pigment is first evident as small patches of white hair, usually on the head or face. In some affected Gordon Setters, the white hair occurs primarily in the tan areas, while in others, it can occur in both the black and tan areas simultaneously. Over time, the white haired areas spread further over the body. Vitiligo should not be confused with the sporadic appearance of white hairs (often seen at sites of prior wounds or injections), or seasonal changes in the color of the nose leather.

Vitiligo should be differentiated from other disorders that can cause white hair and pigment changes in dogs. T-cell lymphoma (mycosis fungoides) is a skin cancer that occurs in Gordon Setters, whose skin lesions can cause loss of pigment and white hair. However, these skin lesions are usually raised, crusty, and also cause thinning or loss of hair. Vitiligo does not cause raised lesions or skin thickening. T-cell lymphoma is diagnosed with a skin biopsy. Uveodermatologic (VKH-like) syndrome is an autoimmune disease manifested by a progressive, severe eye inflammation (uveitis) and depigmenting dermatitis. It is most often seen in the Akita breed, and has not been reported in Gordon Setters. Vitiligo does not cause eye inflammation.

Vitiligo is a rare disorder that has been diagnosed in several breeds. Several breeds with cases of vitiligo have black and tan markings, such as the Rottweiler, Doberman Pinscher, and Gordon Setter. However,

vitiligo has also been documented in Labrador Retrievers and German Shepherd Dogs. Vitiligo is seen in people, where (since we have much less hair) the loss of pigment is more evident on the skin.



In both human and canine vitiligo, it is believed that there is a genetic predisposition for the disorder. However, a mode of inheritance is not known. The disorder is so infrequently seen, that there is yet to be any cases of related dogs that have the condition. With the late age of onset, affected dogs (in several breeds) have produced offspring, and none have been identified as affected. Therefore, it is not justified to remove related dogs from breeding at this time.



This article is meant to alert Gordon Setter owners to the existence of this condition in the breed. If you have a Gordon Setter with a documented case of vitiligo, please donate blood samples from the dog and its close relatives to the CHIC Gordon Setter DNA repository (forms are available on the TarTan website). If future research investigates this disorder, the stored DNA will be invaluable.

(For permission to reprint, contact [jerold.bell@tufts.edu](mailto:jerold.bell@tufts.edu))



The pointing dog journal was first published in 1993 by Dave Meisner and Stanley Haag, M.D. and comes out six times a year. Within its pages you'll find articles on wingshooting, training, bird dog history, stunning photo essays, where-to-go, health, humor, and reflections of dogs and days gone by. Each issue covers a variety of pointing dog breeds and training topics ranging from the whoa post, to retrieves, and even tips on gunning techniques. In addition members are afforded access to an online subscriber forum where other pointing dog enthusiasts engage in discussions and offer tips and ideas, along with humorous stories about past dogs and hunting trips. Contributors to the magazine include Rick and Steve Smith, George Hickox, Chuck Johnson and Larry Brown among others. This is a wonderfully informative magazine that is a must read for any pointing dog fan. For more information or to subscribe visit their website at <http://www.pointingdogjournal.com>

#### NEW TITLES – April 2008

##### CONFORMATION:

Ch Woodsmoke Ten Cents A Dance (B) April 20, 2008  
(Ch Gordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH)  
Br: Cindy Fitzgerald & Elizabeth Wilshere, Ow: Lynne Lavigne & NM

##### PERFORMANCE & FIELD:

###### Senior Hunter

Ch Halcyon Joyous Ultima Thule CD RN SH (B) April 6, 2008  
(Ch Braxfield Man In Black JH x Ch Fleetwing Halcyon Kitty Hawk)  
Br: Laura Bedford & NM, Ow: Anita A Lustenberger & Laura Kerr Bedford & Candice Bell

###### Rally Novice

Portree's Dream Of Cloudpath RN JH (D) April 12, 2008  
(Ch Trisetter Ebonie Nirvana x Ch Trisetter Ebonie Wisteria)  
Br: NM & NM, Ow: Jean De Streel & NM

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Submitted by Karol Paduch

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**ALICIA PICKETT-HALE**  
Concord, NH

**TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB NATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FOR  
2008-2009**

### 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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Jani: [vger4@verizon.net](mailto:vger4@verizon.net)

#### Dog Magazines:

- Off-Lead & Animal Behavior
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  - published 4 times a year.
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- The Whole Dog Journal
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  - [www.whole-dog-journal.com](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com)

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  - [www.gundogmag.com](http://www.gundogmag.com)

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  - The lifestyle magazine for modern dogs and their companions.
  - \$15 for 1 year
  - [www.moderndogmagazine.com](http://www.moderndogmagazine.com)

- Bark (Dog is my co-pilot)
  - The modern dog culture magazine
  - \$15 for 1 year
  - [www.thebark.com](http://www.thebark.com)

Are there other authors TarTan members might recommend? Please let us know! Jani

# Great Balls of Fire

## THE SPORT OF FLYBALL

The sport of flyball originated in California in 1972 and is said to have evolved from scent hurdle racing. In scent hurdle racing, dogs race over a series of four hurdles to retrieve a scented article. The object being retrieved is the main difference between these two sports. In flyball, the dog retrieves a tennis ball and in scent hurdle racing, the dog retrieves a dumbbell.

Flyball is a relay race in which dogs race over a series of four hurdles to retrieve a tennis ball from a specially designed flyball box. The dog must push on the front of the box in order to activate a trigger mechanism that releases the ball. When the tennis ball springs out of the box, the dog catches the ball and brings it back over the four jumps to his handler. As he crosses the start/finish line, another dog races past him to repeat the same procedure. Teams of four dogs race against each other for the win.

Teams from all over the world are competing in this sport. The fastest teams can run all four dogs under 20seconds! The world record is under 16seconds!

A flyball course is 51' long – a total of 102' down and back. During this 102' run, the dogs will negotiate a total of eight hurdles (4 each way) as well as trigger the box and catch the ball. The first hurdle is situated 6' from the start/finish line. The other 3 are positioned 10' apart and the box is placed 15' from the last hurdle.

All healthy, friendly dogs of any breed can compete in flyball. Breeds range from Yorkshire Terriers to Newfoundlands to mixed-breeds. The ideal flyball dog is athletic, agile and a good retriever with lots of stamina. A passion for tennis balls also helps! All dogs can compete, whether they are the speedy border collies, or the easy going Newfoundland. Dog teams race against other teams with similar times, thereby allowing even the slower teams to compete and have fun.

For More Information:  
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## HEALTH & GENETICS

Visit the [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org) AKC/Canine Health Foundation "Genome Barks Podcast" for lectures on canine health issues. Listen to these "podcasts" on-line, or download them onto your MP3 players. Lectures available include:

### Genome Barks Podcast - Dr. Sarah Stone

Erika Werne, Director of Canine Education, Communications, and Club Relations for the AKC Canine Health Foundation, welcomes Dr. Sarah Stone of the Ohio State University to this edition of Genome Barks. One of the most common health issues facing both humans and their canine companions is cataracts. While cataract surgery is the most frequently performed intraocular operation, there is a nearly 100% incidence of capsular scarring post-surgery in dogs. Dr. Stone's research, funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation, focuses on developing new techniques to decrease this occurrence, and in turn improving the lives of dogs. Dr. Stone discusses her research and the progress made thus far.

### Genome Barks Podcast - Dr. Lin Kauffman

On this edition of Genome Barks, Dr. Lin Kauffman discusses common reproduction issues. As assisted reproductive techniques become more common in the purebred dog world, there is more interest in advancing the science behind them. Dr. Kauffman outlines the three main concerns today's breeders face, and explains how to address them.

### Genome Barks Podcast - Dr. Matthew Ellinwood Interview

Dr. Matthew Ellinwood discusses the genome sequence and its significance in developing the tools necessary for responsible breeders.

### Genome Barks Podcast - Dr. Sharon Center Interview

Lee Arnold welcomes Dr. Sharon Center of Cornell University. Dr. Sharon Center discusses the genetic disorders portosystemic vascular anomalies and microvascular dysplasia. Dr. Center's current research funded by the [AKC Canine Health Foundation](http://www.akcchf.org), expects to genotype small breed dogs with portosystemic vascular anomalies and microvascular dysplasia.

### **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](http://www.tartangsc.org). Contributions are tax deductible. This month's donors are:*

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12 oz cheap tuna  
 12 oz canned turkey  
 12 oz canned chicken  
 2 eggs  
 3 ½ to 4 cups of flour  
 3 teaspoons of garlic powder  
 (not garlic salt)

Mix well. Spread thinly on a cookie sheet. Bake at 225 degrees for 20 minutes. Cut into quarters to facilitate turning. Turn it over and bake another 20 to 25 minutes. Cut into small squares. Keep refrigerated and freeze the extra.

**Agility Trial – Help Requested**

TarTan's annual **August Agility Trials** will be held on Saturday and Sunday August 9 and 10, 2008 at American K9 Country in Amherst NH. This site is indoors and air conditioned. For site info check out [www.americank9country.com](http://www.americank9country.com) any questions contact trial chair Maureen McLatchy [pinebirch@juno.com](mailto:pinebirch@juno.com) or 603-878-3155.

**Please contact Maureen if you are able to help out in any way. Workers are needed!**

**Do You Remember... ?**

As you read in your previous Tidings, the editors are introducing a new column, which premiered in a recent issue.

Please remember, your story may be funny, serious, educational, informative (perhaps sharing memories of influential members who are no longer with us) or other things/events that are an integral part of TarTan.

We look forward to receiving and sharing your remembrance.

- The Editors

**Got a favorite Gordon Goodie or a special treat you would like to share? Send your Recipe Ideas and Suggestions to Karol or Jani for publication in the Newsletter!!**

**-TarTan Super Raffle-**

Prize winner will get a week in September '09 at Eden House in Bar Harbour Maine.

**Tickets will be sold at:** the Picnic, by mail, and at the TarTan Specialty in October.

**The drawing will be held at the Specialty.**

Tickets will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.

The proceeds will go to the Health and Genetics Committee.

The prize is being offered by Gary and Betsy Cabit.

There are pictures of the house on their website you may request raffle tickets from Robin Marshall or Cindy Fitzgerald via email or snail mail

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**GS Show Net**

With the rising costs of showing dogs, not the least of which is the price of gas, and the difficulties of finding shows with points, a couple of months ago an email list was put together that lets everyone know what shows are coming up, who the judge is and so forth. Listers then let the others know what they are entering and so we all know where there will be points. It's definitely working, as at least 3 dogs finished at the Yankee Classic Cluster in West Springfield over the 4th of July weekend and another the weekend before.

**If you're not already on the list and would like to be added, please send an email to [trilogygordons@aol.com](mailto:trilogygordons@aol.com) asking to be included.**

Duncan is doing well. He and Maggie get along well, and he has found a dear friend in our daughter, Jenna. She is his most hands-on fan. I think when summer vacation ends, he will really miss her.

Things I have learned....

The regal face of the Gordon Setter looks quite comical when they counter surf a banana, I will note, however, that when I took it out of his mouth it only had one dent. Impressive. If he can't get another banana, a peach will do fine.

Fruit ripens more quickly when it's placed on top of the refrigerator (for safe keeping).

Do you want your Gordon to come to you when they are running in the yard, with no apparent interest in coming back? Make a very big deal, showy and smoochy, to your other dog, telling her how wonderful she is, and how she's mommy's girl. And PRESTO! there he is. Jealousy works every time.

Duncan is not a fan of fireworks.

But - our neighborhood sits on a lake, and we took him there with the children. He went absolutely loopy when he saw the boats. He also had a very nice swim. My children were upset with me that I wouldn't let him off his (very long for this purpose) leash, so that they could swim with him. I didn't think letting him off the leash was a stellar idea, even in the lake.

He still likes to steal toys. So did Maggie at his age. We take a wait and see approach, and hope he grows out of it.

He and Maggie walked in our neighborhood's July 4th parade. He and John had a nice brisk walk. It was a very long parade, and eventually, Maggie and I brought up the end. Walking Duncan and Maggie, as my husband points out, is good entertainment for the neighbors.

Hope that all is well, and that you are all enjoying the summer.

All the best,

Marcia Liss



### **2008 TarTan Supported Entries**

**Northwestern Connecticut  
Kennel Club**  
September 2008

All information will be updated as it becomes available.  
Karol Paduch  
Supported Entry Chair

**Lynn Tenny** has graciously updated the TarTan web-site. Membership should visit our web-site often at **[www.TarTanGSC.org](http://www.TarTanGSC.org)**.

Also, now listed on our web-site is a link to **ALL Canine Health Clinics throughout the United States.**



**Celebrate Columbus Day  
By Joining Your  
Fellow Gordon Setter Exhibitors at the  
2008 Independent TarTan GSC Specialty  
Monday, October 13, 2008  
Rotary Pavilion, South Windsor, CT.**

**Breed & Junior Showmanship: Mrs Patricia Mowbray-Morgan  
Puppy Sweepstakes: Ms. Susan Tapp  
Obedience & Rally: Ms Elizabeth "Tibby" Chase**

**Trophies will be lovely North Carolina Pottery  
Special prizes for Junior Showmanship Classes – Savings Bonds**

**TarTan will again be hosting their super raffle and delicious luncheon  
And who will not enjoy New England's famous fall foliage !!!!**

Show Chairman: Robin Marshall      Obedience Chairman: Phyllis Lundy  
 Raffle: Cindy Fitzgerald & Liz Wilshere      Hospitality: Karol Paduch  
 Catalogue Ads: Laura Bedford      Trophies : Beth Beatty  
 Grounds: Larry Clifford/Richard Dwyer  
 Show Secretary: New England Dog Events Services – [info@nedogs.com](mailto:info@nedogs.com)

Whether you have an entry or not, it is ALWAYS a great day to enjoy watching our beautiful Black and Tans and spend time with friends and family....  
Meeting new friends or reminiscing with old ones !

## Anti-Canine Legislation: A Clear and Present Danger

By Jay Kitchener

Dog owners across the US are seeing an alarming increase in the number and scope of laws that directly impact dog ownership. According to Walter Bebout, Director of Government Relations at the AKC, "In January of 2008 we were actively monitoring 527 pieces of legislation in 37 states. In June of 2008 we are monitoring 694 pieces of legislation in 44 states."

"Anti-canine legislation is a serious threat to the future of the sport of dogs" says AKC board member Dr. Tom Davies.

With increased staffing and new facilities, the AKC's Government Relations Department follows legislation in 33,000 government jurisdictions. "We know what's happening in Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles. We don't know what's happening in smaller, local jurisdictions," explains Bebout. "That's where we need folks to pay attention to what's happening in their town and let our department know." Bebout encourages concerned dog owners to contact his department through the newly upgraded website at [http://www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation/](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/).

"It never ceases to amaze me how effective purebred dog owners can be when they pull together in defense of their sport" says Stephanie Lane, editor of the AKC's newsletter *Taking Command*. "The onset of summer means more dog owners are spending time outside with their pets. Subsequent increases in dog bites or related incidents can result in calls for breed bans and the like, so be sure to monitor your communities closely."

While it's impossible to list in one article the hundreds of legislative brushfires across the country, following is a brief summary of some of the current legislation taken from the web site *State of Mine, Legislative Events, National Pet Press* at [www.nationalpetpress.com](http://www.nationalpetpress.com)

**NEW YORK** <http://assembly.state.ny.us/>

**Buffalo** - Victims of dog bites calling for dog owner database and revisions to state law. Under the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, a determination is made whether that particular dog involved is dangerous, and the law doesn't look collectively at all the dogs involved.

**Schenectady** - The new SPCA branch would have more peace officers than any other county in New York outside of New York City. Peace officers have the legal authority to investigate animal abuse charges and make arrests. They can carry handguns and mace, wear body armor and charge violators with crimes ranging from violations to felonies, some punishable by up to four years in prison. They may only exercise their authority while on duty, though.

**Watertown** - The owners of a cat killed by neighbors dogs will be petitioning the Watertown City Council to update the city animal control ordinances at the next council meeting. They also believe, since the city contracts with the county for animal control that the Jefferson County Legislature needs to address the selective enforcement policy of Animal Control as well.

**Wheatfield** - Residents who run dog kennels or boarding operations will have to obtain a special use permit under an amendment to the zoning law that the Town Board adopted Monday night, 4/14/2008 [s.com/State-Of-Mine/0805\\_legislation](http://www.com/State-Of-Mine/0805_legislation)

**MASSACHUSETTS** <http://www.mass.gov/>

**Haverhill** - The City Council will hold one more committee meeting on new laws for dangerous dogs and then vote on a proposal for tougher rules and penalties in three weeks. "Public Safety can finish the discussion from last night and come back to us in three weeks," City Council President Michael Hart said, referring to a standing-room-only meeting Monday night (5/5/08) at City Hall. The proposal would establish two categories of canines - dangerous dogs and potentially dangerous dogs. Dogs would be deemed dangerous or potentially dangerous by the city's dog officer or police chief, based on preset criteria. A dangerous dog is defined in the proposed ordinances as a dog that has bitten, attacked or terrorized a person, or a dog that is bred for fighting or drug trafficking. A potentially dangerous dog is a canine that acts in such an aggressive manner that the dog officer believes the animal is likely to attack a person. The proposal would give police new tools to control dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs, the mayor said. For instance, the police chief or dog officer may order the dog confined indoors or outdoors in an enclosed pen. Police may also order the dog's owner to purchase insurance in case the dog attacks and injures a person, according to the proposal. The ordinance also provides a \$50 licensing surcharge for dangerous dogs. Other measures provided in the proposal would allow police to order owners of dangerous dogs to purchase behavioral training for the dog, home signs alerting the area to the presence of a dangerous dog and microchips to monitor the animal. Penalties for not following any requirements imposed by the police chief or dog officer range from \$100 to destroying the animal.

**Lynn** - Ward 1 City Councilor Wayne Lozzi is proposing that landlords take out a \$100,000 liability policy for tenants in possession of violent animals. Lozzi said the proposed amendment is a proactive approach to potentially control fierce dogs, instead of waiting for an animal to bite an unsuspecting person.

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MAINE <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/>

Two bills dealing with animal welfare issues came before the legislature this session for consideration. The first, LD 2171, a Department of Agriculture bill, amended the animal welfare laws including the controversial definition of a breeding kennel.

The Federation of Maine Dog Clubs was instrumental in amending proposed language to LD 2171. The language in question would have created a new definition of breeding kennel, requiring that anyone owning 5 or more dogs who sells, offers for sale, or exchanges for value, any of the offspring, would have to be licensed as a breeding kennel; opening them up to state regulations and annual and unscheduled inspections by the Animal Welfare Program.

FMDC's lobbyist was able to negotiate language that exempts any kennel holding a municipal kennel license to sell or exchange up to 16 animals in a 12-month period before rising to the level of a breeding kennel.

The other bill LD 2010, An Act to Ensure Ethical and Humane Dog Breeding in the State grew out of response to the high profile dog seizures that took place last fall. The bill was submitted as a concept draft, which meant that no actual language existed, making it difficult for people to offer positive or negative comments on the issue. The animal welfare program suggested the bill be turned into a resolve directing the Commissioner of the Department Agriculture to convene a stake holders group to look at the issue of dog breeding in the State and make recommendations to the Legislature.

The resolve was approved and the stake holders group will begin its work this summer.

VERMONT <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/>

Vermont's Supreme Court will hear a case about whether a pet owner has the right to compensation for the emotional pain and loss of companionship when the animal dies as a result of negligence. Sensing the importance of the case, veterinary associations—including the AVMA—animal rights groups, and other interested parties are weighing in. Although limited to the state of Vermont, the court's decision has the potential to reshape animal jurisprudence in this country as well as the practice of veterinary medicine.

**H0067** - AN ACT RELATING TO HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE AND DOMESTIC DOGS - This bill proposes to prohibit the presence of dogs as a factor in the sale of homeowner's insurance except when a specific dog is documented to have caused significant damage to real or personal property or bodily injury to a person.

**H0108** - AN ACT RELATING TO THE IMPOUNDMENT OF VICIOUS DOMESTIC PETS OR WOLF-HYBRIDS - This bill proposes to direct municipalities to impound immediately a domestic pet or wolf-hybrid that has attacked a person .

**H0186** - AN ACT RELATING TO MUNICIPAL DAMAGES FOR DOMESTIC ANIMALS INJURED OR KILLED BY DOGS - This bill proposes to limit the financial liability of municipalities for damages for domestic animals killed or injured by dogs to no more than \$125.00 per animal.

**H0287** - AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTING UN-TETHERED DOGS IN OPEN PICKUP TRUCKS - This bill proposes to prohibit the transportation of un-tethered dogs in the back of open pickup trucks.

**H769** - AN ACT RELATING TO REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL DOG BREEDERS IN VERMONT. This bill proposes to regulate commercial dog breeders in Vermont.

**S0022** - AN ACT RELATING TO PREVENTION OF INJURIES CAUSED BY DANGEROUS DOGS - This bill proposes to prevent injuries from dangerous dogs.

**S0341** - AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF PET MERCHANTS - This bill clarifies that a pet dealer is anyone who sells an animal and sets out compliance criteria for dog breeders.

CONNECTICUT <http://www.cga.ct.gov/>

**HB 5829** - AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF ROAMING ANIMALS AND PUBLIC SAFETY. The bill narrows the current law that allows the chief animal control officer and other animal control officers to impound dogs or other animals to include only dogs that are roaming; do not have the required municipal tag or plate on their bodies, or are injured, neglected, abandoned or cruelly treated. It does not specify how animal control officers should care for other animals in similar conditions (e.g., cats, ferrets, and other animals kept as pets). Also includes provisions for roaming livestock.

**Wallingford** - Dubuc is worried the sound of the wind may be overshadowed by the echo of barking. On a nearby piece of property two Hamden residents are hoping to get a special planning and zoning permit to build a dog kennel, and the public outcry is easily read. Large red and white signs say "Stop the commercial dog kennel". "They could bark the entire time, affecting our quality of life." Benson Snaider, the attorney representing the petitioners, argues the property is already zoned for such a venture. "It is a rural area, where the zoning regulations contemplate there will be residential and agricultural uses. Agricultural uses means farms. It also includes kennels," he said. There was the hope the Planning & Zoning Commission would vote on the matter Monday night,(5/12/08) but the question has been raised whether this issue should be brought before the Wetlands Commission so the hearing was tabled until next month.

**Continued from page 10****RHODE ISLAND** <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/>

H7011 - AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS - DOGS - This act would permit the animal control officer in the town of Warren to issue citations to animal owners who are in violation of any animal control ordinance which may be paid by mail and also to prescribe pecuniary penalties.

House read and passed.

H7212 - AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS - This act would provide for judicial direction regarding incarceration related to animal fighting.

H7284 - AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - DOGS - This act would prohibit any person from keeping a dog tethered, penned, caged, fenced or other wise confined outside for more than thirty (30) minutes when temperature is beyond the weather safety scale as set forth in the most recent adopted version of the Tufts Animal Care Condition Scale. "Guardian" is also defined as the owner/possessor of the dog 2/27/2008 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

S2006 - AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS -DOGS - This act would permit the animal control officer in the town of Warren to issue citations to animal owners who are in violation of any animal control ordinance which may be paid by mail and also to prescribe pecuniary penalties. Senate read and passed 05/15/2008

S2008 - AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS - This act would increase the various penalties related to animal cruelty.

S2030 - AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS - This act would provide for mandatory imprisonment for convictions related to animal fighting

S2043 - AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS - This act would add the director of the defenders of animals or his or her designee to the hearing panel which decides whether as dog should be declared vicious.

S2096 - AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - DOGS - This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person that keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise contained without adequate shelter

**In Memoriam**

“And now I'm glad I didn't know  
The way it all would end, the way it all would go  
Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain  
But I'd of had to miss the dance” **The Dance**

**Ch Sastya Trilogy Tradition**

(Ch Bit'O Gold Titan Timebomb x Ch JPS Kilernan Ruby Ruby)

Jodi Marie

June 20, 1999 – June 16, 2008

Loved and missed by Karol Paduch & The Trilogy Clan

**Got a story?**

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**Jane DeCasteja Has.....**

Two New Bench Champions from the same household on the same day July 4th in Springfield MA under Mary Ann Alston

Loch, Blackburn Sir Launcelot JH  
Laure, Gordon Hill Rothesay of Bute.

Unbelievable, they earned their majors on the same days: June 1 Framingham -3 point majors and July 4 - both 5 point majors

Now they can run in the field and do what they love best - find birds.

Thank you all Dear Gordon Setter People



Woodsmoke Stella By Starlight JH sittin' pretty after qualifying for the final leg of her Standard Agility title

Owners: Liz Wilshere, Cindy Fitzgerald  
& Beth Beatty

### **Candid Photos and Videos Needed for the TarTan Archives**

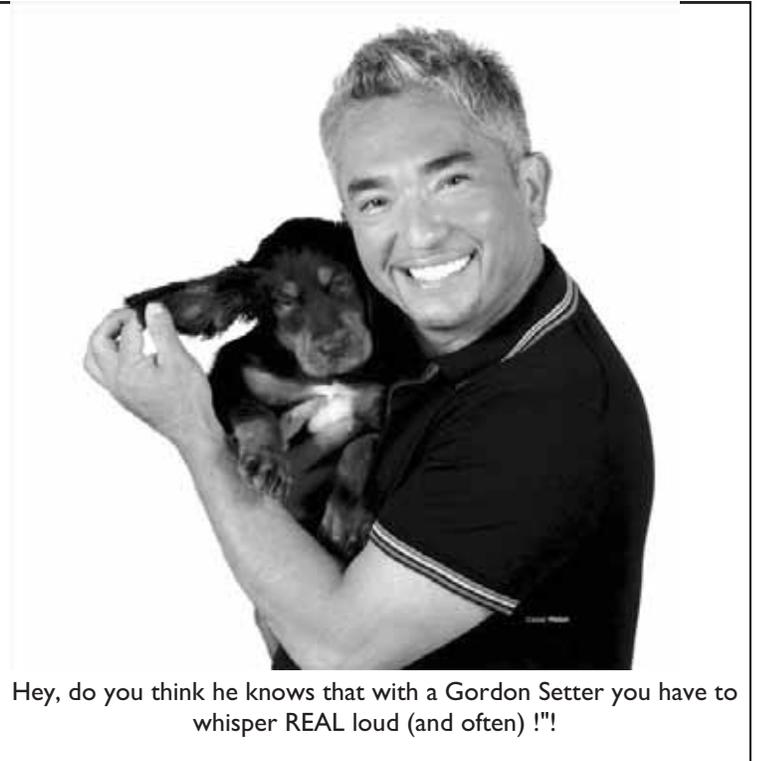
If you have any of the following, please consider donating them to the TarTan Archives:

Any candid photographs of the 2007 National Specialty at Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, WI or the National Championship and Field Trial. Cloverdale Farm, Sutherlin, Virginia. Please send photos to archives on a CD if possible. (High resolution images provide the most flexibility for future use.)

Videos of past TarTan specialties or parts of the specialties. (If you can burn a copy to CD or DVD, that'd be great, but ask Karen what format she'd prefer.)

Thanks for your help!

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Hey, do you think he knows that with a Gordon Setter you have to whisper REAL loud (and often) !!"