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Almost every year, without fail, Beth Beatty travels back to England to attend the Crufts Dog Show and touch base with her origins.

Almost every year one of us says, without fail, "Someday we need to go too." Well, this year was the year that some of us TarTan members decided to go for it. I think it may have started with Cindy and Liz, quickly adding our ES friend Faith Grogan (who had no idea what she was getting into with us Gordon folk) and then filling out the tour group with Candice Bell and Diane Dargay.

Plans were started, Beth would already be there on family business so the five of us would fly into London and spend a few days playing tourist, and then travel up to Birmingham to meet Beth and experience Crufts. We left much of the grass roots planning in Beth's capable hands and as we progressed towards the travel date, things were going along pretty easily- we had our plane tickets, hotel rooms, rail passes, London travel passes, and Crufts tickets all paid for and in hand. Diane would be traveling on a slightly earlier flight out of JFK and we four planned on meeting her at Heathrow so that our odyssey could commence.

Too smooth, right? Well, you remember that pesky late season blizzard that hit NE with a vengeance? Well guess what day we were scheduled to fly out? You got it! Needless to say, sitting 9 hours at JFK to find out of we were going to be able to get out was nerve wracking enough, and then having Diane's plane leave a few hours before us added to the migraine. They did find us a plane and a crew and we did get out (last plane to leave JFK that night), Candice spoke to everyone as usual, so she now has lots of new friends at JFK if she ever needs them, and we did eventually meet up with Diane the next morning, so everything was finally a 'go'.

We took the train into Paddington Station (and that darn Paddington Bear story is even cuter when you hear it at the Station) and booked into The Columbia Hotel which has a huge amount of history and character and was right on Hyde Park... awesome location for sure. Okay, so the rooms were a little like dormitories and the elevator (oops, sorry-lift) was a bit small and slow, but the shower was hot and the twin beds were comfortable (as long as you didn't roll out of it, huh Liz?). Unfortunately

the long trip hit both Faith and Candice hard and they decided to lay low the first evening, but Liz and Diane and Cindy set out on foot across Hyde Park to get our first London experience. The park is amazing, but when we reached the other side, it started to drizzle and Diane, bless her adventuresome soul, had us get on the first bus that showed up. So off we went, eventually ending up in Piccadilly Circus (where I saw the **Burton** London store to report back to my son) and we priced out new Barbour coats-not. To get back to the hotel, we decided to experience the Tubewhich was a success with Diane's navigational skills...well, sort of ...turns out she 'almost' read the map correctly, but got us off the tube about a million blocks from our hotel ! But we WERE heading in the right direction and it wasn't raining THAT hard and the sidewalks were wide and flat so even though we arrived back at the hotel looking like drowned rats, we did find our way home !



The tour group at the Tower of London



Mounted guards

And the next day...we were OFF !!!!! The best 24 pounds we spent was getting on that double-decker tour bus . It was cold and windy but we were determined to stay up top. Our tour guide was great and the tour afforded us the ability to see quite a bit of London, take scads of pictures, do plenty of oohing and aahing and narrow our more intensive search down to what we really needed to see before we left. (Actually, it was Diane that took the scads of pictures as we had informally voted her to be the photographer on the trip. I think she took close to 500 and they all came out excellent. When we got home, hubby Bill proceeded to download them all and send us CD's with all the shots...what great memories !) We got off at the Tower of London and had a wonderful tour, hearing all the gruesome details of the torture chambers, learned



flyball winners in kilts

about the royal ravens and saw the Crown Jewels. Interesting that in the gift shop Diane and I bought the same souvenir for her husband and my grand daughter- a build your own guillotine- hmmm. We then took a boat down the Thames to Westminster Abbey, an amazing and sobering experience. Wandered around the Parliament and saw Big Ben and various protesters but decided we were in love with the City no matter what. As Liz said..."Bacon and chocolate...I love this place !" The last day in London, before heading north, had us back on that bus but planning on getting off at Buckingham Palace to see the changing of the guards... luck was with us as we ended up in a very small tour group with a extremely gregarious guide (quickly turning into Candice's new BFF) who took us on a walking tour along some of the roads and paths around the Palace, showing us some beautiful old buildings and regaling us with gossip and stories about the Royals. Rather than follow the crowds to hang at the fence at the Palace, he took us where the guard mustered for inspection and we got to march right along with the new guard and their band all the way to the Palace-awesome ! Before catching the train to Coventry/Birmingham some of us shopped while some went to Madame Tussands (too bad that they could not get Liz up on that bike next to Lance for a picture though) and the Beatles Store.

That evening we took a train up to Coventry (to our hotel) to meet Beth and begin our few days at Crufts. Great set up as the train was a 5 minute walk to our hotel and a 15 minute ride to be dropped us off directly in front of the NEC (where the show was). Let me digress a minute and mention how wonderful the transportation was, dogs with their owners on the tube, buses and trains was a great sight, although we did start laughing thinking of William and Stella sitting quietly at Candice and Liz's feet while people walked past coming and going...ha-not happening !

The NEC is a huge structure of multiple connected halls...each hall was as large as most of our dog show venues and each hall was full to the brim...an amazing, overwhelming, sensory overload experience. There were five halls, a pavilion and an arena and the activity in each hall was an all day, all consuming affair. Each hall boasted multiple show rings, adjacent benching areas and as many vendors as could fit in the rest of the space....We were there for day two and day three and I know that we did not see it all-not even close ! We tried to spend Friday getting most of our shopping done....not a small challenge, but kept finding ourselves drawn to the arena to watch everything from flyball to canine good citizen demos to every stage and size of agility. We temporarily lost Diane in the flyball benching area, snapping pictures and trading flyball stories and none of us could get enough of the heeling to music routines. The main hall boasted an area for the junior kennel club and all their activities, rings set up for every demonstration imaginable (guide dogs, herding dogs, gun dogs, service dogs, etc), rows and rows of informational booths for every breed in the 'Meet The Breed' area, sponsors booths, health & genetics booths, charitable auction booths, and on and on and on.



proper poop receptacles

Just to show the size of the show, Saturday ONLY Gun dogs were judged and there were thousands of them, boasting 36 rings with numbers like: 178 Gordon Setters, 103 Large Munsterlanders, 565 Labrador Retrievers & 118 Nova Scotia Duck Tollers. The benching areas were like huge pockets of neighborhoods...old friends gathering to share stories and refreshments...and the dogs basically just hung out and enjoyed the action. I will have to admit that I was more than a little uncomfortable watching some of the handling in the rings, dogs facing whichever way was comfortable for the handler, handlers splaying out their legs to stack their dogs, and when one handler reached into his pocket and pulled out thinning scissors and started working on his dog while he was in the line up, it was almost too much to bear.

We bumped into Debby Freidus near the pointer ring and Beth actually did go into the ring with a friend's dog, although we had to keep hissing at her to not over show her charge! I had the pleasure of seeing three of my Finnish friends, who had also come in for the show, and we touched base with some of our German and British friends as well. I do have to say, that if someone had offered me an Irish Red & White or a Welsh Springer to take home...I might have been more than a little tempted.

The high point for me had to have been sitting in the arena, listening to those wonderful announcers and watching the talented performance dogs and their handlers. We saw the International agility championship and Heeling to Music competitors and the rapport between animal and handler in all cases was extreme and beautiful and somewhat awe inspiring. It also didn't hurt that the fly ball team championship was won by a group that competed in kilts !

The next day we took the train back down to London, to experience one more day in this lovely city...back to our wonderful hotel and then out into the park...heading off to see Kensington Palace and all the surroundings. Sunday afternoon in Hyde Park looked just like a postcard and we were smitten. Unfortunately, on our way to Harrods we were caught in a huge deluge and ended up soaked to the skin and worried that when we did reach the store they would not let us in. No fear, everyone else was as wet as we were and as we wandered all the floors of this amazing store, we had problems keeping our mouths from gaping open and salivating with all the delicious aromas coming from the food halls. We ended up in the chocolate parlor and had chocolate fondue and hot chocolate and chocolate biscuits to help make us feel better after our wet trek across town. That evening we walked to the local pub, stopping briefly inside to pet Maude-a spaniel of sorts who was curled up under a table while her owner had a pint-and had a lovely Sunday Roast pub dinner to end our week in Britain. The next morning we hailed down a cab at 5 am and headed to the station where we took the express back to Heathrow for our MUCH less eventful trip home, where we met Debbie again in the terminal....well, almost uneventful because it appeared that Faith must have looked exceedingly suspicious as she kept slowing us down going through security. First, she beeped going through the metal detector and had to get wanded, then they found oversized jars of jams in her carry on and then, just as we thought we were home free, they pulled her aside for a random check (of course we had to lean against a wall to keep from falling down with laughter as we waited for her). I have to admit that she was not the only 'issue' at Heathrow... my bag was deemed 'overweight' and we had spread everything out on the floor while I shifted things to carry on bags. But the flight home was not full and we did get to spread out, making things much easier. Getting our luggage at JFK proved to be uneventful, although this time it was Liz that held up the party when they pulled her out of line for a bag check, letting Faith get a laugh in for a change ! (Must have been that Long Island accent of hers that sounded fishy)

So the TarTan Traveling Show arrived home exhausted, but could not stop talking about what a wonderful time we had...I could actually live in London (Ella and Lena agreed with me after I described the pubs and the parks) and going to Crufts was a mecca for dog enthusiasts which we all HIGHLY recommend. Hmmm..wonder where next year will find us !





Our Adventures – Part 4



The fourth installment in the continuing saga of a Gordon Setter and his man.

Joyce my dear, what ever are ye up to oot in our kitchen? You have been oot there say lang I've quite forgotten what ye look like! I see our friends are coming up the walk, would ye be putting the kettle on while I answer the door.

Good day, good day tay ye. It is marvelous tay see ye all again, come in and have a seat. Let me tak your coats. It's a wonderful spring day is it no? So have ye come tay hear anither tale of Brodie? Aye, well let me just think a bit. The boy has had quite a few adventures, but maybe I will tell you a bit of a medley of hunting tales. Would that suit ye? All right then here we go.

The last hunting tale I told you of was Brodie's first hunting experience. Well, he has come a bit of a way since then.

There was this time that just the two of us went oot on a Tuesday afternoon. I was nay expecting very much as the best hunting is first thing in the morning, but off we went anyway.

As I had expected there was nay much to be seen, but we were having a fine walk. As we were working through some rather heavy scrub pine and oak, Brodie started to act a wee bit birdy. As I followed the lad, he suddenly concentrated his efforts in one wee area. Well, I could see quite plainly that there was nothing about, but leave that area he would nay. After several minutes of looking doon about the ground, my gaze rose up, and I was looking square in tay the eyes of a cock pheasant. I just aboot fell doon. I gathered my composure as best I could and realized that this bird was stuck firm, by the neck, in the crook of a tree branch, dead as dead could be. I inspected the bird and determined that this was a fairly recent kill, probably nay more than a few hours old. I canna tell ye how this bird ended his days in such a fashion, but I can tell ye that he went straight tay my game bag. So here we are, one bird in the bag and not a shot fired. All right Brodie lad, let's find another.

But try as we might, we could find nay more. As we are walking oot along the fire roads, we approached a crossroad and I happened tay glance up the intersecting road a bit and there in the middle of that road sat a fat rooster. Well, says I, this is a bit of a gift. The bird was aboot one hundred and fifty yards from where we were and as I started toward him, I watched him leave the road and go into the thicket to the left. Nay bother Brodie, we know where he is, we will find him. We arrived at the area where the bird left the road and as I started to enter to the left where I had seen the bird go, Brodie went tay the right. "No Brodie lad. He is over here in this thicket. Come on let's go get him."

Brodie refuse tay leave the opposite side of the road. "You're a thick headed, stubborn wee dug Brodie, now get over here and find this bird". As I took one more step into the thicket, behind me, from the opposite side of the road I heard a bird erupt into flight. I quickly turned to see the rooster flying away without me having a prayer of a shot.

Much chastened, I meekly apologized to Brodie. I had violated the first three rules of hunting with a bird dog

Always trust your bird dog.

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When in doubt refer to rules 1 & 2.

On another occasion, Brodie and I were hunting with my favorite hunting companion, my son Andrew. We all call him Andy. Joyce also joined us, which is a bit of a rarity, albeit a welcome one. Joyce was carrying a camera not a shotgun and was to be our photographer that day. It was a foul day, if you'll excuse the pun. Foggy and damp with the promise of rain any moment.



As always, we had quite a bit of company entering into the fields. I am quite proud to say that the other hunters might not remember my name but they all know Brodie by name and reputation. Many is the time that these hunters and their dogs have gone through an area ahead of Brodie and I only to have Brodie come on point and occasionally this poor shot would even hit one of the birds Brodie had so dutifully found. So yes, they know Brodie well.

So, getting on with the story, we entered one of the fields, I to the left, Andy to the right and Joyce a bit behind us, muttering something about how wet everything was. As we came up the crest of a rise in the field, I watched Brodie come on point about sixty to seventy yards from us. "Hold" I yelled out to the lad. "Brodie is on point", I told Andy and my dear, damp wifey. As we approached I told Andy to take a position to my right and I would walk in and flush the bird. I took a step or two and the bird exploded from the undergrowth. Andy took first shot, but rushed his shot and missed. It was up to me, the pressure was on, the gun was already in position, I followed through and squeezed the trigger. I was not even conscious of the report of the gun. Down the bird fell and Joyce captured the moment with her camera. Twice more that day did we repeat this before the skies opened and in a matter of moments we were soaked to the skin. But we arrived back at the car park with full game bags and big smiles, except poor Joyce who I don't think was very happy about being so wet.

Alright, one last tale and then we will have some tea.

Last Thanksgiving day, Andy, Brodie and I joined the Thanksgiving Day multitude for a morning of pheasant hunting. I don't know why, but on this holiday we see more hunters at the fields than we see all year.

Anyway, as we are walking up the fire road on the way into the main fields. We had about six or eight hunters about forty yards ahead of us. Brodie had moved up the road a bit and was just out of my direct line of sight when I heard a fellow shout, "Brodie is on point". Andy and I increased our pace and arrived to find Brodie holding point on the side of the fire road with those same hunters that were ahead of us standing a bit further up the road watching in admiration of my boy.

Andy and I took up positions and I moved into flush. A hen pheasant took to the air. Andy's shot was blocked, I took two quick shots only to miss and I yelled to one of the hunters "Bill, take her". Bill took a shot and missed also.

This was all a bit embarrassing for me, missing such an easy shot whilst under the gaze of fellow hunters.

One of the hunters said that he saw where she had landed and it was probably about seventy yards away down an intersecting fire road. So off we went down that road. Brodie broke into the brush on the side, went in about thirty yards and locked up on point.

American Kennel Club Offers New Training Program to Make Your Puppy the S.T.A.R. of the Community

The arrival of a new puppy is an exciting time for any household. But what happens if your cute, cuddly pup turns into a chewing, barking, digging, and eating machine? Before long it becomes clear that your new arrival means there's a lot for *you* to do, and even more for him to learn.

To help all dog owners properly train their puppies, the American Kennel Club® (AKC) has introduced the AKC S.T.A.R.sm Puppy Program (www.akc.org/starpuppy). "S.T.A.R." stands for what every puppy needs – **S**ocialization, **T**raining, **A**ctivity and a **R**esponsible owner. The program, a natural precursor to becoming an AKC Canine Good Citizen®, provides all dog owners with the early guidance needed to get their puppies off to the best possible start in life and set them up to thrive as adult dogs. "Puppies learn things from the moment they open their eyes," said Mary Burch, Ph.D, AKC STAR Puppy and CGC Director. "We want to do our part to make sure all puppies have a good life. Early training and socialization along with teaching owners necessary skills is the key to guaranteeing a puppy will become an upstanding family member, a Rover who never roams, and a lover (not chewer) of your favorite shoes."

Owners can get started by enrolling in a six-week puppy or basic training class that is instructed by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator. Classes include valuable training tips for puppy owners – such as how to housetrain – and lessons on practical skills for puppies – such as coming when called. The program is open to all dogs. Puppies can begin training as soon as they have the necessary vaccines and they can enroll in AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy at any point up until their first birthday.

At the end of the training course, the CGC Evaluator will administer the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy test. Upon passing, owners and their puppies will be enrolled in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program and will receive an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy package which includes:

- A frameable certificate
- An Olympic style gold AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy medal
- AKC Puppy Handbook
- Discount enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery
- Subscription to monthly e-mail newsletter that includes training tips

Additional information on AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy can be found online at www.akc.org/starpuppy.



SUMMER EVENT

All Breed Micro Chip Clinic

Saturday, July 18, 2009

Tails U Win 175 Adams Street

Manchester, CT

Air Conditioned – Bring your chairs

Debra Freidus, DVM

Time: 10:30am – 1pm

First come, First serve.

Cost: \$35.00

Lunch available for a nominal cost

For additional information contact NESGA Club Secretary

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BOSTON'S TOP DOGS 2008

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Bulldog
4. Golden Retriever
5. Yorkshire Terrier **
6. Boxer
7. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
8. Dachshund ***
9. Beagle
10. Boston Terrier/Pug ****

* Registration data pulled from Boston zip codes as specified by U.S. Postal Service

** Tied for 4th

*** Tied for 7th

**** Tied for 9th

"The Bulldog's popularity grew nationally as well as in Boston, rising from sixth most popular breed to third place," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Also noteworthy, the Boston Terrier, named after the city, and affectionately called the (American Gentleman) tied with the Pug and Beagle for ninth



SUMMER EVENT

AKC Sanctioned Match

Open to Sporting Breeds Only

Saturday, July 18, 2009

Tails U Win 175 Adams Street

Manchester, CT

Air-conditioned – Bring your chairs!

Puppy Classes 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, and 9-12 mo

Adult Classes 12-18 mo, Novice, Bred-By and Open

Best Puppy in Match * Best Adult in Match *
Best Bred By Exhibitor

Judge: Sulie Greendale-Paveza

Entries taken 8:00a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Judging starts at 11:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$7.00 Second entry \$5.00

AKC Canine Good Citizen Test

Open to all breeds

Entry Fee: \$12.00

Entries 9-10:30 a.m. Start time 11:30 a.m.

Contact Evaluator: Gary Burdick
gary@burdicklabradors.com

Entries limited to 30 dogs for the CGC.

Lunch will be available along with ribbons, trophies and lots of fun!

A great way to start those puppies and to get the whole family into the swing of the show ring!

For additional information contact NESGA Club Secretary

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LIVING IN THE DARK
by Wendy Smith

Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) is the collective term for a group of inherited diseases of the retina, all of which are incurable and invariably lead to total blindness. PRA is known to affect many breeds of dog and characteristics, such as the age at which with the disease progresses, can vary from breed to breed. In some breeds the age of onset is very early but with other breeds, dogs may not start to go blind until they are well into middle age, or even older. Unfortunately, our lovely breed suffers from a late onset form of PRA.

Some will remember my Kewstoke Apprentice in the show ring as a total extrovert and a real handful for me. He is still a totally fit and healthy dog but his degree of vision now is zero. It was two years ago, when he was eight years old, that I realised that there was a problem with his eyesight. Interestingly, he had been eye tested when he was five years old, but there had been no indication of a problem then.

The initial symptoms were unwillingness to go outside at dusk or night and, unusual for him, panic when faced with a dim situation on a walk. Heavy shading in woodland would spook him; he simply refused to walk in places like that. A year ago it was shadows, but now, even in the brightest sunlight, he walks into every obstacle.

In 2005 I moved to live in France and later Portugal. In May 2008 I returned to the UK and with a referral took my dog to see Mr. Paul J. Evans, MA, VetMB, CertVOphthal, MRCVS at his Veterinary Eye Hospital in Leominster. I was full of hope that I would be able to help my lovely boy to regain his sight; how disappointing to learn the facts. Total blindness was inevitable and we must learn to live with it. Then the real issue for me was to compile all available information, so that as a group the Gordon Setter fraternity are no longer ignorant of the facts.

The only thing I can do is tell the committees of our breed clubs, the Breed Council and, with your permission to go public, so that every member of the British Gordon Setter Club, Gordon Setter Association, Gordon Setter Club of Scotland and Field Trial Society is made aware of this debilitating disease, and to help us all understand how—with joint effort—this problem can be avoided. Sharing knowledge is our ally.

Dr. Malcolm Willis, known for his work in genetics, made a couple of suggestions:-

To record dogs ID with the blood samples

To circulate this report immediately to members of all UK Gordon Setter organisations, clubs, societies.

For the breed clubs and societies to recommend that the advice given in this report be acted upon by members in regard to tracing and collecting blood samples of affected dogs.

As responsible breeders it has become second nature to us to screen for HD with the BVA hip dysplasia scheme, which has resulted in the average hip score now much improved since it was included in the breed clubs' code of ethics. Many also gene test for the recessive liver coat pigment.

There are different forms of PRA, and PRA in different breeds can be caused by different genetic mutations. Several genetic mutations have been identified that cause PRA in different breeds. The mutation causing the PRA in the Gordon Setter is not one previously identified in other breeds, Optigen tested a blood sample from Kewstoke Apprentice and found our PRA is not one of the same genetic mutations already available in a DNA test. Which is a great pity for us all, as much time would have been saved in the search for a DNA test for the Gordon Setter. The Animal Health Trust does extensive research into genetic disorders and they will help with trying to locate the mutation responsible. Owners who have a dog whose vision concerns them should have a canine ophthalmologist confirm that the cause is PRA. Then they should submit a blood sample (preferred) or, if not, a cheek swab, to the AHT. Donating a sample is free and all information kept in the strictest confidence. For active research to begin it will be necessary to collect samples from at least twelve affected dogs. These will be safely stored by the AHT until sufficient samples have been collected. This number would give the genetic researchers enough material to start work on identifying the mutation responsible for PRA in the Gordon Setter. Blood samples from siblings or offspring of the affected dogs are also necessary. Finally, samples will also be needed from unaffected dogs. Because our PRA is a late onset condition, unaffected dogs should have had a clear eye examination over the age of ten years.

Once a gene test is available, puppies can have the gene test to verify their genetic status. Carriers can still be used in a breeding programme so long as they are only mated with dogs which test as non-carriers. Thus breeding blind dogs is avoided, and dogs which have many other excellent attributes are kept in the gene pool. Our breed clubs can introduce this into the Code of Ethics in the same way that the BVA/HD scoring came into practice.

Some members are under the misapprehension that one simple eye test with the vet will tell them that their dog doesn't have PRA, I hope that the following information will explain the disease more clearly. PRA is usually caused by an autosomal recessive mutation. This means that to be affected a dog must inherit two copies of the mutation: one from its sire, and one from its dam. It also means that both parents of an affected dog must be carriers. If a dog inherits a single copy of the mutation from either of its parents and a normal copy of the same gene from the other parent then it will be a carrier: it will never develop PRA during its lifetime but may pass the mutation on to approximately half its offspring.

If the dog inherits two copies of the mutation, one from each carrier parent, it will develop PRA, but its eyes will seem healthy until it reaches the 'age of onset' and clinical signs begin to develop. If an ophthalmologist examines a genetically affected dog before it begins to display clinical signs s/he will not be able to tell if the dog is affected and the dog will receive a clear eye certificate. An ophthalmologist can only tell a dog is genetically affected once the clinical signs of PRA have begun to develop. Then to further confuse us, secondary cataracts can also develop, frequently the local vet will attribute the early blindness to cataracts and the real cause is overlooked.

There are various scenarios for transmission which, given the limited gene pool for the British Gordon Setter, increase the odds of the disease occurring.

To explain this inheritance pattern, in terms of traffic lights ~

GREEN DOGS	CLEAR
YELLOW DOGS	CARRIER
RED DOGS	AFFECTED

RED DOGS ~ AFFECTED may not show signs of the disease until seven or eight years of age, and having a vet check the eyes in the younger years will not tell you whether your dog is clear, carrier or affected. Those of us with dogs over the age of about ten, that have received the all clear from an ophthalmologist, can be assured that those dogs are either (green) clear or (yellow) carrier.

1. When two green dogs are mated, both parents being clear of the disease, all the puppies will be genetically clear.
2. When one parent is (green) clear and the other is a (yellow) carrier, approximately half of all the puppies will be (green) clear and half will be (yellow) carrier, meaning 50% of the litter will be carriers.
3. When one parent is (green) clear and the other is (red) affected then all of the puppies will be (yellow) carriers.
4. When both parents are (yellow) carriers, then on average a quarter of their puppies will be (green) clear, a quarter will be (red) genetically affected and half will be (yellow) carriers.
5. When one parent is (yellow) carrier and the other parent is (red) affected then half the puppies will be (yellow) carriers and half will be (red) affected.
6. When both parents are (red) affected then all the offspring will be (red) affected.

In order to prevent PRA becoming endemic in Gordon Setters it is our responsibility as custodians of the breed to act now and share information. I have gone back to all previous litters, contacting as many buyers as possible in a relaxed and friendly manner, (so as not to cause alarm) and always included this question. 'Has there been any blindness?' Here are the results, together with the names of the parent dogs.

1999 ~ When I mated Kewstoke Kiss me Kate (died at 13 stone deaf but with good eyesight) with Shannas Family Fortune, both parents must have been carrying the recessive gene. In a litter of eight puppies, Kewstoke Apprentice and one female sibling have the disease now. Kewstoke Apprentice has sired puppies and all of his offspring must be carriers.

In 1998, I mated Kewstoke Caernie with Carek Dark Command. Again both parents must carry the recessive gene for, from a litter of nine, I have been able to contact seven owners and found a case of diagnosed PRA where the dog has been totally blind for the past eighteen months. One bitch from the litter went to a show home and has been used in a breeding programme; she had a 25% risk of being affected and a 50% possibility that she was a carrier.

A 1997 litter was bred by Judi Hartley (Arborsette) from Blackstock Lightning by Sh Ch Oaksett Northern Rising. Later Judi realized that the dam was affected when Lightning lost her sight at nine years. The sire must have been a carrier as, in a litter of eight pups, three have developed PRA and are now blind. It is heartbreaking enough to have one of your darlings lose their sight; imagine how Judi feels now that two of the sons that she and kept are affected also.

It is highly unlikely that we two are the only persons in the UK to have bred Gordon Setters which developed PRA, is it? I have also received information on other dogs which went blind before ten years of age and although not diagnosed with PRA were showing the same late onset symptoms. I am in the process of compiling a list of the affected dogs and obligatory carriers. This is only the tip of the iceberg, for every dog that develops PRA there will be many carriers in the breed.

I adore the Gordon Setter and never wish to be involved in any other breed. I have no wish to be ostracized by fellow members for making the subject of PRA an issue but, unlike the vision, it won't disappear.

Perhaps like me there are many members who were simply unaware. I hope that there are enough of you prepared to do the right thing, be honest and give support now to our breed and make the changes happen.

The Gordon Setter organisations to which most of us have membership are now proactive and are in the process of collating some helpful information and guidance. For members who want to donate blood or cheek samples from affected dogs, or parents, siblings, or offspring of affected dogs, contact bryan.mclaughlin@aht.org.uk for a kit for sample donation.



**Gordon Setter Club of Canada
2009 National Specialty
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In conjunction with
Manitoba Canine Association Inc.
**4 All Breed Championship Shows &
4 Obedience Trials,**
plus Manitoba Sporting Dog Specialty,
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– All Sweepstakes Classes

Friday, August 7th

Saturday, August 8th

**Veteran & Juvenile Sweepstakes, National Specialty Regular & Non-regular Classes, Junior Handling Tri-setter Seminar & Competition, After show Dinner, Tri-setter grooming seminar
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- Donations are most appreciated. Win a hand drawn pencil portrait of your dog: one entry for each \$10 donation!
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For more information, contact Bobbie Tucker at oakisle@gmail.com or 204-444-2718.

Look for full information on all events and future updates at our website: <http://www.gordonsetterclubcanada.com/>

Official MCA Premium List and entry forms available soon at: <http://www.manitoba-canine.ca/>

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Karol: Trilogygordons@aol.com

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SAVE THE DATE!

TarTan's Annual Picnic, Sunday, June 28th, at Flaherty.

Festivities will include bird work, games and food. Most important, election of officers and the annual membership meeting. Details will follow in a separate flyer.



TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for two (2) \$750 scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year.

These scholarships will be awarded nationally, to an owner, or child, or spouse of someone who owns a Gordon Setter, who is in college and enrolled in Animal Sciences (such as, Ecology, Zoology, Wildlife Management, etc.) or Comparative Medicine (such as, Pathobiology, Molecular Genetics, etc.) or is in a Veterinary college.

The application consists of four one-page essays. There is no age limit for applicants.

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/(413)885-6339, email: ginetteld@comcast.net.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is June 30, 2009.

Litter Announcement:

Born 29 April 2009

Dad: Am/Rus/Est Ch Kingpoint Either Or (Ruben)
Mom: Ch. Woodsmokes Ten Cents A Dance (Tess)

5 girls and 4 boys

Please contact Lynne Lavigne at 860-963-0200 or
email LLavigne@idt.com

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TARTAN SUPPORTED ENTRY

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Eastern Dog Club

The AKC Sporting Institute will be in attendance

Note The Bay Colony Cluster will be holding its shows at their new
 venue, The Providence Civic Center, Providence, Rhode Island
 More info later

NEW TITLES – March 2009**CONFORMATION****Champion**

Ch Sea Gem Woodsmoke Blues Diva MH (B) March 21, 2009
 (Ch Gordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x Ch Sea Gems Precious Black Satin)
 Breeder: NM & NM; Owner: Cindy Fitzgerald & Beth Beatty & Liz Wilshire

PERFORMANCE & FIELD:**Field Champion**

FC Falcons Blind Sided (D) March 14, 2009
 (NFC FC AFC Sandy Creek Skedaddle x FC Falcons Wingspan)
 Breeder/Owner: Patricia Sanborn

Companion Dog

Portree's Dream Of Cloudpath CD RN JH (D) March 20, 2009
 (Ch Triseter Ebonie Nirvana x Ch Triseter Ebonie Wisteria)
 Breeder: NM & NM; Owner: Jean De Strel & NM

Ravenwoods Larkin Macwalter CD (B) March 28, 2009
 (Ch Woodsmoke's Just Looking CDX RN JH OA AXP NAJ AJP x Ch Ravenwoods Hurry Sundown CD JH)
 Breeder: Nancy Large; Owner: S Alice Pickett & Nancy Large & RP Hale & Alicia P Hale

Rally Novice

Vintage Just A Whisper RN (B) March 1, 2009
 (Ch Pineridge Sutton Of Holly Hollow CD SH x Ch Highland's Glenlivet Jubilee JH)
 Breeder: NM; Owner: Susan Conley & Dennis Conley

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 March 1 – 31, 2009)

Submitted by Karol Paduch

Buddy came into rescue last fall as a young dog surrendered to a Rhode Island shelter, abused, skinny and terrified of everyone, especially kids. Jim Dillon took Buddy from the shelter to foster and get a vet check, and it was immediately determined that, on top of everything else, Buddy had Lyme disease, for which Jim began treatment. He also started Buddy on the road to trusting people again. Many of you who attended last fall's Specialty saw the "face shot" photo Jim took of Buddy and agreed he had a totally lovable face. Laura Bedford transported Buddy from Jim to meet up with his new family, Ann and Jim James in Hanover, NH. Ann and Jim have kept me and Tracy Murch, our permanent home coordinator, updated often on Buddy's (now Truman) progress. In March, I received this note and a picture:



Jim and I thought you might enjoy seeing this picture of Truman ("Buddy")--we've had him for five months now and he's gained 10-12 pounds--couldn't imagine not having him but must admit the first months were a real challenge.

He adores Jim and has recently begun coming to me in the house for affection, which is a tremendous step forward. He and I walk 2-3 miles every day.

He is still terribly afraid of children, but we can walk by them now. I think he shall always be on the "spooky" side but relaxes completely when alone with us.

Thank you for our Truman!
Ann James

We thank the James's for providing Truman/Buddy with a trusting, loving, caring home!

Submitted by Ellen Shanahan

Wags and Brags

Woodsmoke and Friends is so pleased to make some 'brags'-
Ch. Woodsmoke Stella By Starlight, JH now can add OA and OAJ to her name as she completed BOTH her Open Agility titles at trials on April 25 & 26th (owners are Liz Wilshere, Cindy Fitzgerald & Beth Beatty)
And on Mother's Day, Stella's mother- Ch. Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo, JH, NJP became a BBB dog when she earned her first agility title.
(Ella is owned by Cindy Fitzgerald, Liz Wilshere and Katelyn Barber)



Ch. South Sea's Tautahi Laka JH has done it again!!! Owner/breeder handled by Kristi Boehm, she was named Best of Breed (BISS) from the Hunting Bitch class at the GSCA Specialty, hosted by Sunbelt GSC in Hutto, TX, on April 19, 2009. This was the first time that Kristi had handled Laka in an AKC conformation event, although the pair had taken a BIS BBE and 2 Reserve BIS BBE at the International shows (4-show weekend) in November 2008 and worked to their JH this January. "I was absolutely stunned," said Kristi, "and had to reconfirm with the judge (Ms. Carol T. Murray) that she was really pointing to me when she gave the instructions to move the bitch to the front of the line." Kristi says this was a fun win with a fun pup and she wonders what other surprises Laka will offer in the future.

BISS Ch South Sea's Tautahi Laka

NZ Ch Charnah Private Eye x Am/Can/Intl Ch Karrelene's Anail O Muir JH

Being just one point shy of her AKC title after showing Lillie to BoB at the NESGA shows in March, I left Lillie with Jani and Ronan Wolstenholme. It seemed silly to take her back with me not knowing when I would get south of the border again, what with moving and everything. I entered Lillie in the Timonium shows in Maryland after arranging that Kristin Karboski would show her for me. This would be the first time Lillie had been in the ring without me on the other end of the lead. Seems like she didn't care one way or the other, showing well for Kristin, Lillie took the breed from the classes to finish with her fifth major. A bit of an overkill in the end 19 points, all majors, but Lillie is now officially Am. Can. Ch. Hernwood Diamond Lil.

Judith Brown
Sassenach Gordon Setters

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Doris Viguers
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Bernardston, MA 01337

Please fill in your name and address below and enclose with your dues. Please also consider a donation to Gordon Setter Health and Genetics, TarTan Scholarship Program, TarTan Rescue, or another program. Prompt payment will save the club the expense of extra notices. Please make checks payable to: TarTan Gordon Setter Club

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2009 -2010 Membership Dues

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- _____ Picnic and Match
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- _____ Supported Entries
- _____ Newsletter

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NEW ENGLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

PROUDLY PRESENTS



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*THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE AVAILABLE SEATING, HOWEVER, YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR.

TarTan Spring Field Trial

The TarTan Spring Field Trial was held on April 11-12 at the Flaherty Field Trial area. We have a reputation for unfortunate weather conditions that, more often than not, is deserved. The forecast of morning showers for Saturday turned into a significant rain in the afternoon. Easter Sunday began with brilliant sunshine, but high winds remained throughout the day.

As always, special thanks go to Larry Clifford, who is a great secretary, a great help, who always remembers what I forget and always maintains good cheer. Many thanks to our judging panel: Kevin and Jeanne Culver, Ken Kohles, Keith Madden, Bob Samer, and Allen Welch.

Ralph Schmid and Candice Bell ran the absolutely awesome TarTan kitchen throughout the weekend and organized the always massive clean-up. Our excellent Judges' Dinner on Saturday night was prepared by Marianne Goodwin, with able assistance from Dee Cleary. We celebrated the field championship of member Pat Sanborn's "Strider," Falcons Blind Sided with a delicious cake donated by Candice Bell. The bounty was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We understand that the winner of both Open Limited Gun Dog and the Open Gun Dog stakes, Shadowfax Field Agent, finished his field championship this weekend.

Jane deCasteja was chief line marshal in the pouring rain on Saturday, keeping everyone on line on time. Marianne Goodwin took over this very important job on Sunday. Bird planting and marshaling duties thanks to Pat Sanborn, Susan Gregory, Debby Freidus, Ken Kohles, Dianne Tuttle, Laura Bedford, Steve Bedford, and Gwynne McDevitt. Special thanks to Susan Gregory and Steve Bedford for cleaning the bird room and scrubbing bird room pans. Larry put his shoulder into the clubhouse clean-up, along with Ralph and Candice. Thanks again to all the wonderful help and support we get from folks.

Open Limited Gun Dog (19 all breed starters) Judges: Keith Madden & Allen Welch

1. Shadowfax Field Agent (Holloway)
2. Prairie Star High Plainsman (Morf)
3. FC Falcons Blindsided (Sanborn)
4. IS

Open Derby (5 all breed starters) Judges: Kevin Culver & Ken Kohles

1. PT (Freidus)
2. Tictaulk's A Pretty Penny (Clock)
3. Gunsmoke's Just Amazin' Tictaulk (Clock)
4. Blackhurst Mason-Dixon of Doubledee (McDevitt)

Amateur Gun Dog (4 Gordon Setter starters) Judges: Jeanne Culver & Keith Madden

1. Philadelphia Freedom (Kohles)
2. DC Gordon Hill Odyssey (DeSilver)
3. Withheld
4. Withheld

Open Gun Dog (16 all breed starters) Judges: Ken Kohles & Bob Samer

1. Shadowfax Field Agent (Holloway)
2. GSP
3. Prairie Star High Plainsman (Morf)
4. IS

Open Puppy (7 all breed starters) Judges: Jeanne & Kevin Culver

1. GSP
2. Par's Falcon on the Wing (Sanborn)
3. ES
4. PT (Freidus)

Amateur Limited Gun Dog (13 all breed starters) Judges: Bob Samer & Allen Welch

1. NFC/FC/AFC Sandy Creek Skedaddle (Kohles)
2. FC Falcons Blindsided (Sanborn)
3. IS
4. GSP

Susan DeSilver, Chair

AKC Sanctioned BLOB Match
 Rally & Puppy Sweeps
 CGC Test
 South Shore Kennel Club
 Sunday, June 21, 2009
 Marshfield Fair Grounds, Marshfield, Massachusetts

Judging Times:
 Entries - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 Obedience & Rally - 10:30 a.m.
 Puppy Sweeps - 10:30 a.m.
 Jr. Show to follow Puppy Sweeps
 Breed to follow Jr. Show

Entry Fees: \$8.00
 Each Add'l Entry \$5.00(same Dog)
 Puppy Sweeps \$5.00
 Junior Show: \$3.00
 CGC Test- \$10.00
 Rain or Shine

No Majors, please. Handlers on their own dogs!
 Free Admission=" "Great Parking" ""Food" ""Ribbons" ""Rosettes" ""Trophies
 Puppy Sweeps Offered in addition to Breed Classes
 Official Match Photographer-Bob Goldman, Dog Show Photos
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 Puppy Sweeps Classes: 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months
 Breed Classes (Divided by Sex):
 Puppy: 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months Novice
 Best Puppy in Sweeps Best Puppy in Match
 Open
 Best Adult in Match

Breed Judges:
 Sporting & Group:
 Hounds, Non-Sporting & Groups:
 Working, & Group:
 Herding & Groups:
 Terriers, Toys & Group
 Junior Showmanship:

Kevin Flynn, Milton, MA
 Marlene Dunbury, Littleton, MA
 Rick Blanchard, Pascoag, RI
 Robin Kelley, Framingham, MA
 Tammy Lago, Ludlow, MA
 Rick Blanchard, Pascoag, RI

Best Puppy in Sweeps: Robin Kelley
 Best Junior: Rick Blanchard
 Best Puppy in Match: Tammy Lago
 Best Adult in Match: Marlene Dunbury

Obedience Judge: Pre-Novice & Novice A & B

Leslie Pirtle, Kingston, MA

Open & Utility Classes Not Offered

Peter Frykman, Natick, MA

Rally Judge: Novice, Advanced & Excellent

CGC Test Sue Davis Shaw, Hanover, MA

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* **Refund Policy-** Due to scheduling commitments, no refunds will be granted after May 14th 2009
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That was THEN:



This is NOW:



BISS Am/Intl Ch South Sea's Tautahi Laka JH

Laka, a singleton, is all good things rolled into one sweet package. If I could have only had one puppy, it seems that my order was filled and every box checked. She is the perfect blend of her parents, NZ Ch. Charnnah Private Eye [Marlowe] and Am/Can/Intl Ch Karrelene's Anail O Muir JH [Stormy].

Thank you very much to judge Ms. Carol T. Murray for the selecting Laka as BOB (BISS) at the GSCA Specialty April 19, 2009 in Hutto, TX. Laka (2 years 3 mos) was entered in the Hunting Bitch class, owner/breeder/handler Kristi Boehm.



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TarTan Archives

GSCA Newsletters --
To complete our records of Gordon Setters --

We are in need of the following

GSCA Newsletters #1- thru #27, #58, #60, #86-88, #90, #29-94, #96, #117-#126 and #526 (which would be the March 1997 issue) to today ---- instead of putting these in the trash, please advise what you are willing to donate, so I can complete our records...

Also looking for several copies of the GSCA National Specialty that the TarTan club hosted, in 1998, Warwick RI. I can not find that we kept any copies for our records ..

Thanks for all the CD's that I have received already -- -- and thank for dating them as well --- Events and Dates are very important on the info sent to Archives



"High Fives, Mom, nice agility run!"
(Stella and Liz after their title run)