



June 2009

2009 WALK FOR FIDELCO

Once again the weather cooperated and 7 of us, with our dogs, gathered early on Saturday morning, May 16th, at Manchester Community College in Manchester, CT for this year's Walk for Fidelco...After we signed in and handed over our donations we got our FidelcoT shirts and had a little time to relax before the start of the walk. Starbucks had a coffee tent set up with free coffee (no donuts this year!) and 2 of the local Hartford TV stations were on hand to film and interview some of the walkers in the crowd..This year our group consisted of Ginette and Tami Desrosiers, Cynthia Haberin, Becky Webber, Charlotte Smith, Jeanne Atkins (Earl Smith's sister) and me, Phyllis Lundy and of course our dogs who were happy to be included in this wonderful event..(especially since there were free "goodies" for them too!)The walk route was a little longer this year, going in and out of wooded areas....a very relaxing and fun experience for all...After the walk we had our TarTan team photo taken ..Hope more of you can join us next year for this worthwhile and enjoyable event!

Phyllis Lundy
<http://www.walkforfidelco.org/>



"Our own Ginny Walsh passed away recently and her brilliant smile will certainly be missed . Ginny and her husband Jeff were some of the 'quieter' members of TarTan....'quietly' available when needed ..'quietly' supporting the Club...'quietly' and intensely loving their Gordons. I think her sparkling personality and the way she always lit up the room is what people will remember most, especially at the TarTan banquets, where she always 'cleaned up' in the raffle, making poor Jeff lug it all home. She leaves her devoted husband, her loving extended family and many TarTan friends, who will continue to smile when they think of her."



This was written by Linda Aloï, president of the Syracuse Obedience Training Club. Linda is a wonderful writer and photographer.

To My Husband:

Please don't eat the hot dogs (for training) or roast beef (rewards) in the fridge the night before I leave for a trial/show.

Please don't move anything that I have set out on the table- it is all in a certain order to be packed.

Please don't talk to me as I pack the morning of the trial. I am stressed and excited and have many details on my mind.

I would LOVE to have you come watch us run, but please: Don't talk to me 15 minutes prior to my run. Though I may look normal, I am in a zone.

Please don't try to be helpful and "X" the dogs. I have a system. I know who pooped and who didn't and who needs to pee before the next run, how soon it needs to do it, and how long it takes for it to get done.

If I throw a dog at you when running to another ring, just feed it and praise it.

I would also like food and praise after my run.

"What did it cost me" is not a good thing to say if I ask you if you like our new Ez-Up.

I have lots of good friends that I see every weekend at trials. When you meet them, just say "Hi...I'm Tom" because I probably don't know their names.

If we have a lousy run, please don't tell me it's just a game. IT IS NOT-this is serious business. We're out to qualify AND place.

If I have a great run, hugs and kisses are in order for me and the dogs...for it is a wonderful game we play!!!

Please don't roll your eyes when my tent neighbors and I giggle and act like silly school girls- even when the tears are running down our faces and it's the umpteenth time you witnessed it. It's a stress-reliever that we learned at a seminar.

I won't be happy if you go to the men's room and missed my run. "There were five people in front of you" is not a good answer.

I won't be very happy if you tell me about the gorgeous run you saw in the next ring and I see a 25 year old girl walking out with spandex shorts and a BC.

Please don't expect me to make dinner when we get home. I would love to go out and have a glass of wine- but I have to be in bed by seven- alone.

One more thing- thanks for being there for me and always being supportive of our dogs and all of our activities. I love you.

Now, can you help me unload the car?

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Speaker	Dr. Ian Dunbar & Dr. Nicholas Dodman
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Sunday (9:30am-5:00pm): Medical & Training Solutions for Medical & Training Problems

GORDON SETTER PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY (PRA)

The following article, "Living in the Dark" was authored by Ms. Wendy Smith from the United Kingdom. Due to Ms. Smith's courage and willingness to speak openly regarding her experience with blind dogs, the Gordon Setter Clubs in the UK are now financially supporting research efforts. Ms. Smith's article has been synopsised, reviewed and approved for print by the author. The original article appears in its entirety, as it was first posted, at: www.britishgordonsetterclub.co.uk/health.htm

PRA is a world-wide Gordon Setter problem. In 2006 The TarTan Club petitioned the Canine Health Foundation (CHF) to solicit researchers for this devastating disease. It is exciting news there is now a researcher and facility willing to undertake this project.

TarTan Health and Genetics Committee

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. This 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 as 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 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. The G.S. Breed Council has extensive information on www.gordonsetterassociation.co.uk. 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.

29th February 2009

Footnote from Dr. Jerold Bell (Clinical Associate Professor of Genetics at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and TarTan Health & Genetics Committee member:

Much has occurred since the last article concerning progressive retinal atrophy was published in the TarTan Tidings in 2003. More Gordon Setters affected with PRA have been diagnosed in several countries. Wendy Smith's efforts in Great Britain have led the Gordon Setter clubs in Britain to pledge funds for a new research project to identify the defective gene causing PRA in our breed. The research is being conducted by Dr. Cathryn Mellersh at the Animal Health Trust in the UK. Dr. Mellersh is a respected molecular geneticist and has an excellent track record of identifying defective genes, resulting in genetic tests for several dog breeds. The identification of the defective gene would allow the development of a genetic test to differentiate PRA normal, carrier, and affected Gordon Setters.

To assist Dr. Mellersh in the research, she needs DNA from cheek swabs of PRA affected Gordon Setters, obligate carrier parents of affected Gordons, and also "control" Gordons who have a normal CERF eye examination at ten years of age or older. If you own a Gordon in one of these categories and are willing to donate a cheek swab from your dog for the research, please contact either Candice Bell (FH2ovet@aol.com) or the Animal Health Trust (dna@aht.org.uk) for a cheek swab kit. If you own or bred a Gordon who has lost its vision or has difficulty seeing, please contact me (Jerold.Bell@tufts.edu). I can work with you and your veterinarian to confirm or rule out a diagnosis of PRA. You can also contact me if you have any questions.

Donations to the AKC/CHF TarTan Gordon Setter Donor Advised Fund

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

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Results of TarTan Supported Entry

Ladies' Dog Club

Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds

Wrentham, MA May 30, 2009

Judge: Mrs Cindy Vogels (CO)

Open Dogs [3]

1 Sastya Ragdge Road To Trilogy

(Ch Sastya Kilernan Sorrissi x Raggededge Raisin Spirits) Breeders: L Orndorff, J Hafer, S Sealock;
Owners: Karol Paduch & Mary Ann Leonard

2 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

3 Ahoy's Pride Of The Glens JH

(Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Ahoy's Iona Of Skye) Breeder: A Treadwell; Owners: Mr & Mrs James Alan MacWalter

Winners Dog: Sastya Ragdge Road To Trilogy (2 points)

Reserve Winners Dog: Tamarack Looking Good Forester

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches [5]

1 Sandpiper's Come Fly With Me

(Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Sandpiper's Seawench) Breeders: J Beattie, M McLoughlin, P Reilly;
Owners: Donna Grant, Janice Beattie, Paul Reilly

2 Windcrest Landslide

(Ch Windcrest Take It To The Limit x Ch Windcrest Some Kind Of Wonderful) Breeders: D Sweeney, S Scovil, V Sweeney, D Dunbar; Owners: K & N Goldberg, Deidre Dunbar, D Sweeney

3 Ahoy's Here's Your Sign For Skye

(Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Ahoy's Iona Of Skye) Breeder/Owner: Allison Smith Treadwell

4 Damon's Olympic Gold

(Ch Trisetter Ebonie Nirvana x Ch Damon's Times Square) Breeders/Owners: Carmen & Gail Paludi

Open Bitches [4]

1 Mountainview's Sas Sea

(Ch Sandpiper's Castles By The Sea x Ch Mountainview's Greta Garbo) Breeder/Owner: Shareen Brown

2 Hernwood Magic Formula

(Hernwood Delaware Diamond x Pitman's Photo Finish At Hernwood) Breeders/Owners: P & C Sandiford

3 Arrowood's Blue Mist

(Ch Braxfield Man In Black x Ch Arrowood's Evening Mist) Breeder/Owner: Ardys McElwee

4 Sandpiper's Wash-A-Shore

(Ch Brigadoon's Repeat Offender x Ch Sandpiper's Ship-To-Shore) Breeder: J Beattie, M McLoughlin DVM,
C McWeeny; Owners: Janice Beattie, Paul Reilly

Winners Bitch: Mountainview's Sas Sea (4 points)

Reserve Winners Bitch: Sandpiper's Come Fly With Me

Best of Breed [2 dogs, 3 bitches]

Dogs:

- Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough

(Ch Spring Run's Take It Easy x Ch Sandpiper's Ship-To-Shore) Breeders: J Beattie, C Kirby, M McLoughlin, C McWeeny; Owners: Donna Grant, Paul Reilly, Janice Beattie

- Ch Sastya's Infinity By NCM

(Ch NCM's Chairman Of The Board x Ch Sastya Sundance Free To Be Me JH) Breeders: M Leonard, S Puhalla, D Smith; Owner: Lisa Summers

Bitches:

- Ch Hernwood Diamond Lil

(Hernwood Delaware Diamond JW x Hernwood Crystal Dream JW) Breeders: P & C Sandiford;
Owner: Judith Brown

- Ch Celtic Hearts Breezy Spirit Akara

(Ch Greenglen's Glass Treasure x Trisetter Ebonie Victoria) Breeder: D & R Nowak, E Joseph;
Owners: Donna & Frank Traeger

- Ch Tamarack Brynbar Calendar Girl JH

(Ch Sandpiper's Castles By The Sea x Ch Brynbar Good Golly Miss Molly JH) Breeders: E Shanahan,
D & M Brnger; Owners: Ellen Shanahan, Donnah & Mike Brnger

Best of Breed: Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough

Best of Winners: Sastya Ragdge Road To Trilogy (4 points)

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch Celtic Hearts Breezy Spirit Akara

From Shareen Brown

We have a lot of Woo-woo wooing to do at Mountainview this month. Mountainview's Sas Sea (Ch. Sandpiper's Castles by the Sea x Ch. Mountainview's Greta Garbo) went WB and BW at the Greenwich KC show for a 4 pt. major. This completed Sassy's championship with her 4th major! Along the way she went WB at the TarTan Supported entry at the Ladies Dog Club show for 4 pts., WB at the TarTan Supported entry at the New England Sporting Group Association for 3 pts., and a 3 pt. major a her very first show at 2 days past her 6 mo. birthday. This was all made possible by her beautiful handling by Greg McCarthy. Greg believed in her as a puppy and showed her to a Best in Sweeps at 6 mo. at the GSCA Specialty in Secaucus. He was always encouraging and kept reassuring me that she would be ready when she was ready and he was right!! Thank you Greg for finishing her in such great style.

Our newest addition at Mountainview, Sandpiper's Scrimshaw (Ch. Sandpiper's Sea Quest x Ch. Sanpiper's Firethorn Wave Review), has some Woo-woo wooing of her own. Olivia, proudly shown by her co-breeder and co-owner Paul Reilly, went WB at her very first show for her very first point at 7 mo. of age!!! Beautifully and meticulously groomed by her co-owner Donna Grant, Olivia went on to a Puppy Group 3 at the Taconic Hills KC show. All of us, including her other co-breeder and co-owner Janice Beattie, were thrilled and very proud. Thank you team Olivia!!!!

AKC Government Relations Department

The AKC Government Relations Department assists state federations and local clubs in fighting anti-dog initiatives across the country, including those that contain numerical limits on ownership, excessive regulation, mandates on breeding ages without regard to reproductive differences within breeds or the use of reproductive technology, and in many cases, provisions that would allow for warrantless searches of private property including breeders' homes.

The first step in fighting anti-dog initiatives is keeping yourself informed. You can access pending canine legislation, bill text, official legislative summaries, the latest legislative developments, the progress of specific bills, and AKC legislative alerts and messages for your state with the new AKC Government Relations 2009 Legislation Tracking tool.

You can receive monthly updates on the work of the AKC Government Relations Department with their newsletter, *Taking Command*. Go to your subscription center and check the *Taking Command* box at the bottom of the page.

HELDCA UPDATE

We have finally received the 2009 Regulated Shooting Area Permit from the N.H. Fish & Game Department. Please use Permit #2009-12 when importing birds into New Hampshire. The Department has allowed the Katahdin dates in September to remain so there will be no interruption to the schedule we had submitted. We may not be as fortunate in subsequent years to have an event on the last weekend in September if it conflicts with the Department's schedule for releasing pheasant in advance of the season.

Please note that, aside from the Regulated Shooting Area Permit, Fish & Game is now requiring that each event obtain a "Field Trial Permit" for each event. A weekend event over two days counts as one event. The additional fee for each event is \$9.50. Please send remittance to Richard Dwyer (320 Eaton Grange Rd, Warner, NH 03278) since I have filed all the paperwork and I have paid for the events.

Because we resolved our issues with Fish & Game we will not be having a June HELDCA meeting unless another issue arises. The next meeting is scheduled for 9/17/2009 at the Log Cabin at Elm Brook Park in Hopkinton, NH. Board at 6:30 and Delegates at 7:00.

-Richard C. Dwyer
HELDCA Secretary

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A Star Is Whelped

by Anita Lustenberger

Your editor, Jeff Martin, who had been asked by “Animal Actors” to provide Quail in May 2008 for a movie in New York, did such a good job that he was asked to provide pheasants for another movie in late June 2009 in Westchester County, New York. Oh, and could he suggest a pointing dog for the hunting scenes? Jeff thought of “Smith” (Braxfield Back In Black, MH) and contacted Candice Bell. Because of Smith’s extensive range, Candice feared he would be out of camera focus. She suggested Smith’s niece, Thule (Ch. Halcyon Joyous Ultima Thule, CD, RN, SH), who has two qualifiers toward the MH, and who lives in Westchester County about thirty minutes from the film location in Katonah.

So our adventure began with a telephone call from Candice. Yes, we were available on that day. I called Jeff, and then called the agent at Animal Actors. The movie “Morning Glory” stars Harrison Ford, Rachel McAdams, Diane Keaton, and Jeff Goldblum. The script called for Harrison’s character to be arguing with Rachel’s character and to miss the shot at the pheasant. So there would be no retrieve. Acting in my new role as agent/stage mom, I emailed photos of Thule. She was approved by director Roger Michell, and had the job.

The night before, Jeff and daughter Alexandria (4 years), who were staying in a nearby motel, came by to store the twenty-six pheasants (and six quail) in our garage where they would be more comfortable than in Jeff’s truck. The filming had originally been planned for three weeks earlier but the daily rains had forced a switch in scheduling. Jeff was unhappy that his male pheasants had lost many of their tail feathers in the intervening three weeks and weren’t at their best. A problem for Wardrobe? At 5:30 AM Jeff and Alexandria were back. The truck was loaded, Thule crated in my car, and off we went. It was a clear day and, at six AM, no traffic.

The staging area was full of huge trucks, all sorts of equipment, and many people with walkie-talkies. We parked in shade, unloaded the pheasant boxes in the woods for coolness and air. We found our contact, Nick, a New Jersey state trooper whose father was a large-animal vet. Nick lives on a farm, and moonlights with Animal Actors; he was a great help to us. We decided to walk to the site of the first filming to case the lay of the land. It was nearly a mile, uphill, to a spacious, recently mown field. As we waited (lots of waiting in the filming business!), the decision was made by the director to shift to a different nearby field. Don’t know why, but the second field did have more stone fences and trees in the background. We walked back to the staging area and drove up with the birds and Thule. We waited. We had reported at 6:30 and finally by 9:30 were called for filming.

One assistant worried whether Thule’s bright orange collar was usual and I assured her that don’t-shoot-me day-glo was proper. No wardrobe malfunctions here. The morning mist was gone and we were in full sunlight. Jeff, Nick and a box of birds were out of sight behind one of the stone fences, with no shade trees. Harrison Ford, who was a pleasure to work with, took some of my turkey-frank bits and bonded with Thule.

At first, I was instructed to stand at one end of a fence and call Thule to come as she loped along the fence. This provided general hunting dog footage. Then Harrison would take Thule to the field, I would go over a stone fence, hunker down behind it out of sight and, on cue, call Thule to come. She would run to the corner of the fence, climb over, and I would collar her. We’d hear the arguing dialogue, followed by the whirr of feathers as Jeff launched a bird, and then Harrison’s “missed” shots. Thule was very excited by the shotgun sounds, and sometimes the bird would fly over our corner—more excitement. Then we would beat our way through an uncut field and return to the beginning. We did this scene about seven times but Thule didn’t get bored, probably because of the shotgunning and the smells of the liberated birds in the side field.

Besides us “animal wranglers” there was a shotgun wrangler. He was in charge of the two rented Holland and Holland side-by-side shotguns being used. One was worth \$40,000. and the other \$50,000. On H&H’s website, second hand shotguns were available from \$16,000. to \$180,000. so our guns were relatively modest, I guess. (The shotgun wrangler and \$40,000. gun is in the background of one photo.)

In these scenes, Thule was using training from her obedience background. Rather than pointing, she seems to be doing the job of a flushing spaniel, or of a dog whose owner wants her to flush not-on-command. That’s Hollywood for you.

Then Thule and I waited while the same scene and dialogue was filmed additional times without a dog. Seems Harrison and the director disagreed about the necessity of using a dog so all the scenes were filmed both ways. We hope that the editors realize that Harrison was right in wanting a dog in the scene, and that Thule does not become “the face on the cutting room floor,” and that her scenes are included in the final cut. However, Jeff’s birds will be there no matter what. He and Nick continued working, in the sun, for the next seven takes, launching the pheasants on cue.

We broke for lunch at a picnic section of the staging area. The caterer provided hot and cold buffet lines and plenty of everything. This day, he was serving two hundred people. The logistics of film making are quite impressive, and expensive. The port-a-potties even contained soap in the soap dispenser and water for the basins. Details are important.

More waiting. Jeff and the dozen remaining birds weren't needed for the next scene, at the third site, so he remained at base camp. This scene called for Harrison to walk along a wood road from the hunt, arguing with the woman whose talking had caused him to miss in the shot scene. They walked, stopped twice to talk, and continued walking. There were about eight filmings. Thule was to heel off-lead. Being a personal hunting dog rather than a Border collie, she heeled a bit, and explored the scents on the sides of the trail a bit, but always returned to Harrison. It looked like real life. (Why, yes, she has lost points in obedience on heeling exercises...) Once she ranged to poop but it was off camera and then she returned to Harrison. What a natural actress!

We waited while the scene was filmed without dog, and then a third scene filmed. The final scene, filmed about six times, was hurried because rain was approaching. They used stuffed pheasants rather than whatever they had planned to do with Jeff's remaining live pheasants. Harrison, still arguing, was in deep grass and stooped over to pick up a stuffed pheasant, ostensibly retrieved by Thule. He was covering up for her because, after eleven hours of excitement, Thule was getting tired and the stuffed pheasant didn't interest her. I told her to think of it as her obedience dumbbell, but that didn't help. Thule had "called it a wrap."

So much waiting time in-between filmings has convinced me that I might not want to be a Hollywood starlet in my next life after all. But we had a good time, and I'm glad we had the experience!

Don't let the arguing in one day's script put you off. The film is billed as a comedy and should be quite funny. We're looking forward to the July 2010 release!



New England Highland Games:

MAINE:

The 31st Maine Highland Games will be Saturday, August 15, 2009. These will be our last Games at Thomas Point Beach. Look for us at the Topsham Fairgrounds in 2010!

NEW YORK:

49th Long Island Scottish Games Saturday, August 22, 2009 at Old Westbury Gardens, Old Westbury, New York

CAPITAL DISTRICT SCOTTISH GAMES September 5th & 6th, 2009 Altamont Fairgrounds

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

New Hampshire Highland Games September 18-20, 2009 Loon Mountain Ski Resort, Lincoln, NH

Membership Updates!

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for publication in the Newsletter!!

FEATURED DOGGIE YUMMY!**COMBO COOKIES**

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.

Brnnger, Mike & Donnah - Regular members
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They own: 8 Gordons, the youngest two of them are:
Ch Tamarack Brynbar Calendar Girl JH "Hannah" wh
6/13/05

Sire: Ch Sandpiper's Castles By the Sea
Dam: Ch Brynbar Good Golly Miss Molly CD JH
and Ch Sandpiper's Brynbar For Damn Shore JH wh
4/11/05

Sire: Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough
Dam: Ch Sandpiper's Shesellseashells
They are interested in Dog Shows, Hunting Tests, and meeting other owners.

Reminder to our Members!!!

For the most current Health clinics near you be sure to visit the TarTan Gordon Setter Club Website and click on Canine Health!

Listings of current health clinics are updated twice weekly so be sure to check often!

NEW TITLES – April 2009**Champion**

Ch Hernwood Diamond Lil (B) April 18, 2009
 (Hernwood Delaware Diamond x Hernwood Crystal Dream)
 Breeder: NM & NM; Owner Judith M Brown

Ch NCM's Heavenly Heart's On Fire (B) April 12, 2009
 (Ch Heavenly Last Dance x Ch NCM's Witchcraft)
 Breeder: NM; Owner: Carmen A Paludi & Gail E Paludi

PERFORMANCE & FIELD:**Companion Dog**

Ch Loch Willowdale's Mystery Lass CD (B) April 11, 2009
 (Ch Killicranke's Baker St Mystery x Ch Holly Hollow's Ebony Fantasy)
 Breeder: Lawrence J Clifford & NM; Owner: Lawrence Clifford

Rally Novice

Ch Sassenach Roads Scholar RN (D) April 10, 2009
 (Rokeena Swagman x Ch Sassenach Limited Edition CD)
 Breeder: Judith M Brown; Owner: Jani M Wolstenholme & Judith M Brown

Rally Advanced

Vintage Just A Whisper RA (B) April 12, 2009
 (Ch Pineridge Sutton Of Holly Hollow CD SH x Ch Highland's Glenlivet Jubilee JH)
 Breeder: NM; Owner: Susan Conley & Dennis Conley

Open Agility

Ch Woodsmoke Stella By Starlight JH OA NAJ (B) April 25, 2009
 (Ch Gordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH)
 Breeder: Cindy Fitzgerald & Elizabeth Wilshere Owner: Breeders & Beth Beatty

Open Agility Jumper

Ch Woodsmoke Stella By Starlight JH OA OAJ (B) April 26, 2009
 (Ch Gordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH)
 Breeder: Cindy Fitzgerald & Elizabeth Wilshere Owner: Breeders & Beth Beatty

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 7

MACH Pinebirch Southern Promise CD RE JH MXP4 MJP7 PAX OFF (B) April 18, 2009
 (Ch Timbaray's Southern Comfort CDX RN x Ch Pinebirch Guilty As Charged UD RE JH NA OAP OJP)
 Breeder/Owner: Maureen A Mclatchy

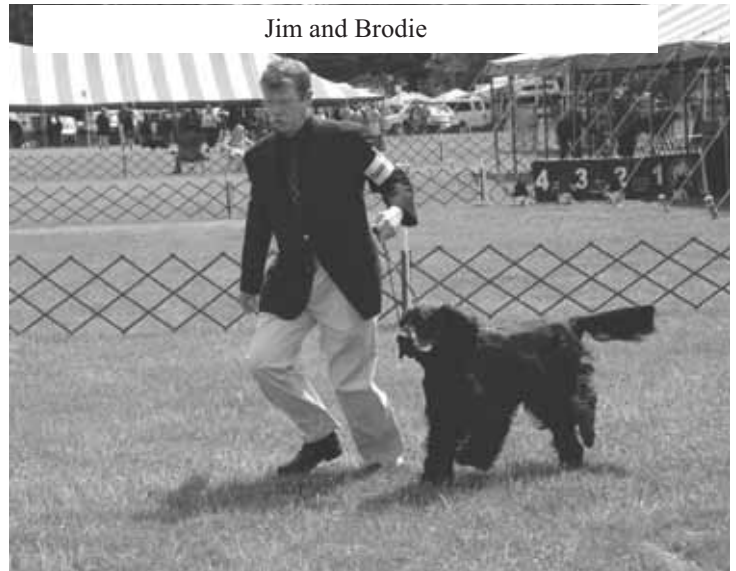
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TarTan supported the entry at the Ladies Dog Club on May 30th. We had a nice turnout, and enjoyed a terrific pot luck picnic afterwards. Thanks to Allison Treadwell for organizing the lunch, Dr. Sue Conley for letting us use her RV for much needed shade, and Jim and Joyce MacWalters for the great photographs, and the extra shade tent! And thanks too, to all who brought such yummy dishes to share!



Ellen and Bubba



Jim and Brodie



Bred by exhibitor bitch lineup



Tail Gate!



BOB lineup: Paul & Brady, Becky & Christopher, Jani & Lillie



BOB lineup: Diedre & Kira, Stacy & Emma, Adam & Sam, Greg & SasSea

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHAMPION
 ★CH SASTYA RAGDGE ROAD TO TRILOGY★
 “SAM”



CH SASTYA KILERNAN SORRISI (ISAAC) X RAGGEDEDGE RAISIN SPIRITS (LIBBY)

In just 5 show weekends, Sam and his best friend Adam Bernadin were:

- **Winners Dog**, Nov 21, Windham County KC, Judge Lester Mapes – **2 points**
(Their first time in the ring together)
 - **Winners Dog, Best of Winners**, Dec 4, Middlesex County KC, Judge Karen Wilson – **1 point**
 - **Winners Dog, Best of Winners**, Dec 5, Ladies' Dog Club, Judge Edeltraud Laurin – **1 point**
 - **Winners Dog, Best of Winners**, Dec 6, Eastern Dog Club, Judge Cindy Vogels – **2 points**
(Handled by Jamie Donelson-Bernardin – NOTE: Sam turned 2 years old the next day)
 - **Winners Dog, Best of Winners**, Feb 5, Big Apple Sporting Society, Judge Lori Findley – **4 points**
 - **Reserve Winners Dog**, Feb 8, Paumanok Gordon Setter Specialty, Judge Maureen Day (major)
 - **Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed**, Mar 15, NESGA, Judge Susan Riese – **4 points**
 - **Reserve Winners Dog**, Mar 16, NESGA, Judge Dr Richard Hilderman (major)
 - **Winners Dog, Best of Winners**, May 30, Ladies' Dog Club, Judge Cindy Vogels – **4 points**

Sam was bred by S Sealock, J Hafer & L Orndorff; you may view his page at gordonsettersofraggededge.com

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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

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