



The Scarlett Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc
November 2017



Happy Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our GTISC family. Wishing everyone a very special holiday. It seems like autumn has finally arrived. Colors are now appearing and the weather is cooler. Dog shows now move indoors.



Dog News

Congratulations to:

Wauseon, OH - Fulton County OH KC (Sat) Oct 7 & (Sun) Oct 8

- >Mitchell with Sheltie "Bumper", CH Canami Buoy Rocker, for BOB/BOBOH for 4 GC pts Sat.
- >Mitchell with Sheltie "Bumper", CH Canami Buoy Rocker, for Best Junior #6 Sat.
- >Mitchell with Sheltie "Bumper", CH Canami Buoy Rocker, for BOBOH/OH Group 2 Sun.
- >Matthew & Melinda with "Jenny", Avon Farm Start Me Up, for WB/BOBOH for 1 pt Sun.

Hamburg NY - Kennel Club of Buffalo Oct 12 (Thurs) Oct 13 (Fri) Oct 14 (Sat) & Oct 15 (Sun)

>Karren Harrison with "Haleigh", Shadowmere's Vision in the Sky for WB/BOS for 1 point on Saturday and again on Sunday to achieve her Championship title!! Way to go Karren and Coleen, who handled "Haleigh" to her championship.

AND~~~~~ "Haleigh" is the 7th Champion out of "Nikki", Int'l CH AM BIS BISS GCHS Shadowmere's Sentimental Journey CGC and gives "Nikki" her ROM!!!!!! Congratulations to Karren as this is her first ROM. What an accomplishment!

- >Matthew with "Laser", CH Windwood Northern X'Plosion RN CGC, for BOBOH/OH Group 3 Thurs.
- >Mitchell with "Bumper", CH Canami Buoy Rocker, for BOBOH/OH Group 4 Thurs.
- >Mitchell with "Bumper", CH Canami Buoy Rocker, for BOBOH Fri.
- >Mitchell with "Bumper", CH Canami Buoy Rocker, for Select/BOBOH for 2 GC Pts Sat.
- >Matthew with "Laser", CH Windwood Northern X'Plosion RN CGC, for Reserve Best Junior Sat.
- >Mitchell with "Bumper", CH Canami Buoy Rocker, for Select/BOBOH for 2 GC Pts Sun.

Cumberland MD - Upper Potomac KC (Thurs) (Fri) (Sat) & (Sun) Oct 19 thru 22

>Lorrie Nogrady with "Brannigan", *Captiva Making the Cut* for RWD both days.

>Mitchell with "Bumper", *GCH Canami Buoy Rocker*, for BOB for 5 GC pts to finish his Grand Championship Sat.

>Mitchell with "Bumper", *GCH Canami Buoy Rocker*, for Best Junior #7 Sat. to qualify for Westminster.

>Matthew with "Laser", *CH Windwood Northern X'Plosion RN CGC*, for Best Junior Sun.

Reinholds PA - Lower Susquehanna Irish Setter Club Specialty - Sun Oct 29

>Deb & Skip with "Sedona", *Claret Blazing Sunset CGCA TDN*, for going Winners Bitch and BOW for a 4 point major.

>New member, Matthew Fox with "Laser", *Windwood Northern X'Plosion RN, CGC* for Select Dog with a 3 pt major towards his GCH title.

>Joan Fiser with "Drummer", *Int'l CH U-CH AM GCH Ballymera's Glory Days of March TT CGCA*, for Best Veteran. Unfortunately there wasn't a ribbon, but hey, being told by the judge is just as good!

Once again, we welcome new members, Melinda Fox and her sons Matthew and Mitchell. The boys are both Junior handlers who have done quite well. They are seniors in high in high school and will soon age out of Junior handling. The Fox family live in New York and also have Shelties. Both the Irish and Shelties are under the Foxtrail kennel name. You have seen the Fox family at our shows each year.

CGCA & Trick Dog Novice

>the following have earned their CGC or CGCA titles;

~ "Sedona", *Claret Blazing Sunset CGCA*

~ "Annie", *Claret Blooming Wildflower CGCA*

~ "Twister", *Int'l CH AM RBIS MBISS GCHS Shadowmere's Storm Chaser CGC*

~ "Tillie", *AUS CH Brodruggan Ruby Tuesday CGC*

~ "TJ", *CH Shadowmere's Double Vision CGC*

>the following have earned their TDN (Trick Dog Novice)

~ "Sedona", *Claret Blazing Sunset CGCA TDN*

~ "Annie", *Claret Blooming Wildflower CGCA TDN*

New Puppies

Coleen's "Twister" (Int'l CH AM RBIS MBISS GCHS Shadowmere's Storm Chaser CGC) x "Tillie" (AUS CH Brodruggan Ruby Tuesday) litter are settled in. The boy, "Eddie", Vision Quest Kindred Spirit Rising, is owned and loved by Sue Benson, Altoona area. The girls, Vision Quest Cherokee Pride, known as "Cher" and Vision Quest Mourning Dove, known as "Dove" are both owned by Coleen. Let the puppy chaos begin!!!!



"Cher"



"Dove"



Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Birthdays

Joan Fiser - 22nd



Happy Birthday!!

Please remember to keep Shirley, Joan & John in your thoughts and prayers.



Events & Activities



Memorial Weekend Cluster 2018 (May 24 - 28) Lawrence County Farm Show Grounds, New Castle -

Grounds are reserved.

Hospitality has been reserved.

Judges - Sweeps judges are approved. Saturday's specialty judge is Mr. Sid Marx and Sunday is Mrs. Barbara Dempsey-Alderman. We are still waiting on the other days' choices. We have pending approval from AKC based on the host clubs approvals first.

Trophies - Thursday will be Irish Setter Key Chains by Michael Steddum.. Towels will remain our Friday and Monday trophies. Saturday's trophies are crate beds and Sunday are colorful water pails that will be filled with goodies.

Trophy sponsorship forms have been emailed to members. Please sell sponsorships. This is our only presale fundraiser to pay show expenses. Our goal once again is to sell all 30. Contact Deb for more forms. DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30TH.

Note; going through club stock in my attic, I found items that were donated or left from years back used for an auction that we have not held at our specialties in many years. I'm trying to use all club stock up each year so keeping that in mind, I want to have an auction table set near or with our crafts for next year. What this means, we need people to man the craft, basket and auction tables. This will be brought up at our general meetings when discussing our shows. ~~~ Deb Lawrence





ISCA National Specialty 2018 - will be held in Huron OH June 4th - 9th, Sawmill Creek Resort. Any updates and current information can be found on the ISCA website, www.irishsetterclub.org This National is 3 hours from us. Can't get any closer than that!! The ISC of Ohio is the host club and has pre-sale shirts for sale. These items help them to defer costs of hosting. Order forms can be found on their club website and Facebook page. Our member, Bobbi Fisher is also a member of Ohio and has the information and shirts. Reservations for the host hotel opens up in October.

Temperament Testing - Plans are in the works to hold a Temperament Test in the Spring, possibly April with the location at either Trillium or Cool Spring. Joan with the help of Amber (from Trillium) are chairing this event. We have not held a Temperament Test for more than 5 years. This will be advertised to the public and we will need help for the stations. Joan will go over this at meetings. This event will also fill a requirement for AKC to hold shows.



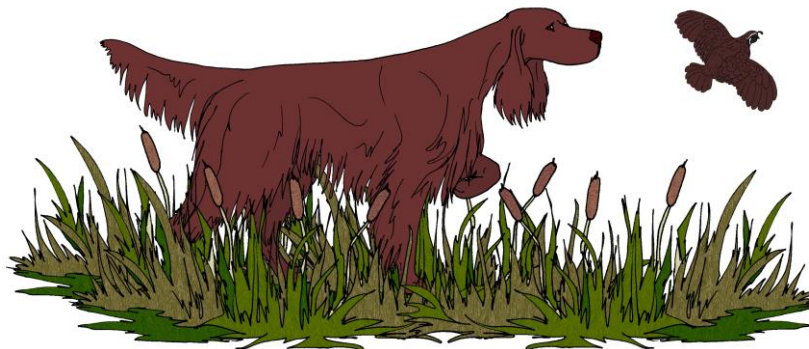
Website- www.gtisc.org

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from the Rescue side....

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!
Laura, Vinnie and Abby Williams



Health News

The following article has been released by Dr. Jean Dodd.

AAHA recently released its latest vaccination guidelines for dogs. The association's primary vaccination protocol has been slightly changed since the last revision in 2011. These updates, while not readily apparent, are still significant. Before we delve into those changes, let's review the core vaccination protocol compared to the one I recommend. [Note: Rabies vaccines and vaccinations are regulated by law. So, it is not in the comparison.]

AAHA's Core Vaccination Protocol

Core Vaccines

- Canine Distemper Virus
- Parvovirus
- Adenovirus-2
- OPTIONAL Parainfluenza Virus

Vaccine Timing

- Beginning as early as 6 weeks of age, administer sequential doses of a combination vaccine at an interval of 2 to 4 weeks until at least 16 weeks of age. Dogs residing in a HIGH-RISK environment may benefit from receiving a final dose at 18 to 20 weeks of age.
- Administer a single dose of a combination vaccine within 1 year following the last dose in the Initial Vaccination series.
- Administer subsequent boosters at intervals of 3 years or longer.
- Measuring antibody levels (quantitative or qualitative) provides a reasonable assessment of protective immunity against CDV, CPV, and CAV2.

Core Vaccination Protocol I Recommend

9 - 10 Weeks of Age

- Distemper
- Parvovirus

14 - 15 Weeks of Age

- Distemper
- Parvovirus

18 weeks of age

- Parvovirus only

Note: New research states that last puppy parvovirus vaccine should be at 18 weeks old.

1 Year After Last Vaccination (Optional Booster)

- Distemper
- Parvovirus

If the client decides not to give this optional booster, run a serum antibody titer instead. If the client intends to just retest serum antibody titers in another three years, this optional booster at puberty is wise to give for more assured protection.

Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus every three years thereafter, or more often, if desired.

Comparison of Core Vaccination Protocols

Titers

The most significant change AAHA has made is on its position on antibody titer testing. Bear in mind that it is **not** a recommendation or an endorsement of titer testing *in lieu of* the three-year vaccination series of distemper, parvovirus and adenovirus. If this were the case, titers would be listed on AAHA's official protocol. However, it is an **admission** by AAHA that titer tests are alternatives to vaccination. The proof is on the website. In-depth diagnostic web pages are provided to veterinarians. Additionally, the pet caregiver section mentions the titer test alternative on the main vaccination guidelines webpage.

Titers, or quantitative antibody testing, can help determine your dog's protection from some diseases. Titer testing can be useful when a dog's vaccination history for distemper, adenovirus, and parvovirus is unknown—a positive

result typically means he is considered protected. However, no test is 100% accurate, so in areas where these diseases run rampant, your veterinarian may still recommend vaccinating. While titer testing for rabies is available, the law still requires that the dog be vaccinated since this is a fatal, zoonotic (i.e., can be spread to people) disease.

This is definitely wonderful news and a positive step forward.

Timing

As you probably noticed, the vaccination protocol I recommend is more specifically scheduled compared to that of the AAHA guidelines. In my opinion, the AAHA guideline needs to tighten up its protocol timeline so our companion dogs can avoid adverse vaccine reactions and not risk the possibility of contracting parvovirus and distemper.

It is universally accepted that maternally derived antibodies are transferred to puppies when they receive colostrum milk from their dam only in the first 36 hours of life. After that, even though the breast milk contains many antibodies as well as wholesome nutrients, these antibodies can no longer cross the neonatal intestinal mucosal lining. The colostrum-derived antibodies gradually wane from birth over the next three months and most are gone by the age of 14-16 weeks. Until then, what remains in their bodies are called "residual maternal antibodies", which are present in decreasing amounts to help protect the pup against foreign substances and infectious diseases.

Vaccinating these youngsters at too young of an age - when they have plenty of residual maternal immunity - just causes the vaccine antigen(s) to be partially neutralized so that full immunization is not achieved. Thus, the effect of vaccination is incomplete and the puppies are still at risk of getting one or more of these diseases, until the vaccine series is completed once the maternal antibodies have disappeared.

This is why the vaccination protocol I recommend starts at 9 weeks of age - the age when maternally derived antibodies start to wane. Exceptions do exist, but they are rare, namely:

- An impregnated rescue dog that has no known exposure to distemper or parvovirus. Vaccination history is unknown.
- The mother rejected the litter and pups did not nurse.
- The mother had no milk or sadly died during birth.

In these rare instances, I agree with the AAHA guidelines to start a parvovirus vaccination protocol at 6 weeks of age. Both AAHA and I agree that vaccinations for canine distemper should never be given to pups at or less than 6 weeks of age as they can cause post-vaccinal encephalitis (PVE) that resembles natural distemper.

Adenovirus

At the current time, I do not recommend routinely giving the adenovirus (CAV-2) vaccination for either infectious canine hepatitis (ICH) or kennel cough. In the United States, there has only been one documented and isolated domesticated dog ICH incident in the past fifteen years. If and when a true outbreak does happen, my vaccination protocol can be revised appropriately to include CAV-2 vaccination to cover ICH for a specific region.

Parainfluenza

Parainfluenza is simply a member of the kennel cough complex. By itself, canine parainfluenza produces mild to moderate upper respiratory disease or no discernable clinical disease. When parainfluenza virus is combined with a bacterium such as Bordetella and several other potential viral pathogens, kennel cough could result. So, the attempt to pin down canine parainfluenza to specific respiratory lesions is difficult within the kennel cough complex. The current oral or intranasal Bordetella vaccines also cross protect against the other organisms in the kennel cough complex, including the CAV-2, discussed above. Plus, the vaccine needs to be reevaluated and be subjected to new clinical trials. The last one was conducted in the early 2000's.



A little bit of History~~~

I had an opportunity to purchase two more of the ISCA Pictorials recently. For members who do not know what that is: the ISCA publishes a book about every year since 1970. It contains any current info from that time and photos/pedigrees of the dog of the day. This particular one I purchased, it was covering the History of local clubs. Here is the page for Golden Triangle. I revived the Scarlet Letter when Ruth had told us about it at a meeting. Ruth is the only living original member of the club. As you read the article, not much has changed. If you recognize the author, she judged Sweepstakes for us at Monday's show this past May. I only need 1981 to complete the set.

Deb Lawrence

GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB

By Karen Shaver

On February 8, 1968 a group of 14 dedicated fanciers and breeders met at Ed Jordan's barber shop in Sharon, Pennsylvania. They proposed a club to be called "The Irish Setter Club of Western Pennsylvania." Ray Palmer acted as chairman. Among those attending were: Ray Palmer, Scott Dooly, Barbara Boehm, George White, Pat Lokhaiser, Ruth Wilson, Dick Moore, John Young, Martha Regan, Ed Jordan and Ralph Mahler.

The first educational program - show handling - was presented by Mrs. Betty Crawford. The first fun match was held at Earl Poole's home on July 7, 1968. Mr. Dave Poling judged. Another match was held in October. Ed Kaufman judged 55 entries.

Due to the AKC disapproval of the proposed name it was changed, and the Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club was accepted.

Eventually permission was granted for sanctioned matches and specialty events. Early sanctioned matches were judged by Mrs. Nancy Frey and Mrs. Fee Phillips. The first licensed Specialty Show, held in 1973, was judged by Lucy Jane Myers. Frank Wheatley judged sweepstakes.

As long as Irish Setter popularity flourished, so did the club membership. As popularity declined and people stopped showing, membership declined. By 1977 only 7-8 people were attending the meetings. The trend has continued to this day.

The "Scarlett Letter" newsletter has enjoyed periods of resurgence, most recently in 1981 when it was edited by Elinor Shoop. It is currently on hiatus due to lack of editors and news.

The club has 6 lifetime members: David and Ruth Wilson, Ruth and George White and Bill and Helen Vlskovich. The current roster lists 15 members.

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club would like to honor the memories of three members who have passed away: Frank Slater, Dotty Delong, and Melissa Vlskovich.

A small but dedicated group of Irish Setter lovers is continuing to support the club, having at least one Specialty per year and is attempting to help local humane societies place unwanted Irish Setters.



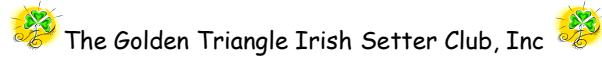
Club News and Reminders

Thanksgiving Gathering and brief Meeting - Monday November 20th at 7:00, room available at 6:15 Perkins

Christmas Gathering - Saturday December 16th 2:00 at Perkins. We will have our usual crazy gift exchange if you want to participate. Gift cost capped at \$25.

Nominations - the information will be included in the member renewals

Member Renewals will be mailed at the beginning of November. Renewals due by January 31, 2018



- President - Bob Semich
 - Vice President - Joan Fiser
 - Secretary - Deb Lawrence
 - Treasurer - Tally Ling
 - Board Member - Ruth White
 - Board Member - JoAnn D'Amico
 - Board Member - George Towle
 - Board Member - Skip Lawrence
 - Rescue -Joan Fiser
 - Caring Shamrocks - Tally Ling
 - Newsletter - Deb Lawrence
 - Editing - George Towle & Joan Fiser
- "Dog News" information provided from members ALL articles welcomed!



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