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Marge & Ron Beebe

CH Oakshadows Purple Haze UD JH VC AX AXJ RA "Josie"

Went Best in Veterans Sweeps and Best Veteran Bitch at the Michigan IS Specialty on 9/19/09 and on 9/20/09 she went Best Of Opposite in Sweeps and Best Veteran Bitch.

CH Oakshadows Fire On High CD JH VC AX AXJ RN "Jake"

Got his first leg towards his CDX in Obedience at the Michigan IS Specialty on 9/20/09.

Jeannie Wagner

The Gordon Setter Club of America published "**Come Run With Me**" (authored by Jeannie) in their Sept Newsletter and is picking up the Field Dog Training Series from the ISCA Memo also.

ISCO Members

Here is a letter that can be used as a guide in writing your own letter in opposition to the new proposed rules regarding dog ownership in the state of Ohio. Any communication should be sent to your state senator and/or representative. A personal letter or phone call appears to be the most effective way to influence your representative's vote.

To Senator/Congressman,

Regarding HS 124/SB95, I would like to state my opposition to this bill. I am a responsible dog owner and kennel owner and competitor in Dog events and I help with rescue whenever I can. I oppose this bill on several grounds.

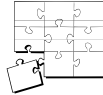
There are sufficient laws on the books, that, if enforced, would "clean up" puppy mills and/or irresponsible pet owners and breeders.

This law would be a hardship for responsible owners and breeders, place an undue burden of cost on people in a difficult economy and take away the basic rights every American Citizen is entitled to. This law makes owning a dog more restrictive than any other animal or even a child.

Pets are an important part of our culture, providing companionship and entertainment, and help for many people. Responsible breeders provide healthy pets for families, children, lonely adults and the elderly, and helper dogs for the Police, and service dogs for the handicapped. Pets impact the economy in many ways, and this law would cost many businesses, directly and peripherally related to pets: Veterinarians, Police, Pet Supply stores, show giving clubs bringing in business to local areas, impacting restaurants, motels, etc.

This law places an additional burden on responsible citizens to penalize a few who are not complying with old laws, let alone new laws. This law would cost the citizens and the government of Ohio a great deal of money that neither the citizens nor the government has in this economy.

Thank you for your time.



Bits and Pieces

Here we are, already in the Fall season. I am still trying to figure out where Summer went. Of course with the season, we have our Fall Field Trial, and sadly, the last one to be held at Kildeer Plains.

I am not sure how the trial went on the whole, but I do know the weather was great, and that means so much for the dogs and the handlers too. I know Jeannie has turned in the results, and they will be published on the website too. Congratulations to all the winners!

Cards were sent to Linda Hobbins and Betty Crawford. I understand Linda has had some recent surgeries, and we hope all went well. Betty is doing fine, but needs some cards to let her know we think of her often. We sure miss you Betty! Marianne Downing seems to be better, she still has some issues, but she is basically in good shape. Hopefully, Shari will be on the road to better health, with medication adjustments.

Thanks to Pat Jesson and Sue Musil for the time spent at the Oberlin Doggie Doo on September 19th. Thanks to Ron too, who not only set up our booth, but the LCKC booth, and my sister's Oasis rescue group. The day was beautiful, and well attended. The Public Relations is great, and helps get the word out about our clubs. The English Setter Club joined us this year, as we had told them what a nice event it is. It also counts toward the AKC requirements to hold events.

It was nice to see new faces at the last meeting, not that we get tired of looking at the old ones, but we would like to welcome again Nancy and Tim Wallace, and first time visitors, Steve and Kathie Kristoff. We hope to see you again soon!

The Christmas Party will be Saturday, **December 5th**. From 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. As in the past, it will be at Ferfolia's, and a potluck gift exchange. Details will be in the November newsletter, but please hold the date. I think we will once again go with the \$10.00 doggie related items, so if you see something that fits the description, grab it!

Another date to save would be the Annual Awards banquet at Tony K's, which will be Saturday, **February 20th**. Is it just me, or do you all feel like we just were there? I guess it is true that the older you get, the faster time flies by.

I was thinking, with the new folks dropping in, that we may be able to get them to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on **March 17th**. Shauna and I are getting a bit tired, and I know that Victoria Lindeman would like some support. Also, our previous faithful marchers, Marianne Downing and Shirley Boyer, have reached the 80 plus milestone, and I think marching is probably not high on their priority list. Keep the date, and hope for nice weather!

See you at the October 17th meeting!

Jackie

How Do You Calculate Dog Years?
Was the world's oldest dog really 147 when she died?
By Christopher Beam
Posted Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at 10:20 AM ET

The world's oldest dog, a dachshund named Chanel, died of natural causes Friday at the reported age of 147 dog years. On the occasion of her 21st birthday (in human years), Christopher Beam wrote the following "Explainer" column on the proper way to calculate a dog's age.

The oldest dog in the world, a dachshund from Long Island named Chanel, turned 21 on Wednesday. Some news reports listed her age as 120 in "dog years." Others said she was 147. Which is it?

Chanel is about 113 dog years old. A "dog year" is a measurement that puts the age of a dog in the context of a human lifespan—in other words, if Chanel were a person, how old would she be? Most people think of one "human year" as equivalent to seven "dog years." But that's a bad predictor of longevity. The official formula, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association, equates the first year of a medium-sized dog's life to 15 years of a human's. The dog's second year equals nine years for a human. And after that, every year feels like five for a dog. (Calculate your pet's age in dog years here.)

This formula, however, varies depending on the dog's weight. Bigger dogs tend to have shorter lives, and thus age faster in dog years, while smaller dogs live longer, and thus age slower in dog years. (This discrepancy is due in part to the fact that big dogs are more likely to have debilitating arthritis and stomach problems.) The life expectancy of a Great Dane, for example, is just eight years, so a 4-year-old Great Dane is already a whopping 35. That said, calculating dog years is far from an exact science, as evidenced by the fact that the AVMA's calculator lumps all dogs more than 90 pounds—including 200-pound St. Bernards—into one category.

The formula has also changed over time, along with human and doggie life spans. Life expectancy for humans born in 1901 was 49 years. Now it's 77. Dogs also live longer than they used to. In 1987, 32 percent of dogs lived past six years. Now about 44 percent do.

Researchers have long been intrigued by the ratio between human and canine life spans. In 1268, an inscription was etched into the floor of Westminster Abbey calculating the date of Judgment Day using the life spans of God's creations, including the dog's, which was considered to be nine years, and a person's, which they said was 81 years. Eighteenth-century naturalist Georges Buffon noted that dogs lived roughly 10 to 12 years, compared with the human life span of 90 to 100 years.

It wasn't until the 20th century that the phrase "dog years" started to appear. It's unclear who coined it, but it was current by the 1960s, when some math textbooks had students calculate their age "in dog years." In the 1970s, Alpo commercials featuring actor Lorne Green popularized the seven-to-one conversion: "Duchess is 13. That's like 91 to you and me."

The phrase "dog years" should not be confused with "dog days," which originated in ancient times as a reference to the period in summer when the star Sirius—or the "Dog Star"—once rose with the sun. It is also distinct from the phrase "a dog's years," which means a very long time.



RESCUE REPORT

September has been a busy month for ISCO Rescue.

Jackie, Ron, Sue and I attended the Rescue Doggie Doo Fair in Oberlin, Ohio last week, with Irish Setters "Penny" and "Diamond". Had a lot of interest in folks wanting to pet and talk about the Irish Setters they had owned in the past. Also had a couple interested in "Maggie" and they have already gone to Sue's house to do a meet and greet with her, all's going well and we feel she will be adopted.

You may remember a dog we adopted to a lady in Chicago "Blue" a few months ago. All is going well and Blue now goes with her rollerblading and enjoys pulling her along on her skates! She says he is absolutely the best Irish Setter in the world.

Had a fellow call Sue that he had seen an Irish Setter for sale on Craig's list with a big white spot on her chest, and she looked a lot like the one we had in April. She sure did-cause she was the one we placed in April!!! It's an absolute NO NO to resale a rescued Irish, our contract states they are always returned to us. Period. The lady who adopted her was contacted and she didn't know we would take the dog back. The family lost their home to foreclosure, but had now moved in with relatives and wants to keep the dog. If things should not work out she comes back to ISCO.

Next weekend Sue drives across Ohio to Indiana, an older lady is wheelchair bound, but has adopted several older Irish, and unfortunately outlived them all. She wanted a housetrained Irish and 7 year old "Mya," is perfect for her. "Mya" was turned into rescue because she kept killing the neighbor's chickens, and since this lady lives in the city, with a fenced yard, it should be the perfect home for her.

"Penny" was just adopted by a family in Brunswick, who have 2 children for her to play with. Her original family got divorced, and she was raised with and loves children, so she will be a very happy girl.

I still have "Diamond", 2 years old, the huntin' dog. This girl lives to look for birds. She loves people but is not friendly with other dogs, so she needs to go to an only dog home. We have a fellow coming to look at her that may be the one to give her a forever home. Keep your fingers crossed.

So the rescue wheels keep rolling. It's cold and very windy today, winter Is in the air and it's a 3 dogs on the bed night! Stay safe and warm.

Pat
ISCO Rescue Coordinator



ISCO Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 7:30
Ferfolia Funeral Home
356 Aurora Rd.
Sagamore Hills, Ohio



Placements ISCA and ISCO Field Trials

Open Gun Dog Quail Classic 1 hour Stake
Christopher Rider and Dano Morf

1st Brophy's Shenanigans (Shauna) Bob Geddies and Ken Ruff 2pts
2nd Brophy's Frequent Flier (Robin) Susan & Stan Noble and Charlie Blackburn
3rd Lynturk's Runnymead Ranger (Ranger) Theresa Sandborn & Kevin Culver Handler Jesse Chapman
4th Brophy's Unleased (Lea) Philip Ruff and Ken Ruff

Amatuer Gun Dog Walking Classic 45 min Stake
Susan Borocz & Alen Fazenbacker

1st Karrycourt's Catus Cidor (Sedona) Brian Wagner 1pt
2nd Lynturk's Runnymead Ranger (Ranger) Theresa Sandborn & Kevin Culver Handler Brian Wagner
3rd and 4th Withheld

Open Derby Classic 30 min Stake – Susan Borocz and Alan Fazenbacker
All placements Withheld

Irish Setter Club of Ohio Trial Sept 19-20

Open Gun Dog – Bill Monk and Chris Rider
1st Prairie Star High Plainsman – GS – Chapman 4pts
2nd Brophy's Queen Buckaroo – IS – Shoaf
3rd Rice Creeks Jeses James – GS- Chapman
4th Tartana Pollyanna –GS- Chapman

Open Derby – Bill Burger and Dano Morf
1st Par's Doublee Highland Dirk – GS – Chapman 3pts
2nd OKK Plato Petoola – GWP – Schoonover
3rd Banner – GS- Chapman
4th Gunsmoke Just Amazin Tictaulk –GS- Chapman

Amateur Limited Gun Dog – Al Fazenbacker & Terry Harbach
1st Gunsmoke High Plains Drifter – GS- Morf 3pts
2nd Tibercreeks Rushcreek Darcy – VZ- Rowell 1pt
3rd Brophy's Aretha Buckaroo – IS- Shoaf
4th OKK's Left to Do it – GWP – Schoonover

Open Limited Gun Dog – Bill Burger & Alan Fazenbacker
1st Miss Dottie – PT – Chapman 4pts
2nd Prairie Mint Condition – GS – Chapman
3rd Tiber Creeks Rush Creek Darcy – VZ –Rowell
4th Home Again Atta Girl Pearl – VZ Long

Open Puppy – Brian Wagner & Dano Morf
1st High Winds Edge Effect –ES- Borocz 1 pt
2nd Chicoree's Winstorm –GSP – Ryan
3rd Jack it up – GSP- Baker
4th Par's Doublee Highland Dirk – GS – Chapman

Amateur Gun Dog – Terry Harbach and Bill Monk
1st Highwinds Iso Bar – ES – Borocz 3pts to finish

2nd Karrycourt's Catus Cidor- IS- Wagner 1pt
3rd Shadowfax Field Agen – GS – Holloway
4th Tartana Pollyanna – GS - Clock

Congratulations to all!