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Dear 2009-2010 GSCA Member,

This letter is your 2010-2011 membership renewal notice. This is the only notice you will receive. Monthly reminders will appear in the *Gordon Setter News*, but no actual "notice" will be published in the newsletter.

On the back of this letter you will find the renewal form. **Please use this form when returning your payment.** It allows us to properly track dues payments and to keep our membership listing accurate. Even if your address information has not changed, please complete all fields on the form (city, state, 9-digit zip code, etc.). List your e-mail address only if it's okay for us to publish it on the GSCA website.

Dues for the 2010-2011 membership year are due on July 1, 2010.

All renewing members must agree to abide by the Club's Code of Ethics. The code is printed below. **Renewal of your membership signifies your understanding of and agreement to abide by this Code.** It is not necessary to sign the Code to signify your agreement.

GORDON SETTER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. CODE OF ETHICS*

This code of ethics outlines the essentials of responsible behavior for Gordon Setter owners and potential breeders, whose foremost aim should be the welfare of their dogs and of the breed.

Members of the Gordon Setter Club of America (GSCA) agree to abide by the club's Constitution, which in Article II defines some of the objectives of the club as follows: "to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure bred black and tan Gordon Setters and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection; . . . to urge members to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Gordon Setters shall be judged, and to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Gordon Setter."

In addition, GSCA members agree to:

- Comply with all American Kennel Club requirements and regulations
- Maintain their dogs in a healthy and clean condition, providing regular veterinary care, proper nutrition and housing, appropriate social experience, and regular exercise in a safe area
- Behave in a sportsmanlike manner and not deliberately disparage other owners, exhibitors or breeders, or their dogs.
- Breed only with the intention of improving the breed, planning each litter with this goal in mind, using parents of appropriate qualities in relation to the official standard and description of the breed, physical soundness, and temperament. Before producing a litter, breeders will consider proper placement of puppies they cannot keep.
- Recognize, when breeding a litter, that they have a responsibility to provide for the welfare of all dogs bred by them for the lifetime of those dogs in the event that an owner can no longer care for a dog.
- Sell Gordon Setters, permit stud service, and lease studs or bitches only to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they are in accord with this Code of Ethics.
- Not sell or consign Gordon Setters to commercial breeders, retailers, or research laboratories, nor supply dogs for raffles, prizes, auctions or other such projects.

When advertising, state only facts; not offering Gordon Setters at bargain prices, or in any way encourage raising Gordon Setters as a money-making enterprise. Members may state in advertising, "Member of the Gordon Setter Club of America."

If you have questions about dues renewal or the contents of this letter, feel free to contact me at 10650 E 200 South, Avilla IN 46710 or by email at wyttsend@yahoo.com. Thank you for your cooperation and your prompt renewal.

*Non-US members are not bound by any provision(s) of the *Code of Ethics* which conflict(s) with the rules/regulations/policies of the national kennel club in their country of residence.

Sincerely,

Beni Levi, GSCA Membership Committee