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Lucky

NFC NWGDC FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Black Diamond

Breeders: Lynne Barnett & Matt Eder • Owners: Sandra & Joe Wollschlager • Handler: Trena Cardwell • Photo by Mark Keegan



Rolex

NAFC FC Whitethorn's Blackwatch

Breeders/Owners: Janet Grunbok & Chris Bury • Handler: Janet Grunbok

First publication of events highlighted in boldface.

IND suffix following host club name indicates its status as a Licensed (Independent) Specialty Club. The AKC does not notify the GSCA when the IND events have been approved or cancelled. If the IND Clubs fail to notify the GSCA as to event approval, cancellation, or change in date/location, the information will not be updated on this calendar. Inquiries should be made directly to the IND contact listed.

February 2024

02/17-02/18—GSCA Pointing Dog (setters only: Gordon, English, Irish Red & White, Irish) FT, Middle Verde Ranch, 6134 FM 1077, Bandera, TX; Lynne Barnett, 830/796-3980, lbarnett03@gmail.com

02/23-02/24—GSCA Specialties, Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI; Barbara Manson, 608/334-0730, kilernan@yahoo.com

March 2024

3/24—GSCA Specialty, New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Ave., Edison, NJ; Laura Bedford, 860/836-9468; lauraKbedford@gmail.com

April 2024

4/13-4/14—GSCA Specialties, Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, 401 Larry Walker Pkwy, Perry, GA; Susan Gordon, 407/421-1588, gordonsetters@earthlink.net

May 2024

5/10-5/11—GSCA Specialties, Lima Kennel Club Showground, 1050 Thayer Rd., Lima, OH; James Thacker, 937/746-0022, dunbargs@sbcglobal.net

* AKC or GSCA approval pending

May 2024, cont'd.

5/25—Golden Gate GSC (IND) Specialty, El Dorado Country Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA; Donna Afflerbach, 916/212-1267, donnaafflerbach@gmail.com

June 2024

6/28-6/30—GSCA Agility Trials, CAPs Fieldhouse, 6060 West Canal Road, Valley View, OH; Julie Ashley, 614/893-4204 (days) / 614/893-4304 (evenings), julieashk@aol.com

July 2024

7/21—Pacific Northwest GSC (IND) Specialties (2 Specialties: AM & PM events), Frontier Park, 21800 Meridian East, Graham, WA; Judith Larkin, 360/319-6522, snowboundgordons@aol.com

August 2024

8/15-8/16—GSCA, Specialties, Island Grove Regional Park, 14th Ave & D Street, Greeley, CO; Mary Quaco, 970/356-2151, rmquaco@aol.com

AKC cancellation announcements: 919-816-3950 or (toll free) 877-252-3229; <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/>

Archives Needs Copy of Event Catalogs (marked preferred).

Please send to Dianne Avery, Archives Chair
PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI 49230-0824
Results of all GSCA events must be typed in a specific format and forwarded to editor Susan Drum (settereditor@austin.rr.com). Sue has a results template she will forward upon request. Results and photos should be emailed to Sue within 30 days of the event.

Calendar of event changes must be directed to Kristi Boehm, GSCA Corresponding Secretary (Kristi will distribute the changes to the appropriate people as well as the *Gordon Setter News* editor)

Event Approvals

All events run by GSCA Event Committees and licensed Gordon Setter Specialty Clubs require the approval of the GSCA Corresponding Secretary. Please send all paperwork (*using the pertinent Event Approval checklist*) at least 4 weeks before it is due at AKC to Kristi Boehm,

5010 Fox Hollow Blvd.
Spring, TX 77389-3917

281-825-1647 / kristi.boehm@sbcglobal.net
(*P&P Appendices 1-3 updated January 2022; contact Kristi Boehm for new forms. Do not mail the checklist. Mail original

application (Kristi does not need a copy)
Event Approval Deadline Reminders:

- **FIELD EVENT APPLICATIONS**—Hunting Tests, Field Trials, etc.—must be received by the Corresponding Secretary 4 months before the date of your event.
- **CONFORMATION/OBEDIENCE EVENT APPLICATIONS**—specialty shows and obedience trials held with specialty shows—must be received by the Corresponding Secretary 7 months before the event.
- **PERFORMANCE EVENT APPLICATIONS—AGILITY & RALLY**—must be received by the Corresponding Secretary 7 months before the event.
- Event applications received AFTER the AKC deadline will **NOT** be submitted and the event will have to be postponed or cancelled.
- Do **NOT** send your Event Application by a postal service that requires a signature for delivery.
- **Include a check, payable to Kristi Boehm, for postage.** Please check [USPS.com](https://usps.com) for the current postage needed to mail a Flat-rate Priority Mail envelope. Do not send stamps or a pre-stamped or pre-addressed envelope.

A Gordon's Valentine Card

*I love you to (kibbles and) bits ...
Ooh, can I have some kibble?
Or that leftover chicken from last night?
Or maybe some fancy wet food?
Why am I writing this card again?
Oh yeah, I love you.
Happy Valentine's Day, human!
Let's celebrate over dinner.*

- Heather Marcoux



Chief, Maria Lobanovsky (CA)

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President's Message ~ January/February 2024

In this issue, we celebrate the winners of the 29th running of the National Championships and Field Trial. Whatever you do with your Gordons, whether hunting, competing, or just sitting by the fire with your pet, we are grateful for our involvement with this versatile, multi-talented breed.

Our members have again been receiving phishing and spam emails purportedly from me or from other GSCA members. We have sent an email blast out to you all with information on how to verify the legitimacy of emails from the Board and other GSCA members and how to best protect yourself. The most important thing to remember is to never reply or click on a link in a suspect email. Please respond only by phone or by sending a new email to the relevant party using their email address in the Member's Handbook. No Board member will ever ask you to buy gift cards. If an email asks you to reply, PLEASE don't reply or click on anything. Call us or send us a new email. This will best protect you.

Our website is undergoing many terrific improvements. It is extremely important that the website contains complete information on all upcoming GSCA events. We've had many reports of folks trying to find event information that hasn't been submitted to our official site. If a National Event has its own website or Facebook page, it should also have a link to gsca.org and conversely, the event chair should be sure that the website is provided with a link to the event site or Facebook page. Please send all information to webmaster, Donnah Brnger at Webmaster@gsca.org, so she can post it to the website with the event information.

Following the publication of a proposal and request for member input by Bill Dargay, Annual Awards Chair, to reduce the number of conformation awards from ten to four for each category, the membership responded unanimously to the proposal to reduce the number of awards from ten to four. The Board elected to reduce the Bench and Breed awards to four, but to retain the ten awards for the Owner/Handler category, starting with the 2024 awards year.

I am saddened to report that long time member Bob Deller passed as a result of a tragic fall on ice. Bob joined GSCA, with his wife Gail, in 1994 and they bred Gordons under the *Shiloh* prefix, producing multi-titled Gordon Setters, with an emphasis on Agility competitors, as well as loved family companions.

I must also sadly report that we lost Tom Olson this week. He belonged to GSCA, along with his wife, Deborah, for more than 45 years and served as Vice President and President of the GSCA from 1984-1989. He bred Gordon Setters under the *MacAlder* prefix with Charles (Chuck) Stephenson, who founded MacAlder Gordon Setters. After Chuck's death, Tom carried on the MacAlder line, breeding many champions, including Best in Show dogs. He was an avid hunter and the kennel produced many hunting companions.

Long time former member, Bob Showers passed on January 8th after a long illness. He is survived by wife, Winifred "Fred" Lloyd-Smith, of Vanessa, Ontario and his five children. Bob and Fred have been part of our Gordon Setter community for many years. Bob will be missed. Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Society.

—Susan DeSilver



"Isn't it awful that cold feet make for a cold imagination and that a pair of woollen socks induce good thoughts!" ~ Franz Grillparzer

"I dunno if these new snow booties are fashion forward or more of a flop."
~ Kelsey

Owned by Joan & Bob Segal
Photo by Bob Segal



2024 Nodrog Health Clinic

It's been almost 30 years since we did our first Nodrog Health Clinic and we're pleased to report we'll be doing another this spring. The 2024 Nodrog Gordon Setter Club of Michigan Health Clinic will be **Sunday, May 19, 2024**. To the best of our knowledge, we are the oldest Gordon Setter health clinic in the U.S. having held our first clinic in 1986. Ophthalmologist Gretchen Schmidt, DVM comes in from Wisconsin to do OFA (CAER) eye examinations. Dr. Schmidt's been with us since the beginning and we believe she's examined the eyes of more Gordon Setters than any other veterinarian in the U.S.

The clinic will be held at Dr. Barb Meining's Red Cedar Animal Hospital in Okemos, Michigan, east of Lansing, Michigan. In addition to eye examinations by Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Barb will do thyroid testing, patellar luxation exams, dentition exams, heartworm testing (4DX tests) and microchipping. Dr. Meining may be able to perform additional veterinary outpatient services upon prior request. **All testing is by advance reservation only.**

Deadline for reservations is **Wednesday, May 15**. A flyer, with the reservation form and complete pricing information, will be available in mid-February. By the time you receive this issue of the *News*, the information will be posted on the OFA website (ofa.org)—click on the health clinics tab on the main page. Check-in is at 7:30 a.m., with first eye exams starting at 8:00. Last eye exams will be done 'around' 11:30.

Annual eye examinations should be part of every Gordon owner's 'routine maintenance' for their dogs. Eye problems that may not be detected by the owner (or on routine visits to a general practitioner) may signal an underlying health problem that can be treated before it becomes serious. Annual eye checks are not just for those breeding dogs. Our own experience and stories from those who attend the clinic support the idea that an annual eye examination is one of the building blocks of good health for your dog.

So, if you are close enough to Okemos, Michigan (just east of Lansing and with easy access from I-96), come join us on May 19. This is an all-breed eye clinic and services are provided to non-purebreds as well. Dr. Schmidt can handle 90 exams in the time allotted. If you have friends with other breeds who live in commuting distance to Lansing, we would be happy to send them a clinic flyer or other information—just send me the name, address, phone number and email contact info. If you aren't near enough to attend our clinic but are interested in participating in or organizing a clinic in your area, get in touch with me at Dianne Avery, PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI 49230-0824 or wyttsend2@gmail.com / 517/592-5929 (8 am to 8 pm, ET).

—Dianne Avery (MI)

2024 Midwest Specialties

2024 will be an exciting year for Gordon Setter lovers as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Gordon Setter Club of America. It's a big year for the GSCA Midwest Event Committee as well as it marks the 70th anniversary of this show, the oldest Gordon Setter specialty in the U.S. We usually do two shows in one day but we have some special things planned and we'll be doing the shows at a more leisurely pace. We will hold one show on Friday, and the other on Saturday so folks will have time to socialize. The location for the specialties is the Lima Kennel Club Show grounds, Lima, Ohio.

The shows will be held Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11. Puppy Sweeps and Veteran Sweeps on Friday will be judged by Richard (Rich) Black of Elsie, Michigan. Rich and his wife Kathy have owned Gordon Setters for more than four decades and breed under the *Stilmoor* prefix. They have handled their

own dogs and mentored several generations of Junior handlers. Breed classes and Junior Showmanship will be judged by Dr. Ronald Spritzer of Milford, Ohio. We will have a later judging start time for the Friday show as some folks may be driving in on Friday morning.

Saturday's judging panel will be Elliot Weiss, Novelty, Ohio, who will preside over Juniors and Breed classes. Mr. Weiss has judged for many years and has a special fondness for setters. Both breed judges expressed their pleasure at being invited to judge. Judging Puppy and Veteran Sweeps on Saturday is Delores (Dee) Vayda of Hudson, Michigan. Dee bred Gordon Setters for a number of years under the *Shojin* prefix and she and her husband Ron now breed, exhibit and compete in conformation and performance sports with their Whippets. Judging will start earlier on Saturday so we can finish earlier, as Westminster Kennel Club has moved their 2024 date to just a few days after our specialty. We know those exhibiting at that event will want to get on the road as soon as possible. There are also all-breed shows in eastern Ohio, and GSCA will support the entry at the Sunday show. Dana Cline will judge Gordons at the show, Anne Savory Bolus judges the Sporting Group and Cindy Meyer does Best in Show.

Those of you who have been to our Lima site know it is a great location for a spring show in Ohio, although the weather is always unpredictable. The show is held outdoors but the ring is adjacent to a large open-air pavilion and, if it rains (always a possibility), we can simply move the ring under cover. There is lots of room for grooming and crating under the pavilion. Electric hookups are available for a reasonable fee. For those traveling, you may camp at the grounds on Thursday evening or stay at one of the local dog friendly hotels. The host hotel is offering a special rate and that information will be in the premium list.

We share the site with Labrador Retriever Specialties. They will hold shows on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Midwest Committee members will be at the site on Thursday afternoon to rope off our rings and grooming area. Last year the Lab folks offered health testing. We believe Gordon Setter folks can participate if they wish. More information on the availability of health testing at the site will be published in our premium list. Because this is a 'special' specialty, we will be holding an on-site catered dinner after the Friday show. Details on this to be posted in the premium list.

We will hold our raffle of some nice dog-related items. Proceeds are divided between the Gordon Setter Donor Advised Fund at AKC/CHF and our GSCA Midwest account, designated for our rescue efforts. We are also expecting vendors at this show, and the GSCA 2024 National Specialty Committee will have fundraising items available. Donations to the raffle are gratefully accepted (contact me). For vendors not associated with a GSCA event, tables are inexpensive (\$10) but you must provide your own table covering. Contact show chair Jim Thacker if you would like us to reserve table(s). Jim can be reached by phone at 937/746-0022 or by email at dunbargs@sbcglobal.net.

GSCA Midwest Treasurer Beni Levi happily accepts your donations to our trophy fund. Katie Marr heads up the Trophy Committee and we know she'll have some great stuff planned. Make a check or money order payable to GSCA and mail to Beni at PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI 49230-0824. All donations that reach Beni by the specialties closing date will be recognized in the catalog.

We're fortunate Cindy Rhine has, again, agreed to serve as show secretary. To reduce costs, most premiums will be emailed. If you would like a printed premium list, please contact Dianne Avery at PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI 49230-0824 or wyttsend2@gmail.com. We hope many of you can join us in May for these very special specialties.

—Dianne Avery (MI), Publicity Chair,
2024 GSCA Midwest Specialties

AKC/CHF Gordon Setter DAF Report



2023 Y-T-D \$15,134.00

The final period for donations to our Donor Advised Fund at the AKC Canine Health Foundation ran from December 16-December 31, 2023. During that period we received new cash donations totaling \$775.00, as well as a number of donations in-kind and payments for fundraisers such as the Buy It Now sale. As of December 15, our total yearly donations totaled \$14,359.00, which meant that in order to hit our 2023 goal, we needed additional donations totaling \$641.00. As you can see, thanks to you, our goal was met and exceeded and **we ended the calendar year with total cash donations of \$15,134.00!**

We have not yet set a goal for 2024 but donations have already come in to give us a good start. For the period January 1-January 14, 2024, we received \$550.00 in new donations as follows:

North Country Gordon Setter Club

In memory of CH Adaira Alvie Of MacRae CDX BN JH

July 2008-December 2023

Bred by Robert Gibson & Drieke van Giffen

Owned and loved by Chris & Holly Moen with Drieke

William (Bill) Schoening

Honoring Gordon Setters

with special appreciation for 'Dottie'

We don't just 'collect' donations and let them 'sit.' In the next issue of the *News*, we'll let you know which grants the entire Health & Genetics Committee determined, based on input from the membership, the GSCA would support for the year ending 2023. AKC CHF was notified and will disburse those funds to researchers.

As always, if you have suggestions for research support, please let Health & Genetics Chair Steve Humphrey or any other Committee member know. Steve's contact information is stephenhumphrey10@gmail.com or 804-317-8023.

Questions about donating? Contact Dianne at wyttsend2@gmail.com or call her at 517-592-5929 (ET zone). Thank you for your continuing generosity.

—Dianne Avery, Gordon Chambers & Colleen O'Brien
Health & Genetics Fundraising Subcommittee

WE EXCEEDED OUR 2023 GOAL!

Thank you for supporting our efforts
to give our beloved Gordon Setters
longer, healthier lives!

2023 Champions of Health

Each year we recognize those GSCA members and other friends of our breed with the designation 'Champion of Health.' This includes folks who make donations, in cash or in-kind (for example donations to our Buy It Now sales), to our Donor Advised Fund at the AKC's Canine Health Foundation; members who work at tasks, including events such as health clinics, supporting good health for Gordon Setters and members and friends who purchase fundraising items from our 2022 & 2023 Buy It Now sale, members who helped with transporting fundraising items, other fundraisers, and artists and artisans who donated their talents to create items for sale. Many of the people on this list made multiple donations throughout the year.

On behalf of GSCA's Health & Genetics Committee, I'm delighted to say that 2023 was another good year. If there is someone who is not on the list below, but should be, please drop me an email (Wyttsend2@gmail.com) or note to PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI 49230-0824 and I'll make sure to make the correction, which will appear in the March 2024 Gordon Setter News. Congratulations to the following 2023 Champions!

Anonymous	Rhonda LaValle
Judy Alderson	Mary Ann & Billy Leonard
Merry Ellen Alls	Maria Lobanovsky
Sophie Aspholm	Pat Lovett-Churchill &
Nancy Aubel	Steve Churchill
Dianne Avery & Beni Levi	Linda McRae
Diane Bartlett	Dr. Barb Meining
Beth Beatty	Claus Metzner &
Laura & Steve Bedford	Janice McMillen
David Beich	Steven North
Janie Bristow	North Country Gordon Setter
Caroline Burtner	Club of Minnesota
Les & Wendy Calkins	Cindy Nusser
Dr. Melvin & Kathi Chambliss	Colleen O'Brien
Kristeen Davidson-Christman	Mick Osman & Janet Hawkins
Sue Davis	Carmen & Gail Paludi
John & Deborah De Point	M. E. Papin
Gail Deller	Kathy Pellerito
Susan DeSilver	Lois Rago
Susan & Tom Drum	Carole Raschella
Dan & Cheryl Dunham	Chris & Connie Rhoden
Pam & Mark Eberts	Patricia Roach
Laura Edsberg & Nancy Knight	John Rose & Carolyn Pedone
Susan & Johnny Evans	William (Bill) Schoening
Iris Frankel	Clyde & Betsy Sippel
Steve & Jenny Gibson	Nance & Paul Skoglund
Elizabeth Gordon	Anne Smith
Larry Greenberg & Susan McCoy	Teresa Snyder
Mary Grill	Deb Terrell
Joanne Grimsrud	Colleen Terry
GSCA Midwest Event Committee	Bob Thorngren
Dr. Nick Halbach	Kim & David Thorpe
Joan Hardesty	Silvia Timmermann
John & Karen Heltman	Stephanie Turnbull
Kim Hembree	Kendra & Roger Tuttle
Kathy Hubbard	Ultralife Employees
Sandra Hudson	(Steve Nicoll's co-workers)
Karen Kennedy & Madison	Jan Van Voorhis
Henderson	Bea VanKampen
Jill Kessler	Patty Wagner
Virginia Kick	Tim & Laurie Ward
David Klarer	Jim Weinstein
Fran Koons	Kathy Wickwire
Sally Brown Kurtz	Mollie Williams
Calleen & Ken LaDuc	Jani Wolstenholme

—Dianne Avery (MI)

Dress to Impress!

And Order your Centennial Celebration Logowear!



Crew-neck Sweatshirt—Sand, Grey & Blue



Raincoats—Grey & Blue



Denim long-sleeve shirt



Caps—Orange, Sand and Blue



Full Zip Hoodie—Blue, Orange & Grey



Short-Sleeve Tee—
Grey, Green, Blue & Tan



Long sleeve tee—Blue, Grey & Orange



Quarter-zip Sweatshirt—Grey & Blue

A logowear order form was published in the December issue of the News, and can also be found on the GSCA website, along with color pictures of all the logo merchandise (<https://gsc.org/2024-logowear/>)

If you prefer that the order form be mailed or emailed to you, contact:

Kathy Black, gsc2024nstreas@gmail.com or 989-277-4597

Celebrating the GSCA's 100th Birthday!

Let there be cake!!!



GSCA Centennial
1924-2024



Beauty, Brains, and Birdsense

2024 GSCA National Specialty

Marshall, Michigan

September 15-21, 2024

Host Hotel ~ Hampton Inn

Marshall, Michigan,

The 2024 National Specialty & Companion Events Committees want to bring you the most up-to-date news regarding GSCA's 100th Birthday Party to be held September 15-21, 2024, with accurate and timely information on the events without repeating ourselves. In response to the article on the 2024 National Specialty that ran in the December 2023 issue, we've already received inquiries. We answer them in this article, as well as bring you any new information.

Hotel Reservations. The host hotel, **Hampton Inn Marshall, Michigan**, began accepting reservations on December 1, 2023 and the hotel has received a number of reservations at press time. If you are planning to attend, it's a good idea to make your reservation now. Rate at the Hampton is \$139 + tax. Pets are allowed for \$50 per dog. This is a flat fee whether you stay one night or more. If you plan to have more than two dogs in the room, please check with the hotel. Dogs left alone in the room must be crated. Make your reservations with the hotel directly by calling 269-789-0131. To get the group rate, you must mention Gordon Setter Club of America. The group rate code is GSC.

Other lodging in the area? There are other hotels in the area but the Hampton had the best rate which also allowed dogs. If you will be traveling without pets, there are some other options available, although Marshall, a small town, stays busy with tourist traffic from spring to late fall. Many of the hotels in the immediate area are already fully booked for our dates but we will be happy to provide the names of some that may still have some available rooms. Let us know if you would like a list.

Camping. If you plan to camp, we expect you will camp at the show site, the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. Camping rate per night is \$45 and includes water and electric. We did check into alternate nearby campsites but most are not accepting reservations at this time and some are accepting only monthly reservations.

Logowear. We sold out of our first order and have reordered. If you need a logowear order form, contact Kathy Black at gscatreas2024@gmail.com or by phone, 989-277-4597. The order form was published in the December 2023 newsletter and has been posted on the GSCA website.

Trophy Donations accepted at any time. Send check, money order or pay by credit card/PayPal. If you will pay by money order or check, send your donation to Mary Grill, Trophy Chair, 625 N Force, Attica, MI 48412-9731. Check/MO should be made out GSCA 2024 National Specialty. If you will pay by credit card/Paypal, send your donation info to 2024 NS Treasurer Kathy

Black at gsc2024nstreas@gmail.com. We will offer donors the option of electing their donation to go for a 'designated' trophy (for example, Best of Breed, Winners' Dog, etc.) More information on that option coming soon.

Catalog Advertising. Laura Bedford is handling catalog advertising. Deadline for ads, with copy, is August 1. We'll bring you more information on preparing your ad(s) in the next issue of the *NEWS*. If you'd like to have Laura do your ad layout, she'll happily do so, just contact her with what you want in your ad. Reach her at designbyhalcyon@gmail.com.

Grooming Area. The Committee is working on a setup that will be convenient and safe for all exhibitors and dogs. Information on cost and deadline to reserve grooming space will be included in the next issue.

Companion Events. In the next issue of the *NEWS*, we will be bringing you more information and updates on companion events (Agility, Obedience, Rally, and the Hunting Test).

Health Testing. We'll have the information available on health testing in the next issue of the *NEWS*.

Questions? If there is something you need to know before the March issue comes out, let us know and we will do our best to find it for you. If it is something I can answer (or get the answer for you), email is best to Wyttsend2@gmail.com. My phone number is 517-592-5929. The Committee has already heard from many folks who plan to come for one or more of the events we have planned for what we hope will be a spectacular week of fun, camaraderie, and the chance to see some wonderful dogs. We hope you can join us.

—Dianne Avery (MI), Publicity Chair

Volume 3 of the 2023-24 Buy It Now Catalog

Volume 3 of the 2023-2024 catalog will not be sent until mid-February. The best laid plans to bring you an updated Buy-It Now catalog in January went astray largely due to losing 10 days when my computer failed, and I couldn't get the replacement up and running quickly enough. As mentioned in the December 2023 issue of the *NEWS*, we have lots of good stuff that we would love to rehome now, rather than carry it over until late summer/early fall 2024 when we'll announce the 2024-25 Buy It Now sale. Between now and then, as editor Susan Drum has available space, we'll try to tempt you with photos.

—Dianne Avery (MI)

In Scent Work, It Is the Canine Who is the Star of the Show!

Scent Work is an adventure for you and your Gordon. I was looking for an activity I could do with my 6 year old bitch, *Faith* (CH Halcyon Fleetwing Semper Fi SWAE SWE), formerly owned by GSCA member Jane Matteson. I adopted Faith after Jane passed. We first attended an obedience class where the instructor was talking about other classes, including Scent Work, that were being offered. Thinking that Scent Work was something Faith would enjoy, I started taking her to those classes where, it turned out, she was a natural but I was not!

I then started to volunteer at Scent Work trials, both AKC and NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work) to see how a trial was run. I watched the owner-handlers to learn their techniques in running their dogs.

In Scent Work (also referred to as Nose Work), a dog must use its nose to search out hidden odors, and then alert its handler when the odors are detected. It requires that a dog find anywhere from one to multiple 'hides' that are hidden inside and/or outside various places in a controlled area. The 'hides' are cotton swabs saturated with essential oils of Birch, Anise, and Clove. AKC also uses Cypress. Neither the dog nor the handler knows where these "target" odors are hidden.

I was fortunate that Faith was not only a slow-moving, thorough nose work dog but very motivated by receiving treats after she found the hide. We spent many weekends travelling around southern California to attend the Scent Work trials offered by various all-breed and specialty clubs. Faith loved going to the trials and loved the strong partnership we developed. Faith achieved Advance Elite (NACSW title) and Scent Work Excellent and Scent Work Exterior Excellent (AKC) levels of Scent Work. Even as she aged and had some difficulty climbing stairs, the excitement of being in a trial made her forget about any disability.

Unfortunately the Pandemic put a halt to all Nose Work trials (as well as all other performance events) for almost 2 years and we missed the opportunity for advancing to higher levels. Faith was 12 when she passed but was still doing her Nose Work at 11! The beauty and fun of Nose Work is that it is not age-restrictive for either the dog or the handler and there is little physical activity required. There isn't any direct competition against other dogs required to achieve the various levels of Scent Work titles. You work as a team with your Gordon to find what is required at each level within a set time limit. After you have trialed for a while, you will understand the statement 'trust your dog' because your dog knows where to look but we, the handlers, get in the way.

I now am trialing my 12 year old male Gordon, *Baloo* (Halcyon Xo CGCA), and my 3 year old bitch, *Luna* (CH Corisande By The Light Of The Moon Of Kendelea SWN) who both love the adventure of the search and excitement of finding the hides.

I encourage everyone to look into finding a Scent Work class and giving it a try. You will never look back and your Gordon will thank you for the adventure.

—Ellen Bruck (CA)

The Performance Gordon Setter Committee



Susan Goldman photo

Ellen Bruck's three year old Luna at a Scent Work trial



Photo by Marcella Winslow

Faith at a Scent Work trial



Photo by Marcella Winslow

Ellen Bruck and Baloo

About The Performance Gordon Setter...

The GSCA formed the Performance Gordon Setter Committee to encourage all Gordon Setter owners to give one or more of the many AKC performance event offerings a try! Your Gordon will love you for it! The Facebook page, 'Performance Gordon Setter' (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550742840850>), spotlights the activities: Agility, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, FastCat, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Flyball and Coursing. The Committee members are available as a source of information and mentoring. Also, *Gordon Setter News* editor Sue Drum would love to have you share your new performance event experiences in the newsletter!

The members of the committee are:

Lynn Carradine, **Dock Diving** (lynnccarradine@hotmail.com)
 Diane Dargay, **Flyball & Coursing** (ddargay55@aol.com)
 Deata Gregory, **Barn Hunt** (midwestgordonrescue@gmail.com)
 Diane Bartlett, **Obedience & Rally** (milestonefarm3750@gmail.com)
 Kathy Hubbard, **Obedience & Rally** (khubbard@niu.edu)
 Ellen Bruck, **Scent Work** (gordondog72@gmail.com)
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 Julie Ashley, **Agility** (julieashk@aol.com)

Celebrating 2023 National Specialty Wins!

McQ



"Jimmie"

**McQ Full Throttle RI AX AXJ OAP NJP OF NFP
Highest Scoring Dog in Agility Trial—2023 National Specialty**



"Denny"

**CH McQ Steel The One RN JH OAP AXJP OFP
1st Place Hunting Dog
1st Place Veteran Sweeps (7-8 Years)**



"Tally"

**CH Wilderness McQ Talladega Nights JH
Final Cut BOB Competition at 3 years of age
2nd Place Rally Novice B, Score of 99**

McQ Gordon Setters
Owner-Handled

Richard & Mary Quaco, Colorado • rmquaco@aol.com

GSCA 2022 Annual Awards Procedural Reference Guide

This guide pertains to achievements in calendar year 2023.
Award winners will be published in the June, 2024 *Gordon Setter News*



There have been multiple changes in the GSCA Annual Awards that became effective with the 2022 Awards Year. Those changes have been bolded within this annual Awards Reference Guide.

The owner of a candidate for an Annual Award must be a GSCA member in good standing as of the month of December, 2023.

To minimize potential mix-ups in placement awards, an Awards Committee member will send a points verification form (after the tabulations have been made) to any member who may be eligible for awards placements. The form will ask the member to verify the point count the Committee has tabulated. If there are corrections to be made, these must be sent to the Awards Committee member by April 15, 2024. Failure to respond by the April 15th deadline means the Committee's tabulation will stand. Please direct any questions to the Awards Committee member whose name appears at the end of each award category.

BEAUTY, BRAINS, AND BIRDSense AWARD

This award is no longer automatic. Owner (GSCA member in good standing as of December, 2023) must apply for this award by March 1, 2024 and provide the Annual Awards Chair with the three qualifying titles and the dates on which each was earned (Motion 2022-69).

The designation "Owner-Handled" will be added to the engraved plate on the marble paperweight award if the owner handled the Gordon for all points in the conformation Championship title, all qualifying legs in the "brains" qualifying titles, and all qualifying legs in the "birdsense" qualifying title. Handler must be listed as owner or co-owner on the AKC ownership registration PRIOR to achieving the titles.

Virtually earned AKC titles in 2023 do not qualify for this or any other GSCA award (Motion 2022-72).

To qualify under all three categories for this award, the Gordon Setter, owned or co-owned by a GSCA member in good standing, must have at least one of the following AKC or GSCA titles (or higher) in each of the Beauty, Brains & Birdsense categories. Two of the three qualifying titles can have been earned in prior years as long as the third qualifying title was earned in 2023:

Beauty: Champion (CH)

Brains: Obedience Companion Dog (CD); Rally Advanced (RA), Tracking (TD), Novice Agility (NA), Open Agility Preferred (OAP); Scent Work Advanced (SWA)

Please note: The following previously qualifying titles—Graduate Novice (GN), Graduate Open (GO), and Versatility (VCD)—are no longer qualifiers.

Birdsense: Junior Hunter (JH); Senior Hunter (SH); Master Hunter (MH); Field Champion (FC); Amateur Field Champion (AFC); National Field Champion (NFC); National Amateur Field Champion (NAFC); National Walking Gun Dog Champion (NWGDC), GSCA Working Dog (WD) or GSCA Working Dog Retrieve (WDR). If your dog's field title is a Working Dog or Working Dog Retrieve, please send Bill Dargay copies of your three 'pass' certificates.

BBB Award Contact: Bill Dargay, Awards Chair
1353 Oak Glen Ct., Bolivia, NC 28422-8190
Wdargay@aol.com / 910-754-9641

CONFORMATION AWARDS

Bench Gordon Setter of the Year. Effective January 1, 2021 (Board motion #20-029), Bench Gordon of the Year is awarded to the Gordon Setter accumulating the highest number of points from ALL dogs defeated at both All-Breed shows (even if the BOB Gordon did not go on to take a group placement) and independent specialties (sometimes referred to as Overall) as ranked by the AKC "Setters (Gordon) AKC TopDogssm Using All-Breed Totals" report. Ten placements are awarded.

Breed Gordon Setter of the Year. Awarded to the Gordon Setter winning Best of Breed over the largest number of Gordons in AKC point shows. The winners in this category are determined using the AKC "Breed" report which includes Gordon Setters defeated at both AKC all-breed shows and AKC independent specialty shows. Ten placements are awarded.

Owner Handled Gordon Setter of the Year. Awarded to the top ten Gordons ranked in the AKC National Owner Handler Series. There is no need to apply for this award as the AKC reports are sent directly to the Awards Chair, who will notify owners of dogs receiving placements. Points are tracked by AKC for the AKC Invitational, with rankings compiled during AKC's qualifying period. The qualifying period is subject to change on an annual basis by the AKC but is always published in the *Gordon Setter News* along with the quarterly NOHS rankings. For the 2023 awards year, the qualifying period was September 22, 2022-September 21, 2023. The AKC report includes points earned by Gordon Setters who are owner-handled, as provided by the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Point Scale. AKC National Owner-Handled Series points do not contribute to championship points. At an individual show, a dog earns the cumulative number of AKC National Owner-Handled Series points associated with each placement.

For the 3 categories of Conformation awards: Ten placements in each category are automatically awarded. A plaque will be awarded to the first place winner in each category and certificates will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place winners. Placements in each category are automatically awarded to members in good standing as of December, 2023.

Conformation Awards Contact: Bill Dargay, Awards Chair
1353 Oak Glen Ct., Bolivia, NC 28422-8190
Wdargay@aol.com / 910-754-9641

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Junior of the Year. Presented to the Club member accumulating the highest number of points while showing a Gordon in Junior Showmanship competition during the calendar year. One point will be awarded for each dog/handler team defeated. Only wins earned while the applicant was a member in good standing of the Club can be counted. **Juniors must apply for the annual award** by providing their name, show where award was won, date of show, placement and class entered. Four placements will be awarded in this category. **Send application by April 1, 2024 to**

Dianne Avery
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Wyttsend2@gmail.com / 517-592-5929

DUAL PURPOSE GORDON SETTER OF THE YEAR

Dual Purpose Gordon Setter of the Year recognizes the top five Gordon Setters representing the epitome of our breed's standard—a recognized contender in both the show ring and the field. The initial criteria required for a Gordon to compete for this annual award is having earned both a show championship title (100 points) plus at least one of the following titles: Senior Hunter (100 pts), Master Hunter (150 pts), Field Championship (200 pts), or Amateur Field Championship (200 pts). The year in which the second of the above qualifying titles is earned (beginning with the calendar year 2016), is the year in which the Gordon begins eligibility for one of the Dual Purpose Gordon award placements. Placement at the National Field Championship or the National Amateur Field Championship counts towards points, but does not qualify a dog for award eligibility who is not also a FC or AFC. All Gordon Setters who have earned the title qualifications as stated above then continue to earn points in any of the following ways:

- Grand Champion points earned during the Awards year
- Continued conformation group placement/BIS qualifying points (*motion 20-049*) for the following:
 - Group 4: 4 points
 - Group 3: 6 points
 - Group 2: 8 points
 - Group 1: 10 points
 - Best in Show: 25 points
- AKC field trial placements (number of dogs defeated), or
- Continued qualifying passes at the Senior Hunter (5 pts) or Master Hunter (10 pts) test levels.

Only points accrued in a calendar year are considered for the annual award, **and a dog must have earned points beyond the basic eligibility criteria (i.e., qualifying titles) to be in contention.**

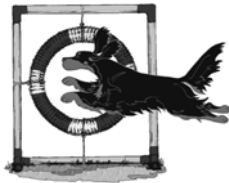
Awards will be given to the top five dual purpose Gordon Setters. A plaque will be awarded to the first place dog, and certificates will be awarded to 2nd through 5th place. Placements in each category are automatically awarded to members in good standing **as of December, 2023.** Consecutive ownership of a dog by members who are members throughout their period of ownership is acceptable. There is no need to apply for this award as the AKC statistics are sent directly to the Awards Chair, who will notify owners of dogs receiving placements to verify point totals. However, contact Rhonda if your Gordon holds the above qualifying titles so that it is not inadvertently missed in the end of year points' calculations (new titles are not always promptly recorded by AKC and occasional errors do occur in AKC reporting).

GSCA members who own either a Dual Champion or Show Champion with a Senior Hunter, Master Hunter or Amateur Field Champion title that is still competing in any of the three venues (conformation, field trials or hunting tests) should forward the dog's name to Rhonda Cornum at the beginning of each calendar year in which it is still competing so that results can be tabulated at the end of each award year.

Rhonda Cornum
P.O. Box 48, North Middletown, KY 40357
Rhonda@theCornumgroup.com / 757-214-5030



Agility



High Scoring Novice, Open, and Agility Excellent Awards will be determined by the first three qualifying scores at each level, regardless of the year(s) in which they were earned as long as the third qualifying score was earned within 2023. These are automatic awards, with four placements. **Ties will be broken by the dog with the most yards per second** (Motions 2022-25/2022-66).

Master Agility Excellent Awards will be determined by the first ten qualifying scores. **Ties will be broken by the dog with the most yards per second.**

Advanced Agility Dog Award recognizes the Gordon Setters with the most Double Qs and MACH combined points for the year. Points are earned from January 1st thru December 31st of the award year. On January 1st of each year all Master level dogs start at zero. Only the points earned during the current calendar year count toward this annual award. All Gordon Setters earning at least 1 MACH point during the current calendar year are eligible. Earning a title that year is not a requirement. This award does not include PACH points. AKC calculates the overall award by giving bonus points (10 per Double Q) and adding that to the speed points earned. This "bonus" ensures both speed and consistency are rewarded, which is consistent with AKC's philosophy. **Ties will be broken by the dog with the most yards per second.**

In each Agility category, 1st place is awarded a plaque and 2nd thru 4th place are awarded certificates.

Diane Welling, Agility Awards
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High Scoring Novice, Open, and Utility Dog Awards will be determined by the first three qualifying scores at each level, regardless of the year(s) in which they were earned, as long as the third qualifying score falls within 2023. These are automatic awards, with four placements.

High Scoring Advanced Obedience Dog is based on points tabulated using the First and Foremost system in Open and/or Utility, for dogs who have previously attained a title at that level of obedience. Example: A dog earned its CDX title in Open A on 11/11/23. On 11/12/23 that dog had a qualifying score in Open A. The November 12 score will count toward the Advanced Obedience Dog Award. This is an automatic award, with four placements.

In each of the above obedience categories, 1st place is awarded a plaque and 2nd thru 4th place are awarded certificates.

Black & Tan Obedience Award goes to the Gordon Setter with the highest average score using the top five scores achieved that year. Each Gordon Setter earning at least five obedience qualifying scores will automatically be considered for this award. These scores can be from any level of obedience (Novice, Open or Utility). The winner of this award receives an unframed print and engraved name plate. Repeat winners of this award may opt out of an additional print and receive an additional engraved name plate.

Diane Bartlett, Obedience Awards
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586-980-5501 / milestonefarm3750@gmail.com

NEW HORIZONS AWARD

The New Horizons Award was created to encourage GSCA members to “try something new” with their Gordon Setter(s) and increase entries in AKC obedience and rally sports. This is a handler award, not a Gordon Setter achievement award. This award will encourage members who have little or no experience in these sports to discover the fun and rewards of competing in AKC events. This award will also recognize seasoned obedience/rally handler-members who are new to the Gordon Setter breed and handle a Gordon to any or all of these titles for the first time. A candidate for this award must be a GSCA member in good standing **as of December** of the Awards year, who handles to achieve their first Rally Novice (“RN”), Rally Advanced (“RA”), Rally Excellent (“RE”), Obedience Beginner Novice (“BN”), Obedience Novice (“CD”), Obedience Open (“CDX”) and/or

Utility title (“UD”) from either the “A” or “B” classes on a Gordon Setter. A handler can win the New Horizons Award up to 7 times—once for each of the qualifying titles achieved by a Gordon. The New Horizons Award must be applied for by the handler. The award became effective in the 2020 Awards year. Qualifying applicants for this award must apply by providing the following information to the New Horizons Award tabulator (contact information below) no later than April 1 of the year following the qualification period (i.e., the awards calendar year). Award winners will receive a certificate of achievement, a listing in the annual awards issue of the newsletter, and the opportunity for the handler to tell his/her story about the journey undertaken to reach a new title. This article will be published in the newsletter’s obedience column.

New Horizons Award Application

I, _____ (print name), the undersigned, certify that I have personally handled a Gordon Setter to achieve the title(s) listed below for the first time. The title(s) checked were earned **during the 2023 Awards year**:

Gordon Setter’s AKC Registered Name (print above) _____		AKC Registration # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Rally Novice (“RN”)	I am the dog’s <input type="checkbox"/> owner or <input type="checkbox"/> co-owner	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rally Advanced (“RA”)	[If co-owner, print below the name(s) of the other co-owner(s)]: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rally Excellent (“RE”)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Beginner Novice (“BN”)	Mailing address for the certificate:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Novice (“CD”)	Street _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Open (“CDX”)	City _____	State _____ Zip _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Dog (“UD”)	Signature _____	Email _____

Applicant can send a copy of the above signed form, along with a copy of your AKC new title certificate, via email or postal mail to :

Barb Meining, DVM
1459 E Dexter Trail, Dansville, MI 48819-9776
Email: mail@redcedarvet.com

Application must be received by Barb no later than April 1, 2024



RALLY AWARDS

High Scoring Rally Advanced has been added to the annual Rally awards and is based on the first three qualifying scores at the Rally Advanced level regardless of the year(s) in which they were earned as long as the third qualifying score falls within 2023. This is an automatic award with four placements. First place will receive a plaque, and placements 2-4 will receive a certificate.

High Scoring Rally Excellent Obedience Dog is based on the first three qualifying scores at the *Rally Excellent level* regardless of the year(s) in which they were earned as long as the third qualifying score falls within 2023. These are automatic awards, with four placements.

Vickee Jones, Rally Awards
7413 Gettysburg Rd.
NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109-5025
505-589-5738 / gordongirls@comcast.net

PRODUCER AWARDS

Stud Dog of the Year & Brood Bitch of the Year

These awards are automatic. The award is presented to a stud dog that produced three or more offspring finishing a qualifying championship title and to a brood bitch with two or more offspring finishing a qualifying championship title during the 2023 awards year.

Championship titles include AKC field (FC or AFC), Obedience (OTCH), Conformation (CH), Champion Tracker (CT), and agility (MACH). There are four placements for these awards.



Top Producer Awards

Presented to dogs with ten champion get* (AKC bench or performance) and bitches with six champion produce* (same criteria). Titles need not be earned in a single year. This is an automatic award. However, if there is any question that all get or produce have been recognized, please contact

Anita Lustenberger
3550 S. Bond Ave., #423, Portland, OR 97239-4711
anitaalustenberger@gmail.com / 503-688-6661

*For producer awards, only one champion title per dog will be counted. For example, a dog that has earned both a conformation and field championship counts as only one champion produced by its parents.

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GSCA FIELD TRIAL AWARDS

The GSCA will annually present the following field trial awards:

Gun Dog of the Year: For points earned in all open, amateur, limited or grand gun dog stakes; and all open, amateur, limited, or grand all age stakes; and shooting gun dog stakes sanctioned by the AKC.

Gun Dog (Retrieve): As above, but points must be earned in stakes requiring a retrieve to hand. Points in this category may be counted toward the Gun Dog award, but they will not be counted toward both.

Derby Dog of the Year: For points earned in open or amateur derby stakes.

Puppy of the Year: For points earned in open or amateur puppy stakes.

To receive an award, a dog must be owned or co-owned by a GSCA member in good standing **as of December, 2023**. Only those points earned while a member will count. The awards are made on a calendar-year basis. Four placements are given in each category. Rotating trophies are presented for first place in each category.

These awards are automatic. No application is necessary for points earned in AKC events. The Field Awards tabulator will calculate all AKC points.



As a reminder, only AKC sanctioned events will be counted towards GSCA annual awards (Motions 2022-06/2022-55). (*Note: a full explanation of this decision was published in the September 2022 issue of the News.*) Effective January 1, 2022, the number of dogs defeated in American Field or AFTCA (American Field Trial Clubs of America) events are no longer included when tallying points for GSCA annual field awards.

POINT SCHEDULE

Points for all awards are calculated in the following manner:

1 st place	5 x dogs defeated
2 nd place	3 x dogs defeated
3 rd place	2 x dogs defeated
4 th place	1 x dogs defeated

Kerin Elduen, Field Awards
P.O. Box 2056

Ocean Shores, WA 98569

253-797-4850 / frntier@yahoo.com

Plaque Recognized Titles

The Title Achievement Awards Chair will review the monthly AKC Titleholder reports and keep a record of all plaque-recognized titles from the following qualifying list and supply that information to the Annual Awards Chair (who will then order the plaques at the same time as the annual performance award plaques). **The Board added the title of PACH (Preferred Agility Champion)** (Motion 2022-56) to the list of qualifying titles for plaques. If a Gordon earns both a MACH and a PACH title, only the first of the two titles earned will receive a plaque. Plaques will be awarded during the Club's Annual Awards banquet.

The prefix and suffix AKC titles now eligible for a plaque are as follows:

- a) AKC Dual Champion (DC)
- b) AKC Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)
- c) AKC Utility Dog Excellent (UDX)
- d) AKC Champion Tracker (CT)
- e) AKC Master Agility Champion (MACH) or **AKC Preferred Agility Champion (PACH)** (the first of either an AKC MACH or PACH, but not both)

The Awards Committee can use your help! If your Gordon earned one of these titles in 2023, please contact Patti Brusk (medallionsgsc@gmail.com) and let her know the title and date earned so that none of these impressive titles are inadvertently overlooked!

Changes in Annual Awards Effective 2024

Effective with the Annual Awards year 2024, the number of placement awards for the top Bench Gordons of the Year [as ranked by the AKC "Setters (Gordon) TopDogssm Using All-Breed Totals" report] and top Breed Gordons of the Year (determined using the AKC "Breed" report) will be reduced from the top ten ranked to the top four.

The Owner Handled Gordon Setter of the Year (awarded to the top ten Gordons ranked in the AKC National Owner Handler Series) will continue to be awarded to the top ten placements.

—Bill Dargay, Annual Awards Chair

Legislative News ▼▼▼

Legislative Liaison's Report

NY: Good news. Governor Hochul has signed a bill that was originally designed to outlaw all forms of "competitive" hunting. Guess who's behind that bill? The AKC and other concerned groups were able to carve out exemptions for such events as dog training, field and hunt tests and a few other non-bird hunting competitions. It's a rare thing when logic and reason trump ideology... Well done by all.

NH: As noted in previous reports, the HSUSA has been pushing in the form of HB 1102 that would actually *criminalize* the breeding and ownership of brachycephalic dogs such as Frenchies, Bulldogs etc. The loons and legislators who listen to them are pushing the notion that such breeds are, by definition, birth defected and suffer from their condition. Of course, it's utter nonsense as we all know. But, blindly stupid as the underlying non-proven notion of this bill is, what's worse is that it's so badly written, there is no definition of which breeds are "deformed and suffering" and it's very clear that this bill would enable a multiple number of breed exclusions in the future if the fools in the HSUSA decide, oh, I don't know, that Gordon's can't be owned in Phoenix because it's too hot for their black coat. Remember, these extremists want to ban all private ownership of animals; this is just another step along a dangerous path to hurt responsible breeder/owners.

If you happen to live in NH, you kinda might want to take a look to see if the people you voted for actually are uninformed enough to support this bill... and if so, get on the horn and politely suggest they get their act together.

The AKC and NH Dogs are fighting this fight, and have notched a minor win in that the original hearing for this bill has been delayed with a date TBD in the future. With luck, it will die of its own weight; but don't count on it. ❖

The Danger of Sugarless Gum to Dogs

The following was posted on the AKC Delegate Chat list by the Leonberger breed delegate and he gave permission to share with other breed clubs.

"I think we all know the dangers of Xylitol, a substance found in sugarless gum, candy and even some peanut butter. Here's something everyone needs to be aware of. This is from a woman whose Lab ate half a pack of her daughter's sugar free gum.

As she headed for an emergency clinic, she was advised by the emergency vet to stop and get some sugar and administer it to the dog. When a dog ingests Xylitol, it causes the dog's sugar levels to tank, causing seizures and eventually death. She said the dog almost returned to normal after receiving the sugar. However, this is not a cure, but a stopgap measure to buy your dog some time. This is because, if not treated, the Xylitol will shortly attack the dog's liver, killing it within 2 days.

The bottom line is. Yes, administer sugar, but get to an emergency Vet as fast as you can. This information can save your dog. One piece of sugar free gum can be fatal to your dog."

Thanks to our AKC Delegate, Nance Skoglund, for passing this information along. —Ed.

AKCRx, The New Trusted Source for Pet Medications

Communications@news.akc.org; January 12, 2024

AKC is happy to share with you that we are embarking on a new health and wellness initiative with the launch of AKC®Rx. The goal of AKCRx is to be pet owners' trusted source for pet medications by supplying reliable options. AKCPetRx.com has a full complement of FDA/EPA approved pet medication for dogs, cats, farm animals, and birds, sourced directly from the manufacturers and approved distributors.

AKCRx is working with Allivet, a fully licensed pharmacy authorized to dispense prescription pet medications in all 50 states, for over 30 years. Orders placed on AKCPetRx.com are processed by Allivet Pet Pharmacy. Additionally, AKCRx holds accreditation from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).

The profit generated by this wellness initiative will assist AKC in continuing to fund the almost \$6 million dollars we donate annually to the operations of our 501C3 affiliates (AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Museum of the Dog, AKC Purebred Preservation Bank). The website is live now and available for use. New AKC Dog Registrants will receive a free month of Simparica Trio through a collaboration with Allivet and Zoetis (terms and conditions apply). AKC will also be launching special offers and everyday discounts for AKC breeders and registered handlers. The site can be reached at <https://www.akc.org/products-services/akcrx/> ♦

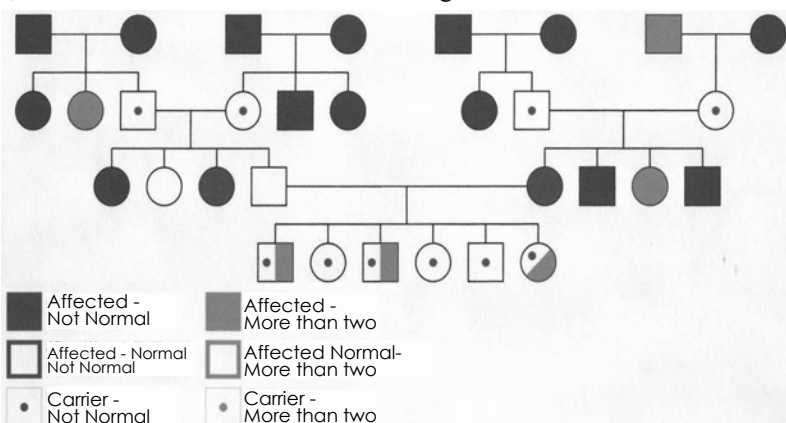
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Undescended Testicles (Monorchism - Cryptorchidism)

The following appeared in Dr. Carmen Battaglia's Breeding Better Dogs In-the-Know-Newsletter and is reprinted here with permission.

Research about breeders who have had puppies with undescended testicles have been studied for many years and most of the studies show that the failure of testicles to

descend into the scrotum is a developmental defect involving the formation and correct location of the testes. Young and Willis reported on the many causes for this disorder including testicles that are too large or small, inguinal ring being too tight and a short peritone fold. Willis also noted that the inguinal ring can be too tight or too short leading to this problem. In a survey of 6,455 animals at American and Canadian veterinary schools, the incidence in canines regardless of breed was found to be only 0.4%. and that the condition tends to run in families. The low heritability of missing testicles is not limited to dogs, for pigs it is 3.2% and horses only 1.8% (Priester). The Symbols pedigree is also useful for these kinds of studies because it codes ancestors by gender. Males are shown as squares and females as circles. The advantage of the Symbols pedigree (below) is the fact that it includes the littermates of each ancestor. Colors are used to identify each disorder and dots are used to designate carriers.



A further study into this topic suggested that because the heritability of missing testicles is so low, there are likely to be other factors involved. A closer look at a puppies environment leads us to notice that rough play includes biting and jumping on each other can led to injuries.

These playful events can easily account for many injuries and bruises to the testicles. It is likely that puppies in large litters might be at a higher risk than those from smaller litters. Rough play on daily basis can easily account for the likelihood that injuries will increase.

A second environmental factor is the involvement of the 'eager breeder wants to know if their male is intact.' Regular and frequent attempts to hunt for these very tiny testicles oftentimes will result in the unintentional pinching and bruising one or both testicles. When this occurs, the body attempts to protect them from further injury by taking them back up. If the ring closes, the testicles cannot descend and the breeder is led to believe they were not there. This usually leads breeders to the place blame on the sire or another ancestor.

A recommendation that will lessen the probability of having missing testicles is twofold. 1. When pups begin rough play, distract them with toys and activities that change their focus to other things. 2. Breeders and owners should discontinue hunting for testicles until the pups are older or until the breeder and owner has to know. This will be sometime after a pup is 8-10 weeks of age when the testicles are easier to find. ♦

Blue Ridge Beef Issues Recall Expansion of Blue Ridge Beef Puppy Mix due to Salmonella and Listeria Monocytogenes Contamination

1/4/24—Blue Ridge Beef is expanding their recall to include additional lot numbers. This recall includes all lot numbers and used by dates between N24 1114 to N24 1224 of their 2 lb log of Kitten Grind UPC 8 54298 00101 6; 2lb log of Kitten Mix UPC 8 54298 00143 6 and their 2lb log of Puppy Mix UPC 8 54298 00169 6 due to contamination of *Salmonella* and *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Salmonella* and *Listeria monocytogenes* can affect animals eating the products and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products. ♦

Gordon Setter News

The 2023 National Championships & Field Trial: An Overview



Monday, November 6, 2023 - Sunday, November 12, 2023 • Bechtel Ranch, Eureka, Kansas

From the Chair: My Thanks...

The 29th renewal of the GSCA National Grand Championships and Field Trial was held beginning on November 6, 2023 at the lovely Bechtel Ranch near Eureka, Kansas. This was our 13th year at Bechtel and, as in every year since 2011, Roger and Erika Bechtel, along with their son Glenn, welcomed us with absolutely fabulous hospitality and assistance. Due to the extended drought in the area, a few changes had to be made, and I especially want to thank Glenn for helping us to locate a good utility task vehicle ("UTV") and giving us the use of their trailer for pickup. We are so very fortunate to have established such a great working relationship with the Bechtels and we extend to them our gratitude. Greg Blair, representing Purina, provided us with dog food for all the placement holders, and Jim Morehouse from SportDOG once again provided collars for the winners. Gun Dog Supply added gift certificates to the prize packages, and White Star Machinery helped us with a rental UTV. Our small breed club deeply appreciates the help and support of these folks as well as the individuals and other Gordon Setter clubs that contribute.

Fun highlights of the week included porta-potty towing and the GSCA Garage Sale, which, amazingly, makes a great deal of money for the event as attendees rush the table of old, odd, and usable goodies! (How's that "1955-1982 Essential Johnny Cash" CD bundle, Sandy Wollschlager??? ☺) (As an aside from the editor, I



Bill Wright helped bird-plant at dawn each day



Marianne Gasaway (left) and Cindy Findley



Roy Gustafson, pictured with Kent Tomlinson, handled the dog wagon on a dry-grass/fire-danger course this year.

NC & FT 2023 Chair's report, continued

just HAD to find out how this 'cliff-hanger' ended and checked in with Sandy! She told me, "*Some of my favorite songs are included: Folsom Prison Blues, I Walk The Line, Big River, Ring of Fire, and Daddy Sang Bass/Mamma sang Tenor—I love to sing along to this one especially!*")

What's more, Chef Teresa Gulick's food was great each day—especially the strawberry rhubarb pie! And, upon presenting the national trophy dog statue to Joe and Sandy Wollschlager, it was discovered that one leg had broken off in transfer. So the trophy (which was replaced) was affectionately dubbed Tri-Pod! After the competition ended, those 15 or so of us remaining enjoyed a wonderful dinner, laughing, re-telling stories, and congratulating each other on performances. It was unanimous that we should plan to return in 2024! Gordon Setter camaraderie at its best!

The 2023 GSCA NFT Committee once again worked together as partners to insure a classy, well-executed event. Chris Bury kept us on the straight and narrow with the finances, and Mary Ann Gustafson flawlessly managed the secretarial duties. The catalog was a labor of love this year for our catalog whiz, Marianne Gasaway, and all of the other committee members assisted with various clubhouse chores and hospitality. I especially want to thank Royce Gustafson for his careful and important handling of the dog wagon on the dry-grass course. We were mindful of the fire danger and he handled the vehicle perfectly.

Thanks also go to committee members Lynne Barnett, Jim Baker, Janet Grunbok, and Nance Skoglund. And many thanks to Bill Wright, who volunteered to help bird plant each morning.

This year we were happy to meet Sam Salasky from Colorado, a Gordon owner who came and volunteered! Other attendees offered help throughout the week as well. They are all part of an amazing team!

And most importantly, we must extend our gratitude to the owners and handlers of black and tan dogs who make the effort year after year to attend, enjoy and support this event. It's been going for 29 fantastic years, and we all look forward to celebrating the 30th Anniversary Celebration in 2024—an anniversary within an anniversary, as 2024 also marks the 100th Anniversary of the Gordon Setter Club of America! We welcome you to help us celebrate the "Champions of the Past," and crowning Champions of 2024!

—Cindy Findley (IA), Chair



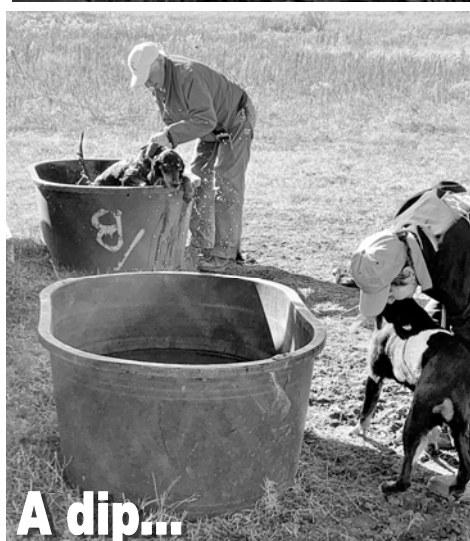
Mary Ann Gustafson talking to Jane Schillie



On the left, Janet Grunbok, co-owner (with husband Chris Bury) of the 2023 NAFC, *Rolex*, and Sandy Wollschlager, owner of the 2023 NFC, *Lucky*.



Handler Kelli Aitken



And we're off to the running of the dogs!

Gordon Setter News

The 29th GSCA National Championships Scribe's Report

The National Grand Championships were run on the traditional 4 mile course north of the camp area, beginning on November 6, 2023. The Flint Hills have been in a several year drought, and the ground was bone dry. There being only two small ponds necessitated the placement of extra water barrels on the course. The temperatures were cool in the mornings but warming in the afternoons. Strong flying birds supplied by Steve Heineman were found throughout the course, but more closely to water sources.

Running of the National Grand Field Championship

Judges: Ms. Lisa Pollock (IA) and Mr. Scott Johnson (KS)

Brace 1: NFC FC MVR Macfarlane Tough Hombre (*Tough*)

O: Lynne Barnett; H: Trena Cardwell

Milomix Brave Chief (*Brave*) O/H: Cindy Findley

This brace started with both dogs moving forward smartly. Brave was credited for a find at 13, with Tough backing. Brave had another find at 22—standing, but dancing a bit on the bird. Tough had a good find at 33 on a buried bird, and a final find at 59, as he tired a bit. Both dogs finished the hour.

Brace 2: FC Chukarhill How Nekkid Can U Git (*Kandi*)

O: Lynne Barnett; H: Trena Cardwell

FC Falcons Forever Forward JH (*Rocky*)

O: Charlie & Sandy Clock; H: Tim Hidalgo

Kandi had a breach of manners and was picked up early. Rocky was credited with a find and relocation at 13, and a stop to flush at 20 with loose style. He also had finds at 29 and 42, finishing the hour.

Brace 3: NWGDC FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Black Diamond (*Lucky*)

O: Sandy Wollschlager; H: Trena Cardwell

Whitethorn's Million Dollar Baby (*Jesse*)

O/H: Janet Grunbok

These experienced dogs started smartly, showing some independence. Lucky ran well forward and handled nicely. He had two very stylish finds at 35 and 50. Jesse had a find at 18. She also had a find and relocation at 22. Later on she suffered 2 non-productives. Both dogs finished the hour.

Brace 4: Stoneybrook Stetson's Irresistible (*Sister*)

O: Linda Sanders; H: Trena Cardwell

Milomix Josie (*Josie*)

O: Charlie & Sandy Clock; H: Tim Hidalgo

This nice pair of females started off smartly. Sister had a very stylish find at 13 and another at 24. However, shortly thereafter she was seen under a bird and was done for the day. Josie was seen on point at 18, but following re-location, she was moved on. With fair style she had a solid find at 25, and finished the hour with a find at time.

Brace 5: FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Pearl (*Pearl*)

O: Lynne Barnett; H: Trena Cardwell

BYE

Pearl was off to a rocky start and the handler elected to pick her up at 20.

Brace 6: Chk Whitethorn's Gotmeunderpressure (*True*)

O/H: Trena Cardwell

BYE

This run was one for the books. True is a very independent bitch and demonstrated that independence several times during the hour. Her huge forward run resulted in a classy find at 32. Always seen to the front, she had another find at 43. Lost for several minutes but brought to the front by her scout, True was turning heads while touring the country. Approaching the cast-off, she disappeared over the north ridge and, sadly, was not seen at time.



Left to right, National Grand Field Championship judges Scott Johnson, Kansas, and Lisa Pollock, Iowa

Brace 7: FC Whitethorn's Blackwatch (*Rolex*)

O: Janet Grunbok; H: Trena Cardwell

BYE

Running as another BYE dog, Rolex seemed a bit off her game. She gave it a good effort but lacked the sparkle she is known for. She had a successful find at 28, but a couple of non-productives ended her day. (It was later discovered that Rolex had a combination of a sore back, ear infection and fever. She was placed on medication and rest immediately.)

Brace 8: NAFC FC Teutoburger Wald Git Nekkid (*Izzy*)

O: Bruce Ulness; H: Trena Cardwell.

BYE

Past National Amateur Field Champion Izzy was smartly off the line and cast forward to the Ridge Orchard. Once over the Rock Hill, she lost a bit of focus and was picked up at 22.

Brace 9: Chukarhill Nearly Nekkid (*Poco*)

O: Lynne Barnett; H: Trena Cardwell.

Just a youngster, Poco was quickly forward, but a breach of manners ended her bid early.

Brace 10: Mvr Macfarlane She's A Doosie (*Doosie*)

O: Lynne Barnett; H: Trena Cardwell

The final entrant was Doosie, another of Lynne Barnett's great string. Doosie was forward for most of the hour, but tired in warming temps and was picked up at 50.

The Grand NFC Champion!

Winning the 2023 Grand National Championship was the 2022 National Walking Gun Dog Champion, NWGDC FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Black Diamond (*Lucky*), owned by Sandy and Joe Wollschlager from Minnesota, and handled by pro-trainer/handler Trena Cardwell. 8.5 year old Lucky laid down a forward, independent lap, with good speed and two stylish finds. It has been a good couple of years for Lucky, and he added another great title to his name. ❖



Presentation of the Championship Traveling Trophy to Lucky's owners. Standing, left to right, Lucky's handler, Trena Cardwell, judge Lisa Pollock, Dr. Bill Wright, Lucky's owners, Sandy and Joe Wollschlager, judge Scott Johnson. Holding the trophy is first-time visitor from Colorado (and Gordon owner) Sam Salasky.



NAFC judges Mike Zimbelman (left) from Nebraska & Jim Corpening from Kansas

Running of the National Grand Amateur Field Championship

Running of the National Grand Amateur required busy involvement from most of the attendees, whether handling, running dogs back and forth, scouting or bird planting.

Judges Mike Zimbelman, Nebraska, and Jim Corpening, Kansas were attentive and helpful to the handlers. Every brace had bird work, some better than others. Some dogs were run by willing friends of the owner. Unfortunately, reports of each dog's performance were difficult to gather, so we aren't able to reconstruct them here. It was a good day for Lynne Barnett's dogs, handled by Janet Grunbok and Kelli Aitken—taking placements 2 through 4!

Janet's bitch *Rolex* was scouted by Janet's husband Chris and they recalled a few notes regarding her run: Rolex cast-off widely to the right and had her first find below that Rock Hill. Over the Hill, she made a huge cast toward Meat Cleaver pond, then crossed back to the top of the Bowl and had another solid, stylish find. She was forward and out of sight until found on point (covey) high near the south end of Keegan's Ridge. Entering the Homestead Field, Rolex ran full speed, climbing toward the Overlook, and down through the gate to end her run.

Winner of the National Grand Amateur Championship

In a dazzling performance which a few of us witnessed, FC Whitethorn's Blackwatch (*Rolex*) won the National Grand Amateur Championship going away, for owner and handler Janet Grunbok. Feeling seemingly better than a few days earlier, Rolex led the gallery around the course, hunting fast, far and inspiringly wide, but always biddable to her handler. The judges remarked following Rolex's performance that she could compete with the finest dogs in any venue in the nation.

Congratulations to both Lucky, Rolex, and their owners!



Janet Grunbok, co-owner of the 2023 NAFC bitch *Rolex* thanking judges Mike Zimbelman (left) & Jim Corpening. Chair Cindy Findley in rear.



The Results

GSCA 2023 National Grand Championship

(14 starters)

Judges: Scott Johnson & Lisa Pollock

- 1) NWGDC FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Black Diamond (*Lucky*)
(O: Sandy Wollschlager; H: Trena Cardwell) (3 pts)
- 2) Milomix Josie (*Josie*) (O: Sandy & Charlie Clock; H: Tim Hidalgo)
- 3) NFC FC M V R Macfarlane Tough Hombre (*Tough*)
(O: Lynne Barnett; H: Trena Cardwell)
- 4) Whitethorn's Million Dollar Baby (*Jesse*) (O/H: Janet Grunbok)

GSCA 2023 National Grand Amateur Championship

(14 starters)

Judges: Mike Zimbelman & James Corpening

- 1) FC Whitethorn's Blackwatch (*Rolex*)
(O: Janet Grunbok & Chris Bury; H: Janet Grunbok) (3 pts)
- 2) FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Pearl (*Pearl*)
(O: Lynne Barnett; H: Janet Grunbok) (1 pt)
- 3) FC Chukarhill How Nekkid Can U Git (*Kandi*)
(O: Lynne Barnett; H: Kelli Aitken)
- 4) NFC FC M V R Macfarlane Tough Hombre (*Tough*)
(O: Lynne Barnett/H: Kelli Aitken)



GSCA 2023 National Grand Championship Placements

From left to right: 1st place *Lucky* with handler Trena Cardwell (forefront) and owners Joe & Sandy Wollschlager; runner-up *Josie* with scout T.J. Hidalgo, standing behind, her owner, Sandy Clock, judge Lisa Pollock, Josie's handler Tim Hidalgo, and judge Scott Johnson; 3rd place *Tough* with scout Sara Job, and 4th place *Jesse* with owner/handler Janet Grunbok.



GSCA 2023 National Grand Amateur Championship Placements

Standing: Judges Jim Corpening (left) and Mike Zimbelman

From right to left: 1st place *Rolex* with owner/handler Janet Grunbok, runner up *Pearl* with scout Chris Bury, 3rd place *Kandi* with scout Clayton Thompson, and 4th place *Tough* with handler Kelli Aitken. Placing dogs 2-4 owned by Lynne Barnett.



GSCA Open Derby Placements

From right to left: 1st place **Geordi** with owner/handler Janet Grunbok, runner-up **Teeze** with Mary Ann Gustafson, Trena Cardwell (in back), handler of Teeze and Nellie, 3rd place **Nellie** with Clayton Thompson and 4th place **B.J.** with Kelli Aitken.

Open Derby (13 starters)

Judges: Scott Johnson & Lisa Pollock

- 1) Whitethorn's Mr. La Forge (*Geordi*) (O: J Grunbok/C Bury; H: J Grunbok) (3 pts)
- 2) Mvr Macfarlane Hard Kandi (*Teeze*) (O: L Barnett; H: T Cardwell)
- 3) Blackjack Eleanor Dumont (*Nellie*) (O: S Wollschlager; H: T Cardwell)
- 4) Mvr Macfarlane Dr. Feel Good (*B.J.*) (O: L Barnett; H: S Job)

Mid-week Setter-Fest Trial

On Wednesday, November 8, we were able to conduct a separate event field trial, as the Championship dogs had a day to rest and recover. This was the third year for conducting an All-Setter Field Trial during the week, and it has allowed owners of all setter breeds to compete in an Open Gun Dog stake, and an Open Derby stake. This has been met with great favor, as 16 entries constituted a major in the OGD and 9 entries made for a fun Open Derby! The revenue from these two stakes is important and gets other bird dog folks involved.

Setter-Fest

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Open Derby

(9 starters)

Judges: Mike Zimbelman & James Corpening

- 1) Irish Setter (2 pts)
- 2) Irish Setter
- 3) Mvr Macfarlane Dr. Feel Good (L Barnett)
- 4) Withheld

Setter-Fest

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Open Gun Dog

(16 starters)

Judges: Scott Johnson & Lisa Pollock

- 1) Falcons Forever Forward JH (C Clock) (3 pts)
- 2) Irish Setter
- 3) Milomix Josie (S/C Clock)
- 4) GCH Blackjack Double Down JH (S Wollschlager)

Save the Date!

2024 30th Anniversary Celebration of the GSCA National Championships!

Save the date and start planning now to join us next November 3-9, 2024 for the 30th Anniversary GSCA National Championships and Field Trial! Pending GSCA and AKC approval, we are making plans for a gala celebration week commemorating the "Champions of the Past," and crowning Champions for 2024!

We will gather again at the Bechtel Ranch near Eureka, Kansas and showcase our dogs, break bread together, joyously remember days and friends gone by, and celebrate amazing canine achievements for over 30 years! The GSCA Standing National Field Trial Committee and the Event Committee are already sharing ideas and plans!

Be part of this incredible legacy! Celebrate with your dogs and friends at the 30th Gathering of the Scottish Setter Clan!!

Watch the newsletter for details!

The 2023 Champions...

2023 National Field Champion

NFC NWGDC FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Black Diamond

(Milomix Earl x Clearcut Crack That Whip)

Breeders: Lynne Barnett & Matt Eder

Owners: Sandra & Joe Wollschlager • Handler: Trena Cardwell

We're lucky to own this dog. Twice he has won a GSCA National Championship title. The first was in 2021 when he won the National Walking Gun Dog Championship, and now, in 2023, he has captured the National Field Championship. Twice before he has come very close at the NFC—third in 2020 and second in 2021. In 2018, he took first at the National Field Trial's Walking Gun Dog stake. And as a young dog, he was the GSCA Derby Dog of the Year.

This year's judges were Lisa Pollock of Lucas, Iowa, and Scott Johnson of Winfield, Kansas. I asked them why they chose Lucky over the others, and they collectively said, "He was always moving forward and solid on his bird work. He's a pleasure to watch." Style can be hard to describe on paper, but when you see it, you know it, **and Lucky has style.**

A "grand stake" is 60 minutes long and our National Grand Championship stake is run over the wide open spaces of Kansas—a place where the wind rarely stops—and this year the birds were a bit scarce. Great credit goes to Trena Cardwell who conditioned him for the event and skillfully handled him around the course, with assistance from scout Sara Job.

Lucky is from a 2015 litter of six by Milomix Earl (*Earl*) and out of Clearcut Crack That Whip (*Cracker*). Breeders Lynne Barnett and Matt Eder can be very proud of their matchmaking as three of the six hold impressive titles. Lucky's two titled littermates are NFC FC AFC Mvr Macfarlane Duke Of Earl (owned by Mary Ann Gustafson) and FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Pearl (owned by Lynne Barnett).

Lucky turns nine years of age in February and his field trial days are winding down, but his offspring look promising. At the National Championships, five of the Open Derby dogs were sired by Lucky. I own two, and they were first and second in GSCA's 2022 Puppy of the Year awards. I smile every time I think back to an Iowa trial where a well-known German Shorthaired Pointer (GSP) pro got beat by one of Lucky's kids. He grudgingly admitted, "*That one has style.*"

The backstory

A few years back someone suggested I sign up for a FT program put on by a well-known GSP pro-handler who has a considerable following. I had been to trials where his students had swept the placements. How did I know they were his students? They all wore his kennel name tee-shirts/hats and their dogs' names indicated they had bought puppies from his kennel. The first time I went to his place, I met a woman who had flown in from Alaska to participate in the training, and she spoke very highly of him. Although he had never previously trained a Gordon Setter, he told me he was expanding his program and would accept my dog. I ended up purchasing only one of his three training videos, but didn't find it very helpful... and long story short, my dog flunked out.

Fast Forward

Fast forward to November 2022. Logistically, it made sense. There was a



field trial in Iowa put on by a GSP Club the weekend after the GSCA National Championships in Kansas, and it was a way to break up the long ride home to Minnesota. Also, I was in the hunt for my two Lucky puppies to win points and, with winter coming, there would be few future trials. Realistically, it was NOT ideal for Gordon Setters to place, let alone win.

As my Mother used to say, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." Well, Mom, I guess you were right this time, because wouldn't you know it, my eight month old Lucky girl (*Nellie*) was in the first brace with a GSP male handled by the aforementioned pro!

The Brace

The Open Puppy course started at a bottom of a hill. We were instructed to climb the hill and turn right and ride into a wide-open field where there was a large stand of trees a couple hundred yards out. The puppies strained at their collars and I noticed the GSP male was nearly double Nellie's size. He had a gleam in his eye that suggested he might be aggressive. Nellie was in the lead, but turned left at the top of the hill and her would-be "suitor" followed in hot pursuit. I called her name to turn her and, as she slowed to turn around, he T-boned her. Nellie went flying and rolled a couple of times. I thought his handler would yell at his dog for being aggressive, but no, not a word. Off they went, and sure enough, he veered to get her again but she was off to the races.

As we walked our horses up the hill, I thought I would make conversation as we hadn't yet said a word to one another. I said, "You probably don't remember me, but I had a dog with you some years back." He replied, "I remember. *No style.*"

There were four braces total, and I ran again in the third with my other Lucky puppy (*Duke*). All the other pups were GSPs. In fact, with the exception of Brittans owned by one of the judges, all the dogs were GSPs.

Placements

Placements were announced at the end of the day. Open Puppy fourth place was called and it went to the GSP that my Duke had been braced with. Third went



Lucky with his scout, Sara Job
Mark Keegan Watercolors

Lucky's story, continued

to my Duke. Second went to the GSP pro and, as the first place ribbon was awarded to my girl Nellie, he somewhat grudgingly said, "*Now that one has style!*"

The icing on the cake came Sunday when Duke took first in Amateur Puppy, Nellie took second and six GSPs finished third – last. Nellie won her two Open Puppy points and Duke won his two Amateur Puppy points.

A hard way to win points

In closing, that was a hard way to win points. I prefer "Setter" FTs where there is more camaraderie. But, it's satisfying to know I can take my dogs to any FT and not only compete but also do well. Thank you, Lucky, for passing along your style to a new generation of field bred Gordon Setters.

—Sandy Wollschlager (MN)



Above, Sandy and Lucky at the April 2021 Minnesota Brittany Field Trial where he took second place in OGD



Lucky's "wall of fame" in Sandy's 'SheShed.' Texas longhorns are from a favorite antique shop in Lucky's birth town, Bandera, TX!

2023 National Amateur Field Champion NAFC FC Whitethorn's Blackwatch

(NFC NAFC GFC GAFC FC AFC ChukarHill Buck Nekkid x
FC AFC Par's Light My Fire)

Breeders/Owners: Janet Grunbok & Chris Bury
Handler: Janet Grunbok

I have had the privilege of owning and running some great dogs, FC AFC Tomar's Victory Renegade CD SH (*Nike*), NAFC Tomars Renegade Hot Attitude (*Addy*), and FC AFC Par's Light My Fire (*Ricki*). Although all those dogs earned various awards by the end of their careers, *Rolex* has already attained significant milestones and still has many years ahead of her. Rolex comes from the first litter of 8 puppies that Ricki had with *Buck* (2xNFC 3xNAFC GFC GAFC FC AFC ChukarHill Buck Nekkid) and stood out amongst the litter from an early age. Her huge run (300-450 yards away), yet under control, and stylish point (tail straight up) made Puppy and Derby points happen with ease. For further training, Trena Cardwell worked with her, doing an expert job of getting her broke (steady to wing and shot) without the pressure of losing her lovely style. Thus, Rolex was ready to begin running in field trials as a broke dog.

She started to come into her own, accumulating 4 more points in additional to her 4 Puppy and Derby points. This gave her 9 points and only 1 needed to finish her Field Championship. In October of 2021 she had a flawless run in a 25-dog stake at the Nodrog field trial in Michigan and we finally finished the FC title.

At the GSCA National Amateur Field Championship in 2022, Rolex had a spectacular run, placing third, that was truly the thrill of my life. She lost first place to her litter brother *Penn* (now NAFC FC AFC Whitethorns Tahosa Penn), owned by my good friend, Mark Keegan. Well hey, it is all in the family. In that same year, she took fourth place (handled by Trena Cardwell) in the National Field Championship and littermate *Penn* took third.

Early in 2022 Rolex took a maternity leave and had 4 beautiful puppies. I kept two—*Ruthie* (Whitethorn's Ruthless Justice) and



Mark Keegan Watercolors

Geordi (Whitethorn's Mr. La Forge). Geordi has the makings of a rock star. Rolex once again shows excellence in all she does.

Back at work, 2023 was HER year. In June she won another 5 point major at the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Washington field trial. When we got to Kansas for the National Championships, she ran in the Open Championship, but didn't perform to her usual standard. We subsequently found out that she had a sore back and ear infection. After resting for 3 days and taking medication for the ear infection, she was back to her usual self when it was time to run in the Amateur Championship. She put in a big run, pointing 2 single birds and one small covey(4-6 birds) with a high tail and perfect manners.

I owe much to Trena Cardwell for all of her hard work in training, conditioning and shaping Rolex into the champion that she is. Thank you, Trena, for doing such a fantastic job!

As a breeder, I cannot be more proud of Rolex and her progeny and hope to move forward with this progress in developing the Gordon Setter field dog of tomorrow. In addition, Rolex is the best house (bed, couch) dog ever, as they all should be.

—Janet Grunbok (WA)

Gordon Setter News



NC & FT Commemorative Lapel Pins for Sale!

One of the treasured traditions of the GSCA National Championships has been the creation of a lapel pin each year. The Event Committee has a conglomeration of various pins going back to 2006. As a small fundraiser for the National Championships, we are making them available to anyone who may wish to add to their own collection, give as small novelties or as tokens of appreciation. We have a few of some, and many of others. The photo identifies the year available. (The 2023 pin of the puppy face was very popular!)

Full color photo is posted on the Facebook Group at:
Gordon Setter Club of America National Championships GROUP

The pins are \$3.00 each and buyer pays shipping.

If you are interested, please contact

NFT Chair Cindy Findley at timberfin@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the NFT!

See lapel pins in color on back cover!

New Titleholders, November-December, 2023

CHAMPION

CH Blazens Contagious (SS29516408) 12/9/23 (B) 9/8/21. GCH Blazen Bullets In The Gun x Blazens Copper Courageous. Br/Ow: H West.

CH Bran Linn Braxfield Comeback Kid (SS32041501) 11/24/23 (D) 10/25/20. CH Triseter Ebonie Nirvana x GCHS Bran Linn Amulet. Br: N Maounis/C/J Bell/S Nordstrom. Ow: N Maounis/N Thompson/C/J Bell.

CH Corisande By The Hunter's Moon At Mardebri (SS24108501) 12/12/23 (D) 11/29/20. CH Triseter Ebonie Nirvana x GCH Corisande As You Wish JH NA NAJ CA DCAT RATN. Br: R/M/K Fritz. Ow: D Bjerkestrand/R Fritz.

CH Gilnockie's The It Factor (SS27667801) 11/3/23 (D) 7/4/21. CH Gilnockie's Bees Do It! x CH Killbride Karrelene's Uncorked. Br: A Nevils/S Armstrong. Ow: S Armstrong/K Marr/A Nevils.

CH Gordon Glen Isle Of Skye JH (SS11471404) 11/5/23 (B) 2/5/19. GCH Munroc The Black Watch MH x CH Gordon Glen Cead Mille Failte JH. Br: J/D Sindel. Ow: J Sindel/J Webb.

GRAND CHAMPION

GCH Bit O Gold Countdown To Moonlight Madness JH (SS10433002) 12/16/23 (B) 12/31/18. CH Justmoor You Should Be Dancin x CH Bit O' Gold Taffeta And Tulle JH. Br: M Pena. Ow: A Perez/C Edwards.

GCH Valley View Kona Kai CGCA TKN (SS14767401) 11/26/23 (D) 8/5/19. GCHP Hollyhunt Not By Chance x GCHB Valley View's New York State Of Mind. Br: B Hubbard/J Van Aller/M McGillivray. Ow: C Banks.

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GRAND CHAMPION SILVER

GCHS Corisande As You Like It JH NAJ NF (SS04924001) 11/9/23 (D) 12/11/17. Amcot Rebel With A Cause x GCH Mardebri & Corisande's Straight On Til Morning JH NF RATN DS. Br/Ow: R/M/K Fritz/D Bjerkestrand.

GCHS Shiloh's Spirit Of Broch Tuarach (SS00532205) 12/13/23 (D) 6/30/17. GCHS Skara Braes I Was Worth The Wait x GCH Shiloh's Beyond The Scores BN RN MX MXJ OF RATO. Br: G Deller. Ow: A Wheeland.

AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPION

GCH AFC Blackjack Double Down JH (SS12902405) 12/1/23 (B) 5/27/19. GCH Munroc The Black Watch MH x CH Yennadon Lady Bird JH. Br/Ow: S Wollschlager.

NATIONAL FIELD CHAMPION

NFC NWGDC FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Black Diamond (SR87161902) 11/6/23 (D) 2/18/15. Milomix Earl x Clearcut Crack That Whip. Br: L Barnett/M Eder. Ow: S Wollschlager.

FIELD CHAMPION

FC Falcons Forever Forward JH (SR84033817) 11/8/23 (D) 7/23/14. FC Doubledee Charlie Drew x FC Wyndancer Jett Stream CGC. Br: P Sanborn/D McCrossin. Ow: C/S Clock.

NATIONAL AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPION

NAFC FC Whitethorn's Blackwatch (SR92875101) 11/6/23 (B) 4/25/16. NFC NAFC GFC GAFC FC AFC ChukarHill Buck Nekkid x FC AFC Par's Light My Fire. Br/Ow: J Grunbok/C Bury.

New Titleholders, November-December, 2023, continued

JUNIOR HUNTER

- CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika JH CGC TKN** (SR72807904) 11/5/23 (B) 4/17/12. DC Tartana's Digging-Est Dog JH x CH Gordon Hill Rothesay Of Bute MH CGC. Br/Ow: J de Casteja/S DeSilver.
- CH Gordon Hill Victory At Scimitar JH** (SS18515906) 11/12/23 (D) 4/26/20. GCH Munroc The Black Watch MH x CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika JH CGC TKN. Br: J de Casteja/S DeSilver. Ow: M Osman/J Hawkins/D Avery/B Levi.
- Pointsetter Tri-Sett Talisker's Tiara At Wpf RN JH CGCA** (SS38002206) 11/26/23 (B) 10/21/22. GCHG Pointsetter Tri-Sett After Midnight x CH Pointsetter Tri-Sett Ringside Rumor. Br: A Johnson-Edwards/K Gatchell/C Edwards. Ow: S Adams-Conley.
- Sylvanus Dorchia Ros Feeble JH** (SS32551601) 12/9/23 (B) 1/16/22. CH Blackjack Everybody Wins JH x CH Tartana Lilies Dorchia Ros JH CA. Br/Ow: J Webb/T Olsson.

JUNIOR HUNTER ADVANCED

- Tallgrass Plymouth Navy Strength JHA** (SS00090504) 10/1/23 (B) 7/13/17. Breezwood Clea Clarence Rutherford x Tallgrass Red Dot. Br: T Loy. Ow: K Breier.
- Tallgrass Wingless Crow JHA** (SS00090503) 4/14/23 (D) 7/13/17. Breezwood Clea Clarence Rutherford x Tallgrass Red Dot. Br: T Loy. Ow: K Breier.

SENIOR HUNTER

- CH Tamarack Brynbar Queen Of The Night SH** (SS02173401) 12/16/23 (B) 10/17/17. GCH Deveron Another King Will Rise x CH Tamarack Brynbar Worth Every Penny CD RN MH. Br/Ow: E Shanahan/S Threlfall/D/M Brnger.

COMPANION DOG

- Bonnie Prince Charlie III CD BN RI CGC TKN** (SS15740204) 11/18/23 (D) 11/8/19. CH Sea Gems Memories In Time x Sea Gems Vegas Strip Tease. Br: P Schattner. Ow: J Gould.
- CH Bravo's Clandestine Operation CD BN RI CGCA TKN** (SS12701705) 11/11/23 (D) 6/18/19. GCH Bravo's Hollyhunt Seal Of Honor x GCH Romance In Paris V.D. Mergelhoeve. Br: L/D Kullman. Ow: K Hubbard/L Kullman.

RALLY NOVICE

- Pointsetter Tri-Sett Talisker's Tiara At Wpf RN CGCA** (SS38002206) 11/25/23 (B) 10/21/22. GCHG Pointsetter Tri-Sett After Midnight x CH Pointsetter Tri-Sett Ringside Rumor. Br: A Johnson-Edwards/K Gatchell/C Edwards. Ow: S Adams-Conley.

RALLY MASTER 6

- GCH Greenough Amberlove Scottish Kilt CD RM6 RAE4 JH AX AXJ OF BCAT RATN CGC TKN** (SR78394008) 11/19/23 (B) 6/24/13. CH Amberlove Back To Basics x CH Greenough's Witchy Woman NA NAJ. Br: S/J Nelson/R Schwiegerath. Ow: S Hudson.

RALLY CHOICE

- GCH Greenough Amberlove Scottish Kilt CD RM6 RAE4 RC JH AX AXJ OF BCAT RATN CGC TKN** (SR78394008) 12/3/23 (B) 6/24/13. CH Amberlove Back To Basics x CH Greenough's Witchy Woman NA NAJ. Br: S/J Nelson/R Schwiegerath. Ow: S Hudson.

OBEDIENCE MASTER 4

- Milestone Farm's Nostalgia UDX2 OM4 BN GN GO** (SR92165801) 12/9/23 (B) 2/4/16. CH Coppertoe-Milestone's Ventura CD RN JH x CH Gilnockie & Milestone's Dramatic Flair CD BN CA. Br: D/G Bartlett/S Armstrong. Ow: D/G Bartlett/S Armstrong/V Kick.

BEGINNER NOVICE

- Bannfshire's Holy Diver BN RN NA NAJ NF DCAT CGC** (PAL280287) 10/28/23 (B) 3/16/18. Ow: S Flegle.

NOVICE AGILITY

- Martini 'N Jesse's Girl Don'T Stop Believin' NA NAJ MXP MJP2 MJPB XFP T2BP CAA DCAT DN FITG** (SS10089504) 11/11/23 (B) 12/21/18. GCHG Timbaray N' Sastya's Outlaw CD RN JH CGC TKN x CH Martinis Spice Up The Night. Br: M Martini. Ow: C Gelis/M Martini/P Spangler.

OPEN AGILITY PREFERRED

- Bannfshire's Holy Diver RN NA NAJ OAP OJP NF DCAT CGC** (PAL280287) 11/26/23 (B) 3/16/18. Ow: S Flegle.

NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER

- Martini 'N Jesse's Girl Don'T Stop Believin' NA NAJ MXP MJP2 MJPB XFP T2BP CAA DCAT DN FITG** (SS10089504) 11/11/23 (B) 12/21/18. GCHG Timbaray N' Sastya's Outlaw CD RN JH CGC TKN x CH Martinis Spice Up The Night. Br: M Martini. Ow: C Gelis/M Martini/P Spangler.

OPEN AGILITY JUMPER PREFERRED

- Bannfshire's Holy Diver RN NA NAJ OJP NF DCAT CGC** (PAL280287) 11/25/23 (B) 3/16/18. Ow: S Flegle.

EXCELLENT AGILITY JUMPER PREFERRED

- CH Mcq Steel The One RN JH OAP AJP OFP** (SR93368105) 11/10/23 (D) 5/4/16. GCHP Sastya's Eleven Eleven x GCHS Mcq Time To Bring It On CD RA JH. Br/Ow: M/R Quaco.

MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER PREFERRED 3

- Martini 'N Jesse's Girl Don'T Stop Believin' NA NAJ MXP MJP3 MJPB XFP T2BP CAA DCAT DN FITG** (SS10089504) 11/12/23 (B) 12/21/18. GCHG Timbaray N' Sastya's Outlaw CD RN JH CGC TKN x CH Martinis Spice Up The Night. Br: M Martini. Ow: C Gelis/M Martini/P Spangler.

MASTER SILVER JUMPER 2

- MACH3 Skara Braes Race Against Time MXS2 MJS2 MXF** (SR97387301) 12/29/23 (B) 2/7/17. GCHS Skara Braes I Was Worth The Wait x CH Skara Braes Make Way For The Lady. Br: S Grober. Ow: J Ashley.

FCAT2

- Firethorn & Spring Run Easy Like Sunday Morning FCAT2 SCN SEN SBN TKI** (SS15785806) 12/17/23 (B) 11/20/19. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x GCH Firethorn & Valley View's Straighten My Crown. Br: M McLoughlin/C Kirby/J Van Aller. Ow: S Wey.
- Sastya N' Krystal Oops A Daisy FCAT2 SWN TKN** (SS28537502) 12/17/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: S Wey.

SCENT WORK NOVICE

- Sastya N' Krystal Big Sky Dreamer JH DCAT SWN RATN TKI** (SS28537504) 12/2/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: M/T Chebul.
- Sastya N' Krystal Oops A Daisy FCAT SWN TKN** (SS28537502) 12/8/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: S Wey.

SCENT WORK INTERIOR NOVICE

- Sastya N' Krystal Big Sky Dreamer JH DCAT SIN SEN SBN RATN TKI** (SS28537504) 11/5/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: M/T Chebul.

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR NOVICE

- Firethorn & Spring Run Easy Like Sunday Morning FCAT SEN TKI** (SS15785806) 12/8/23 (B) 11/20/19. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x GCH Firethorn & Valley View's Straighten My Crown. Br: M McLoughlin/C Kirby/J Van Aller. Ow: S Wey.

Sastya N' Krystal Big Skye Dreamer JH DCAT SIN SEN SBN RATN TKI (SS28537504) 11/5/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: M/T Chebul.

Sastya N' Krystal Oops A Daisy FCAT SWN TKN (SS28537502) 12/8/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: S Wey.

SCENT WORK BURIED NOVICE

Firethorn & Spring Run Easy Like Sunday Morning FCAT SCN SEN SBN TKI (SS15785806) 12/15/23 (B) 11/20/19. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x GCH Firethorn & Valley View's Straighten My Crown. Br: M McLoughlin/C Kirby/J Van Aller. Ow: S Wey.

Sastya N' Krystal Big Skye Dreamer JH DCAT SIN SEN SBN RATN TKI (SS28537504) 11/5/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: M/T Chebul.

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR EXCELLENT

GCHB Saranac Sticky Toffee Pudding SWE SCM SHDE (SR84737818) 11/19/23 (D) 9/12/14. CH Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x CH Saranac Tootsie Roll CD CGC. Br: W/E Fisher. Ow: M Hoffman/S Bosen.

SCENT WORK BURIED EXCELLENT

GCH CT Schofield Cory's Cheveho JH SWA SBE (SR76896406) 11/5/23 (D) 3/21/13. GCH Schofield Here Comes De Encore x CH Schofield Take Me To D' Limit JH. Br: R Schmidt. Ow: S McClung.

SCENT WORK EXCELLENT

GCHB Saranac Sticky Toffee Pudding SWE SCM SHDE (SR84737818) 11/19/23 (D) 9/12/14. CH Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x CH Saranac Tootsie Roll CD CGC. Br: W/E Fisher. Ow: M Hoffman/S Bosen.

SCENT WORK CONTAINER MASTER

GCHB Saranac Sticky Toffee Pudding SWA SCM SIE SBE SHDE (SR84737818) 11/18/23 (D) 9/12/14. CH Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x CH Saranac Tootsie Roll CD CGC. Br: W/E Fisher. Ow: M Hoffman/S Bosen.

SCENT WORK HANDLER DISCRIMINATION MASTER

Moonsetter Quixote's Quip SWME SHDM TKI (SR93166201) 12/2/23 (D) 4/27/16. Moonsetter Sureshot Hellyes x GCH Moonsetter Oh Em Gee TKN. Br: H/C/O Moon. Ow: M Legg/O Moon.

GCHB Saranac Sticky Toffee Pudding SWE SCM SBM SHDM (SR84737818) 12/16/23 (D) 9/12/14. CH Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x CH Saranac Tootsie Roll CD CGC. Br: W/E Fisher. Ow: M Hoffman/S Bosen.

SCENT WORK CONTAINER NOVICE

Firethorn & Spring Run Easy Like Sunday Morning FCAT SCN SEN SBN TKI (SS15785806) 12/15/23 (B) 11/20/19. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x GCH Firethorn & Valley View's Straighten My Crown. Br: M McLoughlin/C Kirby/J Van Aller. Ow: S Wey.

Sastya N' Krystal Big Skye Dreamer JH DCAT SWN RATN TKI (SS28537504) 12/2/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: M/T Chebul.

SCENT WORK INTERIOR ADVANCED

Sastya N' Krystal Big Skye Dreamer JH DCAT SWN SIA SEA RATN TKI (SS28537504) 12/9/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: M/T Chebul.

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR ADVANCED

Sastya N' Krystal Big Skye Dreamer JH DCAT SWN SIA SEA RATN TKI (SS28537504) 12/9/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: M/T Chebul.

SCENT WORK CONTAINER EXCELLENT

GCH CT Schofield Cory's Cheveho JH SWA SCE SBE (SR76896406) 12/10/23 (D) 3/21/13. GCH Schofield Here Comes De Encore x CH Schofield Take Me To D' Limit JH. Br: R Schmidt. Ow: S McClung.

SCENT WORK BURIED MASTER

GCHB Saranac Sticky Toffee Pudding SWE SCM SBM SHDM (SR84737818) 12/16/23 (D) 9/12/14. CH Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x CH Saranac Tootsie Roll CD CGC. Br: W/E Fisher. Ow: M Hoffman/S Bosen.

SCENT WORK CONTAINER MASTER ELITE

Shiloh's Top Of The Podium SWM SCME (SR72872007) 12/2/23 (B) 5/8/12. GCH Triseter Ebonie Zeus x CH MACH2 PACH Kopperklad Shiloh's By Night Sky CDX BN RAE JH MXG MJC MXP3 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX MXF MFP T2B2 T2BP SCN SIN SEN RATO. Br: G Deller. Ow: P/T Gregg.

SCENT WORK INTERIOR MASTER ELITE

Moonsetter Quixote's Quip SWME SHDM TKI (SR93166201) 12/2/23 (D) 4/27/16. Moonsetter Sureshot Hellyes x GCH Moonsetter Oh Em Gee TKN. Br: H/C/O Moon. Ow: M Legg/O Moon.

SCENT WORK BURIED MASTER ELITE

Moonsetter Quixote's Quip SWME SHDM TKI (SR93166201) 12/2/23 (D) 4/27/16. Moonsetter Sureshot Hellyes x GCH Moonsetter Oh Em Gee TKN. Br: H/C/O Moon. Ow: M Legg/O Moon.

SCENT WORK MASTER ELITE

Moonsetter Quixote's Quip SWME SHDM TKI (SR93166201) 12/2/23 (D) 4/27/16. Moonsetter Sureshot Hellyes x GCH Moonsetter Oh Em Gee TKN. Br: H/C/O Moon. Ow: M Legg/O Moon.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Andelle Teal The End Of The Moon CGC (SS42104503) 10/1/23 (D) 4/30/23. GCHS Pointsetter's Night Train Arrives @ Seasac MH BCAT x CH Bit O Gold Countdown To Moonlight Madness JH. Br: A Perez/C Edwards. Ow: T Pine/A Perez/P Gobin.

Digger's Marley CGC (SS35934303) 4/18/23 (B) 7/9/22. NWGDC FC AFC Falcons Clearcut Castaway x FC Saltires Pearl Of Tara. Br: R Hug. Ow: L Foos.

Hill Top Nugen CGC (SS33408702) 11/18/23 (D) 4/19/22. Hill Top Reedus x Hill Top Maggie. Br/Ow: V/C Hibberd.

TRICK DOG NOVICE

Sastya Hallmark Very Best 4 Trilogy TKN (SS05246510) 4/30/23 (D) 4/19/18. CH Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x GCHB Sastya Bit O' Gold Babybel. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: K/C Paduch.

TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE

Shiloh's Maid Of Stardust CGC TKI (SS37825102) 12/5/23 (B) 10/11/22. CH Hollyhunt Sealed In The Stars x CH Shiloh's Bold New Spirit JH OA AXJ XF SCN SIN RATO TKI. Br: G Deller. Ow: P/T Gregg.

FIT DOG BRONZE

Moonstone Kelwyn CGC TKI FITB (SS30490906) 12/21/23 (D) 10/27/21. Gordonstar Ixs Mister x Sherwin's Kara CD BN RA FDC ACT1 SWNE SCA SIA SEA SHDN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA FITS. Br: D Cournoyer. Ow: D Wattie.

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New Titleholders, November-December, 2023, Cont'd.

FIT DOG SILVER

Moonstone Tesla CGCA CGCU TKN ATT FITS (SS30490901)

12/29/23 (B) 10/27/21. Gordonstar lxs Mister x Sherwin's Kara
CD BN RA FDC ACT1 SWNE SCA SIA SEA SHDN CGCA CGCU TKI
ATT VHMA FITS. Br/Ow: D Cournoyer.

**Sherwin's Kara CD BN RA FDC ACT1 SWNE SCA SIA SEA SHDN
CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA FITS (SR93417201) 12/21/23 (B)**

10/20/15. Sherwin's Fellini x Sherwin's Camee. Br: M
Schneider. Ow: D Cournoyer.

—Donnah Brnger (GA)

New Member Applications ► ► ►

Jen Bowers (former member rejoining), 17730 Foreston Rd.,
Parkton, MD 21120; 443-904-5000,
jen.marie.bowers@gmail.com Sponsors: Dianne Avery & Beni
Levi (MI).

Carol & Anthony Garcia (former members rejoining), 2610
Suisun Ave., San Jose, CA 95121; 408-499-6983,
luckychamp@aol.com Owns: Fiona, Freida, Simon, and
Fergus. Sponsors: Dianne Avery & Beni Levi (MI).

Karen Gardner, 84 S. Main Street, Keedysville, MD 21756-
1348; 240-566-6781, klgrunner@gmail.com Sponsors:
Linda McRae (PA) & Kathy Hubbard (IL).

—Gail Paludi, Membership Chair

February—A Great Time to Evaluate Your Dog's Heart Health

AKC Expert Advice/by Shawn Hart (<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/february-great-time-evaluate-canines-heart-health/>)

Love is in the air during the month of February, and many dog owners find their "true love" in a canine companion, warming their laps and their hearts. To help keep those hearts happy and healthy, dogs and humans alike benefit from a daily walk or play time in the yard. However, there are many factors that can affect heart health.



Heart Health Can Start with Genetics

Over the years, reputable breeders have continued tracking the heart health of their dogs over generations to help minimize congenital abnormalities in future litters. Many AKC breed parent clubs have recommended echocardiograms (non-invasive ultrasound of the heart), specifically for canines in breeding programs.

Whippet breeder Gail Boyd, a board member of the American Whippet Club (AWC), explains: "Every Whippet, prior to breeding, should have breed-specific health testing performed. For Whippets, that includes CAER (eyes) clearance, BAER (hearing) testing, and Advanced Cardiac Clearance by a board-certified veterinary cardiologist. The AWC's Whippet Health Foundation recommends a minimum of testing every two years (cardiac), although select breeders test dogs annually, especially between 5 to 9 years of age. Armed with the knowledge of the initial onset of cardiac changes allow breeders an opportunity to make wise choices in their breeding program."

Large and giant breeds, like the Doberman Pinschers or Great Danes, can have higher rates of heart disease. There are, however, several smaller breeds that are closely watched as well, such as the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Dachshund, and Miniature Poodle. Regardless of the breed, each parent club publishes health test recommendations for breeders.

Veterinary Cardiologists

Often, cardiac issues are diagnosed early by a veterinarian and then are referred to a veterinarian cardiac specialist, who has advanced training in the heart and circulatory systems. A cardiac specialist uses diagnostic tools, such as an echocardiogram, electrocardiogram (ECG), or radiographs.

Cardiac issues include, but are not limited to:

- Congenital abnormalities of the heart (present at birth).
- Age-related degenerative heart disease, such as mitral value disease. This is the most common degenerative heart disease (75% of canine heart disease).
- Heart muscle disease (dilated cardiomyopathy and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy).
- Congestive heart failure.

To find a veterinarian cardiac specialist in your area, search: <https://www.vetspecialists.com/specialties/cardiology>

Diet and Exercise

Like people, it's important for our canine friends to have a balanced, nutritional diet. Table scraps are tasty for Fido but aren't the healthiest for dogs. Human food often has excessive sodium, fats, or other ingredients that are harmful to them. Ask your veterinarian for the best diet plan to maintain healthy weight, blood pressure and heart for your dogs.

Keeping your dog active is a great way to keep weight in check, a healthy heart, and a strong body. Veterinarian Dr. Alise Baer of Carolina Ranch Animal Hospital says: "It's important to keep your dog fit and at a healthy weight. It's also important to feed a balanced diet, give them healthy exercise based on their abilities and weight, while also monitoring humidity and heat."

A dog's exercise regimen can change over time to fit with a senior lifestyle. A five-mile hike for a 3-year old dog may later in life be replaced with a half-mile walk and a gentle swim. Annual veterinarian check-ups are recommended to keep track of your dog's heart and what type of exercise is best.

Dental Health Is Connected to Heart Health

Keeping your dog's teeth and gums healthy can help prevent heart disease. The bacteria found in mouths of dogs is often the same as bacteria that causes endocarditis (inflammation/infection of the heart's interior). Providing dental chews, regular teeth brushing (using toothpaste that's safe for dogs), dental wipes, and dental water additives can assist in managing bacteria and plaque. Schedule regular vet visits to examine teeth and for dental cleanings.

Heartworm Prevention

Dogs can easily avoid heartworms, a potentially deadly parasite transmitted by mosquitos, by taking a preventative year-round. Individuals with much colder climates sometimes skip a month or two of heartworm preventatives in the winter, assuming that when the mosquitos are not present, the heartworm threat doesn't exist. However, heartworm prevention medicine kills parasites picked up from the previous month or two (opposite of flea and tick preventatives). It is recommended that heartworm prevention is provided year-round to ensure a heartworm-free dog. ♥

"If a man aspires towards a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals."

~ Albert Einstein



AKC Breed/All-Breed YEAR-END Rankings, January 1, 2023 — December 31, 2023 ▼▼▼

AKC Gordon Setter Rankings—Breed & All-Breed Totals

The primary ranking column is **Breed** (number of **Gordon Setters** defeated in independent specialties and all-breed shows).

The “**Overall**” Ranking column is based on number of total **dogs** defeated in all-breed shows and independent specialties.

—Rosanne Schwiegerath (CO)

Breed Rank	Overall Rank	Gordon Setter/Owner(s)	Number of Wins					Total Gordons Defeated	Total Dogs Defeated
			BIS	Grp 1	Grp 2	Grp 3	Grp 4		
1	3	GCHP Shaker Trees Santana (D) (V Powell)	1	7	4	2	7	79	425
2	5	GCHG Pheasant Oaks Countdown To A Kiss CGC TKN (D) (M/J Pena)			3	3	1	49	335
3	6	GCHS Corisande As You Like It JH NAJ NF (D) (R/M/K Fritz/ D Bjerkestrand)				4	4	63	174
4	7	GCH Tamarack Valley View River Of Dreams (D) (E Shanahan)			1	1	1	12	167
5	11	GCH Hollyhunt Pop The Bubbly (B) (M/C Hunsinger)						4	145
6	8	GCHS Glen 'Mor's Declan Aigeann JH CGCA CGCU TKA (D) (B McCoy)			1		3	63	133
7	2	GCHS Shiloh's Spirit Of Broch Tuarach (D) (A Wheeland)		10	10	9	4	74	128
8	1	GCHS Triseter Celtic Usher (D) (R Albrecht/E Joseph)	1	17	21	6	13	74	116
9	9	GCH Beaconfield Bellgio Exposã© (B) (R Murray)					2	11	87
10	16	GCH Fenwyck's Glamour (B) (S Patterson/J Schmid)						18	85
11	4	GCHB Fair Isle Love Me Do (D) (C O'Brien)	1	6	1	4	3	57	84
13	10	GCHB Sastya 'N Tallyho 'N Justice For All (D) (P Boldt/M Leonard)			2			27	68

*N/K = Number of Gordons defeated not shown as AKC Breed report the GSCA orders only displays top 25 Breed Gordons

2023-2024 QUALIFYING PERIOD: September 21, 2023 — September 18, 2024 NOHS Rankings As of January 3, 2024 ▼▼▼

This report includes points earned by Gordon Setters who are owner-handled, as provided by the AKC NOHS Point Scale.
NOHS points do not contribute to championship points.

1 GCHB Spellbound's Indiana Jones At O'Eire BCAT (D) (P Cordray)	210	6 Eastshore Sweet As Hunny RN CGC (B) (K Mantell/G Kelly)	15
2 GCH Bravo's Hollyhunt Seal Of Honor (D) (L Kullman)	145	6 Bravo's Built Trained Tested & Proven (D) (D Vestal)	15
3 GCH Bit O Gold Countdown To Moonlight Madness JH (B) (A Perez/C Edwards)	40	6 CH Relativity Revelation Rory (D) (L Guliasi/D Paquette)	15
3 GCH Moonsetter Via Veritas Vita TKN (H/C/O Moon) (B)	40	7 CH Corisande By The Hunter's Moon At Mardebri (D) (D Bjerkestrand/R Fritz)	10
3 GCH Schofield Rio's Ringside Gossip RN (D) (R Schmidt/T Dickson)	40	7 CH Gilnockie's The It Factor (D) (S Armstrong/K Marr/A Nevils)	10
3 GCHB Spinsetters Kilted Traveler By Amberlove CA BCAT CGC (D) (J/P Brusk/R Schwiegerath)	40	7 CH Laurel Hill's Stormtrooper In Stilettoes (B) (J Szarek/J Bernard Szarek)	10
4 Blossom Impressive Clos Eramus Meteorite (B) (M Haggerty/N Freeman/T Wiles)	25	7 GCH Meado'Ridge Spellbound Pegasus Of The Night (B) (J/C Fonda/M/R Quaco)	10
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5 GCH Noah's Ark Echo Of Avalon JH CA DCAT TKN (B) (I Frankel)	20	7 GCH Rocky Knoll's His Excellancy (D) (B Hintz/K Bahr)	10

—Rosanne Schwiegerath (CO)

'What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.' ~ John Steinbeck

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Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.”

~ Franklin P. Jones



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