

## Gordon Setter Club of America Membership Renewal Cover Letter

April 12, 2024



Dear 2023-2024 GSCA Member,

This is your 2024-2025 membership renewal notice. This is the only notice you will receive. Reminders will also appear in the *Gordon Setter News* beginning with the June issue and continuing through the August issue. Reminders will also be sent by email for members with email addresses on or about July 1 and by US mail to everyone who has not renewed on or about July 15.

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

Dues for the 2024-2025 membership year are due on July 1, 2024 and **must be paid no later than August 30, 2024**. Please note, under bylaws changes enacted October 15, 2016, there is no longer a 'grace period'

to pay your dues.

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

The GSCA Board of Governors is offering active Gordon Setter breeders the option of listing this information on the renewal form so that their name/contact information can be forwarded to Breeder Referral Chair, Vickee Jones and to the GSCA website, making it easier for individuals inquiring about puppies, adult dogs or stud services to contact you. This is completely optional. By checking the "List Me As A Breeder" line on the renewal form you agree to the following statements:

- 1) You are an active breeder of Gordon Setters
- 2) You agree to have your contact information [name, state, country, email, website (if any), Social Media account (if any)] published on the GSCA website. Other than name and state, the other contact information is optional. As space is limited on the renewal form, if you will list a website or social media account, please list it on the reverse of the form or a separate sheet of paper.
- 3) You do not represent your membership in GSCA as an endorsement of any puppies or adults you may offer.

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

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

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

In addition, GSCA members agree to:

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

If you have questions about dues renewal or the contents of this letter, feel free to contact me at

PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI 49230-0824, by email at [blevi1947@gmail.com](mailto:blevi1947@gmail.com) or

by telephone at 517/592-5929 (8 am-7 pm Eastern Time Zone).

Thank you for your prompt renewal.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Beni Levi, GSCA Membership Committee

## 2024-2025 GSCA Membership Renewal Notice

**It's time to renew your G.S.C.A. membership.** 2024-2025 dues are **payable on or before July 1, 2024** and **must be paid by August 30, 2024** to prevent lapse of your membership (GSCA *Bylaws*, Article I, Sections 2 & 4). Please complete and return this form with your dues payment. Make check or money order payable to "Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc." (GSCA) and send to **Beni Levi** at the address shown below. **Members residing outside the US must pay by credit card or check drawn on a US Bank.** Please see below for information on paying dues using credit card. **NOTE: Members who do not renew by August 30, 2024 and wish to remain Club members, MUST REAPPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP, WITH SPONSORS, AND PAY A \$10 ENROLLMENT FEE.**

Mollie Williams, Treasurer

Please complete the box below. List the information exactly as you wish to have it shown on the Membership List.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Second email (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
List Me As A Breeder (includes offering stud service) \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes/No).

### ANNUAL DUES

Single Membership: \$40  
Junior Member (under age 18) \$16.

Joint Membership (2 individuals at same mailing address): \$50  
For Junior member, show date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Members residing outside the US must elect Electronic Newsletter (no paper copy mailed), check here  or pay additional fee of \$8 (Canada) or \$36.00 (all other non-US members) for mailed paper copy.  
**NEW: Members residing outside the US must pay by credit card or check drawn on US bank.**

After **August 30, 2024**, reapplying members must submit a new application with sponsors and send dues plus \$10 enrollment fee to Membership Chair Gail Paludi, 3587 E Washington Rd, Washington, NH 03280-3248

**Total Amount Due \$\_\_\_\_\_** (non-US members who will continue to take paper newsletter must include additional fee)  
Payments must be made by check or money order drawn on a U.S. bank or by any major credit card.

### PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

GSCA members may pay dues by any major credit card (non-US members must use this method of payment unless they pay by check drawn on US Bank). If you will pay by credit card, please complete the following information:

Name (as shown on the card) \_\_\_\_\_  
CVV # (digits shown on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make Check or money order (in U.S. funds) payable to "G.S.C.A., Inc." and mail to Beni Levi, PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI 49230-0824**

*Please be sure the envelope shows your name/return address*

*Questions? Email me at **blevi1947@gmail.com** or call (Eastern Time Zone) 517-592-5929*