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TEAR THIS NEWSLETTER APART!

Its full of important news you will want to respond to, attend, help out with, play at, eat at, cheer, donate to, inform yourself of. There are pages to hang on the frig door to remind you, and pages to fill out and return. And there is an envelop enclosed to mail those pages to the treasurer.

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ANNOUNCING..... OUR 2013 SPECIALTY

**For English, Gordon, Irish and Irish Red & White Setters
At the Stormont Dundas & Glengarry
4-Day All Breed Show**

Saturday, August 24, 2013

Regular, Non-Regular & Unofficial Classes - Judge: Peter Frost, Australia
Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes - Judge: Connie O'Brien, Mountain ON
Obedience – Setter with Highest Qualifying Score on Saturday Trials with Host Club

**To be held at the Long Sault Campgrounds, Woodlands Campsite
Long Sault, Ontario, Canada – a well-treed site on the beautiful
St. Lawrence River with easy access from Western Ontario, Quebec,
Eastern Canada, New England and the North East U.S.**

Camping Reservations – <http://www.stlawrenceparks.com>

For Hotels accepting dogs – Jodie O'Meara (613) 443-2262 or banquise@sympatico.ca

**And Saturday August 24th – Irish Setter Club of Canada National Specialty
And Sunday August 25th - Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club Specialty
And Sunday August 25th –OVASA Booster with Host Club
And Tuesday August 26th – Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club Field Trial**

Come and Join Us for a Competitive but Relaxing Weekend!!!!

Other Special Setter Events

Parade of Rescue Dogs
Award of Merit

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A special note from our President

Hello Everyone

As most of you know, I have had some health challenges since mid February. Three heart attacks, bypass surgery, falling and cracking open my head at home and a second stay in hospital has been enough, thank you very much.

When you are in hospital, there is nothing worse than the feeling of being alone, other than your family. That feeling ended a couple of days after surgery when I discovered that Marlene was up every night on the phone and computer updating friends and family on my progress and taking their best wishes.

Now that I am home, hopefully for good this time, I realize how blessed we are to have the friends we do.

MANY THANKS to our OVASA friends for the cards, phone calls, emails and gifts and for the meals and help Marlene received to keep her going.

THANKS SO MUCH---WE WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU DID !

Sincerely

Bill and Marlene Cockburn

Pet First Aid Course - Survey

Have you ever wondered - too late- after loosing a pet to illness or injury if there wasn't something you could have done that would have changed the outcome? Would you like to learn the proper First Aid for your four legged family member? When do you call the vet? How do you carry an injured animal? How do you stop a cut from bleeding?

Gary Baillargeon of Petworth Emergency Serices offers his 30 years of experience in a 6 hour certified St. John's Ambulance course covering the same topics as a human First Aid course including CPR, wounds, broken bones, and choking as well as emergencies more related to pets, such as porcupine quills, parasites and fighting.

This is a St John Ambulance accredited course and each person registered will receive a St John Ambulance certificate and a pet first aid kit.

The course is offered to groups and clubs of 10 or more. If there is enough interest among OVASA members, the club could host a course and invite other clubs and pet owners to attend.

You do not need to bring your dog to the course, a dog CPR mannequin will be used instead.

The cost of the course is \$100 per person and includes the pet first aid kit.

**If you are interested in the training, email Lesley Cluff
lesley.cluff@xplornet.ca with a simple YES.**



OVASA 2013 BBQ

Thursday June 6th at 6:30 pm...

OVASA BBQ at Joan & Ken Colbourn

Place: 5481 Old Richmond Rd

We'll supply BBQ Spareribs & Hamburgers. OVASA can supply the drinks. Attendees supply the rest....It is a potluck for the first course & dessert plus wine if you like.

Come with the potluck dish of choice; your chair of choice and, if you choose, bug spray or lotion.

Bring a 2012 dog story.

Bring the pups. We'll entertain them...and their handlers.

Home Needed for Christmas Party 2013



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An annual favourite OVASA event is our Christmas party! Dogs aren't invited to this one, but their presence in our lives is usually well reflected in the quality and variety of gifts! And speaking of gifts the popularity of the gift game seems to increase yearly as everyone tries to find the most wanted gift at the best price! And then there is the food! Home cooked turkey, gravy and a variety of fancy vegetables and desserts make it a meal not to be missed. **We need a location for this year's party!** If you would like to host it, please contact OVASA secretary Wendy Watson phone: 613 283-4150 or email her wwbirdie@gmail.com

OTTAWA VALLEY ALL SETTER ASSOC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Renewal/New Member (please circle one)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

Kennel Name: _____ CKC Tattoo: _____

(if applicable) Combination:

Setter Breeds Owned : _____

CKC Registered : Yes or No (please circle one)

I/We agree to abide by OVASA's constitution, by-laws and code of ethics.

Signature(s): _____

Membership type: (please circle one)

Single : \$20.00 per year Couple : \$25.00 per year Family : \$30.00

Date : _____

Enclosed : \$ _____

Please mail with payment to:

Deborah Cook
OVASA Membership Chair
951 Townline Road, R.R. #2
Kemptonville
Ontario K0G 1J0

Membership year ends December 31. Memberships For 2013 now due due Jan. 1, 2012
An ENVELOP is included to send yur membership renewal, cheque and this completed form, in.

OTTAWA VALLEY ALL-SETTER ASSOCIATION (OVASA)

OBJECTIVES*

- to encourage and to promote the breeding of purebred Setters (English; Gordon; Irish; and Irish Red and White) and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breeds as approved by the Canadian Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Setters shall be judged;
- to do all in its power to advance the interests of purebred Setters
- to encourage sportsman-like competition at dog shows, obedience trials and field trials;
- to conduct Specialty Shows; Field Trials or Tests; Obedience Trials and Sanction Matches under the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club.

AREA OF OPERATION*

The club shall operate within the geographic Ottawa Valley, and within an area not in excess of 150 miles (240 km) from the Peace Tower of the Canadian Parliament Buildings, extending to but not beyond the Canadian/US border.

MODE OF OPERATION*

The club shall not be conducted or operated for a profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

** Excerpted from the OVASA Constitution*

OVASA CODE OF ETHICS

Breeding

- Each litter is conscientiously planned, based on parents of appropriate temperament, appearance, and other qualities in relation to the Official Standard and Description of the breed adopted by the Canadian Kennel Club.
- Before deciding to produce a litter, the breeder shall consider the possibilities of proper placement of the puppies that he/she cannot keep him/herself.
- All breeding stock should be of sound body and temperament.
- Healthy Breeding stock shall be kept under sanitary conditions and given maximum health protection through worming, inoculations, and close contact with veterinary medicine.
- Only mature bitches over the age of 18 months are used for breeding.

Registration

- All Setters sold are registered with the CKC and/or AKC and/or the American Field Dog Stud Book.
- All puppies or dogs designated as pet quality shall be sold with non-breeding contracts.
- The breeder shall provide a 3 or 4 generation pedigree and registration papers with each dog sold.
- All transactions will be covered with written, signed agreements.

Sales

- Members of the Ottawa Valley All Setter Association will not sell or consign puppies of adult dogs to pet shops or to commercial dealers.
- Breeders will sell only to individuals who are in accord with this Code of Ethics.
- All stock leaving the breeders possession should be at least seven (7) weeks of age.
- The breeder provides the buyer with written details on feeding and general care, data on worming and inoculations and guarantess healthy puppies at the time of sale.

Advertising

- All advertising must be factual. Advertising must not offer Setters as moneymaking schemes.
- The breeder will not supply dogs for raffles, giveaways or other similar projects.



OVASA 2013 SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATIONS

We are asking you to sponsor a specific award – perhaps in memory of or in the name of a special person or pet. To sponsor a specific award, please send a \$25.00 donation with this form. If you prefer to sponsor the General Trophy and Specialty Fund, please do. Each donation will be acknowledged in the SD&G Show Catalogue, including you special message. Trophy donations are on a first-come-first-served basis, so please let us know about your choice as soon as possible. Please make your cheque payable to : OVASA and send to:

Deborah Cook, OVASA Treasurer
951 Townline Road, R. R. #2
Kemptville, Ontario, Canada
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2013 OVASA Trophy Fund

	English	Gordon	Irish	Irish Red & White
Best of Breed		TAKEN		
Best of Opposite Sex				
Best Puppy				
Winners Dog				
Winners Bitch				
Reserve Winners Dog				
Reserve Winners Bitch				
Stud Dog – Breeds Combined:				
Brood Bitch – Breeds Combined-				
Brace – Breeds Combined-				
Obedience HQS – Breeds Combined –				

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Breed: _____ Kennel Name: _____

Specific Trophy Message: _____

NOTICE: WE NEED YOUR HELP AT THE SPECIALTY IN MANY ROLES:

Hospitality – Organizer and Helpers

Photographer – Taking Candid Shots – inside and outside of Show Ring

Setup and Tear Down Crew

If you can help, please contact Wendy Watson (613) 283-4150 or Marie Tinlin (613) 352-5728
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An addressed envelop is included to send your donation to the trophy fund.
Do remember to include this page with your choices and information.
And thank you!

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"Pedigree indicates what the animal should be. Conformation indicates what the animal appears to be. But performance indicates what the animal actually is." - Anonymous

Highlights from the 2012 Annual General Meeting

November 12, at Joan Colbourn's was the day for the OVASA AGM. Lots to talk about and great pot luck lunch! Eighteen members in attendance.

Our 2012 Specialty attracted 74 English, Irish and Gordon Setters. Although a worldwide declining economy has affected the purebred dog show world everywhere, that is number to be proud of and shows the prestige of the club's Specialty reputation.

Judge for our 2013 Specialty will be Peter Frost.

An idea called 'mentoring' was discussed. This would put an expert, say an off duty or retired judge, at ringside at the Specialty who would provide a running commentary of the judging going on in the ring and answer questions. A great way for everyone, from breeders down to us 'just owners' to learn about our breeds and what is quality and why it's important and how to recognize it. More on that to come.

New President Bill Cockburn and secretary Wendy Watson will once again chair the Specialty.

The new Executive is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

A good variety of activities was discussed, yet to be finalized and dates added! Notices will go out in plenty of time! Some are listed in this newsletter.

Financial report from Debbie Cook looks good! As of October 25, 2012, OVASA enjoyed a bank balance of \$5,453.49. Our Rescue Fund has \$1,714.81 in it. Sounds like a lot but at today's vet fees, it's just comfortable.

2013 FUNNY SETTER PHOTO CONTEST!

Time once again to sort thru that box of old doggy photos and keep the camera handy for new opportunities to prove our dogs are consummate comedians! So send in your best,



favourites, and even those which just make one smile, a lot!

Judging will once again be by an impartial panel of dog owners and lovers, none of whom have setters.

Prizes will be awarded at the annual Christmas Party! Photos can be old or new,

Mail photo or copy to

Lesley Cluff

350 Davis Side Rd

RR 6

Smiths Falls, Ont K7A 4S7

(photos will be returned)

or email to lesley.cluff@xplornet.ca

or hand it to Lesley or Guy Cluff at any OVASA event before October, 2013.

Be sure your name is attached to the photo and dog's name. Do attach the story behind the photo if there is one!

Pictured above is the rare Gordon Field lion upon awakening in the morning.

Put the OVASA Specialty on your calendar for SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

The biggest highlight of the year for OVASA is our annual Specialty. It's an international dog show attracting setters from across North America and sometimes beyond. It is a very very big deal! And it's always very very well done by OVASA members.

The OVASA Specialty is a part of a larger show made up of many different breed club specialties including other setter clubs. It's a great opportunity to see breeds you didn't know existed! It's a spectator sport, a chance to cheer on friends, familiar and new dogs, and compare your choices to those of the official judges!

There's lots of kiosks of dog items, often many you won't see at even the large pet stores. From hand made collars to new innovative items for dogs and their people, shopping is fun!

But some new blood is needed to help out the experienced members, learn the ropes, and maybe eventually give them a break.

The Specialty is fun to work at, whether your job is ahead of the big day or on the big day. Almost invariably we get great warm weather and sunshine. The site is on a green island on the St. Lawrence. A couple minutes walk from the ring and you can cool your toes in the longest navigable inland river in the world.

Too many of our members think the Specialty is just for the breeders and we 'just' owners aren't part of that crowd. We own those breeders' dogs, we love the same breeds usually for the same reasons. Being part of the working crew, as well as a spectator, makes the day so much fun! It makes you a part of something special!

Someone is needed to go get lunch and set it up - with help. It's easy and everyone loves you. Did I mention the day includes a free lunch? You don't get that very often any more!

Someone is needed to rustle up items for the silent auction in the months ahead of the day. That helps pay expenses. Someone gets to relax and help people buy their silent auction tickets! Ring setup is a perennial job and we need more members who know how it's done. It does mean getting there early, but this is a serious job and many hands are needed but only on the day of the specialty - and only at the beginning and take down at the end. And along with that is usually transporting awards, chairs and everything else since you are going that way anyway! And you don't have to lift a finger until the fun day arrives! No meetings, no long term commitment.

An English Setter person, who wants to get the most out of that new digital camera, is needed for morning photos. You get the best view of the judging of your breed! Lesley does the afternoon photos. It's snap shots of the judging process, a good angle on the winners and trophy presentations. It's funny snap shots of club members watching, cheering, working, enjoying a beautiful day. Photos are for club records and go into this newsletter.

Put Saturday August 24th on your summer activity calendar. Better yet, if camping is your thing, book a camp site! Oh, admission is free!

Give Wendy a call - her phone number is (613) 283-4150!



A Happy Ending for Emmy!

Those of you at the OVASA Christmas party last December will remember Emmy the Gordon Setter. A sweet, quiet, loving girl, Emmy had a health issue that needed attention, immediately, which her owner could not afford. Thanks to a private donation, Emmy had the necessary surgery during which an even more serious problem was revealed - a malignant pingpong ball size tumour on her spleen. A spay plus a splenectomy and the pathologists prognosis was a long healthy life for this lucky girl!