

Spring 2023

Setter Tales



Ottawa Valley All Setter Association

Greetings Everyone!

And Happy Belated Birthday to all of us! On March 28th our club turned 51 years old and we are proud to be part of this wonderful group of people.

Warm weather is upon us and we are happy to be outdoors. Enjoy the spring and summer and do stay in touch for upcoming club events!

Save the date for our traditional summer BBQ party – **June 24, 2023.**

OVASA 47th Specialty show will be held in conjunction with SD&G dog show on **August 26, 2023**

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please, do it now and to support OVASA and promote our breeds.

Please, check our website for posted dates for Shows and Events or follow us on FB.

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OVASA web site: www.ovasa.net

OVASA Facebook: www.facebook.com/OttawaValleyAllSetterAssociation

...Lord help me be the kind of person my dog thinks I am.

The Bellamy Brothers

♦ NEWS

We are happy to announce that OVASA is proudly sponsored by Purina Pro Plan!

We were familiar with Irish setter being printed on Purina Pro Plan Sensitive Skin and Stomach line and now they also feature this beautiful English Setter on their website.



Thank you Christine Phillips for bringing this sponsor on board!



During OKC dog shows running on May 26, 27 and 28 , 2023 at the Richmond Fair grounds, OTTAWA VALLEY ALL SETTER ASSOCIATION will booster all breed show on

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Judge: Michael Leonard

The Ottawa Valley All Setter Association will offer prizes for BOB, BOS, BW, WD, WF, BP & BBP

On that day we will be hosting a “Meet The Breed” event where spectators can chat with knowledgeable dog owners and have a chance to meet our dogs.

We are looking for volunteers to sit in the booth for as long as you can - 1hour, two or three – any time you can spare and hopefully bring your dog to showcase the breed.

Please, contact Debbie Cook cook.deborah66@gmail.com with any questions and suggestions on how you can help.

Thank you in advance!

♦ OVASA 47th SPECIALTY: Getting Ready

We are getting ready for our annual specialty show. As always, the success of our show depends on the support and generosity of our people. We are hoping that you will be able to help us by sponsoring a trophy as you may have done in the past. Your generosity will be acknowledged in the catalogue and on the enclosure card that will go to the winner(s).



♦ SETTER BREEDS NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

- English Setter National Specialty 2023 – July 1, 2023 in conjunction with Portage Kennel Club show at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.
- English Setter Regional (Ontario West) – June 3, 2023 in conjunction with Erie Shores Kennel Club show at Caledonia, Ontario.
- English Setter Regional (Ontario East) – June 10, 2023 in conjunction with Ontario County Kennel Club show at Orono, Ontario.
- Irish Setter National Specialty 2023 – August 25, 2023 in conjunction with the SD&G show at Long Sault, Ontario.
- Irish Red & White Setter National Specialty 2023 - June 3, 2023 in conjunction with Erie Shores Kennel Club show at Caledonia, Ontario.
- Irish Red And White Setter Regional specialty 2023 - August 25, 2023 in conjunction with the SD&G show at Long Sault, Ontario.

• DO MORE WITH YOUR DOG

CKC Welcomes Do More With Your Dog® Trick Dog Title Recognition Program
Effective January 1, 2020, CKC will be recognizing Titles from Do More With Your Dog®

Trick dog appeals to all dogs and is both a fun sport and a great bonding experience with a dog and their owner/handler. The CKC is thrilled to adopt this Title Recognition Program beginning in January 1, 2020. In addition, and titles earned from Do More With Your Dog® prior to this initial launch date will be eligible for a CKC Title Recognition as well.

- The CKC is recognizing the following Titles:
- Novice Trick Dog (NTD)
- Intermediate Trick Dog (ITD)
- Advanced Trick Dog (ATD)
- Expert Trick Dog (ETD)
- Trick Dog Champion (TDCH)

For more information on Do More With Your Dog®, visit the following website:

<https://domorewithyourdog.com/DogTricks/list-of-all-titles/>

For your dog to obtain a CKC Title and Certificate, your dog must have the following:

- A CKC Registration Number, a Performance Event Number, a CCN Number, a Miscellaneous Certification Number or an Event Registration Number,
- Completion of the CKC Do More With Your Dog® Title Application Form:
<https://www.ckc.ca/en/Files/Forms/Shows-Trials/Exhibitors/Trick-Dog-Title-Application-Form-No-150-00-53>
- CKC fee of \$20 plus applicable tax

♦ SOCIAL EVENTS: OVASA PLAY DATES

Oxana Erokhovets:

On February 19 and March 26 we had amazing play dates for people and dogs at Dog Ranch. We learned about Rally-O courses and scent detection techniques. We also tried few agility obstacle to add some fun.

These events were as much educational as it was fun to participate. And it was a good turnout, too!

Big big thank you goes to Kathryn Adams for organizing these events and working hard before and after events to set it all up and clean afterwards.

And Susan Howe and Debbie Cooks for lending their helpful hands to help us learn training techniques for our dogs. Thank you, ladies!



Kathryn Adams:

I was really happy to see a good turnout for our training days at the Dog Ranch this year. Both days were a bit chaotic, but I hope the participants enjoyed themselves. My special thanks to Oxana who was wonderful at getting all the notices out to everyone. It was instrumental in organizing the two days. Thanks too, to Deb and to Susan for helping with the Obedience and Rally-O each day.



♦ WHELPING BOX

Happy Spring!

Harbinger Gordon Setters is pleased to announce the arrival of 3 girls and 2 boys on April 16th. Mother, Jamie and the kids are doing great. Proud parents are:

Am Can Ch Windcrest Take It To The Limit "Rab"

and

Ch Harbinger's It's a Wonderful Life "Jamie"

Their new owners are counting the days until they can pick up their puppy.



♦ GROOMING TIPS

Our 4 setter breeds are quite different from each other but most pet grooming techniques that apply to English setters are also applicable to other setters so I wanted to share it with you. I hope you'll find it useful.

Trimming Coat

Use thinning shears to trim hair on top of the head to avoid the "punk" look.

Use thinning shears or 7F blade on your clippers to take excess hair off the body.

Use thinning shears to remove curls from base and top of the tail. Trim around the vent to leave a 1" gap between the tail and the body

Use clippers (10 blade) to shave the front of the throat and take the hair down on about the top third of the ear leather.

Trim feet by brushing the long hair up and cutting it even with the top of the foot. Trim between the pads. Trim around the edge of each foot for a neat finish.

Use straight shears to trim feathering to an even shape.

Use straight shears to trim long hair off the back of the hock to about a half-inch in length.

Use straight shears to trim tail feathering into a pennant or scimitar shape. Trim end of tail so it just reaches the hock when held down. About a half-inch of hair should be left at the tip of the tail to protect the tail against injury.

These notes are intended as a guide to keep the dog in a reasonably neat state. They are by no means intended as show trimming instructions.

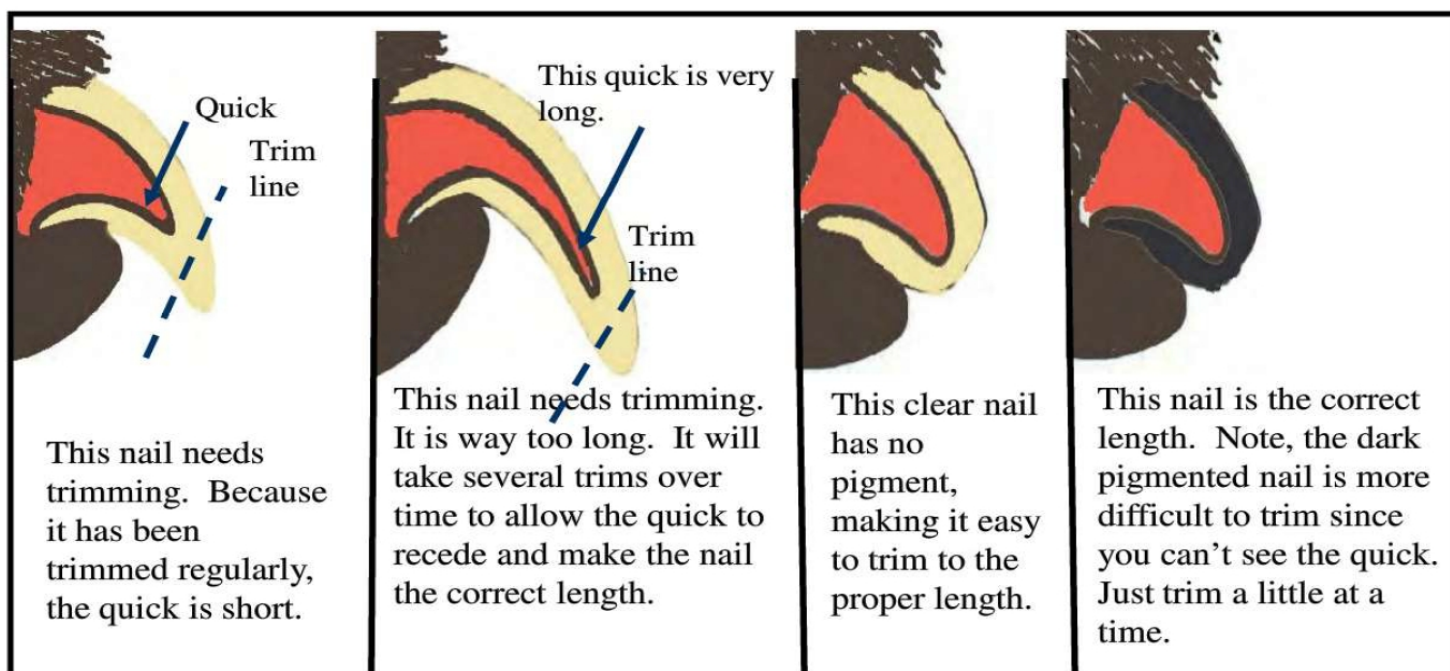
♦ GROOMING TIPS (Continued)

Trimming Nails

An English Setter's nails need to be kept short to prevent soreness and stress on the feet. Long nails may break or get caught in the gaps between outdoor deck boards causing considerable pain and bleeding.

If your English Setter still has dew claws (the extra nail located about two inches from the bottom of the foot on the inside of the front legs), make sure to trim them as well. Forgotten dew claws can turn inward, growing painfully into the skin.

Nails should be trimmed at least every 10 to 14 days. The pliers type of nail clipper works better than the guillotine type for the fairly large nails on an English Setter, or you can get a grinder or cordless Dremel with sandpaper attachment. Your breeder, rescue group or veterinarian will be happy to teach you how to trim your English Setter's nails. Some puppies may resist nail trimming but with patience and a gentle approach by their owners, they soon learn not to resist. *If you are too squeamish to trim your dog's nails, make sure you have them done regularly by a competent groomer or your veterinarian.*



If you cut the quick, the nail will bleed. You will need to use a product like Kwik Stop styptic powder to stop the bleeding. Over a period of time, if you consistently trim your dog's nails, the quick will recede as the nails become shorter.