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OVASA

The Spring of 2018 looks to be a bountiful time for the Ottawa Valley Setter Community with no less than 4 litters produced between April 4th and the

publication of this edition.

The first litter consisting of five boys and three beautiful girls were born on April 4th to Maggie -

Carannagh's Little Miss Maggie RN and Ovechkin-AM BISS GCh Erinfyr Winter Classic Litter.



Judging from the photos of Dam and Sire, there seems little doubt, that there will be some high quality Irish Setter Pups available to some very fortunate prospective owners.

As can be seen from the photo to the right everyone seem reasonable content with their lot.



Annie's Song

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Annie's Song of Harbinger
CA FDJ AOM(N)
"Annie" safely delivered a
litter of 10 (2F, 8M) on
April 17th (a few days
early) with the expert
assistance of young

OVASA member, Catie
Piquette. The litter was
produced by surgical
insemination of nearly 20
year old frozen semen from
the stellar BIS BISS Am Ch
Greenglen's Glass Treasure
"Griz".

Griz was the last dog of
very famous line of
Gordon Setters bearing the
Greenglen prefix. I was
honoured to have been
given access to last of this
line and hope to carry the
torch proudly!

by Alistair Sutherland



Ridge's Cachet



CH Set'r Ridge's Cachet



AKC CH Editions Kryptonite



Clara's Pups

Clara & Fletcher
announce the arrival of
4 Boys and 7 Girls
Available July 14, 2018



Fletcher

*Currently Canada's No 1 Irish Setter
for 2017, 2018*

Dam: Ch Silverstone the Sky's the Limit
Sire: BIS, Am Ch, & Can GChEx Captiva Time Is On My Side RA, FDJ

Contact: Connie O'Brien
(613)989-1342
Email: connie@silverstonekennel.ca

Clara's pups continued...



Basil

Mary Lou Leveque announces the arrival of baby Basil (pending AKC approval) will soon be known as Bravo's Blast From The Past. Basil joined the Amberglen English Setters in early April.

"I abandoned my hunt for a 'tri' and began a search for a male of any colour. I was advised of a litter that was soon to be whelped who was sired by a Canadian dog who passed away several years ago.

I feel like I repatriated Canadian genes. He is beginning to fit in with the rest of the Amberglen English Setters and learning all the rules in the house and outdoors," says Mary Lou.

by Marie Lou Leveque



Events for 2018

Champion Grooming Show

This year's Champion Grooming Show was held at the Smith Falls' Arena between June 1 and 3 to an audience of approximately 150 groomers and attendees. This was the show's second anniversary organised by Ann Curan owner/operator of Smith Falls Pet Grooming

Ann has quickly become the professional groomer of choice by a number of OVASA members who wish to have their dogs looking their best for show competition.

There were 10 vendor present offering a complete range of grooming equipment, Wahl Clipper

Company offering attendees the opportunity to try before the buy.

In addition the show offered 3 days of seminars of 1 hour five times a day covering grooming tips for sporting breeds, terriers and poodles for both conformation and pet trims.

by Mike Rimmer



Flynn, (below) groomed by Bri Crossen, finished 1st in Intermediate Sporting Division

Caleb, groomed by Jovi from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan finished 3rd in Open Sport Division



Events for 2018 continued...

SD&G August 26th - Judge Change

MS. Sandra Mashford will be replacing Tom Touzel who is unable to fulfill his Judging assignment at this year's SD&G OVASA Specialty due to an illness.

Sandra started her involvement in the canine world in the mid-fifties with the Welsh Corgi in conjunction with her father. In 1958 Sandra, with her husband Robert, established 'Sandale' Kennels with the breed English Cocker Spaniels.

They bred all colours - solids through to roans, with enormous success for the next two decades. Bred and handled by both Sandra and her husband, they had numerous champions to their credit. A decade after commencing breeding they exported their first English Cocker Spaniel to the USA, with many others following over the next decade.

This established the breed of English Cockers in the USA and Canada where they acquitted themselves very successfully with many American and Canadian champions from

the exported stock and the progeny thereof. During the next decade, in conjunction with the English Cocker Spaniel, they introduced the Labrador Retriever breed to their kennels with many Champions achieved with this breed as well.

The next breed for this established kennel was the Whippet, which for the next 25 years were bred and handled with numerous Champions under the Sandale prefix, having again imported from England to improve bloodlines and exporting overseas, again with huge success in this breed. As well as all corners of Australia and New Zealand, Sandra has gained extensive knowledge and experience in the judging arena.

Starting her judging career in 1961 and gaining All Breeds status in 1980, Sandra has had the privilege of judging in many countries of the world. Starting her overseas appointments in 1972 she has judged on many occasions in, U.S.A., Canada, Japan, New

Zealand, South Africa, Hong Kong, Italy, Philippines, Zimbabwe, India, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Macau, Indonesia, England, Sweden, Finland and Europe. Highlights being 2 World Shows, Verona, Italy, Dortmund Germany 2003; International Show in Tokyo, 2000 and 2004; Sweden International 2003, 2005 & 2006; Russia, Eurasier FCI International 2005; Finland International Kajaani & Turku 2011.

Sandra has also had the privilege of judging the Royal Queensland Show, The Royal Melbourne Show on four occasions in 1968, 1986, 1991, 2001 and 2006 Australia's Premier Dog Show. In administration Sandra has been on many committees over the years, always at an executive level. Holding the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Show Manager of many specialised breed and All Breeds Clubs are just a few of her major roles in the Sport of Dogs.

Still active as President and Secretary for two All Breed Clubs at this time, being

honored for her commitment to the Dog Hobby with Life Membership and Patron of several Clubs. Sandra has owned, handled & bred the following: Welsh Corgi - Pembroke, English Cocker

Spaniel, Labrador Retriever, Poodles Miniature & Toy (for over forty years), Whippet, English Pointer, American Cocker Spaniel, English Pointer, Pekingese, Pomeranian, Beagle,

Smooth Fox Terrier, Doberman, Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Kelpie, Jack Russell Terrier.

Weiner roast at the Colburns

The Colbourn's extend an invitation to attend their weiner roast scheduled to

take place early to middle October 2018. Exact time and date will be emailed to

OVASA members in the near future.

Tracking and Scenting Seminar

Looking for a new activity to try out with you "best friend"? Have you thought about Scent tracking as a sport. It is a wonderful way to get you outside to enjoy the day with your dog.

What is "tracking" you might ask?

A dog is "tracking" when he is following the scent trail left by a human being (or other animal) that has passed along a certain route. Following a track is one of the many useful things dogs can do to help humans. Hounds track game, rescue dogs track lost children, police dogs track suspects, well trained pets can find lost items. Many dog owners are

involved in tracking with their dogs as a hobby (for fun) or as a sport (to earn titles), or both. In the United States and Canada, tracking titles are offered by a variety of dog organizations.

Visit <http://scentralontariotrackers.homestead.com/news.html> to learn more.

OVASA is pleased to offer a Tracking and Scent Seminar on October 13, 2018 at the Richmond Agricultural Fairgrounds. This seminar is open to dogs of all ages... even puppies 16 weeks and over.

Scenting theory, will commence at 9:00 am in

the dining hall at Richmond Agricultural Fairgrounds. Michelle Ross will have multiple copies of her tracking book - On The Right Track, A Beginners Guide and Workbook on Tracking available to members for \$15.00 each.

Instructor: Michelle Ross

Cost:

\$50.00/dog for OVASA Members

\$60.00/dog for non-OVASA Members

\$25.00 audit only

What to bring:

Soft training treats for you dog

Flat collar (or head halter if that is what you use to walk your dog)
and a 6 ft leash

Lawn chair to sit on.

To register for this course send an email to Joan Colbourn at colbourn@rogers.com or contact her by phone at (613)591-6228.

About Michelle Ross...

Michelle Ross is a retired Animal Health Technician who initially worked in a small animal practice before moving on to the Ontario Veterinary Hospital in Guelph, where she did research and assisted with teaching.

Michelle was also an accomplished Equestrian and horse trainer for many years before becoming involved in showing and training dogs in 1986.

Over the years, Michelle and her dogs have competed in Canada and the US in many dog sports. She became hooked on the sport of tracking in 1988 when she tracked her first dog competitively.

Michelle started to formally teach tracking at a time when very few were

teaching the sport. After a number of years teaching, and many inquiries from people too far away to participate in a class, she decided to put her efforts together in a simplistic training manual to make tracking more accessible to people interested in getting a start in this exciting sport. "On The Right Track: A Beginners Guide and Workbook on Tracking" was written to help the average person teach their dog to track.

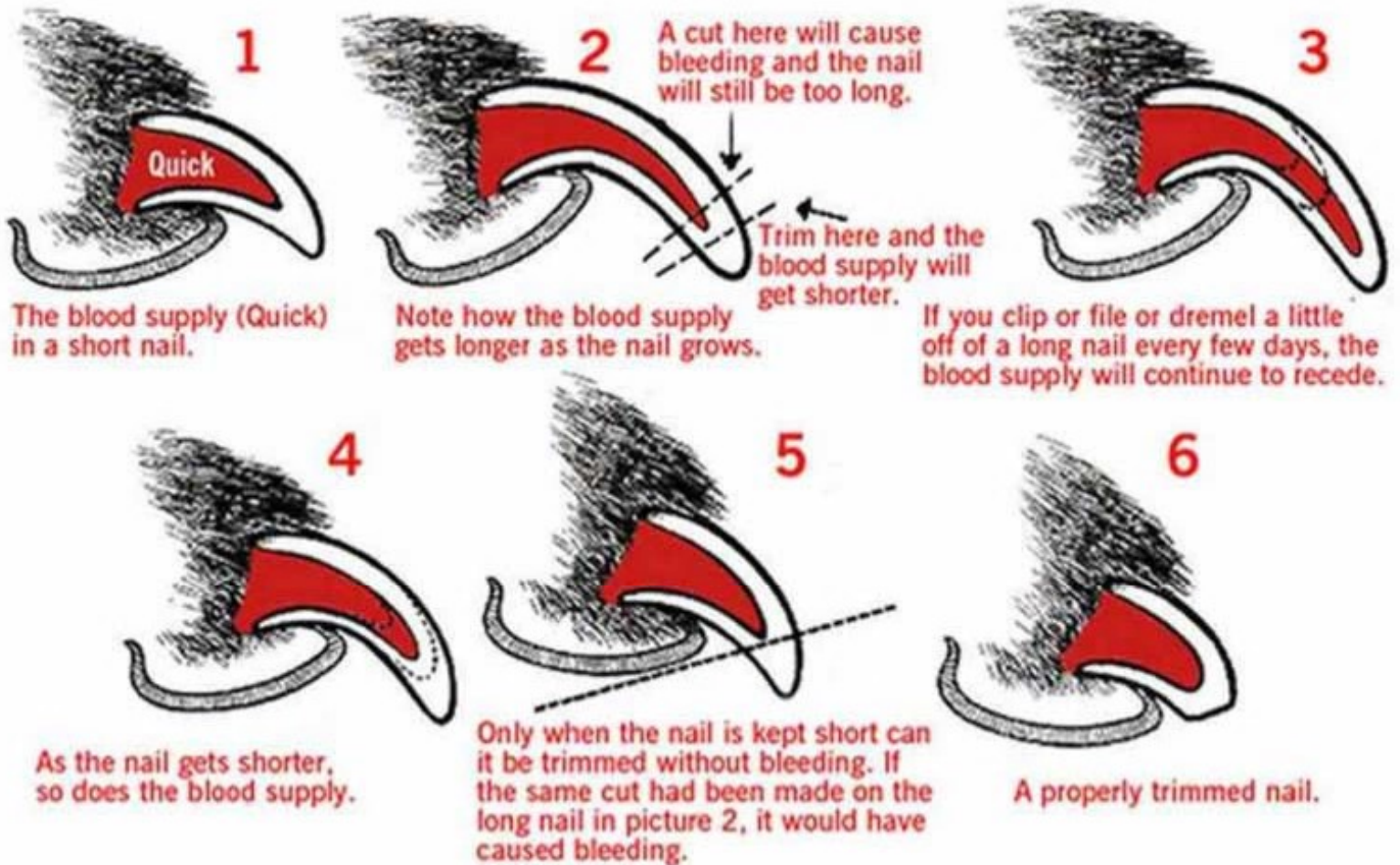
Michelle is not a purist in her approach to teaching. Over the years, she has found that dog owners often have much of the information locked in their brain with respect to how to train and motivate their dog. When they encounter challenges, it is because they have often forgotten how to unlock that

information. Michelle helps dog owners do just that; through her refreshing approach, dog owners learn how to think and trust their feelings, then apply them to their training program.

Michelle's success speaks for itself. She has had many students go on to get titles in tracking, and many more who enjoy it simply as a break from everyday life.

Health and Welfare

How to cut nails



BLOAT Table Reference

Quick Reference Guide For GDV BLOAT

Vet's Emergency Telephone Number...

	What Is Happening	What The Dog Does	What You Should Do	Treatment
Stress ►►► Excitement ►►► Vigorous Exercise ►►► Large Meals ►►► Long Drink ►►► Swallowed Air ►►► Familial Tendency ►►►	Stomach function is normal. Gas accumulates in the stomach but the stomach does not empty as it should.	Dog behaves as usual. Seems slightly uncomfortable.	Keep the dog quiet; Do not leave the dog alone; Give Antacid if your vet agrees. Be aware of Phase I symptoms.	During this period the dog may recover without going on to develop Gastric Volvulus.
PHASE I GDV	Stomach starts to dilate. (Gastric Dilatation) Stomach twists. (Gastric Volvulus)	Anxious, restless, pacing; Trying to vomit-may bring up stiff white foam but no food; Salivating; Abdomen may be swollen.	Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why. Take the dog to the vet without further delay.	During this period the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube.
PHASE II GDV	Blood supply to part of stomach is cut off. Stomach tissue is damaged. Portal vein, vena cava and splenic vein become compressed and twisted. Spleen becomes engorged. Shock begins to develop	Very restless; whining & panting; Salivating copiously; Tries to vomit every 2-3 min; Stands with legs apart & head hanging down; Abdomen swollen & sounds hollow if tapped; Gums dark red; Heart rate 80-100 beats/min; Temperature raised (104°F)	Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	During this period the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach.
PHASE III GDV	Spleen and stomach tissue become Necrotic. Shock now very severe. Heart failure develops. Shock now irreversible. Death	Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart; Abdomen very swollen; Breathing shallow; Gums white or blue; Heart rate over 100 beats/minute; Pulse very weak; Temperature drops (98°F)	Death is imminent. Get someone to tell your vet you are your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	As well as doing everything above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock. It is no longer possible to save the dog's life.

Safe Temperature Table

 how hot is too hot?				
				
16 °C	1	1	1	❶ No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!
18 °C	1	1	2	❷ Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!
21 °C	2	2	3	❸ Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.
24 °C	3	3	3	❹ Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.
26 °C	3	3	4	❺ Potentially life-threatening heat. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.
29 °C	4	4	5	
32 °C	5	5	5	+1 if obese
35 °C	5	5	5	+1 if brachycephalic breed
				+1 if less than 6 months old or elderly
				-1 if area is shaded from sun
				-1 if water is available
source: adapted from The Feline Animal Condition and Care (FACO)				
Petplan				
GoPetplan.com				

Wendy Watson -A Profile

by Mike Rimmer & Wendy Watson



In this issue, we salute our very own Wendy Watson!

OVASA is pleased to recognize Wendy Watson for her long standing commitment to the OVASA club! Starting out as an active volunteer she has made her presence felt performing with distinction as an executive with OVASA holding the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

"I have climbed my way from just making the coffee to Show Chair.....truth be told, I have loved nearly every minute".

"The strength and integrity of the club members, their dedication to the Setter Breeds and their support of fellow members, keeps this club alive and well".

We are fortunate that Wendy is willing to remain the OVASA Show Chair, dealing with the intricacies of organizing Specialty Shows and Sanction matches with typical efficiency.

Her understanding of the intricacies of the dog show world is legendary! In addition to her tireless work on behalf of OVASA, she spends what little remaining time she has watching her favorite entertainment, news and sports channels with an absolute priority for the Big Bang Theory.

Wendy was born on September 11th 1947, at the Civic hospital in Ottawa Ontario. She acquired her love of animals from both her mother and father. Her first pet was a cat named Smokey who followed her everywhere. Smokey remained Wendy's constant companion for nearly 22 years.

When Wendy was eight years old she was bitten by a dog at her family's cottage in Constance Bay. The bite was serious enough to require immediate medical care, unfortunately transportation was limited in that small community but due to the resourcefulness of her parents, a local milk truck was commandeered to transport her to the nearest hospital where her badly damaged cheek was suitably attended too.

Many young girls would have been traumatized by such an incident, but for Wendy, it would take more than a badly damaged cheek to dampen her love for animals ... especially dogs!

Wendy recalls that her first family dog was a Beagle by the name of Casper! True to his namesake Casper was rarely to be seen! His love for adventure compelled him to leave the comfort of the family home in the morning in order to explore the local neighborhood only to return late at night for his supper and favorite bed!

The second family dog was

a Basset hound, called Maude, who was devoted to Wendy's father; rarely allowing him out of her sight! Unfortunately, Maude passed away at a very young age from an undetermined illness!

After finishing high school, Wendy took on a numbers of administrative roles. First with Stewart's Green Valley Restaurant and then the Federal Government.

Wendy soon discovered that Federal work restricted her independent and adventurous spirit so she decided to attend Carleton University hoping to satisfy her insatiable curiosity and quest for knowledge.

However it became clear to her that her tuition money would be better invested on a trip to Europe.

After returning from Europe, Wendy began singing for a Band, where she met and fell in love with the Band's drummer Terry.

During her time with Terry, Wendy attended Algonquin College to learn to become a florist. In order to make a few extra dollars Wendy decided to drive for a taxi company Wendy recalls with great affection "It was the best

job I ever had!" She continued to drive for a further 8 years. Terry and Wendy enjoyed a loving relationship but after many years eventually grew apart.

Wendy retired in 2014 after a busy and varied career?

Personal reminiscences:

"I remember one day sitting, watching the Ottawa Kennel Club Show of Shows. Turning to the woman beside me I asked "What breed is that big white and brown speckled dog?" "An English Setter", replied the woman. He was the most beautiful creature I had ever seen!"

Less than two months later I began my love affair with the English Setter".

My English Setters in Chronological order.

Micah *was an orange belton. Far from perfect. One testicle and an epileptic. I loved him. He taught me patience, acceptance and the understanding of the imperfect. How to find the very best in everything. Micah was the catalyst that led me to the Ottawa Valley All Setter Association.*

Holly *a beautiful tri girl, hopefully a show girl. Not to be, Holly only stood 21 inches at the shoulder. Holly was*

Micah's principal caregiver. Her heart was as big as the ocean. Her joy for life could not be measured. I would look at her and say to myself, she loves so selflessly, so freely, her trust of others so unguarded. If only I could be like Holly.

Raven *came to me at 4 years of age. I would say, within 24 hours, she was mine and I was hers. Unconditional love, that was Raven. She saw me through the toughest years of my life. She never let me down. I learned the meaning of unrelenting devotion from Raven.*

Bird *My boy, my love, my rock!!! Funny thing about Bird. When I went to pick a puppy I was going for a blue girl. I came home with an orange boy. He caught my eye. He was the dog from Hell*



for the first year and a bit of his life. He ate everything and destroyed my house. But he turned out to be an amazing boy. I guess I learned

perseverance from him. Although all of them have been and are my heart dogs. Bird and I spent 7 years together, just the two of us. He was my first show English, so many wonderful new friends and a whole new world to explore. When Bird died I asked, "who will take care of me now".

Isabelle, *Oh my, Isabelle. Isabelle was a whirlwind. I mentioned the word patience before, but nothing prepared me for her... I was always told her she was lucky she lived with me, no one else could have taken her on. I loved my girl. ...She was amazing and a true challenge. Her love of life and zest for life kept her going for almost 15 years.*

Dan & Travis, *were brothers out of a pairing between Bird and Isabelle. Dan was a loving boy with big paws to fill. I never truly figured him out. He loved his canine family and me. He gave all he had to give. I loved him. Dan taught me "you do not always have to understand, just enjoy." Unfortunately, Travis passed away at a very young age.*

Glory *Independent, stubborn, with a joy for life! Like my Isabelle she is very smart!!!!*

She does not wear her heart on her sleeve, but every now and

then she gives it away. She has made me so proud of her throughout our years together...I simply love her!

Could I have made it this far without the support and

encouragement advice, expertise and caring of my friends in the Ottawa Valley All Setter Association?...NO NO NO!



Wendy loves music, hence her kennel name Musical.

Here is one of Wendy's favourite songs by Boz Scaggs "We are all alone" from Silk Degrees" 1977

*"Outside the rain begins, and it may never end
So cry no more on the shore a dream
Will take us out to sea, Forever more, forever more*

*Close your eyes and dream, and you can be with me
Neath the waves, and through the caves of ours
Long forgotten now, we're all alone, we're are all alone*

*Close the window, calm the light, and it will be all right
No need to bother now, let it out
Let it all begin, learn how to pretend*

*Once a story's told, it can't help but grow old
Roses do, lovers too, so cast your seasons to the wind
And hold me near, Oh hold me dear*

*Close the window, calm the light, and it will be all right
No need to bother now, let it out
Let it all begin, throw it to the wind hold me near, oh hold me dear*

*Close the window calm the light and it will be alright
No need to bother now let it out,
Let it all begin, all's forgotten now, we are all alone, all alone*

*Throw it to the winds, my love
We are all alone.*



Wendy Watson - by Katrine Kruders

I have known Wendy for over 40 years. We met and became friends because of our love of our dogs.

Wendy has always loved each and every one of her dogs with every inch of her soul.

I remember well the day she got her girl Glory. Steve and I had lost both our dogs in a short period of time and as a result we were dogless. It was during that time that Wendy showed up unexpected at my house with her little bundle of joy.

Well being the prankster/actress I can be... the following occurred...Here was the scene:

Steve was out front working in the yard.

Wendy was in front of the house with her new puppy.

I rush outside. Jumping for joy, I scooped up her beloved puppy and started to cry, tears were flowing. I thanked Steve for MY NEW PUPPY!!

I cried and gushed and



thanked Wendy a million times for the wonderful surprise.... it was classic.

Steve stood there shocked not knowing what to say.

Wendy looked like she was either going to cry or hit me

And so the journey began for Wendy and Glory. Of course you all know that Glory became a wonderful show dog, and a hunter late in her life. She did everything to please Wendy. She showed her love for Wendy in many different ways but always surprised everyone by being the best at all she did.

As time went on, the two entered their Senior years together. Those were the sweetest years of all, as the smart Glory was so much easier than the Puppy Glory. All of the hours that Wendy had put into the relationship were paying off. They established a routine and were content with each others company. Together they benefited from the relationship between owner

and mature dog.

Rest times were longer, play time and hunt times shorter, and Wendy always took into consideration limitations and adapted their routine accordingly. It was wonderful to watch this relationship. It was a very special bond between English Setter and Best Friend.

Wendy is a fantastic "Dog Person" and always has been

I know that Wendy misses all her dogs, Birdie, Isabelle, Dan, Travis and Glory (just to name a few)

To quote Winne the Pooh "how lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard"

How lucky are we that Wendy remains active with Setters and OVASA. Her expertise in the dog show world is something we can all benefit from, and something she is always willing to share.

For all you have done for our Breed, Wendy, on behalf of OVASA and myself, "I just want to say thank you for all you have done for our Setters"

OVASA Brags

Carannagh's Eimear Sinead, co owned by Gord and Anne Jones, and Anne Perkins earned her Championship this week, awarded a Group 4 by Judge Carmen Haller on Saturday June 9 and wrapping up with a Best in Breed on Sunday June 10 awarded by Judge Bruce Owen at the St Francis Kennel and Obedience club in Brome Quebec.

Many thanks to handler Emily Burdon who took her all the way from her first ever show to Canadian Championship in just two weekends.

by Gord Jones



Carannagh's Cillian and his owner/handler Dennis Phillips are on fire! This formidable team have earned four "Best Puppy" in Groups in just three weekends! This is an incredible accomplishment and speaks volumes for Dennis and his handling skills as well as for Cillian's conformation!

by Mike Rimmer





Pictured is AmCh/Can GrChEx Editions Manhattan Project CGN, thank you judge Carol Graham!

Also thanks to judge Paul Odenkirchen for Shasta's Group 4th and BVIG.



Bonnie (Walker) Whitten - Obituary

Bonnie Dianne Whitten (nee Walker) - Passed away on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Kingston General Hospital from COPD related complications, with family by her side. Bonnie was predeceased by her parents, Alan and Doreen Walker, her husband, Frank Whitten and many of her beloved fur children. Bonnie is survived by her daughters, Lori Ann, Lynn Alexandra and Alana Amanda (Stephen), her grandchildren, Ashley, Kristin, Victoria (Chris), Briana and Chad as well as her great grandchildren, Skylar, Ashton, Khayden, Noah, Lily and Mia. Her brother Barry (Cathy) and her affectionate fur child Diesel. The most important things in life to Bonnie were her family, whether they had two legs or four. Bonnie will be greatly missed by all who loved her but will live on in their memories. Bonnie leaves her children and grandchildren with an example of love and strength.



A small service will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 2pm at the Prince Edward County Free Methodist Church, 384 Picton Main Street, Picton, ON K0K 2T0 with a small reception to follow. In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 100, 25 Park Street, Brighton, ON K0K 1H0.

Spring Bar-B-Que at the Cluffs

On June 23rd, OVASA members convened in Beckwith Township at the warm and welcoming home of Lesley and Guy Cluff.

Although the weather gods chose to send a small amount of liquid sunshine and one or two mosquitoes to the party, the celebratory spirit of 15 setters and their

human companions could not be dampened.

There were guests from three Canadian provinces along with one recently repatriated soul from the land down under.

As one might expect, bringing together the charm and wit of some of the best available setter minds produced stimulating conversation. It is likely that all of the problems inherent in breeding, showing and living with dogs were solved in a single afternoon with some delicious food and few bottles of good wine.

As evening approached, the guests began to make preparations to

wind up the festivities and take their happy, exhausted and slightly soggy canines home.

There was momentary alarm when one elderly Irish gentleman appeared to be missing. Perhaps it speaks to the extraordinary hospitality that had been provided, that he was eventually located in the dark and tranquility of the master bedroom, comfortably napping in the middle of the Cluffs' bed.

Setter times are good times!

by Christine Phillips



Lilo Volkmer,

