

SETTER LETTER



March/April 2023 Issue



A NOTE FROM SUSIE

Happy Spring, Setter Friends!

I know many of you are still buried in that “awful white stuff,” but I hope there are a few signs of spring peeking through from time to time.

One sure sign of spring is the kick-off of many Regional Specialties and continue right up and through the fall, with our 2023 ESAA National in October. Please be sure to look on the ESAA website/calendar for details. Let’s try to support our regional clubs that are working hard to put on these fabulous events. It’s always a fun time for everyone!

Please take note! We have a new Futurity/Maturity chairperson. Kaitlin Daugherty is stepping up to take over for Sandy Miller, who has done a fabulous job for many years. On behalf of ESAA and its members, *thank you* Sandy for your years of dedication. You are so appreciated.

Free Membership:

ESAA membership is free for every new member’s first year. We have so much to offer for everyone who owns a setter; please encourage your setter friends to join our



organization.

ESAA Code of Conduct:

I want to take a moment to remind everyone that being a member of ESAA is a pledge of good sportsmanship, ethics, responsibility to our breed, and respect for one other.

Our conduct and actions should always reflect positively on the breed. In our conversations with colleagues, with newcomers, and at ringside, please remember to demonstrate friendly sportsmanship and respect for others. Let's all strive to be worthy of a breed that is known to be kindhearted and gentle by nature.

[Click here for the full president's message](#)

Judges Ballot:

**April 12th
deadline**

If you haven't yet completed the **Judges Ballot for the 2024 National Specialty**, please do so today! This is your only opportunity to rank your choice of judges, as opposed to choosing a single judge. Click the button below for a form that you can complete and email.

[VOTE NOW!](#)

The deadline is April 15th for **nominating ESAA officers for 2023-2025**. If you've not yet sent in your nominations, please click the button below for a form that you can complete and email.

[NOMINATE NOW!](#)

April 15th

deadline:

ESAA Officer Nominations

2023-2025



You still have time to attend to advertising orders, photos and other materials for the 2020/2021 ESAA Annual. **The deadline is May 15, 2023.**

Your one-stop resource for all forms, plus on-line ordering and payments, is on a private ESAA members-only page at <https://www.outerbankspress.com/>

- Click on "ESAA" in the menu on the top right and you will be taken to a guest area
- The password is: **ESAA-member**

NEW FIELD SECTION

It's been a long time coming, but we are offering a Field Section starting with the 2020/2021 Annual. **Because we've added this new section, we've decided to extend the deadline for ALL advertising to May 15, 2023.** The online Media Kit has been updated to include the following information:

NEW FIELD TITLES and NEW DUAL TITLES

(1/2-page ads – similar to new titles – \$45 each)

Submit any new titles earned in 2020/2021. For foreign titles, please provide the country where the title was obtained and documentation of the award. Your ad(s) will be designed free of charge in this section's format.

CLUB FIELD PAGES

(each club receives a free full page for field trials)

One free page is allocated for each club. Additional pages are \$150 each. Your club's vice president is responsible for collecting information for the Club Pages.

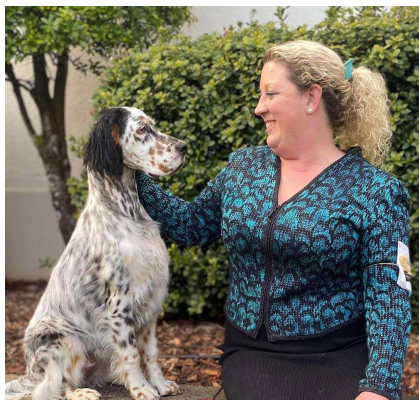
Free Membership for New Applicants



Effective this year, new ESAA applicants receive FREE membership. The applicant must not have previously been a member of the organization for at least two years prior to the date of the current membership application. Membership dues will be due January 1 of the following year. All other membership requirements will remain in effect.

Click [here](#) for an application

CONGRATULATIONS!



March Madness has come to a close for Vanessa Maynard's "Harper," CH CaRob Once in a Lifetime, pictured with handler Lindsey Cook. **Harper is, to our knowledge, the youngest English Setter to become a champion at 6 months 3 weeks and 3 days.** She also has 1 major and 7 points toward her grand champion.



In his first scent-work trial weekend, Erin and Stephen Altman's "Pascal" qualified 14 out of 16 searches, earning 12 placements, High in Trial, all five Novice titles (SBN, SCN, SEN, SIN, and SWN) and his first two Advanced legs.

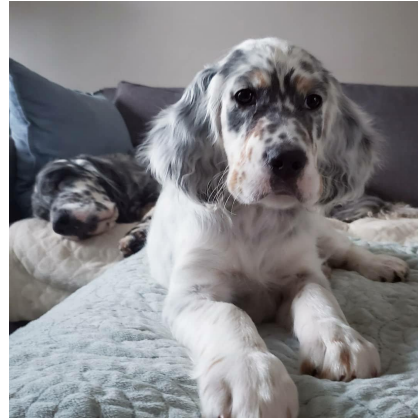
Pascal is Esthete Under Pressure SWN TKN. He is from Jill Warren's "Allegra" GCH CH Esquire 'N' Esthete's Rock You!

Harper is out of "Cooper," GCH Sevenoaks CDX BN RM2 RAE JH OAP OJP XFP CGC
Earth Wind and Rain, and "Dex," TKN and "Shakespeare" GCHG CH
Huntwood Carob Bad Alibi. Esthete's The Bard of Avon CD BN RM
MH NA NAJ NF CGC TKA.

AKC Breeding Statistics: 2010-2022

AKC has released its statistics for English Setter litter numbers – plus related breeding figures – for 2010 through 2022. It's interesting to note that the percentage of puppies registered to date from each litter has dropped from 71.1 percent in 2010 to 48.6 percent in 2022.

Click [here](#) for the full chart



AKC Junior Versatility

AKC has awarded Junior Versatility Scholarships to the top 10 juniors who have competed in at least three different competitive events from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. For more information, click [here](#).

Since juniors are the future of any club, we need to focus on attracting and mentoring young people who are interested in showing and working with dogs. AKC has compiled a 28-page document of best practices for clubs on how to attract and retain juniors. You can access AKC's Best Practices [here](#).

REMINDER: We are offering free ads for juniors in the 2020/2021 Annual.



AKC Approves Changes to Dog Show Rules

At their March 2023 meeting, the AKC delegate body approved several changes to **Rules Applying to Dog Shows**, the highlights of which are available [here](#).

IT IS TIME

By Christi Farley



It is time. Time to stop the gut-wrenching heartbreak. Time to stop the shattered dreams. Time to share the full, honest, and yes, even ugly, truth. Time to share ALL health results, even if it makes us squirm or reveals carrier genes or recessive traits in our beloved heart dogs. Time to take the blinders off when making breeding decisions. Time to care about the health of EVERY dog in a litter, not just the ones that are chosen to continue a line.

Click [here for the full article](#)

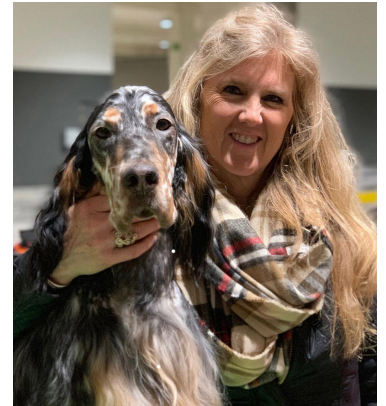
The AKC Canine Health Foundation is looking for healthy dogs and dogs affected by specific diseases to take part in clinical trials. You and your dog can make a significant contribution to future canine health by participating in any of a number of studies, which are listed [here](#).



Recognizing Our Members



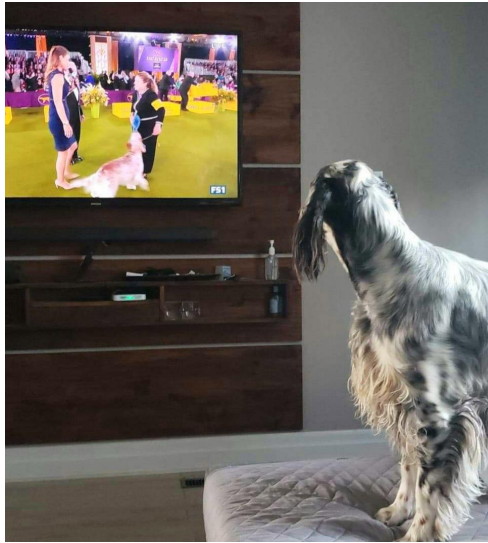
ESAA's 2022 honoree for the **AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award** is **Judi Hunter**, of Huntwood English Setters in Minocqua, Wisconsin. Criteria for recognition include service and involvement, honesty, and concern and protection. According to AKC, "This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the Sport of Purebred Dogs, embody the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC Member Club."



Melissa Newman, of Setter Ridge Kennels in Clinton, Washington, is the recipient of the **2022 Act of Courage Award**.

The Act of Courage Award was established in memory of the late Jan Borchardt, Esquire English Setters, and recognizes ESAA members who have acted courageously and exhibited strength in the face of adversity or difficulty.

ESAA ANNUAL AWARDS



**Reminder: the deadline is MAY 31, 2023 for the
ESAA ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

Click [here](#) for the *APPLICATION FORM*

The chairman is looking for a tabulator. If you're interested, please contact Mary K Iverson, (262) 966-7665

Upcoming Specialty Shows



Click [here](#) for a list of **REGIONAL SPECIALTIES** from April through June 2023

ESAA Board of Directors

Videoconference March 13, 2023

In attendance: Colleen Bell, Lynda Chase, Leslie Crawford, John Fabelo, Tannley Goldberg, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Sandy Miller, Joanne Mistler, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice.

Click [here for board minutes](#)

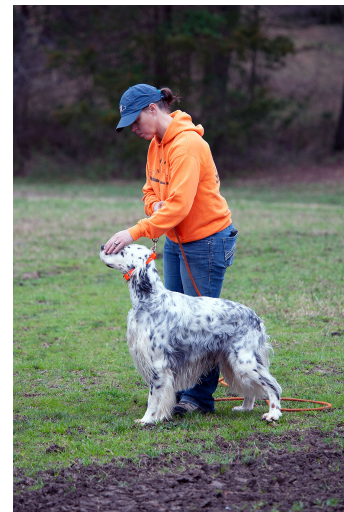
The Concept and Realization of Dual Champion English Setters



Kudos to **Shelley Garland**, for a fine article published in the April 2023 edition of **The AKC Gazette**, ***The Concept and Realization of Dual Champion English Setters***.

Carlotta Cooper, writer of English Setter breed columns for **The Gazette**, sums it up beautifully: "Thank, you, Shelley, for this update on our dual champions. We all need to support these dogs and their owners, breeders, and handlers. All dog sports are tough, but to excel at two sports and achieve this great distinction is truly an honor in our breed."

Many thanks to Joe Deese for sharing these images from CCEC's recent Field Day.





Litter Announcements



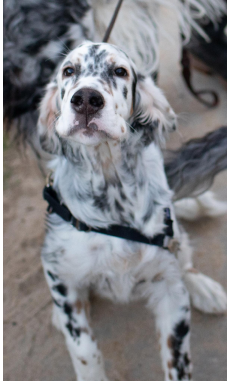
SenterStone English Setters in Green Bay, Wisconsin proudly welcomes three girls and a boy! These puppies are compliments of CH Setterama Trading Paint and CH SenterStone Hidden Treasure. SenterStone English Setters is owned by Shannon Torborg.

Are puppies in your dog's future? Click [here](#) for the Litter Announcement form

Lisa and Ron Moreau of **JADA English Setters** in Pennsylvania have an upcoming litter. Click [here](#) to view the complete ad.



Next SETTER LETTER Deadline:



May 15, 2023

Email to:

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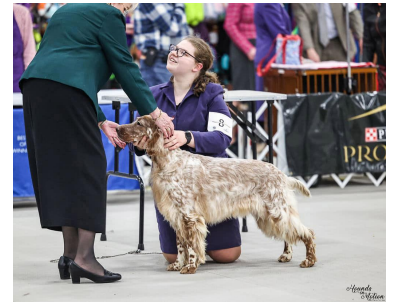
Please attach text in
MSWord and (hi-res)
photos saved as JPEGs.

Nine Months in the Making: The Backstory

By Amandia Acebedo

Last summer, we attended a show where the dogs brought home “kennel cough.” It quickly became obvious that we weren’t dealing with run-of-the-mill kennel cough, as it spread through our house – along with three other homes – like wildfire, even with separation of dogs from the show.

It was actually mycoplasma bacteria.



Click [here](#) for the full article

NEW TITLE LISTINGS

NEW TITLES:

January-March 2023

[click here](#)

Information received after the *Setter Letter* deadline will go into the following month's issue.

Click [here](#) to educate yourself on all of AKC's titles and abbreviations listed alphabetically.

Click [here](#) to view all AKC sport titles.

Do you have a new field, agility, obedience, conformation or other title on your English Setter?

Please submit the following information to Ross Rice:
ross.rice@comcast.net

in the order listed below:

Complete Name of Dog

New Title (acronym only)

Month Title was Attained

Age of Dog

Breeder(s)

Owner(s)

NOTE: in the email subject line, please write **NEW TITLE**

[ESAA Website](#)



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter!

Photos Provided By:

Erin Altman, Joe Deese, Hounds in Motion, Judi Hunter,

Linda Lauby, Vanessa Maynard, Lisa Moreau, Melissa Newman, Shannon Torborg, and those of you who provided such wonderful submissions for the ESAA photo gallery.

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