

# SETTER LETTER



*September/October 2023 Issue*



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*We're all looking forward to the National!*

## **A NOTE from SUSIE**

Greetings, ESAA  
friends!

ESAA is all  
abuzz ☐ right now,  
prepping for everything  
National.

I am very excited about the new events that have been added – Gun Dog Sweepstakes and the grooming lunch n’ learn. The response to both have been tremendous!



Entries closed last week, and the numbers are great! We are expecting 192 dogs at the National, with 309 entries. CCESC’s Regional Specialty has 102 dogs entered with 134 entries.

Our committees are hard at work, so come ready to have a great time.

I posted a message on my Facebook ESAA President Page about the outbreak of canine influenza, and you’ll find further information in this newsletter. PLEASE BE VIGILANT! It started in the western US and is making its way across the country. Many cases have been recently identified in Chicago, and the numbers are growing. Dog flu has become a serious concern and the AKC has recently published a WARNING statement. Please follow the links in this newsletter for more information and check out my Facebook page for any updates. Our setters’ health is always first and foremost.

*Click [here](#) for the full President's Message*

## **ESAA 2023 National Specialty October 23 to October 28**

***Safe travels and best of  
luck to everyone  
participating in the ESAA  
National Specialty and  
CCESC's Regional***

# Specialty!



## ESAA National Specialty Show Catalog

A flipbook of the complete catalog for the ESAA National Specialty and CCEC's Regional Specialty will soon be available for purchase. Look for a link in the next Belton Bulletin.



  
CROWNE PLAZA RESORT ASHEVILLE  
One Resort Drive, Asheville, North Carolina  
*This National Specialty Show is dedicated to the memory of  
John Nielsen, Sukarla English Setters*

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The ENGLISH SETTER ASSOCIATION of AMERICA  
(Member of the American Kennel Club)  
2023 NATIONAL SPECIALTY  
Obedience & Rally Trial  
4-6 Month Puppy & Pee Wee Jr.  
Futurity & Maturity  
Stud Dog/Brood Bitch  
Veteran Sweepstakes  
Gun Dog Sweepstakes  
Junior Showmanship  
Oct 24, 2023 to Oct 27, 2023

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CENTRAL CAROLINA ENGLISH SETTER CLUB  
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)  
2023 Regional Specialty Show  
Sweepstakes  
Junior Showmanship  
Oct 28, 2023

## Canine Influenza (Dog Flu)

### ***From the American Kennel Club: Key Facts About Canine Influenza***

#### **Signs of Canine Influenza:**

*The signs of this illness in dogs are cough, runny nose, fever, lethargy, eye discharge, and reduced appetite, but not all dogs will show signs of illness. The severity of illness associated with canine flu in dogs can range from no*

*signs to severe illness resulting in pneumonia and sometimes death.*

**Questions & Answers:** <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/other/canine-flu/keyfacts.html>

**Dog Flu: Symptoms, Treatment, and**

**Prevention:** <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/dog-flu-canine-influenza/>

**Do Dogs Need a Flu Shot? Facts About the**

**Vaccine:** <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/dog-flu-shot-canine-influenza/>

## **2018/2019 Annual Pre-Orders**

*If you have pre-ordered the 2018-2019 Annual for pick-up, please look for the ESAA products table at the National, and pick up your Annual as early as you can, for there isn't much storage space. Those of you who specified that your catalogs be mailed will receive them after everyone returns from the National.*

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## **Meet the Breeds – Western Style**

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*Pictured clockwise from left: Nicki Belczak, MaryAnn Rodgers, Ross Rice, Cindy Rice, Julie Sopko. **A great team!***

Eleven members of the Western English Setter Club – five two-legged and six four-legged – participated in a **Meet the Breeds** event sponsored by the American Kennel Club on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

The event was held in conjunction with the International Kennel Club's "All American Dog Show" held at McCormick Place in Chicago. Eighty-five different AKC-recognized breeds were on display during the two-day event, including our beloved English Setters.

**[Click here](#)** for the full article from WESC member Ross Rice.

**AKC Delegate: Dr. BJ Parsons**

# September 2023 AKC Delegates' Meeting

I attended the Parent Club committee meeting September 13 in Newark, New Jersey. During this meeting, it was noted that the Doberman Club has developed an outreach program to veterinarians and vet students to help teach about cropping ears and docking tails. This seems to be generally well received.

Breeder Development – AKC had a department for this, but it works mainly with commercial breeders, inspections, etc. They are encouraging parent clubs to develop breeder education and mentorship.

A series of webinars has been developed for Best Practices. These are available through a DropBox link provided on the Presidents/Secretaries/Delegates list.

There is a National Specialty Show Site survey (access is through the Event Management portal). It is recommended that all parent clubs complete this survey every year after their National Specialty. There is also a National Specialty Show Site Locator:

<https://www.apps.akc.org/a/sitelocator/>

**Click here** for the full report from AKC Delegate BJ Parsons.

## A Note from Your Setter Letter Editor

*After working on the 2020/2021 ESAA Annual, I've become rather familiar with so very many members' names and the names (and images) of your beautiful dogs. Please introduce yourself to me if you see me at the National; I'd love to put some faces with the many names now residing in my head.*

*Thank you!  
Linda Lauby*



AKC Licensed Field Trial

Event Number: 2023141722



**ENGLISH SETTER ASSOCIATION OF  
AMERICA  
NATIONAL WALKING GUNDOG  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
FIELD TRIAL**

**NOVEMBER 6 & 7, 2023**

**HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA  
SILO COURSE  
HIGHLAND, MI**



**Click [here](#) for the premium list for the  
inaugural National Walking Gundog  
Championship in Michigan.**

**Click [here](#) for  
information on how  
to enter a raffle for  
a Bonfire Solo Stove  
to benefit the  
inaugural ESAA**



**National Walking  
Gundog  
Championship!**



**BONFIRE  
SOLO STOVE  
RAFFLE  
TO BENEFIT THE  
INAUGURAL ESAA  
NATIONAL WALKING  
GUNDOG  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

## **Upcoming Specialty Shows**



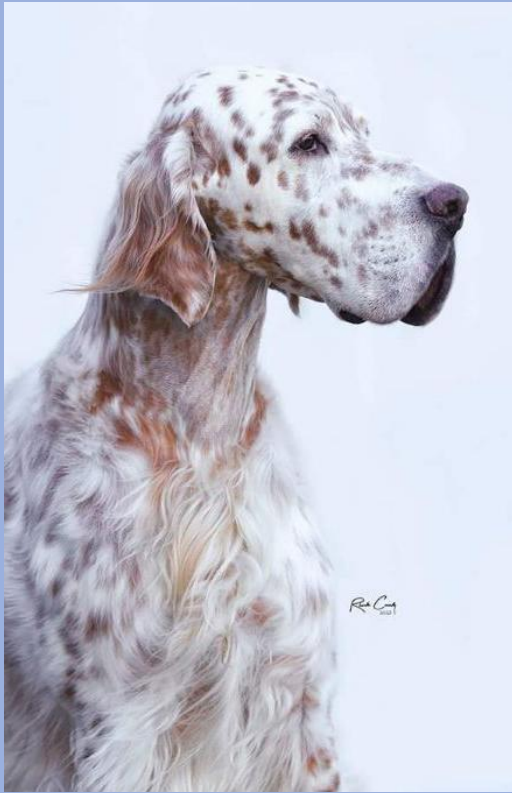
*Click [here](#) for a list of **SPECIALTY SHOWS**  
for October–December 2023*

**The Renaissance Cluster**

**KMESC and WESC**



## February Specialty Shows



Mark your calendars and make your reservations for Western English Setter Club's Specialty at The Renaissance Cluster in Madison, Wisconsin on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at the Alliant Energy Center.

Leading up to WESC's Specialty, Kettle Moraine English Setter Club is holding three specialties Thursday, February 22 through Saturday, February 24.

These specialties for both clubs are concurrent, meaning that you will also be able to enter the all-breed shows that are going on at the same time.

***Please [click here](#) for more information.***

## ESAA Board of Directors Meetings

### **Videoconference August 21, 2023**

**In attendance:** Kristen Apodaca, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Leslie Crawford, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, John Fabelo, Rachel Fraser, Tannley Goldberg, Paula Helming, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Joanne Mistler, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice, BJ Parsons. Guest Linda Lauby.

***Click [here](#) for board minutes***

### **Videoconference September 18, 2023**

**In attendance:** Kristen Apodaca, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Leslie Crawford, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Rachel Fraser, Tannley Goldberg, Paula Helming, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Joanne Mistler, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice, BJ Parsons. Guest Graham Hagenah.

***Click [here](#) for board minutes***



## LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Are puppies  
in your dog's future?*

Email details and a photo to:  
[newslettereditor@esaa.com](mailto:newslettereditor@esaa.com)

## Next *SETTER LETTER* Deadline:

**November 20, 2023**

Email to:  
[newslettereditor@esaa.com](mailto:newslettereditor@esaa.com)

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

***PLEASE share your photos of  
the National!***



## NEW TITLE LISTINGS

### **NEW TITLES:**

**August & September  
2023  
[click here](#)**

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

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

Please submit the following  
information to **Ross Rice:**  
**in the order listed below:**

**Complete Name of Dog**

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

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

**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, especially those who sent images for our archives!