

SETTER LETTER



February 2025 Issue



"Groovy Setters"

(photo courtesy of Kathy Goodwin)

ESAA President's Message

Greetings, My English Setter Friends!

There have been some “new hires” within ESAA and a couple of “retirements.” The Courage Award was retired by the sponsor in

July of last year, and the remaining balance in the fund was transferred to the ESAA Health and Genetics account. The Haring Trophy, which was awarded to the Best of Breed winner at the National Specialty and was created by a bequest in the will of James Haring many years ago, has officially run out of funds with the award in 2024, and is now retired. Dave Mates stepped down as chair of the website committee after many long years of service (thank you, Dave!) and the board has approved Kayla Fink as the new chair. ESAA also has a new webmaster with a familiar name –Larry Coldiron. Larry served as webmaster for many years in the past and has agreed to another tour of duty. Huge thanks to Kayla and Larry for volunteering their time and energy to these important positions.



ESAA is looking for feedback on the Best of Breed bowls currently awarded at the National Specialty and provided to regional clubs for their specialty shows. We are also looking for feedback on the National Specialty site from last year at the Roberts Centre in Ohio. Check in with your Regional VPs if you would like to provide comment if you haven't already. It is not too late!

Watch ESAA news sources for information coming up on a terrific raffle item. Sandi McCue has donated an Impact Crate to ESAA as a fundraiser and our two VPs at large, Janet Gray and Lynda Chase, have agreed to organize it as a raffle. A limited number of tickets will be sold and the drawing will take place at the National Specialty in Seattle in September. You will have an opportunity to purchase tickets in advance. More details and photos are in this newsletter. Thank you, Sandi, for this wonderful donation, and thank you, Janet and Lynda, for volunteering to make the event happen.

I am looking forward to spring and to seeing everyone again!

~Julie

My 2024 Royal Canin Experience

by Carly Satterfield

During the holiday season, many look forward to celebrating traditions with friends and family. For those involved in dog sports, we look forward to traveling to the AKC National Championships in Orlando, Florida. This dog show brings together handlers from all types of events. Whether for contests in agility, conformation, dock diving, or rally/obedience, this show is anticipated by many all over the country.

As my mother and I eagerly journeyed the two-and-a-half-day road trip from Maine to Florida, my anticipation grew

as I awaited the reunion with my junior's dog, Deacon.

I was preparing to show in Junior Showmanship, the NOHS Finals, and a few breed competitions. Deacon and I have been a team for a little over two years.

However, he lives in New Mexico, located about 2,360 miles away from my home. With the support of his loving owners and my mother, I have had multiple opportunities to show him in the ring.

For the full article, please click [here](#).



Breeder Institute: What to Feed a Nursing Dog to Increase Milk

...

by Dr. Emmanuel Fontaine

- Diet
- Common Issues
- Suggested Supplements
- Boosting Appetite



Please click [here](#) for the full article.

Photo courtesy of Renee Metz

SPECIAL ESAA RAFFLE!

for an

IMPACT COLLAPSIBLE DOG CRATE

Ticket sales begin now
and are \$20 each

**ONLY 100 TICKETS
WILL BE SOLD**

The drawing will take place at the
2025 ESAA National Specialty
at the Seattle Airport Marriott
the week of September 22nd

The crate will be on display at the National

*Any remaining tickets
will be available at the National*



Donated by
Sandi McCue

For ticket purchases,
contact Lynda Chase
Email: lrchase@lyndachase.com
Text: 586-980-7523
Address: 1108 Evans Rd, Aiken, SC 29803



Size:
400 (40")
Color:
Purple!

Features:
Side bars for safer travel



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**Reminder: You are able to donate to the
Health & Genetics Fund
through the ESAA website.**

*Save the Dates for Kettle Moraine ESC and Western ESC
combined Winter Specialties at the Renaissance Cluster!*

4 DAYS, 8 SHOWS!



*Renaissance Cluster- Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin
Thursday, February 20th through Sunday, February 23rd, 2025*

*Specialty Judges: Gary Anderson, Dana Cline, Michael Faulkner, Richard Powell
All Breed Judges: Patricia Trotter, Elliot Moore, Peggy Biesel-McIllwaine, Kyoji
Maruyama*

*Show Superintendent- MBF
Reserve Grooming and Hotel NOW at www.renaissancecluster.org/*



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English Setter Club Est. 1952

Spring Specialties

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CELTIC CLASSIC CLUSTER

WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY

MARCH 12 - 16, 2025

AT THE YORK EXPOSITION CENTER
GPS ADDRESS IS 355 NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE
YORK, PA 17404

3 ALL BREED SHOWS

WEDNESDAY (YKC) - THURSDAY (LKC) - FRIDAY (YKC)

❖ 2 SPECIALTIES ❖

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DELAWARE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB
SATURDAY & SUNDAY (see below)

❖ BRED-BY EXHIBITOR PUPPY & ADULT

❖ NATIONAL OWNER HANDLED SERIES ALL 5 DAYS

❖ 4-6 MONTH PUPPY ALL 5 DAYS

❖ BEST BRED-BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW - WEDNESDAY, 3-12-2025

❖ BEST PUPPY IN SHOW - FRIDAY, 3-14-2025

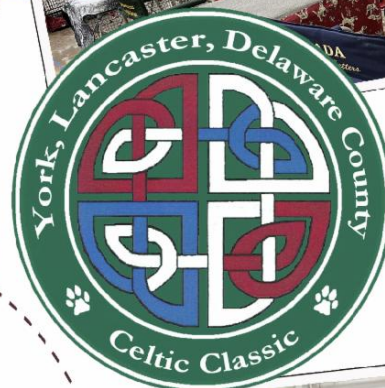
❖ COMPETITIVE VETERANS CLASSES ALL 5 DAYS

❖ ENGLISH SETTER RESERVED RINGSIDE GROOMING

❖ FREE ELECTRIC HOOK-UPS

❖ FREE PARKING NEXT TO BUILDING

❖ RV PARKING AVAILABLE



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BESC SPECIALTY

SATURDAY - MARCH 15, 2025

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE:
MS. COLEEN MCGEE

BREED JUDGE:
MS. CORINNE MIKLOS



BESC SPECIALTY

SUNDAY - MARCH 16, 2025

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE:
MR. JEROME ELLIOTT

BREED JUDGE:
MR. PAUL B. AVERILL DVM





It is with great sadness that the family of **Donnamarie Elizabeth Fusco** announces her passing on November 6, 2024, at the age of 67. Born on August 16, 1957, Donna was a proud graduate of Thomaston High School and Post University. She dedicated 34 years of her career to Hubbard Hall before her retirement.

Donna's passions were many; she loved cooking, tending to her garden, and making jewelry. A member of the Northford Timber Framers, she found joy in crafting and community. One of her greatest loves was showing her English Setters, and her first champion, the Mighty Quinn, named after her favorite song, held a special place in her heart. She served as president of the English Setter Club of New England, where her dedication to the breed shone brightly.

Donna leaves behind her beloved husband, Jack Lannan, along with her brothers Michael, Steven, and Richard. She is also survived by her cherished nieces and nephews: Michael, Marc, Paige, Molly, Hunter, and Catherine, as well as her great nieces and nephews: Ammon, Lilly, Iszak, Jameson, and Aurora.

She is reunited in spirit with her father and mother, Michael Fusco and Marie (Beale), and her brother Robert. Donna will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

The family is planning to hold a Celebration of Life in her honor in the spring.



*"The chef says it's not time yet for
your dinner."*

Cartoon from *The New Yorker*, January 15, 2025.
Is there any member who cannot relate to this?



NATIONAL CAPITAL ENGLISH SETTER CLUB

3 DAYS - 2 SPECIALTIES - 1 SUPPORTED ENTRY
COME AND JOIN US AT ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST SPORTING DOG WEEKENDS IN THE USA!

There is something for everyone...

Juniors Showmanship | AKC Fetch | Bird Instinct Clinic | Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes
Best Owner-Handled Dog | Best Bred-by-Exhibitor Dog | Best Gun Dog in Group | Best Veteran

JOIN US!

**FEBRUARY 28 -
MARCH 2, 2025**

EVENTS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28

- NCESC SPECIALTY & SWEEPS
In Conjunction with Maryland
Sporting Dog Show
Breed: **Mrs. Pierrette McLean**
Sweeps: **Ms. Berna H Welch**

- LUNCH SPONSORED BY NCESC

SATURDAY MARCH 1

- NCESC SPECIALTY & SWEEPS
In Conjunction with Maryland
Sporting Dog Show
Breed: **Mr. Wayne R Cavanaugh**
Sweeps: **Mr. Hal T Biermann**

SUNDAY MARCH 2

- NCESC SUPPORTED ENTRY
In Conjunction with Maryland
Sporting Dog Show
Breed: **Ms. Kathryn Madden**
Sweeps: **Ms. Linda Willard**

DETAILS

- Same Ring All Three Days
- Designated Grooming Area
- Free Electric

WHAT TO KNOW

Friday, Saturday and Sunday In Conjunction
with the Maryland Sporting Dog Association
Shows at the Howard County Fairgrounds in
West Friendship Maryland.

Superintendent: MB-F www.infodog.com

**ENTRIES CLOSE:
2-12-2025**

CONTACT: TAMMY VANN - tammy@celestialsetters.com





"Bruiser," Highstar & Chatterbox Have You Met Me?

Photo courtesy of Bruiser's owners, Jackie and Bill Forsht

Call It Puppy Love

By Shannon Van Meter

Any ordinary day on Facebook or Instagram reveals a truth universally acknowledged — or at least acknowledged among English Setter people: We love our dogs! Valentine's Day is fast approaching. Singles, listen up! A photo of you and your favorite English Setter can help you get a date! Online dating profiles that include a dog photo receive 72 percent more clicks than those without (fido.com). Granted it's another commercialized holiday, and many people dislike it. We are supposed to be celebrating *love*, but unrealistic expectations seem to abound with this holiday and the pressure, disappointment, and loneliness surrounding February 14th has caused many to turn to everyone's favorite non-judgmental, "love-you-no-matter-what" pet.

Here are some fun statistics you may not know about *LOVE*, Valentine's Day, and everyone's best friend.

How does your dog make YOU feel?

We know how you feel about your dog, but what about the rest of the world? What are they feeling about their dogs?

- 95 %: "My dog loves me!"
- 86 %: Owning a dog makes us feel more like a family.
- 71 %: I am more attracted to my significant other after seeing how they care for their dog.
- 66 %: Dog training gives me more confidence in parenting skills.

Who's Your Valentine?*

Here's how people are going to the dogs on a holiday many love to hate:

- 25 % will take their dog on a date on 2/14
- 62 % will purchase a Valentine dog gift
- 33% said they'll spend the same amount of money on their dog as on their partner
- 57 % plan to take their dog to the dog park
- 69 % will buy their dog a favorite snack or treat
- 85 % will spend up to \$50
- 25 % said they will spend more on their dog than on their partner

** Source: Methodology. The Anatomy of Dog Love report is based on a survey of 1,500 US dog owners conducted by Rover in January 2020 via Pollfish.*



"Pajarito Puppy"

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Necker

Bird Flu and Raw Food: Should Dog Parents Worry About Avian Influenza?

By Howard Calvert

January 21, 2025

*Sourced from "Dog Food
Advisor"*

Image by Modus Prints

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This article explores:

- Bird Flu & Pets
- Avian Flu Symptoms
- Risks from Raw Food

The FDA cautions pet owners to

To read the complete article, please click [here](#).

“carefully consider the risk of this emerging pathogen before feeding their pets uncooked meat or an uncooked pet food product.”



ESAA Membership Renewal

Please renew your ESAA membership before March 1st. Lots of resources are available to members and we don't want you to miss out!



"River and His Puppies"

Photo courtesy of Kristen Apodaca

ESAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Videoconference December 10, 2024

Click [here](#) for board minutes

NEW TITLES:

**November
and
December
2024
[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**:
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**



Valentine's Beet Treats

Ingredients

- 8 oz. cooked beets
- 1 C + 1 T whole wheat flour (or flour of your choice)
- ½ t baking powder
- 2 T honey
- 1 T coconut oil (or oil of your choice)
- Sour Cream Icing

Sour Cream Icing

- ¼ C sour cream
- 1 t honey
- 1 t cornstarch
- 1 t water
- 1-2 drops pink food coloring or a little leftover beet puree

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line baking sheet with parchment paper or Silpat.

Puree beets in food processor or blender.

In the bowl of a stand mixer or in a large bowl with a hand mixer or wooden spoon, combine flour, baking powder, pureed beets, honey and coconut oil. Mix until combined; do not overmix.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to about ¼" thick. Using a cookie cutter, cut out shapes from cookie dough (we're partial to hearts). Place on prepared baking sheet about an inch apart.

Bake cookies for 15 minutes. Let cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes before moving to a wire rack to cool completely.

Once cookies are cool, top with sour cream icing, piping with a pastry bag or spreading with a spatula.

Sour Cream Icing

Combine sour cream, honey, cornstarch and water in a small bowl and whisk together. Add a little beet puree or natural food coloring to give icing a pink tinge if desired.

Adapted from: <https://wearenotmartha.com>



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter! If you have any suggestions or requests, please contact *Linda Lauby*, *Setter Letter* editor.

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