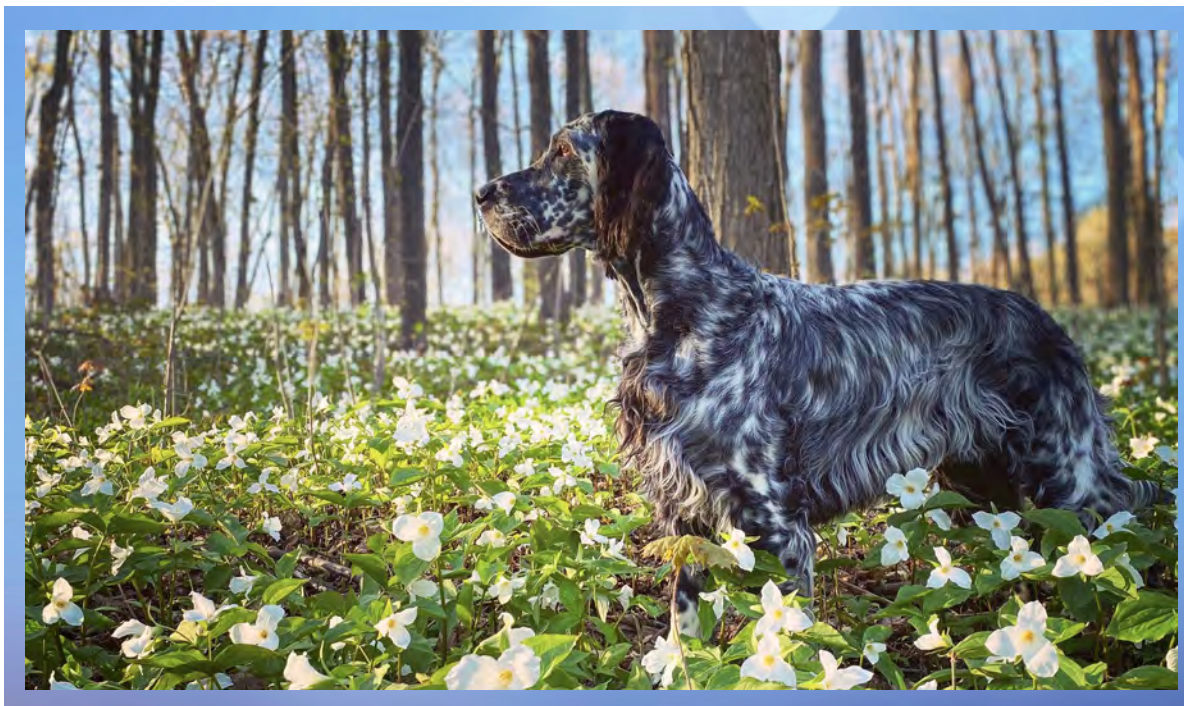


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ESAA Members' Newsletter

SPRING . MARCH 2026



Young Willow in Trilliums . Photo courtesy of Rhonda Stickle

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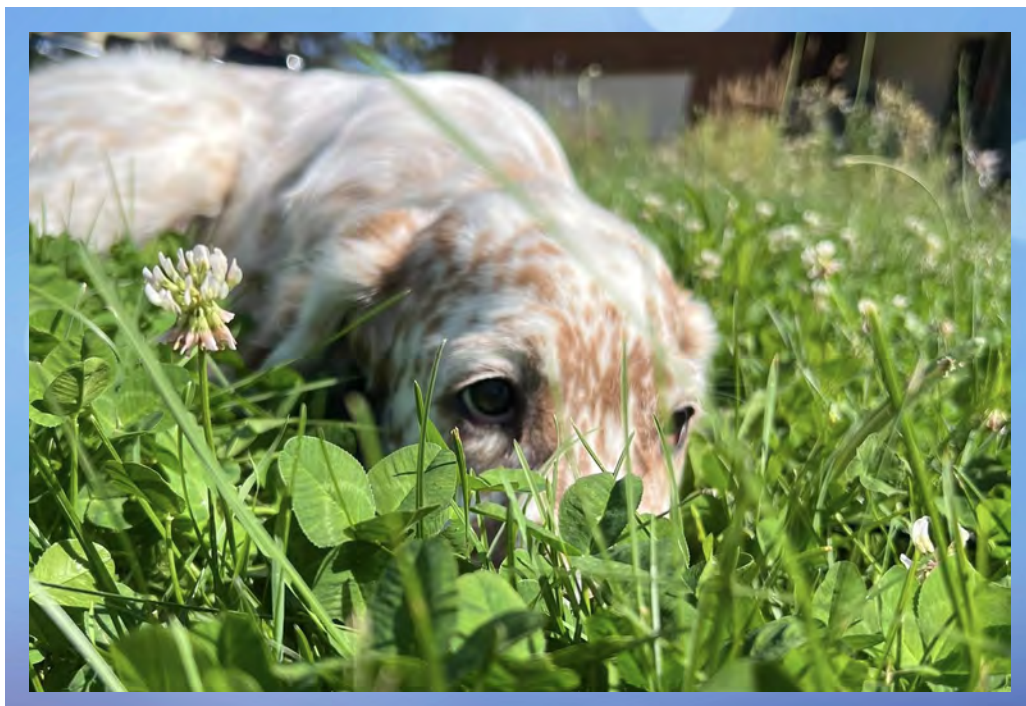
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Grant . Photo courtesy of Kay Bailey



President's Message

By Julie Quirk
ESAA President

Greetings, My English Setter Friends!

The Board met last month and I wanted to give you all a few highlights. The big news is the Board approved a site for the 2027 National Specialty. It will be at the Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville, NC from October 17th to the 22nd. This is the same hotel where we had the 2023 National Specialty. In other news, the Board established a new ad hoc committee on fundraising. The team will make this a year-round endeavor and can also plan the startup of the ESAA Online Auction site on Facebook. The first item approved for a raffle is a solar generator with free shipping to the lucky winner! More info on this to come.

In other news, I want to give a shout-out to a couple of people on a job well done. First, Amy Duncan wrapped up a very successful 2025 ESAA Regional Specialty in Orlando. She is stepping back this year but things are in the works for her to mentor a successor. Second, Lisa Moreau set up and launched the 2026 National Specialty website. The link is on the ESAA homepage with up-to-date information as soon as it comes available. The site also makes it easy for you to browse and order the beautiful logo wear – also designed by Lisa! Shop early and often!

And last but not least, the ESAA Awards application form is now available on the ESAA website. Don't wait, why procrastinate? Get started now so you're sure to meet the deadline of May 31st!!

~Julie

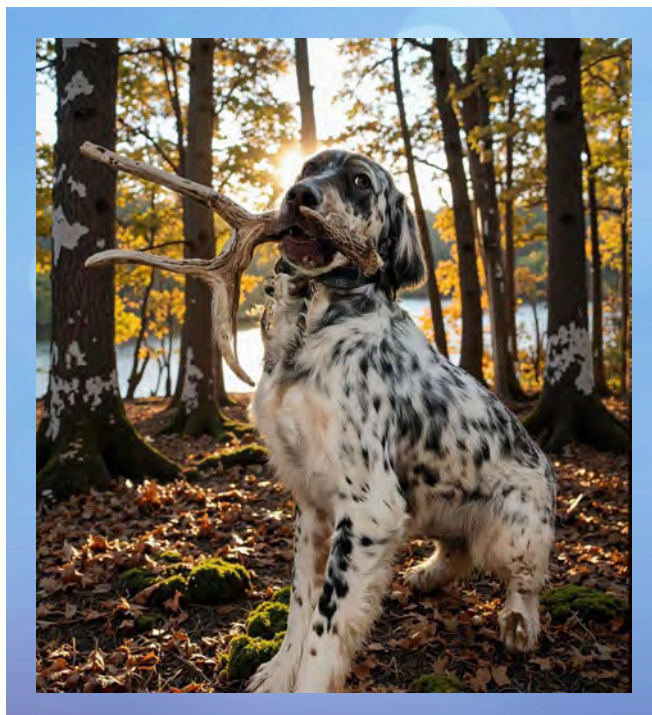


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ESAA National Walking Gun Dog Championship

December 8-9, 2025



By Jane Burrows

The 2025 ESAA National Walking Gun Dog Championship was held at Dr. Rhonda Cornum's beautiful Munroc Farm in Paris, Kentucky, and was judged by Dr. Kelly Lester and Mike Braddock. This year's winner was Goodgoing American Cowboy, JH ("Ranger"), owned by Jason Gooding and handled by his 14-year-old son, Grant Gooding. Grant also handled the second-place dog, Goodgoing Piccalilli, JH ("Pickles").

Grant has lived with English setters his entire life. Early responsibilities included playing with litters of puppies and helping with kennel chores. By age 6 or 7 he was his dad's training assistant. He could drive a mini ATV, plant birds, and fire a blank pistol. By age 10, he was running English Setters in hunt tests. His involvement in field trials began at age 12, when he handled Ranger to his first points in a gun dog stake.

Since then, Grant has gone on to put field trial points on four other English setters, including two 4-point majors on Pickles.



Grant with this year's winner:
Goodgoing American Cowboy, JH ("Ranger").



Grant with this year's second-place dog:
Goodgoing Picallili, JH ("Pickles").



Grant as a 7-year-old helping train my dog to be steady to wing and shot.
Photos courtesy of Jane Burrows.

As he gained experience, Grant took on more responsibility for the schooling and conditioning of the dogs he was campaigning. Training Ranger and Pickles was initially a collaborative effort between father and son; the fine tuning of the dogs is now almost entirely Grant's doing.

Grant has also run Ranger and Pickles in FastCAT events. Both dogs are close to their BCAT titles.

The Goodings are members of the Minnesota English Setter Club and the ESAA. Grant has always been a tremendous help at MESCC's field events. Living in an area dominated by Continental breeds, he is grateful for the opportunity to compete with other setters at the ESAA trials.

As you may know, I am all about improving our breed in the field while maintaining the great looks of our breed, and the only reason to do this really is for future generations to enjoy setters after we're gone.

Well, this year's winner of our national field event was a very young man, Grant Gooding. I was braced with this talented young man and I would hope our club would be just as proud of this kid's success and celebrate it with as much publicity as possible. In my opinion, this win should be on par with a junior winning in Westminster.

~ Frank J. Luksa

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2026 ESAA NATIONAL SPECIALTY INFORMATION

Dear ESAA Member,

We are excited for all we have planned for this year's National Specialty being held at Purina Farms Event Center in Gray Summit, MO, November 2 - 6, 2026. Your National Specialty Committee is hard at work getting all the activities in place to host a successful event. They are working on ESAA's activities to include a Hunt Test, Scent Work Trial, two English Setter only Agility Trials followed by Obedience and Rally classes and a full complement of conformation. Your week could start with two days of Fast Cat Trials that are being held on the Purina Farms grounds October 31 and November 1 by another club. On Saturday November 7th the Kettle Moraine English Setter Club will hold back-to-back specialties on the Purina Farms grounds.

The best place to start looking for National information is at the National website.

The ESAA National web site is your one-stop source for all the information currently available about the 2026 National. You can access the National website on the home page of www.esaa.com. Please check it out often for new and updated information. Always make sure you refresh your browser, so you have the most recent information.

On the National web site, you can find out about all the National events, fill out reservation forms, and make payments or donations.

A large measure of the success of an ESAA National is the money made from our events such as catalog sales & advertising, logo clothing, raffle and trophy donations.

CATALOG ADVERTISING

Catalog advertising is an important source of revenue for the National Specialty and offers exhibitors a meaningful way to showcase their dogs in a beautiful, keepsake-style publication.

Lisa Moreau, Catalog Advertising Chair, is compiling a list of talented designers who are available to assist with ad creation. Because designing a professional, eye-catching ad requires thoughtful planning and time, exhibitors are encouraged to begin early to ensure their ad is completed to their satisfaction.

This page will go live once all information has been finalized. Please check back regularly for updates.

TROPHY DONATIONS

Trophy donations are essential to the success of a memorable National Specialty. Kathy Cunningham, Trophy Chair, is planning an outstanding selection of awards – and donor support makes these presentations possible.



NOVEMBER 2-6, 2026

Purina Farms Event Center

500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, MO 63039

Presented by:

English Setter Association of America

2026 ESAA NATIONAL SPECIALTY INFORMATION CONTINUED

Donations may be made through the National website link or by sending a check payable to the English Setter Association of America (ESAA) to: **Kathy Cunningham, 35 Booras Lane, Milford, CT 06461**

Your generosity directly supports the quality and tradition of our National awards.

RAFFLE DONATIONS

Although the National is still months away, it is not too early to begin planning your raffle donation.

The ESAA Raffle is one of the largest fundraising efforts supporting the National Specialty and consistently generates significant revenue for the organization. Its success depends entirely on member participation and generosity. Donations of all sizes are welcomed and appreciated – the goal is to offer a wide variety of exciting items for attendees. Everyone enjoys the opportunity to win, and we hope many will go home feeling like winners.

There are three convenient ways to donate:

1. Bring your donation with you to the National
2. Mail your donation (cash or item) to the address below
3. Donate funds using the link on the National website

Mary K. Iverson has graciously agreed to serve as Raffle Chairperson. Items requiring shipment may be mailed to: **Michelle Burmeister Hess, 17522 Manchester Rd, Wildwood, MO 63038**

The ESAA Raffle is always a highlight of the event and a true reflection of the generosity and spirit of our membership. We look forward to continuing this strong tradition.

LOGO CLOTHING

Official National Specialty logo apparel is available through our online store. Items may be purchased and shipped directly to your home for convenience.

Online store: <https://stores.inksoft.com/englishsetter/shop/home>

Let's all work together to make this year's National a GREAT event for all!

We can't wait to see you in November in Missouri!

Lisa Moreau
Publicity Chair
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My Trip to Orlando 2025

By Blythe Bremser



Blythe with 1-year-old Maizy . Photo courtesy of Terry Olsson

Hi, my name is Blythe Bremser. I am 10 years old. My favorite color is purple. I live in Albuquerque, NM and I am in the 5th grade. When I got my last win to qualify for the AKC National Championship junior showmanship I was so happy and so were my dogs. I was very excited I would get to go to wonderful Orlando. My friend Karen Brodbeck was going also, so we would be travel mates.

When we arrived at the airport in Orlando I got so excited. I got picked up and then went to a hotel that we booked for the trip. The next morning, I got up and went to the show on Thursday. When I arrived, I was shocked by how big the place was. When I went to go get my armband number for open juniors the whole place was packed with people and dogs. There were about 31 open juniors in my class. I got a little nervous when I saw how big the ring was but when I got in the ring I was very careful with what I was doing. I did a great job with my lovely 1-year-old Maizy who is an English setter. We are a great team. I made the cut at the end and then I had to immediately go back in the ring. Only about 10 kids made the cut.



Sadly, I did not place but I don't care because I did awesome and it was my very first time with a group of more than 30 kids.

On Friday I showed a dog named Harry who is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. We went in for juniors (only Cavaliers). He did amazing and so did I.

Then Saturday came around, and I showed that day in the AKC National Championship Junior Showmanship ring. I showed Deacon, a wonderful English setter, who is 6 years old. We were on AKC TV which was super cool! I did not make the cut, but I understand why and there were a lot of kids older than I am who worked hard and show very well. I learn every time I show by watching other kids. There were more than 150 kids in juniors that day. During the rest of the day I watched agility and dock diving. All the dogs were very good at what they do, and I can tell they work really hard.

With the four days I had in Orlando I made the most of my time there. I did lots of activities like doing a tradition where we get ice cream, collect Royal Canin "coins," and do junior activities. There was a bingo sheet for the juniors where you had to fill the whole sheet with signatures from people at the show. I filled the sheet but with lots of help, including help from Amanda (Ciaravino), an AKC rep that I met near the English setter ring. She helped me with finding the right people to sign my sheet.

I have to thank everyone who has helped me on this wonderful journey. Julie Bremser, Carl Necker, and Karen Brodbeck, thank you guys so much. And a special thank you to ESAA for providing the stipend for me to attend this show, and to all the members and people making the dog show happen. I had a great time and hope to qualify again next year.



Blythe with Deacon at the AKC National Championship Dog Show sponsored by Royal Canin . Photo courtesy of Jennifer Necker

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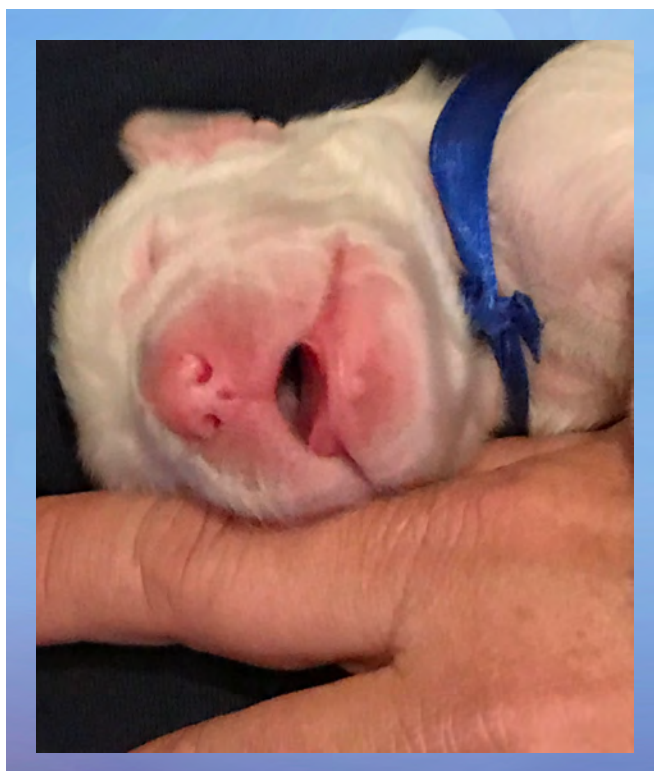


Photo courtesy of Lisa Moreau

WINCHESTER

Introducing our *Quail Egg* litter!

5 Boys & 2 Girls

Matthew

OFA Hips Good & Elbows Normal, BAER Normal

♦ **BISS CH SET'R RIDGE'S IN HIS IMAGE**

♦ CH SET'R RIDGE'S GOLD IN PLATINUM

♦ CH SET'R RIDGE'S BLESSINGS OF HARVEST

♦ CH SET'R RIDGE'S BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS

♦ CH SET'R RIDGE'S AFFIRMED

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♦ GCHP WINCHESTER'S MADE MY DAY JH

♦ GCHB WINCHESTER'S TAYLOR MADE BN RN JH

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CIGAR

CH Oakley's Cigar
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National Best of Breed
[semen frozen in 2002]



Three females born January 30th

TESLA is owned by Rhonda Cornum and Frank Luksa Jr.
Bred by Frank Luksa Jr., Steve Garland, and Shelley Garland
Sire: DC/AFC Kei-Rin's Family Tradition, SH VES4
Dam: DC/AFC Windsor's Field Harvester, JH
CIGAR was bred by Paula Dempsey and James Jannard



150th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Celebrates Excellence

By Lisa Moreau

The milestone 150th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show welcomed exhibitors from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and 17 countries around the world. With an impressive total entry of 2,604 – representing 2,564 dogs across 214 breeds and varieties – this year’s show once again reflected Westminster’s unmatched prestige among purebred dog breeders, owners and exhibitors.

“There’s only one” Westminster Kennel Club, and the 150th celebration delivered an experience that was truly unforgettable.

We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to all of the beautiful English setters, along with their dedicated owners and breeders, who were selected to represent our breed at this distinguished event. This year, 10 dog entries and 10 bitch entries were eligible to make the coveted left turn around the ring to compete for Best of Breed – an honor in itself.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and to the winners listed on the following pages for their outstanding achievements.





Westminster Kennel Club Results

Judge Mr. Tyron Atkinson

Win photos compiled by Lisa Moreau . Candid photos courtesy of Carol Ulrich & Debbie Springer



Best of Breed

GCHP CH KASKA'S MEANT TO BE CGC TKN [dog]

By GCH CH Reidwood Riders Up x GCHB CH Kaska's Caught In The Act

Owners: Donnah Brnger & Lindsey Cook & Lee Gancer

Breeders: Lindsey Cook & Lee Gancer & Mary Coldiron



Best of Opposite Sex

GCHS CH JADA THANK HEAVEN FOR LITTLE GIRLS [bitch]

By GCHS CH Merriman & Stardom Fire At Hiddenlane JH CA x CH Jada's Take A Chance On Me

Owners: Lisa C Moreau & Ronald F Moreau

Breeders: Lisa C Moreau & Ronald F Moreau





Select Dog

GCH CH KASKA'S THAT'LL DO PIG CGC [dog]

By GCHB CH Kaska's Blue Jeans x GCHB CH Kaska's Caught In The Act

Owners: Sandra Nordstrom & Lindsey Cook & Patrick Heier

Breeders: Lindsey Cook & Lee Gancer & Mary C Coldiron



Select Bitch

CH CAROB ROCKRAINBOW EPILOGUE [bitch]

By GCH CH Sevenoaks Earth Wind And Rain

x GCH CH Huntwood Carob Bad Alibi

Owners: Deborah Springer & Ronald Springer & Carol Ulrich

Breeders: Carol Ulrich & Robert Gleason & Judi M Hunter



Award of Merit

GCHB CH WINGFIELD FANCY LIKE CHEBACO [dog]

By GCHG CH Wingfield N Chebaco Just So You Know

x Aerden's 'N Wingfield Don't Even Ask

Owners: Ben Blasel & Amy Blasel

Breeders: Don Coller & Pat Coller & Eileen Hackett



Award of Merit

CH AERDEN'S FUNNY GIRL [bitch]

By GCH CH Briarstone Excelyn Borntoreign x CH Aerden's Ziegfeld Girl

Owners: E Yvonne Norton & C Hope Norton

Breeders: Laurie Engel & Rose Miller





AKC Meet the Breeds Draws Thousands in New York City

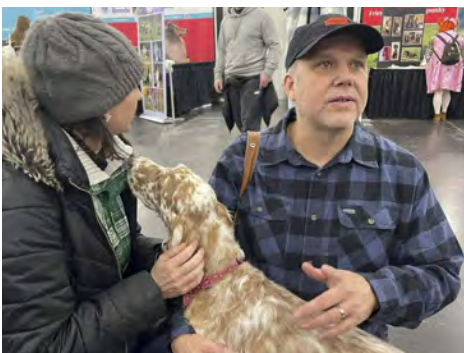
February 7-8, 2026

By Lisa Moreau

American Kennel Club Meet the Breeds is an exciting, hands-on event that gives dog lovers the opportunity to discover breeds they may have never seen before – and to learn more about those they’ve always admired. Designed for the general public, the event allows attendees to meet dogs in person and speak directly with knowledgeable members of individual breed clubs. It’s a unique chance to ask questions, gain insight, and experience the distinct personalities and characteristics that make each breed special.

This year’s Meet the Breeds was held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City, where thousands gathered to celebrate the world of purebred dogs. Despite some of the coldest weather in decades, dedicated volunteers Jack Lannan, Barbara Barnes, Janice Ganetsky, Anne Marie Mariotti, and Kathy Cunningham-Roy proudly represented our wonderful English setter breed.

Saturday’s attendance alone was reported to exceed 20,000 visitors, reflecting the tremendous interest and enthusiasm for this beloved annual event.



Photos from AKC Meet the Breeds at NYC’s Jacob Javits Center . February 7-8, 2006



Breed Cards & Bailey's Book Club

Props for Public Education Programs

By Denise Parker

Public Education Chair

PublicEducation@esaa.com

I'd like to submit a couple of items as ESAA Public Education Chair:

First, I didn't receive many requests for ESAA breed cards to use at Meet the Breed events in 2025, but we did participate in the MTB at the Javits Center! This is just a reminder to reach out to me if you need anything. Also, even if you don't contact me for breed cards, I'd appreciate a heads up that you or your club are participating in a Meet The Breeds event.

Second, AKC has programs that are available to educate the public about dogs. One that I find particularly awesome is **Bailey's Book Club**. It is something that could be done by a regional ES breed club or an all-breed club you belong to. A copy of the **Bailey's Book Club** flyer is on the following page. This program is one that a club in California has been participating in for several years. Below is their ad they use in their premium list:

Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc. is holding a Bailey's Book Club event at our show.

Please bring a book to donate, either new or gently used. Books can be educational, appropriate-age fiction or dog-themed, helping to foster the bond between children and dog. The age group we are targeting is between 5 and 12 years (kindergarten to 6th grade). All books will be donated to a Title 1 school that may not have the resources to supply non-school-related reading material to their students. Reading is so important, and fostering a love of books, dogs, and education is one of the most important skills we can give our children. If you can't bring a book to our show, please feel free to use the **AKC Bailey's Book Club Amazon Wish List**. Any books purchased in this manner will be donated to schools who have applied to the program. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile program and supporting our club. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. (your contact info here)



Photos from AKC Meet the Breeds at NYC's Jacob Javits Center . February 7-8, 2006



Bailey's Book Club

AN AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB® PROGRAM

How Can My Club Get Involved in Bailey's Book Club?

Participating in Bailey's Book Club is a great way to get your club involved in your local community. The program is designed to provide dog-themed books and related resources to K-12 Title 1 schools in cities around the country, while also providing children an opportunity to learn about the importance of the human-canine bond.

Clubs can get involved in a couple different ways.

1. Hold a book donation at their local show, encouraging exhibitors to bring a new or used book for donation. After books are collected clubs can send books to local Title 1 school in their community (AKC Public Education can assist with locating and contacting to school if need be).
2. Hold a donation at their monthly meetings. Encourage club members to bring books for donation.
3. Use our Amazon Wishlist:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1546Y7Q2SYZD9?ref=wl_share to purchase books. These books will come straight to the AKC office and will be donated to schools who have applied to the program. All books will have stickers placed inside that will say who the book was donated from.
4. Share Bailey's Book Club brochures at your event (AKC Public Education will provide those brochures to you).

AKC Public Education is here to help assist clubs. Please fill out the following form so that we can assist you better: <https://akc.jotform.com/220945104013038>. You can always contact publiced@akc.org with any other questions.

Some of the things we can provide to clubs:

1. Flier that can be used to promote book donation at their event.
2. Locating Title 1 schools in your club's geographical area.
3. Email template for reaching out to schools.
4. Labeled stickers to go inside books with name of donor.

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NEW TITLES

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

Please email your information in the following order to **Ross Rice** (ross.rice@comcast.net):

Complete name of dog

New title (acronym only)

Month title was attained

Age of dog, plus names of breeder(s) and owner(s)

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

NEW CHAMPION

CH KEI-RIN'S SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE

CH STARDOM KEI-RIN SYMPATHY FOR THE DEVIL X CH KEI-RIN'S LACE & PAPER FLOWERS

HANDLED & OWNED BY PAM KOZAK,
KAYLA KOZAK, AND KENDALL MOORE

BRED BY PAM & KAYLA KOZAK

ENGLISH SETTER ALL BREED *

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* Canine Chronicle Stats through January 31, 2026



New Title Submissions

November/December 2025

Compiled by Ross Rice

Anjos Save the Last Dance for Me DCAT SCN SIN CGC TKN FITB

VES1: November 2025

Age: 6 years

Breeder: Joanne G. Mistler

Owner: Toni Lynn Mulhearn

Triple Creek Sachuest Rose RA TKN

RA: November 2025

Age: 3 years

Breeders: George and Rosemary Wheatley

Owner: Cindy Robinson

GCH CH Windsor's Patriot

GCH: November 2025

Age: 2 years

Breeders: Gen. Rhonda L. Cornum and Frank Luksa Jr.

Owners: Jacqueline Caffrey and Frank Luksa Jr.

GCH CH MEADOWSET N' RIVER VALLEY OVER THE MOON CD RA JH FCAT CGCA TKI

FCAT: October 2025

Age: 5 years

Breeders: Kathryn Roy and Janice Ganetsky

Owner: Janice Ganetsky

RIVER VALLEY N' MEADOWSET'S UNEXPECTED JOURNEY CD BN RA DCAT CGCA TKI

CD: December 2025

Age: 3 years

Breeders: Janice Ganetsky and Kathryn Roy

Owner: Janice Ganetsky

MBISS GCH CH Editions Krypto Art ATT FDC TKI CGCA CGCU SWE VES2

GCH and SWE: June 2025

Age: 2 years

Breeders: Conny Helms and Karen Corey

Owner: Diana Fernández Sullivan

Stagedoor's Joyride CGC CGCA

CGC: April 2024

CGCA: November 2025

Age: 3 years

Breeder: Joan Savage

Owners: Mike and Debra Kloehn



Understanding Types of Seizures in Dogs



By Michelle J. Raisor PhD

Health and Genetics Chairman

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I ran across this excellent article on seizures that addresses seizure types and phases. I believe it will give your veterinarian a better understanding of what you have observed so that appropriate treatment can be administered.

If you've ever witnessed your dog having a seizure, you know how scary and overwhelming it can be. As a caring dog parent, understanding the different types of seizures can help you better support your furry friend and communicate effectively with your veterinarian.

What Exactly Is a Seizure?

A seizure happens when there's abnormal electrical activity in your dog's brain. Think of it like a power surge that causes the brain's normal functions to temporarily go haywire. These episodes can look very different depending on which part of the brain is affected.

Generalized Seizures

Generalized seizures affect both sides of the brain and are often what people picture when they think of seizures. The most common type is called a grand mal seizure (also known as tonic-clonic). During this type of seizure, your dog may:

- Fall over suddenly
- Have violent, jerking movements in all four legs
- Paddle its limbs
- Drool excessively or foam at the mouth
- Lose control of bladder or bowels
- Lose consciousness completely

Other types of generalized seizures include tonic seizures (where limbs become stiff and extended), clonic seizures (with bent, non-jerking limbs), and atonic seizures (where dogs stand and stare but don't respond).



Focal Seizures

Focal seizures are quite different from generalized seizures. They happen when the abnormal brain activity stays in just one small area of the brain. These seizures can be much harder to recognize because they're often subtle. Your dog might:

- Snap at invisible flies (called “fly-biting”)
- Make repeated chewing motions without food
- Have twitching in just one eyelid, lip, or ear
- Remain somewhat aware of their surroundings

While focal seizures usually don't require emergency treatment, it's important to watch your dog closely because these can sometimes develop into generalized seizures.

The Three Phases of Seizures

Most seizures happen in three phases:

1. **Pre-ictal phase:** Before the seizure starts, your dog might seem restless, anxious, or behave differently.
2. **Ictal phase:** This is the actual seizure, usually lasting from seconds to a few minutes.
3. **Post-ictal phase:** After the seizure, your dog may seem confused, tired, or disoriented. Some dogs even crave food during this recovery period.

Classification Based on the Underlying Reasons

When we talk about seizures in dogs, veterinarians also often classify them based on their underlying cause. Given are three important types:

Idiopathic Seizures

This is the most common type in dogs. “Idiopathic” means we don't know the exact cause – there's no underlying disease or brain injury we can identify. These seizures seem to happen because of the dog's genetics or brain chemistry. They're also called “primary epilepsy.” Dogs with idiopathic seizures are usually otherwise healthy and behave normally between seizure episodes.

Symptomatic Seizures

These seizures are a symptom of another health problem. They happen because something is affecting the brain, such as:

- Brain tumors
- Head injuries
- Infections in the brain
- Liver or kidney disease
- Low blood sugar
- Poisoning



With symptomatic seizures, treating the underlying cause often helps control the seizures.

Reactive Seizures

These seizures are the brain's reaction to something happening outside the brain. They're caused by temporary problems like:

- Very low blood sugar
- Severe dehydration
- Heat stroke
- Eating something toxic
- Severe stress on the body

Once you fix the immediate problem causing reactive seizures, they usually stop happening.

It's important to note that only your veterinarian can determine which type of seizures your dog might be having. They'll need to do tests like blood work, possibly brain scans, and examine your dog's complete health history.

If your dog has had a seizure, it's crucial to get professional veterinary care right away. Your vet can help figure out what type it is and create the best treatment plan for your furry friend.

When to Seek Emergency Help

Some seizure situations require immediate veterinary attention:

- Any seizure lasting longer than five minutes
- Multiple seizures within 24 hours (called cluster seizures)
- If this is your dog's first seizure

These situations can be life-threatening and need professional medical intervention right away.

What You Should Do

During a seizure, keep yourself and your dog safe. Move dangerous objects away, time the seizure, and avoid putting your hands near your dog's mouth. Consider recording a video if possible – this can be incredibly helpful for your veterinarian.

Remember, while seizures can be frightening to witness, many dogs with seizure disorders live happy, normal lives with proper veterinary care. Always consult your veterinarian for a proper diagnosis and treatment plan tailored to your dog's specific needs.

Understanding these different types of seizures helps you become a better advocate for your dog's health and ensures they get the best possible care.

Source: www.animalwellnessmagazine.com

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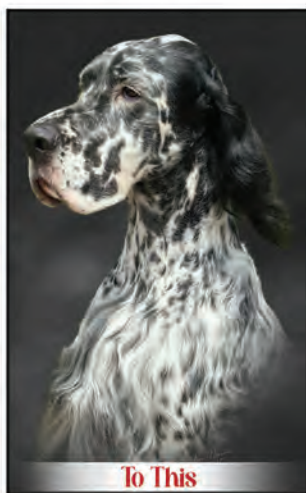
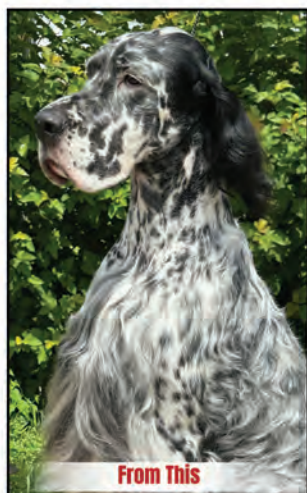


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The Art of the Coat

Hydra Soft Touch Review

By Julia Crawford-Ingvalson, Crown Setters

What is it?

Hydra Soft Touch (\$21 for 16.9 oz.) is a topical coat treatment designed to hydrate and cauterize the coat. Cauterization is a keratin-based treatment that helps regenerate the coat by sealing the hair cuticle, thereby eliminating dryness and reducing frizz. Keratin works to hydrate, strengthen, and repair damaged hair.

How I used it:

Archer is a 9-year-old English setter with an overly soft coat that has softened further with age and taken damage from the field. He had some matting, which was brushed out prior to bathing.

Step 1 . Bathed using Hydra Moisturizing Shampoo and Conditioner.

Step 2 . Towel dried, brushed out remaining mats using Hydra Detangling Spray.

I high-velocity dried the front legs. For feathering, I used the HV dryer on low with no concentration nozzle to blow off excess water. Coat should be about 80 percent dry.

Step 3 . I applied Hydra Soft Touch to the feathering. Using a hand or stand dryer on high heat and a pin brush, I worked the product through the full length of the feathering while blow drying.

Heat is required to seal the keratin protein into the hair cuticle, activating the smoothing and anti-frizz benefits.

When to use it:

Keratin treatments work best on clean, damp (not wet) coats.

This product can be used on dry coats, but it may cause product buildup and won't be as effective.

Pro Tip:

This is a great way to repair damage from carding out a setter jacket. I kept the wet jacket on while blow drying and treating the feathering. After removing the jacket, I applied Soft Touch, worked it through with a boar bristle brush, then put the jacket back on and used a hand dryer on low over the jacket to activate the keratin.

Trimming Note:

Trimming the ends isn't required with cauterization, but it does help remove split ends, prevent further breakage, enhance the sleek look, and support coat repair and growth.

Buy It Here: www.lovegroomers.com/hydra-soft-touch-spray-14919.aspx

(Before and after photos are on the following page.)



BEFORE



AFTER



Before and After Using Hydra Soft Touch . Photos courtesy of Julia Crawford-Ingvalson

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Why Bitches Resorb Their Puppies

Puppy Reabsorption Causes

By Dr. Meg Howe, DVM

As both a veterinarian and a breeder mentor working with thousands of dog breeders around the world through my Elite Breeder Formula program, one of the most common – and heartbreaking – questions I’m asked is: *“Meg, why did my bitch resorb her puppies?”*

Fetal resorption is more common than most breeders realize. It happens when an embryo or early fetus dies before the bones have mineralized (usually before day 35 of gestation). Because the bones aren’t yet calcified, the body simply reabsorbs the tissue— often without any outward sign that anything was ever wrong.

Over the years, I’ve seen countless breeders stress that they “did something wrong,” when, in reality, many cases are natural biological safeguards that prevent non-viable embryos from continuing to grow. Still, there are identifiable causes, and understanding them means you can truly stack the odds in your favor for future litters.

Below are the key reasons bitches resorb their puppies, based on veterinary science and the real-world breeding data I analyze every day.

1. Embryonic or Genetic Abnormalities (Most Common)

The number one cause of resorption — by far — is **embryos that were never viable to begin with.**

These occur because of:

- random chromosomal errors
- recessive gene combinations
- inbreeding depression/high COI
- structural genetic defects that are incompatible with life

In these cases, the bitch’s body is actually doing the wise thing: stopping development early so she can invest resources into the remaining viable embryos.

2. Hormonal Instability

Progesterone is the hormone that maintains pregnancy. If it dips — even briefly — embryos can be lost.

Possible causes:

- **luteal insufficiency** (progesterone too low)
- **hypothyroidism**
- ovarian cysts
- split or irregular cycles
- age-related hormonal decline

If I’m working with a breeder whose bitch repeatedly loses pregnancies at the same early stage, progesterone monitoring is one of the first tools I implement.



3. Infection (Often Subclinical)

I can't emphasize this enough: A bitch **does NOT** have to look sick for an infection to cause resorption. Key culprits include:

- *Brucella canis*
- *E. coli*
- *Streptococcus canis*
- Mycoplasma/Ureaplasma
- **Canine herpesvirus (CHV-1)**
- protozoal infections like Neospora or Toxoplasma

Herpesvirus is a particularly common contributor and can quietly cause early embryonic death, especially in bitches with a history of small litters or missed pregnancies.

4. Uterine Environment Problems

If the uterus isn't a healthy place for implantation and placental development, embryos simply don't thrive.

Contributors include:

- cystic endometrial hyperplasia (CEH)
- scarring from past pyometra
- chronic progesterone exposure
- previous infections
- anatomical abnormalities

This is why I encourage breeders to retire bitches before their uterus has been "cooked" by too many heat cycles.

5. Maternal Health & Stress

Health and environmental stability matter more than breeders often realize. Factors include:

- **obesity** (huge factor — increased inflammation disrupts implantation)
- fever or systemic illness around implantation
- high stress (travel, boarding, household disruptors, dog fights, pack instability)
- medications, such as corticosteroids
- toxic exposures

Even something as simple as a move to a new home during the first three weeks can raise stress hormones enough to cause losses in sensitive bitches.

6. Sire Factors

Many breeders overlook the male, but **poor semen quality** and **defects in sperm DNA** are proven causes of early embryonic loss. If several bitches bred to the same stud fail to hold pregnancies, I immediately suspect:

- sperm morphology issues
- semen contamination
- genetic incompatibility
- infections transmitted via semen



This is why high-value studs should have regular semen evaluations, not just genetic testing.

When Should Breeders Investigate Further?

I recommend deeper investigation when:

- litter sizes drop over time
- pregnancies vanish between day 25 and day 35
- multiple bitches on the property lose litters
- the same sire is involved in repeated failures
- the bitch is overweight or hormonally irregular

These patterns almost always point to a preventable cause.

What I Suggest as a Step-By-Step Diagnostic Approach

When mentoring breeders, I walk them through this sequence:

1. **Confirm pregnancy early** (so you know whether resorption *actually* occurred)
2. **Screen for infection**
 - ~ vaginal/uterine culture
 - ~ CHV-1 titer
 - ~ Brucella test
3. **Assess hormones**
 - ~ progesterone checks during early pregnancy
 - ~ full thyroid panel
4. **Evaluate uterus**
 - ~ ultrasound for CEH or scarring
5. **Assess genetics & COI**
6. **Review health, stress, environment & medications**

Following this framework dramatically increases litter retention.

In A Nutshell

Bitches resorb puppies because something disrupted early embryonic development – most commonly genetics, hormones, infection, or uterine health. As breeders, our job is to create the conditions whereas many embryos as possible can implant, thrive, and develop into healthy puppies.

Editor's note: This article was initially published November 28, 2025 in www.dogbreedinginformation.com and has been altered from the original to reflect American English usage. Thank you to Dr. Howe for generously and enthusiastically allowing us to share this information in the Setter Letter.

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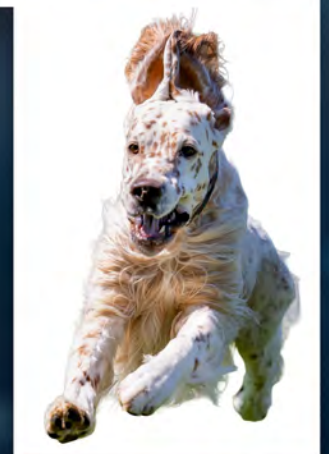


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**The English Setter Association of America
Board of Directors
Videoconference
February 24, 2026**

In attendance: Kristen Apodaca, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, John Fabelo, Rachel Fraser, Janet Gray, Joanne Mistler, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Sabrina Rundle, Roxanne Seale, Jennifer Stastny, BJ Parsons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM ET.

The minutes of the last meeting have already been approved.

President's Report

- ✳ Annual Awards forms are now available on the website.
- ✳ ESAA Rescue Trust Update:
 - The trust has been gone out of business.
 - Julie shared the background on the trust.
- ✳ Membership Non-Renewals:
 - Each Regional VP is encouraged to reach out to their members who have not renewed.
 - VP At Large, Lynda Chase, has volunteered to contact our Canadian members and Kathy Cunningham-Roy will contact the rest.
- ✳ Amy Duncan has done a fabulous job in chairing the Orlando Specialty in recent years but is no longer able to continue. Looking for volunteers!

Secretary – no report.

Treasurer's Report as of 1-31-26

General Fund - \$8522.06

Futurity/Maturity - \$24317.83

Money Market - \$76967.44

Memorial Fund - \$4301.21

- ✳ General Fund is receiving a much-needed influx via dues renewals.
- ✳ Insurance policy has been renewed.
- ✳ Junior stipend has been paid.
- ✳ The Orlando Specialty lost \$1029.
- ✳ January FT was cancelled, which usually shows a profit.

Committees – Communication

- ✧ Facebook 3559 followers, with 177,513 views last month!!!!
- ✧ Linda Lauby is working on a different format for the newsletter.
- ✧ A 2026 National website will be active shortly.

Unfinished Business – none.

Election to Membership – none.

New Business

Ad Hoc Committee proposed for the purpose of fund raising.

- ✧ Julie suggested the idea of year-round fund raising a committee, rather than just trophies and raffles around the time of the National, and proposed Janet Gray as Chair since the responsibilities would be interrelated to our communications. The committee may also initiate the ESAA online auction platform on Facebook.
- ✧ Janet Gray agreed to get an ad hoc committee off the ground for year-round fundraising. If it is successful it could turn into a standing committee.
- ✧ A Raber/Mistler motion was passed to approve this committee with Janet as Chair.
- ✧ Kathy discussed raffling a solar generator. An expert recommended Eco-Flow brand which is available at Home Depot with free shipping to the winner. This item is not exclusive to dog show exhibitors but will be enticing for anyone in a “disaster prone” area.
- ✧ A Raber/Rundle motion passed to proceed with the solar generator raffle.

Proposed Sites for the 2027 National

- ✧ The Board received cost comparisons for the Virginia Beach site (where the 2022 National was held) and the Asheville site (where the 2023 National was held).
- ✧ The Board discussed the pros and cons of each site.
 - Both sites had similar entries and similar room nights previously.
 - The Asheville site is only available during peak leaf changing season in 2027 which makes the rooms more expensive than Virginia Beach.
 - Virginia Beach, which was in late October to early November of 2022, showed a profit.
- Asheville had a notable loss in late October 2023, but the reconciliation indicates that some major expenses can be avoided in 2027.
- ✧ A Chase/Apodaca motion was made to sign a contract for the Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC, October 17 – 22, 2027. The motion was approved unanimously.
- ✧ Julie mentioned that the National committee checked several other suggested sites that were either too expensive or no longer doing dog shows.

A Raber/Cunningham-Roy motion was passed to adjourn at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Editor's Note

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Thank you, ESAA members, for enthusiastically responding to our offer for free ad placement in this newsletter. And thank you for your continued engagement regarding what you'd like to see in your newsletter. We'll be sending out a Belton Blast with updated ad information prior to the May newsletter.

Since I come from a magazine- and book-designing background, putting together this issue was a rewarding endeavor. Please let me know if this sort of format works for you; if you'd rather go back to our digital newsletter, we can do that. If you're happy seeing a return of advertising, we'd like to know that too.

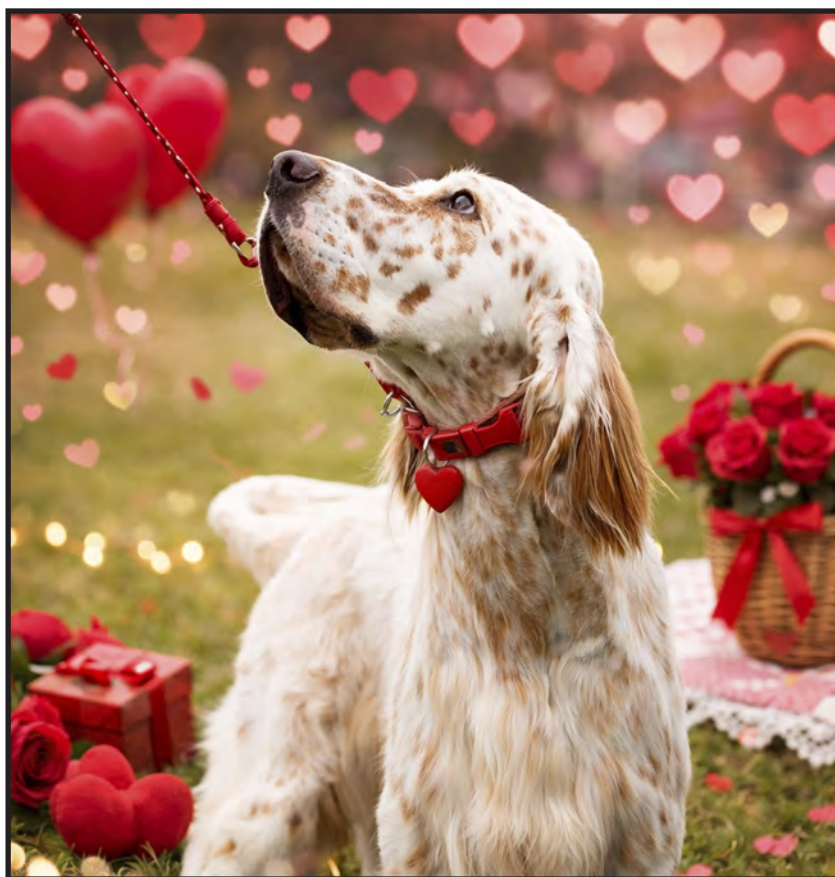
Regarding advertising, I've been asked to add the following disclaimer: ESAA is not responsible for any claims made in the ads you see within these pages.

I so appreciate the above-and-beyond efforts of many who contributed to this newsletter, especially Lisa Moreau, who came forward with a lot of pertinent information that I needed to flesh out these pages. Huge thanks to everyone who supplied articles and images. Also, I need to express how thrilled I am to showcase two young members: Blythe Bremser and Grant Gooding, both of whom star in articles in this issue – **ESAA National Walking Gun Dog Championship**, page 4; and **My Trip to Orlando 2025**, page 10. Let's hear it for the future of our breed!

As always, I welcome articles, information on upcoming specialties, and English setter-related images. To the right is a favorite image I recently saw on Facebook that I just had to share with our membership. We all feel the same way about our dogs, don't we?

All the best,

Linda



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