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*Breakstone continues to dazzle those who watch him perform. This 2007 Futurity winner has too many wins to list right here but just consider his all breed one hour stake placements so far this year: RU Region 2 Am Shooting Dog Championship with 34 entries, 3rd in the Spartaburg Am Shooting Dog stake with 44 entries, 2nd in The Sawtooth Am. Shooting Dog Classic with 36 entries, 1st in both the 1 hr. Open Shooting Dog Stake and 1st in the Am Shooting Dog stake of the Aurora trial. Breakstone embodies the intent of the purest challenge in every sense. Congratulations Roger Boser!*

Hi Folks!

Well, here is your second issue of the new Flushing Whip booklet. If you are reading this, something has gone right. But last month when we mailed out the new Whips, many of them never ever got to their destinations! There are still folks waiting to get their January issue. It certainly doesn't speak very well for the US Postal Service.



Just to give you an idea how bad things got, I mailed all of the Flushing Whips from my local post office at zip code 44048. When mail is dropped off at that station, it immediately goes to Cleveland and then is distributed through out the USA. They were mailed on December 26th, 2008. I **finally** received my copy at home— (my zip code is 44048) exactly 6 weeks later. Give me a break! Jim Ashby, one of our Board members, is yet to receive his. We did mail them with a bulk mailing stamp and rate— but we were told that they would be moved within 72 hours. If you have never received your copy, please send me a note so I can continue to complain about this and track the progress. This issue I plan to try something new— ENVELOPES that say: DATED MAIL- DO NOT DELAY. If you look in your envelope, there is a postcard. Please complete the card and drop it in the mail to us. We are trying to track the problem and determine where the missing Whips have gone. Thanks so much for your help. Although I do apologize for the inconvenience, it really IS the problem with the US Postal service and THEY should be the ones making it right!

This issue focuses on “the Purest Challenge in Sportsdom.” Our club is still committed to the same challenge that Ned LeGrande and his

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team tackled back in 1952: Restore the Irish Setter to a first class field trial competitor and gunning companion. If Ned could see the dogs we love and enjoy today, I'm certain he would be amazed! This issue's cover has a picture of Breakstone, owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser. He's a great example of the progress of the breed! Breakstone recently ran away with the Runner Up Position in the Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. Thirty-four big running dogs presented at the line and Breakstone made it clear what the *purest challenge* really means today!

We recently created a brochure about the mission of the Purest Challenge. It tells some of the history of the restoration process and I've included the text here. Those brochures will be distributed when folks register new pups with the Field Dog Stud Book. Since we are talking about honoring the challenge, I have reprinted the original article by Henry Betten called Old Time Religion. Our old time members have seen it before but I think it is important for the newer folks to understand the concerns that caused Betten to write that article. Each one of us should read it and reflect on the progress we have made as result of the restoration of the red setter. Page 12

One of the early supporters of the *Purest Challenge* was Dr. Jim Fike of Colorado. This issue announces the establishment of the Jim Fike Amateur Handler Award. His longtime friend, Jim Baker of Del Valle, Texas sponsored this rotating trophy award for NRSFTC members who handle dogs on an amateur basis. Page 20

Pete Stevens has shared a wonderful story with us this issue called *Hello Friend!* Check it out on page 26

As an educational piece, Dr. Foster and Smith have allowed us to print an excellent article on canine ehrlichiosis. This illness is caused by a tick bite and you should be on the outlook for these kinds of problems. Page 31

I hope to see many of you in Berea Kentucky the first week of March. Join us for our Spring Championship and the induction of Wing Shot Fling into the Irish Red Setter Hall of Fame. Stay Warm— *Del*

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*Please remember these NRSFTC friends:*



**Caroline Harris, 12150 W Albain Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270.** I received a note from Jim Harris thanking folks for the cards and support of his wife Caroline. Jim tells me that Caroline has made big improvements and is getting stronger every day. Best of all she has been able to come home from the hospital. Keep those cards and prayers coming!

**Wilson Dunn, PO Box 189, Grand Junction, TN 38039**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Wilson Dunn in the loss of his beloved wife of 68 years, Polly. Wilson is a long time supporter of the NRSFTC and was a devoted friend of Bob Sprouse. Please take a moment and send condolences to our dear friend at this difficult time.



**Teresa Bruns, 2348 E County Road 830 South, Greensburg IN 47240** I recently received a note from Teresa Bruns and her children. They appreciated the article about Holly and all the cards and notes sent to them during this tragic time. Please continue to stay in touch. It means a great deal to Teresa.

**Dave Jones, 136 Red Lick Road, Berea Kentucky, 40403**

recently suffered a major heart attack and required bypass surgery. We are grateful to hear he's doing real well and know he'd appreciate your cards, notes and prayers. Thankfully it didn't happen while he was in Harlan filming the grouse hunt for the American Gun Dog! Dave's a great dog trainer and should focus right now on the command he gives the dogs— "Heal!"



## Coming soon: “The Purest Challenge” Brochure

We spend a lot of time talking about “the Purest Challenge in sportsdom.” The term was actually coined by one of the very early members of the NRSFTC— Mr. Herm David. Herm worked with the founding members of the club in the project to restore the Irish Setter as “*an effective field trial competitor and gunning companion.*” Our club used to spend a lot more time re-educating the public about the mission of our organization. Those of us who have been around a long time probably know the story front to back. But new folks get dogs all the time and they need to understand the what makes their Red Setter different and why it is such an incredible family pet, hunting companion, trial competitor and all around GREAT dog.

For many years the club sent brochures to The American Field. When new owners registered their Irish Red Setter Pups, the Field graciously send our brochure back to them with their other registration paperwork. It was a valuable service and it helped to educate red setter owners of the history of their breed. Some time in the last 10-15 years, the brochures ran out and they weren’t replaced. It’s one of those things that is easy to get overlooked— especially if someone else is responsible to pass out the pamphlets. In the meantime, our club changed officers as well as Editors of The Flushing Whip several times.

At the start of the year, I received a call from Paul Ober. Paul runs Celtic Farms and Kennels in Mohrsville, Pennsylvania. He asked me about the brochure and why we no longer made it available to The Field. When Dan Moore retired as Editor of The Flushing Whip, he brought boxes and boxes of Red Setter stuff to my home. I remember having seen a couple short brochures in that material and told Paul I would go hunt them down to see if they were the pamphlets he remembered. Sure enough, I found exactly what he was looking for. Why did the club stop using the brochures? Like anything else, it usually boils down to money. The old brochure was dated and worn and certainly needed a “pick me up.” Paul suggested that if I were willing to

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re-do the brochure, he would sponsor printing enough to send back to The American Field for distribution. The material in the brochure is valuable. It answers a lot of the questions many red setter owners hear about our dogs. Thanks to Paul Ober, the brochure has been redesigned and is being printed right now. In the next weeks it will be back at the American Field so that new red setters owners can learn the history of these incredible bird dogs. If the brochures get back in time, I will include one with your Flushing Whip. But, just in case, here's the text of that pamphlet:

### **The Purest Challenge: Founded in 1952**

The National Red Setter Field Trial Club was formed by a small band of gentlemen who could remember hunting over good Red Setter gun dogs in their youth. They were saddened by the long decline of field bred Red Setters; indeed, by the mid-twentieth century, such dogs had all but disappeared. Inspired by Horace Lytle's article in *Sports Afield* and followed by Henry L. Betten's in the *American Field* both lamenting to the dismal state of the red breed, they met in the fall of 1952 in Ralph C. "Rusty" Baynard's garage office. Led by Rusty and W.E. "Ned" LeGrande, they planned an organized effort to revive the field Red Setter. Recognizing the difficulty of such a formidable task, it was coined *The Purest Challenge in Sportsdom*.

**Why do we call them RED SETTERS?** Field trialers and hunters had long called their dogs Red Setters, a heritage from the days when all setters were identified by color. In Ireland, they were most commonly called Red Setters. With the advent of bench shows in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, importing so called "pure bred" dogs from the United Kingdom was a fad and there was snob appeal in calling the show bred dogs "Irish Setters." Soon the show fancy persuaded the new registries to record "Irish" and "English" Setters as breeds. The founders of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club logically

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thought that by going back to the traditional Red Setter a clear distinction could be made between the field and show dogs—thus creating less chance that the Red Setters could again be degraded by show ring conformation standards.

Lytle and Betten in their articles had made, for this time, the unorthodox suggestion that the best way to restore field ability in sufficient breeding stock was to cross to English Setters having Red Setter blood in their background. Betten noticed that in the 1880's and 90's there were any number of English Setters carrying the blood of the famed old Campbell Red Setters of Tennessee. One of the last English Setters to win the National Field Championship, Mississippi Zev, carried it and it was present in his son, Horace Lytle's Ilsley's Chip. LeGrande arranged with Lytle for the mating of Chip to his dog, Willow Winds Smada. After three generations of breeding back to the best field Red Setters that could be found, the dogs from this cross were registered by the Field Dog Stud book as pure bred Red Setters. Along with LeGrande's Askew's Carolina Lady, they became the fountainhead of today's Red Setters.

Askew's Carolina Lady was a lucky find for LeGrande and the breed. Ned heard from a professional trainer that there was an exceptional bird dog on a farm in North Carolina. Ned traveled down to meet Kelsey Askew and his dog, "Lady." The dog was indeed all that had been reported and after some persuasion and a handsome offer, Askew agreed to sell his dog. Lady went back to Pennsylvania with LeGrande and became the jewel of LeGrande's Willow Winds Farm. Askew's Carolina Lady originally came from an obscure Minnesota breeder who kept an old line of dogs favored by prairie market hunters. She pointed with a high head and tail and passed her style and bird sense on to her pups. Lady won many trials, but her greatest fame was as a producer. It would be rare today to find a winning Red Setter that didn't descend from Lady.

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**Are the white markings of most Red Setters an indication of cross breeding?** The old Red Setters all had white markings, on the chest, a blaze and on the toes. If your Red Setter is so marked, it is a good sign that the dog is truly of field stock. Dogs imported from Ireland have the same white markings. Solid colored dogs came from show fascinated breeders who selectively bred an all red strain.

**Are Red Setters trial dogs only?** No! The pioneers of the Red Setter revival were mostly bird hunters, but they knew that the breed would improve fastest with field trial competition sorting out the best breeding stock. Good gun dogs are a natural product from breeding dogs under proven field trial testing. Rusty Baynard's Ch. Double Jay became the first Red Setter field trial champion in over seventy years. Double Jay's pups were highly favored by bird hunters. Many of the winningest Red Setters are gunned over between trials allowing bird hunters to extend their pleasure afield by field trialing their red dogs between the short hunting seasons of our time. William F Brown, longtime editor of the American Field recognized the importance of field trials in developing superior hunting companions. He wrote:

*"The object of field trials is the promotion and development of the high-class bird dog. It is a means of enjoying the great out-of-door sport of bird hunting in the most aesthetic fashion. It aims to provide competition of the highest kind among bird dogs, to stimulate enthusiasm among owners, and to act as a practical guide for breeders by setting a high standard of performance. Field trials mold opinions of conformation and perfect the mechanism of the ideal bird dog. There is a particular physical makeup of the well-bred bird dog that is indispensable to the performance of those duties wherefore he is highly valued. Without this equipment he is not so well fitted to perform those duties in a finished fashion. Bird dog trials thus influence physical standards. Although field*

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*qualities are all-important in the utility bird dog, it is desirable to have beauty of conformation, with brain power, intelligence, and bird sense."*

We believe William F. Brown's words truly sum up the essence of the modern Red Setter. Our breed standard is *performance* based. Form follows function. First and foremost, Red Setters must hunt intensely as they effectively handle wild or native game birds. As working gun dogs, Red Setters are extremely intelligent, very biddable and beautiful to behold. The perfect dog for field trial competition. The ideal gunning companion for hunters.

### **Championships, Trials and the Futurity**

The members of the National Red Setter Field Trail Club constantly strive in their breeding programs to produce ever better Red Setters. We encourage breeders to register their litters for our Futurity which is run annually at our national Championship. The Futurity provides an opportunity to look critically at our breeding programs and assure that the working qualities of the Irish Red Setter continue to flourish and improve. Breeders, who understand our mission, register their litters with the NRSFTC Futurity and encourage all red setter puppies to be trained for and run in this vital competition. The club also sponsors both Shooting Dog and All Age standard Championship trials which include horseback as well as walking stakes. At these gatherings you will enjoy great camaraderie with other Red Setter enthusiasts. You will gather breeding and training ideas to take back home. But most of all, you'll see the greatest show on earth as our Red Setters "perform in the field." We owe an enormous debt of thanks to the founding members of the NRSFTC for the exceptional dogs we are blessed with today!

There are as many bird hunter members of the National Red Setter Field Trail Club as there are dedicated field trialers. Our club strives to serve both segments. Please join the National Red Setter

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Field Trial Club as we continue our *“Pursuit of the Purest Challenge!”*

The text of the brochures ends at that point but I certainly want to thank Paul Ober bringing the article to my attention and making it possible for the club to get the brochure back in circulation where it will benefit new members, old members and the National Red Setter Field Trial Club!

Education is a huge part of the mission of the Red Setter Foundation. By sharing this information with our readership, there is better opportunity to dispel misinformation and to get the real story out there. The wording of the main portion of the pamphlet is exactly as it was written back in the beginning— from the folks who were there when the exciting restoration project finally took off.

God Bless Ned LeGrande and his talented team of dedicated men and women. The wonderful dogs we so enjoy today are a direct result of the persistence, dedication and tenacity of that great group of people.

I personally like the addition of William F. Brown’s comments. As longtime Editor of the American Field, Bill Brown knew what it takes to make truly great dogs! The Purest Challenge certainly is about breeding those kinds of exceptional field trial competitors. This type of direction looks critically at the physical performance of the dogs, their stamina, movement, and mechanics while hunting. Occasionally an under-educated breeder will say to me: “I don’t really care about *the purest challenge or field trials*— I’m just breedin’ hunting dogs...” That attitude promotes mediocrity! Always seek the highest plane. Never breed a dog unless you are quite certain you can make a better, more exceptional dog. Use Field trials to test, prove and sort out your own breeding stock. Only breed for superior field trial competitors. In the process, you’ll gain the best damn hunting dogs on the face of the earth. Our founding fathers proved it! Please, please, please, always:

**“Honor the Challenge!”**

## Old Fashioned Religion

By H.F. Betten

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What devilish blight has fallen upon the Irish? Where are the competent followers of that horde of Hibernians who overran and ruled the prize ring of old? You find no outstanding champions among the gallant race today. Apparently it has gone soft.

The Irish setters, too, once a grand breed of gundogs, have long been decadent. You must go back sixty or seventy years to review an era when the breed was in its prime and its best exemplars could compete successfully afield in any company. And yet, according to authentic traditions, the old Irish breed provided the foundation stock for all other setter breeds and strains with the possible exception of the Russian setter, now long extinct.

Unlike the Laveracks and a score of other English setter strain perhaps equally good which have passed into oblivion the berry-red Irish are still with us. But compared with the breed's once high estate in the field, its current status apparently is the lowest in Irish setter history.

Since 1900 frequent spasmodic attempts have been made to reestablish the Irish breed on parity with English setters and pointers. During this period a limited number of excellent individuals were bred and developed which lent some encouragement to such hopes. Unfortunately, however, the average owner of a red dog relied more on words than on persistency and deeds to see his favorite breed through. Interest in their regeneration quickly faded in most instances and again and again the breed was surrendered to the show ring to the often-complete neglect of working qualities.

The charge that self or solid color is the basis of much prejudice against the Irishman is true only in small part. I honestly believe that the vast majority of field trial judges would be proud to place such a dog with utmost fairness in any company in full accordance with his merits.

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However, it is true that Irish setters general are often deficient in nose, bird sense, animation and bid ability and do not ordinarily measure up to the to the high standards of their early predecessor's or to the standards of current pointers and English setters. Put down a superlative red dog in competition with the best of these breeds and you may rest assured he will not be discriminated against because of his origin or color.

For a fair appraisal of the Irish setter at his old time best in American I wish to quote from the estimate of John M. Tracy, great animal artist, outstanding anatomist and widely experienced judge of field trials who flourished about the turn of the century. Wrote Tracy: "The very best field dog I ever saw was an Irish setter. A good Irish setter is so exceedingly good, that no pains should be soared to make the breeding of them surer. For those who shoot a great deal, and work the same dog on a variety of game, there is no dog like a good Irish setter." As this criterion was expressed in the era of such sterling performers as Rowdy Rod, Rip Rap, Chance, King's Mark, Maid of Kent, Antonio, Goth's Mark, Prince Lucifer, Daisy Hope, Daisy Hunter, Spotted Boy, et al., it evidences the very high regard Tracy held for the Irish breed.

In the same connection, this is what Edward Claverack had to say some thirty years previous: "So highly do I value the true blood belonging to the Irish that I have visited Ireland four time for the express purpose of ascertaining where the true blood was to be found, with a view of crossing them with my Belton's."

And that the great breeder did exactly that, in spite of later denials, is patently evident by the appearance of the red setter Mystery in a litter bred by him and which individuals he conveniently charge to telecopy. The blood of this pseudo Claverack has been handed down to many American setters, notably to Ch. Joe Cumming.

That Laverack, in spite of protestations to the contrary, often sought blood outside the alleged charmed Mr. Leveling sensationally

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exposed circle of his exclusive (?) strain in charges preferred before the English Kennel Club. Moreover, practically every authority of his day questioned the genuineness of the Maverick pedigrees and has the breeding system he assuredly employed. It was also insinuated there had been collusion between Claverack and his ghost writer, Prince de Vanes, in the preparation of the pedigrees and attempted plausible explanation of the highly intensive and exclusive breeding system set forth in his book on setters. In a series of articles by Edward Armstrong and published in the American Field, that noted figure of the English kennel world and admirer of Edward Laverack dwelt on his idiosyncrasies and egotism. And he made it clear that for monetary reasons, and because of consumer vanity the old breeder claimed absolute purity and exclusiveness for "my breed" -a strain within a then loosely constructed and regulated breed while urgently seeking the service of Field's Duke of Duke-Rhoebe fame, and a distinct outcross, for his Laverack bitches.

While the foregoing may seem irrelevant in relation to the Irish setter, it should be realized that undue employment of Laverack's alleged breeding system in show connections, while sometimes advantageous in the physical sphere, can be highly destructive of intelligence. In some measure something like this seems to have happened to show setters. And it's a serious question if by unraveling shoddy wool and re-knitting worn-out material you can rejuvenate exhausted lines short of a miracle. The history of all sporting and working breeds which must possess high intelligence or mentality to succeed, plainly reveals they were initially developed from a conglomeration of blood and once seriously vitiated must be revived with a spark from without or wither on the vine. Nor can we assume thereby any carefully planned breeding system more than a small fraction of dogs bred will possess high field qualities. This regardless of attempted exploitation of the Mendel Law or theory. In the realm of sporting dogs ultra scientific dedications of the genes and

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chromosomes school are still on a plane with relativity, profound and impressive to the impressionable but still considerable of a joke in a practical sense. Meanwhile the rough and ready but intelligent breeders who can't call any of these scientific bugs by their given names, continue to hit the jackpot most regularly, aided by common sense, intuition and a very large element of luck. The peas and beans stuff of the Mendel cult may work in a non-mental experimental field but it obviously has no proved formula for the inclusion of brains in its robots. Reverting to the Irish setter, while my experience does not extend to personal knowledge of such greats as Elcho, Echo Jr. Tim, Chief, Finagles, Bruce and some others prominent as the sires of sterling gun dogs. I did have opportunities to shoot over their produce, I have pleasant recollections of the high ability of Mike T, Chief Jr., George Gray's three-time winner Elcho's Maid, Finagles Jr., Lady Josie; also of a few others bred outside the pale, but splendid gun dogs nevertheless.

All this however, fifty and more years ago. Since then, with the exception of a good red one owned by my departed friend T.J.A. Tiedemann, I have missed seeing another top-notch Hibernian, although A1 Hochwalt assured me an occasional one was to be seen in his travels.

An analysis of this long continued deterioration of the Irish setter plainly indicates that if the breed is ever to be rescued from slave status imposed by the show ring, and because of the indifference of a lackadaisical fancy, assistance must come from without its ranks. This necessity was Fully recognized by Horace Lytle, outstanding gun dog authority whose experience has been empirical in all branches of the fancy. In the January issue of Sports Afield, the Dayton sage openly advised the infusion of English setter blood in sluggish blood stream of the grand old breed as the quickest and most practical means for regeneration.

Naturally this revolutionary suggestion has aroused wide comment

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and much interest together with bitter condemnation from straight-laced witch burners and commendation from broader and discerning minds. If the Irish setter is to be rescued and restored to its once proud station as an outstanding gun dog, then why should its kinsmen and descendants of the English breed not be allowed to come to its rescue! After all in the face of the undeniable genealogical history of our sporting breeds, why should not a shot of the old fashioned religion be applied in this instance? Or is bigotry and snobbery to continue to rule and inevitably push this parent breed completely off the map in a sporting sense? And, in the final analysis, what is Caucasian royalty other than a conglomeration of patrician breeds, which intermarry for purely political reasons. Yet the same snob who wrings his hands in holy horror at the thought of mingling the blood of closely related canine breeds has the greatest admiration for such royal unions.

Inasmuch as some authorities and other partisans prefer to remain blind to the facts of gun dog genealogy and to coat such with a veneer of fictitious origin and long continued purity, they doubtless will continue to deny that any good has ever come from a union of Irish and English setter blood. Yet aside from Laverack's very obvious employment of this combination, under cover, there is Llewellyn's and Teasdale-Buckell's admission it entered into the pedigree of the Llewellyn setter May Fly, a successful sire in America and progenitor of National Champion Commissioner. This combination entered also into the Illsley line of English setters of which Horace Lytle is now the most active exponent and which within its limited scope has produced a number of field trial winners of high merit. The orange and white Gildersleeves and Theodore Morford's orange and white strain, exceptional gun dogs as a whole, were said to have originated from this same combination, but these meritorious lines passed out of existence long ago because of the stigma placed on "native" setters.

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Of the so-called "natives", the Campbell setters were most conspicuous a successful in competition with imported English setters and pointers and their American bred descendants. This famous strain of Tennessee setters were originated

By M.C. and George W. Campbell of Springhill, Tenn. It was founded on the mating of Mason's Jeff, or Irish-English ancestry, and a white and lemon bitch, Fan with English antecedents. Because of the exceptional field qualities of this pair, and of their progeny without exception, the Campbell line developed a great reputation in the South and West. Setters of this breeding were freely entered by the Campbell's in early trials with great success. This culminated in the famous match race between Gladstone, pride of the Llewelin camp, and the Campbell setter Joe Jr. which was by the great imported Irish setter Echo out of Buck Jr., a crossbred English-Irish bitch.

As a result of this and other wins added popularity accrued to the Campbell strain. And had the fancy not mounted the band wagons of Imported strains of setters and pointers slightly in advance and fallen for the glamour of alleged patrician breeding, doubtless these so called "natives" would have enjoyed a great vogue on the strength of sheer merit.

Notwithstanding, although held in the background by their homespun origin, the comparatively few that were bred and started in trials more than held their own in the best of competition. Others, which never entered competition, were successful performers in the gunning field. And doubtless if their pedigree was traced there are many setters today whose merit rests in part on a remote dash of the old Campbell stuff. Among the winning setters that come to mind as representatives of the Campbell line are the following: Campbell's Tom, May, Buck Jr., Joe Jr., Tom III, Fannie, Daisy F~ Daisy Hope, Daisy Hunter, Sam R., Daisy Hunter II, Count Hunter, Pin Money, Belle of Hardbargain, Shadow, Oudh, AgTa, Hops Hunter; Daisy Hunter IV, Nelltie Bly, Hal's Hope, Hal's Surprise, Hal's Belle, Antoinette, Bron's Queen Vic, Vic's

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Vic, Lottie Lorraine, Seven Up, Hoosier Girl, Bruce, Plain Rex, Antoinette Nancy, Lottie Rodfield, Ortiz King, Victor Okaw, Chit Chat, Sport Count Whitestone, Master John, Count Ceyx, Silver Lining, Verona Cap, Verona Diablo, Verona Cash, Dick Mills; Fair Play, Tom Edwards, Oleam's Count Whitestone, Master Verona Diablo, Although incomplete, this list provides an inkling of the prepotency of the Campbell blood, particularly in relation to Count Whitestone. Outstanding among these Winners Were Joe Jr., Daisy F., Daisy Hope, Pin Money, Daisy Hunter and Count Hunter, which rated high among the best American setters of all times.

Infinitesimal as the amount of red leaven coming through Ch. Eugene M may be in his descendants today. It is there and cannot be denied. Literally thousands of setters have inherited this boon or blemish - whichever way you wish to regard it. And hundreds have won in trials because of it or in spite of it. Many more of this impressive race of setters will be placed before its prepotency expires. The predominant Sport Peerless, Sam L's Skyrocket, General and flight Commander families carry it and so do the great majority of the descendants of Florendale Lou's Beau. Mississippi Zev transmitted it and it is present in Horace Lytle's current lsleys. All this in spite of vilification second only to that with which Count Whitestone was smeared in an earlier era. He too confounded his critics not only by siring an incomparable family of class setters, but four National Champions to boot. Opportunities considered, I have long thought my old friend Billy Titus, the sage of West Point, as the greatest of American setter breeders. As a handler his winning career with such stars as Bohemian Girl, which left an impression of highest quality on the mind of A1 Hochwalt, and the Campbell-ite, Daisy Hope, which likewise created a furor, was auspicious. In numerous discussions he dwelt on the extreme boldness and uncanny bird sense of the crossbred Campbell's and on their great stamina. Those were the days when four-hour stakes were conducted as the proper test of

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staying qualities. Consequently I regretted to note that in the last National Championship not one setter was started to go the shorter route of three hours and demonstrate that the longhairs had lost none of their old time viscera and toughness.

I regret to add that in spite of his sagacity, Uncle Billy, became inoculated in his late years with the Laverack virus and mirage and bred in accordance with those false doctrines, and with limited success. But in a letter dated August 23, 1926, at the sunset of his career, he wrote in contemplation: "Sometimes I think I would like to have a few dogs, setters of course, and do a little breeding. I think I would pick up Eugene's Ghost's bloodlines and use them constructively as a starter. But this pure Llewellyn business had done more to kill off the setter than anything else. It should be pointers and it should be setters for the good of the breeds; there have been some wonderful Llewellyns and some wonderful English setters. It is a case of United we stand, divided we fall. I have never doubted for a moment but what it was due to the acceptance of breeding, without any questions being asked, that put the pointer in the lead. Bloodlines, no matter how great, how blue, never can equal great lines that will blend prepotent blood. Of course, the proper Selection cannot be put into formula; one must sense the Right ones. As an early admirer and owner of Irish setters thoughts revert to those good ones I knew - tawny, bicolored, solid red; and to cross-bred ones as well that had the stuff and delivered. I could name a host of experienced sportsmen too who swore by the breed, and a large percentage were not sentimental Irishmen at that. It seems almost a crime that the ancient breed, essentially a sporting race with fine old antecedents should be abandoned to a careless show fraternity and a boudoir life, instead of exercising talents in the field for which it was originally bred. Admittedly the four generation ban on registration of outside blood, i.e., English, within authentic Irish setter ranks, is a handicap to restoration by means other than straight-laced conventional

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breeding, this last a seemingly hopeless procedure in the light of past experience. Notwithstanding, there may be resolute champions of the old breed who would consider formation of a sociality club and the facing of a temporary ban while carefully maintaining a system of cross bred registration in the Field Dog Stud Book; this as the readiest and most practical means for regeneration of the working Irish setter. If so the fashion of solid color can be abrogated and parti-colors sanctioned as another step toward greater popularity for the breed. In any event, rapid and complete restoration of the once great field ability of the ancient line, by any means whatsoever, is a worthy objective. This constitutes a challenge to the breeding ability of American fanciers and breeders of genuine bird dogs. Something of the sort has been accomplished in relation to the pointer and the Brittany spaniel and appears applicable to the Irish setter.

*Shortly after reading this article, Ned LeGrande and his crew began the daunting task of restoring the Irish Setter as a working gun dog.*

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## **Jim Baker sponsors new award: The Jim Fike Amateur Handler Award**

Jim Baker recently approached the National Red Setter Field Trial Club and offered to present an annual award for the best Amateur Handler in the NRSFTC. He stipulated that the award be named for his dear friend and mentor, Dr. Jim Fike. I think Jim Baker would be quite happy to discreetly put the award in place without taking credit for its existence. But if truth were known— and it's about to be told... he's been working very hard and long to assure that the Jim Fike Amateur Handler Award became a reality. I asked Baker to say a few words to me about why he wanted to honor Dr. Fike and this is what Baker told me:

When I met Jim Fike I had already had more than my fair share of success in bird dogs and was very full of myself. Also had no clue about bird dogs. Jim, for reasons I will never understand, took me

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under his wing. He kicked my butt when I needed it and patted my back once in a while. Most of all he let me make my own mistakes and never said "I told you so."

He taught me how to scout and every time I break a dog away I can still hear him. He would look down at me and say "don't lose my dog." Then he would grin and laugh and off we would go. Never did lose one for him funny what the proper motivation will do. Jim was not a person to offer advice but over the years I learned a lot about bird dogs and walking horses from him. Took me a while to realize that when he said "I couldn't ride that horse" he was really saying don't buy that one. He would never say more but it was enough if I was listening.

I watched him run Red Dogs in wild bird competition that most people will never see and his dogs always acquitted themselves very well. He won some and lost some but he showed the western states quality Irish Setters. Probably the crown jewel was Ch Casey Jo winning the Region 17 ASD RU CH. She ran in a field of 58 dogs and showed every one what an Irish can do. But perhaps more telling about Jim was the year he ran Casey Jo in the Colorado Open at Arnett Oklahoma. It is oak shinnery country and very few dogs are up to the challenge. She ran her heart out, the marshal ran them into a fence and after two finds she got lost. We found her right at dark, standing on birds. Jim never said a word just gathered Casey Jo up and headed to camp. Why does Jim deserve this honor? He brought quality Red Dogs to Colorado, influenced way more than one person, was always a gentleman and showed the field trial world what Irish Setters should and can be. Living in Colorado neither Jim nor his dogs ever got the accolades they had coming from either the NRSFTC or the ISCA. It was not a deliberate thing it was more a case of being out of the mainstream and as we know out of sight out of mind.

From time to time he would hand me a dog and say "you need this dog more than I do" Well he deserves this honor and that is enough for me. Besides that, he's my friend.

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## Dr. Jim Fike A Man for the Purest Challenge



Jim Fike with Ch Hi Country Lass

The 1970's were a low water mark for the Irish Setter in Colorado. The resurgence of the hunting Irish, begun in the 1950's by Ned LeGrande, was yet to reach the mountain states and sadly the Irish simply were not competitive bird dogs.

When Jim Fike came on the scene he introduced Colorado to the Purest Challenge and recruited converts to the cause. Johnny Red first gained attention with his fire and drive but Becky Broomsedge brought trialers into the fold. Both were lost too soon but others would follow. Dogs that were often the only Irish in the stake and were

always a cut above the rest. Jim campaigned his dogs through out Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Utah, Oklahoma and Texas. He won his share and always presented the hunting Irish in a positive way. Traveling with him was instructive, often productive and occasionally entertaining. He was a fierce competitor but always a sportsman. A brief recounting of the Region 17 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship may best demonstrate this combination of attributes.

The venue was Burton Kansas and the two of us made the drive from Colorado. 58 dogs answered the call and Kay Cee Jo ran early in the stake. She was at the top of her game, carded 5 well spaced and stylish finds. Each with flawless manners. It was her time to shine and she was clearly the dog to beat. Jim elected to stay in camp for the following braces and while there he was joined by Rock Solid, a nice Pointer. The dog was running at the time and Jim realized that he was

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lost. He mounted up and returned the dog to his handler.

Kay Cee Jo was named RU CH and yes, you guessed it, Rock Solid was crowned CH. While Jim hated to lose I feel certain he never regretted his actions. Jim's dogs of note include Becky Broomsedge, CH Sage of Johnny Red, CH Hi



**CH Darth Vader O'Reily at Reg 9 Am Shooting Dog**

Country Lass, Futurity Winner Ready Cash and CH\RU CH Kay Cee Jo. Also worthy of note are Firefly, a true blue hen, and her son CH Darth Vader O'Reily, winner of the Region 9 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. Dennis Hidalgo bred Reily and Mike Geving owned and handled him. Jim bred both Firefly and Reily's sire Hi Country Aspen. These dogs alone would be a fine legacy but Jim's goes much deeper. Perhaps the dogs that carry his bloodlines speak even louder. They can be found from Minnesota to Texas still fulfilling the Challenge.

The second and usually unspoken piece of the Challenge must be to find people to carry on. Either by design or chance Jim has fulfilled this as well. He established the Nebraska Amateur Shooting Dog Classic was an active member of the Colorado Irish Setter Club and was active in the starting of the ISCA National Championships. Jim produced quality dogs others were able to hunt over, enjoy and use to successfully compete.

It is in honor of these accomplishments that the Jim Fike trophy for the Best Amateur Handler is offered. The Jim Fike Amateur Handler Award will be presented annually, during the NRSFTC Fall Championships. The handler who earns the highest number of points while competing in FDSB

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sanctioned trials will receive the award. The trials may include both horseback and walking stakes. Beginning July 1st, 2008 this trophy is in competition under the following rules:

The Jim Fike Amateur Handler's Award will be awarded to the Amateur Handler in the club having the highest number of points for handling a red setter to open or amateur placements. The award is open only to amateur handlers, in accordance to the qualifying rules for such issued by FDSB and AFTCA. Handler must be a member of NRSFTC throughout the award time period. Placements must be FDSB/AFTCA sanctioned. Award timeline runs from July 1 to June 30 of subsequent calendar years. Placements must be reported within 30 days of receipt. In order to encourage the development of amateur handlers, an individual may only win this award once every 5 years. The trophy will be presented annually at the NRSFTC Fall Trial. Points will be awarded according to the following rubric:

Places	Half Hour stakes	Hour Long Stakes	All Breed Championship Stakes	NRSFTC CH Stakes
1st	4 Points	4 Points x 2 (8)	Champion receives 6 Points x 3 (18)	NRSFTC CH receives 5 Points x 3 (15)
2nd	3 Points	3 Points x 2 (6)	Runner Up receives 5 Points x 3 (15)	NRSFTC RU receives 4 Points x 3 (12)
3rd	2 Points	2 Points x 2 (4)	** only if the placement is awarded	
4th**	1 point	1 Points x 2 (4)		

Several members of the NRSFTC already have earned points towards this award. The Jim Fike Amateur Handler's Award standings have been added to the other club awards in the standings section of this issue.

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Please send all placements, complete with a description of the stake, to Jim Baker. (See page 26 for contact information)

The Inaugural Award will be presented this coming Fall and the winner's name will be engraved on a gorgeous rotating Trophy that Dennis Hidalgo shaped and designed. Just look at it! Awesome!



The trophy stands on a beautiful cherry frame and will be a fitting Award for each handler who wins it. What a wonderful tribute to Jim Fike and *the Purest Challenge in Sportsdom!*

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## Hello Old Friend

By Pete Stevens

My “next season” has come and gone and now remains more than a memory; it has become a landmark of my life. As I stepped off the airplane on US soil I was hit by the sweet fragrance of grass and greenery. Could it be my olfactory glands were as good as my dogs? Sanity crept in and I had to answer no; it was just a bright contrast from the desert of Iraq.

The weather has turned quite cool and very autumn like. The leaves are turning and soon they will be peaking to remind me of New England's grandest season. Soon the colors of green will succumb to the early morning frost and become a tawny brown. The bold hues of green and yellow is like holding a bottle of Pinot Grigio to the light and looking through it. The slanted rays of sunlight filter through the New England landscape with grace from above in its attempt to warm my shoulders for one last time.

The New England hardwoods soon will be skeletal remains like soldiers dressed in gray standing at attention. It is this season that knocks on my door like an old friend who I haven't seen in along time. The face is familiar and I recognize its shape, for it has been a long time coming, since those days in Iraq; a season which only a year ago, I thought would never arrive soon enough or maybe never at all. To have it now at my doorstep is one of the sweetest moments. My red setter Murphy knows it too and he can sense the season. Perhaps it is because the days are shorter and the temperatures are cooler; or maybe he senses in me the jubilation knowing that we are going a field again to share our passion of the hunt. The thrill of watching a dog work is a signature in time, a signature like none other. Hearing Murphy's bell stop still generates excitement that moves through my inner being like it has so many times before and always will.

What could be more appropriate than opening the season hunting with an old friend? I was invited to hunt with an old army buddy in Pennsylvania. John Pelsis and we have known each other for over 20 years. We were paratroopers stationed together in Vicenza, Italy back in the 80's. John

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emailed me while I was in Iraq and we stayed in touch throughout my deployment. We are airborne brothers who love pointing dogs and wing shooting.



Murph and I set off for Pennsylvania in search of the ultimate experience of hunting birds. Our first day in the field offered plenty of chances for Murphy to get on his game. It was a very cool morning and my mind was focused on Murphy when the unmistakable sting on my ear from a twig pulsated through me like a tuning fork. In the past that would have led to a few choice words from the arsenal of a paratrooper's vocabulary. This year, I just smiled and said to myself, "I'm back and all is good."

As we walked through the farmlands I could smell the smoke from a fireplace, a fragrant wisp that lingered through the thick morning air. I

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thought to myself how good it was to be here and then I had to take a moment to remind myself that we still have people over there. I had to forcefully tell myself that I did my time and it was time for me to come home and enjoy the things that mean the most to me. I paid the price and now it is my turn to enjoy a moment that I yearned and longed for. These thoughts were broken by a whirl of a grouse busting out of its cover as if it could read my mind, knowing he was safe because my mind was elsewhere. I said to my friend, "that's it, game on, no more day dreaming." He just turned and jokingly said, "You would have missed him anyway."

We came to a large field that looked very birdy. We spread out because Murph can cover ground like an early evening snowfall. If birds were here, Murph will definitely find them, this much I was sure of. While the other dogs were plodding along Murph was all business until he whipped into a 180 degree point. I mean he put the brakes on as if he was going to go past the bird but caught a cross wind whiff of the bird and stopped just in time. That bird was pinned with no place to go

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Can you find Murph buried in the cover? He's in there.. And so's the bird !



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but up and into my shot pattern. As I approached I couldn't see the bird, just Muph in his typical statuesque point; rock hard and focused. All of a sudden the bird roared up and away presenting a right to left quartering shot. I swung and led him about two feet and pulled the front trigger of my Fox 20ga. The bird fell and I released Murph to find the bird. From over the hill I heard, "did you get'em?" I yelled back, "Of course, how come I haven't heard any shots from your neck of the woods?"

We plugged along and came to a corn field that was half cut so the remaining stalks could be used for bird cover. The dogs immediately went in to work the corn. After 5 minutes or so, Murph came to a point. A nervous rooster exploded out of the corn up and over us presenting John with a Station 8 skeet shot. He missed, and the bird landed about 80 yards away in a small ravine. I had to take the opportunity to chide him, "What's going on Ranger, have you been shooting trap all summer instead of skeet?" He told me to go somewhere where it's really hot. To add insult to injury, I told him his dog was in the same area where Murph pointed the rooster he just missed; talk about salt in the wound.

By the end of the day Murphy was covered in brambles. When we got back to John's house I gave him a bath and cut out as much as I could. John owns Lexi, the German Shorthair, so all she needed was a bath. While I was tending to Murph he was yelling from the other room to hurry up because dinner was soon to be ready. I had to yell back at him, "Go ahead and eat without me: " I OWN A REDSETTER AND WE'RE NOT READY YET!"

After dinner we sat in front of the fireplace with a glass of single malt and just reminisced about the hunt, the dogs and the old days. Soon the topic led to our friendship and how lucky we are to be able to share the same passion for hunting dogs. John said, "we have to get together next season and go at it again." I said, "John, this is my next season."

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Some people might think this all gets old but it doesn't. Every year is different and every year we have new memories to add to the archives of our life. This year, all I can say is; hello old friend, good to see you again.



**The 4 grouse gangsters: Lexi, John, Murph, and Pete!**

*Note from Deb:*

*Thanks Pete for sharing this wonderful story with us. I know I speak for the entire club when I send it "back atcha!" Welcome home old friend. It's good to see you again too!! We thank you for a lifetime of service to our country and we wish God's blessings on you and yours forever!*

**Hunt with the best.... a RED setter !**

## Ehrlichiosis in Dogs

By Dr. Holly Nash DVM of the  
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Canine ehrlichiosis is a disease of dogs and wild canids (e.g.; wolves) and is found worldwide. Canine ehrlichiosis is also known by other names such as 'tracker dog disease,' 'tropical canine pancytopenia,' 'canine hemorrhagic fever,' and 'canine typhus.' It affected a large number of military dogs in the war in Vietnam.

### What causes ehrlichiosis?

Ehrlichiosis in dogs is most commonly caused by *Ehrlichia canis*, *E. chaffeensis*, *E. ewingii*, and possibly *E. ruminantium*. There are multiple strains of *Ehrlichia*, affecting different species of animals. Some also affect people. Some organisms that were formerly classified as *Ehrlichia* have now been reclassified as *Anaplasma*. The *Ehrlichia* organisms are what we call rickettsia, which on the evolutionary scale are between bacteria and viruses.

### How is *Ehrlichia* transmitted?

*Ehrlichia* are transmitted by ticks including the Brown Dog Tick, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* and the Lone Star Tick *Amblyomma americanum*. The immature form of the tick feeds on an animal infected with *Ehrlichia*. When these immature ticks or a mature form of the tick feeds on another animal, the *Ehrlichia* is passed on to that animal. The *Ehrlichia* can remain alive in the developing tick for up to 5 months. This means a tick could become infected in the fall, and infect a dog the following spring.

Because the disease is transmitted by these ticks, it can occur wherever Brown Dog and Lone Star Ticks are found. Almost every state in the United States has reported a case of ehrlichiosis.

### What are the symptoms of ehrlichiosis?

Ehrlichiosis can have three phases. Signs of the acute phase of the disease usually develop 1-3 weeks after the bite of the infected tick. The acute phase of the disease generally lasts 2-4 weeks. The *Ehrlichia* enter

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white blood cells and reproduce inside of them. In addition to the blood, these cells are found in the, lymph nodes, spleen, liver and bone marrow. Platelets, the small cell fragments that help blood to clot, are often destroyed, as well. As a result of the infection, the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen are often enlarged. Anemia, fever, depression, lethargy, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, joint pain and stiffness, and bruises are often seen. Many dogs will be able to fight off the infection. If not, they enter the sub clinical phase.

In the sub clinical phase the animal may appear normal or show only slight anemia. During this phase the *Ehrlichia* live inside the spleen. This phase can last for months or years. Ultimately, the dog either eliminates the *Ehrlichia* from the body or the infection may progress to the chronic phase.

The chronic phase can be either mild or severe. Weight loss, anemia, neurological signs, bleeding, inflammation of the eye, edema (fluid accumulation) in the hind legs, and fever may be seen. Blood tests show that one or all of the different blood cell types are decreased. One cell type, the lymphocyte may increase and be abnormal in appearance. This can sometimes be confused with certain types of leukemia. If a dog becomes chronically infected, the disease can keep coming back, especially during periods of stress. In some cases, arthritis or a kidney disease called 'glomerulonephritis' may develop.

A decrease in the number of platelets (platelets help the blood clot) in the blood is the most common laboratory finding in all phases of the disease. Changes in the protein levels in the blood are common. The most common protein, albumin, is decreased and other types of protein called 'globulins' are increased.

Since one tick could be infected with and transmit more than one disease (i.e haemobartonellosis or babesiosis ), it is not all that uncommon to see a dog infected with more than one of these diseases at a time, which generally causes more severe symptoms.

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### **How is ehrlichiosis diagnosed?**

The diagnosis is based on the typical clinical signs and results of special blood tests.

Two blood tests that detect the dog's antibodies (proteins produced to fight off the infection) to *Ehrlichia* are available. One is called the indirect immunofluorescent antibody (IFA) test, and the other is known as an ELISA test. A veterinarian cannot rely solely on these tests to make a diagnosis. The antibodies may not be detected in the early phase of the disease, since it takes some time for the body to make them. Also, if a dog is extremely ill, he may not be able to produce enough antibodies to be accurately detected. A positive test demonstrates that the dog has been exposed to *Ehrlichia*, but not that he necessarily is currently infected. In the acute stage of the disease, the antibody level will rise significantly. Often two tests will be done 2 weeks apart and the results compared. Dogs with an active infection will show a significant rise in the amount of antibody present.

The antibodies can last for one or more years after the infection, but they do not make the dog immune to ehrlichiosis - the dog could get re-infected.

A newer diagnostic test called the PCR tests for the presence of the organism itself, not antibodies to it. Unfortunately, it does not distinguish between live and dead organisms. For this reason, it is generally recommended to perform the PCR along with one of the antibody tests to make a diagnosis.

Sometimes, the organism can be seen inside cells on a blood smear. To find them, a small drop of blood is spread over a microscope slide, stained and examined under the microscope. The organism can only be found in the bloodstream for a few days during the acute phase of the disease. So this method of diagnosis could miss some cases of the disease.

### **How is ehrlichiosis treated?**

The antibiotics, tetracycline or doxycycline are used. Treatment is

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usually for 3-4 weeks, even though the dog's symptoms generally improve after several days of therapy. Some dogs will need blood transfusions or intravenous fluids depending on the severity of the disease. Generally, the prognosis during the acute phase is good, if the animal is properly treated. Dogs who go on to the chronic phase have a poorer prognosis. German Shepherds and Doberman Pinschers tend to have a more severe chronic form of the disease.

The drug, imidocarb dipropionate, is sometimes used in conjunction with the antibiotics. It is given as an injection, but may not be available in all areas.

Some of the damage caused by *Ehrlichia* may be due to the dog's own immune response to the organism. For this reason, if immune-mediated arthritis or decrease in platelets occurs, corticosteroids (e.g., prednisolone) may be given.

#### **How can I prevent ehrlichiosis in my pet?**

Tick Control is the main way to prevent ehrlichiosis. Products which repel and kill ticks such as those containing permethrins are excellent choices. Tick collars containing the active ingredient amitraz (Preventic collars) are also used, sometimes in conjunction with permethrin products in those areas with high tick infestations. If a large number of cases of ehrlichiosis are diagnosed in an area, some veterinarians recommend placing dogs on low doses of tetracycline or doxycycline during the tick season.

There is no vaccine for ehrlichiosis.

#### **Can people get ehrlichiosis?**

Yes. The common symptoms in people include fever, chills, headache, and muscle aches. Other less common symptoms include nausea, loss of appetite, weight loss, abdominal pain, cough, diarrhea and change in mental status.

People do NOT get infected directly from a dog, but through a tick bite. Also, the *Ehrlichia* species most often implicated in human infections is *E. chaffeensis*.

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**2008 LeGrande as of January 31, 2009**

Runs January 1st 2009 through December 31st 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	1205
Piccadilly	F	Roger Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	272

**The Duke Award as of 1-31-09**

Runs July 1st 2008 through June 30th, 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	206
Chaperon	M	Ross Leonard	Chaparral	Sizzlin Belle	78
Moonshine Again	F	Kristine Hammons	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charle	30
Piccadilly	F	Roger Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	16
Chaparral	M	Don Beauchamp	Desperado	Come Back Tippy	14

**High Performance Award as of 1-31-09**

Runs January 1st 2009 through December 31st 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
No Wins reported during this period					

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Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
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Runs July 1st 2008 through June 30th, 2009

Handler	Pts.	Handler	Pts.
Roger Boser	88	Jim Ashby	7
Joe Edwards	25	Rex Cottle	6
Al Fazenbaker	19	Jason Williams	5
Robert Gove	8	Paul Falkowsky	4
Don Beauchamp	8	Mike Jacobson	4
Jim Baker	7	Tim Hammons	2
Ross Leonard	7		

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### NRSFTC Puppy of the Year as of 2-8-09

Runs July 1st 2008 through June 30th, 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Carlisle Mollie	F	Paul Griffin/ Maye Foreman	Breakstone	Applebee	56

### NRSFTC Derby of the Year as of 2-8-09

Runs July 1st 2008 through June 30th, 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Lakeview Kant Katch Me	F	Jim Ashby	Breakstone	Applebee	358
Touchstone	M	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Applebee	308
Pantina	F	Roger Boser	Aiken	Solitaire	128
Come Back Buck	M	Ross Leonard	Come Back Audie	Celtic's Superior Interest	100
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Manteo's Virgil Earp	M	Paul Falkowsky	Aiken	Solitaire	48
Jordin	M	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Applebee	24



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## All Breed Honor Roll with Tom Norton

Nov 22, 2008- January 21, 2009



Congratulations to Roger Boser and Breakstone on their runner-up placement in a field of 34 at the Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. This is what the Purest Challenge is truly about. Also it is good to see long time Red Setter supporters Paul Griffin and Bob and Katherine Gove again competing their puppies and derbies.

Dog	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Event	Place	Competed Against:
Chaparral	Don Beauchamp O/H	Desperado	Come Back Tippy	Raymond Rucker Amateur Shooting Dog Classic 10-6-08	3rd	10 EP, 1Br, 3 IS
Miss Minerva	Rex Cottle O/H	Aiken	Solitaire	Duplin County Gun Dog Club Derby 10-4-08	2nd	7EP, 1 S, 1IS
Million Dollar Sparkle	Kendall Egerton & Rebecca G Sanderson O/H	Come Back Johnson	Come Back Diddle	Duplin County Gun Dog Club Open Shooting Dog 10-4-08	1st	1EP, 2S, 3IS
Come Back Audie	J.A.Edwards O/H	Come Back Johnson	Come Back Diddle	Duplin County Gun Dog Club Open Shooting Dog 10-4-08	2nd	1EP, 2S, 3IS
Come Back Casey	R.R. Cottle O/H	Come Back Frank	Come Back Dixie Rebel	Duplin County Gun Dog Club Open Shooting Dog 10-4-08	3rd	1EP, 2S, 3IS
Million Dolar Sparkle	Kendall Egerton & Rebecca G Sanderson O/H	Come Back Johnson	Come Back Diddle	Duplin County Gun dog Club Open All Age	1st	4EP, 3S, 1IS
Silverado	J.A.Edwards O/H	Not Given	Not Given	Duplin County Gun Dog Club Amateur Derby	1st	3EP, 3IS
Billette	J.A.Edwards O/H	Not Given	Not Given	Duplin County Gun Dog Club Amateur Derby 10-4-08	2nd	3EP, 3IS



## All Breed Honor Roll Continued



Dog	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Event	Place	Competed Against:
<b>Come Back Audie</b>	J.A. Edwards O/H	Come Back Johnson	Come Back Diddle	Duplin County Gun Dog Club Amateur Shooting Dog 10-4-08	1 <sup>st</sup>	2EP, 1S, 5IS
<b>Touchstone</b>	Dr. Roger Boser O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	York Pointer Setter Club Open Derby 10-25-08	2nd	6 entries
<b>Breakstone</b>	Dr. Roger Boser O/H	Sharpton	Chantilly	York Pointer Setter Club Gerald Tracy Amateur Shooting Dog 10-25-08	1st	13 entries
From the report: Breakstone won the blue with two finds and in the judges' words "is a bird dog supreme"						
<b>Patina</b>	Dr. Roger Boser O/H	Aiken	Solitaire	York Pointer Setter Club Amateur Derby 10-25-08	1st	3 entries
From the report: Patina won the blue with a pair of adult finds and a front-running race.						
<b>Touchstone</b>	Dr. Roger Boser O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	ORSTFC Open Derby 10-11-08	2nd	11 entries
<b>King Cormac</b>	Al Fazebaker O/H	Come Back Rock	Gillian	ORSTFC Amateur Shooting Dog 10-11-08	1st	7 entries
<b>Lakeview Kant Katch Me</b>	Jim Ashby O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	Mid-South Bird Hunter's Club Amateur Derby 11-1-08	2nd	8 entries
<b>Lakeview Kant Katch Me</b>	Jim Ashby O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	Mid-South Bird Hunter's Club Open Derby 11-1-08	1st	5EP, 1IS
<b>Brownhaven Burning Bright</b>	Georgia Brown & Sherry Ebert O/ Sherry Ebert H	Brownhaven Shining Bright	Aerowind Georgia Digger	Texas Coastal Brittany Club Open Shooting Dog 11-7-08	1 <sup>st</sup>	16 entries
<b>Brownhaven Steel Magnolia</b>	James Baker O/H	Brown Haven Let's Roll	St. Jude's Windsong	Texas Coastal Brittany Club Amateur Shooting Dog 11-7-08	2nd	13 entries



# All Breed Honor Roll Continued



Dog	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Event	Place	Competed Against:
<b>Comanche Moon</b>	James Baker O/H	Celtic's Sediton	Missy Lou O'Floin	Texas Coastal Brittany Club Open Derby 11-7-08	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 entries
<b>Carlisle Mollie</b>	Paul Griffin O/ Marc Forman H	Breakstone	Applebee	Beaverton Grouse Dog Club Open Puppy 10-17-08	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14 entries
<b>Touchstone</b>	Dr. Roger Boser O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	Lehigh Valley Pointer & Setter Trials Amateur Derby 10-31-08	1 <sup>st</sup>	2EP, 1S, 2IS
<b>Carlisle Mollie</b>	Paul Griffin O/ Bruce Minard H	Breakstone	Applebee	Lake States Grouse Championship Open Puppy 10-21-08	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 entries
<b>Elkton Eddie</b>	E.F. Williams Jr. O/H	Dandy Dan	Oreo Cookie	Brandywine Bird Dog Club Open Restricted Shooting Dog 11-8-08	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 entries
<b>Quests Rowan of Worm</b>	Taylor Anderson O/ Ray Dohse H	St. Judge's Declan	Rose Valley Lets Do Pattycake	North Country Gordon Setter Club of Minnesota Open Derby 9-27-08	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 entries
<b>Brophy's Super Charged</b>	Ike Austin & Liz Barrett Dixon O/ Ike Austin H	Brophy's Rough Rider	Brophy's Sandhills Spirit	North Country Gordon Setter Club of Minnesota Amateur Shooting Dog 9-27-08	3 <sup>rd</sup>	13 entries
<b>Manteo's Mattie Blaylock</b>	Paul Falkowsky O/H	Aiken	Home Page	Ardath Field Trial Club Matt Ogilvie Shooting Dog Classic 9-27-08	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9 entries



## All Breed Honor Roll Continued



Dog	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Event	Place	Competed Against:
<b>Restless Red Bella</b>	Robert Gove O/H	Silver Creek's Wanted	Restless Red Cedar	Grand River Trials Open Derby 10-25- 08	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4EP, 4IS
<b>Breakstone</b>	Dr. Roger W. Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship 11-14-08	RU	34 entries

From the report: Breakstone, a good built red setter earned the runner-up placement with four nice finds and one back of his brace mate. On one particular find he showed his staunchness as a bird flew inches off his nose, never even blinking his eyes.

<b>Come Back Judy</b>	Rex R. Cottle O/H	Come Back Shag Dancer	Come Back Dixie Rebel	Sandlapper Club H. Cooper Black Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog 11-14-08	3 <sup>rd</sup>	33 entries
<b>Moonshine Again</b>	Kris Hammons O/H	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charle	East Kentucky Trials Open Shooting Dog 11-22-08	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10EP, 6S, 4IS
<b>Montana's Full House</b>	Charles Turner O/H	Wild Card	Turner's Sadie	East Kentucky Trials Open All Age	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7EP, 2S, 1IS
<b>Moonshine Again</b>	Kris Hammons O/H	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charle	Central Kentucky Quail Club Amateur Shooting Dog 11-15-08	1 <sup>st</sup>	7EP, 1S, 2IS

From the report: Moonshine Again showed in all the right places at the right time with one good find and a good one-hour hunting effort.



## All Breed Honor Roll Continued



Dog	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Event	Place	Competed Against:
<b>Brownhaven Burning Bright</b>	Georgia G. Brown & Sherry Ebert O/ Sherry Ebert H	Brownhaven Shining Bright	Aerowind Georgia Digger	Texas Red Setter & kGulf Coast Clubs Open Shooting Dog 11-29-08	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5EP, 4S, 2Br, 6IS
<b>Hondo Muldoon</b>	Jim Ashby O/H	Winnabow	Gillian	Illinois Bird Hunters Club Open Shooting Dog 10-4-08	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 entries
<b>Lakeview Kant Katch Me</b>	Jim Ashby O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	Illinois Bird Hunters Club Amateur Derby 10-4-08	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 entries
<b>Hondo Muldoon</b>	Jim Ashby O/H	Winnabow	Gillian	Illinois Bird Hunters Club Amateur Shooting Dog 10-4-08	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 entries
<b>Restless Red Toolman</b>	Katherine Gove O/H	Silver Creek's Wanted	Restless Red Cedar	Eastern Iowa Shooting Dog Association Open Derby 10-18-08	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9EP, 1S, 4IS
<b>Restless Red Roxy</b>	Robert Gove O/H	Silver Creek's Wanted	Silver Creek Lizzie	Eastern Iowa Shooting Dog Association Open Derby 10-18-08	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5EP, 4IS

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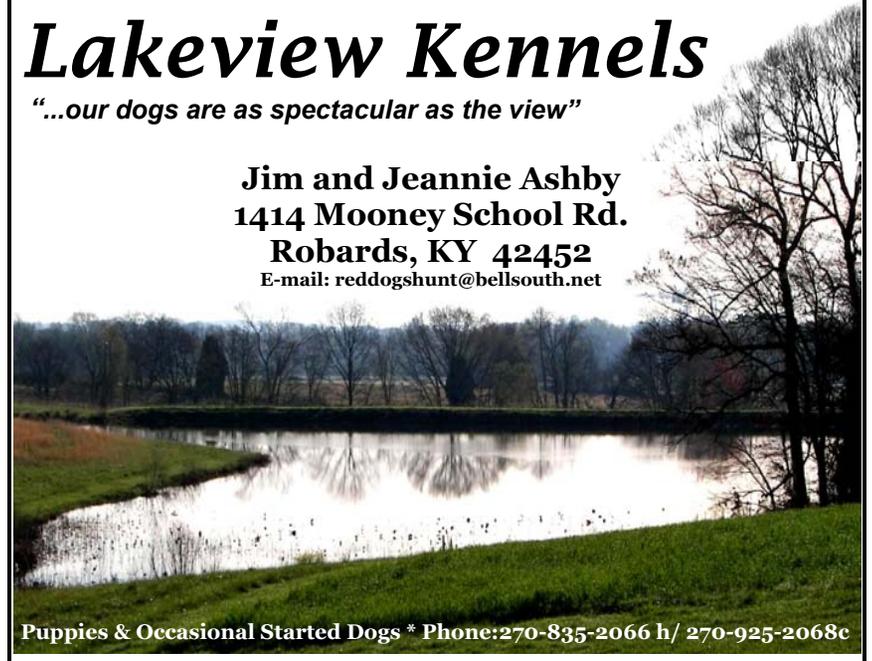
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