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Mr. Raymond O. Marshall 2839 Woodridge Lane Stillwater, MN 55082

Dear Ray:

Thank you for your letter and the copy of Mr. Bob Dupuis' letter regarding his understanding of the sentiments of the Board of Directors of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club.

The establishment of the "cross-bred" setter as a registrable sporting dog is more than four decades old. The Field Dog Stud Book will accept for registration any cross of pedigree English, Irish or Gordon setter. Puppies from such crosses are registered "Cross-Bred Setters".

We are aware of your efforts to "bridge the gap" between the National Red Setter Field Trial Club and the Irish Setter Club of America, and in this light allow me to state the policy of the Field Dog Stud Book pertaining to the matter of Cross-Bred Setters: The Field Dog Stud will continue to recognize for registration crosses between Irish, English and Gordon Setters, as it has done for more than forty years, and dogs from these crosses will be registered as Cross-Bred Setters. In order to return to the breed desired, it is necessary to breed three full generations back to pure-breds of that breed, when traits of that specific breed are considered fixed.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to the Board of Directors of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Matthys THE AMERICAN FIELD

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cc. Board of Directors NDS FTC