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Tom Norton is out of town and regretfully his Honor Roll is not included in this issue. It will be back in May June Issue. My apologies!



It's always great to hear from our "old time members" of the NRSFTC. Craig Opel was at one time very active in the club as he campaigned red setters and some great English setters too. Although he eventually moved on to other activities, Craig has maintained his interest in the club. In this issue he shares his experience riding the historic Santa Fe trial— just as his ancestors had. So saddle up and join him for the ride.

Ramblings from Red Setter Run

This was the last picture I ever took with Finn McCool. He's gone on to finer fields- and in the process left a million empty spaces in my life and home. Finn had lost the vision in his eye by the time this picture was taken. I initially planned to throw it out because the photograph looked so terrible, but when my grandson and his dad realized this was the last picture I'd ever have of Finn, they doctored it up and made it one I shall always cherish. Finn had extensive cancer and had to be put down on January 25th.



With the weather being what it was here in northeast Ohio, I decided to have him cremated. I may scatter his ashes in one of our favorite places come spring but for now, I've followed the advice of my dear friend, Bill Dalton and buried him deep in my heart. Finn wasn't a famous field trial dog but for 13 years he was my inseparable companion. The incredible things he was able to learn amazed and amused anyone who witnessed his antics. It really spoke highly to the keen intelligence and versatility of Today's Red Setter. I'm going to put a few pages aside and tell you a bit about him. Please forgive an old woman in her grief but Finn McCool was my exceptional friend. Rest in peace Finny.

Craig Opel, a long time member of our club, took an incredible journey along the Santa Fe Trail in 2007 and 2008. We thank him for sharing his story here with us.

The Northwest Irish Field Club put on an American Field Trial

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October 2nd of 2010. In their area, American Field sanctioned trials are few and FAR (literally) between. We have some great club members out west and their dedication to our cause is exceptional. We are so happy for the opportunity to introduce some of them to you and to share the results of their trial. Keep up the great work folks!

Four club awards were completed on December 31st. The results are posted in this issue. Congratulations to the team of winners/ owners: Breakstone (LeGrande) and Roger Boser, Aiken (High Performance) and Don Beauchamp, Hondo (Walking Shooting Dog) and Jim Ashby and Cherry (NSTR) and Steve Witz. A new season for those awards is already in progress.

There is a great little poem I found on a website I like to visit. The author is unknown but it asks an age old question to which we each already know the answer: Why own a bird dog? I'm certain it was written about the Fazenbaker household! Check it out.

With all the freezing winter weather this year, I got to thinking about ice emergencies and rescues. If you have a pond or small lake in your area, you should think about it too. I've shared some safety tips I learned from a good neighbor and friend.

Keeping with the educational mission of our club, I've included some material I got at the vet's office on pyometra. Hope you find it helpful.

The Spring Trial will be held the first week of March in Berea Kentucky. This year we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. We hope to see old friends and new at the trial. Rock the World, Tim and Kris Hammons beloved champion was elected into the NRSFTC Hall of Fame on February 12th in Grand Junction Tennessee. We will also celebrate her selection during the spring Trial at Berea.

Looks like I am out of room. Hope to see many of you at the trial. Happy Saint Patrick's Day to the lot of you. Enjoy your Whip! *Del*



Retired Field Trialer Hits the Trail.... The Santa Fe Trail By Craig A. Opel



Traveling the Santa Fe Trail in 1850 was a very dangerous journey

One never knows where a hunt for a little adventure might lead. Here is my story and how it came about and an encouragement to all to always search for new adventures.

In the spring of 2007, I read an article about an inaugural running of the Santa Fe Trail Endurance Horse Ride from Santa Fe, New Mexico to the Missouri border town of Gardner starting September 3rd. This was to take 13 days of riding with several lay over days to rest horses and crews along the route. Landowners were going to allow riders to cross some stretches of the trail that are not open to the public but they wanted to

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be a part of this recreation of horses and riders on the historic trail which was started in 1821 to create commerce from Santa Fe back to Missouri .

My first realization was that although I have spent over 5000 hours in the saddle, I no longer had horses able to travel 50 miles a day for that long a trip and, frankly, I was not sure that I was up to that kind of a challenge. So what do you do? I contacted the organizers to see what I could do to participate not just attend (I am not big on just attending). Well, they had a great idea after hearing of my horse experience and that was to be a veterinarian assistant in checking the horses four times a day for all aspects of soundness. That way I could be close to all parts of the race and travel and camp in the race camp every night.

My next discovery that completely changed my experience was a purely by chance stop in Independence, Missouri at the Trails Museum as I was returning to Minnesota from a car show. While looking through some books and articles, I discovered the diary of my great, great etc. aunt, Anna Marie Morris, of her trip along with her husband Major Gouverneur Morris published from 1850. It was the lead diary in Covered Wagon Women Diaries and Letters from The Western Trails 1850 by Kenneth Holmes.

This so dramatically changed my trip that I have to break the rest of this story into two parts: 1. My direct relatives on the Santa Fe Trail in 1850 and 2. The race itself.

I was well aware of the direct relationship on my grandmother's side (she was a Morris) to signers of the Declaration of Independence, Robert Morris and Lewis Morris, and that Gouverneur Morris was one of the main writers of the Constitution of the United States. Robert Morris has a statue in

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Liberty Square in Philadelphia and George Washington used a Morris family house in Philadelphia as the first “White House.” The Morris family owned 2000 acres of Manhattan at the time of the revolution and there is still one of their homes in Manhattan on about 68th street called Morrisania above Central Park. Anna Marie Morris was from the aristocratic De Camp family from Morristown, New Jersey (named for Robert Morris). Both of these family backgrounds made her trip on the Santa Fe Trail much different than many of the pioneer wives. That’s the background.

It turns out that my Uncle Major Morris was being sent to Santa Fe by the President to take over the command of the Santa Fe Fort. The officers at the fort were not achieving the mission the President and Congress had set for them which was to protect the citizens of our new Territory of New Mexico from Mexican and Indian raids.

Anna Marie wrote about a paragraph a day about basic observations and events. She would send pages of her diary back east to her folks as riders would pass by going east.

I made a copy of the short version notes and gave a copy to everyone in the race that listed each day in reverse of our direction so they could look at things as they rode and see where the military convoy had traveled. I listed the name of the camping area where they were, how many miles they made that day (military wagon trains had clickers on the wheels to measure mileage on average 15-22 miles a day and several in the 30’s) and a short note about her comments. As an example - *“river flooded, could not cross today -saw my first buffalo -saw an Indian party, etc. - met a mail rider heading east”*. Historical societies along our route and newspapers were very interested in

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this aspect of the story.

This changed my mission on the trip. I now wanted to see how many of these specific camps I could find. Most were streams, rivers and springs. In my two years, I did find about 70 % of these campsites.

Part one -Follow the family diary from day to day

They departed from Fort Leavenworth with 100 soldiers on May 2nd and arrived in Santa Fe on July 11th. They only lost 2 men along the way -one to suicide and another shot by a guard when he did not respond to the night signal upon returning to camp in the dark.

Three somewhat typical, but interesting daily writings, that I particularly drew interest in and had a direct relationship with were:

The first was: *“Thursday July 4th 1850 - Left Ocati at 6.A.M. marched 20 miles and encamped at 2 P.M. . . . at Wagon Mound Santa Clara spring (gigantic rock formation in now New Mexico that from a distance looks somewhat like a covered wagon), delightful water plenty of grass no wood . Soon after our tents were pitched we had quite a severe hail and wind storm. Tents blown over... The Doc is the only one has made a merry making in honor of the day -he made eggnog for all of us -he has kept very quiet about those eggs he had been saving up for the occasion.”*

Craig’s journal at Wagon Mound camp states: After all riders arrived before supper, we had about 150 head of horses in camp, many 4 horse trailers with crew cab with 4 wheel drive trucks set up at the base of the Wagon Mound Mt. As we were getting ready to turn in at about 10 P.M., a very powerful rainstorm with tons of lightning and thunder that just cracked finally caught up

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to us as it raced through the pass and we were at about 5000 feet altitude -- your ears hurt from the cracks --this was followed by a hail storm that was so severe that I could not hold my hand on the door of my tent to keep the rain out. So similar to 1850 from the exact same spot.

The second is: *"Friday July 5th - Left Wagon Mound at 6 A.M. marched 22 miles to a small creek three miles from Mora- a short time after we started this morning we passed the place where eleven men (Express mailmen) were murdered and buried about a month ago. Many things found on the spot that gave evidence of the terrible conflict -broken arms, arrowheads, bones, pieces of clothing, scraps of paper. The Major found a copper coin Marked The free state of Chihuahua" valued about three cents and a quarter -on the other side there is an Indian represented with a bow in one hand and an arrow in the other"*

Craig's journal states: We were allowed to cross a 50,000 acre

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One of our riders crossing a 50,000 acre ranch near Mora in New Mexico which is where we relocated the spot where the diary mentions finding the 11 murdered Express riders that has been killed by Indians about a month earlier in retaliation for whites capturing one of the Chiefs young daughters .



ranch with wagon ruts still visible and the terrain looking as it would have been in 1850. I was able to find this exact spot out on the ranch as we passed along it on few but rocky rough ranch trails.

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The spot is crudely marked and not a tourist spot because people are not allowed out on the ranch. This is something to see, this spot that Anna Marie wrote about, and to really be standing almost all alone out on this ranch as if I had just ridden upon this massacre sight.

The third is: "July 10 - Left San Jose at 6.A.M. marched 23 miles and encamped at the cottonwoods the most pleasant camp we had had on the entire route -water good and cold -Stopped at Pecos spring and then road on (about 300 yards) to view the ruins of the Church of Pecos. The wall is still standing from early 1600's and the church is built in the form of a cross. The

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Church of Pecos This is the exact spot where they stood 157 years 16 days earlier . Incredible to stand in that same location as I read her journal entry. We were one day's ride out of Santa Fe



carvings about it are mad but all together it must have been quite an imposing looking church in its day. We are now 20 miles from Santa Fe."

Craig's journal states: I stood on the exact spot that Anna Marie wrote about 157 years and 16 days ahead of my arrival. (See picture next page) I later camped under the same stars and clear high altitude air that she and the Major camped on that spot --VERY COOL. As I hope you can see from these three examples of the diary how every day of my travels were a history lesson and a chance to feel a most unusual closeness to shadows that hover way back in my family's past but rose very clearly in front of me each day.

Part Two--- The race - The people and the Horses

We had all arrived in Santa Fe and were stabled with camps set up and horses ridden out from long trailer rides by September 2nd. Participants were from Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Wyoming, Idaho, California and by the evening of September 2nd, the night before the start, and we were ready to move out. We were at the Santa Fe Racetrack. There were 60 riders and about 160 head of horses all conditioned and ready for whatever would lie ahead -this was new to everyone. We were going to travel cross country on or as near as we could to the original Santa Fe Trail (there were several versions of the trail over the years, depending on conditions). This would be 13 days of riding, two rest days, camping out, few showers and modern facilities, stretching from the high altitude of Santa Fe to the flat land of central Kansas to the shale rocky rolling hills of eastern Kansas. No one really knew what to expect but to accept whatever we ran up against just as people over a 150 years before us had done. Were we all up to it? Time would tell.

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The horses were mostly Arabians who were almost all endurance race experienced...a Tennessee Walker, a string of Mustangs, some Morgan's and a few cowboys on what would best be described as working ranch horses developed over many years of real ranch work.

As I looked over the different gear it was somewhat similar to Field Trial horse gear with trooper saddles or versions similar to that, lots of sheepskin padding for both horses and riders, all with the high intent of not soreing the rider or the horse, which could eliminate you at any one of the vet checks. Something new to me were the heart monitors on the horses to be sure you kept the heart rate of your mount in a safe zone. Riders had GPS watches that monitored their speed. The faster riders would try

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Typical vet check station: Each horse must be examined before we began to assure that they were sound and able to make the trek. At midmorning each horse was checked again, as it was mid afternoon and at the end.



to travel at somewhere between 9-12 miles per hour and the slower riders would pace themselves at about 5 miles per hour.



Each day the group would start out and once again begin their ride. In this shot, they had camped overnight at a local fairgrounds

Another interesting piece of equipment were Easy Boots for some of the horses. I never thought about going over 600 miles in Easy Boots but they worked fine.

We had to trailer out of Santa Fe to get to our starting point but everyone was ready to go. The horses were fresh, the crews had their instructions as to what to have ready for the rider, and the horse at the first vet check, maps in hand to get to the right spot (might have been the most difficult part for the crew moving the rigs from spot to spot out in the middle of nowhere with poor road signing). Yes, sometimes the riders got lost even with the trail well marked. One rider was lost in the dark one night, cell phone went dead, and he was down to walking with his horse in rough country. We had trucks on top of a high ridge and for over two hours in the dark, we sounded the horns to give the rider a bearing to finally bring him in scratched, exhausted, and I think a little frightened.

We had trucks from Chevrolet with huge trailers to haul water

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along the route and put out water tanks along the route, along with certified hay and other basic group camp items. We looked like we were from the “Grapes of Wrath” but with new 4 wheel drive crew cab dually trucks.

The routine every day was: Before light, each horse that was being ridden that day had to pass a soundness check. At midmorning there was a timed rest stop where each horse had to meet a specific heart rate, checked for dehydration as well as saddle and bit soreness plus leg, hoof and muscle soundness. Each one was clocked in and clocked out. Later in the afternoon there was a similar rest and check period. At the 50 mile finish line the procedure was repeated again. If a horse could not meet the vet check, it was pulled as was the rider for the day, which cost them time. Many of the riders would walk their horse to give them some light duty as they went along. Others would dismount and jog along with the horse to try and keep their speed up but giving relief to the horse. On average, the days’ race took somewhere between 9-12 hours. Then we were on to setup camp near a town and dinner, which was usually hosted by some group in towns along our route, which were really appreciated.

I could not say that any day was ever the same even though the procedure was 100% identical. We had days in the sand hills that we all got lost out on local sand roads while we moved from one check point to another. We had big long rigs with goose neck trailers with sleeping quarters and four horse compartments all lined up on a road that we were lost on and could not think about turning around for fear of getting buried in the sand. My On Star satellite call for directions said they could not figure out where I was because it was so rural it was not mapped.

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One day we were in horrible rains on a sand country road where we had rigs stuck, some riders in near hypothermic condition with improper gear, and a porta potty that dumped over off the trailer as the truck nearly buried itself sliding off the road. We even took off one day in haste with a lady in the porta potty on the trailer - her call for us to stop was heard over the diesel truck as we drove by some riders.

We did have many great days but as time and miles went by, we did have several people in the hospital with heat-related issues. At Fort Dodge, we had a Mustang rear-up and the rider broke an arm and collar bone at the start. Two very experienced lady riders, riding side by side leaving Dodge City, hooked stirrups and broke one riders' leg just as easy as could be. We did have one bad and sad event when two riders who had ridden side by side all day in the lead for the day decided to figure out which one would take the win for the day by having a flat out run for a half mile to the finish line. This line was 200 yards back from a crossing blacktop road with each of them having instructions about the road distance and safety but they ran through the ending and crossed the road where two horses were hit and killed, two riders air lifted, and the driver of the car scared to death as we all were who saw the experienced riders do such a dumb thing.

By the 13th day, we were all pretty well worn out but we had our routine down to a science. We had developed close friendships with people we had never seen before but shared a common bond of helping each other as the original Santa Fe Trail travelers had done to make it safely. Their covered wagons were our gooseneck trailers. We each had hazards to overcome, and by the end, you had a real understanding as to how tough it must have been in the early days to cover this same trail.

The final day was at Gardner, Kansas (on the Missouri border)

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because from there to Independence was too urban to ride on. Gardner was the separation point of the three western trails that all started at Independence heading to Santa Fe, Oregon and California.

The winning rider was a first-timer from Oregon who completed the ride in 61 hours 45 minutes and used three horses. One rider, maybe two, made it all the way on one horse which is an amazing compliment to horse, crew and rider. We only finished with about 30 riders.

The overall winner had the shortest time but true winners are ones that arrived at the finish line with horse and rider safe.

I went on this ride in 2007 and 2008 and that was the last of the event as the economic conditions for running this event had deteriorated.



Craig Opel savors the connection he feels to his ancestors and their historic trip some 157 years earlier. Retracing that journey was the experience of a lifetime !

Northwest Irish Field Club Trial report

By Fran Seagren

The North West Irish Field Club held an Amateur Walking trial on Oct 2, at Carlson's Canine Country Club in Fall City, Washington. For many of us, this was our first American Field trial. It was a great learning experience for me. Craig O'Brine and I want to thank all the people that helped with advice and guidance along the way. We were fortunate to have experienced judges, Larry Floyd and Mike Eades, who were helpful, friendly, and informative.

Sixteen dogs entered the Shooting Dog stake, three Derby, and four Puppies. The day started out foggy and the grass was wet and heavy from the previous night's rain. Our bird planter, Tim Keohane, released chukars for each brace. Tim's wife, Paula, rode with each brace and did an excellent job of recording the trial. With the fields being as wet as they were, some of the birds had a hard time flying, which gave the dogs quite a challenge. Our winning Shooting Dog, "Rudy", stood solid as one of his birds decided to walk instead of fly. And, our winning Derby Dog, "Tatoosh", held steady as his handler had to run to get the flush of his bird. Scott Seagren was our Marshal and he kept things moving smoothly for the entire trial.

We had lots of great food available all day and nobody went hungry. Carolyn O'Brine was our "Food Captain" who organized the meals from breakfast through dinner. Pro trainer, Jim Cochran, who also "caught" the main course, halibut, cooked our delicious dinner. We had french fries, salads, refreshments, and dessert to round off the meal. It was a great way to wrap up our trial. Even though most of us are

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new to this game, everybody had a good time and we are looking forward to our next AF trial.

The winner of the Shooting Dog stake was 5-yr old Visla, “Rudy”, owned and handled by Diane Nelson. Rudy had 3 nice solid points and a long stylish back.

Craig O’Brine handled the second and third place dogs, both Irish Red Setters. “Rachel”, owned by Craig, took second and “Sierra”, owned by Patrick O’Brine, took third place. The Derby Dog winner, an English Setter, “Tatoosh”, owned and handled by Mark Leadbetter pointed two birds and was steady to wing and shot on a tough flush. Our Puppy winner was “Daisy”, an English Setter owned and handled by Doug Koenig. Daisy hunted out front and strong the entire 20 minutes.

Jim and Diane Nelson with winning Shooting Dog, Rudy





Craig O'Brien, (Red Delicious Kennels) stands with 2nd place Shooting Dog winner, Rachel. Below he stands with 3rd place Shooting Dog Winner, Sierra, owned by Patrick O'Brien and handled by Craig.



More photos from Northwest Irish Field Trial Club.



Tatoosh, owned and handled by Mark Leadbetter won the Derby stake.
Below, Dr. Randall Haveman and his new pup, Ruby D





Jim Cochran prepares meal for those at the NW Trial
Folks begin to gather to check out Robert's cuisine capabilities!
All reports were the food was EXCELLENT!





Above, Greg Johnson comes inform field with Judges Larry Floyd and Mike Eades
Below: Scott Seagren, Scott Christianson with Finn, Phyllis Christianson, Fran Seagren, Craig O Brine with Breelie



Why Own a Bird Dog?

Author Unknown

Why own a bird dog? There's a danger you know, You can't own just one, for the craving will grow. There's no doubt they're addictive, wherein lies the danger. While living with lots, you'll grow poorer and stranger.

One bird dog is no trouble, and two are so funny. The third one is easy, the fourth one's a honey. The fifth one delightful, the sixth one's a breeze, You find you can live with a houseful with ease.

So how 'bout another? Would you really dare? They're actually quite easy and you could use a spare! With one on the sofa and two on the bed, and crates in the kitchen, it's no bother you've said. They're really no trouble, their manners are great. What's one more bird dog and just one more crate?

The sofa is hairy, the windows are crusty, The floor is all footprints, the furniture dusty. The housekeeping suffers, but what do you care? Who minds the chew marks on the dining room chair?

So let's get a puppy, we can always find room, And a little more time for yard-training in June. We'll build one more kennel in the corner out back, and put off till next year fixing up this old shack.

Each one is so special, so useful, so funny. The vet and the food bill grows larger, and you have less money. Your folks never visit, few friends come to stay, just other dog folks, who all live the same way.

Your lawn has now died, and your shrubs are dead too, But your weekends are busy, you're off with your crew. There's dog food and hunt trips, training and shots. Licenses, collars, and trailers that cost lots. Is it worth it, you wonder? Are you caught in a trap? Then, that cute bird dog climbs up in your lap. Her look says you're special and you know that you will, keep all of the dogs, in spite of the bill.

The dogs and the hunting, the travel, the thrills, The work and the worry, the pressure, the bills. The whole thing seems worth it, the dogs are your life. They're charming and funny and offset the strife. Your life-style has changed. Things won't be the same. Yes, bird dogs are addictive and so is the game!!

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Remember our cherished Red Setter Friends

I am saddened to report that Judy Myers died on February 7th after a long and difficult battle against cancer. Whenever I called to touch base and see how things were going, Judy always had such a positive outlook. Judy and Chodie were married for 48 years and they had three children and six grandchildren. Although Judy wasn't what you'd call a "dog person," she loved coming to the field trials, visiting with her friends and shopping with the ladies. She'll be deeply missed! Please send your condolences to:
Chodie Myers, PO 527, Calhoun City, MS 38916

Lois Crum recently wrote us. She just celebrated her 91st birthday. Her husband Larry was an Editor of The Flushing Whip many years ago. Their last Irish Setter died the same day that Larry did: 9/24/01. Lois would love to hear from old friends and new. Please write her at:
Lois Crum, 7 Otterbein Lane, Johnstown, PA 15904

Marjorie Moffat moved from the upper Peninsula in Michigan down to be closer to her family. It's just been a year since Tom died and I'm sure she'd appreciate hearing from you. Here's her new address:
Marjorie Moffat, 2510 Laker Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504-8949

We just received word that Ken Ruff is battling esophageal cancer. Please remember Ken and his family in your prayers. Mail your cards and wishes to: Ken Ruff, 27169 Brickville Road, Sycamore, IL 60178. Or, you can send your wishes through this special website:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kenruff/en>



Breakstone (above) wins the 2010 LeGrande Award
Hondo (below) wins the Walking Shooting Dog for 2010





Aiken (above) runs away with the 2010 Hi Performance Award
Cherry (below) takes the NSTRA award for 2010



A Few Parting Words about Finn McCool

Finn was named for Finn McCool the famous Irish Giant. He was indeed a giant part of my life. Here are a few things you may never have known about Finny:

A Real Estate company in England called us many years ago and asked if Finn might be their mascot. We said yes and that was that. A huge portrait of him still hangs on their wall-- and his image enhances all their stationery and business cards.

Finn was the first Irish Setter to pass the NAVHDA Utility test. He earned a Prize 2 but actually had a high enough score (in numbers) to earn a Prize 1; unfortunately when we went through the heeling stakes a crate of ducks was taunting him there. Finn's prey drive got the best of him and he tugged on the rope. I had to speak strongly to keep him at my heel. That nicked the heeling portion of his score to a 2 so after that, it was the highest prize he'd be able to attain. But still, it was news! His photo later graced the NAVHDA magazine. He was indeed a versatile hunter-- his water work was the envy of anyone who watched him.

We belong to a little gun club. The first time I entered a water test with him, I could hear the folks mocking us as we approached the lake. You know the old expression-- "*Irish need not apply!*" Well, in the end, it was Finn who retrieved the 1st place trophy against 25 labs and spaniels. It was such fun that a few weeks later I decided to enter him again. Unfortunately, the lady taking registrations asked me not to-- it seemed a local pro refused to again have his string of labs compete against Mr. McCool. Our club needed the entries (money) from the pro so Finn and I quit doing water tests and went back to hunting.

There NEVER was a better pheasant dog, bar none! If you missed your shot, Finn paused long enough to curse you out-- then ran off to chase it down. He rarely came home without dinner and cock birds were his specialty.

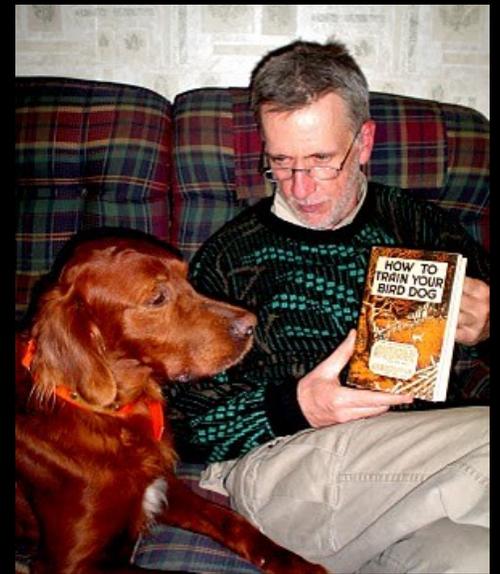
He was my shadow-- always at my side waiting to serve me. If Al was watching TV downstairs and he asked for popcorn, Finn ran it down to him in a little basket and then hurried right back to me. If I took a hammer off Al's tool bench and forgot to put it back, Al would find it missing and start yelling to beat the band. I'd just give the hammer to Finn and send him out to the garage in my place. It made Al burst out laughing and in the process he'd forget how irritated he was with me.

Mr. McCool often participated in community parades-- leading the way as he carried the American flag. Puppies and small children absolutely adored him. I

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FINN MCCOOL
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once took him to my grandson's preschool and I read the story of *The Gingerbread Man*. I had a bag of gingerbread men cookies and as the story progressed, I sat a gingerbread man first on Finn's back, then his head and finally, I balanced it right on the end of his nose. When I clapped my hands, Finny tossed that cookie high in the air, caught it and gobbled it up. Those preschoolers squealed with delight. They will never forget that story or any of the other tricks Finn did for them that day.

When Al and I first got married, I noticed that he had a habit of dropping his dirty clothes on the floor next to our bed. I strategically placed a clothes basket there but it didn't help. I begged, pleaded and nagged until I got Finny. Every night after Al got in bed, I'd take Finny in and simply say, "look at this mess!" Sweet Finn McCool would run around picking everything up for me. It's a sorry fact that I have a gift for training animals, but can't get the hang of training a husband even after 25 years. Before I got my heart fixed I would sometimes stand up too quickly in the night and then faint after taking a few steps. Finn caught on to it and would come to the bedside as soon as I sat up. He'd keep me there a moment before walking me to the bathroom and back. Finn's "delay" tactic literally "kept me on my feet." No one taught him that. He just seemed to know. Finn was very protective and always walked a perimeter around "unknown" guests until I told him to go lay down. Once when just Mr. McCool and I were alone at work, my boss came by unannounced. I didn't hear her approaching but ran after Finn when he left so suddenly with his hackles up. He almost knocked her down the stairs; I got there just in time. She took it well-- calling him Mr. Magoo, (instead of Mr. McCool) as she apologized for startling him. Poor McCool went blind in his eye last month and really couldn't see any better than Mr. Magoo but that only made him stick even closer to me.

Finny was a *once in a lifetime* dog for sure-- devoted and loving right to the end. He was uneasy at the vet's office that last trip but when I sat down on the floor, he climbed into my lap and trusted me to make it all right. I held him in my arms and felt his life slip away... God I wish I could have made him better. For thirteen incredible years he was my world. I was so very blessed by his love and devotion. Finny wasn't a field trial "champion" but he WAS indeed the champion of my heart.

Rest in peace my gentle giant... until we meet again.

Surviving a fall through THIN ice

When you have a pond on your property, it's a great chance for summertime fun; you can fish in your own back yard, skinny dip under a full moon or have a perfect classroom to teach your dogs water work. It seems like all summer long we enjoy our pond keeping safety issues right in the forefront of our minds. Our pond, while relatively small, IS quite deep—16 feet. Needless to say, we insist that everyone wear life jackets if they take the canoe out or want to fish off the dock.

But come winter, we aren't nearly so concerned about safety. Because we use our pond for our drinking water, we run a windmill aerator all the time. The pond partially freezes but never all the way. There is usually an open area in the center where the water keeps bubbling up. Because the ice never really solidifies, we can't really ice skate or use the pond for any recreation purpose during the winter months. With no one out there, I've rarely given the frozen pond a second thought.

But ponds do present deadly dangers when people, or animals fall through the ice and inadvertently get trapped there. A couple inexpensive well placed tools can go a long way to make you rescue-ready in the event of such an emergency.

I'll tell you what got me to thinking about it... Just a few weeks ago when Finn was sick he inadvertently wandered out onto our pond. Al had let him go outside but became concerned when the dog didn't come right back. He called him a few times but when he didn't come, Al glanced out the front window. Something caught his eye and he realized that

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Finn had wandered out on the pond and broken through. Finn was swimming in the frigid waters but he couldn't get out because the collar of ice along the outer edge prevented him from getting up out of the water. Al grabbed his barn boots and ran down to the pond area. There was no way to reach the dog from the outside bank so Al decided he'd have to get in the water to help Finn get out. It was a sub zero day and Al didn't even have a coat on. He jumped in and immediately realized he'd have to get rid of his bulky boots so that he could swim. The water was freezing cold and Allen couldn't even feel whether or not his legs were actually moving. He got to the dog and managed to boost him up onto the ice— Finn immediately got off the pond and shook vigorously. Meanwhile, Al began to try and get out too. That's when it got tricky. The pond is deep and it was nearly impossible for Allen to get a good hold on the ice so that he could get himself up and out. And to compound the danger, no one knew Allen was out there. No one was standing nearby to help him get out. Thankfully Allen kept his wits about him and continued to claw at the ice until he finally got a good enough hold to escape the frozen water. It was a real eye opener for us— a wake up call to have rescue equipment “ready to go” right next to our pond. Before I go further with the story I should tell you that although Al's boots went to their grave at the bottom of our pond, both he and Finn escaped without any real injury. What could have been a tragic accident was avoided by Al's quick thinking and his ability to remain focused under extreme pressure. Just after it happened, my neighbor explained that he keeps a small fishing boat right at the edge of his pond— even in the dead of winter. He explained his reason in three simple words— **for thin ice**. If someone or something falls through, he can get close enough to help, simply by using the boat. If the ice breaks

through, he's still afloat and in a more direct position to grab the struggling person out of the water.

He also keeps a long rope attached to a stationary pole right next to the pond. The rope is permanently attached to the pole and has a clip and buckle at the far end. In the event that he had to rescue someone from the icy water, he first clips the rope under his arms so that he will have a safety line to pull himself back in if he is in trouble. Those two simple and inexpensive safety tools can easily be the difference between life and death— especially if you are alone when the incident happens. It frequently seems that people faced with an “ice water emergency” respond on adrenalin and run to help without clearly thinking through what is the best approach. By having plan, and materials already available at the pond's edge, you are far more likely to successfully complete the rescue without injury to yourself in the process.

Another great tool to have waiting at the water's edge are portable “ice claws.” They are a perfect way to dig yourself up onto the ice and you can actually make them without too much trouble. Here's what to do:



- Get two 4" pieces of wooden doweling about the size of a broom handle or a little larger. Whatever material you select, it should float in case you drop the claws in the water while struggling.
- Drive a stout nail into one end of each dowel. The nail should be a hardened 16 penny or larger concrete nail.
- Use a file to sharpen the nail heads to a point.

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- Drill a hole into the dowels (in the end opposite the nail) and tie a length of strong cord through the hole so a pick is on each end "jump-rope" fashion. You may also drill a hole in the ends alongside the nails so the nail on the other pick can nest in the hole, keeping both points covered. Store the picks in a easy access container with your other rescue equipment at the ponds edge— or carry them in your pocket if you are walking on ice. They will be instantly available if you or a companion happens to break through.

By thinking through what could actually happen, you can mentally prepare a rescue plan and be ready to respond safely. Remember, first and foremost, try not to panic. If someone else

falls through and you are the ONLY other person, take time to call 911 so that additional help is on the way! Resist the urge to run up to the edge of the hole. This would most likely result in two



victims in the water. Authorities discourage you from risking your life to attempt to save a pet or other animal in icy waters.

REMEMBER: Preach, Reach, Throw, Row, Go

PREACH - Shout to the victim to encourage them to fight to survive and reassure them that help is on the way.

REACH - If you can safely reach the victim from shore, extend an object such as a rope, ladder, or jumper cables to the

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victim. If the person starts to pull you in, release your grip on the object and start over.

THROW - Toss one end of a rope or something that will float to the victim. Have them tie the rope around themselves before they are too weakened by the cold to grasp it.

ROW - Use a light boat to push across the ice ahead of you. Push it to the edge of the hole, get into the boat and pull the victim in over the bow. It's not a bad idea to attach some rope to the boat, so others can help pull you and the victim to safety.

GO - A non-professional shouldn't go out on the ice to perform a rescue unless all other basic rescue techniques have been ruled out. If the situation is too dangerous for you to perform the rescue, call **911** for help and keep reassuring the victim that help is on the way and urge them to fight to survive. Heroics by well-meaning but untrained rescuers sometimes result in two deaths.

Thankfully, when Al decided to take his chances in rescuing dear Finn, it all worked out well in the end. But even Allen had to admit, after the fact, that it was a very difficult and dangerous situation. No one could have seen Allen in the water so he was "on his own" and was very lucky it came out as well as it did.

In closing, if you have a pond in on your property, take a few minutes and think about these safety issues and how you might best respond in an emergency. And if your pond is located in an area with ice and snow (seems like this year that's the entire country!) have some safety equipment located right at the pond's edge so that you are prepared for an ice water emergency. The old adage ***better to be safe than sorry*** is profoundly true. Be careful out there!

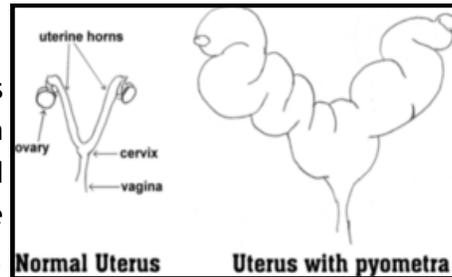
Pyometra in Dogs

On a recent visit to my veterinarian, I picked up this handout on Pyometra. Although it is written in a the simplified explanation, the condition itself is very serious if not recognized and treated. In view of our educational mission, I decided to copy it here for our readers.

Hope you will find this information helpful and useful in protecting the life and health of your female dogs.

What is pyometra?

The word pyometra is derived from the Latin words *pyo* meaning pus and *metra* meaning uterus. The pyometra is an abscessed, pus-filled infected uterus.



Toxins and bacteria leak across the uterine walls and into the bloodstream causing life-threatening toxic effects. Without treatment death is inevitable. Most cases of pyometra are much more difficult to manage than a routine infection. The infection in the lining of the uterus is established as a result of hormonal changes. Following estrus (heat), progesterone levels remain elevated for 8-10 weeks and thicken the lining of the uterus in preparation for pregnancy. If pregnancy does not occur for several estrus cycles, the lining continues to increase in thickness until cysts form within it. The thickened, cystic lining secretes fluids that create an ideal environment in which bacteria can grow. Additionally, high progesterone levels inhibit the ability of the muscles in the wall of the uterus to contract.

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Are there other situations that cause the changes in the uterus?

Yes. The use of progesterone-based drugs can do this. Estrogen will increase the effects of progesterone on the uterus. Drugs containing both hormones are used to treat certain conditions of the reproductive system.

How do bacteria get into the uterus?

The cervix is the gateway to the uterus. It remains tightly closed except during estrus. When it is open, bacteria that are normally found in the vagina can enter the uterus rather easily. If the uterus is normal, the environment is adverse to bacterial survival. When the uterine wall is thickened and cystic, perfect conditions exist for bacterial growth. When these abnormal conditions exist, the muscles of the uterus cannot contract properly. This means that bacteria that enter the uterus cannot be expelled.

When does it occur?

Pyometra may occur in young to middle-aged dogs, though it is most common in older dogs. After many years of estrus cycles without pregnancy, the uterine wall undergoes the changes that promote this disease.

The typical time for pyometra to occur is about 1-2 months following estrus.

What are the clinical signs of a dog with pyometra?

The clinical signs depend on whether or not the cervix is open. If it is open, pus will drain from the uterus through the vagina to the outside. It is often noted on the skin or hair under the tail or on bedding and furniture where the dog has

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laid. Fever, lethargy, anorexia, and depression may or may not be present.

If the cervix is closed, pus that forms is not able to drain to the outside. It collects in the uterus causing distention of the abdomen. The bacteria release toxins which are absorbed into circulation. These dogs often become severely ill very rapidly. They are anorectic, very listless, and very depressed. Vomiting or diarrhea may be present.

Toxins from the bacteria affect the kidneys ability to retain fluid. Increased urine production occurs, and the dog drinks an excess of water. This occurs in both open- and closed-cervix pyometra.

How is it diagnosed?

Dogs that are seen early in the disease may have a slight vaginal discharge and show no other signs of illness. Most dogs with pyometra are not seen until later in the illness. A very ill female dog that is drinking an increased amount of water and has not been spayed is always suspected of having pyometra. This is especially true if there is a vaginal discharge or an enlarged abdomen.

Dogs with pyometra have a marked elevation of the white blood cell count and often have an elevation of globulins (a type of protein produced by the immune system) in the blood. The specific gravity of the urine is very low due to the toxic effects of the bacteria on the kidneys. All of these abnormalities may be present in any dog with a major bacterial infection.

If the cervix is closed, radiographs (x-rays) of the abdomen will often identify the enlarged uterus. If the cervix is open, there will often be such minimal uterine enlargement that the radiograph will not be conclusive. An ultrasound examination

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can also be helpful in identifying an enlarged uterus and differentiating that from a normal pregnancy.

How is it treated?

The preferred treatment is to surgically remove the uterus and ovaries. This is called an ovariohysterectomy (spay). Dogs diagnosed in the early stage of the disease are very good surgical candidates. The surgery is only slightly more complicated than a routine spay. Most dogs are diagnosed when they are quite ill so the surgery is not as routine as the same surgery in a healthy dog. Intravenous fluids are often needed before and after surgery. Antibiotics administered for 1-2 weeks.

Isn't there a non surgical approach?

There is also a medical approach to treating pyometra. Prostaglandins are a group of hormones that reduce the blood level of progesterone, relax and open the cervix, and contract the uterus to expel bacteria and pus. They can be used successfully to treat this disease, but they are not always successful and they have some **important limitations**.

1. They cause side-effects of restlessness, panting, vomiting, defecation, salivation, and abdominal pain. The side-effects occur within about 15 minutes of an injection and last for a few hours. They become progressively milder with each successive treatment and may be lessened by walking the dog for about 30 minutes following an injection.
2. There is no clinical improvement for about 48 hours so dogs that are severely ill are poor candidates.
3. Because they contract the uterus, it is possible for the uterus to rupture and spill infection into the abdominal cavity. This is more likely to happen when the cervix is closed.

There are also some important statistics that you should know about this form of treatment:

1. The success rate for treating “open-cervix pyometra” is somewhere between 75-90%.
2. The success rate for treating “closed-cervix pyometra” is only between 25-40%.
3. The rate of recurrence of the disease is 50-75%. This is why the more sensible and long term approach is to spay the dog.
4. The chances of subsequent successful breeding is somewhere between 50-75%. Because there will likely be significant uterine scarring, there may be an increased chance of uterine rupture with contractions

What happens if neither of the above treatments are given?

The chance of a complete recovery without surgery or prostaglandin treatment is extremely low. If treatment is not performed quickly, the toxic effects from the bacteria will be fatal. If the cervix is closed, it is also possible for the uterus to rupture, spilling the infection into the abdominal cavity. This will also be fatal. Spaying your dog will give her and you years of joyful companionship free from disease and pain.



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Code Red	M	Tim Hammons	Silver Creek Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	136
Rock It	F	Tim Hammons	Another Time Around	Rock The World	124
Heiligsepp's Blick	M	Rich Strumpf	Attamuskin Peabo	Attamuskin Bella	36

Final results for 2010 LeGrande Award
Runs January 1, 2010 through December 31st, 2011

Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	3361
Jericho	M	Don Beauchamp	Chaparral	Sunset Silk	970
Chaperon	M	Ross Leonard	Chaparral	Sizzlin Belle	660
Touchstone	M	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Applebee	640
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Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Cherry	F	Steve Witz	Breakstone	Applebee	32
Pal	M	Steve Witz	King Cormac	FW Flash Edition	16

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Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
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Roger Ramjet	M	Allen Fazenbaker	Breakstone	FW Flash Edition	32
Her Ruby Red Slipper	F	Allen Fazenbaker	Sharpton	Applebee	30
Lakeviewkant Katch Me	M	Jim Ashby	Breakstone	Applebee	24
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Justified	M	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Come Back Judy	412
Natural Red	M	Bill Aughenbaugh	Jericho	Solitaire	136

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CC Tulamore Dew	M	Deb Faze O Al Fazenbaker H	Come Back Audie	Come Back Gracie	144
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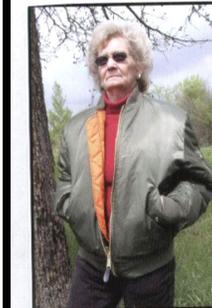
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