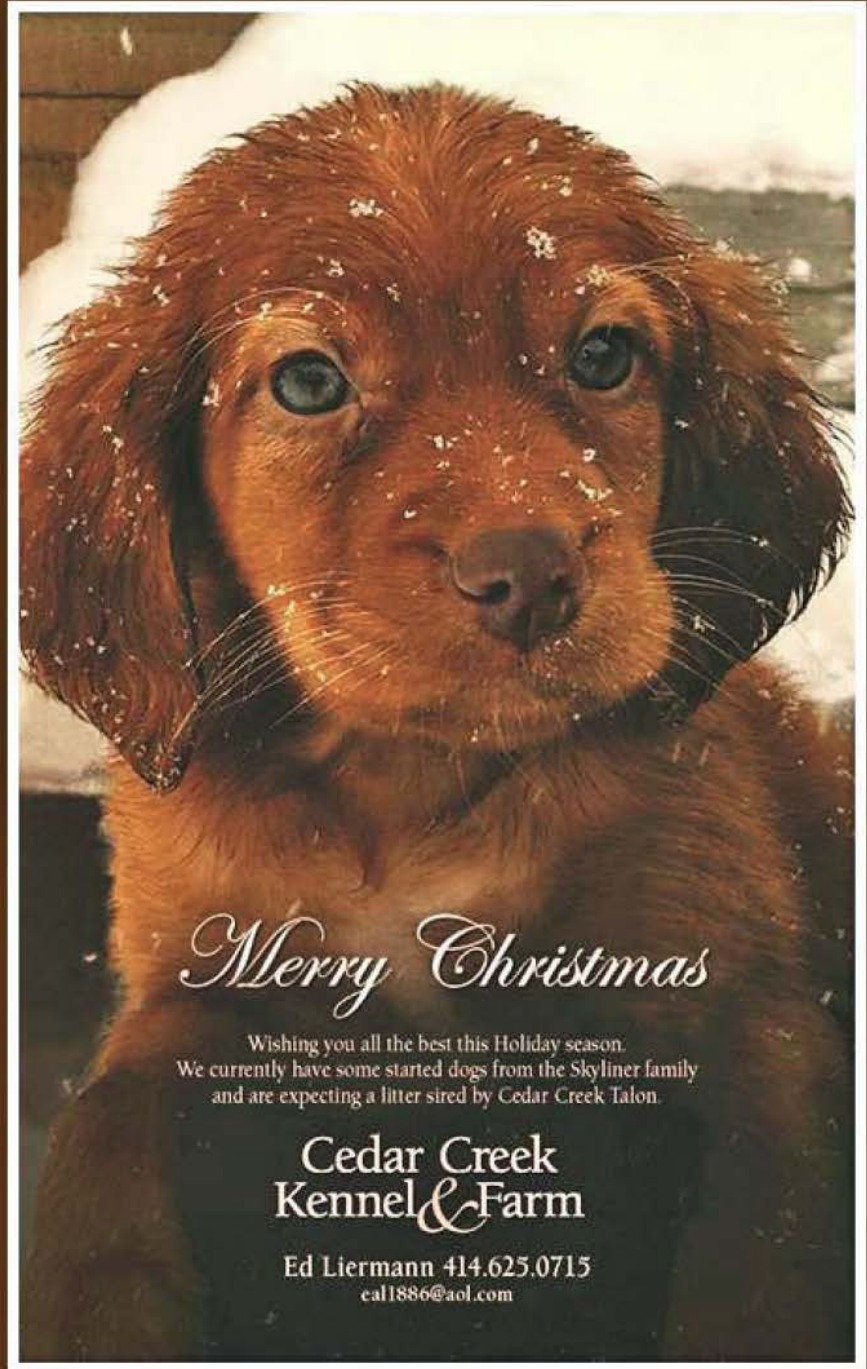
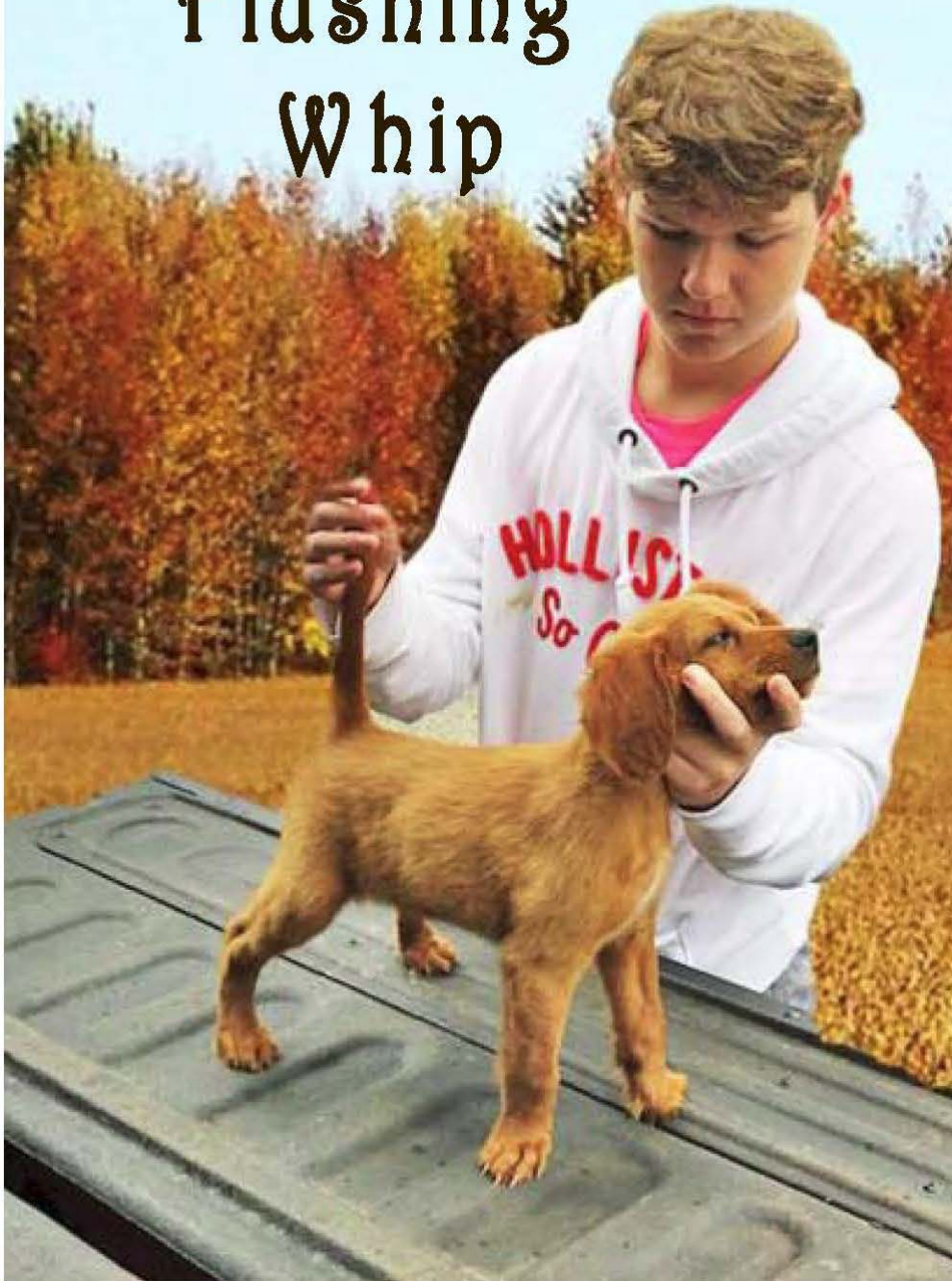


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# The Flushing Whip



*Merry Christmas*

Wishing you all the best this Holiday season.  
We currently have some started dogs from the Skyliner family  
and are expecting a litter sired by Cedar Creek Talon.

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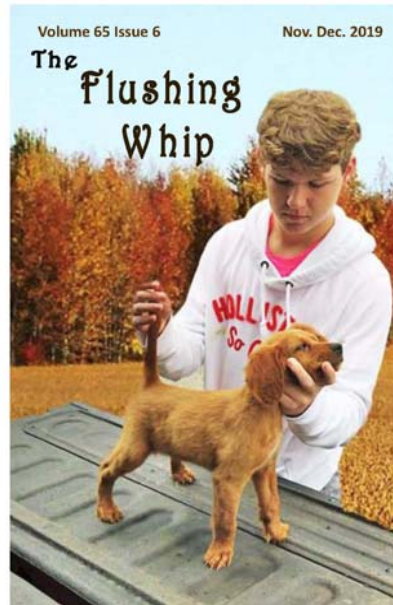
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Zach Hollis, our newest club member, wrote an exceptional story about his new pup Ginger and how they are adjusting. Zach wrote Ginger's Tale from his new pup's point of view. They are pictured here enjoying the great out of doors with some fall weather training. Looks like they're having fun. By the way, Zach and Ginger wish you each a great Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday for 2019.



## Presidents Page

As the Whip goes to press, our fall trial should be in full swing out in Missouri. Best of luck to all the competitors; a full report will be forthcoming in the first issue of 2020. Winter has arrived here in northeast Ohio, with plenty of cold rain mixed with snow. The positive is that along with the cold weather, the woodcock have been making their appearance! To all our membership who are out bird hunting this season, best of luck!

Be sure to check an article by our newest and youngest member, Zach Hollis. Zach recently purchased a red setter from Cedar Creek Kennels, and appropriately, her name is Barnhouse Ginger Red. For those of you now familiar with that kennel name, Barnhouse Kennels was a well known

kennel in the early days of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, Owned by Robert Kerans, the Barnhouse banner used some of the early dogs from the restoration effort, including dogs out of Windy Ridge Kennels, County Clare Kennels, Willow Winds Kennels and Askew's Carolina Lady. Zach Hollis is fortunate to have a grandfather with a love of red setters and a willingness to help out his grandson. Welcome Zach Hollis and welcome back Robert Kerans... It's great to see the Barnhouse banner flying again.

I'd planned to put a report for the Red Setter Foundation into this issue but the activity on the account is so limited that it's simply easier just to include any current activity here. Foundation Treasurer, Andy Agnew reports that during the past year, there have only been four donations to the account. Gosh! That really needs to change. Please consider contributing to the Red Setter Foundation!

\$100 donation by Ed Liermann in appreciation and honor of T Miller.  
 \$100 donation by Andrew and Deb Agnew in memory of Stan ZZZ.  
 \$50 donation from Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lake Sanitary District in memory of Michael Jacobson  
 \$500 donation by Mark and Marge Jacobson. Mike's parents made this very generous donation in honor of their son who died in October. The Red Setter Foundation so appreciates the generosity of all who have donated. The recent \$500 donation by the Jacobson's brings the total

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Foundation donations to \$750 for the year. Please remember the Red Setter foundation in your will and estate planning and donations. The Red Setter Foundation was established in 2007 to provide for educational, scientific, literary and charitable opportunities for the National Red Setter Field Trial Club as our members continue their pursuit of the "*Purest Challenge in Sportsdom...*" Donations made to The Red Setter Foundation, a 501 3c organization are tax deductible as permitted by law permitted by law.

The club was saddened to hear of the passing of the great red setter Breakstone. "Stony" was a phenomenal bird doh, racking up 17 Championships, 9 Runner Ups with a total of 130 placements over his career. Breakstone was a natural and intuitive hunter; he had the uncanny ability to always dig up birds where others could not, for his owner and handler, Roger Boser. I had the pleasure of seeing Breakstone in many venues over the years, from the North Dakota prairies to the piney woods of the south, and he never failed to put on an exciting performance. Our condolences to Roger and Mary.

The holidays are just around the corner. For those of you traveling, we wish you the safest of journeys. May your holiday season be one of good hunting, happy family gatherings, and wonderful companionships with family and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

President Al Fazenbaker.



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## Rambling from Red Setter Run

Hi folks,

I really got ahead of schedule this year. It's October and I am already finishing off the November December issue. Hope you have happy, safe and healthy holidays to wrap up 2019.

Last issue I told you about 15 year old Zach Hollis who was about to get his very first puppy. As you



can see by the cover, Zach and his grandpa, Bob Kerans picked out a sweet little pup. Zach can hardly stand to leave Ginger behind while he attends school. I asked Zach to write me a note about how he and his puppy were getting along and he readily agreed. When the letter came, much to my surprise, it was written as though Ginger herself had written the words. He's a clever lad, this Zach Hollis and I loved what he did. His "*Ginger's Tale*" is well worth the read! In an era where young people are often pictured staring into their phone screens or computers, it's great to find families determined to do something different. Bob Kerans is sharing his love of red dogs and the great outdoors with Zach and it's making quite an impression.

I have a friend here in northeast Ohio who grew up in a family where hunting and the outdoors were a way of life. When Mitchell Nagra was just a young boy, his dad brought home a cardboard box and set it in front of him. When Mitchell opened the lid, a beautiful Irish Setter burst from the box and became his fulltime companion. He loved that dog and they were inseparable; hunting, fishing, hiking! When Mitch grew up and had a family of his own, he too passed on the love of the great outdoors to his children. His daughter Jackie recently wrote a great hunting story for the American Woodcock Society. Jackie is an executive with IBW Watson Health in New York City— far away from the woods and trees of her youth. But she and her family still "make time" to share the activities that they love. Jackie graciously agreed to share

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her story here and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. One of my favorite magazines is Sporting Classics. When that magazine arrives, I stop everything and sit down to read the “gun dogs” column. Tom Davis writes that portion and he’s for sure my favorite gundog writer ever. Anyhow, a few month ago he wrote a piece about a fungal disease that is ravaging dogs— and people too. It’s become an extensive problem in Minnesota and elsewhere. Not long afterwards I saw more on this issue in the Duluth News Tribune that was written by John Myers. He agreed to share it with us here and we appreciate that. We have lots of red dogs and their owners in Minnesota— and this problem seems to be spreading. Check it out! I have some sad news to share with you. Breakstone, Roger Boser’s multi-champion dog, died on September 18th. They were an incredible team. Breakstone garnered 17 championships, 8 Runner up championships and 130 placements in his fourteen years. I saved the centerfold section to honor this exceptional dog. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Roger and Mary Boser on the death of this great field trial competitor. Please send a card to the Bosers at:

7278 South Road, Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania, 17360

I had inadvertently missed publishing Tom Norton’s Honor roll a few issues back and I’ve made sure it’s all here for you to enjoy now. It’s impressive to read through the listing of the accomplishments the dogs are making. Our founding members would certainly beam with pride.

You can certainly find your way through the list. I started my rambling wishing you the best of the holidays and I guess I’ll finish in the same way. Here’s a bit of a blessing for you from me and Chancey.



*“May God bless your days  
In so many ways  
With Red Dogs to love  
And gifts from above....  
With sunshine and laughter  
And Joy ever after!*

*Deb and Chancey too* 🐾

## Ginger’s Tale

by Zach Hollis

Hi! My name is Ginger, and I am a very lucky Red Setter. I was born at Cedar Creek Kennel in Wisconsin, under the loving care and watchful eye of Ed Liermann. I have one brother and four sisters. A nice family from Decatur, Illinois drove up to meet our litter when I was four weeks old. Ed showed them our kennel operation, and even showed them a demonstration of how an older dog can work a field, find a bird, and point! Lucky for me, when that family came back four weeks later to pick up a puppy, Zach picked me! Zach is 15 years old (in people years) and is my owner, trainer, handler, and best friend! He and his Grandpa Bob love playing with me and teach me new things all the time! Zach and his sister (Hannah) are in high school, so I get to spend the day with Zach’s grandparents. Grandpa Bob used to have a kennel of Red Setters (it was called Barnhouse Kennels) and he is really good at training dogs; we get along really well! I told you my name is Ginger,



but my REAL name is Barnhouse Ginger Red!

Zach and Bob play with me a lot! One of my favorite games is chasing a feather (which kind of smells like a quail - I think) at the end of a fishing pole; they fly it around and I try to catch it. We are working everyday on pointing; they are always stroking my tail straight up

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and pushing me toward the feather (which they call a "bird"). I think it's funny when they say "whoa", "steady", and "GO", and then I chase the feather as it flies away! I'm learning other new words too, like "sit", "come", and "in". Even though it is tiring I like learning, because when I can "do" the word, I get a treat, lots of praise, and sometimes even a belly rub! I get to be both outside in my kennel and in the house. When I'm inside, I like to play with a sock at the end of a rope that Grandma Lolly made (she says it's better than chewing on her shoes) or some other toys that bounce and make sounds. One of my favorite things to do in the house is to sleep in Grandpa Bob's favorite recliner!



Last weekend Zach put on his Grandpa Bob's 40-year-old field trial boots took me to a field near our house; I got to wear a brand new bright orange collar, and Zach let me run without a leash! We went so far that we made it to a row of trees, and they kept telling me to look for a "bird", and saying "bird in there". I didn't see any on that trip, but hope to go again tomorrow to keep looking for 'birds". I loved it when Zach blew his whistle, because I always knew where he was!

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I hear lots of stories from Bob and Zach about what I might become when I grow up and how much fun we are going to have in the next few months and years. I can't wait to watch other Red Setters at field trials and I hope we get to go to one this Fall to watch and learn. Next Spring, Zach is going to enter us in the puppy walking stakes. If I do my best and keep having fun, I hope to grow up to be a champion! That's what Ed bred me to be, and that's what Bob and Zach promise to (patiently) train me to become. Zach and I both have a lot of learning and work to do, but in my dreams I can already hear him yelling "Point Judge" when I find one of those birds. I will stand real still, hold my head up real high and point my red tail straight up, just like those other Champion Red Setters! I promise to keep you posted!

Love, Ginger 



## Why I hunt .....

By Jackie Nahra

"Leaving corporate offices in New York City to enjoy the camaraderie and challenge of our fields and forests"

While home one Thanksgiving break in college, my dad took me out to help him set up for the upcoming hunting season. We took the row boat out to place decoys in the pond and met up with a couple of his friends to assemble a tree stand in the woods. I stood and "supervised" as they began to lay out the various pieces and plot its construction. As the sun began to set, the scene looked more and more like the beginning of a joke: How many men does it take to assemble a tree stand? And right at that moment, I thought to myself: we *really* need to have more women involved in this sport!

I first learned how to shoot going skeet shooting with my dad. I have always been pretty competitive, so I really enjoyed the challenge of hitting the targets on the move. And, as it happens, I was a pretty good shot, which made it even more fun. My transition from just shooting to hunting occurred a few years ago when I was looking for a way to spend some vacation days, and my dad suggested that I come to South Dakota to go pheasant hunting with him and a group of his friends. I have to say, I was a little apprehensive at first. I had no idea what to expect, but, if nothing else, I thought it would be the perfect way to escape the city and spend some time outdoors and a great memory to share with my dad. Growing up, I always loved hearing the stories about my dad and grandfather that, when recounting decades later, still make them both belly laugh. One of my all-time favorites is the story about the time my dad took my grandfather goose hunting and had him lying down in



My dad, & his friends, Jim Galvin and Rob Vadas as they attempt to assemble a deer stand....

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the snow, covered with a white sheet, waiting for geese to fly over. Between bouts of laughter, my grandfather will say, "Your dad was crazy, leaving me there in the freezing snow!" This trip would be an opportunity to write some of our own stories (although I can assure you, none of which would involve me laying down in the snow) that I hope to someday be telling with my dad to my children.

On the first day in South Dakota, after driving to the location of our first push, I stepped out of the suburban and was simply in awe of my surroundings. I had never seen anything quite like it, and as I write, I find it difficult to describe the vastness. If I were ever to argue that the world is flat, it would have been in that moment. That view alone was already worth the trip. Check this out!



And it only got better. I quickly discovered that many of the elements of this type of hunting closely resemble team sports. As an athlete for most of my life, I was certainly in my element. Before each push, we huddled up and watched quietly as our "coach," or guide, drew up the "play." He marked each man's - or woman's - position with an "X" and talked through the strategy. Once everyone made it to their starting

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position, the guide would signal for the walkers to start moving. We moved as a unit, and much like a zone defense, through the brush or the cornfield towards the blockers. As we walked, we watched the dogs working in front of us, excitedly bouncing back and forth and sideways through the field. Our group communicated much like a team would. If a dog was on point, the first person to see it would call out and start directing others how to move. When a bird would flush, everyone would immediately start shouting "Rooster! Rooster!" or "Hen! Hen!" For me, it is the camaraderie - the team - that the hunt is all about.

As someone with generally high expectations for myself, I set the bar incredibly low for this trip. I told my dad before we left that my goal was just one bird. I knew that unlike clay pigeons, where the path is fairly predictable, birds, whether it be pheasant or grouse, would be much less predictable and therefore much more challenging. Birds will flush directly in front of you, frequently with no warning, and start flying in every direction. To my surprise, I shot more than one bird that trip, but I remember my first vividly - in part because I was the only shot when the bird went up. After my shot, I immediately looked at my dad in disbelief.

I had so much fun with my dad and his friends on that trip that I decided to join them again the next year - this time, in North Dakota. I remember driving out on that first day, it could not have been more than 20 degrees. I turned to my dad, with my eyes wide, and he simply says, "When it's 40 degrees, it'll be better." I lobbied for a position walking through the tall grass - nature's blanket - just so I could keep warm.

After a long day of hunting, we stopped at this tiny restaurant very much off the beaten path which served some of the best prime rib I have ever had. At dinner, one of the guys said to me, "Man, you are such a cool girl that you'll go out and hunt and eat prime rib with the guys." Of course, I was flattered, but I was also a little surprised. It was honestly never something that really occurred to me as being noteworthy - and in a lot of ways, I credit my dad for that.

While some young girls and women may feel like they have to choose between these seemingly opposite personas, I was never given that impression. I could be the girl who goes hunting and is a member of

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the Ruffed Grouse Society, while also being the girl who grew up in the suburbs, now lives in New York City, and has a corporate job. I love that my dad introduced me to hunting. I always love to spend time with my dad, learning about and doing things that he loves, but I love it even more when they become things that *we* love and that we love doing together.

I hope to have more young women out there with me on the next trip - for more fathers to invite their daughters, and for more daughters to just give it a shot (I suppose both literally and figuratively). To the daughters, I think, like me, you will find yourself pleasantly surprised. And to the fathers, remember that your sons may not be the only ones that want to hunt. I have a feeling too that if this happens, we will all probably spend a little MORE time hunting and a little less time trying to assemble tree stands.



Jackie makes a new friend !

Jackie and her dad, Mitch Nahra

*Jackie Nahra grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Georgetown University in 2014, where she studied mathematics. She currently lives in New York City and works for IBM Watson Health.*

# Fungal disease ravaging Minnesota dogs at record pace this year

John Myers Environmental and out doors reporter  
Duluth News Tribune



Nina, an 11-year-old Twin Cities black Lab, contacted blastomycosis several years ago while visiting the Ely area but fully recovered after treatment with the antifungal medicine Itraconazole.

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Cases of a serious and sometimes fatal fungal disease in Minnesota dogs are off the charts so far in 2019 as blastomycosis spreads in a wetter, warmer climate.

So far in 2019 there have been 170 cases of blastomycosis in dogs reported to state health officials, up nearly 50% from last year at this time and already topping the previous record of 155 set in all of 2017.

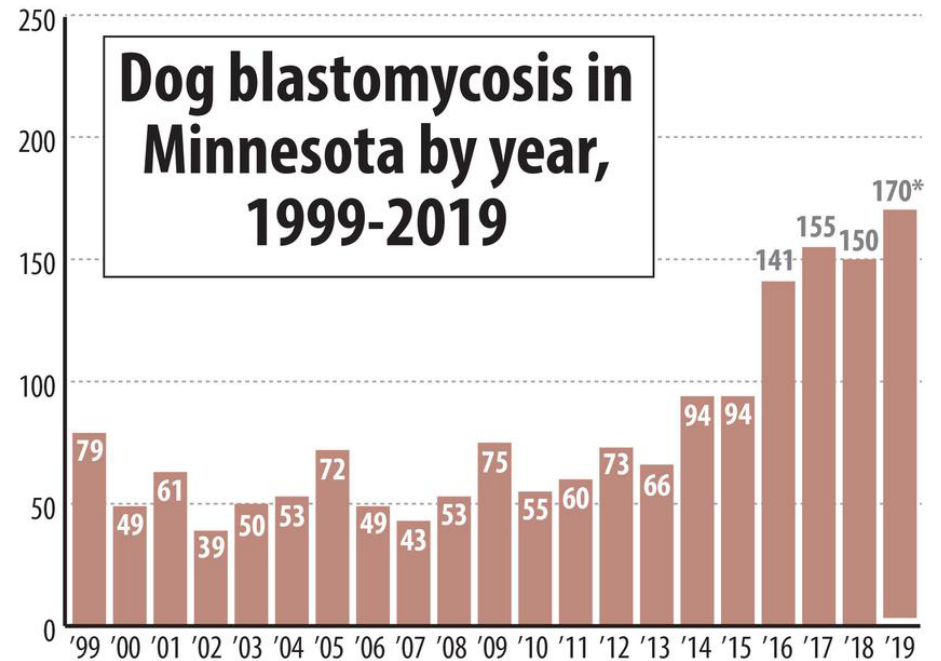
Exposure to the fungus starts in the spring, with reports peaking in

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October and slowing after snow falls.

"It's already the most cases we've ever had, and we still have a few months to go. We usually get our most reports during September, October and November," said Malia Ireland, a veterinarian and epidemiologist for the Minnesota Department of Health who keeps track of the disease in the state.

Number of cases



\* Year-to-date

SOURCE: MN Board of Animal Health

NEWS TRIBUNE GRAPHICS

State health officials reported earlier this month that blasto cases are way up in humans this summer as well. Most blasto exposure for Minnesota dogs and people appears to come from northern counties. Blastomyces spores thrive moist soils with decomposing organic materials, so heavily forested areas are prime spots for outbreaks. Ireland and others speculate the big increase in cases is because of more heavy rain events that bring high water flows and flooding, exposing soils that carry the fungal spores that cause blastomycosis.

"It seems we get quite a few reports near creeks and rivers that have flooded sometime in the recent past," Ireland said.

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But blasto also shows up in damper soils not near any waterway, and the number of cases reported in Minnesota has been increasing nearly every year in recent decades. Ireland said it's not clear if that's because there are more cases diagnosed, because there's more blastomycosis spores in the soil, or both.

Twin Cities veterinarian Jeff Bender started to pay close attention to blasto in 1995 and pushed to have it declared a formally reportable disease in 1997 when he worked for the Minnesota Department of Health. Now with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and an expert on diseases that impact both animals and humans, Bender credits this summer's record blasto outbreak to both increased

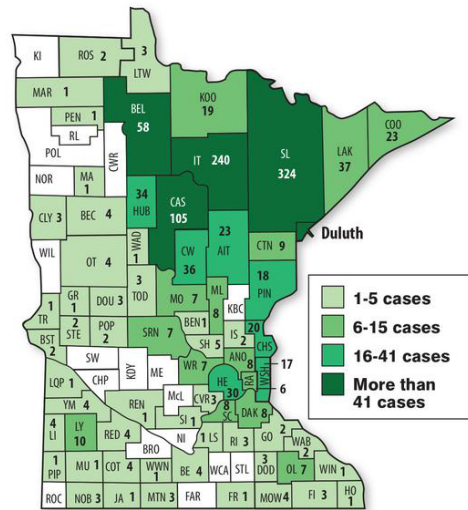
awareness and climatological conditions.

More dog owners know what to look for — lethargy, loss of appetite, coughing and sores on the skin or eyes — and more vets know to test for it. But he also believes it's warmer, wetter weather that has triggered this year's outbreak.

"It's a fungus that likes warm, wet or humid weather," he said. "It's endemic in the soil; it's always there. But under the right conditions, and we've certainly had those this year, it grows. It becomes more prevalent."

### Animal Blastomycosis cases in Minnesota, 1999-2018

by probable county of exposure



SOURCE: Minnesota Department of Health NEWS TRIBUNE GRAPHICS

### Medicine usually works, but some dogs die.

There is no vaccine for blasto (for humans or dogs) and no way to test soils for the dangerous fungal spores, Ireland noted. Blastomycosis has proven maddeningly difficult to study in the lab where scientists can't get it to grow like it does in nature.

"The best defense is awareness. Avoiding disturbed soils in that blasto (Continued on page 18)

belt area in (Northeastern Minnesota) and then knowing what to look for when it hits," Bender said. "They you have to act fast." Drake, a black lab owned by Casey Sunsdahl of Soudan, developed blastomycosis and battled the fungal disease for nearly 18 months at a cost of over \$5,000 for his owner. Photo courtesy Casey Sunsdahl.



Drake, a black lab owned by Casey Sunsdahl of Soudan, developed blastomycosis and battled the fungal disease for nearly 18 months at a cost of over \$5,000 for his owner. Photo courtesy Casey Sunsdahl.

The key is early diagnosis and treatment as soon as possible. Ireland said the most recent Minnesota data shows about 22% of dogs diagnosed with blasto either die from the disease or are euthanized because it has already impacted the dog's internal organs, or because the owner can't afford the medicine to keep treating it for months as is usually required. Blastomycosis is caused by inhaling spores from infected soil and it impacts the victim's lungs and ability to breathe properly. In advanced cases

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dogs may also develop sores on their skin or eyes. It can eventually spread to bones and joints and internal organs.

If diagnosed and treated early, the success rate is good. But even with medication it often takes months for the dog to recover. Of the dogs that contract blasto, about 78% will survive if they receive an expensive regime, often \$1,000 or more per dog, of the antifungal medicine Itraconazole, the same antifungal medicine people take for blasto.

## Hunting dogs at high risk

The disease impacts hunting dogs more than others, apparently because they spend more time off-leash outdoors and more time with their noses to the ground. Sled dogs, which often live on the ground in the woods, also are hard hit.

Often, the fungus can be picked up quickly while the owner and dog are at their cabin, on vacation with the dog or on a hunting trip in blasto hot spots, in addition to their home area. It can take from one to three months from the time of exposure to contaminated soils until the time symptoms appear.

Cases have been reported in all 87 counties in recent decades. But Cass, Aitkin, Itasca and especially St. Louis counties — the so-called blasto belt — are by far the most common areas where blasto infections occur, both in people and dogs. (In 1999, 18 people in Mountain Iron were diagnosed with blastomycosis — one person died — the largest human outbreak ever recorded in the state.) There continues to be a hot spot for outbreaks in the Tower-Ely area, across the Iron Range, around Duluth, the Grand Rapids area and in Cass County, where the Walker Animal Hospital has had a major run of blasto this summer.

Northern Minnesota isn't the only blasto belt. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says northern Wisconsin has the highest number of blasto reports nationally. Northwestern Ontario, especially near Lake of the Woods, also is a hot spot for blasto reports.

And while both people and dogs can contract the disease from the same site, four times more dogs have become infected as people this year.

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Blastomycosis usually presents in dogs with a cough, loss of appetite, weight loss and lack of energy. But it also may include skin sores - like those shown here - joint and organ failure and other conditions.

"We really don't know if dogs are (physiologically) more susceptible to it, and that's why we see more cases in dogs than people, or because it's because they are so much closer to the soil than we are," Ireland said. "We also don't know if the big hunting dogs are more susceptible, or if it's because there are so many of them; because they are so popular ... or if those dogs are just getting more exposure."

More than half of all cases occur in big, retriever-sized dogs over 50 pounds. About 25% of cases are in medium-sized dogs and 25% in small dogs.

Three cats have been reported with blasto this summer. Historically, about 4% of all Minnesota animal cases of blasto are in cats, including some cats that never go outdoors. There have been just two confirmed cases in horses over the past 20 years, 1 in a rabbit and 1 in a tiger at the Lake Superior Zoo in Duluth (that happened after a flood disturbed soils at the zoo.)

"Obviously, if indoor cats are getting it, the spores are somehow getting into the house, either on someone's shoe or in the air," Ireland said.

## Avoid freshly disturbed soils

It's clear that dogs exposed to recently disturbed soils in blasto hot spots are more at risk, such as where a septic tank or basement is being dug or other construction is underway. Duluth veterinarian Tom Dougherty said one of his patient's dogs appeared to have been exposed to the spores when a truck used to haul dirt was cleaned out with an air hose near the dog's kennel, spreading airborne spores. In another case, Dougherty said the spores apparently arrived when a wood pile with old firewood was relocated near the dog. In that case,

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the owner also became infected.

Casey Sunsdahl of Soudan, in the Lake Vermilion blasto hot spot, said he believes his Labrador retriever, Drake, contracted blasto a few years ago when a new sewer line was dug at his home. The dog was diagnosed with a serious case that required nearly 18 months of treatment. Drake fully recovered, but it was an expensive ordeal in addition to a lot of lost hunting time.

"It was pretty close to \$400 a month, for the medicine and the urine tests we had to do, and it took about 18 months until the dog was completely clear of it," Sunsdahl said. "I think it was about \$5,000 by the time it was all over."

Veterinarian Chip Hanson, owner of Ely Veterinary Clinic, by far the busiest blasto clinic in the nation, averaging roughly 40 cases annually, said he has found few reliable patterns in blasto breakouts. Some years are wet, some are not. Locations can look like critical blasto hot spots one year then stop producing cases the next.

"It's a very mysterious disease. ... No one knows what makes this thing spore-out on occasion and start impacting people and dogs when it's been there all along doing nothing," Hanson said.

"I had one sled dog operator who had 25 cases ... within a year or two," Hanson said. "The health department basically told him to move his family. But he stuck it out and (blasto) eventually calmed down, and he was down to no cases, or maybe one case per year. And no one really knows why."

Hanson said the average dog must be treated for about six months until tests show they are completely free of the fungus. Most start improving after two weeks on the medicine. Dogs that don't respond by then generally perish or are euthanized.

"For a few years we had people in our area ... going up to Canada to buy cheaper pills in something that was probably quasi-legal," Hanson said, noting the medicine has come down in price in the U.S. in recent years. Six months of Itraconazol is now about \$1,000 for the medicine, Hanson noted, not including testing and vet fees.

Despite the risk, Ireland said people shouldn't stay inside with their dogs out of fear.

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"It's not inevitable that a person or dog visiting an endemic area will get an infection. Overall, it's still a rare disease, so the vast majority of people or dogs living or visiting these areas will not get sick," she noted. "Being aware of the risk, and what to look for, is the best prevention we have right now."

### **Pet owners can get blasto, too**

Earlier in September, the News Tribune ran a front-page story about the big increase in blastomycosis cases in people this summer in Minnesota. Pet owners are reminded that they, too, can contract the disease from the same places dogs do. (It's not contagious. It can't be transmitted between dogs and humans or vice versa.) As of last week there had been 56 reported human cases in 2019 in the state, up from 31 in 2018. About 10 percent of humans diagnosed with blastomycosis die.

The fungus has an incubation period of about 45 days in people and since people are most likely to be around the soil during the summer, the number of reported cases tends to rise in September.

Blasto is not caused by bacteria, so antibiotics don't work. Blastomycosis often is discovered in people when a biopsy of a spot in a patient's lung is sent to a cancer pathologist who finds the fungus instead of cancer, experts say. Once the disease is diagnosed, antifungal treatments are available. In severe cases, the patient may have to be treated through an IV in the hospital. In many cases, the patient can take a pill, although they'll have to keep doing so for six to 12 months.



We appreciate the opportunity to share this story with our readers. Thank you John Myers and the Duluth News Tribune for alerting us to this potential danger!

## THE ERA OF CHAMPION BREAKSTONE HAS ENDED



By Bonnie Hidalgo

An incredible chapter in Red Setter history has drawn to a close with the demise of seventeen-time Champion Breakstone. Stoney, was whelped in August 2005, the son of the great Champion and Red Setter Hall of Famer, Chantilly; he was sired by Sharpton. He passed on September 18 at the age of 14. Stoney was bred, owned, trained and loved to the end by Dr. Roger Boser at Bearcat Kennels in Seven Valleys, PA

A late August whelp is a decided disadvantage for a young dog but Breakstone developed rapidly. Showing unusual intelligence and a desire to please, he was finished on wild game on the prairies of North Dakota before his first birthday. Breakstone went on to take a dozen

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# BREAKSTONE

## 2005-2019



“A Champion for All Seasons”

derby placements including first in the National Red Setter Futurity in the spring of 2007.

During his great career Breakstone recorded 130 placements including 17 Championships and 9 Runner-up Championships. One of his greatest feats was taking Runner-up in the 2011 National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship in Circle, Montana on a 105<sup>0</sup> *afternoon*. Stoney put in a reaching race and capped it off with a beautiful limb find on sharp-tail to earn that honor. Other noteworthy all breed wins were Runner-up in the 2008 Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, Runner-up in the Region 3 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship in 2012 and again in 2015 at the age of 10 and Runner-up in the Region 2 Amateur All Age Championship in 2015.

Breakstone won the National Red Setter Open Championship on six occasions and the National Red Setter Amateur Championship twice. He won the National Red Setter Open Shooting Championship 4 times and five times captured the title of National Red Setter Amateur Shooting Dog Champion. Stoney dominated the National Red Setter Field Trial Club's year end awards for the majority of his performing years.

This dog was a thrill to watch; there was an obvious rapport between Stoney and Roger Boser. Breakstone was the most consistent performer I have ever witnessed. He always ran strong to the front and he rarely went without bird contact. He handled his game with intensity, high style and flawless manners. He naturally took the edges forward, always on the right side of the wind. He was a dream to scout, that usually consisted of releasing him after his finds and getting your picture taken with him after the announcement.

As a sire he performed just as superbly as he ran; his record shows 23 winning progeny with a total of 217 wins. He produced CH Redstone who also holds 2 Runner-up titles, CH Kindle (2x CH & 7x Runner-up), 6x Runner-up CH Touchstone, Runner-up CH Flintstone and NSTRA CH Cherry Bear Holiday along with 17 other winners.

His Grand-Get include, CH Rendition, CH Waycross, CH Braeval Bearcat Laddie, CH Dawson's High Chaparral, CH Firefly's Power Play and Runner-up CH Nantucket.

Any field trial he ever entered was never over until Breakstone had run. Rest easy dear Stoney, you will not be forgotten.

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## What's in a Name?

As part of my job as Editor of the newsletter for the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, I receive numerous phone calls and emails from folks looking for red setter puppies, dogs to hunt with or just general information on the breed. One of the first questions I am usually asked, is to explain the difference between our dogs and Irish Setters. People ask, "Are your dogs registered as Irish setters," or "What is the difference between your dogs and the Irish setters I see at the dog shows?" For many red setter owners, it often seems easiest to simply state: "Red setters are field dogs and Irish Setters are show dogs." But the simple answer is not necessarily the best answer. The truth is, *our dogs ARE Irish setters*. So, as a review of what our dog are (and are not), here is a brief synopsis of our dogs...

Pictured below is an incredible bird dog. He IS an Irish Setter



Come Back Magic: 2019 Futurity Champion

(Continued on page 29)



*Our dogs ARE Irish setters.* They are sometimes called Irish red setters (the name commonly used for the breed in the parent country of Ireland), red setters (commonly used by members of our club to separate our working dogs from the show dogs), or Irish setters (the breed name listed on their pedigrees).

*Our dogs ARE Irish setters.* They are registered with American Field (FDSB) as Irish setters. Some of them may also be registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), as Irish setters. We also have Irish setters registered with other registries throughout the world.

*Our dogs ARE Irish setters.* Irish setters are working dogs. This means that they are bred specifically to do a job, in this case to be bird hunters. Both the AKC and the NRSFTC (as well as several other registries across the world) specifically note in their breed standards that the Irish setter's purpose is to be a bird dog. In addition, they are bred to hunt, find, point, and handle upland game birds for the favor of the handler/hunter. The original intent of the breed was primarily for hunting grouse; in the United State this has expanded to several other species of upland game, including several species of quail, chukar, pheasant, woodcock, and some other bird species.

*Our dogs ARE Irish setters.* The National Red Setter Field Trial Club is the guardian of the Irish setter breed. Our breed standard is quite specific, and is performance-based. First and foremost, the Irish setter must be a bird dog. All traits, behavioral and conformational, must support this basic premise. There are other breed clubs and organizations throughout the United States and elsewhere that purport to be the "official" vanguard or representative of the breed. They are not. With the exception of the parent country of Ireland (which has a working standard for the breed as part of its mission), only the National Red Setter Field Trial has the express purpose and mission of producing an Irish setter who's purpose is to be a working bird dog.

*Our dogs ARE Irish setters.* When you purchase or obtain an Irish setter, you are acquiring a bird dog. The National Red Setter Field Trial Club membership is devoted and dedicated to this purpose. There are others in the United State who aspire to similar goals and purposes,

and we commend them and support them. These include a small but highly dedicated group of individuals from the Irish Setter Club of America who are devoted to the working qualities of the Irish setter. There are also members of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA), National Shoot To Retrieve Association (NSTRA), and other organizations who are equally committed to our common goals.

*Our dogs ARE Irish setters.* There are many individuals and organizations (including bench enthusiasts) who say that their dogs are "Irish setters." Do not be deceived by this illusion. There are some bench-bred Irish setters who have hunting instinct but they are few and far between. Most bench-bred "Irish setters" cannot hunt and handle wild birds. They are not Irish setters. They should not be registered as Irish setters, because they have NO hunting instinct, pointing instinct, running instinct, or behavioral and conformational traits that are necessary to be able to hunt wild birds. I'm sure that they are very nice companion dogs, agility dogs, show dogs, rescue dogs, and so on. But, they are NOT Irish setters, because they cannot hunt. If you are looking for a hunting dog, do not obtain one of their dogs. If you want a bird dog, obtain an Irish setter.

*Our dogs ARE Irish setters.* They have traits that make them bird dogs. They are gaited in such a manner that they can run for hours, looking for birds. They have conformations that have been developed through a selection process tested by performance. Bench shows (which judge dogs based upon visual conformation traits) are not a valid test of a hunting dog. Our organization has little concern for the opinions of a conformation judge. They are looking for "pretty;" we are looking for performance. Our dogs can smell game birds. They have pointing instinct which causes them to freeze to a point when they detect the presence of a game bird by smell. Our dogs are highly intelligent. They have the ability to learn quickly under performance driven conditions, to handle wild game birds. Bench-bred "Irish setters" do not have these traits. As a result, they cannot hunt for several hours at a time, find birds, or handle



birds if they could find them. They are not really Irish setters.

**Our dogs ARE Irish setters.** They come in various shapes, sizes, and expressions of conformation and behavior. Some have high tails; some have white on their chest; some have short ears; some have brown noses; some have wide ranges; some like to run edges; some prefer to point quail over woodcock... but, they are all Irish setters because they are, first and foremost, bird dogs.


**Our dogs ARE Irish setters.** They are the product of many, many years of dedicated and intensive selective breeding, driven by the desire to produce the best bird dog in the United States. Our goals are very different from those of bench enthusiasts. Our goals are driven by the working qualities of the breed. The Irish setter has historically (for hundreds of years) been used as a working grouse dog. Our intent is the same... we continue the quest of hundreds of hunters from years gone by, buried in the mists of Ireland, forward to the contemporary needs of today's hunter. We have borrowed traits from other breeds in our quest, just as those in the past have done. There are those in the canine world who strongly disagree with our past practice of crossbreeding. These advocates of "purity" have a poor knowledge of population genetics and evolution. We, on the other hand, are unconcerned, as we have an understanding of bird dog culture, history, and devotion and respect to those in the past who have provided us with this beloved breed.

**Our dogs ARE Irish setters.** If you would like more information about the Irish setter (or *Irish red setter*, or *red setter*, as you may) you should contact a member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. We know a lot about Irish setters.




		<b>All Breed Honor Roll by Tom Norton</b> As reported in the American Field Vol. 291, No. 5 dated 2/2/19 through Vol. 292, No. 40 dated 10/12/19				
Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition	
Come Back Lady Soul places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joe Edwards O/H	Come Back Cutter	Come Back Bee Gee	Hoffman Amateur Field Trial Club, 12/7/18, ASD	8 entries	
Roses Are Red takes 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club, 12/9/18, AAA	2 P, 2 S, 2 IS	
Little More Shine is #2	Kristine Hammons O/Tim Hammons H	Red Rock	Covered In Red	Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club, 12/9/18 AAA	2 P, 2 S, 2 IS	
Roses Are Red seizes 1st	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club, 12/9/18 ASD	5 P, 5 S, 2 IS	
From the report: Roses Are Red won this stake with six finds, a back and a great shooting dog race.						
Roses Are Red places 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	Buck-Tuck Field Trial Club, 11/24/18 ASD	2 P, 2 S, 2 IS	
Little More Shine is 3rd	Kristine Hammons O/Tim Hammons H	Red Rock	Covered In Red	Buck-Tuck Field Trial Club, 11/24/18, ASD	2 P, 2 S, 2 IS	
Little More Shine places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kristine Hammons O/Tim Hammons H	Red Rock	Covered In Red	West Tennessee Field Trial Association, 1/10/19 ASD	4 P, 2 S, 2 IS	
Celtic's Sally takes the win!	Paul Ober O/H	Not given	Not given	Dubois Beaver Meadow Field Trial Assoc., 8/24/18 OP	7 entries	
Roses Are Red is #2	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	Georgia Field Trial Assoc., 2/8/19 ASD	18 entries	







## All Breed Honor Roll continued by Tom Norton




Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Lucy Reddog Taylor places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brad Taylor O/H	Aiken	Dynamic Dancer	South Central Kansas Bird Dog Club, 2/23/19, NBHA OD	8 entries
From the report: Lucy had a great find and good style. She ran a medium race but ended up getting bigger towards the end of her run.					
Oakleaf's Quite Man is #3	James Baker O/H	Comanche Moon	Brownhaven Steel Magnolia	Fort Worth Brittany Club, 12/14/18, ASD	20 entries
Waycross Takes 1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger Boser O/H	Justified	Redstone	Cock-N-Fire Field Trial Club, 1/31/19 ASD	12 P, 1 S, 2 IS
Gratitude places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Come Back Cutter	Come Back Doodle	Cock-N-Fire Field Trial Club, 1/31/19 ASD	9 P, 1 S, 1 IS
Roses Are Red places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	Bear Pond Field Trial Club, 3/16/19 ASD	5 P, 1 S, 2 IS
Roses Are Red grabs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	Buck-Tuck Field Trial Club, 2/16/19 AAA	5 P, 4 IS
Little More Shine gains 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kristine Hammons O/Tim Hammons H	Red Rock	Covered In Red	Buck-Tuck Field Trial Club, 2/16/19 AAA	5 P, 4 IS
Raintree Blue Moon Takes 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Catherine Lewis & Dean Reinke O/Tom Waite H	Zansett Simply Red	Foxy's Lil Red Missy	NBHA Northern Regional OSD Championship, 4/3/19 NBHA OD	1 P, 1 S, 4 IS
From the report: Raintree Blue Moon (aka Friday) is only a puppy and has a bright future ahead of him. He had multiple contacts, showed good tendency to run, handle and find birds.					



## All Breed Honor Roll continued by Tom Norton



Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Gratitude places 1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Come Back Cutter	Come Back Doodle	Sandlapper Field Trial Club, 2/21/19 AD	10 P, 1 S, 4 IS
Flame'n Red Epilogue places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary A. Gustafson O/H	Flame'n Red Legacy	Setter Downs Brown Sugar	Centex Bird Dog Club Trial, 3/30/19 ASD	2 P, 1 S, 2 IS, 2 GS
Oakleaf's Quite Man places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Baker O/H	Comanche Moon	Brownhaven Steel Magnolia	Centex Bird Dog Club Trial, 3/30/19 ASD	2 P, 1 S, 2 IS, 2 GS
Brae Val Bearcat Laddie wins championship	Gregor McCluskey O/H	Justified	Redstone	International Amateur Woodcock Championship, 3/29/19 CH	31 entries
Gratitude earns 1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Come Back Cutter	Come Back Doodle	Mid Atlantic Red Setter Club, 4/5/19, AD	4 P, 2 IS
Windfall Takes the #2 spot.	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Redstone	Gamecock FTC, 3/1/19 ASD	9 entries
Gratitude is 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Come Back Cutter	Come Back Doodle	Gamecock Field Trial Club, 3/1/19 AD	6 P, 2 IS
Raintree Blue Moon places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Catherine Lewis & Dean Reinke O/Tom Waite H	Zansett Simply Red	Foxy's Lil Red Missy	Southern Wisconsin FTC, 4/13/19 NBHA OD	8 entries
Little More Shine gets 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kristine Hammons O/Tim Hammons H	Red Rock	Covered In Red	Kentucky Field Trial Assoc., 3/9/19 ASD	4 P, 6 S, 1 IS
Windfall takes 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Redstone	York Pointer and Setter Club, 4/27/19 ASD	18 entries



## All Breed Honor Roll continued by Tom Norton

Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Iskote Animkee places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spero Manson O/ Steve Bailey H	C C Amos O'Liery	Firefly's Tesla Coil	Colorado Pointer Club, 3/30/19 OSD	13 entries
Braeval Skye seizes 1 <sup>st</sup>	Connor McCluskey O/ Gregor McCluskey H	Zansett Simply Red	Foxy's Lil Red Missy	Setter Club of New England, 4/13/19 AP	10 entries
From the report: Winning first was the exciting Irish Setter female, Braeval Skye.					
Restless Red Toolman secures 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Katherine Gove O/ Bob Gove H	Silver Creek's Wanted	Restless Red Cedar	Northwest FTA. 4/26/19 OSD	5 P, 5 S, 1 IS
Buckaroo's Hand Made takes 1st	Mary Pavelko & Greg Dixon O/ Greg Dixon H	Brophy's Butler Buckaroo	Iskote Dimii	Minnesota Brittany Club, 5/25/19 OSD	12 entries
Rendition places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	Summerhill Field Trial Club, 5/4/19, ASD	27 P, 4 S, 3 IS
From the report: Rendition had a big race and five finds.					
Gratitude places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Come Back Cutter	Come Back Doodle	Summerhill Field Trial Club, 5/4/19, AD	4 P, 2 IS
From the report: Gratitude had three finished finds and a good forward effort on the ground.					
Celtic's Red Zone places 1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul R. Ober O/ R. J. Ecker Jr. H	Celtic's Expeditiously	Celtic's Culmination	Arcadia Field Trial Club, 5/4/19, OP	4 P, 7 S, 1 IS
Braeval Bearcat Laddie places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gregor McCluskey O/H	Justified	Redstone	Ocean State Bird Dog Club, 6/1/19, ASD	11 entries

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Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Little More Shine	F	Tim & Kris Hammons	Red Rock	Covered In Red	1310
Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time To Rock	Red Rush	1076
Windfall	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Redstone	343
Waycross	M	Roger Boser	Justified	Redstone	248
Rendition	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Solitaire	238
Braeval Laddie	M	Gregor McClusky	Justified	Redstone	98
Gratitude	M	Roger Boser	CB Cutter	CB Doodle	72

**2019 High Performance Award as of as of 12/1/19**

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Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time To Rock	Red Rush	352
Little More Shine	F	Tim/Kris Hammons	Red Rock	Covered In Red	280

**2019 Duke Award as of as of 12/1/19**

Runs July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Little More Shine	F	Tim & Kris Hammons	Red Rock	Covered In Red	57
Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time To Rock	Red Rush	19

**Walking Shooting Dog as of as of 12/1/19**

Runs January 1st 2019 through December 31st, 2019

Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Braeval Laddie	M	Gregor McCluskey	Justified	Redstone	930
Foxy's Lil Red Missy	F	Mike Fox	Red N Ready	Matter Of Perspective	20

**NRSFTC Derby of the Year as of 10/18/19**

Runs July 1st 2019 through June 30th 2020

Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Abra Lena	F	Mike Fox	ZanSett Simply Red	Foxy's Lil Red Missy	36

**NRSFTC Puppy of the Year as of 10/18/19**

Runs July 1st 2019 through June 30th 2020

Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
CB Carolina	F	Joe Edwards	CB Trump	CB Bee Gee	62

**NRSFTC National Shoot to Retrieve Award as of 9/1/19**

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Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Cardo's Red Bull	M	Steve Card	YOU TOO	SOLDIER CREEK SISSY	240
Great Oaks Magic Touchl	F	Jeff Joyner	Touchstone	Brees	180
Foxy's Lil Red Missy	F	Mike Fox	Red and Ready	Matter of Perspective	90
Ace Holiday	M	Steve Witz	Justified	Cherry Bear Holiday	15
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