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Independence Day is an good time to honor and remember those who protect our freedom. especially one group of "forgotten soldiers-" the working war dogs. This issue honors working dogs including war dogs police dogs, seeing eye dogs and other service animals. We must never forget our debt to them for their generous service and protection!

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This issue honors working dogs— especially war dogs who save and protect the uniformed men and women in service of our country. It also recognizes assistance dogs and the impact they make in helping the blind to achieve independence and confidence in their daily lives. All of these working dogs spend their lives in the service of others and they ask nothing in return except the love and gratitude of their companion handlers. Could man ever have a better friend?

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Rambling from Red Setter Run



Hi Folks! Hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer. Ransom and I are having a blast! Meanwhile, I had a couple complications that delayed sending the Whip to the printer. I had hoped to have it in your hands by Independence Day. We often just call it the

fourth of July but indeed, it IS a celebration of our freedom as Americans. Freedom comes at a heavy price and we are so grateful to the men and women who serve our country in the Armed Forces. We don't talk often enough about yet another group that also serves — working dogs who protect our nation and serve side by side with our soldiers, police officers and others. I thought I'd dedicate this issue to them and honor the working dogs who serve for our nation, our communities, and individuals in need of their help.

I had some terrible news the other day. In 2009 at the spring trial, there was a young boy who attended. Brian Morgan had just purchased his membership to the NRSFTC— making him the youngest paid member at 12 years old. During our annual auction, Jim Ashby presented a

puppy as a benefit for the Red Setter Foundation. It was sired by Jim's great dog, Hondo and it immediately caught Brian's eye. He began bidding against others and finally, in the end, Brian was able to win the pup. He was thrilled and named the dog Lucky. What a wonderful moment it was! He and Lucky became devoted friends and for the last two and a half years have been inseparable companions.



Incidentally, Brian and his two red setters, (Lucky and Roxye) traveled to Indiana last fall to participate in the Holly Bruns Memorial walk/run on our club's behalf. Everyone loved having Red Setters on hand to honor Holly. Holly's mother and sister each told me how thrilled they were that Brian and his dogs attended. Such a great day—who would have imagined that tragedy was lurking in the future?

But indeed it was and on June 21st, fate interceded without warning. All that morning, Brian and his dogs played outdoors. At lunch time Brian ran in to get a sandwich while the dogs romped playfully in the

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yard. When Brian came back out a few minutes later, he found Lucky at the base of a large tree— blood was pouring from his mouth and nose. The vet believes Lucky may have broke his nose by accidentally running into the tree. He believed that Lucky lost consciousness on impact and landed in such a way that he drowned in his own blood. You can imagine how devastating this was? If you can remember back to the first pet you ever had die, you'll understand Brian's bewilderment at what happened. Our club extends our deepest sympathy to Brian and his family. Brian's loss is profound; I know he would appreciate hearing from YOU. Please take a moment and send him a note of sympathy and condolence.

Brian Morgan, 11071 Harrison Way, Walton, KY 41094
On better news, check your envelope— I left some surprises for you!
First, in honor of the 60th anniversary of the club, we are sending every member a NRSFTC decal. We're halfway through the year so if you haven't paid your dues, please do it now. I'm sending this decal in good faith that you'll be willing to help your club. The dues are still thirty dollars a year and being such a small group, we need every cent we can get. Our biggest expense is the printing and mailing of *The Flushing Whip.* We also need funds in order to put on our trials, buy the awards, pay the judges etc. Every cent counts so please send your dues.

There are other things you can do too. Share your talents! For example: The artwork for the decal was done by a talented artist, Rob Boot. Rob lives in Georgia, is a club member and volunteered his talent for our club. Everyone has skills that can help out and we certainly appreciate the time and work that Rob put into this project. Thank you Rob! By the way, members can also order sweatshirts and hats with that club logo now too. Look at the back of your issue! \odot

In addition to the decal, you will also find a pamphlet that was created to explain our club, our mission and what we are about. Paul Ober, long time NRSFTC friend and member, paid to have this brochure printed so that new dog owners will have a chance to learn about our history, *The Purest Challenge* and how to be a part of it all. If you breed and sell puppies, the American Field will send this to any new owners who register their red setters. It gives us a chance to build our membership as it teaches. Thanks Paul for helping our club this way.

And speaking of building membership, I want to tip my hat to Don

And speaking of building membership, I want to tip my hat to Don Beauchamp. Every time Don sells a new puppy, he purchases a NRSFTC membership for that family. It gives them the chance to receive *The Flushing Whip*, learn about red setters, our mission and our history. Don has added an incredible number of members in this way and I thank him for his generous efforts! Well done Mr. President!

And here's another. During our spring trial last March, Martin Daugherty attended and did some exceptional photography for us. Having photos of such quality is so valuable—both as a historical tool and just for the pleasure of being able to capture such moments. Eunice Colmore also captured some great shots too! Thank you both! So, what can YOU do to help? Of course paying your dues is helpful but there are other needs as well. We will need a new Treasurer in the fall. If you have special math or accounting interests, please consider serving the Board in this way. The Treasurer MUST attend two national trials—one in the spring and another in fall each year. They collect fees, dues, handle and balance our financial accounts and keep us solvent. We also need someone with IT skills to assist us transferring our pedigree database to the new website. Perhaps you have the technical skills for that. It's not a long term commitment, so please consider stepping up. We need YOU. Please think about it, OK?

At our last trial in Berea, we ran an all-breed walking stake. I am including our club standard for Walking Shooting Dog stakes because we need more participants and maybe this is a game you'd like to try. You don't need a horse and you'll see some great performances while you make new friends and enjoy the dogs! Join us!!

Finally, longtime NRSFTC friend Wilson Dunn is seriously ill. At 90+ he is a long supporter of our club, our mission and "The Purest Challenge." Please held him dear in your thoughts and prayers and take a moment to send a card so he knows we remember and appreciate him: Wilson Dunn, PO 189, Grand Junction, TN 38039 Looks like I am out of room. Enjoy your dogs and have a great summer! Ransom loves to swim and play in our pond. It's good advice in the heat.... Stay cool folks.

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Standard for NRS Walking Shooting Dog Stakes

Purpose: The objective will be to foster the development of high class walking shooting dogs

NRSFTC Walking Shooting Dog Standard

A high class dog is one whose very action denotes great interest in his work, which is full on animation and which is at all times, searching for birds in an independent and intelligent manner. He should be under such control that he will do his work with a minimum amount of handling, either by voice or whistle. He should keep the course and hunt to the gun and with reasonable distance; in a snappy manner work out all the likely cover in front of the handler. He should not cut back but should consume his speed by working out his ground on each side of the course taken by his handler.

When cover is heavy, he should not hunt the easy footing and pass up likely objectives. He should accurately locate and point his birds and be perfectly staunch on point until such birds are flushed.

He should back at sight of a pointing dog without restraint by the handler and remain at honor until the pointing dog is released. He should display style of carriage and grace of movement searching the wind with a high head, merry tail and standing up well on point with head and tail aloft, displaying extreme intensity.

Absences of more than a third of the running time will result in disqualification. Dogs are expected to show on birds with the quality of the birdwork to be held in more regard than the quantity.

Shooting dogs are not required to be broke to be steady to wing and shot; however, dogs so broke will be given preference assuming otherwise equal performances. All out chasing of birds is disliked.

This standard, presented by John Ironside (of Cedar Rapids, Iowa) was approved by the NRSFTC Board of Directors, April 17, 1987

Honoring the Purest Challenge

This year the club celebrated it's 60th anniversary. Back in 1952 when Ned and his followers set out to revive the hunting and trialing abilities of the Irish Setter, they developed a brochure to entitled *The Purest Challenge* to explain what they intended to do. This little pamphlet had the breed history, club mission and plan for the future. When people asked questions about the dogs that the founding fathers were producing, they were given the brochure that explained it all. The American Field also got copies and when people registered their dogs, The Field made sure the brochure was included with their other pedigree papers. That practice continued for several years until it eventually fell to the wayside; perhaps funds were tight and the club didn't feel it could afford to reprint it, perhaps less people were asking for the information, I'm not sure why. When Dan Moore stopped writing The Flushing Whip and passed the materials and archives on to me, I found a couple of old battered copies tucked in with everything else.

A few years ago, Paul Ober, a long time friend and member of the NRSFTC, approached me and asked, "what ever became of that little brochure that told about the Purest Challenge and history of the club?" I was able to pull out one of the old copies and I mailed it off to him. It was exactly what he remembered. Paul wanted to assure that this information would be available to new dog owners and new members of the club. So, I copied the text message of the old pamphlet exactly as it was written and Paul paid to republish this document.

We talk all the time about honoring the "Purest Challenge," but many folks may not even recognize what that is all about. There are all kinds of folks who own Red Setters today— hopefully, most of those dogs are in working homes; places where they appreciate

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(and utilize) the skills and talents of today's red setters. The text of the Purest Challenge brochure will be included in this story but one portion speaks volumes to the majority of folks who belong to the NRSFTC. It says:

"Are Red Setters trial dogs only? No! The pioneers of the Red Setter revival were mostly bird hunters, but they knew that the breed would improve fastest with field trial competition sorting out the best breeding stock. Good gun dogs are a natural product from breeding dogs under proven field trial testing." Today, the truth is, there are more hunters in our organization than there are horseback field trailers. Ned understood that in order to restore the Irish Setter as a competitive "bird dog," he had to breed at a higher level. His team set their sights on "the successful revival of the Irish Red Setter as an effective field trial competitor and gunning companion. They wanted to develop great field trial dogs who could successfully compete head to head with all other pointing dog breeds. Over the years we've witnesses his success.

Don Beauchamp runs his dog Aiken in All Age competition and the dog is incredibly successful; Aiken earned the title "Kansas All Age Dog of the Year." Another of Don's dogs, Jericho was recently named the "2011 Kansas Shooting Dog of the Year," and it's not the first time he won that title! Having Red Setters who can BEST other pointing dog breeds is exactly what our founding members hoped to achieve.

As our President, you hear plenty about Don Beauchamp. But there are others who are simply too far away to attend our trials. Still, they compete at an exceptionally high level. Rich Strumpf in California has a wonder dog who always catches the eye of judges and spectators alike. Heiligsepp's Blick is a true contender out west and we often see him listed in our High Performance club

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Standing awards. Unfortunately for Rich (and Blick alike) American Field trials are few and far between in California. That limits the number of wins that Blick can chalk up— But, when Rich finds a place for his dog to compete, Blick does generally win. It's just the geography that's holding HIM back.

Of course every dog bred will not have the ultimate "All Age potential." But by sorting out good breeding stock by using field trial competition, we get exceptional bird dogs— shooting dogs and hunting dogs alike. That accounts for the wide variety of folks who own and enjoy their Red Setter. Some are horseback field trailers—most of whom attend our National Trials and are well known to one another. But many other NRSFTC members simply enjoy having a red setter at home— a wonderful family dog, and exceptional hunting companion. Read then, what our founding fathers said about the revival of the Irish Red Setter and the pursuit of the Purest Challenge in Sportsdom. Here follows the brochure text:

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

Why do we call them RED SETTERS? Field trialers and hunters had long called their dogs Red Setters, a heritage from the days when all setters were identified by color. In Ireland, they were most (Continued on page 11)

commonly called Red Setters. With the advent of bench shows in the late 19th century, importing so called "pure bred" dogs from the United Kingdom was a fad and there was snob appeal in calling the show bred dogs "Irish Setters." Soon the show fancy persuaded the new registries to record "Irish" and "English" Setters as breeds. The founders of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club logically thought that by going back to the traditional Red Setter a clear distinction could be made between the field and show dogs—thus creating less chance that the Red Setters could again be degraded by show ring conformation standards.

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

Askew's Carolina Lady was a lucky find for LeGrande and the breed. Ned heard from a professional trainer that there was an exceptional bird dog on a farm in North Carolina. Ned traveled down to meet Kelsey Askew and his dog, "Lady." The dog was indeed all that had been reported and after some persuasion and a handsome offer, Askew agreed to sell his dog. Lady went back to Pennsylvania with LeGrande and became the jewel of LeGrande's Willow Winds Farm. Askew's Carolina Lady originally came from an

obscure Minnesota breeder who kept an old line of dogs favored by prairie market hunters. She pointed with a high head and tail and passed her style and bird sense on to her pups. Lady won many trials, but her greatest fame was as a producer. It would be rare today to find a winning Red Setter that didn't descend from Lady. Are the white markings of most Red Setters an indication of cross breeding? The old Red Setters all had white markings, on the chest, a blaze and on the toes. If your Red Setter is so marked, it is a good sign that the dog is truly of field stock. Dogs imported from Ireland have the same white markings. Solid colored dogs came from show fascinated breeders who selectively bred an all red strain.

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

"The object of field trials is the promotion and development of the high-class bird dog. It is a means of enjoying the great out-ofdoor sport of bird hunting in the most aesthetic fashion. It aims to provide competition of the highest kind among bird dogs, to stimulate enthusiasm among owners, and to act as a practical guide for breeders by setting a high standard of performance.

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Field trials mold opinions of conformation and perfect the mechanism of the ideal bird dog. There is a particular physical makeup of the well-bred bird dog that is indispensable to the performance of those duties wherefore he is highly valued. Without this equipment he is not so well fitted to perform those duties in a finished fashion. Bird dog trials thus influence physical standards. Although field qualities are all-important in the utility bird dog, it is desirable to have beauty of conformation, with brain power, intelligence, and bird sense."

We believe William F. Brown's words truly sum up the essence of the modern Red Setter. Our breed standard is performance based. Form follows function. First and foremost, Red Setters must hunt intensely and effectively handle wild or native game birds. As working gun dogs, Red Setters are extremely intelligent, very biddable and beautiful to behold. The perfect dog for field trial competition. The ideal gunning companion for hunters. There are as many bird hunter members of the National Red Setter Field Trail Club as there are dedicated field trailers— perhaps even more! There are folks who do horseback trials and there are others who do walking trials. Red Setters serve as hunting dogs, assistance dogs, therapy dogs, guide dogs, NAVHDA Utility Champions and more. The red setter's extreme intelligence, overwhelming desire to please and calmness makes it a perfect choice as a companions or hunting dog. Whatever your game, our club is interested in YOU. We strive to serve every segment. Please join us. All family members, under the age of eighteen, are included in your membership dues. Every member household receives a free subscription to *The Flushing Whip*, the official NRSFTC newsletter. Come join the National Red Setter Field Trial Club as we continue our "Pursuit of the Purest Challenge!" "

Honor the "Purest Challenge" in sportsdom...

War Dogs Save lives and Protect Liberty

Most Americans are aware of the important role man's best friend plays in search and rescue operations today. For months following September 11th, 2001, we watched TV news reports about amazing dogs performing amazing tasks at Ground Zero. Many of those wonderful dogs and their handlers have been honored for their heroic work after the WTC tragedy. There are documentaries and news reports about skilled canines helping to combat crime daily by finding hidden drugs and



helping to capture street criminals and drug dealers. In the evening news we see bomb sniffing dogs helping law enforcement with the monumental task of securing public places.

Throughout our country's military history, dogs have faithfully stood by their soldier companions and protected the troops during America's wars. Tens of thousands of "War Dogs" served in World War I, World War II, The Korean War, The Vietnam War, and in the wars in Iraq. They continue to serve our troops in missions around the world today. Dogs have saved young American lives by heroic measures like dragging wounded soldiers to safety. As scouts and sentries, dogs have been used to detect ambush sites and snipers and warn of impending attacks. They explore caves, underground tunnels, bunkers and other enemy hideouts in search of bombs, land mines and other enemy weapons and ammunition.

Here is our governments report and history of how dogs have been

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trained and prepared to help our soldiers and maintain liberty. We know that dogs have actually been man's companions from the earliest times. Cave pictographs show dogs hunting with Stone Age man. The Greeks and

Romans probably were the first users of dogs in warfare. They sent formations of attack dogs, complete with spiked armor, to harass and cause general disturbance throughout enemy lines.

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The invention of gunpowder and resulting changes in military tactics lessened the value of dogs in combat, but increased their usefulness in other military activities. Napoleon capitalized on the superior senses of dogs in 1798 by chaining them to the walls of Alexandria, Egypt, to warn of impending attack and to help delay the attackers.

During World War I, the German and French armies used an estimated 50,000 trained dogs as sentries, scouts, ammunition carriers, messengers, and casualty dogs. The British and Belgians loaned similarly trained dogs to the American Expeditionary Forces late in the war.

In the early 1930s, Germany opened a large dog training school in Frankfurt. By the time the United States entered World War II, the Germans had trained nearly 200,000 war dogs.

The attack on Pearl Harbor sparked the first serious interest in war dogs by the U.S. military services. In May 1942, the U.S. Army received the first nine American-trained sentry dogs from Dogs for Defense Inc., an organization composed of American civilians

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interested in training dogs for the war effort. From these nine dogs, the U.S. Army Canine (K-9) Corps was formed. It grew to a force of more than 10,000 dogs before the close of the war.

Following World War II, the Air Force began using sentry dogs in both Europe and the Pacific area for peacetime duty. The first Air Force sentry dog school was activated at Showa Air Station, Japan, in 1952. In 1953, the second school was opened at Wiesbaden, West Germany. The Army continued to train and supply sentry dogs to Air Force units in the United States until the Sentry Dog Training Branch of the Department of Security Police Training was established at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in October 1958.

The executive agency for the Department of Defense Military Working Dog Program is the United States Air Force. Today the 341st Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, has the mission of operating this program for the Air Force. The mission of the 341 TRS is to provide trained Military Working Dogs, handlers and trainers and kennel masters for the Department of Defense, other government agencies and allies through training, logistical support, veterinary support, a breeding program and

research and development for security efforts worldwide.

The 341st Training Squadron is responsible for procuring all dogs for the MWD program and for shipping them to military installations worldwide following training. More than 110 Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force personnel conduct training courses for dogs and handlers for all branches of the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. Civilian police officers are trained as explosive detector dog handlers for the Department of Transportation. These highly specialized teams support the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at more than 80 major airports throughout the country.

The MWD training environment consists of 90 training areas and laboratories, encompassing 400 acres, 1,000 kennel runs and an

average population of about 800 dogs located at Lackland AFB and the Lackland Training Annex.

Breeds of Dogs Used

Through the years, a number of different breeds have been tested for the MWD program. Currently, the German Shepherd, Dutch Shepherd and Belgian Malinois have proven to be the best choices as the standard MWD for patrol and detection work. However, other breeds such as the Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever and other sporting breed dogs have been used in support of the Transportation Security Administration mission and one of the DoD's newer canine capabilities, the Specialized Search Dog. The German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois have the best overall combination of keen sense of smell, endurance, speed, strength, courage, intelligence and adaptability to almost any climatic condition.

A dog's world is significantly different from man's. A dog's vision is inferior to man's although it can detect movement, however slight, at greater distances. A dog depends less on visual impressions than on its superior senses of hearing and smell. A German Shepherd's and Belgian Malinois' hearing ability is much better than man's, though their keenest sense is that of smell. Both the German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois rely mostly on their sense of smell for close examination of the environment. The highly developed senses of hearing and smell, along with a generally superior personality and disposition, make German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois the most versatile working dog breeds, and the ones best suited for military duties.

The Basic Military Working Dog

Prior to the conflict in Vietnam, nearly all dogs used by the U.S. Armed Forces were trained as sentry dogs. Their function was to

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detect and attack, on command, all people except the handler and others who helped care for them. Sentry dog training is fairly simple as the dogs are taught basic obedience and almost total distrust for humans. Natural aggressiveness is greatly stimulated. Once trained, a dog's greatest reward is to be allowed to bite. The average German Shepherd's bite exerts between 400 and 700 pounds of pressure per square inch.

Complete distrust for everyone except the handler severely limited the number of ways sentry dogs could be used. They could not, for example, be used as part of a combat team such as a combat patrol, quick reaction team, or a maneuver force because of their intolerance of other team members. Also, if a sentry dog's handler became wounded, the dog would not let anyone close enough to assist. When a transfer of handlers was necessary, it took several weeks for a new handler to gain the dog's trust. Clearly, a dog trained to be more tolerant was needed. Civilian police dog training provided the answer.

In 1966, four sentry dog teams from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., were given patrol dog training by the Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Police Department. The additional advantages and capabilities of more tolerant and controllable dogs were quickly proven, and the patrol dog training program expanded. By 1969, the Air Force adopted the patrol dog as the standard military working dog.

Outwardly, there is little distinction between sentry and patrol dogs. However, there is a big difference in the way the dogs react to their environment and in the ways they are trained. Training objectives for patrol dogs aim for a composed, discriminating, controllable animal for detecting intruders and subsequent aggressive attack when commanded by their handlers.

Patrol dogs are trained not to be disturbed by the approach of people and to discriminate between a threat and acceptance of

patience, firmness, repetition, and reward and correction are applied throughout the training process. Of these factors, patience is the most important. The handler must never lose his patience and become irritated, or the dog becomes confused and hard to handle.

A dog does not understand the difference between right and wrong according to human standards. Desired response is communicated to the dog through reward. When the dog responds correctly, it is rewarded with verbal praise, physical petting or, with food or play articles. If a wrong response is made, the reward is withheld or, in very rare instances, correction is applied. For most dogs, a firm "no" and a jerk on the leash are sufficient corrections. Repeated jerks on the collar are seldom needed. This is the only form of correction generally applied to military working dogs. Inflicting pain on a dog is detrimental to training and not allowed. From the initial phases of training, the dog is taught not to ignore a command or fail to carry it out completely. If a dog fails to execute a command properly, praise is withheld and the dog is placed in the desired position and then praise is given. The dog is never allowed to suspect that there is any correct response except total obedience.

After basic obedience training, a dog enters advance training, which includes controlled aggressiveness, attack, and building and open area searches. During this phase a dog is taught to find a suspect or hostile person in a building or open area; to attack, without command, someone who is attacking its handler; to cease an attack upon command at any point after an attack command has been given, and other tasks. Because these tasks require absolute control over the dog at all times, proficiency training must continue from this point throughout the dog's service life.

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others by the handler. They are trained to remain alert, not to become excited by strangers, and to willingly enter vehicles with other people and dogs without becoming hostile.

The patrol dog is trained to be obedient both on and off of the leash. The dog will enter an empty building to search for hidden intruders or cover an area to find a lost or concealed object. The patrol dog is trained to attack at the command of its handler with the aggressiveness of a sentry dog, but unlike the sentry dog, can be called off the attack at any time.

Procurement

Dogs are acquired from both domestic and international vendors. Male and female dogs are accepted. Dogs must be between 12 and 36 months old, at least 22 inches high at the shoulders, and their weight must be proportional to the dog's frame and skeletal size.

Prior to procurement, prospective military working dogs undergo extensive temperament and physical evaluations. They are tested for gun shyness, aggressiveness, and searching behavior. Their physical examination includes a blood test for heartworm disease, radiographs of their hips and elbows and a thorough physical examination from head to tail. Only if the animal is found to be both temperamentally and physically sound will it be procured for the program.

Training

Military working dog training begins by establishing the handler-dog relationship through constant close association, feeding, grooming, exercise, and play. This simulates and develops the dog's natural instinct for companionship. Once this relationship has begun to develop, basic obedience training is introduced.

Obedience training for military working dogs is not significantly different from that conducted by professional civilian trainers for personal pets, except that it never stops. The same key factors of

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Dropping proficiency training on any one of these tasks for as little as 30 days significantly decreases the dog's capabilities and can result in having to retrain the dog.

Detector Dogs

Explosive detector dogs are used to support combat operations, to protect installations and personnel and to support special mission both stateside and overseas. To combat the growing use of marijuana and other drugs in Southeast Asia, a drug detection course was added in January 1971 to the MWD program. Qualified patrol dogs demonstrating exceptional curiosity, eagerness and ability to retrieve were selected as the dogs most likely to succeed in the program. The first dogs trained for marijuana detection were tested under a variety of field conditions and proved highly successful. The dogs were capable of detecting samples sealed in plastic bags and glass jars; packaged with other substances intended to mask the marijuana scent.

Based on the programs merit and success, the marijuana detector dog program expanded introducing cocaine, hashish and heroin to the program to expand the dog's capabilities. This also proved successful and today the Department of Defense has more than 500 drug detector dogs in service at various bases around the world.

Also in 1971, the Air Force began training dogs to detect explosives. The British, who trained "bomb dogs" for use in Northern Ireland, first attained success in this field. In special tests, explosives detector dogs were able to detect odor concentrations as small as one to two parts per billion; in several tests, the dogs detected concentrations too small to measure with current equipment. To ensure that detector dogs retain the highest possible level of capability, constant proficiency training is required.

In 2005, a new type of detector dog was introduced into the DoD

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inventory in response the rising threat of Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Aptly referred to as Specialized Search Dogs (or SSDs), these highly skilled counter-terrorist search assets are trained to detect arms, ammunition, and explosives - both of the conventional and homemade varieties. They differ from their standard Explosive Detector Dog (EDD) counterparts in the fact that they are far more independent and work primarily off-leash via voice and directional commands issued by the handler. Since their initial fielding, these critical assets have been involved in nearly every major combat mission conducted across both theaters and have resulted in the detection, confiscation and destruction of literally hundreds of thousands of pounds of weapons, ordnance, explosives, and ammunition.

In early 2010, the 341st TRS began assisting the Marine Corps in training Combat Tracker Dog Teams to recognize and follow a human quarry. This is the first program of its kind since the end of the Vietnam War. Each class at Lackland AFB teaches both the Marine and his canine counterpart the basics of tracking and behavior recognition. The teams are then sent to Yuma Proving Grounds in Arizona, where the skills and noses of the teams are honed into combat ready assets. Upon deployment, Combat Trackers assist Unit Commanders by tracking enemy insurgents, IED makers, and snipers. This force multiplier offers the abilities to both stop current attacks and prevent future ones.

Veterinary Care

The Veterinary Flight supporting the Department of Defense Military Working Dog program provides complete veterinary care for up to 1,150 dogs kenneled at Lackland AFB and the Lackland/ Medina Training Annex. The LTC Daniel E. Holland MWD Hospital is a unique referral center providing primary care and specialty level care as well as worldwide referral and consultative services for all

dogs in the DOD MWD programs, and those of other federal agencies such as the Transportation Security Administration, National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program. The Veterinary Flight's professional staff consists of 14 veterinarians both U.S. Army Veterinary Corps Officers and civilian - with advanced training in surgery, radiology, internal medicine, critical care, epidemiology and animal behavior. Twenty-five registered veterinary technicians and U.S. Army animal care specialists complete this highly-skilled staff. Special procedures and other capabilities include: endoscopy, laparoscopy, arthroscopy, orthopedic and neurosurgery, rehabilitative care (e.g., laser therapy, underwater treadmill) and specialized diagnostic imaging modalities (e.g., ultrasound, CT). The Veterinary Flight also supports dog procurement by completing thorough medical evaluations on each prospective canine candidate.

Disposition

Today most military working dogs serve long, useful careers. Unfortunately there have been highs and lows in the way that war dogs have been treated by our government through out the years and various war conflicts. American families donated dogs to serve in the military during World War II and the defense Department treated the volunteer dog soldiers as military personnel. Some of the four-legged heroes were killed in action while saving American lives, and after the war, the dogs who survived were returned to their proud families with "Honorable Discharges". Some even received medals for heroism.

In the 1960's, however, policies changed regarding America's War Dogs. Four-legged soldiers would no longer be eligible for any special recognition or medals, but because they were so valuable in previous wars, the U.S. military officially purchased and trained dogs for duty. Generous American families still donated dogs to be

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trained and serve too, but none of those were ever returned to their families after the Asian war. Three to four thousand scout and sentry dogs served in Vietnam, protecting our troops and saving many thousands of American lives. But... under orders from the U.S. government, and despite desperate pleas by their handlers, most of the faithful dogs were not allowed to return to the states. They were considered "military "equipment." At war's end less than 250 dogs were transferred to other military installations. A majority of the dogs were euthanized. Others were either left in Vietnam to starve, or handed over to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, who slaughtered the dogs for meat.

"War Dogs...America's Forgotten Heroes," which originally aired on the Discovery Channel in 1994, documented the seldom publicized, heart-wrenching accounts of those dogs who bravely served in US Armed Forces during the Vietnam War. It has subsequently been aired around the world on the National Geographic Channel and other cable TV channels. The documentary created public awareness and sparked long overdue public support for a change of policy and a fitting tribute to the forgotten heroes.

Two National Memorials were created to honor the dogs who so valiantly service. The first memorial was placed at March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, and unveiled on President's Day,



February 21, 2000. The second is at Sacrifice Field in Fort Benning, Georgia. It was unveiled on October 8, 2000. These memorials honor all United States military dogs and canine handler teams that have ever served in battle. Likewise there was a marked improvement in the

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manner in which the government treated the animals that had so faithfully served our country. Today they are indeed viewed with honor and respect

When dogs are no longer needed by one installation, they are moved to another. There is no limit to the number of times a dog can change handlers. Those that are unable to perform full military duties are returned to Lackland AFB and used in training or as demonstration dogs. In this way, most dogs serve the Department of Defense for at least 10 to 12 years.

A policy of euthanizing military dogs when they become ill or too old to serve was changed November 6, 2000, when a law was passed stipulating an adoption alternative to the military's euthanasia tradition. The Robby Law, permits MWDs to be adopted following completion of their careers on "active duty." MWDs are in reality canine athletes who must be in peak physical condition to perform their duties as patrol detection dogs. But canine athletes, much like people, experience a decline in their capabilities with advancing age. Now all dogs nearing the end of their military careers are carefully screened for their potential to be adopted as pets or transferred to other government law enforcement agencies.

Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to Military War Dogs who have faithfully served throughout the years. Statistics show that their presence saved thousands of lives and for that, we are forever in their debt. As a working dog club and as a nation we should remember the work these animals do and the impact it makes on protecting the lives of our military men and women. Our nation needs to treat these four legged soldiers with the honor they so duly deserve. If you ever get a chance, visit the two national memorials honoring our military dogs. Pretty incredible work by our canine friends! I salute them!

Guide Dogs of America



Another great group of working dogs are those trained as assistance dogs for the blind. My friend Mary Pavelko recently flew to California. On her flight she met someone from Guide Dogs of America and she told me about their work. Guide Dogs of America (GDA), an International

Guiding Eyes program, is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing guide dogs to qualified visually impaired individuals eighteen years or older. All services are provided at no charge to the recipient; however, the cost to produce a qualified guide dog companion, training of the guide dog team, and the follow-up services necessary to insure each team continues to remain safe and effective throughout the team's working life is \$42,000.

Located on a park-like seven and a half acre campus in Sylmar, California, Guide Dogs of America begins by breeding their own specially selected Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, and occasionally German Shepherds. By controlling the breeding stock, GDA ensures that our dogs meet the three basic requirements: willingness, health, and temperament. All future guide dogs are born in the GDA "Puppy Nursery." At seven to eight weeks of age, the puppies are placed with specially selected, pre-screened, volunteer foster families known as puppy raisers, who provide them with basic obedience skills, socialization, and most importantly, lots of love. During this time, each puppy wears a bright yellow jacket, identifying their mission. In most instances, this jacket allows the puppy access to areas that might otherwise be inaccessible to other dogs, e.g. restaurants, businesses, markets, churches, shopping malls, and public transportation. This socialization is important since these are all locations where students will require their guide dog companion to help them navigate.

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After approximately 18 to 20 months, the dogs are returned to Guide Dogs of America for evaluation. If the dogs meet the strict criteria, licensed instructors will use positive reinforcement to train them to become guide dogs. This formal training lasts approximately four to six months. Once formal training is completed, the dogs are expertly matched with blind students taking into consideration their lifestyles and environments. In addition, the personalities of students and guide dog, size, strength, pace of walk, and energy levels of each are also matched to ensure a harmonious relationship.

Each class is limited to a maximum of ten students assigned to three instructors. This small student to instructor ratio allows for greater flexibility and specialized teaching. The training period for first time students is 28 days and for re-trainees, 21 days. During class, each guide dog team spends 24-hours-a-day together at the GDA facility. Their dormitory features private rooms, individual relieving areas, as well as lounge, snack, and game rooms. Upon course completion, a graduation ceremony is held for students, dogs, friends, family members, donors, and the general public. The graduates then return home with their new partners and a renewed sense of freedom and independence. Approximately 50 teams graduate through the Guide Dogs of America program each year.

Since its founding in 1948 by Joseph Jones, Sr., a retired member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, GDA has graduated over 3,000 successful guide dog teams throughout the United States and Canada. GDA receives no funding from any government agencies. All donations come from caring individuals, businesses, foundations, clubs and organizations, wills, and bequests. If you would like information on their sponsorship program or to make a donation, or arrange for a speaker to make a presentation, please feel free to contact Guide Dogs of America at: 818-362-5834. For our club members in California, or for those planning a trip out west, you can schedule a tour of the facility on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays by reservation.

Guide Dogs of America looks forward to working with blind and

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visually impaired individuals who are willing to work hard, and who have demonstrated they can physically control and benefit from the use of a guide dog. Their assessment goal is to ensure that each accepted applicant will have a strong understanding of the leadership role necessary for the continued development of the human/guide dog relationship.

Prior to beginning training, an application must be submitted, along with reports from a physician, eye doctor, and mobility specialist. Applicants should be at least eighteen years of age, but there is no upper age limit. The application includes questions regarding previous guide dog experience. Applicants are asked to describe the general conditions under which the dog will be working. An applicant must also show that they are able to cover the costs associated with having a working guide dog including all necessary food and medical care, as well as demonstrate that they are able to provide an appropriate home environment. A completed application takes approximately four weeks to process. Even with the demand for such highlyspecialized services, those accepted for training usually wait only two to six months before the start of training. However, if there are special training needs, the waiting period may be as long as one year. About 80% of the completed applications received each year are accepted for training.

Guide Dogs of America is one of only three California guide dog schools and all instructors are licensed by the state of California. Students who live outside of Southern California are provided complimentary transportation so they will all arrive on the Sunday before class starts. The time between arrival and meeting their future guide dog partners on Wednesday is devoted to teaching preliminary guide work skills and fine tuning the dog match by learning the students' lifestyle and mobility needs. When the guide dog match is made, the student is provided with the dog's name, breed, and information about the dog's unique personality. To promote

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the rapid establishment of a close bond between human and dog, each student is given a private room.

Guide Dogs of America is committed to providing a training program designed for the abilities and the needs of the individual. The customized training course is designed to progress at an appropriate pace and to accomplish the goals established by their licensed instructors in an organized manner. Students work one-on-one with their instructors to facilitate the groundwork necessary to make an exceptional team match, the first week consists of dormitory orientation, issuing equipment, theory and practice in basic commands and guide work, and Individual instruction.

During the second week, students learn how to cross streets safely and effectively. The third week emphasizes working pre-selected routes with minimal assistance from the instructor. These routes include public buildings, shopping malls, various obstacles, both urban and rural areas, public transportation, and additional practice with traffic. The fourth and final week consists of independent instruction and working routes that are similar to the home environment of the student in addition to addressing the individual needs of each student. Upon successful completion of the required training program, the student is given full ownership of their guide dog.

Guide Dogs of America's commitment to their graduates does not stop at graduation. Each team is provided individualized care on an as needed basis for the life of the team. Graduates are always welcome to attend any Guide Dogs of America event and the school remains in touch by newsletter several times a year.

The positive impact that a specially trained guide dog can make for someone in need of such services is beyond measure. I currently have a customer who is both blind and deaf. This gentleman lives independently with great success and confidence. How can he do so well? He's been partnered with a trained guide dog though this program. It changed everything for him. So, if you know of someone in need of service from Guide Dogs of America, please share this information and have them call 818-362-5834.

A Boy and His Dog

By Edgar Guest

A boy and his dog make a glorious pair:
No better friendship is found anywhere,
For they talk and they walk and they run and they play,
And they have their deep secrets for many a day;
And that boy has a comrade who thinks and who feels,
Who walks down the road with a dog at his heels.

He may go where he will and his dog will be there, May revel in mud and his dog will not care; Faithful he'll stay for the slightest command And bark with delight at the touch of his hand; Oh, he owns a treasure which nobody steals,

No other can lure him away from his side;
He's proof against riches and station and pride;
Fine dress does not charm him, and flattery's breath
Is lost on the dog, for he's faithful to death;
He sees the great soul which the body conceals-Oh, it's great to be young with a dog at your heels!

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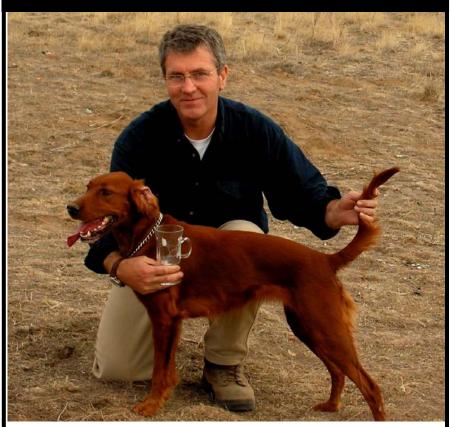
He's RED HOT! Jericho Wins Again! Kansas Shooting Dog of the Year 2010-11



Kansas Horseback Setter of the year 2009-10 Kansas Shooting Dog of Year 2009-2010

At the 2011 Kansas Field Trial Clubs Association annual business meeting and Awards Banquet June 25th at Emporia, Kansas, Jericho was again recognized as the Kansas Shooting Dog of the Year for 2010-2011. Jericho's owner Don Beauchamp is making a name for himself as his dogs continue to tear up in the fields and prairies of Kansas. You may recall that Aiken was awarded the Open All Age Dog of the year in 2008-2009 and was then declared runner up Open All Age dog of the year in 2009-2010. Congratulations Don! ©

Irish Setter of Year for Region 10 Red Delicious Rachel



Northwest Club Member Craig O'Brine recently received word that his dog, Red Delicious Rachel was named Irish Setter of the Year for Region 10. Craig works on the Alaska Pipeline. He and his wife Carolyn have Red Delicious Kennels located in Yakima, Washington. I had the pleasure of meeting the O'Brine's some years ago when they traveled through this part of the US and stopped here for dinner. They are great folks with beautiful red dogs who are making their mark out west. Congratulations ©

Dr. Jim Fike Amateur Handler's Award

The Dr. Jim Fike Amateur Handler's Award recognizes Jim Fike's contribution to *The Purest Challenge*. Jim campaigned

dogs out west during the earlier years of the club. One of his dogs, Sage of Johnny Red is pictured here. Jim died in February 2010 a year after this award was created in his name. The Dr. Jim Fike Award will be awarded to the Amateur Handler in the club



having the highest number of points for handling a red setter to open or amateur placements. The Award is open only to amateur handlers, in accordance to the qualifying rules for such issued by FDSB and AFTCA. Placements must be FDSB/AFTCA sanctioned. Award time line runs from July 1 through June 30th of the subsequent calendar year. Placements must be reported within 30 days of receipt. Handler must be a member of the NRSFTC throughout the award time period. Points awarded as follows:

Type of Stake	1st	2nd	3rd	4th**
Less than One Hour	4	3	2	1
1 Hour or more (Non-Championship)	8	6	4	2
All Breed Championship	18	15	na	na
NRSFTC Championship	15	12	na	na

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Dr. Jim Fike Amateur Handler Award As of July 1, 2011 Runs July 1st 2010 through June 30th 2011 **Total points** Points earned **Amateur Handler** this period this year Hammons, Tim 53 1 Fazenbaker, Allen 34 1 Edwards, Joe 1 20 Leonard, Ross 16 1 Gove, Robert 15 1 Aughenbaugh Bill 10 1 Baker, Jim 7 1 7 Agnew Andy 1 Hammons, Kris 1 6 Brown, Andrew 1 6 O' Brine Craig 1 5 Liermann, Ed 1 5 Hidalgo Dennis 1 4 Hidalgo Bonnie 1 4 2 Vaughan Billy 1 Cottle, Rex 1 2 Ashby, Jim 2 1

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		2010 High Perfori s January 1, 2011 th			
Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Point
Code Red	М	Tim Hammons	Silver Creek Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	380
Aiken	М	Don Beauchamp	Rockfish	Chantilly	96
		2010 Duke Aw Runs July 1st 2010 t	ard as of 6/30/ hrough June 30th		
Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Point
Breakstone	М	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	94
Jericho	М	Don Beauchamp	Chaparral	Sunset Silk	62
Touchstone	М	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Applebee	42
Youtoo	М	Don Beauchamp	Aiken	Solitaire	10
Jordin	F	Dennis & Bonnie Hidalgo	Breakstone	Applebee	8
		LeGrande Award January 1, 2011 th			
Breakstone	М	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	1092
Jericho	М	Don Beauchamp	Chaparral	Sunset Silk	620
Touchstone	М	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Applebee	544
Code Red	М	Tim Hammons	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	380
Redstone	М	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Applebee	302
Youtoo	М	Don Beauchamp	Aiken	Solitaire	120
Aiken	М	Don Beauchamp	Rockfish	Chantilly	96
Jordin	F	Dennis & Bonnie Hidalgo	Breakstone	Applebee	96
Rockit	F	Tim Hammons	Another Time Around	Rock The World	60
Red Rock	М	Tim Hammons	Silver Creek Solution	Silver Creek Lizzy	24

Please Note: The Duke and LeGrande were incorrect in the e-mail version previously mailed out. Thank you Dr. Boser for telling *The Flushing Whip.*The Duke and LeGrande listed here are the correct standings

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2010 NRSFTC Puppy of the Year as of 7/1/11
Runs July 1st 2010 through June 30th 2011

Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
CC Tullamore Dew	M	Al Fazenbaker/Al Fazenbaker	Come Back Audie	Come Back Gracie	144
Pinehollow Colter	M	Jim Ashby/Jim Ashby	Aiken	Sunset Silk	24
LVK Molly	F	Jim Ashby/Jim Ashby	Jericho	Mattie's Blue Darter	16
Leonard's Strongbow	M	Al Fazenbaker	Aiken	Sunset Silk	8

2010 NRSFTC Derby of the Year as of 7/1/11 Runs July 1st 2010 through June 30th 2011

Justified	М	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Come Back Judy	850
Red Rock	M	Tim Hammons	Silver Creek Solution	Silver Creek Lizzy	172
Natural Red	M	Bill Aughenbaugh	Jericho	Solitare	136
Calypso	M	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Come Back Judy	96
Red Rush	M	Tim Hammons	Silver Creek Solution	Silver Creek Lizzy	24
Red & Ready	M	Tim Hammons	Silver Creek Solution	Silver Creek Lizzy	24

2010 Red Setter Walking Shooting Dog of the Year as of 7-1-11

Runs January 1, 2011 through December 31st, 2011

Dog	Sex	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Meteu Medicine Man	M	Al Fazenbaker O/H	King Cormac	Grainne NiMhalle	80

The NRSFTC NSTRA Award as of July1st 2011

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Pal Holiday M Steve Witz	King Cormac	FW Flash Edition	192	
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