

# News n' Litters

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## To our Celtic Friends (both current and future owners):

Lately, we have been inundated with neat notes and neater photographs of the youngsters who we have placed in the last year or so. It had been my intention to try to get a "rotating" sampling of those photos and letters into the brochure, but that has proven to be not possible according to my printing wiz. Instead, I have decided to do a newsletter to bring these pictures and notes to you; also, in most instances, I have permission of the owner to provide phone numbers and addresses; so that you may, if you wish, call someone in your area to either see their pup or talk to them about their experiences.

Hopefully, you will enjoy the following as much as I have.



*"Celtic's Bloody Glove"  
(our '98 Brag dog)*

## FEATURED CELT OF THE MONTH: "CAROLINA SPORT"

Owner: Reuben S. Pepper of Easley, S.C. (864) 859-5110

Here is the first report on my puppy. His registered name is Celtic's Carolina Sport. His call name is Sport. He is doing real well. He heels, sits, stays, whoas, retrieves a ball real good. He weighs 40 pounds now, is healthy as can be and looks real pretty. I'm very happy with him.



Dear Mr. Ober,

It's about time for me to give you another report on our pup. He was 10 months old on July 21, weighs 55 pounds, has shed his old coat and is a deeper red now. He is a beautiful dog. He still obeys commands real well, points everything that moves from grasshoppers to pet rabbits.

I'm still pleased with him. It has been hot in S.C. for the past two or three months. I haven't been able to run him very much but hope to start in September and get him in some wild quail. Thanks again.

Dear Paul,

As requested I'm sending you some pictures of Sport and the number in his ear (19).

I took him hunting Thursday afternoon and carried two chuckers with me. I let Sport run in a big open field about an hour and half. The chuckers were in a small wire cage which I put in a big clump of weeds. I camouflaged the top of it with weeds. The wind was blowing from west to east so I took Sport out about 100 yards and brought him in facing the wind. When he got about 50 yards in he started winding those birds and cat walking. I walked along beside him until he was about ten yards from the birds then he locked down. I walked all around him taking pictures as you can see. After about 20 minutes I put both birds out about 100 yards apart. When he found and pointed them I kicked them up and shot them. He retrieved them both beautifully.



Paul, I had two English pointers out of two-time national champion, Allegheny Sport, about twenty years ago. They were the best dogs I ever had but I honestly believe Sport is better at sixteen months than they were. When you hunt him in an open field, even if it's a mile wide, he will go all the way around it. When you hunt him in woods or heavy cover he works out 40 or 50 yards. He has a nose to match any dog I've ever seen. I now understand how you can give a three year warranty on your pups.



My gut feeling is that I should forget the breeding and get a pup out of this same combination (Superfund and Slander). I may do that later. I'll see what you come up with.

Thank you again for Sport. He's my kind of dog.

Reuben S. Pepper  
Easley, S.C.



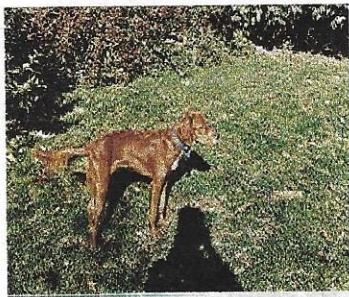
The dog (Murphy) has worked out well and is in full control of our family. He is great with people and other dogs i.e. gentle, submissive, non-aggressive. However, he still wants to eat our cat and has taken over the house and delegated her to the basement. He does point birds and hunts pretty well.

He also caught and ate a mink at our cottage this summer. I take responsibility for his faults as a hunter. He is a small dog (40 -45 lbs.) But very agile and athletic.

He and I have bonded fairly well in the last year or so, and he is a companion 1<sup>st</sup> and a hunter 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is how I like it.

We are very fond of him and have no complaints. He is smart and playful and is great with people of all ages. He should also calm down in the field as he gets older. In short, we like him and thank you for him.

Jim



"Murphy's" showing promise in the field, although he is still young and wild. I took him to South Dakota a few weeks ago.

We think he's great and are enjoying him immensely.

Jim Evashevski of Ann Arbor, MI  
(313) 761-5529

Here's the pictures of Desert Skye you wanted. We call her Skye. She is doing fine and I want to say thanks for the great job you did in picking this dog for us.

I'll stay in touch with you to let you know how she is progressing and you keep in touch with me.

Jerry Jozwiak of Elk Grove, IL  
(847) 439-5573

P.S. Everyone knows Irish Setters don't point!



"Madra"

"Killy"

Enclosed are a couple of photos of "Killybegs" AKA "Killy". Killybegs is a small town in the province of Ulster. The town hosts the Irish Fishing Fleet and is one of the favorite spots that we visited in Ireland.

She remains a true joy to our family; officially house trained and quite the civilized, refined lady. Killy and our 5 yr female Madra are inseparable friends which has been a pleasant break for our old male dog. She has laid claim to her own dog bed which she drags in front of the fireplace in the bedroom when she's looking to be "cozy".

I've hooked up with a tremendous obedience group in the Malvern/Frazer area. The group is strong well through the advanced levels. I'll keep you posted on her progress.



She is a wonderful addition to our family!

Sincerely,

Donna Spillane of Glenmoore, PA  
(610) 458-5015



## Celtic Pups - They're so Darn Cute!



"Molly"

What a pup - just a pleasure to be with and rouse. She adjusts to everything "goes with the flow". She goes everywhere with me and Liz.

St. Patty's Day she was with us all day - a hit wherever we went.

Bill Devereau of Parkway Union, NJ  
(908) 688-1220



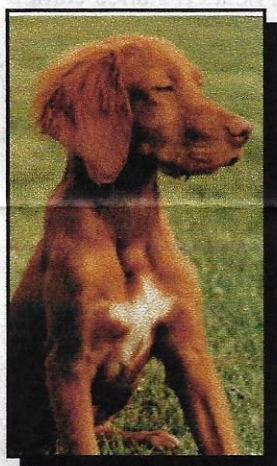
Dear Paul,

I am sorry it took me so long to send you pictures of our puppy we named Finnigan.

He is a pleasure and trained very well. He was just to the vet for the last of his shots and weights 43 lbs.

Thank you,

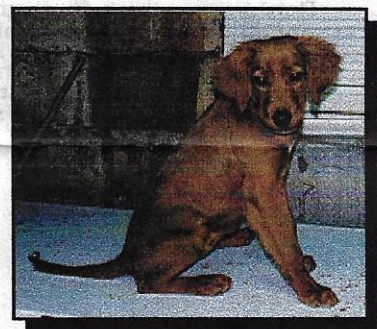
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"Bailey Irish Cream"



"Shannon"



"Sassy"



Casey's very sweet by nature and extremely intelligent.

Casey is doing fine. She has more energy than we have both together. She's very bright. Your pre-training has proved to be very beneficial. She's now telling us when she has to go out. We start obedience training next month. She loves to chase our kitties. She's really sweet and has a wonderful disposition.

Sincerely,

Karen Rank of Lebanon, PA  
(717) 272-1205

Dear Paul,

We've had Peaches (I think you called her Jen) for about a year now and I can't tell you how pleased we are with her. My wife dotes on her and my son enjoys roughhousing with her in the family room. Matt and I are avid hikers and fossil hunters and Peaches always accompanies us on our trips. After rereading your booklet, I have to agree that you have successfully bred a generous measure of intelligence into your dogs.

There's only one thing I find somewhat disconcerting. When it's time to go outside, she looks for me no matter where I am in the house. She barks at me at least three times, eyes bright, eyebrows raised. I think my wife has been secretly training her but I can't prove it.

Cordially,

Tim Murphy of Boiling Springs, PA  
(717) 258-6020





# "News from The American Field, 1/24/98"

## Region 1 Amateur All-Age Championship

"As the curtain rose Saturday morning, the first brace was prepared to venture forth across the frozen snowy Glastonbury Meadows tundra. River flood land that borders the Connecticut River is made up of a series of cornfields, hay lots, vegetables patches and assorted sections of woodlands and swampy areas. These pieces come together to offer a large open tract.

Celtic's Comeback Lady (Miller/Ober) and Big Creek Patches (Heimdal) were the first to "break ground" as both dogs broke away vigorously and disappeared into the woods. Lady stood after crossing the pasture in a wooded clump. The handler flushed a covey of quail and fired. She continued running the open country in a big way, looking very stylish and quick. At 12 Patches had a find by the gully, where Lady came in and backed from across the field. Patches continued on with a moderate race until handler chose to pick her up at 40. Lady was found standing in the woods along the river's bend at 20, well off her birds with a picturesque stance. A covey of quail was flushed under a blowdown. She continued on, making a nice sweep down Meadow Road's edge, then crossed and was on point in Pheasant Alley when riders approached. A single quail was flushed. The red setter was sent on, making a confident swing to be found pointing a covey at 40. She began her final long swing along the river's edge, then crossed and closed up, becoming a little erratic for the finish. Lady's performance was the next considered after champion and runner-up." Page 28.

## Potomac Irish Setter Club Trials

"Scott Beyer handled Rick Didyoung's stylish Irish Setter Celtic's Sunshine to second with sharp manners and a forward, wide driving application and several well spaced finds.

The Opening Shooting Dog followed with equally intense competition. Scott Beyer piloted Rick Didyoung's young Irish setter Celtic's Sunshine back into the winner's circle with impressive drive and intense style. Scott Beyer came back for the blue for owner Paul Ober and Celtic's Superfund showed how it was to be done. Wide driving, hard hunting, natural backing and a stop to flush, combined with four well spaced high headed stands earned the reward.

Finishing out the wet event was the Amateur Shooting Dog in which newcomer Katie Jordan piloted her Irish setter Celtic's Jake online to third with a restricted hard hunting application, showing broke on a stop to flush and one high-headed stylish find. It was too bad that his brace mate scratched and he had to complete alone. Newcomer Rick Didyoung piloted his already winning Irish setter Celtic's Sunshine to first with a wide running, hard hunting drive and two head high stylish points. Not bad for a wet miserable weekend for this young team, capturing the colors of red, yellow and then blue." Page 10.

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