

Badgerland Gordon Setter Club Newsletter January 2010



BGSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/27/10 WINTER WALK

Held at Wetzel's cabin
See Meeting Notice

3/27/10 FUN FIELD DAY

Held at R&R Ranch in Marshfield, WI

5/1 & 2/10 AKC HUNT TEST – OPEN TO ALL POINTING BREEDS

Held at Pine Island Trial Grounds in Portage, WI

8/21/10 SUPPORTED ENTRY

Held in conjunction with the Marshfield All Breed Shows in Marshfield, WI

8/28 & 29/10 AKC FIELD TRIAL

Held at Pine Island Trial Grounds in Portage, WI

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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held at the Winter Walk on February 27th. This will be held at Frank and Marte Wetzel's cabin, north of Wisconsin Dells. We will have potluck lunch, with many wonderful goodies, as always. There will be a club meeting and we will let loose the dogs for a romp through the neighboring fields. Details are on page 5 of this newsletter.

EDITORS NOTES

As always, if you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter send me something or drop me a note.

I'd also like to thank Marte Wetzel for all her help accumulating the New Titles & Wags and Brags then sending them to me for the Newsletter. It saves me a lot of time and work. Thanks Marte.

Janet

TREASURER'S NOTES

2010 dues are due. Club members who owe for 2010 received a dues notice in the mail. If you think you owe dues but did not receive a renewal notice please check with Connie at crhoden@tamdhusetters.com to see if you owe. You can also email me if you plan on not rejoining as well so I take you off the list. Family dues - \$15.00 Single membership \$12.00. Please make checks out to Badgerland Gordon Setter Club or Gordon Setter Club of America.

HELP NEEDED

Field Trial Chair and Secretary Needed. Chris Rhoden resigned as secretary so we need someone to step up and volunteer for the job. If we don't get a volunteer we won't have a field trial this year. Please consider volunteering.

BGSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 16th, 2009 8:00 PM Conference Call

Present: Jack Johnson, Clyde Sippel, Betsy Sippel, Chris Rhoden, Connie Rhoden, Steve Gibson, Lynne Summers, Don Clemons and Peg DaValt.

Chris made a motion to accept the minutes as published and Steve 2nd.

Treasurers Report: \$8,586.63

Old Business:

Becoming independent, discussion, tabled till next meeting.

Rescue: Two dogs currently in need of help. Amelia, a 3 ½ year old owner turn in, high energy, surrendered to the shelter. Polly Sisco has her, she will be put on pet finder.

An 8 to 9 year old was picked up as a stray in the Clintonville area. "Henry" is being fostered by Marsha Tuchscherer. We are looking for the original owner or a new one. He has been vet checked and appears to be a mellow fellow.

New Business:

Supported Entry: Marte will make contacts

Field Trial: We lost \$315.29, 2010 date waiting to be set up with Pine Island, New secretary is needed and paper work should be in place by March. If no one comes forward as secretary is was mentioned that as an alternative we could do a hunt test or fun field day.

Web Site: Janet made note that the web site needs updating. She also did some investigating as to what it would cost to redo the website. Discussion as to whether the cost would warrant a new website and the availability of someone that is capable of keeping on top of it. Peg mentioned that her work on the web page is on a volunteer basis where as it would cost major bucks to have someone else take it over.

Don suggested that we need to be more current and active so he will start by gathering information to update and with Steve and Jennie's help simplify and streamline that information.

Calendar Dates for 2010:

Winter Walk: Marte will host once again at their cabin.

Tentatively scheduled for Feb 27th

Fun Field Day: March 27th

Hunt Test: May 1st and 2nd

Supported Entry: August 14th???

Field Trail: To be announced

Steve made motion to adjourn and Clyde 2nd



TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for one (1) \$1,500 scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Applicant requirements:

- Owns a Gordon Setter or
- Is the child or spouse of someone who owns a Gordon Setter
- Will be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher learning for the 2010-2011 academic year
- Major field of study shall be related to Animal Sciences (including, but not limited to, veterinary, zoology, wildlife management, ecology, behavioral science, etc.) or Comparative Medicine (including, but not limited to) microbiology, pathology, biotechnology, genomics, molecular genetics, etc.)

The application can be downloaded from the TarTan GSC Inc. website: www.tartangsc.org or is available from:

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NEW TITLES

CH. Moonsetter Certifiably Sureshot

Mairead finished her Championship on October 30th, at the GSCA Specialty in New Mexico by taking Winners bitch, Best of Winners, and Best Bred by taking a 5 point major to finish out in style. Mairead is owned by Chuck and Heidi Moon. Congratulations!

WAGS AND BRAGS

BISS CH. BIS U-GRCH Glen Oaks River Breeze Shiraz

River finished out 2009 as the number 4 Gordon Setter in AKC. We are so very proud of the boy, with his invitation to participate at Westminster Kennel Club show in February. River spent November 7th at UKC shows and came home with his tenth Best in Show! River made the long trip to California for the GSCA National in December. There were 4 days of shows, with River making the cut in breed at 2 of them. River is owned by Marte Wetzel, Gail Godding and Peg DaValt.

Jett Scent Heavens Alliance

Jett went to 3 days of shows in Grand Rapids, MI on November 6, 7, and 8. He came home with Winner's Dog on Friday, and Winner's Dog and Best of Winners on Saturday and Sunday. Jett is owned by April Knoll and Carol Ervin.

Breacan All About Beating The Odds

Alfie was Winner's Dog and Best of Winners on November 22 in Shakopee, MN. He took RWD to a 4 point major on January 9th in St. Paul, MN. Alfie is owned by Pat and Roger Larson.

Gilroy Guthrie Of MacRae

Roy was Winner's Dog on November 21st in MN and RWD on November 22nd. He also was RWD, December 5th and 6th in St. Cloud, MN. He is owned by Drieke van Giffen and C. & C. Sarkinen.

Breacan Quynncidentally On Q

Q took RWB both days in Shakopee, MN, November 21st and 22nd. Q is owned by Pat and Roger Larson.

Willowglen's Midnight Special

Colt started out the year with a bang! He took Winner's Dog and Best of Winner's on Friday, January 8th for a 5 point major at the North Country Winter Specialty. On Saturday, the 9th, he again took Winner's Dog for a 4 point major. Colt is owned by Gail Godding and Graham Frank.

Willowglen's Midnight Southern Belle

Bella hung in there with her brother at the St. Paul shows. When all was said and done, she came home with RWB to one 5 point major and two 4 point majors. Bella is owned by Gail Godding and Graham Frank.

Moonsetter Sureshot Gravity

"Lil'E" went Winners Bitch in Mason City on October 11th for her first point. "Lil'E" is owned by Chuck and Heidi Moon.

BGSC 2009 AWARDS

If you have completed any AKC or UKC titles in 2009 please send or email the following information to Betsy Sippel as soon as possible.

Owner's Name

Dogs Name

Title and Date Completed

Send to Betsy Sippel
1880 210th St.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
(715) 726-1923
or email to paintcrk@cvol.net

Cold Weather Checklist for your pets

First, the basic supply list:

Do you have enough of the following items to last a few days, should the roads become unsafe for travel or the veterinary office is closed?

- pet food
- litter
- fresh water supply
- soft warm bedding
- any medications your pet takes on a regular basis

Now for the safety checklist and weather considerations:

•Outdoor pets

Some pets are better suited than others for living outdoors. There is a common misconception that dogs will be "fine" if left outside. This is not true! All pets need adequate shelter from the elements and insulation against cold weather. Pets should not be left outside for long periods in freezing weather - like humans, they can suffer from hypothermia and frostbite. The young and the senior pets are especially at risk. Certain breeds, such as Huskies and Samoyeds are better suited to very cold weather, but the majority of dogs need your help and intervention. Indoor accommodations are best during extreme temperature drops, but if that is not possible, set up a suitable house in an area protected from wind, rain, and snow. Insulation, such as straw or blankets will help keep in body heat. If your animal is prone to chewing, do not use blankets or material that can be ingested. Cedar shavings can be irritating to the skin, so use with caution depending on your pet's hair coat.

Caution - do not use a heat lamp, space heater, or other device not approved for use with animals. This is a burn hazard for your pet and a fire hazard. Pet supply vendors sell heated mats for pets to sleep on or to be placed under a dog house, but read and follow directions carefully before use.

Fresh water is a must at all times! Pets are not able to get enough water from licking ice or eating snow. A heated dish is a wonderful tool for cold climates. The water stays cold, but doesn't freeze. Caution needed for animals that may chew. Outdoor pets require additional food for energy and maintaining body heat in harsh climates.

•Foot care

Dogs walking in snowy areas may get large ice balls between their pads, causing the dog to limp. Be sure to keep ice clear from this area. For dogs that have a lot of hair between the pads, keeping it clipped shorter will help with ice ball formation. Dog boots offer protection to those dogs that will tolerate wearing them.

•Salt and chemical de-icers

Pets who walk on sidewalks that have been "de-iced" are prone to dry, chapped, and potentially painful paws. This will encourage the pet to lick their paws, and ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation and upset. Wash off your pet's feet after an outing with a warm wet cloth or footbath.

•Frozen lakes and ponds

Animals don't realize what "thin ice" is. Once they fall in, it is very difficult for them to climb out and hypothermia is a very real and life-threatening danger. "Ice skating" dogs are prone to injuries such as cruciate tears if allowed to "skate" with their humans. This is also true of icy walks.

•Antifreeze Dangers

Thirsty and curious pets will lap up antifreeze. Just a few licks can be fatal. Lock up antifreeze containers and clean up spills immediately.

•Arthritic animals

Arthritis is worse during cold and damp weather. Take special care to handle your pet gently, watch out for icy walks, provide soft (and possibly heated) bedding, and administer any necessary medications. See your veterinarian if your pet is arthritic or you suspect arthritis.

•If your pet sleeps in the garage...

As mentioned above, be on the alert for any antifreeze leakage or antifreeze containers left out where they could spill or be chewed on. Also, do NOT start the car in a closed garage - for your safety and your pet's safety - carbon monoxide poisoning is a silent killer.

•Heat-seekers beware!

Cats will seek warmth where they can get it, and that may be the warm engine of a car just parked. Before starting your car, knock on the hood or honk the horn to scare off any cats - and prevent tragedy.

Grow Old With Dogs

When I am old...
I will wear soft gray sweatshirts...
and a bandana over my silver hair.....
and I will spend my social security checks on wine and
my dogs.
I will sit in my house on my well-worn chair and listen
to my dogs' breathing.
I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer night
and take my dogs for an ice cream, if my old car will
allow...
When people come to call,
I will smile and nod as I show them my dogs...
and talk of them and about them...
....the ones so beloved of the past
and the ones so beloved of today....

I will still work hard cleaning after them, mopping
and feeding them and whispering their names in a soft
loving way.
I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a
jewel and I will be an embarrassment to all...
especially my family...
who have not yet found the peace
in being free to have dogs as your best friends....

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your
footfall...
and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep, to
greet you as if you are a God.
With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you
will always stay,
I'll hug their big strong necks...
I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...
and whisper in their very special company....

I look in the Mirror...
and see I am getting old...
this is the kind of person I am...
and have always been.
Loving dogs is easy,
they are part of me.
Please accept me for who I am.
My dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...
they love my presence in their lives.....
When I am old this will be important to me...
you will understand when you are old....
if you have dogs to love too.

~Author Unknown

WINTER WALK

This year we will hold the Winter Walk on February 27th. We will start the day at Wetzel's cabin around 11:00 with a potluck lunch. This will be followed by a club meeting and a jaunt through the fields with the dogs. They have room for 5 to 7 people to stay over. There is also a Super 8 Motel, 8 miles north on Hwy. 13, in Adams. They are a dog friendly motel and can be reached at 608-339-6088. There are also many places 15 miles south in the Dells area. Marte and Frank will plan on making pancakes and/or French Toast for Sunday morning breakfast, for anyone staying over. So, come join us and plan on hanging out for awhile. We have an outdoor wood burning sauna. Winter on the White Creek. What could be better?

Directions to the cabin:

2925 14th Court, Adams, WI

From I 90-94: Take the Mauston exit (Hwy. 82), go East to Hwy. 13 North. Go 3 ½ miles to County H, turn left onto H. Travel 1 mile on County H to 14th Ave., turn right, go to 14th Court, turn left to 2925. We are on the right side of the road.

From the East: Take Hwy 82 West to Hwy. 13 North. Go 3 ½ miles to County H, turn left on H. Go 1 mile to 14th Ave., turn right, go to 14th Court, and turn left to 2925.

From the North: Hwy. 13 South through Adams-Friendship. Go 8 ½ miles to County H, (1/2 mile past Easton Motors), turn right onto H. Go 1 mile to 14th Ave.

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