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MEETING NOTICE

The upcoming meeting for the Badgerland Gordon Setter Club is to be held on November 8th at Clyde and Betsy Sippel's home. This will be the annual board meeting. The morning will be a hunting trip for anyone interested. Bring your dogs. We will then have a potluck lunch and hold the meeting after lunch. All members with interest in the club events for 2004 are welcome to attend.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Hi!

Hope you have had a great summer! Everyone's been busy, from what I've heard. Blake and Bret Rhoden spent a lot of time at Grandma Rhoden's helping out and going to the harness races. Gail Godding and Rob and Dawn Mosgawa added puppies to their households. Gail's Gordon girl hails from Australia and Rob and Dawn's English Setter girl has added some regal color. We hear there are new mini beeves at Phil and Holly's. Frank and I have a cabin on a trout stream now. The weekends are filled with remodeling now, partying soon.

What have you been doing?

Love to hear from you!

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OCTOBER

- 3 Stone City K.C. Show, Morris, IL
- 10-12 North Country Gordon Setter Club Field Trial, Solon Springs, W
- 11 & 12 Weimaraner Club of Northern IL, Hunt Tests (2), Joliet, IL
 - 11 & 12 GSPC of IN, Hunt Tests(2), Waverly, IN
 - 11-12 Cyclone Country K.C. of Ames and Mason City K.C Shows, Mason City, IA
 - 17-19 Rapid City K.C. Shows, Rapid City, S.D.
 - 17 Mattoon K.C. Show, Springfield, IL
 - 18 Sandemac K.C. Show, Springfield, IL
 - 18 Holland Michigan K.C. Show, Allegan,MI
 - 19 Illinois Capitol K.C. Show, Springfield, IL
 - 19 Battle Creek K.C. Show, Marshall, MI
- 25 & 26 Chicago Goldcoast K.C. Shows, Villa Park, IL
- 25 & 26 Sioux Empire K.C. Shows, Sioux Falls, S.D.
 - 31 Sturgis K.C. Show, Fort Wayne, IN
 - 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN !! BOO!!

NOVEMBER

- Marion K.C. Show, Fort Wayne, IN
- 2 Northeastern Indiana K.C. Show, Fort Wayne, IN

2 Madison Dog Fair, Madison Marriott - West

- Greater Muskegon K.C. Show, Grand Rapids, MI
- 8 BGSC Board Meeting, Sippel's home, Chippewa Falls, WI
- 8 Kalamazoo K.C. Show, Grand Rapids, MI
- 9 Grand Rapids K.C. Show, Grand Rapids, MI
- 15 & 16 Kettle Moraine K.C. Shows, West Bend, WI
- 15 & 16 Council Bluffs K.C. Shows, Council Bluffs, IA
- 22 & 23 Lake Shore K.C. Shows, Crete, IL
- 22 & 23 Nebraska K.C. Shows, Omaha, NE

27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- 29 & 30 Minneapolis K.C. Shows, Minneapolis, MN
- 29 & 30 Kankakee River Valley K.C. Shows, Kankakee, IL
- 29 & 30 GSCA Hunt Tests (2), Nova, OH

DECEMBER

6 & 7 Granite City K.C. of St. Cloud, MN, St. Cloud, MN

- 10 & 11 Starved Rock K. C. Shows, Rosemont, IL
- 12 Fox River Valley K.C. Show, Rosemont, IL
- 13 & 14 Skokie Valley K.C. Shows, Rosemont, IL
 - 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

JANUARY

1 HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

- 2 North Country Gordon Setter Cub Specialty, St. Paul, MN
- 3 & 4 Land O' Lakes K.C. Shows, St. Paul, MN
- 17 & 18 Central Iowa K.C. shows, Des Moines, IA
- 17 & 18 Livingston K.C. Shows, Novi, MI
 - 17 Wheaton K.C. Show, Wheaton, IL
- 18 Wisconsin K.C. Show Milwaukee. WI
- 25 Chain O' Lakes K.C. Show, Grayslake, IL

FEBRUARY

- 7 Central Indiana K.C. Show, Indianapolis, IN
- 8 Hoosier K.C. Show, Indianapolis, IN
- 15 Keomah K.C. Show, Des Moines, IA
- 19 Park Shore K.C. Show, Chicago, IL
- 20 Blackhawk K.C. Show, Chicago, IL
- 21 & 22 International K.C. of Chicago Shows, Chicago, IL

NEW TITLES

Tartana Hubert Featherman, MH, CGC, NAVDHA PRIZE 1

Hubert completed his NAVHDA PRIZE 1 on August 22, 2003. NAVHDA is the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association. According to our information, Hubert has the highest scores of any Gordon Setter to compete in NAVHDA. Hubert is owned by Jonathon and Melissa Brandt. Nice work Hubert and Jonathon.

CH. Clipper-Su Weldon
O'Glenoaks Clipper finished
his Championship on July 13th
at the Duluth K.C. show. He
finished with 4 point and 3 point
majors at the Paper Cities K.C.
shows and went on to Duluth 2
weeks later to finish with wins
on 2 of the 3 days. Clipper is
owned by Suzanne Dempsey
and Marte Wetzel. Way to go,
big guy!

CH. Amethyst's Sparkling MacEdan, JH MacE finished his Championship in Freeport, IL, on the 27th of September. He also took WD in Marshfield on Aug. 16. MacE is owned by Gwen and Ron Pfeil. Nice job to all!

WAGS AND BRAGS

Winteridge Ticket To Ride Riley took WD on Sept. 13 at the Rochester MN K.C. show. Riley is owned by Jon and Sandy Rushmann.

Tartana Tar and Feathers Tar took RWD Aug. 16th & 17th at Marshfield. He is owned by Val Barden. Forest Fern Hunter of the Highlands Fern was RWB at the Des Moines K.C. show on Sept. 7th. She is owned by Drieke van Giffen.

Tamdhu Dealer's Choice Vegas has been RWB this summer a few times. She

summer a few times. She picked up one on July 13th in Duluth, and 2 more at the Marshfield K.C. shows on August 16th and 17th.

Glen Oaks Montana Blue

Tana was RWB to a major on July 27th at the Waukesha K.C. show. Tana was bred and is shown by Marte Wetzel.

Ch. Titan & Amethyst's Bailey

Boy Bailey has picked up several BOB awards this summer and fall. He was BOB in Racine on Aug. 9 & 10, Elgin on Aug. 23 & 24, and in Kenosha on Sept. 6 & 7. He also made it to the last three dogs to be considered for BOB at the Gordon Highlanders Specialty on July 25th. Bailey is owned by Dick and Dee Fitzgerald.

Shojin's Somewhere In Time

Dude was RWD on June 28th and 29th at the Paper Cities shows and again on July 12th and 13th at the Duluth shows and once more on July 26th in Waukesha. In between he was WD on the 11th of July in Duluth and the 27th of July in Waukesha. Dude is owned by Peg and Greg DaValt.

Amethyst's Black in Time Coal was WD on Aug. 23 & 24 at the Elgin K.C. shows. Coal is owned by Peg & Greg DaValt and Bob Bertram. Triple B Loch N Lode Lochen has placed 3rd in Puppy Stakes at 2 field trials this fall. Her first one was on August 23rd at the BGSC Trial and then again on October 11th at the North Country GCS Trial. Lochen is owned by Clyde and Betsy Sippel.

Glen Oak's Superstition Jinx was RWB to majors on June 29th and again on July 26th. Jinx is owned by Heather Mann and Marte Wetzel.

Tamdhu Upland Classic, JH
Gauge was RWD on July 11th in
Duluth and took WD on Aug.
17th in Marshfield. Gauge is
owned by Chris and Connie

Rhoden.

Amethyst's Stormin' Back in Time Twister has been a busy girl. She took Best Gordon Puppy in Marshfield on Aug. 16th, WB on Aug. 9 & 10 in Racine and again on Aug. 23 & 24 in Elgin, IL. The next weekend saw Twister taking Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes at the Nodrog Specialty. She finished her run with a RWB both days at Kenosha on Sept. 6 & 7. Twister is owned by Peg & Greg DaValt and Dee Vayda.

Amethyst's Fire of MacKenna Patch was WD on Aug. 14th at the St. Croix Valley K.C. show in Lake Elmo, MN. Patch is owned by Carmen Schwitzer

and Peg DaValt.

NEW MEMBERS

Joe and Kristine Busche

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Joe and Kristine have Shylo: 12 years, Sadie: 9 years, Fritz: 8 years and Duke: 9 weeks.

Scott and Renee Kubly

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Scott and Renee have Autumn, 9 months old. She is a sister to DaValt's Twister. OH Hey! It's a "Twisted Sister".

OK, I know, "a little humor, very little humor".

MOVES AND CHANGES

Former members have rejoined.

John Helein

Gus Smith & Kathy Gang-Smith

Frank and Marte have purchased a cabin on a trout stream. We are in the process of redoing most of it. We are located in White Creek, off of Hwy. 13, about half way between Wisconsin Dells and Adams-Friendship. Stop in and see us, we are there most weekends working. We get to stop working if you come for a visit! We welcome all! Call us at home during the week for directions and we'll plan a cookout. 608-839-4261.

Badgerland Gordon Setter News UPCOMING EVENTS

Newsletter idea!!!!!!!

Especially for the new members, but anyone can get in on it. Write a couple of paragraphs about you, your family, your dogs, where you're located in the state, etc. Send it to Marte, I'll put it in! Thanks!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Ben Johnson------Sept. 5
Frank & Marte Wetzel---Sept. 6
Janet Gomez-----Sept. 27
Chris & Connie Rhoden-Oct. 20
Ron Pfeil-----Nov. 3
Betsy Sippel------Nov. 22
Marte Wetzel------Dec. 5
Gwen Pfeil-------Dec. 7

BADGERLAND GORDON SETTER CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

President: Jack Johnson
Vice President: Chris Rhoden
Secretary: Betsy Sippel
Treasurer: Connie Rhoden
Board Member: Don Clemons

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Badgerland Gordon Setter Club will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th at Clyde & Betsy Sippel's home. This is the annual board meeting. We will be discussing upcoming events for 2004. Any club members with interest in the BGSC events for 2004, are welcome. The weekend will start with a morning bird hunt for all interested members and dogs. We will have a potluck lunch and hold the meeting after lunch. Anyone wishing to stay over is welcome, please let Betsy know. Hunters and dogs will head for the fields again Sunday. If you have any questions, call Betsy - 715-726-1923 or Connie - 262-538-1048.

DOG FAIR

The annual Madison Dog Fair will be held on Sunday, November 2nd. This will be at the Madison Marriott – West again. We are planning our usual booth set up about 8:00 A.M. and stay through 4:00 P.M.. Several club members will in attendance to talk about the dogs, the club and present general Gordon good will.

WINTER WALK

Here's a little advance notice. We will hold the annual Winter Walk at Frank and Marte's cabin. The date will be set at the upcoming board meeting and details will be in the January newsletter. Our cabin is located on a trout stream off of Hwy. 13, about half-way between Wisconsin Dells and Adams-Friendship. We won't have all of the interior finished, but things should be quite comfortable by then.

REPORTS

BGSC SUPPORTED ENTRY

We held our Supported entry at the Paper Cities Kennel Club show on Saturday, June 28th. The shows were moved to a new location in Schofield, Wisconsin. The show site is very nice, but we didn't have the convenience of camping next door. We will be re-examining our options for next year's shows. If you have ideas or suggestions, let us know or come to the board meeting.

FIELD TRIAL

Our annual Field Trial was held on Aug. 23 & 24, at Pine Island field Trial Grounds. We had the usual hot August weather. The extra large number of dogs made for another long weekend. We had people from 7 states including Georgia and Pennsylvania.

If you decided not to pop in for the Saturday dinner and meeting, you missed it! Lots of goodies including B-B-Q chicken, glazed ham on the grills and roasted sweet corn.

Great job and thanks to a wonderful crew. Jack and Susie Johnson, Chris and Connie Rhoden, Phil and Holly Wachuta, Lynn and Wendall Summers. Marte Wetzel, Janet Gomez, Chuck Kohler, Clyde and Betsy Sippel and Don Clemons.

Thanks also to our great crew of judges, Becky Voss, Ray Marshall, Bob Larsen, Cassie Allen and Phil Wachuta!

RESULTS:

Open Gun Dog (28 starters) Judges: Becky Voss & Ray Marshall

- 1. GWP
- 2. Vizsla
- 3. GWP
- 4. GSP

Open Puppy (7 starters) Judges: Cassie Allen & Bob Larsen

- 1. GSP
- 2. Vizsla
- 3. Triple B Loch N Lode, B & C Sippel
- 4. Tartana Mystic Traveller, R & P Young

Open Limited Gun Dog (20 starters) Judges: Becky Voss & Ray Marshall

- 1. GSP
- 2. GWP
- 3. Timerfin Blazing Teal, JH, C Findley
 - 4. GWP

Open Derby (12 starters) Judges: Phil Wachuta & Ray Marshall

- 1. Rocins Maggie McTinker, JH R & C Voyles
 - 2. GSP
 - 3. Vizsla
- 4. Tartana Mystic Traveller, R & P Young

Amateur Gun Dog (13 starters) Judges: Becky Voss & Ray Marshall

- 1. GSP
- 2. GSP
- 3. GSP
- 4. FC Prairie Star High Noon, D & M Morf

Badgerland Gordon Setter News MEMORIALS

Amethyst's Bit O' Autumn "Talon"

CH. Glen Oak's Maltese Falcon, CD,MH x MacAlder J'Amethyst Royale 10/13/99 - 08/2003

"For me it is enough to say That something beautiful passed my way." -Ida Catherine Rohlf

To our friends, Don & Linda Darnick, we offer you our sympathy at the passing of Talon. He was beautiful and strong even as we said goodbye. It was so hard to know that this precious boy we brought in to the world had to leave so untimely.

He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Sleep warm, Talon (Chalupa) Love Peggy and Greg DaValt

Ch. Titan & Amethyst's **Bailey Boy** "Bailey"

Ch. Timbaray's Dangerous Liason, CD,JH x Ch. O'Eire Titan Encore O' Amethyst 6/16/01 - 10/14/03

"For the heart that is free, life is a celebration of beauty, a festival of the spirit..." -Edward Cunningham

You are now free and at peace Mr. B-Bailey...

There are so many things to say...but no words come to mind that are appropriate now.

To Dick and D Fitzgerald, you have our sincere sympathy at the loss of Bailey. He accomplished so much...in so short a time...

He will be missed and loved by the entire Fitzgerald Family.

Sleep warm, Bailey.

Love, Peggy and Greg DaValt

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MINUTES

Badgerland Gordon Setter Club Meeting

Saturday, June 28, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by VP Chris Rhoden. (President was absent).

Members in attendance: Chris & Connie Rhoden, Ron & Gwen Pfeil, Rob & Dawn Mozgawa, Frank & Marte Wetzel, Sandy DePottey, Betsy & Clyde Sippel, Janet Gomez, Peg and Greg DaValt, Val Barden, and guest Ken Brandel.

Peggy moved to accept the minutes fo the last meeting as published in the Newsletter and Marte seconded it, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: \$5076.87 in checking and \$2295.77 in our CD.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Trial – The judges are set and the premiums are out. Connie is having a raffle and is looking for donations.

Hunt Test – The event went well and the club received a lot of compliments. We made approximately \$700 in profit. We will maintain the same weekend for next year.

Rescue – Gordon was placed with the help of Highlanders Rescue. Sonny is still available. The dog in Fond du Lac is still in need of a temporary foster home. The owner is thinking of surrendering the dog to the Humane Society.

Newsletter – The latest edition has been e-mailed to those with e-mail addresses and hard copies have been mailed.

Supported Entry – A discussion was held about the new venue and camping arrangement. A discussion was held about

changing the supported entry.
A discussion was held about doing a specialty. Further discussion on the subject will be done in committee.

Jacket Liners – Connie was informed about a couple more bad liners. The company will replace the jackets but it will cost \$20 for the embroidery. Connie is putting together a new jacket order.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for Officers – Chris asked for nominations from the floor. Chris nominated Betsy for Secretary and Marte seconded the motion. No more nominations from the floor, so the nominations were closed.

Election of Officers – Janet made a motion seconded by Sandy to elect the slate of officers as published except for the Secretary. Motion carried. A vote was taken for the role of Secretary. Betsy was elected.

BGSC Officers: President –
Jack Johnson, Vice – President
– Chris Rhoden, Secretary –
Betsy Sippel, Treasurer –
Connie Rhoden, Board of
Directors – Craig Mical (1),
Janet Gomez (2), Don Clemons
(3).

Sandy reminded everyone about the North Country Club's training day that was going to be held at her house.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Connie. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Minutes submitted by acting secretary Janet Gomez.

Badgerland Gordon Setter Club Meeting

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003

Pine Island, Portage, WI

Meeting called to order at 9:40 P.M. by President Jack Johnson.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance:???

CD: \$2306.72

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Trial

Entries for the field trial were discussed.

- A. Discussion concering limiting entry numbers in certain stakes.
- B. The possibility of running a three day trial.
 - C. Running two fields.

Chris motioned and Janet seconded that we refer these issues to the Field Trial Committee, with plans to be in place by the board meeting.

Any suggestions or recommendations to be referred to the Field Trial Committee.

Bob Larsen initiated discussion on including AFC as well as AKC affiliation.

Hunt Test

We had some very nice compliments on our hunt test with a \$700 profit as a bonus. Jim Gleash warned us that the GSP National would be coming in on the Sunday of our Hunt Test next year. Discussion followed on the problems that may develop and how to deal with them.

Rescue

Dog in Athens. Does not get along with other dogs. In a no kill shelter. Looking for home. Lady, who was in Chippewa

Humane Association kennel, has been spayed (thanks to BGSC) and placed. Grant Survey for rescue discussed.

Newsletter

Discussion on the use of E-Mail for the newsletter. Pros and Cons. New member welcome brochure suggested, invation to next meeting with date and time, phone call.

Connie and Betsy to make up a welcome packet.

Supported Entry

Everything went well. Janet suggested moving to a new show site. Discussion. Referred to Committee. Betsy will send results of show to GSCA newsletter.

Jackets

Jackets are done and have been delivered.

Board Members

Elections held at Supported Entry. Same officers, with new secretary, Betsy Sippel. Contact Craig Michal in regards to his board position. GSCA needs the list of new officers.

NEW BUSINESS

Next board meeting to be held Nov. 8th at the Sippels home in Chippewa Falls.

Discussion on having a social get together, such as camping weekend. Frank and Marte will check on Marshfield Campground.

Web Site: Run requests through Chris.

Dog Fair: Business as usual.

Chris made motion to adjourn. Everyone seconded!

Minutes submitted by Secretary Betsy Sippel

GIGGLES AND GRINS

Dear Dog Owner,

Are you experiencing too many reserves and 2nd places to inferior animals in the show ring?

In the agility and/or obedience ring, does your dog forget his own name? Well, this simple chain letter is meant to bring relief and happiness to you. Unlike most chain letters, it doesn't cost money.

Simply send a copy to six other dog owners who are dissatisfied with the way their dogs are working and showing.

Also bundle up your dog and send him/her to the dog owner at the

top of this list, and add your name to the bottom of the list.

Do not use a return address or the post office may try to contact you.

In one week, you will receive 16,436 dogs, and at least one of them should be a keeper.

Have faith in this letter. Do not break the chain. One owner broke the chain and got his own dog back.

All people over 25 should be dead.

To the survivors:

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.)

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors! We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few

times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.

We had friends! We went outside and found them. We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth,and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And you're one of them!

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Congratulations. Please pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before lawyers and government regulated our lives, for our own good.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors?

A must read for people over 25 yrs of age.

TERMINOLIGY

 ANGULATION-degree to which dog handlers will bend over backwards to impress judges.

*BALANCE-(a) how to arrange the checkbook so your husband won't know how much money you spent on dog shows last month. Usually done in the bathroom with the door locked; (b) ability to hold coffee, danish, leash, treats and entry form all at once.

*BITCH-(a) name for a lady dog; (b) name often heard at dog shows, not always to describe a lady dog.

*BLIND RETRIEVEwhen you can't see the toy under the furniture.

*CGC-Canine Gastrointestinal Catastrophe aka.: GAS

*COAT-the hairy

covering of a dog that usually falls out about one week before the Specialty show.

*CRABBING-what you do when the judge doesn't like the way your dog moves.

*DAM- (a)lady dog with children; (b)expression frequently overheard at dog shows as losers leave the ring.

*DISTEMPER-shown by those hot-headed competitors.

*DOG-to chase a judge from show to show in an effort to attain more breed wins.

*DOUBLE BLINDfinding two toys under the furniture.

*ELBOW-method of getting to ringside when late.

*EXPRESSION"Sweet" look adopted by dogs while staring ravenously at chunks of liver.

*FANCIER-degree to which some gentlemen handlers dress more than others.

*FEATHERINGS-what winners are accused of doing to judges' nest.

*FLYBALL-neutering.

*FORCE FETCH-dog drops the toy under furniture, scratches at the carpet until you're forced to

"fetch" it.

*FRONT-part of the dog often stacked toward the outside of the ring.

*GUARD HAIR-an activity in which one watches intently as the dog's hair falls out, in clumps, just after entries are mailed.

*HEEL-(a)what you feel like when your dog beats the one you had just sold to an eager novice; (b)expression ofter screamed to attract the attention of deaf dogs.

*HEIGHT-as in
"Maximum Allowed", a
measurement which
all champions fall under
by AT LEAST 1/8 of an
inch.

*HOCK-a way of financing your dog shows by the use of jewelry such as wedding rings.

*KENNEL-where you go when the kids fight and your husband yells at you.

*LITTER-trash left all over the building and parking lot after a dog show.

*MASK-what to wear when you have to show the pet you sold six months ago.

*MULTI-GENERATIONAL PEDIGREE-something you should have read first. *MUZZLE-what to put on your kids at a dog show to prevent them from calling your competition what they overheard you call him last night.

*NOSEPRINTS-cute marks left all over your french doors.

*OUTCROSSING-what your husband tells the minister you are doing out in the kennel with the dog and the bitch.

*OVERSHOT-running so fast as to pass the 1st place ring marker and plow into the judge and the stewards.

*PEDIGREE-dog food with lots of great coupons.

*POINTS-minute, invisible awards for winning which you cannot convince your spouse are more important than cash prizes.

*PUPPIES-small, dog like food-processing machines with the ability to stick up an entire house and collectively deafen a band of magpies. (the creatures have not yet been perfected, as they come with leaky systems, and can also be dangerous to weak hearts and bank accounts.

*QUALIFYING SCORE-justifying the 170.5 you got in obedience today.

*RIBBONS-what you want to cut the other exhibitors into, after their pet wins.

*SPECIALTY-whatever your dog is good at, like bringing home dead cats or chewing on walls.

*TYPE-what your dog has. . .if you turn down the lights and squint a little.

*UTILITY-the kind of vehicle you need to haul around your dogs.

GRACIE

The following are e-mails from Dawn Mozgawa associated with the pending arrival and days following, of English Setter puppy Gracie.

The anticipation dances
within me
Despite all reasonable effort
she already romps
with abandon
inside my heart.

That little girl
in pudgy puppy fashion
has no idea
that I have already
fallen in love.

She is my
little happy thought
that pulls me from sleep
at 5 am after that
slumberous walk to relief
and back to bed.

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I am ashamed to be counting the days like a kid til Christmas until she FINALLY whirls into our lives.

Chewed chairs and puppy puddles have no place in my head right now although I know those days will come packed with her little puppy things.

No, bright eyes and soft kisses and dreams of days in field and ring take up all the room I have for now.

Dawn Mozgawa Madison, WI

Glen Oak Majick's Afoot, GS (Brady)
Summit Fairmeadow Sky Lark
JH GS (Phoebe),,,
and *Coming Soon ...*to be spoiled in similar fashion...
Monimar FairMeadow Summer Wind, ES (Gracie)

Hey gang!

"Gracie" is finally HOME !! And I can't believe it--she turned out to be the "yellow girl" that I had adored--a real pistol--but I thought for sure that the breeder was going to keep her. It was a long day--had to work the morning and then drive to Hartland, wait for the folks to come back from the Waukesha shows, which actually gave me some private one-on-one time with all six girls, and then the grading....very hot and humid, too as I'm sure you are all aware...

Anyway, you could have knocked me over with a feather as I was trying to pick between Purple and Magenta--both had some very nice features and a few flaws, both were a little too long in the body, when Mary Kay announces that she's keeping Olive. Olive had the best shoulder layback to continue improving her breeding lines--but she was never my pick as she was quite a bit darker and just not the "bright light" that Yellow was. Everyone loved Yellow--she's just a "wee" bit short in the upper shoulder blades but it doesn't affect her movement or reach at all. Great head, elegant neck, compact body, nice markings...loads of attitude...

MK said she is the "specials" girl out of the litter--what I had suspected all along with my novice eye-- and she already has one (a specials girl) from her Tequila's Feb. litter. "Twist" is another pistol....Mk told me that Eileen Hackett is signing on as handler/co-owner on her AND she now has a backer for Twist too.

I just had to agree to show Gracie which, of course, was JUST WHAT I WANTED. (No co-own or contract, Peggy.) I know she's going to be a handful, but it will all be worth it. Introductions went fine so far at home and Rob adores her too and is so HAPPY for me.

What a great B-day present. (I enter my *severely late 40's* on Monday !!)

Not much sleep last night, but, oh those kisses!!

Her nickname du jour is the "Terrorist Bunnyhug." Dawn Dear Friends and Family,

After a couple of "amazing" days where Grace decided to listen to her shoulder with the good angel on it, today she has turned into quite the little whirlwind. Brady has been so very good about playing with her, but I swear tonight she must have been watching Jackie Chan movies while we weren't looking.

Going at breakneck speed ...flinging herself into the air to make a full frontal head on attack...fall to the floor in a wriggling heap...swivel around and back up in an instant, twisting herself into another missile shape as she vaults onto him, skids off.... runs like a mad dog around the island and back again--to "surprise" him (HAHA) with her snapping jaws and wild antics.

A real hoot to watch! And, of course, accompanied by great sound effects, too! Eventually Brady looked up at me and said, "Pleasssse, Mom, will ya get the little bratsky offa me?? I've had her ALL day!" He loves the attention though and the chance to be BIG brother for a change.

Grace seems this past week to have made a deeper connection with us. Not just happy to see anyone, but actually genuinely DELIGHTED to see Rob or I. All three dogs were on the chaise lounge on top of him for the morning coffee break today. Wish I could have been there to take a picture.

I did get a few pictures where she and Brady look for all the world like they are going to tear a stuffed puppy limb from limb....Well, that's the current

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report...except that the little piglet is getting heavier to pick up!

Have a joyful and safe holiday weekend. We're hitting the pool

Dawn

Well, Gracie is one savage little princess...today she ate her second mouse. I had her on a lead in the back yard, she saw the dead mouse (cats had obviously left it there) and in a flash, it was in her mouth. I tried to pry her jaws open--caught sight of the tail, tried to grab the tail, but it was too late. Gone.

No signs of indigestion...what a way to eat RAW....

Later on Rob and I went swimming in the pool and I gave her a ride on a foam cushion raft. At first she wasn't sure about it, but then, she laid down upright like a sphinx and rode around like Cleopatra. Somebody peel her a grape...or maybe another mouse???

Dawn

CLASSIFIEDS

We are running these again this issue, since we have some new members who might be interested in helping out.

Badgerland Gordon Setter News

WRITER NEEDED

Got a yen to write?

Want to put your thoughts into words?

Looking for your name in lights?

Do you like to use your imagination?

Please call Marte at 608-839-4261 or e-mail at

glenoakgordons@msn.com.

I can come up with assignments for you to help with the newsletter.

If you're going to attend a BGSC event, how about writing a report for me.

Write a funny story, tell about a hunting trip, give the latest in obedience or agility training tips.

Even a few paragraphs help me out. It may not seem like much to you, but if you can do a few of these for me, maybe I'll keep myself on course this year.

Marte



JOB OPENING

Badgerland Gordon Setter Club Rescue Chairman

This job involves being the main contact for BGSC Breed Rescue. You can get to know your club members and many others from around the country.

You would be coordinating picking up rescue dogs, finding temporary housing, organizing paperwork and matching up rescues with new owners.

Some of the job entails being in contact with the national rescue, the newsletters, and other regional clubs, to get the word out about our dogs.

If you have any interest in this area and can help out, please contact Chris Rhoden at 262-538-1048 or e-mail at CRHODEN@wi.rr.com.

New Membership Coordinator

This one would be a fun way to have contact with members. We need some one who would like to help us put together a new member welcome packet. Intro letter with information about the next meeting or club get together. A bit of first hand contact to make them feel welcome and possibly get a little info for the rest of the membership through the newsletter. Let us know. Connie: 262-538-1048 or CRHODEN@wi.rr.com.

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