



MESC Newsletter .

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NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

What a great start to the year it has been for our club. We have had a great turn out at the shows, a lot of interest in the field work, I got to meet Jill Boback at Detroit Kennel Club that has the #1 English Setter Agility Dog in the country. She lives right here in South, MI and I am hoping she will consider joining our club. We had such a great time at DKC; good food, great fellowship, a great club meeting, and a lot of exercise running between the ring and where we were benched. I know some people don't like doing all that walking (**Terry**), but I loved it! It was especially fun when Miss Grace decided she couldn't hold it any longer and went potty on the way to the ring – I guess I will never say that "my dogs would NEVER do that". People are getting better about sending in brags (thank you) and pictures are welcome and if I can I will put them in the newsletter. Please make sure that you vote for judges for upcoming shows, it's so important. If you are interested in serving on some of the committees for our specialty in September please make sure to contact myself, Jenny, or Bob to volunteer – many hands do make small work. Thanks again for all the feedback and please don't ever hesitate to throw a suggestion my way (or a bone) – that's what will make this a better newsletter! Lynda



**February 9, 2008 Highland
David Otlewski (Gracie), Dave Branik (Layla), Peter Ketola (Riley), Sandy Moody (Sadie & Roxie), Andrew Chase (Maddie), Bruce Arnold**

The next Hunt Test is scheduled for April 13th at 9:00 AM at the Lishinski Farm – 9820 Cochran Road, Concord, MI 49237

**Entry forms are available on our website:
michiganenglishsetters.org
We will have a potluck under the tent at the hunt site.**

President Jenny's letter to members:

Hello again Michigamme, we are pleased to see continued growth in membership and interest. We just completed our first supported entry at DKC and it was a wonderful success. Please watch our website and newsletter for more information on our upcoming supported entry at Ann Arbor Kennel Club in July.

An ESAA hunt test is planned for April 13th 2008 at the Lishinski Farm, we hope you take advantage of this offering. It is so wonderful to see our dogs in the field, romping around happy and full of purpose and determination. If you haven't experienced one our Hunt Test come on out and give it a try, it is a very enjoyable relaxed day.

Next time you see the following members please thank them for the hard work they have done for the club.

- Cheryl Smith - Single-handily masterminded and produced an outstanding educational display for our club that was entered and displayed at the Detroit Kennel Club Bench decoration contest. "A Setter for All Reasons" - took 1st place in that contest and the club was presented a \$100.00 prize. Thanks Cheri you represented our club and our breed VERY WELL.

- Terry Kuhn - Though his quick efforts has organized a back to back supported entry for our club at the Ann arbor Kennel Club this coming July, along with gaining ESAA approval for holding a puppy Sweepstakes on Saturday only. Terry has been instrumental in assisting our club as we continue to explore the benefits our club can get by supporting entries.

- Susan Lee - Susan has been diligently working on the nominations list for our 2009 specialty, as a result of her effort's, for the first time in probably more then 4 years MESC will retain judges for our specialty in a NOT RUSHED manner!!! Thanks Susan

- Lynda Chase - Lynda continues to be a facilitator in our club stepping in to help out on so many ways. Lynda's coordination produced our fabulous potluck at DKC. In addition Lynda has provided her time and grooming skills to help mentor many new members on grooming and other aspects of the club.



President Jenny & Master Quinton

- Sandy Moody/Dave Branik - This dynamic duo has been instrumental in the resurgence of interest in our club bringing our setters back to the field. Sandy is currently serving as our Hunt Activities chair and doing a wonderful job. Dave has gone out of his way to mentor members and their dogs new to the field, sharing his experience and passion for this facet of our multi-faceted breed.

- Sandy Miller & Terry Kuhn for stepping up and taking charge of trophies for Detroit Kennel Club and donating the trophies!

Many more of you contribute in so many ways. MESC owes you all thanks.

Lastly, don't be modest, please send your brags to Lynda so that they can be published in our newsletter. Your brag can be anything you are proud of... from show placements (doesn't have to be first) to field, obedience or other personal accomplishment. Jenny

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT AND SO IS YOUR DOG

by Susan Lee

How long has it been since you really looked at what you are feeding your dog? Ingredients are listed in order by percentage included in the food. If the first ingredient is corn then that makes up the majority of the food. If it is meat meal than that is number one. However, an undisclosed meat, poultry or fish source may not be a good buy or choice. Really look at the ingredients and the order they are placed to determine if the food really is a good buy. Many name brands look good at first glance naming the meat first such as chicken or lamb meal with a long list to follow. If the list contains three types of corn, wheat, and soy - are they really less than the meat named in total? These are all fillers that can increase protein and fat content but may not be readily used by your companion. Meat-by-products are just that-the leftovers from the processing of the meat. The meat could be anything and the by products could be anything from beaks and feet to internal organs to bone to hides, etc.

Corn, soy, and wheat have been found to be the most common allergens in dogs. If your dog suffers from seasonal allergies, chronic infections of the ears, constant licking of feet, itchy skin, dry skin, poor coat, or loss of coat, to name a few - look at the food first-before you spend a fortune at your vet. Do some on-line research and compare foods before you buy. Know your ingredient panel and how it can affect growth and development. A dog with food allergies may be at risk for environmental allergies as well. Everything from grasses to fabric softeners to bee stings. The histamines are already at work attacking your friends immune system and setting them up for further issues in the environment.

Better premium kibble has 2-4 specific meats or fish listed in the first 4-6 ingredients. Be aware of the fillers and how many are listed. Fillers determine how much you feed and how much you clean up after your dog. A good site to start with is www.sequoiahumane.org click on the link for Feeding your canine companion and then the dog food comparison table and how to interpret the table. Hopefully this will take some of the mystery out of what food to buy your dog.

Selecting Judges by Terry Kuhn

Voting - Once again this is both a right and a duty. Since our Michigamme Club has chosen to hold our Specialties each year as stand alone events and not part of All Breed shows we are responsible to select our judges.

What should be considered? I will just touch on a few things that you and the club might consider when selecting judges.

Will this judge help us to draw more exhibitors? This should mean are they seen as a judge that will truly work to select those dogs that most exemplify the standard of our breed and are they pleasant to the exhibitors. Never will a judge please everyone; but in the end we want them to select the "best" dogs based on what they see on that day.

Who is qualified? The AKC has quite rigorous standards for a judge to be licensed to do a breed. Not all potential judges are English Setter breeders, but by meeting the following criteria they can become licensed to judge our breed: Attending judge's education at our National, judging sweepstakes for our breed, being mentored by an ESAA qualified mentor, or having handled our breed. No one of these things qualifies them to judge but by doing a number of them they can become qualified.

Costs? It is typical that each judge is a separate negotiation. Our club has not been very cash rich so we try to balance getting an excellent judging panel at the best value. Hotel, meals, and travel are items to be considered. I suggest that you vote for the judges that you would most like to see get the assignment, but understand that after the votes are counted some judges are more flexible with costs than others. So, don't avoid voting for a judge because you think they will be more expensive, that will be determined after the voting and if the club is unable to come to terms they will move on to the next highest vote getter. The reason we shouldn't assume that they are going to be expensive is that a judge may have a reason to want to do English, or to want to come to this part of the country at that time of the year.

What about Spouses judging different days?

This is definitely a way to minimize travel and hotel costs. Judges take very seriously the fact that they should not discuss their selections.

Is it good to hire Provisional judges and what does it mean?

Provisional means they have met the requirements to judge our breed. A next step in the process is to have judged them and been evaluated by an AKC representative. It also means that this is a judge that has not judged so many times that exhibitors think they know what they will do.

Selecting a Sweeps Judge

What's different? Sweeps judges are individuals not licensed to judge our breed. They may or not be licensed in other breeds. They also may or may not aspire to ever become a judge.

These individuals will be entrusted to judge our puppies and our older veterans.

We should look for an individual that will be good with our puppies that may be having their first experience in the ring. We also look for our veterans to be appreciated.

What are the criteria? Again we want to ask will they help us to draw more exhibitors? Many are not known but at least let's pick those that we see as someone we would like to have licensed to judge our breed.

Many breeders are selected to do sweeps. This can be good news or bad news. Do they have puppy owners in our area? Can they be objective?

In the end your vote is important as we strive to put on the best specialties possible.

Thank you for all that you do for our club.

Bragg:

January Wins:

Oakland County Kennel Club:

Saturday, January 19th, 2008

Judge: Douglas A. Johnson

Dogs

6-9 Months Puppy

First Place & Reserve Winners Dog: Kaska's Buggy Malone of Hiddenlane *Wow*
(Lishinski/Gancer/Kuhn)

Second Place: Five Oakes Weymouth Macfarlane (Knox)

Third Place: Stylecast Drops Of Jupiter (Pilcher)

9-12 Months Puppy

First Place: Pantemoniums Anything Goes (Lishinski & Madden)

Open:

First Place/Winners/BOW

Weymouth Lentigo Rock My World *Wow*
(Barber)

Bitches

6-9 Months Puppy

First & RWB

Stylecaset Amazing Grace *Wow*
(Chase & Otlewski)

Second: Stylecast Moonshadow
(Moody & Lee)

Open:

First Place & WB: Quail Run's Spice Of Weymouth

(DiSiena/Godley/Jordan) *Wow*

Second Place: Aces Madison Blues
(Chase & Otlewski)

Third Place: Perrydice Liberty Law N Order
(Pilcher)

Oakland County Kennel Club

Sunday, January 20th, 2008

Dogs

6-9 Month Puppy

First Place: Stylecast Count Noble
(Lee)

Second Place: Stylecast Drops Of Jupiter
(Pilcher)

Third Place: Kaska's Buggy Malone of Hiddenlane (Lishinski/Gancer/Kuhn)

Fourth Place: Five Oakes Weymouth Macfarlane (Knox)

9-12 Months Puppy

First Place: Pantemoniums Anything Goes (Lishinski & Madden)

Bred by

First & RWD: Stylecast By Moonlight (Lee)

Open Dog

First Place/WD/OS: Weymouth Lentigo Rock My World (Barber)

Bitches

6-9 Months

First Place: Stylecast My Fair Lady (Lee)

Second Place: Stylecast Amazing Grace (Chase & Otlewski)

Third Place: 6-9 Month Puppy

Stylecast Moonshadow (Moody & Lee)

Bred By

First Place: Masterpiece Great Unveiling (Miller & Miller)

American Bred

First Place: Knobyknol Sadie Girl (Chase & Otlewski)

Open Bitch

First Place/W/B/BW: Quail Run's Spice Of Weymouth (DiSiena/Godley/Jordan) **Wow**

Second Place: Perrydice Liberty Law N Order (Pilcher)

Third Place: Aces Madison Blues (Chase & Otlewski)

February Wins

Best Opposite Sex at Westminster
Best Opposite Sex at the Hudson English Setter Club Specialty

Ch Kaska's Isadora **WOW!!!**
(Gancer/Clark/Kuhn)

Award of Merit *Ch Kaska's Capture The Moment*
(Gancer/Clark/Kuhn)

ESAA Combined Specailty

Award of Merit

CH Kaska's Isadora

March Wins

Detroit Kennel Club
Saturday, March 1st, 2008

Judge Ann Yuhaz
Dogs

6-9 Month Puppy

First Place/WD/Best Puppy: Stylecast Count Noble (Lee) (3 points) **Wow**

Second Place/RWD: Stylecast Flashy Gibson (Cook & Brand) **Wow**

Third Place: Stylecast Drops Of Jupiter (Pilcher)

9-12 Months Puppy:

First Place: Pantemoniums Anything Goes (Lishinski & Madden)

12-18 Months Puppy:

First Place: Perrydice Gunslinger (North & North)

Bred By

First Place: Stylecast By Moonlight (Lee)

Open Dog

First Place: Palisades Cruzn Like A Classic (Mazzara/Mazzara)

Bitches:

6-9 Month Puppy

First Place: Stylecast Moonshadow (Moody & Lee)

Second Place: Stylecast Amazing Grace (Chase & Otlewski)

Third Place: Stylecast My Fair Lady (Lee)

12-18 Months Puppy:

First Place: Aces Boogie and Bandits (Rivait)

American Bred

First Place: Knobyknol Sadie Girl (Chase & Otlewski)

Open Bitch

First Place/W/BW/OS: Amberglen's Flower Drum Song (Levesque) (3 points)

Second Place/RWB: Aces Madison Blues (Chase & Otlewski)

Third Place: Perrydice Liberty Law N Order (Pilcher)

Detroit Kennel Club
March 2nd, 2008
Judge David Kittredge

WD: Perrydice Gunslinger (North & North)
WB/BW/OS: Aces Madison Blues (Chase & Otlewski)
RWB: Stylecast Moonshadow (Moody & Lee)

Logansport Kennel Club, Inc.
March 8th, 2009

WB: Masterpiece Great Unveiling (Miller & Miller) (2 points) **Wow**
RWB: Aces Madison Blues (Chase & Otlewski)

March 9th, 2009
WB: Masterpiece Great Unveiling (Miller & Miller) (3 points) **WOW!!!**
Major RWB: Stylecast Amazing Grace **Wow**

(Chase & Otlewski) (Gracie's second RWB & first major RWB)

Please let me know your placements and wins so that I can post them here. ☺

Newest Members:
Shirley Cook & Wendell Brand
Andrew Chase

What's NEW?

What can we put in the newsletter? Litter announcements, placements, wins, pictures from special events, new puppies, etc. The sky is the limit! This will be a great tool that we can use to promote what is happening in our club and what has happened.

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Upcoming Events

SPRING HUNT TEST – April 13th, 2008

SPECIALTY SHOWS September 6th & 7th, 2008