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# "Irish Reflections"



#### Diego Club San Irish Setter

### **ISCSD GATHERINGS**

As usually happens in the spring, members gather together for both the annual San Diego St. Patrick's Day Parade followed by the annual Spring Play Day. A fun time was had by all members who attended.



Meetings are the (U.N.O.) 2nd Wed. of the month at:

Allied Gardens Rec Center, 5155 Greenbrier Ave., San Diego. Board Mtgs at 7 p.m., followed by a General **Membership Meeting** 

Banquet& June 10 at Allied Gardens **Rec.** Center



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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### Hello Club Members.

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Spring always seems to be a busy time of the year—new beginnings, new thoughts, and new ideas. One new idea I have been pondering is how to re-invigorate the club membership into a larger group of participants. At our club functions, I seem to see all the regulars that have been keeping this club going for years. There's certainly nothing wrong with that, but new members with fresh thoughts are welcome also. Several options discussed have been guest speakers, club

10 sponsored dog events, along with members-only social gatherings without your best friends. Let's hear your thoughts.

Also, please remember to send any photos you would like posted to Facebook and for use on our website or in the newsletter Woof.



#### **Meeting Notice**

#### Next Meetings are

May 16 @ Awards

### NOT FOR DOGS

### **BLACK SETTER?**



A black Irish setter could be the setter in this setter-retriever cross (early wavy-coat).

In Colonel J.K. Milner's <u>The Irish Setter: Its History &</u> <u>Training</u> (1924), the author describes black and sable Irish setters, as well as the more well-known solid red and red and white dogs.

What I find interesting is a statement that appears at page 46:

The late Mr. Cecil Moore told me he had some excellent black Irish setters. The black setters are the result crossing with black dogs...Some black retrievers in Ireland are said to be descended from red setters.

My guess is the black dogs the author is writing about are solid black Welsh setters and maybe black collies and black and tan dogs that eventually became the Gordon setter breed.

We do know that the wavy-coated landrace of retriever had a lot of setter in it. It also had St. John's water dog, collie, and a little water spaniel in it.

Black dogs, of course, are the dominant color to the red or yellow dogs, so if a black Irish setter had been bred into the retriever lines, it could have passed on the recessive color into the retriever bloodlines. Dogs that probably descend from black Irish setters carrying the red color are <u>"Breeze</u>" and, of course, "<u>Nous</u>."

Now, I do not discount that there could be other sources for this color, including cream colored Featherstone castle setters, true red collie dogs (not sables or livers), and, of course, various water spaniels and water dogs, including the Tweed water dog.

However, I think that looking at the setters tells a lot about how this red to yellow color was introduced into retrievers.

#### **Black Irish setters**



The beautiful flowers and plants that the spring season brings can be very dangerous to your fourlegged friend if ingested. A little extra planning can give you a garden that both you and your dog will love. Here are our dog-friendly gardening tips:

**Poisonous plants.** There are many common flowers and plants that are dangerous for dogs, and can even prove fatal. The unsafe part could be in the flower, fruit, roots, or leaves. Do your research before planting anything to see what could potentially harm your dog. Some plants to avoid are Calla Lilies, Sago Palm, Azalea, and Rhododendron, among others.

**Thorn in your side.** While roses are beautiful flowers, the thorns can seriously injure your dog. Be mindful of plants with thorns and either leave them out of your garden or try and block your dog's access to them.

Keep plant food away from dogs. Fertilizer may keep your plants and grass healthy, but it can be harmful to your dog. Ingesting large amounts of fertilizer can cause your dog to have serious digestive upset. Follow instructions for using fertilizer carefully and wait the appropriate amount of time after use before letting your dog run around.

**Dangerous pesticides.** Pesticides in your garden can cause major problems for your dog. Snail bait with metaldehyde and fly bait with methomyl are especially dangerous for your four-legged friend. Make sure to store pesticides in areas where your dog cannot get to them.

### **CANINE CATARACTS**

#### What Are Cataracts?

A cataract is an opacity in the lens of a dog's eye, causing him to have blurry vision. If the cataract is small, it won't likely disturb the dog's vision too much, but cataracts must be monitored because the thicker and denser they become, the more likely it is they will lead to blindness.

#### What Causes Cataracts?

Cataracts can develop from disease, old age and trauma to the eye, but inherited conditions are the most common cause. Cataracts may be present at birth or develop when a dog is very young-between one and three years of age. A high-incidence of cataracts is also often attributed to diabetes.

#### How Can I Tell if My Dog Is Developing Cataracts?

If your dog's eyes look cloudy or bluish-gray, you should take him to the vet for an exam. Be aware, though, that it's natural for a dog's lens to become cloudy, or gray, with age. This condition, called nuclear sclerosis, doesn't put a dog's vision in as much danger as cataracts might, and treatment isn't usually recommended. However, any cloudiness at all in your pet's eye is a sign for you to take him to the vet.

#### What Happens When a Cataract Goes Untreated?

An untreated cataract may "luxate" or slip from the tissue that holds it in place, freeing it to float around in the eye where it may settle and block natural fluid drainage. This can lead to glaucoma, which can cause permanent blindness. Cataracts may also begin to dissolve after some time, causing deep, painful inflammation in the eye.

#### Which Dogs Are Prone to Cataracts?

Though dogs of all ages and breeds can develop cataracts, they are more commonly found in Smooth Fox Terriers, American Cocker Spaniels, Havanese, Bichon Frise, Silky Terriers, Miniature and Standard Poodles, Miniature Schnauzers, and Boston Terriers. Dogs with diabetes are also especially prone.

#### **How Are Cataracts Diagnosed?**

A preliminary eye exam by your veterinarian will tell you whether you are dealing with a cataract or another condition that causes cloudiness in the eye. You should then consult with a veterinary ophthalmologist to determine the extent of the cataract and what steps to take to manage the problem.

#### How Can I Help Preserve My Dog's Vision?

In most cases, cataracts cannot be prevented, but there are steps to take to ensure that your dog's vision can be preserved, especially if they are caused by a medical condition like diabetes.

Examine your dog's eyes regularly.

Take your dog to the vet if his eyes look cloudy or bluish-gray.

Take your dog to the vet if you suspect she's having trouble seeing.

If possible, find out the medical history of your dog's parents, since cataracts are often inherited.

Be aware of any conditions your dog has that may cause cataracts, such as diabetes or eye trauma.

#### How Can Cataracts Be Treated?

Vision loss due to cataracts can often be restored through surgery. A veterinary ophthalmologist will surgically remove the lens, replacing it with a plastic or acrylic lens. Cataract surgery generally has a good success rate, but your veterinarian will need to determine whether your dog is a good surgical candidate. The procedure also requires extensive postoperative care.

Note: If your pet has an underlying condition such as diabetes, treating the underlying condition may lessen the chances that cataracts will develop.

#### How Can I Care for My Pet After Cataract Surgery?

After surgery, your pet will have to wear a protective (Elizabethan) collar until his eye heals. You'll need to keep him relaxed in a calm environment, and he'll also require eye drops several times a day for a few weeks.

### **AWARDS BANQUET**

# ISCSD Annual Awards Banquet!



Saturday, May 16th Meet & greet at 6:30 Dinner at 7:00 Awards presentations following dinner

Marie Calendars Restaurant & Bakery 6950 Alvarado Rd., San Diego, CA 92120

Please RSVP to Val Mahoney at 619-443-5677 or email her at brydiesmom@hotmail.com



### **BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 3/14/15**

**BOARD MEETING:** called to order at 12:48 PM. Members present: Madelon McGowen, Kathy Whiteis, Dick Whiteis, Alice Borg, Rickard Borg, Robert Rez, Sherry Rez, Jill Merrifield, Lynne Aung, Linda Kenan, Cathy Dever, Alexis Heath, and Valerie Mahoney. Business postponed to General Meeting. Alexis made the motion to adjourn, Sherry seconded it. Adjourned at 12:50 PM.

**<u>GENERAL MEETING</u>**: called to order at 12:51 PM. Minutes from the February 11, 2015 meeting were accepted without being read during the meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Linda, seconded by Sherry.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

- President Chris Cohen-Richards No report (not present due to prior commitment).
- Vice President Rickard Borg No report, but thanked club members for participating in the St. Patrick's Parade.

• Treasurer - Valerie Mahoney – Report for the month of February shows income was \$3,917.00, and expenses amounted to \$2,186.82 showing the club made a profit of 1,730.18, The deadline for placing an ad for the 2015 ISCA National was missed so the club did not place an ad this year. Alexis made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Alice seconded the motion.

Secretary – Jill Merrifield – Shared a thank you note the club received from Shirley Farrington regarding her stewarding and the gifts she received from ISCSD. Brought up the e-mail forwarded at the request of the parent club regarding this year's ISCA Specialty. NOTE: I will not be attending the Play Day, so if someone could relay the information from the meeting, I will put the minutes together. Thank you.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Newsletter (Chris Cohen-Richards) No report (not present).
- Facebook (Chris Cohen-Richards) No report (not present).
- Membership (Valerie Mahoney) No report.

Rescue (Sherry Rez) – 1) Leif Robles made contact regarding rescue where the owner was adamant that her 2-year old Setter would be placed with a black dog (she claims was a setter as well). I contacted the woman, but there is nobody who is known that can adopt. However, we discovered that in the rescue by-laws we are only able to place Irish Setters. Leif was able to connect the owner with a person for a private adoption. 2) I attended the Rescue Parnership meeting at Animal Control and obtained the following information: 89% of adoptable dogs are going to new homes; 74% of cats and 88% of other animals (rabits, birds, etc.); and non-adoptable animals that awere not healthy or treatable died or were euthanized by owner request. A note: new statistics show it may now be "in vogue" to have a pound puppy.

### OLD BUSINESS:

• Awards banquet date selection – pending getting the actual date (will be some time in May).

ISCSD donation letter - hold over until May meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

• Sherry attended the Allied Gardens Rec Center meeting for the club and provided the following information: pool is up and running after maintenance; there will be no Bench Naming since they are too hard to maintain; doggie poop bags are now in place; Mission Trails Visitor Center will now be opened for Weddings and other events (camping begins on Fridays and Saturdays); basketball now changes to volleyball; and "Fun Flicks at the Park" had some operational issues (power and projector problems) with 1,300 in attendance but will continue smoothly in the future (hopefully). There were 11 people attending and seven council members. Thank you, Sherry.

• A reminder was given (by Valerie) that applications for trophies for 2014 need to be turned in by the end of March.

• Spring Playday will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at Dehesa from noon until 4:00 pm. The ISCSD meeting for othe month will be held on that date as well (so no meeting at Allied Gardens).

• Raffle winner certificate changes were briefly discussed as to the how they will be printed in the future.

• The club as a whole brought up dedicating next year's ISCSD shows to Delores Hughes, but will postpone the discussion until a later meeting.

Linda brought up the possibility of having an Animal Specialties opthomologist put on a clinic on eyes and invite other clubs – could be a fund raising opportunity. This discussion was postponed until a later meeting.



# **BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 3/14/15**

#### **ADDITIONAL/FORGOTTEN ITEMS:**

The club needs to discuss the "Ideas and Items" we could use for the 2016 show at Del Mar to help with potluck and raffle operations. Richard and Sherry put a great list together for review and discussion. This meeting at Balboa Park was not the right setting for that discussion.

**<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>** – Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alice seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm.

**BITCHES** – Not done this meeting.

**BRAGS** – Not done this meeting.

### **BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 4/18/15**

**BOARD MEETING:** called to order at 1:55 PM. Members present: Chris Cohen-Richards, Madelon McGowen, Kathy Whiteis, Dick Whiteis, Sherry Rez, Lynne Aung-Levin, Cathy Dever, Alexis Heath, Deborah Sherwood, Aileen Frazier, Myrna Burleigh, Richard & Lucy Borg and Valerie Mahoney. Business postponed to General Meeting. Adjourned at 1:59 PM.

GENERAL MEETING: called to order at 2:00 PM. Minutes from the February 11, 2015 meeting were approved as read.

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

- President Chris Cohen-Richards No report.
- Vice President Rickard Borg No report,
- Treasurer Valerie Mahoney Reported that the club made \$1,000 at the show, \$600 of that generated from the raffle.
- Secretary Jill Merrifield No report, not present.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

• Newsletter (Chris Cohen-Richards) – The newsletter is doing well. Alexis has photographs from the parade including miscellaneous and group.

- Facebook (Chris Cohen-Richards) No report.
- Membership (Valerie Mahoney) One of the new members could not attend this Play Day Meeting because one of their other dogs was injured.

Rescue (Sherry Rez) – Three applications were sent out for rescue dogs, but none were received back yet. Kathy Whiteis said a women from Escondido called a person from Wisconsin. The Wisconsin person spoke with Kathy. It is believed the woman from Escondido is the same person who tried previously to get a rescue dog, but was turned down by the club – for various reasons.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Awards banquet to be held May 16<sup>th</sup> at Marie Calendar's 6:30 pm for meet and greet, then 7:00 pm for dinner.
- Thank you letters went out to businesses that donated prizes for the raffle or made a monetary donation for trophies. More discussions are needed regarding donation letters.

• The possibility of having an Animal Specialties opthomologist put on a clinic on eyes and invite other clubs as a fund raising opportunity was discussed. Everyone said it was a good idea, but no decisions were made.

• Next year's specialty will be dedicated to Dolores Hughes, so the club needs to obtain a picture of her to put on the show program/catalog. The club will also work on other things to honor Dolores.

Show times for the next specialty show were briefly discussed. The club needs to decide what time the spaces will be vacated. At the last show, the next tenant (through the show weekend) for the space arrived mid-day and our club was not done with the space at that time. No discussions were held, but will be at the next meeting.



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### **Irish Reflections**

## **BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 3/14/15**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

• The club needs to send out notices very soon regarding input for judge selections for the next specialty. We want to try to use judges who come for Silver Bay in order to save money. It would be good to get judges who are local or judges who are already coming for the weekend shows so we can share the costs. We want good judges and should consider using sweepstakes judges from the west coast area.

• Kathy Erickson will be doing the trophies for the 2016 morning show. Budget \$1000.

#### **ADDITIONAL/FORGOTTEN ITEMS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Alexis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Madelon seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

### BRAG

Linda Kenan just has to brag on her boy "Colby", Ch. Jadestar Seven Card Stud. Her feet are finally back on the ground so she can report this (I hope). "Colby" was awarded the Golden Leash Award by the Irish Setter Club of America at their annual awards banquet at the National this year in Georgia. This award is for the owner of the Irish Setter which, having no championship points on January 1, 2014, wins the greatest number of points at three (3) points or better shows. Only major points won while attaining championship title to count. "Colby" earned his 2 majors at the Palm Springs shows the 1st weekend in Jan. and finished his championship title the weekend of our specialty in Feb including the Silver Bay shows. He finished with 17 points, all majors. YIPPEE! I was totally shocked when Jan Smith (Colby's breeder) called from the National and told me he won. This is a very prestigious and coveted award in Irish Setterdom. I am very humbled and honored to have been given this award.



### **ISCSOCAL FUND RAISER**



Irish Setter



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



at Coronado Dog Beach on the second Saturday morning and Fiesta Isle Dog Park the fourth Saturday of each month starting at 8:30am mark your calendars. Contact Chris Cohen-Richards @ ccohenr1@san.rr.com if you are attending.

### **CLUB STORE**

Hats: \$12.00 One size fits all Stars & Strips & Denim Polo Shirts: \$20.00 Dark Green - XXL Black - Large & XXL

T-Shirts: \$12.00 Sweat Shirts: \$25.00 Small thru XXXL Small thru XXL Dark Green, Medium Green, Light Green

Long Sleeved Shirts: \$18.00 Medium, Large & XXL Jackets: \$25.00 Medium thru XXL

Long Sleeved "Setter" Shirts: \$18.00 XXL Beige

Order thru: checkersmom@cox.net





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Check me out on www.youtube.com irish setter





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