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Field Trial: The Tri Valley Wildlife Area in Dresden, Ohio, played host to the Irish Setter Club of Ohio's spring field trial on March 23rd and 24th, 2024. Despite a chilly start with spotty rain on Saturday, participants were undeterred. Sunday brought brighter skies, albeit still brisk weather, setting the stage for an exciting event. Nestled atop a hill, the wildlife area boasts a charming clubhouse with a lookout porch offering prime views of the action. Spectators had the perfect vantage point to witness the breakaway and courses on both sides of the clubhouse. While the trial welcomed breeds of all kinds, Irish Setter exhibitors made a notable showing, securing an impressive 10 placements across various stakes. Among these were remarkable 1st place victories in Open Limited Gun Dog, Open Gun Dog, and Amateur Gun Dog categories.

Here's a glimpse of some standout Irish Setter placements:

- **Open Limited Gun Dog** (10 entries, 2 points):
 - 1st: Backwoods Code Red - IS – Greg Dixon
 - 3rd: Brophy's Gonzo Style - IS – Mary Pavelko
- **Open Gun Dog** (17 entries, 3 points):
 - 1st: Pouncefoot Harley Dee – IS – Steve Salt & Mary Pavelko
 - 3rd: Brophy's Gonzo Style – IS – Mary Pavelko
 - 4th: Backwoods Cabin Fever – IS- Steve Salt
- **Amateur Walking Gun Dog** (13 entries, 3pt for 1st, 1 pt for 2nd):
 - 1st: TNA'S Red Starr Rising - IS- Tony & Amy Isajiw
 - 2nd: TNA'S Hit the Jackpot – IS- William ISAJIW
 - 3rd: Autumn Ridge – IS – Mark Johnson
- **Open Puppy** (5 entries, 1 Point):
 - 2nd: Mythical Quick Draw McGraw – IS- Cassie Allen

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to all participants for their dedication and sportsmanship. Special thanks to Jeannie Wagner for the submission and for capturing the spirit of our loved Irish Setters. Until the next field trial adventure! 🐾 #FieldTrial Pictured National Gun Dog Championship Winners. Congrats to Mary Pavelko and Steve Salt for Ted's win.



In the news: Our vibrant red dogs stole the show just before the St. Patrick's Day parade! Jeanie Wagner and Victoria Lindeman shared their insights with Michele Murphy of the Lorain Chronicle, sparking a heartwarming feature titled ['Who doesn't love those gorgeous redheads?'](#) It's a testament to the charm and charisma of our loved four-legged friends. Let's continue to celebrate the unique beauty and spirit of our red companions! 🐕🇮🇪 #IrishSetterPride

Who doesn't love those gorgeous redheads?



MICHELE MURPHY

Among all those cute dancing leprechauns marching in next Sunday's Saint Patrick's Day parade in downtown Cleveland will be a bunch of gorgeous but rambunctious redheads. These four-legged beauties represent the Irish Setter Club of Ohio, accompanied by owners and friends who have proudly walked their beloved canines in the parade for more than two decades.

Among them is Victoria Lindeman, who chairs parade arrangements for the club. She and her 3-year-old setter, Major, will be among the marchers. "Just being at the parade is fun," she said. "There's so much energy and happiness, and the dogs get excited, too."

She laughed as she explained they do not even try to march in formation because all along the parade route kids are extending their hands to give the dogs a pet and the dogs are anxious to oblige.

Lindeman says anywhere from 10 to upwards of 20 or 30 dogs and handlers march, depending largely on weather and the day of the week the parade is held. She laments that the breed is not as popular as it once was so marching in front of thousands of parade-goers exposes the breed to many who may not be familiar with Irish setters. "We get to share our dogs with others," she said. She has owned setters for nearly 20 years, starting with Louie, who was a puppy mill dog. Dugan followed, and he and Major, both purebreds, lived together more than two years before Dugan passed in 2023.

All three dogs were show dogs. There are several categories Irish setters compete in: obedience, agility or field and conformation. Louie did obedience and agility. As a purebred, Dugan added conformation to his list of competitions, enabling her and Lindeman to far

obedience, field work and conformation. Conformation has to do with a dog's looks based on the standard of that particular breed. It's significant because those dogs' puppies will likely meet that standard as well. Many of the puppies bred from Wagner's dogs went on to become champions, like their parents and grandparents.

All the accolades aside, both Wagner and Lindeman praise the breed for many other reasons. Irish setters are very active. "They need a job," said Wagner, which might explain why Lindeman's make such great therapy dogs. They also excel at agility competitions. Lindeman's dog, Major, recently began dock diving where dogs are judged on how far or how high they leap from a stationary dock into a body of water.

They are also very smart. Wagner said once they learn something, they don't forget it, which is why obedience training is so very important.

Both were in total agreement that Irish setters are fun. Wagner laughed and said they can be clowns and Lindeman called them "big kids who are anxious to please."

While Wagner, now in her mid 70s can no longer march in the parade due to knee issues, Lindeman is busy lining up fellow Irish setter owners to march down Superior Avenue next week. She even "borrows" setters from a few of her colleagues so her friends and their children have a dog they can march with. To say she is proud to be able to show off the beautiful dogs is a bit of an understatement.

Whether marching in a parade or competing, one thing is certain, according to Lindeman. "At the end of the day, we take home a dog we love knowing every one is 'best in show!'"

If you have ideas for stories about pets, send them along. Michele Murphy looks forward to sharing them with her readers. Contact her at evonkarmurphy@gmail.com.

Her first setters won competitions for



Victoria Lindeman and Dugan hang out with Larry Payner and Aurora's sister Aurora prior to the start of a recent St. Patrick's Day Parade. Aurora is mom to Lindeman's other setter, Major.

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As a certified therapy dog, Dugan regularly works with young readers at school or libraries. Here Dugan and Victoria Lindeman (right) work with a little boy as his parents look on.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: A heartfelt thank you to Bobbi Fisher for bringing ½ the Irish Setters to the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade! We had a total of 8 pups, that marched proudly down Superior Avenue on March 17, 2024. Despite the chilly weather, their spirits shone bright as they frolicked along the parade route. We extend our gratitude to all who participated and invite everyone to consider joining us again next year for another memorable experience. And a special shoutout to Vince Lindeman for ensuring a smooth journey for both people and pups from start to finish. Here's to many more joyful parades ahead!
#StPatricksDayParade



Eclipse: Did you catch the celestial spectacle of the total eclipse on April 8th? While many of us marveled at the cosmic ballet, did you notice how our furry friends reacted? Dogs, known for their acute senses, often display curious behaviors during such natural phenomena. Some may become more alert, while others might seek comfort or act restless. It's a fascinating reminder of the interconnectedness between nature and our loved pets.



Upcoming Meetings: Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings. Stay tuned for more details and exact dates for each meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

- June/July: We're planning to meet at a local park, possibly with a potluck!
- August: Meeting to be held after our specialty shows.
- September: Meeting following our agility trial.
- October: Zoom meeting.
- December: Join us for our holiday party!

Scholarships: The board of directors will be reviewing scholarship applications!

Awards: Karen Day and Madeline have offered to sponsor the Junior award that Jeanie expressed interest in offering and will be crafting wording for 2024 annual awards offerings!

Braggs: Don't forget to share your brags with Victoria to feature them in the newsletter! Let's continue to celebrate these accomplishments and share the joy within our club!

- Congratulations to Major & Victoria who received a leg toward their Rally Intermediate title with a score of 96 and a 2nd placement against several great competitors at Youngstown all breed trial on April 06, 2024
- Congratulations to Donna, Cody and Shelby got their RAE2 titles on 4/28 at the CATC trial in Columbus, Ohio under judge Fred Buroff.