



March 2019 Issue



A NOTE FROM KATHY

Greetings!

March has come in like a LION to southern New England. Up until the end of February, we hadn't had more than an inch or two during any storm and they were few and far between. March 1st changed that, with a snowfall of close to 6" and this morning (March 4th), I woke up to 10." At least the days are getting longer, and this shouldn't last much longer. I'm ready for the Spring specialties and supported entries. We will have representatives at many of

the regional specialties selling our 2019 National Logo wear starting with Tammy Vann at the National Capital ESC weekend.

Read full article [here](#) .



Planning is underway for the 2019 national specialty. Please check the national website at www.national.esaa.com

for the latest information!

Two ESAA Junior Handlers Take Center Stage at the 2018 AKC Nationals!



By Abigail Anderson



By Abigail VanMeter

I am very thankful for the support the ESAA provided to Austin and me to attend the AKC Nationals. Arriving by plane early Thursday morning to Orlando, my faithful companion Austin and I scurried to get ourselves ready for the ring that was already underway. Out of a large group of open seniors, we made two cuts and were recognized as a "5th place." It was a great way to warm up for the AKC Nationals at the Central Florida Kennel Club show.

I was thrilled to have Austin win the Owner Handled Best of Breed in the National Owner Handled Series Invitational. Austin and I were honored to represent our breed in the Owner Handled group. We were overjoyed to make the cut in the strong Owner Handled Sporting group as well.

Although I did not make any cuts in the Junior Invitational, I was pleased to have qualified and attend such a prestigious Junior Showmanship competition. Austin loved the experience of showing at the AKC Nationals with all the applause and cheering!

This year was filled with family struggles, and I was not sure how much I would be able to show. Thanks to the generosity of quite a few English Setter people, I was able to keep showing despite challenging circumstances, and I am very grateful for the opportunities I had to show English Setters all over the country. No matter how many shows I attend, at the end of the year, I always look forward to the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin in Orlando. This year it meant a lot to me to have my family there to watch me and my best friend, Juniper, compete in Junior Showmanship. I had not been sure I would be able to show Juniper, since she had not been regular in her seasons after having Charlie and Bruiser, and I was afraid she would come in season just in time for Royal Canin!

Showing a bitch in juniors can be a disadvantage, because in the juniors ring you cannot show a bitch in season. When I did my first breeding of Juniper, I lost my juniors dog for many months.

Read full article [here](#) .

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CARTER'S STORY

ESAA members, Norman and Louise Day, lost one of their much-loved English Setters, Carter, CH Set-Point Dream Catcher JH, in a hunting incident in Eastern Washington.

They offer this story as both a tribute to the English Setter's love to hunt and as an educational resource.

The Tragedy

The hunt began as many had this year with Norman; a couple of very enthusiastic English Setters, Owen and Carter; and mild weather. The temperature was in the upper 30s; overcast with a light breeze; and while there was no snow on the ground, most of the ponds and lakes were partially or completely frozen.



The first pheasant encounter occurred about 20 minutes in. The pheasant ran and flushed over one of the lakes. Neither dog followed the flushing bird and no shot was fired. A couple hours later, they were hunting around the edge of a pond only a quarter mile from our truck. Owen worked a running pheasant. As Owen was told to hold point (whoa), the pheasant flushed over the cattails and the edge of the pond. While Owen was pointing, Carter gave chase to the flying pheasant. As he went into the cattails after the pheasant, another pheasant flushed, probably going out over the pond.

Read full article [here](#) .



VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED!

The e-newsletter editor role will be open in May.

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Interested candidates should contact ESAA President Kathy at broy304@aol.com.

BREEDER SPOTLIGHT



We appreciate the

long-time English Setter breeders who share their wisdom and insight into their breeding programs!

Thanks to Hilary Oakes for this month's column!

What is your name and any other family members, etc., who are or were part of your kennel

My name is Hilary Oakes. Other family members heavily involved in our kennel are Les Oakes, Sabrina Oakes and Candace Oakes.

When did you get your start in English Setters?

When I lived in England, my family always had dogs. We had a German Shepherd, a Boxer, an English Cocker, a Long Haired and a Short Haired Miniature Dachshund, but I had never seen an English Setter or even knew they existed. I would see signs for Red Setters for sale and Irish Setters for sale and the odd Gordon Setter for sale, but never thought too much about what they looked like or never even wanted one.



I met my first English Setter when I came to Canada and was looking for a family pet. I called a boarding kennel looking for an English Cocker and they introduced me to Sheila Stotyn of Arundel English Setters who had puppies for sale. That is where I met Winston, the first English Setter I had ever seen. He was a dark Blue Belton puppy with an eye patch and it was love at first sight. I went on to start Sevenoaks English Setters and registered my kennel name with the Canadian Kennel Club. My name was Hilary Tunstill at the time and then I married Les and his last name just happened to be "Oakes," which often leads to confusion on whether there should be an "e" in our kennel name.

Was there a particular dog you saw in the ring that inspired you to become involved with the breed.

I went to a National and saw Windem's Lots of Dots and thought she was the most beautiful bitch I had ever seen. I then decided I would like to breed and show English Setters.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

Am./Can. CH Sevenoaks Earth Wind and Rain is pictured above.



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Simply submit the below information,

IN THE BELOW ORDER,

by the Setter Letter deadline, to

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Ross Rice at ross.rice@comcast.net

NOTE: IN EMAIL SUBJECT LINE WRITE "NEW
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titles!

Complete Name of Dog

New Title (acronym only)

Month Title was Attained

Age of Dog

Breeder

Owner

2018 ANNUAL AWARDS APPLICATION

The 2018 award year coincides with the 2018
calendar year (shows held from January 1, 2018 to
December 31, 2018). All wins must appear on the
AKC website or CKC Dogs in Canada (for
Canadian Awards). All awards must be specifically
applied for. A copy of the AKC or CKC registration



form must accompany the application for every dog to be considered for Annual Awards. All owners must be E.S.A.A. members.

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