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Officers & Director of National Red Setter F.T.C.

Gentlemen:

For the past year or so I have noticed an increase in the cross breeding program of our members. As we all agree this may be of great value. It is the third cycle of cross breeding that I have seen the club go through since 1952. First was the English Setter cross, second the English Pointer cross and now again the English Setter or English pointer cross. We all know that the AKC does not sanction any cross breeding and the American Field only recognizes the setter cross. Pointer Setter crosses aren't recognized by any registration. In the eyes of the honest, hidden cross breeding is a No-No. By this I mean falsifying pedigrees. If cross breeding is needed by a particular owner, I trust that they will benefit by same. But at the same time he must respect the rights of others-the right to have an honest pedigree that he paid for.

Our club morals and integrity have come to an all time low while at the same time we seem to be such a great success. I suggest that if all members want to cross breed that he keep it to himself and don't involve the club in becoming the organization of the biggest bunch of mongrel breeding liars. I see nothing immoral or wrong with cross breeding. But when you give a false pedigree you are misrepresenting the truth and making it impossible for others to breed intelligently.

The "Purposes of The Club" as adopted by us have been forgotten:

1. To promote the Irish Setter as a hunting dog.
2. To breed and develop Irish Setters capable of holding their own as a shooting dog.
3. To maintain the true beauty and the natural hunting ability of the Irish Setter as a shooting dog.
4. To hold regularly scheduled field trials to evaluate the progress.

I propose that the officer and directors pass a resolution: (1) to prohibit the publishing or advertising of cross breed dogs in The Flushing Whip and further more (2) to not allow a cross breed to be run at a club trial. (3) That a minimum standard of conformation be established where no dog shall be allowed to enter field trials and that is lighter in color than enclosed sample. (Choose the color).

I am sure most of you probably have better ideas and/or take the position of who cares what color it is. If you ignore item 3 above regarding conformation, then you have no regard for an Irish Setter. Then if you don't want an Irish Setter then please get yourself a good pointer. Pointers are mighty fine bird dogs. Lets be honest with ourselves by admitting that we love Red Dogs because they are red. Yellow Setters aren't pretty! English Setters are! There are too many 4

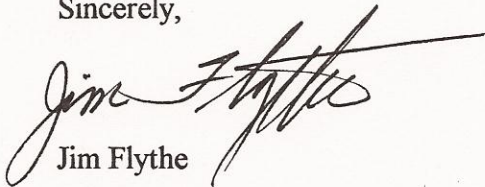
legged mongrels in our club. If I had not had so many yellow dogs in the past I would have no right to speak as I have. I hope that I have stirred up enough thought in you to come up with some means of regulating the use of mongrels in our club.

For the lighter side. Dave Stem, Ed Schnettler and I went to Hoffman Friday to see Le High Lady run in the N.C. Shooting Dog Championship-56 entries of the top shooting dogs from New York to Georgia. She was excellent, strong race, the very classiest, but no bird work. This is the type of dog that the club should be trying to produce. She is truly a class bird dog. Lady ran big and strong in Georgia open Shooting Dog Championship too. If you don't agree with me, ask the pros.

- (1) Gerald Tracey
- (2) Harold Ray
- (3) Roy Mann
- (4) George Hodge
- (5) Claude Arrowood
- (6) Aubry Beverly

All of them will tell you this is the type of Red Dog to breed. Study her and you will learn what the pros consider a class shooting dog.

Sincerely,



Jim Flythe