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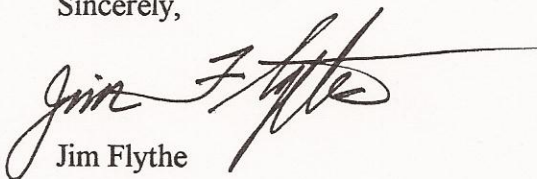
Dear Tim:

My last trial was the First Red Setter Futurity. I helped carry the torch of Torch of the Red Setter challenge for 10-15 years. I certainly do appreciate the officers and directors continuing this challenge of which you all have done a terrific job. I was shocked by the "Petition To The AKC," and the Irish Setter Club of America Standings listed and to see the apparent increase of the "Purest Challenge" being aligned with the AKC. The late William C. Thompson another of "The New Irish Setter" told me before he passed away that we should not register our dogs with the AKC nor promote the dual registration because the AKC dogs and the Field Dog Stud Book Dogs have to many differences.

The AKC told me that they do not approve of cross breeding - Setter to Setter nor any other. I don't disagree with them if this is their standard. FDSB is for hunting dogs and the AKC is for show dogs! Some of the Red Setters certainly need improvement in look especially in color. Does the Red Setter Club have conformation standards as well as description of a horse back shooting dog? Maybe you need too. Many of them are a long ways from Red, more like "Old Yellow." Who blames the AKC from not wanting the FDSB "Old Yellow" registered with them.

As I mentioned above progress has been made. I read about members wanting all age, horse back shooting dogs and walking trial dogs which type does the club promote-race horse, saddle horse or draft horse type dogs?. Roger Boser and Joe Edwards type of dogs are a credit to the "purest challenge". A copy of a letter that I sent to the directors back in February 1974 will show my concern even in '74.

Sincerely,



Jim Flythe

cc: Dan Moore, Senior Editor