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Dear Bob Spruce

Please forgive me writing you, as I know you have enough
correspondence on your plate to do you your time.. However a
Mrs. Elin Easmer Wittusen, ^{Norway} wrote me she is anxious to buy a dog
that has won, three to four years old, she has aparently one dog maybe
two (I am not sure) from U.S. S. one is Yankee Dawn, and the other is
an Abra bitch called Aida, she needs a dog capable of being bred to
the progeny of these, and she has asked me to use MY influence to
acquire it, she seems to think if I say so it can be done???? I do not
know why she jumped to this conclusion.

Some recent articles in the Whip have frightened me somewhat, I
thought this purest challenge was effected via Isley Chip and the rest
via ruthless selection, prompted by some level of inspiration and
instinct, now I find there are many other outcrossed including pointers
and who knows. I am very certain that within the spectrum there must be
some very good dogs, and from pictures ^{some} are very good type also.
It is also a great contradiction of all one believed about purity and
concentration that Abra is such a prepotent stud force, one must assume
that the females have more outcrossing, or are very weak in prepotency.

Of course the whole thing is en development as of now, and only
time will tell what type and class will surface. I may see next year
as it is our wedding anniversary (25) and it is go now or never.
Rodger Bowser was here last year, and some more, they all seemed to
think mine would yield nothing in range, and possibility superior in nose

and per se brain, but of course I would be well down the line in tail
angulation, about which I personally am not too pushed so long as
the tail speaks decision, and within the artistic concept rather than
the lightening conductor aspect. We of course are very insistent
that the dogs put up the game, being their job, and affording the gun
the better chance of a successful shot, yet I do not think your dogs
would fall down here with different training methods. It is all very
fascinating, and I am most appreciative of your news through the good off
ices of my good friend Martin Currin.

It is still a bit mystery to me that the Sulhamsteads were not
used more since apparently Carliona ^{Asken's} Ladys class was transfered mainly
through the sire, far as one can guess.

Will not waste more of your time, suffice to say that in these Isles
in 1984 that Irish setters won about 60 to 65% of the open all aged
prizes, having said that we are far from complacent.

Sincerely

