

Cappagh,
Co. Waterford,
26/1/88.

Dear Bob

Many thanks for the Christmas Edition of the American Field I really enjoyed getting it. I hope you had a good Christmas and that you have a prosperous New Year. 1988 doesn't look like a good year for Ireland so far, we seem to be sinking even deeper into ^{the} recession, but from what I've heard and read you are having it rough in America as well. I wish to God my bitches would come in season, they are all overdue and now I suppose they'll all come in together and I'll end up with the lot pupping at the same time. - the joys of breeding!!

Bob, I've been trying to get the IRSC to expand its newsletter for some years and this year it has agreed to try it, however I've been put in charge of getting adverts to cover the cost of the larger printing bill - perhaps you would be interested in putting an advert in or if any of your friends and acquaintances would be interested in doing so ask them to write to me immediately with their adverts, the

cost is £30 for a full page, £15.00 for a half page and photos are accepted. My idea in this is that as the parent club I would like the IRSC Newsletter to become an international organ for all Irish Setter enthusiasts worldwide. I hope it works!!

I don't know whether I told you or not, but I had a great week in Scotland in December stalking Red and Roe deer and rough shooting - we were very lucky, absolutely no rain just hard dry weather with beautiful blue skies every day. It was a real pleasure to be in the field.

I was glad to hear your nephew liked Sally and that he turned out well in the end - even if he took his time maturing. Will he make a trialer? Sorry for the brevity of the letter Bob but I'm a little snowed under at the moment

Kind Regards

Ray.