

English Setter Club of America, Inc.
Established 1906



Membership Guide Book

English Setter Club of America

275 Medford – Mount Holly Road
Medford, NJ 08055

Club Boundaries & Field Names



- Club House & Residence



- ATV Barns & Dog Training Area



- Dog Cemetery



General Club Rules

- ❖ Parking of all vehicles is limited to the Club House, ATV Barn Areas and first half of the Trap House Field (closest to the club house).
- ❖ Members MAY NOT train or exercise dogs when:
 - ❖ **A Field Trial is in progress** (see website or club notice board for schedule).
 - ❖ **During the New Jersey six (6) day December firearm season (Monday-Saturday).**
 - ❖ **When the grounds are closed by the order of the board of directors.**
- ❖ Handlers should maintain control of puppies and un-broke dogs at all times, not allowing them to catch or kill pigeons and quail while training.
- ❖ Dogs are not permitted to run free without a handler in attendance at all times.
- ❖ Dogs are not allowed to be loose in the parking lot, this includes while getting ready to work the dog or when camping on the grounds.
- ❖ Please observe the **10 MPH speed limit while on club grounds and for the access road from Rt 541 to the club gate.**
- ❖ Drivers should yield to running dogs and handlers on foot, ATV or horseback at all times.
- ❖ Keep a safe distance from horses when operating autos, ATV's or discharging guns.
- ❖ Members wishing to purchase quail or chucker can do so by placing cash in the box next to the quail pen gate. The cost will be posted on the box. Once purchased, birds are not to be returned to the pens (you remove them from the pens, you are responsible for the cost). Purchased birds are to be use on club grounds ONLY and ARE NOT permitted to be removed from E.S.C. grounds.
- ❖ Any person or group using the BREAKAWAY FIELD must allow others club members the use of the field within a reasonable amount of time. A handler working multiple dogs should not run a second dog while other members are waiting for the field.

General Club Rules

❖ Sponsoring New Members:

- ❖ You must be a member in good standing for a minimum of 2 years in order to sponsor a new members to the club.
- ❖ Sponsoring members are encouraged to act as a mentor to all new members during the new members probationary period and will be accountable for the candidates they sponsor.

❖ Membership Candidates are accepted with the understanding they are under a probationary period for their first year of membership. Non-compliance with club rules, repeated complaints from tenured members are grounds for non-renewal of membership upon completion of the probationary period.

❖ New members are encouraged to participate in official clubs activities including the clubs summer picnic, our spring Lee Bird Classic Field Trial and periodic Club Work Days. These official group activities are an excellent way to meet other members, build a network of fellow training partners and enjoy the overall comradery of other dedicated dog owners, handlers and trainers. Dates for these events can be found on the **EVENTS** section of the clubs website (www.englishsetterclub.com)

Please be courteous to your fellow members and use common sense so everyone can enjoy their time at the English Setter Club, the 2nd oldest field trial club in the USA!

Guest Policy & Group Use of Grounds

- ❖ Members are limited to bringing One (1) Guest daily to the club for training.
- ❖ An Individual Guest may make a maximum of three (3) visits to the club in any calendar year, whether accompanied by the same member or by several different members over the course of the calendar year.
- ❖ Guests **ARE NOT** permitted to possess, carry or discharge a firearm for any reason while on club grounds



- ❖ Guests are not permitted to the club during the December six (6) day NJ firearm deer season (Monday-Saturday).
- ❖ AKC & American Field Sanctioned Clubs can request use of the grounds for field trials, breed club functions or charity events. Clubs should submit a “REQUEST FOR GROUNDS USE” form to the Corresponding Secretary for consideration by the board. Forms can be found on the clubs website at www.englishsetterclub.com. Grounds use fees, dog fees and insurance requirements apply and are subject to change at the discretion of the board of directors at any time.



Club Pigeon Use Areas & Rules

- ❖ Use of CLUB PIGEONS is limited to the areas shown on the left.
- ❖ ONLY BANDED pigeons are permitted to be used from the UNLOCKED COOPS on club property.
- ❖ Do not approach Tom or Pat to open locked coops, as those birds are not mature enough for training use.
- ❖ ABSOLUTELY No pulling of feathers or clipping of wings on club pigeons.
- ❖ Control puppies & unbroke dogs to ensure they do not maul or kill pigeons.
- ❖ NO SHOOTING of club or personally owned pigeons at any time.
- ❖ Be courteous to fellow members by only removing pigeons needed for the immediate training needs of a single dog.
- ❖ Pigeons should not be removed from the coop and left in training bags for extended periods of time. Only take what you will use for a single dog over the next 30 min. period.
- ❖ If you raise your own pigeons and periodically look to give away young birds, please approach Tom to see if the club can adopt them.

Shooting of Birds During Training

Allowed September 1 to April 30 ONLY!

- ❖ The shooting of birds for training purposes is limited to the **BREAKAWAY FIELD ONLY!!!** **The shooting of birds for dog training MAY NOT BE DONE IN ANY OTHER CLUB FIELD** or from May 1 to August 30! Shooting is permitted between the hours of 8:00 AM and Sunset only.
- ❖ **NO SHOOTING OF QUAIL or PIGEONS AT ANY TIME!!**
- ❖ All harvested birds must be removed from the property, **DO NOT** place in clubs trash containers!



- ❖ **Guests ARE NOT permitted to gun.**
- ❖ All gunners must possess a valid NJ hunting license. Gunners, handlers and observers in the shooting group must wear hunters **ORANGE (VEST & HAT)** in compliance with all NJ hunting regulations.
- ❖ Be courteous to fellow members training and exercising their dogs while your group is shooting. Allow other members and dogs to pass the gunning area safely and be well out of shooting range before commencing any shooting. **DO NOT SHOOT INTO the SAFE ZONE AREAS IDENTIFIED ABOVE!!!**

Hunting & Shooting

- ❖ Small game and deer may be hunted by members on the club grounds during the regular hunting season and during regular hunting hours.
- ❖ Hunting of GAME BIRDS is limited to Sunday morning between the hours of 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM ONLY! Hunting on Sunday must be coordinated through the clubs SUNDAY HUNT LEADER and only in the fields he/she designates. Guests are not permitted to carry a firearm, may not hunt and are not permitted to shoot over dogs with firearms.
- ❖ A valid NJ hunting license is required any time hunting or killing of birds is done and all NJ hunting regulations must be observed.



- ❖ No game birds can be killed outside the commercial preserve license season which starts on September 1 and ends on April 30.
- ❖ **No shooting of Quail or Pigeons at any time.**
- ❖ Rifle Slugs (Shotgun) are allowed during the six (6) day NJ shotgun season only!
- ❖ Under no circumstances are Rifles, Pistols or Muzzleloaders permitted to be discharged on club grounds.
- ❖ No target shooting or sighting of weapons is permitted on club grounds.
- ❖ Ground blinds must be removed at the conclusion of deer hunting season.

ATV Use, ATV Storage & Camping On Site

- ❖ **ATV use is permitted while training, exercising dogs and engaging in hunting activities on the property. Recreational riding of ATV's is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN at the club.**
- ❖ **Children are only allowed to ride ATV's to work dogs and during picnics and only when accompanied by an adult club member. Children must wear helmets while riding ATV's and no children under the age of 16 shall ride double.**
- ❖ **The clubs 15 MPH Speed Limit applies to all ATV's riding both off-road and on all defined club access roads.**
- ❖ **The club maintains two (2) covered sheds for the purpose of storing club maintenance machinery and equipment. Surplus shed space is offered to members annually for the storage of their ATV's. Storage charge rates are established annually and are separate from a members annual membership or initiation fee. Members offered a storage spot may renew annually without needing to reapply for their space. The club maintains an ATV storage wait list which is used to contact interested members if spaces open up. Should you be interested being added to the wait list, please see the club caretaker, Tom Gille.**



- ❖ **Trailers, vehicles, or unauthorized ATV's cannot be parked or stored on club grounds for extended lengths of time without Board approval. Contact Tom before leaving any of these items at the club.**
- ❖ **Campers and recreational vehicles connected to the clubs electric service MUST PAY \$10.00 PER DAY. Please pay the club caretaker, Tom Gille, prior to your departure. Payment forms can be obtained from Tom, or can be found next to the clubhouse front door, outside the glass case.**
- ❖ **NO DUMPING of any camper or RV fluids on club property, this includes black and gray water tanks.**
- ❖ **No parking on the front lawn of the caretakers residence.**



**English Setter Club of America, Inc.
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