

POINTERS



Name: Susan Hoppe

State of residence: Minnesota

Dog's name: Ciaran (10), Tweed (8) and Sally (2+, pictured above)

Breed: All are *Irish* Red & White Setters

How would you best describe your dogs: PERFECT!

Where did you purchase your dogs from: Leslie and Gail Harrison (Sally and Ciaran) and Alice Guthrie (Tweed)

How did you end up selecting this breed: Gail is very knowledgeable and able to match me with dogs that best matched my lifestyle.

Do your dogs have a favorite spot in the house: Tweed likes a dog bed in the bedroom, Sally prefers a dog bed in the living room and Ciaran likes to be anywhere near me.

How were you introduced to competitive hunting: Colin Fowler from Ohio encouraged me to participate.

Events Susan competes in: Amateur

Proudest accomplishment while competing: Anytime that I do not make things worse for my dogs.

What is your most memorable competition story: One image of Sally that I remember was when she ran over a hill in the fall of '07, into some thick brush and trees after a chukar that I was sure I missed (again). She saved the day by retrieving the bird. Like I said, they're perfect!

What would you say to your peers: To all of those that have helped me in one way or another - Thank you for supporting my efforts!

Do you self train or have your dog professionally trained: I train my own dogs.

How were you introduced to hunting: Ciaran introduced me to hunting in '02.

What is your favorite spot to hunt: An undisclosed location in St. Louis county - Minnesota.

Firearm of choice: French Ideal SXS 16 ga. For the woods and a Winchester Model 12 for competition.