

# ATTENTION IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## The ESA are in the process of introducing English Setter Association Welfare (ESAW)

There has been consternation amongst the Officers Committee and Members that English Setter Association Rescue (ESRA) is moving away from the premise for which it was originally set up.

In those early days when ES were much more prevalent than today, the ESA set up ESRA to deal with the many rescue cases that, unfortunately, result when a breed is very popular. After a while it became a charity and for many years was run under the guidance of ESA Members who had first hand experience of our breed. At that point it was no longer under the umbrella of the ESA and although we worked closely with those involved, we had no jurisdiction over how the rescue was run.

Recently there has been a lot of disruption within ESRA and although we have tried to support the present Trustees, none of whom are ESA members, they have made it very clear they do not need or want our input.

We have a wealth of experience within our present committee, but more importantly we have the expertise of Fran Grimsdell who for many years was a Trustee and co-ordinator of ESRA. Fran who resigned from ESRA has agreed to be Co-ordinator of ESAW and will work closely with the Officers & Committee to ensure the safe rehoming and welfare issues of vulnerable English Setters. ESAW also pledges to help any owners who may be experiencing difficulties managing their circumstances and can speak in total confidence to Fran or the Officers of the ESA.

I have included the Code of Practise for this venture which may need tweaking as time goes on.

Over the years many members of the Association have very generously donated to the rescue. We are now asking you to support ESAW in the same way. This venture needs a strong financial framework to succeed and more importantly ensure English Setter Welfare has the means to establish a viable service for any owners who find they are in difficulties. We are hoping that in time we can apply for Charity Status, but we have to have an annual income of at least £5000 before we can embark on that route. All accounts and reports will be presented at our AGM in future with a full update of progress. If and when we become a Charity, the ESA Officers and the Co-ordinator will be Trustees.

The Treasurer has set up a separate bank account for ESAW and I include details here:-

Cheques made payable to **English Setter Association Welfare** and sent to the Treasurer or paid directly Sort Code 30-90-09 Account No. 53907960.

**Fran Grimsdell ESAW Co-ordinator can be contacted on 01953483536/ 07879827439 or e mail [frantattersett@icloud.com](mailto:frantattersett@icloud.com)**

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## ESAW Code of Practice

### ESAW Objectives

To place in loving, caring homes, UK bred English Setters who, due to unfortunate or unforeseen circumstances, require rehousing and to assist where possible and / or appropriate, with welfare matters concerning English Setters.

### Rules

#### **1 General**

a) In accordance with the resolution passed at an ESA Committee meeting ESAW will be operated on its own merit and will be self-supporting through fundraising and donations with a view to eventually obtaining Charity Status

b) In accordance with the resolution passed at said committee meeting ESAW will be overseen by the ESA Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a named co-ordinator who will be a fully paid up member of the ESA. The co-ordinator will keep records of dogs that are rescued & rehomed by ESAW together with any costs involved and present a report at the ESA AGM

c) The Treasurer will submit an annual statement of the accounts of ESAW to the ESA Annual General Meeting. The ESA Committee will act as fundraiser and the Treasurer will keep a record of all funds raised for inclusion in the annual financial statement.

## **2 Rescue & Rehousing Matters**

a) The Co-ordinator will appoint Area Representatives who will be responsible for any rescued English Setters, they can be assisted by any member of the ESA.

b) If a breeder or responsible owner wishes to take responsibility for any urgent or non-urgent rehousing, assistance may be given by the Co-ordinator regarding potential future owners from ESAW's waiting list. After the rehoming of a dog the Co-ordinator will check with the new owners that everything is satisfactory.

c) ESAW will not normally be liable to purchase rescued dogs, but every case will be considered on its own merit by the ESA officers and the Co-ordinator.

(d) When an English Setter comes in for rehoming, ESAW must encourage the owner of the dog to contact the breeder to find out whether they want the dog back, or are happy for ESAW to rehome him/her. If it is the latter, the owner will be sent a transfer form to fill their details and the dog's details in, to be sent to the co-ordinator along with the vaccination certificate, pedigree form, registration certificate and microchip details. When a new owner is found, they will fill in and sign an adoption form, one which ESAW will keep, and a copy for the new owner together with the vaccination certificate which will have the previous owner's details removed. New homes for these rescued dogs may be visited for their suitability, unless vouched for by a responsible Member of the English Setter Association.

e) All new owners are required to make a donation to ESAW

f) Area Representatives, in consultation with the Co-ordinator, may carry out non-urgent rehousing at their discretion. However, full details must be taken and sent to the Co-ordinator for record purposes.

g) The Co-ordinator will keep a record of all enquires and will collate and record a list of prospective owners for English Setters that are in need of rehousing.

h) The decision to put to sleep any rescued dog for any reason must be made by a qualified veterinary surgeon together with the Co-ordinator and the breeder (if known).

i) **Registration Certificate** If this is available for a rescued dog which has been rehoused by ESAW; it will be forwarded to the Co-ordinator who will file it with the records.

## **3 Welfare Matters**

a) If ESAW is requested to become responsible for a welfare matter regarding an English Setter approval must, unless in exceptional urgent circumstances, normally be obtained by the ESA Officers and the Co-ordinator. In urgent circumstances the Co-ordinator may approve up to £100 expenses for a welfare matter, but will then inform the Officers as soon as possible of the circumstances.

b) ESAW will consider each welfare request on its own merit and the circumstances and individual needs of owners may be taken into account. Where possible appropriate approval for use of the ESAW's funds may be given, but ESAW may later seek repayment of some or all of these funds, should the circumstances warrant it.

c) With the approval of the ESA Officers and the Co-ordinator funds may be donated for worthwhile canine purposes which benefit the welfare of English Setters.

## **4 Expenses**

a) All necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by the Co-ordinator, the Area Representatives and their helpers will be reimbursed. For record purposes expenses claims must be accompanied by receipts and details of why the expenses were incurred.

b) Other reasonable expenses incurred as a result of the rehousing of an English Setter may be reimbursed, subject to approval of the ESA Officers and the Co-ordinator.

c) All cheques made out from the Scheme's bank account by the Treasurer must be countersigned by The Chairman or Secretary.