

## Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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## Old Phantom 2004-2013!

It was a warm opening day of quail season in November of 2004 when Phantom showed up out of nowhere! Phantom had hit the jackpot when he made his presence be known. Phantom fell right in the middle of a great situation! He went from as about as bad as it could get to about as good as it gets!

You are probably wondering, what is Phantom!

Well, in 2004, Phantom was a scrawny, almost-starved-to-death, black, tri-color, English setter dog! He had one eye that was blurred from malnutrition. On August 1, 2013, he passed away as a happy old setter who lived a life of luxury! I would even say, he was spoiled rotten!

Phantom's story starts like this! In November of 2004, three guys headed to

an old strip mine in Breathitt County to quail hunt the season opener.

The three guys consisted of Tony Ricketts (Dog Spoiler like no other), Wayne Bailey (veterinarian), and me. We had high expectations of finding lots of quail on the opener! I think we had five dogs with us on the trip to the strip mine!

We had been hunting about a half day and moved a covey or two. We were heading down a thicket when Tony said, "Dog on point." Then someone said, "What dog is that?" It wasn't a dog we brought with us. It was a dog that would carry the name Phantom! Phantom went on to hunt the rest of the day with us. He put on a show! He pointed a covey of quail and was a backing fool!

When we made it back to the truck, Phantom was with us. We had five dogs on the ride there and six dogs on the way home! Phantom was going to be Tony's dog soon! Phantom couldn't go to live in dog luxury until he spent two weeks with Wayne at Countryside Vet Office in Mount Sterling! It took a couple weeks of doctoring before Phantom was back to decent health.

It was finally time for Phantom to go to his new home! His new home was not a kennel! It was a house, and Phantom had his own bed by the fireplace.

Phantom went on to be a real grouse dog! He pointed 94 grouse in one season with 16 pointed in one day! Not only was he a great grouse dog he was a great house dog! Phantom never was a problem except when his sweet tooth got the best of him every Christmas! He would sneak him some Christmas sweets every year and then go back to being good old Phantom! Old Phantom -- one of the great

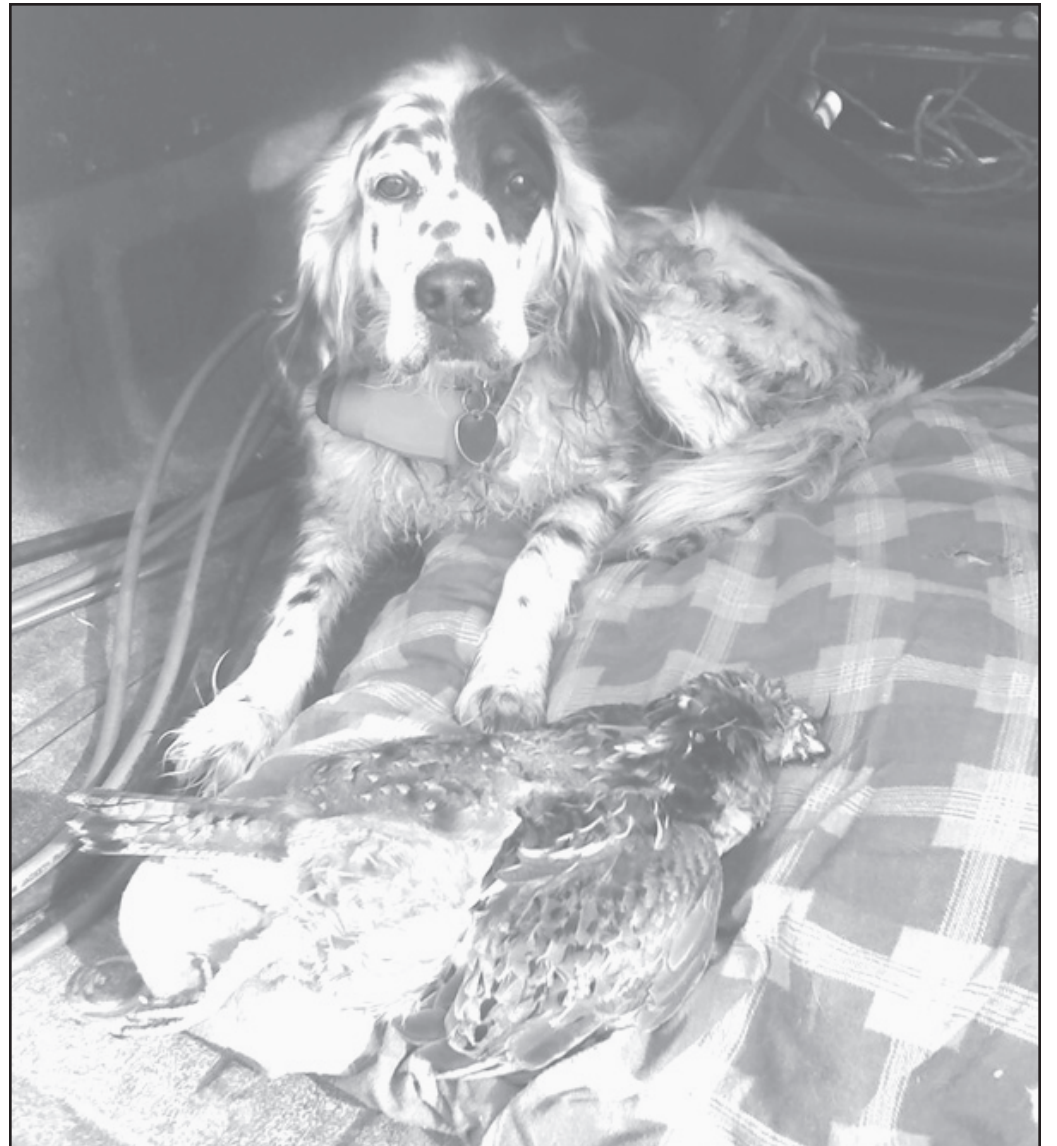
ones!

When I got word Phantom had died, it got me to thinking about a few things! When life is at its worse, never give up! When the

opportunity arises for you to shine, cease the day! There is a Savior for the lost! When you meet the Savior, he will heal you! Miracles really do happen!

We figured Phantom was somewhere between 14 and 16 years old! He will be missed!

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Phantom, on his last grouse hunt before he was retired!

## Estill Sports

Saturday, August 17, 2013

### South Central Ky. Outdoor Expo

The South Central Kentucky Outdoor Expo will be held Saturday, August 17, 2013, at the Adair County High School Gym, 526 Indian Drive, Columbia, KY 42728. There will be 100 exhibitor booths, official deer scoring, six of Kentucky's largest typical and non-typical whitetail deer from the 2012 season on display, and seminars featuring Gordon Whittington and Mark Menendez. The NWTF State Turkey Calling and Still Target Championships will take place and there will be a John Deere Gator giveaway. Admission is \$5.00; 12 and under free. For more information contact Terry Partin at 270-378-1301 or David Jones at 270-634-2675 or visit our website at [www.sckyoudoorexpo.com](http://www.sckyoudoorexpo.com).

Saturday, September 14, 2013

### Little Mountains Coin & Knife Show

The 8th Annual Little Mountains Coin & Knife Show will be held at the Estill County Fairgrounds Event Building on Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. "Buy, Sell or Trade." Call 723-6682 for info.

## Stickeler's Puzzle

**STICKELERS** [sic]  
by Terry Stickels

One of the following numbers does not belong in this sequence.

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Which is the odd one out and why?

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