



Who says setters are untrainable?

After almost 25 years of owning setters, first Irish, then Gordon, we decided on acquiring two English Setter puppies - to attend training classes for the first time.

The breed are well known for their scattiness, energy and general devil-may-care attitude so we thought it would be a challenge for all concerned.

We contacted Peter Ross at Rossway Dog Training Centre on recommendation when the puppies (brothers - Rory and Rufus) were 11 weeks old and have been training once a week for the last 10 months.

The dogs are a pleasure to own, being obedient and responsive to all commands on and off the lead, they are sociable with other dogs and people, respond individually to voice control, bark on command, retrieve and drop - the list goes on.

They passed their Puppy Development Course with honours on their first birthday and are now progressing swiftly to the next stage. We have received a number of compliments on their behaviour, the most recent from a specialist at the Royal Vet's College who commented that she wished all her patients were as beautifully behaved as Rufus.

This has all been achieved without any reduction of their happiness or natural exuberance - for this we owe Peter Ross a great debt of thanks.

His methods and enthusiasm cannot be surpassed and his love of dogs shines throughout - we could not have done it without him.

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