

# Happy Holidays – Buone feste

## Italiano in basso

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

2017 has been an interesting but very busy here: there were (are) many articles for you in my mind but almost no time to write them down. but I promise I'll keep trying to publish interesting contents on the blog. The Gundog Research Project ([click to check](#)) is still in progress, waiting for me to pass my last (yahoo) veterinary medicine exam. I also set up an [Instagram](#) account to keep in touch with readers more easily... but I will keep writing and we also have a [Facebook](#) page.

I also want to thank two unexpected contributors who gave a lot to Dogs and Country last year. One is [Tok Mostert](#), from South Africa, who wrote training related articles in English and Flavia Bullo who keeps sharing her wonderful [dessert recipes](#) in Italian.



So... well thank you for following us in 2017 and hope you will be still browsing these pages in 2018. Have a Merry Christmas (I ordered myself a tweed fox that is still traveling on Santa sled) and Happy New Year!

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Buon Natale e felice anno nuovo. Il 2017 è stato un anno interessante ma anche piuttosto intenso. C'erano (ci sono) molti articoli in testa ma non abbastanza tempo per metterli per iscritto ma prometto che continuerò a fare del mio meglio per condividere dei contenuti interessanti. Il Gundog Research Project ([cliccate qui per saperne di più](#)) continua, in attesa che io passi l'ultimo esame che mi separa dalla laurea in medicina veterinaria. Ho collegato al blog un account [Instagram](#) per rimanere in contatto con i lettori con più facilità, e abbiamo anche una pagina [Facebook](#).

Vorrei inoltre ringraziare due collaboratori apparsi all'improvviso: [Tok Mostert](#), sudafricano, che ha scritto articoli di addestramento in inglese e Flavia Bullo con le sue [ricette dei dolci](#).

Per cui... grazie per averci seguito nel 2017 e speriamo che restiate con noi nel 2017. Buon Natale... mi sono comprata un volpacchiotto in tweed che è ancora in viaggio... e felice anno nuovo!

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## Who we are

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**Rossella Di Palma**

Grows up among books, dogs, horses and other animals, never imagining that, one day, she would have been on the other side of the fence. After graduating (master level degree) in English Language and Literature and after a fellowship at Mount Holyoke College (USA), she started writing (and taking pics!) for dogs and shooting magazines. She became a professional journalist, published two books and took care of

some other editorial projects and later graduated in veterinary medicine Rossella is an English Setter enthusiast and pointing dogs are her favourites but, being terribly curious, she is always happy to watch and enjoy dogs belonging to any breeds. She thinks that interacting with dogs and “living” them is the best way to get to know these animals.

Here on Dogs and Country, trying to be bi-lingual, she rules on the sections [Dogs & Country](#) and [A Month on The Moor](#).



Where you can find Rossella on paper: Sentieri di Caccia, Beccacce che Passione e Cinghiale che Passione. In passato: Gli speciali di Sentieri di Caccia; Gli Speciali di Cani; Cinghiale

International; Ti Presento il Cane; Parma Economica; South African Wingshooters; Fieldsports, Il libro dei Setter; Il Pastore Tedesco.

## **Emanuele Nava**

Emanuele Nava was born about 30 years ago in Brianza, near Milan, but he later migrated to the hills of Valcerrina (Monferrato, Piedmont). He took this decision in order to satisfy his passion for hounds, hare hunting and the countryside. Hunting hare with hounds is his lifestyle. Emanuele writes for some hunting/shooting magazines and actively trains his hounds and hunts with his pack. He also travels all around Italy to meet more hounds and hound people, in the hope to improve his knowledge. Together with Francesca Asunis, he owns the kennel affix Vicamar under which they breed Beagles and Italian Hounds. He rules on [Cavilli & Segugi](#) (Quibbles and Hounds, a name coming from Horses (in

Italian cavalli) and Hounds. His writings, unfortunately, are available only in Italian.

Where to find Emanuele on paper: Sentieri di Caccia.

## **Guests:**

### **Tok Mostert**

Tok is a South African Professional Hunter (PH) now living in



Sweden. He has hunted over thousands of hoofed and dangerous animals in his own country and in Europe but he claims his best hunts have been those done together with his German Shorttailed Pointer Flake.

We are very happy to host his articles on pointing dogs training. They can be found in the section [Training](#). His articles are available only in English.

### **Flavia Bullo**

Studies Veterinary Medicine at the University of Milan and, being dog less at the moment, relaxes herself through baking. Her recipes (cakes and desserts) can be found under the category [Sweet Dreams](#).

