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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 Shortaired 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](#).



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# The Project

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Dogs & Country was born in January 2013. It was a sunny and chilly morning and Rossella was walking the dog when an idea came into her mind. Why do not create something that would allow a direct connection between writers and readers? Why not to have a space in which we could be totally free? Why not to take advantage of the web?

The web attracts writers and journalists who are used to work for traditional paper magazines, it is very tempting and... temptation won over us. It took almost one year to understand how to set up a blog and how to make it work. We researched, planned and meditated. We are writers, not computer experts, which means we are trying to build this blog step by step. We are still getting used to the web but we want to offer our readers the same quality writings we are known for.

Here we want to write about dogs, but non only about, dogs because to us, everything related to country life matters! We love dogs, countryside and outdoors activities, writing about them is our own special way to express our gratitude for their existence. But, we cannot forget our readers and we wish to offer them some good contents, some food for thought and some fun!

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