New Membership Applicants
To be voted on at the July 8th Meeting

Rhonda & Joseph Meath
Bethel, MN

Zach & Shana Demorest
Minneapolis, MN

Al Olson
Ham Lake, MN

Rob Johnson
Waite Park, MN

FOUR BROOKS TRAINING PERMITS
Required passes to train at the Four Brooks WMA, north of Milaca, are now available. Passes are good through December 31, 2008. To purchase, send a check payable to GSPCMN in the amount of $20.00, to Chris Benakin, 22020 Jivarso St NW, Oak Grove, MN

GSPCA
National Amateur Gun Dog Championship (Walking)
April 12-14, 2008
Cameron, MO

First Place:
NAGDC/FC/AFC Prairies Edge Tippy
Owner/Handler: Pat Vande Hei

Second Place:
DC Gamble's Odyssey Fritz MH
Owners: Rick Hopkins & Chuck Parietti
Handler: Chuck Parietti

Third Place:
FC/AFC Palm Glades Shameless Lenny
Owner/Handler: Tim Smelcer

Fourth Place:
AFC Snowy River Full Gauge JH
Owners: Chase & Mark Verdoon
Handler: Chase or Mark Verdoon

Judges Awards of Merit:
Ceburns High Roll - N- Angel
FC/AFC Thunderbuttezaltana Tonka Ha
Bryson’s Boxa Briar Patch Baby
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Newsletter Information
Advertising and Submission deadline is the 20th of the month for next month’s edition.

Advertising Rates:
Business Card $2.50 per month
1/4 Page $5.00 per month
1/2 Page $10.00 per month
Full Page $20.00 per month

SCHEDULE OF GSPCMN EVENTS

May 6, General Membership Meeting, Board Meeting to Follow
7:00 PM Kelly’s, 63rd and Boone Ave
Brooklyn Park, MN

May 23-26, 2008 Spring Horseback Field Trial,
Crow Hassan Park Reserve, Rogers, MN
Dan Erickson (763)473-6821

June 6, 2008 Specialty Show and Obedience/Rally Trial
Scott County Fairgrounds, Jordan, MN
Mary Morris (701)642-4832

July 8, General Membership Meeting, Board Meeting to Follow
Details the same as May 6th Meeting

September 9 General Membership Meeting, Board Meeting to Follow
Details the same as May 6th Meeting

September 19-21, 2008 Fall Horseback Field Trial
Solon Springs, WI
Chris Benskin (612)396-8502

* Pending AKC Approval

FIELD BRAGS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
OF CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR DOGS

February 2-3
Heart of America GSPC WFT, Lee’s Summit, MO
Open Puppy (5 Starters)
1st Cold Creek Prairie Rose, English Setter, Owner: Ian MacTavish
Amateur Walking Derby (11 Starters)
1st Cold Creek Prairie Rose, English Setter, Owner: Ian MacTavish

March 7-9
Gateway GSPC FT, Pinckeyville, IL
Amateur Walking Puppy (8 Starters)
3rd RTK’s Torrential Rainstrom, Owner: Chris Benskin
Upcoming Area Events

**AKC FIELD TRIALS**

April 25-27, Minnesota Brittany Club
Crow Hassan Park Reserve, Rogers, MN
Diane Hedstrom (763)755-1784

May 9-11, St. Croix Valley Brittany Club
Will offer an Amateur Walking Gun Dog Stake
Crow Hassan Park Reserve, Rogers, MN
Brian Lange (763)434-0713

May 16-18, Twin Cities German Wirehaired Pointer Club
Crow Hassan Park Reserve, Rogers, MN
Sue Mueller (715)425-9863

May 31-June 1, St. Croix Valley Brittany Club, WFT
Four Brooks WMA, Milaca, MN
Denise Koslowski (612)247-3111

September 6-7, Minnesota Brittany Club*
Douglas County Bird Sanctuary, Solon Springs, WI

**AKC HUNT TESTS**

April 26-27, North Country Gordon Setter Club
Kelley Farms, Marine on St. Croix, MN
Drieke Van Griffin (651)982-6409

May 3-4, Rice Creek Hunting Dog Club
Rice Creek, Little Falls, MN
Sandy Resch (320)360-4563

May 10-11, Twin Cities GWP Club
Kelley Farms, Marine on St. Croix, MN
Deb Finstad (651)405-9308

May 17-18, Lake Superior PDC
Sturgeon Lake, MN
Dave Jordet (407)340-8961

May 31-June 1, Central Minnesota PDC*
Willow Creek Kennels and Hunting, Little Falls, MN

* Pending AKC Approval

**NAVHDA TESTS**

May 17-18, MN NAVHDA Chapter
Four Brooks WMA, Milaca, MN
Vince Steffens (763)494-9105

June 7-8, MN NAVHDA Chapter
Kelley Farms, Marine on St. Croix, MN
NA, UPT, UT
Britt Toensing (763)529-4621

June 20-22, St. Croix Valley NAVHDA Chapter
Kelley Farms, Marine on St. Croix, MN
NA, UPT, UT
Carey McMillan (715)234-3044

August 16-17, MN NAVHDA Chapter
Iron Range Retriever Club, Virginia, MN
NA, UPT, UT
Jan Paaavola (218)225-2284

August 30-31, MN NAVHDA Chapter
Four Brooks WMA, Milaca, MN
NA
Diane Claskie (651)674-8768

September 12-14, St. Croix Valley NAVHDA Chapter
Kelley Farms, Marine on St. Croix, MN
NA, UPT, UT
Carey McMillan (715)234-3044

Happy Mother’s Day
FUNDING FOR RESEARCH INTO HEREDITARY LUPOID DERMATOSIS IN THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER

The GSPCA Board voted to co-fund with the AKC/CHF an ACORN Grant (“The ACORN program is designed to allow researchers to complete small, relatively short timeframe projects, test research hypotheses, and/or generate preliminary data for possible future grant proposals as larger scale or longer term studies. Payments for ACORN grants are made in three equal payments upon grant start, at mid-term (usually six months) and upon completion”) to Dr. Margret Casal of the University of Pennsylvania to search for the mode of inheritance of Lupoid Dermatosis in German Shorthaired Pointer. Any further donation may be made to the AKC/CHF GSPCA Donor Advised Fund through the AKC/CHF or the GSPCA.

This as with many other diseases that are shared with humans (called Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus) will not only help our breed but should lead to avenues of discovery in human research as well. Canine disease is much easier to follow in research through the extensive pedigree information we keep. As well as the fact that dogs have many more offspring in a litter to follow. We should be very proud that we can not only help our breed but help fellow humans that share this horrible disease.

Lupoid Dermatosis is unique to our breed. It has been reported in the US, Europe and Australia. The first communication was in 1990 and the first published report was in 1992 (Gross & Ihrke). The fact that this disease is exclusive to our breed and the familial incidence strongly suggests a hereditary origin.

Figure 1. Photo: Case 14. Multifocal areas of alopecia over the muzzle, trunk and hind limbs. Depigmentation is visible on the planum nasale.

Figure 2. Photo: dorsal muzzle. Case 14. Alopecia and scaling on the dorsal muzzle. Depigmentation is visible on the planum nasale.

Figure 3. Photo: Head. Case 19. Marked scaling and alopecia involving the muzzle, pinnae and head.

Figure 4. Photo: dorsal muzzle. Case 19. Marked scaling and alopecia involving the muzzle.

Source:
Clinical, histopathological and immunological characteristics of exfoliative cutaneous lupus erythematosus in 25 German short-haired pointers
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What is Lupoid Dermatosis?
Dogs affected begin to show signs between 6 months and 3 years old. They develop scaling starting with the face, ears and back which progresses to a generalized pattern. The lesions are painful and or itchy. The symptoms seem to wax and wane for no apparent reason. A secondary pyoderma (skin infection) may also be present. Fever and swollen lymph nodes may be present as well.

Diagnosis and Treatment?
The diagnosis is made by skin biopsy. The diagnosis is guarded. No consistently effective treatment has been found. Therefore the disease is usually fatal.

Breeding Advice
"Affected dogs, their siblings, and parents should not be bred. In this way, this condition may be eliminated before it becomes established in the breed”.

Information compiled by Leita Estes from several source including but not limited to:

Clinical, histopathological and immunological characteristics of exfoliative cutaneous lupus erthematosus in 25 German Shorthaired Pointers
Sharon L. Bryden, Stephan D. White et al.
Veterinary Dermatology 2005, 16, 239-252

SAUTÉED QUAIL WITH VERMOUTH SAUCE
SERVES 2

INGREDIENTS

• 4 quail, about 5 ounces each
• Salt and pepper to taste
• 1 teaspoon rubbed sage
• 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
• 3 tablespoons olive oil
• 3 large cloves garlic, thinly sliced
• 1 cup extra dry vermouth

Rinse the quail with cold water. Pat dry with paper towels. If desired, tie the legs with butcher's twine for a nicer presentation. Sprinkle on all sides with the salt, pepper, sage and thyme. Heat a medium skillet over high heat. Add the olive oil. Add the quail and brown, about 3 minutes per side. Add the garlic and vermouth. Stir to deglaze the bottom of the pan. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook until the quail is tender and the juices run clear, about 12 minutes, turning occasionally. Serve 2 quail per person, each drizzled with some of the pan juices.
OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP CONCERNING SHORTHAIR JOURNAL

April 7, 2008

Greetings to all,

On behalf of the GSPCA Board of Directors I want to offer you an explanation addressing the problems that we have had with the production and distribution of our magazine The Shorthair Journal. At the time of the January 2008 board meeting we recognized some problems with the magazine that needed to be addressed. These were primarily the areas of cost and timely delivery. One of the actions that we took was to reduce the number of issues from ten to six. We felt that this would cut costs and make the magazine more uniform in the number of pages. We also undertook a project to look at some other issues.

We chose to ask for input from other people in the magazine publishing world. During this period Mrs. Sadler decided that she would prefer to pursue other interests. We would like to thank Mrs. Sadler for her long and loyal service to us as a club and to our dogs. We wish her the best of success in her new endeavor.

That brings us to the present situation. Mrs. Sadler will be editing the Jan-Feb issue and the March-April issues. I know that there have been some major delays in getting the Jan-Feb issue to you however I’m told that it is on its way. I am also told that the March-April issue very close to completion and will be to the printer on time.

We have chosen a new editor for our magazine and are in the process of negotiating the terms of her contract. Hopefully she will be producing the May-June issue in a reasonable time frame.

For now, please do not send ad material or articles to Linda Sadler. You will be notified of the name and address of our new editor very soon. Watch for an announcement on www.gspca.org.

If you have issues specific to the publishing delay of the Jan-Feb and March-April issues please notify your regional GSPCA Director and the board will consider your situation.

Thank you for your patience

Charles E. Blackbourn, D.V.M, President GSPCA
### 2008 Agility/Rally Achievements

| Am/Can/Int CH Unbridled aus dem Norden CD RE NA OAJ | Straightaway's OO Seven NA NAJ RN CGC “Secret” |
| NRD CGC HIT “Ruffian” | Owned by: Mary and Erica Morris and Maureen Farley |
| Owned by: Erica and Mary Morris | Handled by: Erica Morris |
| Handled by: Erica Morris | |
| March 21-23 FMKC agility trials | January 5th at St. Paul |
| 3rd Open Agility Jumpers leg for a new OAJ | 3rd Rally Novice leg for a new RN |
| 1st Excellent Agility Jumpers leg at | |
| March 28-30 at SEKC agility trials | March 21-23 at FMKC agility trials |
| 1st Open Agility Standard leg at | 2nd Novice Agility Standard leg |
| | 2nd Novice Agility Jumpers leg |
| | March 28-30 at SEKC agility trials |
| | 3rd Novice Agility Standard leg for a new NA |
| | 3rd Novice Agility Jumpers leg for a new NAJ |
| | April 5-6 at FMKC obedience and rally trials |
| | 1st Rally Advanced leg |
| | 2nd Rally Advanced leg |
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Minnesota
2008 Membership Application

Individual Membership $25.00
Family Membership $30.00

Name:__________________________________________________________________
Spouse Name:____________________________________________________________
Address:________________________________________________________________
City:_____________________________ State:__________ Zip Code:_______________
Home Phone:___________________ Work Phone:______________________________
Email:___________________________________________

Information:
How many dogs do you currently own?__________ What Breeds?__________________
Do you breed dogs? (Yes/No)
   If yes, how many litters do you have per year?
   If yes, what health clearances do you run on your dogs prior to breeding?
Are you a member of any other breed club? (Yes/No)
Have you ever been suspended or expelled from another breed club? (Yes/No)
   If you answered yes to the last question, explain the circumstances using an additional sheet of paper.
Have you ever been suspended or fined by the American Kennel Club, Inc.? (Yes/No)
   If you answered yes to the last question, explain the circumstances using an additional sheet of paper.
What activities do you participate with your dog(s) in, circle all that apply.
   Hunting, AKC Hunt Tests, Field Trials, Conformation, Obedience, Agility
Would you be interested in helping at any club sponsored events? Circle all the apply.
   Specialty Show, Hunt Tests, Field Trials, Awards Banquet, Fun Days, Novelties, Newsletter, Game Fair

I agree to abide by all Club by-laws and breeding guidelines. I also certify that I/we are in good standing with
the AKC. If either of these conditions are violated you may be suspended or removed from The German
Shorthaired Pointer Club of Minnesota, Inc.

Signature_________________________________________
Date_____________________________________________

Please fill out and return with dues to:
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