



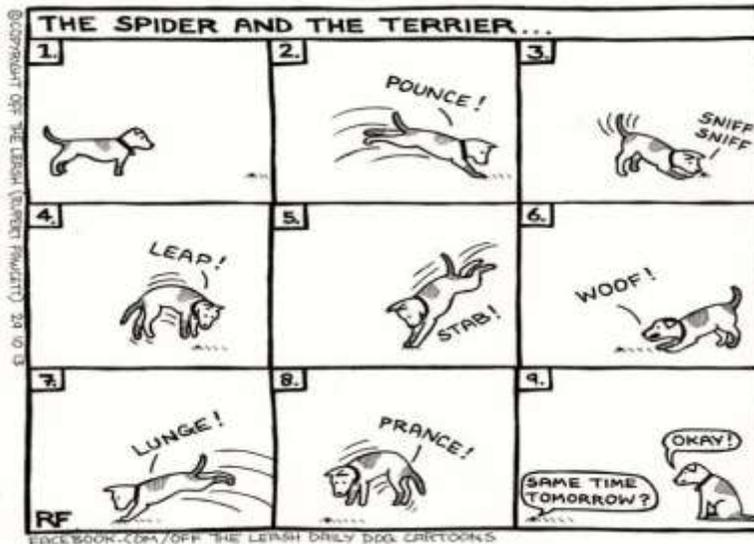
**SHORTHAIK TALES**  
**Newsletter of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club**  
**Of Greater Portland**  
**Spring 2017**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hi all –

Greetings, fellow Katahdin-ites! We had an excellent annual meeting at the Red Blazer in Concord NH a few weeks ago, back when there was still snow on the ground, hard to believe after the heat wave over this past Easter weekend. Plans are in place for our Specialty show in Swanzey on May 27, our GSPCA Water Test (in August this year), and our Fall Hunt Test at Sharp's farm on Sept 16. I actually have the premium completed for the hunt test, has to be a world's record for me, and we will have 2 pairs of judges for each level both morning and afternoon, so we're planning on a crowd. If you can help out by planting quail (we'll show you if you don't know how), helping in Pauline's kitchen, or marshalling (a.k.a. flogging the handlers), please get in touch with me, all help is greatly appreciated. We are also finalizing plans for several field training days, one dedicated solely to junior level dogs and a basic introduction to birdwork, so watch your email for that date, as well as our Facebook page and website. For those running dogs there, or utilizing Sharp's Farm in Hopkinton NH for training, a reminder that the approved HELDCA 2017 date list is on our website at <http://www.katahdingsp.org/heldca-html>. That's it for now, have a great summer, and please join us in Swanzey on May 27.

Steve



Current NH Legislation, as reported by Dog Owners of the Granite State, along with their views on the issues.

*MORE "DOGS" INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/NH-DOGS>, our web site [nhdogs.org](http://nhdogs.org) and TWITTER: <http://twitter.com/NHDogs>*

[HB 290](#) – relative to rabies vaccination **PASSED**

protocols for companion animals.

**STATUS:** Amended and passed by the House. Awaiting a hearing in the Senate.

**DOGS POSITION:** Support

[HB 291-FN](#) – removing veterinarians from compliance with the controlled drug prescription health and safety program.

**STATUS:** Amended and passed by the House. Awaiting a hearing in the Senate.

**DOGS POSITION:** Neutral – updates for informational purposes.

**TABLED**

[HB 381-FN](#) – relative to cruelty to non-captive wildlife.

**STATUS:** Tables by the House.

**DOGS POSITION:** Neutral – updates for informational purposes.

**KILLED (Inexpedient to legislate)**

[HB 594](#) – establishing a registry for persons convicted of animal cruelty

**STATUS:** Hearing on Feb.14, 2017, Room 303 Legislative Office Building, 1 p.m.

**DOGS POSITION:** **Opposed**

**Braggs, etc.**

Pat Russell had a good end of the year:

TJ completed his Grand Championship and Senior Hunter, and is now GCH Birdland's Maximum Ride SH

Ranger completed his Senior Hunter, and is now CH Birdland's Playing The Field SH

## 2017 Hunt Tests

We are again holding double header hunt tests with the Northern New England Brittany Club, but this year we will do two tests on September 16 and NNEBC will do two tests on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Save the date! We will need volunteers for Marshalls, Bird Planters, Drivers, etc.



## Katahdin Events Calendar

- April 30 -Sharpe's Farm Clean-Up Day at Sharpe's Farm, Little Frost Road, Hopkinton NH – 8-12
- May 27 – Katahdin Specialty Show at the New England Sporting Group Association dog show at the Cheshire Fairgrounds, Swanzey NH
- August 19 – Water Test Training Day – Dike side of Sharpe's Farm, details to follow
- August 20 – Water Test – Dike side of Sharpe's Farm
- September 16 – Katadhin double header hunt test

Training days will be scheduled at a later date and information sent to members.

## Helpful Links

[www.gpsrescuene.org](http://www.gpsrescuene.org) – German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue New England

<http://nhdogs.org> – Dog Owners of the Granite State – protects dogs through active involvement with legislation

[www.granitestatedogrecovery.com](http://www.granitestatedogrecovery.com) – reunites owners with lost and found dogs in New England. As of December 1, 2015 they had reunited 724 dogs in 2015 with their owners.

<http://fairydogparents.org> – also on Facebook – helps dog owners who do not have financial resources for special care

[www.gspca.org](http://www.gspca.org) – German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America – parent club for us

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) – American Kennel Club

[www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com) – upcoming dog shows, etc.

**On Facebook:** K9NE -dog related events in New England  
American Kennel Club Pointing Breed Hunt Test  
The Dog Show Judges Report  
German Shorthair Pointer  
GSP Rescue New England  
German Shorthaired Pointers New England  
Dog Showing and Handling  
Dog Show Forum  
Bird Dogs and Fly Fishing  
Hunting G.S.P.s  
I love my German Shorthaired Pointer  
Dog Agility  
Field Trialers  
Canine Health, Breeding and Puppy Care  
Pointing Breed Hunt Test Help and Info

## **MINUTES** **April 2, 2017**

The Annual Meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday April 2, 2017 at The Red Blazer in Concord, NH. In attendance were Steve Marcq, Pauline Marcq, Susan Fuller, Megan Arey, Ben Arey, Gerry Braun, Dave Braun and Pat Russell. Following a delightful buffet brunch, the meeting commenced at 11 am.

**President's Report:** Lots of activities scheduled for 2017, which will be covered in the meeting. Steve reported on the status of HELDCA, which is responsible for the Sharpe's Farm grounds we use for our activities. We are still looking for a HELDCA delegate – someone to attend the quarterly meetings in Hopkinton, NH. The Sharpe's Farm clean-up day is scheduled for April 30. If any members is interested in learning how to post pictures to our website he is always happy to walk them through the process.

**Secretary's Report:** Pat reported on membership renewals – dues have all been paid, with the exception of two members who have dropped out. She reported on a ballot from the GSPCA asking for the club's vote on parent club officer positions. She will send out an email to members asking their preferences and vote as directed. She also reported that there is a Facebook page for German Shorthaired Pointers New England. It is a small group, but she has joined and will publicize Katahdin activities there.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeremy was unable to attend, but sent in a report. We continue to maintain a healthy balance, ahead of last year.

**New Members:** None

**Show Committee:** We are all set with our Specialty on May 27<sup>th</sup> at the New England Sporting Group Association show in Swanzey, NH.

**Hunt Test Committee:** We will be holding a double header with the Northern New England Brittany Club the weekend of September 16 and 17. Katahdin will do a double header on Saturday and NNEBC will hold theirs on Sunday. Save the date, as we always need volunteers even if you aren't entered!

**Water Test:** We are holding our GSPCA Water Test later this year than previously – August 20<sup>th</sup>, with a training day on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We discussed whether or not to continue to hold the AKC water test following the GSPCA test, since we haven't had many attendees. It was voted to continue to hold the AKC test. It was voted to approve the purchase of an additional Ez Up and another Winger Zinger.

**Training Days:** We will be putting out more information on training days. We are looking at dates and possible guest speakers. We might have one day for JH dogs and another day for SH/MH dogs.

**Election of Officers:** The offices of Vice President and Secretary were up for election. The Nominating Committee recommended Cassandra Tompkins as Vice President and Pat Russell as Secretary. Upon motion made and seconded, the slate was unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Megan Arey reported on a strain on Lyme disease that affects the liver and kidneys, and puts the dogs in liver and kidney failure. It causes personality changes, vomiting, urine in blood and high creatinine levels. Something to be aware of, as it apparently a strain previously not common in our area.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Russell, Secretary

