



SHORTHAIR TALES
Newsletter of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club
Of Greater Portland
May 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow Katahdin-ites!

We enjoyed a great breakfast at the annual meeting at Pat's house, and finished planning for the water certificate test and training day coming up in late June, and the fall hunt tests in September. Remember that the Saturday before the test is a training day, and all members are welcome to come and check it out, introduce their dog to the water, ducks, swimming for ducks, eating ducks, shooting ducks, shooting AT ducks, slipping on duck poo, it'll be great. Details elsewhere in this newsletter, or on Facebook (you do follow us on Facebook don'tcha?). Come and watch, help, train, or just vegetate, just come!

I have 2013 plaques ready for Anders and HHH (you know who you are), and a bunch of others were handed out at the meeting to suitable oohs and aahs. Now's the time to do whatcha need to get one next year, which is titles and certificates. See you at the water test and training day I hope!

Steve

GSPCA HEALTH SURVEY -PLEASE RESPOND

Here is the link to the GSPCA health survey. The GSPCA is inviting responses from all GSP owners, whether or not they are members of the GSPCA. Information obtained from this brief survey will help the GSPCA focus on the top health issues for our breed.

<http://www.gspca.org/Health/Articles/2014-survey.htm>.



Pam Parshall and her Ayla (Ch Mariah BDN Ayla Stole My Heart CD, RN, MH, NRD, CGC, VC) went hunting in Southern Pines, NC the end of February.



Braggs



GCh Mariah BDN Be Still My Heart CDX SH VC NAVHDA NA is the GSPCA Hunt Test Dam of the Year for 2013. Daisy was bred by Sandra Kretz and Ann Michaud and is owned by Daphne Gray and Dan Carter. Daisy received her award at the GSPCA National Specialty on May 10. She is also the dam of two NAVHDA Breeders Award Litters.

Daisy's litter sister, Ch. Mariah BDN Ayla Stole My Heart CD RE MH NRD CGC VC was entered in the Veterans Classes at the GSPCA Nationals. She was first in the 9-10 Veterans Sweeps classes at both the Wisconsin host club Specialty and the GSPCA National Specialty, and third in the Regular Veterans Class (no age divisions) for the Wisconsin Specialty. Ayla is owned by Pam Parshall, Sandra Kretz and Ann Michaud.



From Megan Arey: In Scarborough, ME at the Vacationland Dog Club Gauge aka Dream On's Same Old Song and Dance went reserve winners dog. At Vacationland and York County Kennel Club Sassie aka Dream On's Living on the Edge at Skypoint went Winners Bitch both days and Best of Opposite over a special on Saturday



Morey (Birdland's More Than You Know) finished his Senior Hunter Title at the TarTan Gordon Setter Club Hunt Test. Morey is bred, owned and handled by Pat Russell



TJ (Birdland's Maximum Ride), bred and owned by Pat Russell, went Winner's Dog at The Rhode Island Kennel Club, Winner's Dog and Best of Winners at the Springfield Kennel Club, Winner's Dog at South Windsor Kennel Club, Winner's Dog at Windham County Kennel Club, and Winner's Dog and Best of Winners at Vacationland Kennel Club.



From Stephanie and Manny Gutierrez: Diesel came in second in the Open Gun Dog at the CVVC Field Trial. There were 26 dogs entered, good job Diesel!

The Coton de Tulear and Wirehaired Vizsla Gain Full AKC Recognition

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) announced that the Coton de Tulear and Wirehaired Vizsla will be welcomed to its litter of recognized breeds this year, growing AKC's family to 180.

"The AKC is excited to recognize these friendly, outgoing breeds, giving dog lovers everywhere even more choices to fit their lifestyle," said AKC Spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "While they differ in exercise and grooming needs, both are sweet, loyal, loving family companions."

Known as the "Royal dog of Madagascar", the Coton de Tulear joins the Non-Sporting group. The breed originated on the island of Madagascar and was owned only by nobleman. Cotons are small, sweet dogs with a lot of heart. They thrive on human companionship and make loyal family pets. They get along well with children, as well as other dogs. Their long, cotton-like coat requires regular brushing. Additional information on the breed can be found on the United States of America Coton de Tulear Club's website at www.usactc.org.

An athletic breed with an excellent nose for hunting and tracking, the Wirehaired Vizsla joins the Sporting Group. The breed originated in Hungary as a hunting dog that could withstand extreme weather and rough field conditions, which is why they have a long, dense, wiry coat. They are gentle, outgoing, friendly dogs that make wonderful companions. Because of their athletic nature, Wirehaired Vizslas do best with active families. Additional information on the breed can be found on the Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America's website at www.whvca.us.

Both breeds will be eligible to compete in their respective groups beginning July 2nd of this year. To become an AKC recognized breed there must be a minimum number of dogs geographically distributed throughout the U.S., as well as an established breed club of responsible owners and breeders. Breeds working towards full recognition are recorded in AKC's Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®). More information on the process can be found at akc.org.



AKC Expands Therapy Dog Titling Program



In an effort to honor the thousands of therapy dog teams that make a difference in the lives of others daily, the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) has added four new titles to the popular AKC Therapy Dog™ program.

In addition to the AKC Therapy Dog (ThD) title (awarded after 50 visits), the AKC now offers:

- AKC Therapy Dog Novice (ThDN) – Awarded after 10 visits
- AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (ThDA) – Awarded after 100 visits
- AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (ThDX) – Awarded after 200 visits
- AKC Distinguished Therapy Dog (ThDD) – Awarded after 400 visits

“The AKC heard from many dog owners whose dogs had already earned the ThD title and who wanted additional formal recognition of their ongoing commitment to volunteering to help others. We’re pleased to expand the AKC Therapy Dog program as a result of these requests,” said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of AKC Sports and Events. “We’ve also added a way to acknowledge beginning therapy dogs, hoping that this will encourage even more dogs and owners to participate in therapy dog work.”

Dogs who are registered and approved by recognized therapy dog organizations may apply to earn the AKC Therapy Dog titles, which will be listed on the dog’s AKC title record. Any dog, including mixed breeds, can earn AKC Therapy Dog titles as long as the dog is AKC-registered, listed with AKC Canine Partners or enrolled in the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program. AKC does not train or certify therapy dogs.

Applications for the new titles will be accepted beginning June 1st, with titles awarded beginning July 1st.

To apply for a title or learn more about the AKC Therapy Dog program, visit <http://www.akc.org/dogowner/therapy/index.cfm>.

A Little Humor ...



Katahdin Water Test is Coming Up

GSPCA Water Test, Sunday, June 29, 2014 Sharpe's Farm, Hopkinton, NH
Novice Retrieving Dog, Retrieving Dog, Retrieving Dog Excellent

Open to all pointing breeds, but only GSPs can obtain a certificate, and GSP handlers must be GSPCA members. AKC Water Test for non-GSPs to follow GSPCA test.

Entry fees, \$30.00 NRD, \$45.00 RD & RDX

Ducks will be used, lunch available, bitches in season will be run at end of test

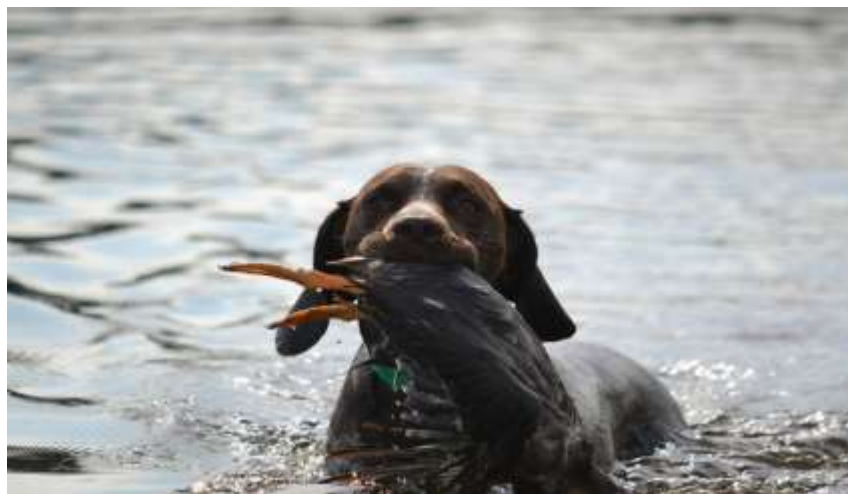
For rules and regulations go to www.gspca.org

For more information: Cassandra Tompkins mydogdays@comcast.net

Training Day Saturday June 28, same location – must arrive between 9-10:30.

Preregistration required by Saturday June 21, to Cassandra Tompkins, mydogdays@comcast.net or 978-297-3345. No lunch or water available, \$20 handler fee.

Premium is available at www.katahdingsp.org.



Upcoming Hunt Test Judges Seminar

You are cordially invited to an

AKC Hunt Test Seminar

presented by

The Irish Setter Club of New England and the TarTan Gordon Setter Club

Saturday, August 30th 2014 at 9:00AM

Bass Pro, 1 Bass Pro Drive, Foxborough, MA 02035



Attendance at an approved seminar is an AKC requirement for all prospective new Judges. Attendees will be limited to 45 due to space limitation, so please get your applications in early.

All applications, accompanied by a check for \$45.00 must be mailed to:

Luanne Witt
38 Martin Road
Douglas, MA 01516

Applications are
available on each
club's website.
www.iscne.org
www.tartangsc.org



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Unfortunately, dogs are not welcome at this event.

Katahdin Events Calendar

June 28, 2014 – Training Day for Water Test – held at Sharpe’s Farm, Dike side.

June 29, 2014 – GSPCA and AKC Water Tests – held at Sharpe’s Farm, Dike side

September 13, 2014 – Katahdin Hunt Test

September 14, 2014 – Katahdin Hunt Test

November 8, 2014 - Framingham District Kennel Club Show – Katahdin Specialty - pending

Helpful Links

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 – reunites owners with lost and found dogs in New England

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

www.gspca.org – German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America – parent club for us

www.akc.org – American Kennel Club K9NE – on Facebook – dog related events in New England

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American Kennel Club Pointing Breed Hunt Test

The Dog Show Judges Report

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Pointing Breed Hunt Test Help and Info

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May 3, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Saturday May 3, 2014 at Pat Russell's home. In attendance were Steve Marcq, Bill Thomas, Fred Newcomb, Cassandra Tompkins and Pat Russell.

President's Report: Steve reported that we have had a good start to the year. We hope to start some training days soon. He suggested that we conduct an inventory of Katahdin's "stuff", such as the banner, the Club Championship trophy, etc. so that we know where everything is. Everyone agreed it was a good idea.

Secretary's Report: Pat reported on membership renewals – a few people have dropped off from last year.

Treasurer's Report: Jeremy was unable to attend, but sent in a report – our bank account is the healthiest it has been in a long time. Our Hunt and Water Tests have not only been fun, but profitable.

New Members: No new members this meeting.

Show Committee: Pat is still in contact with the Framingham District Kennel Club about holding the Specialty at their November show in Milford, NH. They would be happy to have us, but are in the process of deciding whether or not they are going to hold the event, due to costs.

Hunt Test Committee: The Hunt Tests have been approved by the AKC and we are in the process of obtaining judges and gunners. They are scheduled for September 13 and September 14.

Water Test: Birds have been ordered for the June 29 Water Test and the training day on June 28th. We may need another Winger Zinger. It would be appreciated if everyone would spread the word about the test. Pat has put it on some Facebook pages relating to Hunt Tests.

Club Championship: Tabled

Training Days: Tabled

Social Media Committee: Steve has been in contact with the current website host, who says we can move easily to a new host. We are in the process of interviewing various vendors.

Election of Officers: The offices of President, Treasurer and Director were up for re-election. The Nominating Committee recommended retention of the current officers: President – Steve Marcq, Treasurer – Jeremy Thompson, and Director – Megan Arey. Upon motion made and seconded, the slate was unanimously approved.

Old Business: none

New Business: Recognition was given of Tom Dwyer's many contributions to the club. It was unanimously voted to make a contribution to the Brookline Volunteer Ambulance Assn. in his honor.

Bill Thomas reported that he is pursuing a corporate membership at Wilderness, should anyone be interested.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. The next meeting will held at the Water Test on June 29th.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Russell, Secretary