



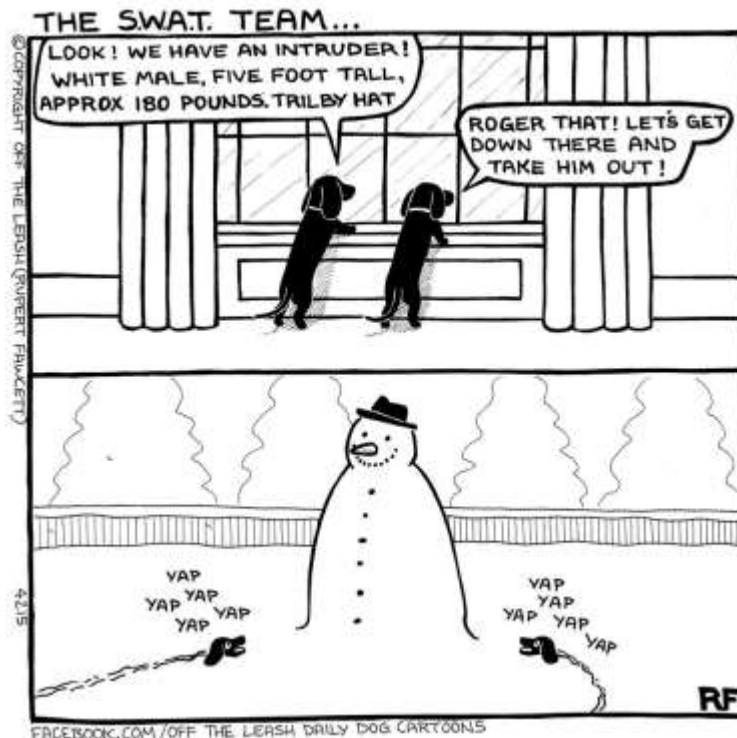
SHORTHAIK TALES
Newsletter of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club
Of Greater Portland
February 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow Katahdin-ites!

Man, do I have a lot of snow, bet you do too! Had a date with my shovel today that I couldn't put off any longer, up on the roof as Carol King once wrote, I had a great view of the dogs surfing through the back yard, breaking new trails. I've enjoyed Susan Fuller's Facebook videos, especially of the Surfin' Shorthairs... Anyway, our water test certificate date in June (and a training day the day before) is picked, and the best part is I get to do the duck thing yet again, I swear it is like Christmas all over again, I'm getting all tingley just thinking about it. Fall hunt test in September, specialty show in August, supported show coming up, and we will be adding some field training day dates at Sharpe's farm and maybe another site, so stay tuned. 231 days left until opening day, if you're counting, I am. Stay warm everybody, gotta go get more wood in from the pile before it gets buried again. Take care -

Steve



Brag

Birdland's Playing the Field JH (Ranger), owned and bred by Pat Russell, took Winners Dog at the Greater Lowell Kennel Club shows in January.

Picture of the Month

Here are Katahdin members Louise Shaw (and Hawk), Stephanie Gutierrez (and Diesel) and Pat Russell (and Morey), along with two English Setters and a Brittany training at Hedgerow Kennel and Hunt Club. The Brittany went on point and all five other dogs honored. Awesome! and did you note that there isn't any snow?



Check it out!

Members Susan and Paul Fuller are actively taking videos and providing training hints while traveling across the country. There are even some of Katahdin, which can be found on the website www.birddogsafield.com.

Announcement ...



Lulu



Billy

TWO OF A KIND MAKE ONE OF A KINDS

Expected Whelp Date 04/09/2015

"Lulu" "Billy"

Dam: Asgardsreia's Lucia Loren MH "Lulu"

AKC Master Hunter NAVHDA Natural Ability Prize I 112 Utility Prize I 204 (x2)

OFA Hips Good Elbows Normal Whelp Date: 06/02/2011

Sire: CH Sharpshooter's I'll Make You Famous "Billy"

AKC Champion 03/23/2014 NAVHDA Natural Ability Prize I 112, Utility Prize I 201

PennHIP LH.27/RH.28 Whelp date: 03/20/2012

These dogs both have a proven record in ability and performance testing. Billy is also a show ring champion. Most importantly they are avid hunters that spend a lot of time in the field every season. All upland species and waterfowl are expertly handled by both Dam and Sire. Lulu has hunted MA, ME, NH, MN and SD or ND each of her 4 hunting seasons to date, and is as at home on the prairies in search of pheasant, sharp tail and huns as she is hunting for grouse and woodcock in the woods of New England.

For more info on Lulu see: www.facebook.com/asgardsreia

For more info on Billy see: www.sharpshooterskennel.com

Both Lulu and Billy live in a family environment and are great family members when not working.

Preference will be given to active hunting families where the dog is a member of the family pack. All puppies will be required to at minimum test in NAVHDA Natural Ability. For any further questions, please contact:

Anders. L. Nilsson 617-539-1912 anders.n@verizon.net.

Puppies will be available early June 2015.

Katahdin Plaques



This is an example of the beautiful plaques that Steve makes for your dog's titles. The basic plaque is \$15 and the brass tags, added as your dog achieves additional titles, are free. They will be ready for the Annual Meeting in March. Please let Steve know if you would like one by March 8th. spmarcq@aol.com

Katahdin Events Calendar

March 15, 2015 – New England Sporting Group Assn. – W. Springfield, MA – Conformation (Katahdin Supported Entry)

April 18, 2015 - Sharpe's Farm Clean-up day. Rain date April 19.

June 27, 2015 – Training Day for Water Test – held at Sharpe's Farm, Dike side.

June 28, 2015 – GSPCA and AKC Water Tests – held at Sharpe's Farm, Dike side

August 2, 2015 – Cheshire Kennel Club Show – Keene, NH – Conformation (Katahdin Specialty Show)

September 26, 2015 – Katahdin Hunt Test

September 27, 2015 – Katahdin Hunt Test

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

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
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

Legislative Update

UPDATE: SB 15 COMMITTEE VOTE

SB 15 (leashing animals in the proximity of a service dog) was voted "Inexpedient to Legislation" in a 4-0 vote by the Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee. The Committee's recommendation will be voted on by the full Senate on February 12th. We are hopeful that the Senate will support the committee's recommendation. Before February 12th, you are encouraged to send your local state Senator a note urging them to vote the bill ITL. Thank you for helping relay our message to the Senate Committee.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Friday, February 13, 2015

1PM House Environment & Agriculture Committee, Room 303 Legislative Office Building

HB 624: Cost of Care Bond

ACTION NEEDED: Before Friday, send a letter/email to the [House Environment & Agriculture Committee](#) members requesting that the bill be voted "Inexpedient to Legislate". In your message use one of our talking points from the previous newsletter alert (see 2/3/15 issue at <http://nhdogs.org/>). Remember to add your name and address to correspondence. Attend the public hearing either to testify or sign in opposed to HB 624. For help composing your statement at the public hearing, send a draft to [Yvonne](#).

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

1:30PM House Executive Departments Committee, Room 306 Legislative Office Building

HB 661: Requiring Shelters to Annually Report Animal Intake, Care & Disposition Data

HB 661 SUMMARY

DOGS Supports [HB 661](#). The bill requires nonprofit animal shelters to annually file, in addition to tax forms (IRS 990's), information about the animals accepted (including imported), their care and disposition. Due to the increasing numbers of dogs being imported into the state, this bill is essential to track potential public health threats from imported animals. The bill will document the cost of care by local nonprofit animal shelters.

Shelters already collect this information but it is not shared.

ACTION NEEDED: Send an email to the [House Executive Departments Committee](#) urging them to vote "ought to pass" on HB 661 and add one of our reasons to support the bill; copy [Yvonne](#) so we can remind the committee of your email at the public hearing.

MINUTES

January 25, 2015

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday January 25, 2015 by call-in conference call. In attendance were Steve Marcq, Julie Smith, Stephanie Gutierrez, Megan Arey, Susan Fuller, Anders Nilsson, Sam Tompkins, Jeremy Thompson, Bill Thomas and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 4:00 PM.

President's Report: Steve thanked everyone for calling in and wished everyone a happy winter.

Secretary's Report: Pat reported she has sent out a dues reminder to members – she will follow-up with a final reminder. We received a request from the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship Committee to support the event by placing an ad in the catalog. After discussion, it was voted to not do so, as we have limited funds and very little, if any participation by club members. We also received a request for a delegate to the National Specialty Show in Denver. If anyone plans to attend and would like to be our delegate please let Pat know.

Treasurer's Report: Jeremy reported that the balance remains strong.

New Members: No new members to report.

Show Committee: The New England Sporting Group show is coming up in March. Megan Arey has obtained the trophies for it. We are pleased that the Cheshire Kennel Club will be holding its Keene August show again, and we can hold our Specialty Show. We will be sharing space again with the Vizsla club and will hold our combined cookout with them, starring Ben Arey's BBQ.

Hunt Test Committee: The 2014 hunt tests will be held September 26 and 27.

Water Test: Our Water Test will be held June 29th, with a training day on June 28th. Joe Wolak has resigned as chairperson of the GSPCA Water Test – a new chair is yet to be named. Pat will start the paperwork for this shortly.

Training Days: Megan and Julie would like to offer mock JH hunting tests in conjunction with our training days. All agreed that it was a great idea. The problem is finding a place to do so. May 2 and May 3 were brought up as possible dates, but Sharpe's is spoken for those days. Pat will talk with Hedgerow Kennel in Royalston MA and see if they are interested in hosting the event. Bill Thomas brought up a place in Mont Vernon as a possibility, which he will explore.

Social Media Committee: Steve recommended that we go with Go Daddy – good price and we service.

Legislative Report: Will be put into the newsletter.

Old Business:

Susan Fuller was thanked for her introduction of the Mud River products as a possible vendor. Pat will send out an email to club members to determine interest and we will move ahead.

New Business: If people would like one of Steve's handsome wooden plaques to show off a dog's new titles achieved in 2014 please contact him. There is a \$15 charge for the basic plaque – additional title brass tags are free.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on March 22, and will be held at a restaurant in Concord, NH – exact location and time still to be determined.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Russell, Secretary



We're excited to let you know about the informative weekend seminars we have lined up for the first half of 2015.

Norma Smith Handling Seminar - March 21-22:

Feedback from participants attending Norma's March, 2014 seminar was so positive, we invited her back!

-- "This was the most beneficial seminar I have ever been to."

--"I so wish I had attended Norma's seminar when I first started showing."

--"One of the best seminars I've attended. I learned a lot and gained confidence in my handling."

Learn to Show Dogs Like a Professional - you'll learn how to move and stack your dog correctly and practice the ring procedures that will put you on equal footing with the professional handlers.

SATURDAY will include the best way to stack your dog, the best pace to love your dog, and what to do when your dog posts. Ring procedures will be discussed. Beginners will work as a group, then watch the Advanced work as a group, alternating throughout the day.

SUNDAY will be a continuation with more one-on-one help, questions and answers. In the afternoon, there will be a mock dog show, but it won't be your dog that is being judged - think of it as the best junior handling class for adults!

Beginner and Advanced Classes will be limited to 10 participants each to maximize your working time.

Two day fee is \$185 including morning coffee and pastries, lunch, beverages and snacks. Observers without a dog can attend for \$125 both days. Download [seminar flyer](#) with more information and a registration form.

Transformational Puppy Rearing and Puppy Evaluation Seminar - Saturday and Sunday May 2 and 3:

Gayle Watkins, Ph. D. of Avidog will present [two seminars](#) with essential information for breeders and new puppy purchasers - Day one will cover puppy rearing from before conception to nine weeks. Day two will cover Avidog's puppy evaluation system and how to best match puppies' temperament and structure with buyers' expectations.

What Everyone Needs to Know About Canine Vaccines - Saturday June 6:

Dr. Ronald Schultz, a worldwide expert in canine vaccine protocols of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will share the latest information about vaccines, including new vaccines and how to avoid vaccine related side effects. Dr. Schultz will discuss vaccination schedules for young puppies, healthy adults and aging dogs. Seminar details [here](#).

Check out these other events that will save you money on routine testing, heartworm checks, and rabies shots:

- **Acton Rabies Clinic and Dog License Renewal - Saturday, February 7 from 2-4PM.** We are again happy to host this annual rabies clinic for the town. Dr. Jon Kelman will give rabies shots at the low price of just \$12. Bring your current rabies certificate (not just your rabies collar tag) for a three year protection certificate. Call the Acton health department if you'd like more information: 978-929-6632.

- **All-Breed Genetic Health Testing Clinic – Sunday, March 8 from 10AM-4PM.** The Wachusett Kennel Club will offer any Optigen DNA tests at a 20% discount, Dr. Jean Dodds of Hemopet blood analysis/thyroid panels at 10% discount, CERF eye exams by Dr. Ruth Marrion, plus 4DX SNAP tests and rabies shots provided by Dr. Cindy Schaefer. Pre-registration is required. More information and pricing for all testing offered is on their [website](#) -click on "Special Activities" to download more information.

DogStar Activity Center offers day and evening classes and private lessons in obedience, rally, agility, and breed handling from introductory to advanced levels that build the skills required for competition in all venues. DogStar is conveniently located in Acton just off Route 2 near the Concord rotary.

[DogStar Activity Center](#)

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