

2008 Highlights

2008 was another very successful year for us at Pioneer Kennels. Every dog that we had in training and campaigned in the grouse trials gained a placement. Our three derby dogs, Pioneer Wendy, Sawmill Struttin and Meredith's Gentleman Jack gave good performances, gained placements and will be getting ready for the spring trial season. Dun Roven's Gentleman Doc, fresh from being named Michigan Cover Dog Derby of the Year moved into the shooting dog ranks and got his first placement there. Autumn's Sophie added another shooting dog win to her already impressive credentials. Cooper Mountain Pepsi, our extreme setter stylist topped her season off with a very impressive win in the Fruchey Grouse Classic with an entry of 64 dogs, the biggest in its history. She followed this up with a tremendous performance in the Lake States Championship.

The highlight of our year was winning the Grand National Grouse Championship with Autumn Moon. He put on a show that was what most people would describe as a once in a lifetime performance. To quote the American Field, "Pointer male Autumn Moon was the clearcut winner. His performance was sensational, featuring three grouse finds, albeit and unproductive, but his overall talents in getting through the woods, his size, power, stamina and his eye-catching was of going in the timber were all combined to top the field." This was truly a great ending to our field trial season.

This coming year we are looking forward to with high hopes as we will be campaigning our successful dogs from last year along with several new prospects. We will start this spring season in Pennsylvania by running in the Ontario Grouse Championship and the National Grouse and Woodcock Invitational Championship. We will continue our spring season by running in the Michigan grouse trials.