

GERMAN WIREHAIRD POINTER CLUB

OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Newsletter
Summer 2017

Upcoming Show Specialty

Attention Please. New Specialty Location!

GWPC Specialty will be held at the Santa Maria Kennel Club show at Cal State Channel Islands in Camarillo, Ca on Saturday July 8th. For more information about ring times visit Jack Bradshaw superintendent's website: www.jbradshaw.com/

We will hold our annual club potluck picnic and raffle at this event immediately following the Best of Breed class. The GWP Club of So Cal will supply the main course. Please bring a side dish and dig in.

RAFFLE: Please bring a new item for the raffle. Most everyone walks away a winner.

Trophy Donations: Joan Payton, our tireless show chairperson, is asking for donations and sponsors for trophies for the Specialty:

Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex - \$50 each

Winners Dog/Bitch - \$40

1st Place in regular classes-\$20

Best in Puppy/Veteran Sweeps - \$35

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy/Veteran Sweeps - 30
1st Place in Puppy/Veteran Sweeps - \$20

Please RSVP to Joan regarding how many will be in your party by July 2nd.

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Potential Hunt Test: We Need Member Input

From Karla Weber:

We have the opportunity to partner with the Vizsla club to hold a double double-hunt test on December 2nd and 3rd 2017 at Clay Mine road in California City.

This is a great opportunity to provide a much needed AKC hunt test in Southern California to keep our sport viable. To do this, however, we will need commitment from members to help. We will need volunteers for the following:

1. Make lunch on Saturday and Sunday (usually sandwiches, salad) for judges and helpers, and tend the bar-b-que at dinner on Saturday night.
2. Runners: people who help keep the test moving, getting competitors to the starting line, and helping the secretary communicate with the judges at headquarters.
3. Set up and breakdown camp, including putting a tent.

No experience is needed—just your help. This is a great way to get new people involved in a sport with their GWP. Let your puppy buyers know!

We have to give an answer to the Vizsla club ASAP. Please RSVP your answer (yes you can help, or no you can't) to Ellis Herz at Eherz@earthlink.net.

Sizzling Summer Temperatures, Hyperthermia and Heat Stroke

Excerpts from:

<http://www.drsfostersmith.com/pic/article.cfm?articleid=1375>

<http://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/cardiovascular/c dg heat stroke#>

During the warm months, dogs are at increased risk for hyperthermia and heat stroke. Hyperthermia occurs when a dog's body temperature reaches 103 degrees, which is abnormally warm. Heat Stroke can occur when body temperatures reach 106 degrees or higher. Heat stroke can be fatal.

Characteristics of dogs at increased risk for hyperthermia or heat stroke

- A dog that had an episode of hyperthermia before.
- Dogs with thick coats or long hair
- Very young or very old dogs
- Brachycephalic (short nosed, flat faced) breeds—such as shih tzus, pugs, [boxers](#), and bulldogs.
- Overweight dogs and those that suffer from medical conditions that cause difficulty breathing or heart problems are especially susceptible.
- Extremely active dogs and working or hunting breeds. Be careful to not push these dogs too hard, give them plenty of breaks to rest in the shade and ensure that they are well-hydrated at all times.
- Environmental factors: high temperatures, high humidity, lack of shade or a cool place to rest (even indoors), limited access to water.
- Warm cars (even when parked in the shade) --on mild days with temperatures in the 70s, the inside of a parked car can reach 120 degrees in minutes.

Warning Signs

- Early signs are subtle - your dog may seem less responsive to commands than usual. When you call his name, instead of turning to look at you, he may wander away.



What are the signs of heatstroke?

- Excessive panting is the first symptom.
- Increased heart rate
- Increased salivation
- Bright red tongue
- Red or pale gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Depression
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Vomiting (sometimes with blood)
- Diarrhea
- Seizures/convulsions

What to do for Prevention

- Be extra cautious with dogs that have suffered an episode of hyperthermia before.
- Be aware of the signs of heat stroke so you may respond quickly to an episode.
- Know how to cool your dog properly
- Talk to your veterinarian about prevention and first aid.
- Avoid taking your dog out during the hottest times of day, or leaving the dog in places that can become too hot for your dog, like a garage, sunny room, sunny yard, or car.
- Never leave your dog in a parked car, even for only a few minutes
- Always have water accessible to your dog; on hot days you might even add ice blocks for your dog to lick.

At the first sign of overheating, immediately take action to cool your dog.

1. Immediately move your dog to a cooler area, either indoors where there is air conditioning or in the shade, and if possible, under a fan.
2. Use a rectal thermometer to check temperature.
3. If you're near a body of fresh water let your dog take a dip to cool down. Otherwise, place cool wet cloths on the neck, armpits, and between the hind legs, and gently wet ears and paw pads with cool water.
4. If the dog is conscious and willing to drink, give cool, fresh water. Don't force water as it may enter the lungs. For dogs who can't or won't drink, or can't keep water down, wet the tongue with water. Avoid ice or ice water as this could cause the body temperature to drop too quickly, leading to shock.
5. The rectal temperature should be checked every 5 minutes. Once the body temperature is 103°F, the cooling measures should be stopped and your dog

should be dried thoroughly and covered so he does not continue to lose heat. Even if your dog appears to be recovering, take him to your veterinarian as soon as possible, he should still be examined since he may be dehydrated or have other complications. Call ahead so they can be ready as soon as you arrive.

Hot Cement and Asphalt Awareness

<http://www.petmd.com/dog/general-health/paw-pad-burns-dogs-what-do>



STOP

Press the back of your hand firmly against the asphalt for 7 seconds to verify it will be comfortable for your dog.

Hot Asphalt Awareness

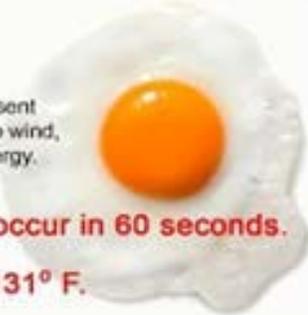
When the air temperature is this, asphalt has been measured at this.*

<u>Air Temperature</u>	<u>Asphalt Temperature</u>
77°	- 125°
86°	- 135°
87°	- 143°

*These temperature correlations represent worst scenario variables: direct sun, no wind, very low humidity, and high radiant energy.

At 125° F, skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds.

An egg can fry in 5 minutes at 131° F.



Data Source: Berens J. Thermal contact burns from streets and highways. Journal of the American Medical Association; 214 (11): 2025-2027.

Paw burns result in blisters that rupture over the course of a few days after the burn. There might not be many clinical signs except pain expressed by the pet when it happens. Another sign of a severe burn is the pad actually coming off of the paw.

Treatment

Treatment depends on the severity of the burn. Infections can occur. Severe burns may need to be bandaged, stitched back up (if possible) and treated with ointments and antibiotics.

Prevention

- Walk your dog in the coolest times of the day.
- The darker the surface, the hotter it gets. Try and walk on grass, but keep in mind that grass, sand and dirt get hot too! Grass can reach over 105 degrees on hot days.
- Check the temperature before you walk your dog. You can buy an infrared thermometer for \$20.00 or less. Do the 7 second hand test (see above). If the back of your hand, pressed to the ground, cannot tolerate the heat....neither will your dog's paws.
- Condition your dog's pads during the cooler months to toughen them up. You may need to moisturize them to prevent cracking, as well. Don't expect dogs to be able to go long distances on concrete if their paws are not in condition.
- Check out Ultra Paws Cool Boots. Try neoprene (not tight rubber or plastic) boots, but boots need to fit properly to allow your dog's paws to breathe.



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