



SHORTHAIK TALES
Newsletter of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club
Of Greater Portland
Fall 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all –

Hope it's been a good year so far for everyone. My hunting season has been cut short by knee and ankle problems (yay), but I hope to be able to get back out in December after the deer hunters have their fun. We had yet another really well-run and attended GSPCA water test earlier this year, and our second consecutive doubleheader hunt test with the NNEBC. Thanks again to all the Katahdin members who volunteer their time and effort to making these events happen. However, we did have to cancel one of our field training days this year due to scheduling issues with various people who usually attend and run them (yours truly included), so we will try to do a better job with them next year, and if you can commit to helping staff one or more of them do let us know. Several people have asked how they can buy training birds from the same place we get ducks, quail and chukar for tests, and the answer is to talk to me about it well in advance, and it's no big deal to place an add-on order along with Katahdin birds, then you just make arrangements with me to pick them up at my place. Lastly, we will be picking dates for 2017 at Sharp's Farm at the HELDCA annual meeting on Nov 17, and will list them on the website when approved. Have a great fall, and a happy Thanksgiving and holiday season!

Steve



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

Supported by DOGS

HB661 - relative to record keeping for sold or transferred animals and making certain technical corrections to the law governing the sale or transfer of animals. Killed in the Senate at the request of the sponsor.

HB1230 - relative to information on dog licenses. Killed in the House. This bill was introduced at the request of DOGS. It would have added emergency contact information to the dog licensing records. While the Municipal and County Government Committee appreciated the intent, it was felt that changing the Town Clerks software would be too expensive.

HB1567 - authorizing friends of animal number plates. Killed in the House. The Transportation Committee was concerned with the costs of producing a specialty license plate.

HB1615 - regulating the transfer of dogs from out of state. The House Environment and Agriculture Committee kept this bill for Interim Study. This bill licenses and regulates out of state transporters of dogs and cats who deliver pets for transfer into New Hampshire from out of state. The committee felt that this bill, while good, could be improved.

Opposed by DOGS

HB1499 - relative to certificates for rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, or ferrets. Killed in the House. This bill would have eliminated the requirement that veterinarians send copies of certificates of rabies vaccination which they generate to town and city clerks. The House Environment and Agriculture Committee felt that eliminating this central repository puts our citizens at risk.

HB1576 - repealing the licensure of dogs. Killed in the House. Although the minority of the Municipal and County Government Committee felt that dog licensing was a tax, the majority thought "Without licensing, strays would be almost impossible to identify, the requirement for rabies vaccinations could be largely ignored and many programs of benefit to the public would go unfunded. Testing for rabies at the State Diagnostic Lab would be curtailed as well as other animal related programs and even the office of the State Veterinarian would suffer."

HB1571 - prohibiting the possession, purchase, or sale of equipment used for animal fighting. Killed in the House. In the House Calendar, the House Environment and Agriculture Committee stated: "*The committee overwhelmingly agrees that animal fighting is inhumane. This bill attempts to use various types of paraphernalia found in the possession of a person, even without the evidence of any animal being present, as a basis for finding the person guilty of animal fighting and subject to a class B felony. Many legitimate animal handlers could be subject to this vague interpretation of law. This bill would presume that they are guilty and now are required to prove their innocence with no recourse. currently, there are sufficient laws in statute to regulate any animal fighting that may occur. There have not been any instances of animal fighting in NH for many years.*"

SB415 - requiring appropriate hydration be made available to certain animals and establishing a committee to study harmful weather conditions for dogs. Killed in the House. Although DOGS supported

changing the original bill's requirement for having water available 24 hours a day to "appropriate hydration," the House Environment and Agriculture Committee felt that the current law which requires providing adequate sustenance, which includes hydration, was sufficient. Also, they cited the testimony of members of DOGS that it would be impossible to set a standard about harmful weather conditions due to the variability in dog breeds and acclimatization.

SB505 - relative to the transfer of animals and birds. Killed in the Senate. This was a constituent requested bill which would have remove the requirement that Health Certificate be issued by a NH veterinarian, made a dog or cat Health Certificate valid for 30 days, removed facilities inspections prior to the issuance of a state license, removed the mandatory quarantine. The bill only required a 48 hour quarantine if the dog or cat show sign of sickness.. The Senate Executive Departments and Administration agreed with the testimony of DOGS members against this bill.

Bragg, etc.

Pam Parshall reported that her puppy, Gunner (Ehenvogel Gunning For My Heart), at the age of 7 months, took Best Puppy in Show and also Winners Dog for 1 point on Thursday, 9/1, at the Central Maine KC show. He then got two more points on Saturday, 9/3, at the Mid-coast KC show. Then at the Cape he got his 4th point at South Shore KC on Friday, and on Sat. & Sunday at the Cape Cod KC shows, which were Mayflower GSP Club's 2 specialties he went BOS in Sweeps both days, and Reserve WD on Sunday. At the double header hunt tests in middle of the show weekends, Gunner ran in Juniors for all 4 tests, and although he didn't pass any of them, he did have 3 honors on his bracemates points.

Susan Fuller reports that Dena is #11 in Obedience for 2016 according to GSPCA!! Also, In between their trips to Montana and Maine, Dena got a second leg of CDX. Hopefully, by the end of November, she'll have a new title!

Pat Russell reports that TJ (CH Birdland's Maximum Ride, JH) went Best of Breed for a GCH major at the NESGA show on May 28, and also Group 1, Best Gun Dog in Show. He also took Best of Breed at the two RI shows the end of July – all for GCH Majors. His brother, Ranger (CH Birdland's Playing the Field JH) took a Group 2 Best Gun Dog in Show, at the NESGA show on May 27.

Water Test Bragg



Louise Shaw and Nora Sharpmtn's
Primary Colors at Quailize "Nora"
NRD



Dave Braun and Katee – Katee Anne at Rocky Ledge RD



Larry Sanchez and Meghan – Big Rock What's Your Point at Twin Meadows SH RD. Meghan also recently completed her Senior Hunter title.

If you haven't already done so, check out the other photos of the water test on Facebook and our website.

Litter Announcement

From Sam Tompkins

Tom Whites, "Chase", Spotted Gangs Double Shot No Chaser, JHA, NRD was bred with Sam Tompkins, "Kenai", Woodlands Reflection, MH,CD,RDX and they had a beautiful litter of 8 on Oct 10th. Males are available. Both parents have all their health clearances and more info can be found at www.woodlandgermanshorthairedpointers.com or call Sam directly at 978-895-9803

Water Test Recap

We held our 6th annual water test on June 26 at Sharpe's Farm in Hopkinton, NH. It was extremely hot, and there wasn't much wind, but a good time was had by all. Club members and friends contributed their time, food and enthusiastic cheers to making a memorable day, along with watching some terrific water work. The results were:

RDX: Roxy (Kelly Landry)
Elsie (Jennifer Broome)
Mya (Todd Hewitt)

RD: Meghan (Larry Sanchez)
Katee (David Braun)

NRD: Nora (Louise Shaw)
Bailey (Diana DeJohn)
Riva (Lori Bielawa)
Doozy (Jennifer Broome)
Teddy (Todd Hewitt)
Sailor (Patrice Delahanty) Eng. Pointer

We also held an AKC water test, which was passed by Roly (MJ Haesche) Brittany

2017 Hunt Tests

We are already planning our double header hunt tests with the Northern New England Brittany Club. Four chances to qualify – you could get a title in a weekend! We'll let you know the date after it is determined, but it will be in September.

Katahdin Events Calendar

No events planned for the rest of 2016. Stay tuned for our 2017 calendar.

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. As of December 1, 2015 they had reunited 724 dogs in 2015 with their owners.

<http://fairyydogparents.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

MINUTES **October 19, 2016**

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on October 19, 2016. In attendance were Steve Marcq, Sam Tompkins, Dave Braun, Jeremy Thompson, and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

President's Report: Steve reported that HELDCA will be holding a meeting on November 17th to have the member clubs pick dates for the following year. The HELDCA lease with the Army Corps of Engineers has expired, but will be renewed. Steve also commented on the need for a current club inventory, noting that he has 3 bird crates. There are EZ Ups also at people's homes.

Secretary's Report: Pat reported on a request from the GSPCA, in connection with the AKC, for a donation toward research on tick-borne diseases. Upon motion made and seconded, the club agreed to contribute \$50 toward this research. Due to matching grants, this \$50 will become \$150 toward this valuable research. Merchandise sales are going well. We now have long and short sleeve T-shirts available, as well as caps and field shirts, both men's and women's.

Treasurer's Report: Jeremy reported on our balance. The September hunt tests made a slight profit, as did the June Water Test. Our highest expense is the purchase of birds.

Show Committee: We have been approached by several clubs about holding supported entries or specialties with them, Pat and Megan will pursue this further. **Editor's note:** Subsequent to the meeting, Katahdin agreed to hold our Specialty with the New England Sporting Dog Association at the Cheshire Fair Grounds in Swanzey, NH on May 27, 2017.

Hunt Test Committee: We are planning another double header hunt test with the NNEBC in September, 2017. This year was a success, resulting in nice entries for both clubs. Pat and Steve will be meeting with the Brittany club to determine what worked best and what we might consider changing.

Water Test: We will most likely be holding the Water Test in July next year. Results from this year were posted, with pictures, in the GSPCA magazine, Shorthair Journal. Sam will develop a proposal for the club to purchase another Winger-Zinger and additional EZ Ups.

Training Days: We're planning to continue our training days – details to follow.

New Members: We are pleased to welcome the James Patterson family from Hampton NH as new members!

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Russell, Secretary