

# SHORTHAIK TALES

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OF THE  
KATAHDIN GSP CLUB OF GREATER  
PORTLAND

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello All,

The dog days of summer seem to be an appropriate time to plan activities for the rest of the year. We've already got a lot on our plate, starting with August 19th. Lou Gagnon has graciously volunteered to have a training day at his home starting at 9AM. The following weekend will be the Club Championship, so you may want to take advantage of the training day to work a little extra with your dog. I know that I need to! The Club Championship will be on Saturday August 25th and I encourage everyone to come. It is a fun day, with something for all ages - dogs and people!

Two weeks after that, on September 8th, we have a Supported Entry with the Carroll County show in Conway. At the end of September (and there had better not be a flood) we will be holding Hunt Tests on Saturday and Sunday, September 29th and 30th. Then we rest for a while before winding up with a flourish at the Boston show. It will be the last time for us in Boston because the building is being torn down. We haven't heard where the Eastern Dog Club will be holding future shows, but we will be actively looking for other venues.

Deb has been looking into conformation show training to be held at The Barking Dog in Exeter. This would be a great way for people new to the show ring, and dogs new to the show ring, to learn what it is all about. We need to have a certain number of people in order to make it happen, so if you are interested, please let either Deb or me know.

Hope to see everyone at the Club Championship.....  
Pat



Glamor says:  
Don't forget to  
enter your  
furdids at our  
hunt tests  
September 29th  
and 30th, 2007

get them in  
their tweed  
suits or brown  
shorts and join  
us for a  
weekend of  
fun!

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**COVER PHOTO  
-IN MEMORY OF-  
AMER/CAN  
CH. BEAR MTS. SIERRA HIGH COUNTY,  
JH, TT, CGC, TDI  
"LENAH"  
@ 16+ YEARS  
SO TERRIBLY MISSED!  
DEB AND STEVE BROAD**

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday July 15, 2007 at the home of Peg and Lou Gagnon. In attendance were Tom Dwyer, Peg Gagnon, Lou Gagnon, Sandra Kretz, Jeremy Thompson, Steve Marcq, Deb Broad, Lynn Milewski and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 2:25 PM.

**President's Report:** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the last newsletter. Pat again thanked Lynn Milewski for her generous donation of a handmade quilt for the raffle – Lynn brought the quilt to the meeting for us to see. It is lovely and we will be putting a picture of it on the website. Raffle tickets will be available at different upcoming events, with the final drawing probably at the Boston Show.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary, John Manni, was unable to attend. Pat reported on some matches that are going to be held in central and northern Maine.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve reported on our finances.

**Election of New Members:** One Tom Dwyer puppy buyer application was received - welcome to Jim and Goldie Bourassa!

**Show Committee:** There was much discussion on the new *Eligibility Requirements to Hold Future Dog Shows* from the AKC. After considerable discussion, it was decided to hold our Specialty at the Boston Show this year for the show's final days in the Expo center. Sandra has agreed to be the Show Chair. We are also looking into what we can do at the Sporting Dog Association show in Fitchburg in March.

**Hunt Test Committee:** The tests scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> are on track. Deb is the Test Chair and Pat is the Test Secretary. We received a proposal to have an outside

person "run" the test for us, which would include creating the premiums, mailing, marketing, etc. as well as running the actual test. After discussion, it was decided to continue to do it ourselves.

**Team Shoot:** The Treasurer reported that we broke even on the event – which is our goal.

**Club Championship:** The Club Championship will be held Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>. Deb has everything under control, as always. We agreed that in the future it would be nice to add a Veterans class to the Championship.

**Training Days:** Lou generously agreed to do a training day on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Deb is working on a possible Conformation training day at The Barking Dog in Exeter.

**Rescue:** Nothing new to report.

**Website:** Tabled, as Kim is in Maine for the summer.

**Old Business:** Pat is having a few more t-shirts and sweatshirts made so they will be available during the Club Championship.

**New Business:** Jeremy has been speaking with The Kittery Trading Post about possibly using one of their meeting rooms for a Hunt Test seminar. This received great interest. The seminar would be open to the public and we would need at least 25 participants for AKC approval.

The next meeting will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday September 2nd at Pat Russell's home. The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Russell, Acting Secretary

### BRAGS:

**FROM STEVE AND PAULINE MARCQ:**

**OUR FEMALE "CASCO" WENT BOB AT  
TOPSFIELD (NORTH SHORE KENNEL CLUB)  
ON JUNE 16TH. CUTE LITTLE BUGGER!**

## Tick Removal

I had a pediatrician tell me what he believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"

Please pass on; everyone needs this helpful hint.

## Dog Letters to God

**Dear God,**

How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell One another? Where are their priorities?

**Dear God,**

When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

**Dear God,**

Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!

**Dear God,**

If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

**Dear God,**

When my foster mom's friend comes over to our house, he smells like musk!

What's he been rolling around in?

**Dear God,**

Is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have on-ramps?

Dear God,

If we come back as humans, is that good or bad?

**Dear God,**

More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

**Dear God,**

When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

**Dear God,**

We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

**Dear God,**

Are there dogs on other planets, or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street.

**Dear God,**

Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

**Dear God,**

Is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can't make up our minds what NOT to order? Or is it the carpets again?

**Dear God,**

When my family eats dinner they always bless their food. But they never

bless mine. So, I've been wagging my tail extra fast when they fill my

bowl. Have you noticed my own blessing?

**Dear God,**

I've always lived at the shelter and I have everything I need.

But many of

the cats here have names and I don't. Could you give me a name please? It

would be good for my self-esteem.

**Dear God,**

The new terrier I live with just peed on the Oriental rug and I have a feeling my family might blame me 'cuz they think I'm jealous of this stupid dog. Since they have no sense of smell, how can I convince them I'm innocent? Does PetsMart sell lie detectors?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 29/30 -Katahdin hunt test

other club's test dates:

Tartan = Nov 3/4 hunt tests

GSetter = Sept 8/9 hunt test

Brits = Sept 22/23 hunt test

MV NAVHDA = Sept 15/16 tests

Shows:

8/30-9/2 – Central ME KC, Union, ME

9/14-9-16 Falmouth MA, 3 day cluster

9/22-23 – Goshen, CT

For more event info see: [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)



Wishing everyone  
a great summer!

## NEW LITTERS:

Check out the Katahdin  
website for  
Additions and updates  
on  
Pups available  
[www.Katahdingsp.org](http://www.Katahdingsp.org)

We are trying to set up sunday show  
handling classes this fall.  
Possibly at least one sunday per month.  
Anyone interested in joining us please email  
Deb  
[bearmt@grolen.com](mailto:bearmt@grolen.com)  
Location, price and frequency will  
depend on attendance  
They will consist of  
beginners classes for new handlers or new  
puppies/  
Intermediate/Advanced for those handlers  
and dogs already showing/  
and a Workshop for those wanting to work  
on areas in need.  
we would take needed breaks  
inbetween sessions.

## BEFORE DOGS, I.....

- Never had to fix liver for anything or anyone!
- Lived in the city, had extra money, and thought I was sane.
- Bought clothes for myself instead of dog shows.
- Thought a "tie" was something a man wore around his neck.
- Didn't own a pooper scooper, grooming table, crates or exercise pens.
- Thought a major was an officer in the army.
- Thought a professional handler was an agent for a fighter.
- Never told my kids to sit and stay.
- Would come home from a party at 4 AM, not leave for a dog show then.
- Never worried about parasites or kennel cough.
- Never owed a vet a dime.
- Had furniture without dog hair on it.
- Didn't worry about dog shows or whelping calendars.
- Had long hair and time to groom it.
- Thought "in season" referred to the latest fashion.
- Thought "bitch" was a swear word.
- Didn't worry if my skirts didn't have pockets.
- Thought bait was something you used when fishing.
- Had a food bill I could afford (half of which was NOT dog food).
- Thought someone was 'finished' if he was six foot under.
- Now that I do have dogs...I'm sooo much WISER!



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