



Short and to the Point

Official Newsletter of
The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Ohio, Inc.

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Heat Exhaustion 101

- There are many factors which can make a dog more susceptible to heat exhaustion; physical condition, age, its coat type, breed and the climate it is most acclimated to. Very young and very old dogs are at the most risk. Short-nosed breeds such as Pugs and Bulldogs are also at greater risk.
- Symptoms of heat exhaustion or stroke can include excessive panting, disorientation and obvious paleness or graying to the gums due to a lack of oxygen. A dog's natural 102 degree body temperature should never exceed 105 degrees.
- If you feel your dog is suffering from heat exhaustion or heat stroke, act immediately by submerging her in cool water (not ice cold) or by placing ice packs on her neck. Once the dog has been stabilized get her to a vet.

2008 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held the last Thursday of every other month at 7:30 pm sharp at:

The Gander Mountain Store
2695 Creekside Drive
Twinsburg, OH

July 31
September 25
November 27 - ELECTIONS

**NEXT MEETING –
THURSDAY, JULY 31st
7:30 pm Sharp**

President's Message

I would like to thank everyone in this club for showing their support of our events that have taken place so far this year. Many people have taken the time to help out at our field trials, hunt tests, and specialty show. Since January of this year, our club has grown in not only membership, but in unity as one club, not a club split into different groups. In December of last year, when I agreed to take the position of President of this club, I did not know what to expect; however, I am very pleased with the transition of the new board of directors and the support the membership has shown in this club at meetings, the awards banquet, and functions mentioned above. On August 9th the GSPCO will be having a training day as well as a picnic for all members and their guests. This is not only a chance to get to know other club members, but a chance to possibly learn some new things about your dogs! There will be birds available for field work, and at the moment I am working on setting up a small agility course to let members try to run their dogs (and themselves!) through some obstacles. There will be a lunch, as well as a dinner, that day and this will give some members who have not been able to make any events this year to come out and get to know everyone. Once again, I urge all members to try to attend the meetings, get active in an event or let us know your thoughts and ideas and if there is anything else this club can do. Hope to see you all at the picnic!

Mark

GSPCO SPECIALTY – THIS SUNDAY

Grand River Kennel Club All-Breed Show & GSPCO Specialty
July 11, 12 & 13th

**GSPCO SPECIALTY – SUNDAY, JULY 13th 10:00 a.m.
BILL STANTON COMMUNITY PARK
5585 CHAPEL RD
MADISON, OH 44057**

Come on out and support your club. We will have a Hospitality Tent and Raffle. Cheer on your favorite Shorthairs. We hope to see you at the Specialty!

Websites of Interest:

GSPCO <http://gspcofohio.org/home.html>

AKC www.akc.org

GSPCA www.gspca.org

NGSPA www.ngspa-online.org

Rescue www.gspcareohio.org
www.iGive.com

Gander Mountain
www.gandermountain.com

Purina www.purina.com/dogs

GSP Chronicle
www.gspchronicle.com

Shorthair Journal
www.shorthairjournal.com

American Field
www.americanfield.com

GSP Chronical
www.gspchronicle.com

The American Sporting Dog Alliance
www.americansportingdogalliance.org

Field Trial Current News

Our Walking Trial is on target. We have received approval from the AKC and Kelly Custer is working on obtaining judges for the event. The Walking Trial will be held at the PA Brittany Grounds on September 6 & 7, 2008.

Our Horseback Trial is on Target. The AKC has approved our Field Trial to be held at the PA Brittany Grounds on September 26 - 28, 2008. We have obtained all of the judges for the event.

The ribbons have been ordered and the trophies are in the process of having the placements added to them by Jennifer Mesnard. Chris Goegan has offered to raise the quail for our upcoming Walking, Horseback and Hunt Test and has offered to lend us horses for the judges. We appreciate Chris in helping us offset some of our trial costs and to Jen for her help with the trophies..

On June 12, the Field Trial Committee and its members had a picnic at Cliff and Jennifer Mesnard's home to discuss the details of the upcoming trials. We would like to thank the Mesnard's for letting us have the picnic at their home and to all that attended to help make the meeting a success.

We are planning on having a raffle for the walking and horseback trials and hunt test so any items that members would like to donate, or your solicitation for donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please mark your calendars for these events and contact Kelly Custer at kcuster@alltel.net if you have any questions or would like to volunteer and one of these events.

Also, The PA Brittany Grounds has asked for our club's help and is looking for volunteers to help with their clean up days on July 12 & 13 and August 23 & 24. A flyer with more information is attached to this newsletter.

If you have a favorite website that you would like listed, send me the address.

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Grandma's Remedies.....Tick Removal

It's that time of year again. Here's another remedy to remove those nasty buggers!

"If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience."

- Woodrow Wilson

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 it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time it has been used (and that is frequently) and it is much less traumatic for the patient (dogs or humans) and easier to do.

GSP Care of Ohio Inc. -- RESCUE

<http://www.gspcareohio.org>

GSP Rescue continues to need our help in finding homes for the many shorthairs in foster care. Contributions large and small are welcome. Please go to the Rescue website and see the list of GSP's that need homes.

Please visit the Shop iGive site – www.iGive.com

There are many weekly specials and a percentage of every purchase goes to rescue. Register Today!

Specialty Show – THIS SUNDAY

As this newsletter is going to print, the GSPCO is preparing for it's annual Specialty Show. The weekend actually starts off with an all-breed show on Friday and Saturday hosted by the Grand River Kennel Club and the Ashtabula Kennel Club respectively. There are 35 gsp's entered and over 600 dogs entered at the show. As many of you know, this is my first year chairing this event and myself and several other club members have been working hard to put together a great day. The Specialty is being held on Sunday, July 13th at the John Stanton Memorial Park on Chapel Rd. in Madison, Ohio. It is held in conjunction with the Grand River Kennel Club all-breed show on that date. It is a beautiful park with ample parking and plenty of shade. As I am a newer resident of the area, I have only attended this event once in 2007 but I have been to many other shows and I can tell you that this is a beautiful, pleasant setting where you can relax and watch the judging of GSP's or any other breed that you may have an interest in. Showing of GSP's will start at 10:00 am with our Sweepstakes and continue with the regular classes directly following it. Judging German Shorthairs will continue through the morning and likely conclude around noon. We will hold our annual hospitality table and raffle with many wonderful prizes. It looks like the weather will be good and I hope to see many of you there. Cindi Chilbert - GSPCO Specialty Chair.

SUCCESS STORIES



I adopted Mia in March 2005. She instantly captured my heart. She was a little timid and shy at first but, as she has gotten to know me, she has opened up. She is liked by all who meet her. She has a very gentle spirit that people seem to identify with. I am very grateful to GSP rescue for giving me the opportunity to add such a wonderful companion to my life.

Recent news.....

While at a recent hunt test, Chad Hogue, one of our club members, spoke to an AKC Representative who attended the hunt test, and they are doing a story on his daughter, Gin Hogue, who is a Jr. Handler, because of the great job she is doing handling her Shorthairs. They took pictures of Gin for their AKC website and hopefully she will be featured in an upcoming article.

Keep up the good work Gin!

Please send me your (Braggs and photos, stories, items of interest, Remedies, upcoming events, etc. Thanks for your articles. Deadline for next newsletter is August 30th.

We would love to hear from you! If you have questions or comments about our newsletter, please contact:

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MEMBERSHIP

A New Membership Application is included in this newsletter. Let's build our membership and make our club the best club in Ohio! If you know of anyone interested in joining our club, please pass this application on to them.

Warning – Dog Toxins

Written by: Laurinda Morris, DVM
Danville Veterinary Clinic
Danville, OH

This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7AM.

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute Renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but ... Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1&1/2 times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours. The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM and the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At the point, I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care.

He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220 . He continued to vomit and the owners elected to Euthanize.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin.

Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.

Onions, chocolate, cocoa and macadamia nuts can be fatal, too.
Please pass this message on to others.

FOR SALE**T-Shirts & Hats**

White T-shirts with GSP of Ohio club logo - \$10.00 ea.

Embroidered Shirts with GSP of Ohio Logo:

S-L - \$15.00 ea

2XL - \$17.00 ea

(special orders can be made in various colors)

Embroidered Hats with GSP of Ohio Logo. Hats are hunter orange or a two-tone green/tan. The price is \$12.00.

If interested in any of these items, please contact Kelly Custer at kcuster@alltel.net or 440-298-9854.

GSPCO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2008

July

- 11-13 GSPCO Specialty – John Stanten Memorial Park – Madison, OH (Specialty Sunday, July 13th 10:00 AM)
 11-12 PA Brittany Grounds Work & Clean Up Day – 8:00 am Until?

31 **GSPCO Club Meeting** – Gander Mountain, Twinsburg, OH – 7:30 pm Sharp – (Thursday, July 31st)

August

- 9 GSPCO Club Training Day – Crooked Creek Conservation Club – Hartsgrove, OH – 10:00 am Until?
 12 Geauga Park District – Dog Daze of Summer Hound Hike – Big Creek Park, Chardon 7-8:30 pm (see flyer)
 23-24 PA Brittany Grounds Work & Clean Up Day – 8:00 am Until? (see flyer)

September

- 6-7 GSPCO Walking Trial – PA Brittany Grounds – Polk, PA
 21 Geauga Park District – Harvest Hound Hike – Orchard Hills Park – 10-11:30 am (see flyer)
 25 **GSPCO Club Meeting** – Gander Mountain, Twinsburg, OH – 7:30 pm Sharp – (Thursday, Sept. 25th)
 26-28 GSPCO Horseback Field Trial – PA Brittany Grounds – Polk, PA

October

- 4-5 GSPCO Hunt Test – PA Brittany Grounds – Polk, PA

November

- 15 Geauga Park District – Hound Hike – Headwaters Park - 10:00 am - Noon (see flyer)
 27 **GSPCO Club Meeting – ELECTIONS** – Gander Mountain, Twinsburg, OH – 7:30 pm Sharp

December

- 25 Christmas -- Happy Holiday!

2009

January

- 31 GSPCO 2009 Membership Dues – Last Day to Pay Dues

February

- 14 Valentines Day Dinner & GSPCO Awards Banquet – Location TBD

GSPCO TRAINING DAY – SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 – 10:00 AM – EVENING
CROOKED CREEK CONSERVATION CLUB

4323 St. Rt. 534
 Hartsgrove, OH

The club will be holding a training day on Saturday, August 9th at 10:00 am until dark. Come on out for a day of training your dogs & puppies in field work, hunt test, retrieves, agility, water retrieves or whatever you want to work on. Club members will be available to assist with training. Birds will be available for purchase. Lunch will be provided and there will be a potluck cookout that evening (bring a dish or dessert to share.) Come for the day or for a couple of hours. You and your guests are welcome. For more information, contact Mark DiRienzo 330-509-2603.

Directions to Crooked Creek:

Club is located at 4323 State Route 534 in Hartsgrove, OH, which is 2 miles north of Hartsgrove Square (the intersection of State Route 6 and State Route 534).

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE TRAINING DAY!

BRAGS, BRAGS, BRAGS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!

New Junior Hunter Title Holders

The below GSP's recently received their Junior Hunter Titles:

Rocky Bottom's Sport Edition – Owned and Handled by Elaine Balcam

Parents: FC/AFC Trumbull Creek Allie – FC Kyle's Hightailing Luke

Rocky Bottom Ella – Owned by Chad & Tanagla Hogue and handled by Gin Hogue

Parents: FC/AFC Trumbull Creek Allie – FC Fieldborn Gunsmoke

Zane II – Owned by Chad & Tanagla Hogue and handled by Chad Hogue

Parents: FC/AFC Trumbull Creek Allie – FC Kyle's Hightailing Luke

Eagle Creek Axel – Owned by Diane & Joe Phillips and handled by Joe Phillips

Parents: FC/AFC Trumbull Creek Allie – FC Kyle's Hightailing Luke

QC's Prime Suspect – Owned by Jen Sheehan and handled by Wiley Monk son of Bill Monk.

Special Recognition:

Chuck and Tina Mettler's twin girls both received 4.0 their last grading period at Perry Middle School and were honored with awards. The Mettler's have four GSP's and they all live in the house, and they have goats, pigs and steers that they show in 4H. Way to go girls – keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Jenny Mettler (11 years old) who recently did a research project and wrote an article on German Shorthair Pointers and also put together a powerpoint presentation. Her article is attached to the newsletter.

HUNT TEST

Our Fall Hunt Test will take place on the weekend of October 4 & 5 at the Pennsylvania Brittany Grounds in Polk, PA. This is where we held last year's fall test. Mark DiRienzo will Chair the hunt test and Chris Young will co-chair this event. We are still looking for someone to help out with the Secretary position and we are in need of a person or persons to run the kitchen and raffle. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Mark DiRienzo at 330-500-2603.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Kenneth Buehner – Welcome Back!!!
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Website – Mike/Cindi Chilbert	440-285-8931
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WORK PARTY/CLEAN UP DAYS

**PA BRITTANY GROUNDS – WORK PARTY & CLEAN UP DAYS
JULY 12 & 13, 2008 – 8:00 AM UNTIL ?
AUGUST 23 & 24, 2008 – 8:00 AM UNTIL ?**

PA Brittany Grounds located in Polk, PA will be holding a couple of clean-up days on the above referenced dates and they can use our help. We use their grounds for our field trials and hunt tests. There are a couple of clean-up days planned and the main projects will be cleaning debris from the main course and cleaning and preparing the new section of the course, which will make the current course longer. We would like to get some volunteers from the club to help them with this clean up effort. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Kelly Custer at 440-298-9854 or 440-413-0989 or jcuster@alltel.net. See attached memo.