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## Focus on Members

This quarter we are featuring our club members **Dawn & Bob Jones**, from Dryden, Ontario.

Bob and I became parents to Jethro, our first GSP in 2008. Life has never been the same since (in a good way!) We quickly learned you just can't have one, and along came Oliver in 2011. They are great hiking companions and get you out of the house when it is 30 below. We are fortunate to have a field within walking distance for summer exercise and a frozen lake for winter. We've participated in confirmation, rally obedience, CGN tests and agility classes.

Jethro loves to point and track a scent .... anything from mosquitoes to woodpeckers. (They are both professional mosquito hunters). Jethro's favourite games include chasing snowballs and finding an old glove hidden in the long grass. To see their natural hunting abilities at work is amazing.

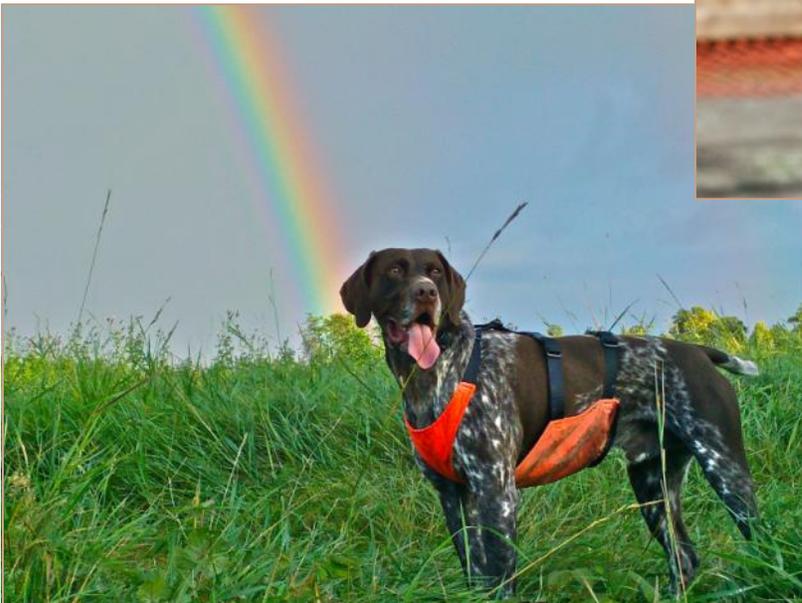
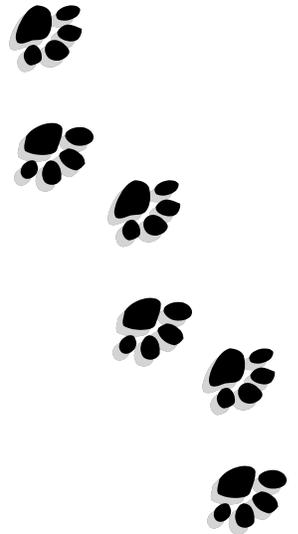
Oliver can usually be found running....being younger his energy level is second to none and he has literally worn all the grass away in our back yard. We have nicknamed him "forrest (gump)." He has his favourite ball which he carries with him everywhere and he loves to drink from the garden hose.

In typical GSP fashion they spend their quiet time sprawled out on our leather furniture, on their backs. legs in the air.

We have learned so much about the breed. They are our kids and are such a huge part of our lives we couldn't imagine life without them.



Continued ... focus on members **Dawn & Bob Jones**, from Dryden, Ontario.



# **GSPCC National Specialty**

## **Alberta**

Planning is well underway for the 2014 German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Canada National Specialty. The Specialty will be held on Saturday July 12th, in conjunction with the Evelyn Kenney Obedience and Kennel Club shows July 11 through 14th. Judges for the event are H. Middleditch for Sweepstakes and S. Dillin for the Specialty.

The Westwinds Sporting Dog Specialty will also be held on this weekend - along with four all breed shows, allowing six sets of points in one weekend. The GSPCC will boost obedience trials on Friday July 11th, and Rally Obedience trials on Sunday July 13th.

The GSPCC will host an informal barbeque banquet the evening of the Specialty, and we invite everyone to attend.

We are presenting our trophy donation list for your consideration, and thank you in advance for your generosity to assist in the success of the 2014 National Specialty. For more information please contact Angel Wagner at [wagner01@telus.net](mailto:wagner01@telus.net)



We welcome your contributions to the GSPCC 2014 General Trophy Fund or the donation of any one of the prizes below. All donations will be recognized in the Specialty Catalogue.

Cheques can be made payable to Janna Jackson / or the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Canada and mailed to Janna at Box 22 Cranford AB T0K 0R0

Please contact Angel Wagner [wagner01@telus.net](mailto:wagner01@telus.net) 403-728-3107 to check for availability of prizes

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>(Optional) Memorium</b>
Best of Breed		GSPCC	
Best Opposite Sex	\$50.00	Mike & Maria Foster	CH Orly Karie Granite
Best of Winners	\$50.00	Hunterspride Perm Reg'd	
Judges AOM	\$30.00	Karen Walsh	
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Select Dog	\$30.00	Topthat Reg'd	
Select Bitch	\$30.00	Topthat Reg'd	
Winners Dog	\$40.00	Bajnok Reg'd	
Winners Bitch	\$40.00	Bajnok Reg'd	
Reserve Winners Dog	\$30.00		
Reserve Winners Bitch	\$30.00		
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Best Bred By Exhibitor	\$35.00	Arwen Dabb	
Stud Dog	\$30.00		
Brood Bitch	\$30.00		
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Field Bitch	\$30.00	GSPFCA	
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Best Canadian Bred Puppy	\$30.00	Navigator Perm Reg'd	
Bred by Dog	\$30.00	Vielseitig Reg'd	
Bred by Bitch	\$30.00	Vielseitig Reg'd	
Open Dog	\$30.00		
Open Bitch	\$30.00		
Veteran Dog	\$30.00	Nuthatch Reg'd	
Veteran Bitch	\$30.00	Nuthatch Reg'd	
Best Veteran In Specialty	\$30.00	FeatherQuest GSP's	
Brace	\$30.00		
6 -9 Puppy Dog	\$30.00		
6-9 Puppy Bitch	\$30.00		

## GSPCC 2014 General Trophy Fund

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Prize	Amount	Contributor	(Optional) Memorium
9-12 Puppy Dog	\$30.00		
9-12 Puppy Bitch	\$30.00		
12-18 Puppy Dog	\$30.00		
12-18 Puppy Bitch	\$30.00		
General Trophy Fund			
Best in Sweeps	\$40.00	Kate McKinnon	
BOS Sweeps	\$40.00		
Best In Veteran Sweeps	\$40.00	Nuthatch Reg'd	
BOS Veteran Sweeps	\$40.00		
High Score Regular Obedience	\$40.00	Kate & Brian Dowson	Ch Malhaven Autumn Breeze CDX FDX
High Score Rally Obedience	\$40.00		

## **GSPCC Regional Specialty**

### **June 7**

### **with the Erie Shores KC, Ontario**

Judging panel has been approved.

Sweeps Judge: Lola Nichol

Specialty Judge: Linda More, NC - USA

We are also hosting a Booster on Sunday June 8th.

Show Chair: Lyndsay Ferguson - [lyndsay@leasidegsp.com](mailto:lyndsay@leasidegsp.com)

We are once again holding a potluck and raffle at this show !!



# PURINA Pro Club

## *Sporting Group Update*

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### Research Focuses on Lupoid Dermatitis in German Shorthaired Pointers

**G**erman Shorthaired Pointer breeder Katie Tazza takes pride in producing dual champions that excel in both the show ring and at field trials. Her Up N'Adam Kennels in Washington Depot, Conn., is home to two German Shorthaired Pointer Hall of Fame inductees and the 1991 Westminster Best of Breed winner.

In fact, Tazza's Shorthair, Dual CH Amateur FC Up N'Adam Piper Cherokee, CDX, MH, ROM ("Cherokee"), set a record in 1998 when she became the youngest dual champion in breed history at age 2 1/2. Her dam was from Tazza's show bloodline, and the sire was a field champion that Tazza had introduced hoping to bring his beautiful running and pointing style to her line.

Meanwhile, Tazza bred another bitch to a stud dog with outstanding field ability and style. The bitch, Dual CH Amateur FC Up N'Adam Piper Heidsieck, CDX, MH ("Bubbles"), won the most high in trials in obedience for a German Shorthaired Pointer in 1997. A male from Bubbles' litter, Dual CH Amateur Up N'Adam Florens Louis, CD, SH ("Louie"), was bred to his aunt Cherokee in 2001, producing a promising litter of 10 puppies.

About the time the puppies were turning 6 months old, Tazza received a phone call from a new owner. "The owner said his bitch puppy had developed severe dandruff that didn't respond to any type of treatment," she says. "The puppy owner, at the advice of his veterinarian, took the dog to Angell Animal Medical Center

in Boston, where after a skin biopsy the pup was diagnosed with lupoid dermatosis."

When Tazza saw the puppy, she was horrified. The outside layer of skin, the epidermis, was separating from the second layer of skin, or the dermis. All of the skin, except the stomach area, was affected. As a result, the dog had lost her natural protection

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against infection, and secondary bacteria, fungus and yeast infections had set in. The puppy also appeared to have joint pain. After no success from treatment, the owner elected to euthanize the dog.

When Tazza received a call from another owner whose puppy named "Jaeger" from the same litter was experiencing similar signs, she was disheartened. She first blamed her bloodline for the defect. A pedigree showed her bitch Up N'Adam's Piper Cub, CD, JH, was the great-granddam on the sire's side and the granddam on the mother's side. Both sides of the pedigree were linebred on a German import, KS CH Zobel vom

Pregelufer, but Piper was the most common ancestor.

After many inquiries, Tazza was advised to see Margret Casal, D.V.M., assistant professor of medical genetics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Casal recalls examining Jaeger, who was the first German Shorthaired Pointer puppy she saw with the condition, in 2002.

"The puppy had flakey skin and scabs, even lesions on his scrotum, that were raw and looked awful," Casal says.

#### Seeking Genetic Clues

They discussed the disease, and Tazza asked Casal if she wanted her to repeat the breeding to prove it was a genetic defect. Casal indicated that a repeat breeding would help the research, so Tazza repeated the breeding of Louie and Cherokee to see if genetic clues could be determined. Nine puppies were whelped. Ultimately, one puppy developed lupoid dermatosis. Together with information from the first litter, the statistic indicates an autosomal recessive condition.

Concerned about her own bloodlines, Tazza then did a linebreeding back to her Hall of Fame sire, NSC DCAFC Up N'Adam, UDSH, ROMX, with Cherokee. "I did this because 'Up N'Adam' was a son of the German import, 'Zobel,'" explains Tazza. "Zobel was introduced into my Up N'Adam bloodlines in 1988, 14 years after the first Up N'Adam litter was bred. There were two breedings with about 18 healthy pups produced."

Louie had also been bred to a bitch linebred on Up N'Adam, CH Up N'Adam's Eager Beaver, CD, JH. Two breedings resulted in about 20 puppies. None had the disease, which ruled out Tazza's original bloodlines and instead pointed at the two different field bloodlines that she had bred to.

Lupoid dermatosis has been recognized in German Shorthaired Pointers since the early 1990s, though Casal believes it may have existed since the

#### Breeders Can Contribute to Lupoid Dermatitis Research

**N**ew research funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and supported by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America is targeting the gene mutation that causes lupoid dermatosis, a painful, fatal skin disease in German Shorthaired Pointers. A similar disease occurs in humans.

Dr. Margret Casal of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine is seeking blood samples from affected dogs and their relatives for the research. Owners and breeders are encouraged to submit results of a skin biopsy documenting the diagnosis and a blood sample for DNA testing.

For information, please contact Casal by e-mail at [casalm1@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:casalm1@vet.upenn.edu) or by calling (215) 898-0029.

## Lupoid Dermatitis

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1970s. It has been identified in Shorthairs in the United States, Europe and Australia. A bleak condition, lupoid dermatosis, compromises quality of life, and thus most dogs are euthanized. A similar condition, cutaneous lupus erythematosus, occurs in humans.

The researchers do not know why lupoid dermatosis affects only German Shorthaired Pointers; however, it is likely that a mutation occurred in a champion or popular dog.

"Typically, this dog then passes the mutation on to his offspring," Casal explains. "Often, a popular sire gets bred many times without knowing he is carrying a defective gene. This is because the disease may not show up for several generations. It is, of course, not the dog's fault. Neither the dog nor the breeder caused the mutation."

Casal hopes to identify the gene mutation causing lupoid dermatosis and develop a DNA-based test so breeders can plan their breedings carefully and eliminate the disease from the breed. She recently received a grant from the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America to study the disease.

"It's an awful disease," Casal says. "We can only treat the signs, and most of the treatments we've tried only give momentary relief. None have been successful in the long run. Hopefully more effective treatments can be found."

If all goes well, the research may also help investigators trying to learn more about lupus erythematosus in humans. "Potentially we can use the knowledge we gain from our research in dogs to learn more about the disease in humans," Casal says. "Once we know which gene mutation is causative in dogs, we can look for what triggers the disease in people."

Although signs of the disease can occur in dogs as early as 8 to 16 weeks of age, most owners do not recognize the signs at that time. The disease affects males and females regardless of coat color pattern.

"Owners often mention dry, flaky skin, but they don't associate that in the beginning with a more serious condition," Casal says. "Dogs also may become lame and not want to get up anymore."

As the disease progresses, a dog's skin becomes crusty on his face, ears and back, leading to painful, bleeding lesions. Sores may get well temporarily only to return. Hair loss over the affected area is common and permanent. Bacterial and fungal infections also are common because the skin's barrier function is disrupted by the disease. Skin biopsy is used to diagnosis lupoid dermatosis.

Treatment mostly deals with relieving pain. Baths and mineral oil help to soothe the skin, while steroids such as prednisone provide relief. Immuno-

suppressants, including cyclosporine, are commonly prescribed as well, but they are not without side effects. The condition is usually fatal as there is no effective treatment.

### Breeder Education Begins

The same year that Casal examined Jaeger, the male German Shorthaired Pointer puppy from Tazza's first affected litter, Tazza made a presentation and asked breeders at the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America National Field Championship in Eureka, Kan., to allow her, a former veterinary technician, to collect blood samples

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MEDICAL GENETICS AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE*

from their dogs to assist in the research to find the gene mutation. Forty-two blood samples collected from Shorthair enthusiasts at the Nationals began the research. Tazza also spread the word among fellow breeders and owners, and more samples from other lines were sent to Casal. Tazza also sent identified cropped tails from puppies as DNA samples.

Meanwhile, Tazza donated an affected puppy from the second Cherokee-Louie breeding, "Remington," to Casal and her colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania in hopes they could learn more about the disease and its pattern of inheritance. This puppy went to a foster home in Pennsylvania where the owner, a veterinary student, was trained to look for signs of the condition and document its progression.

Preliminary research indicates that lupoid dermatosis is an autosomal recessive condition, meaning an affected dog must receive a copy of the gene mutation from both parents. Though the parents are carriers — they inherit one copy of the causative allele — they are not affected by the disease. When carriers are bred, 25 percent of the offspring are affected, 25 percent are normal, and 50 percent are carriers.

"When a disease has a recessive trait, no one knows that the dog or some of his offspring carry the mutated gene because it takes two copies for the trait or disease to be expressed," explains Casal. "In other

words, not until you breed two carriers will you be able to see affected dogs. Carriers in this case always look normal because they are carrying the normal gene and the mutated gene. The normal gene 'trumps' the mutated gene."

Until the gene mutation is known, breeders are encouraged to not breed affected dogs, their littermates, or their sire or dam. Once the mutation is known, selective breeding can help to eliminate the disease.

"If you take a carrier and breed him or her to a non-carrier, the puppies will not have the disease," Tazza says. "But, if you get rid of all the carriers, you'll lose a lot of great dogs. The best thing to eliminate the disease is to selectively breed carriers and then retain only the normal (clear, non-carrier) offspring as future breeders, although a genetic test is needed before this can be realized."

Since her research began, Casal has learned about a milder form of lupoid dermatosis cropping up in German Shorthaired Pointers in Iowa. In one case, an affected dog has lived to 8 years of age. "It might be a different form, or it could be that we just see the worse cases at the veterinary school," she says. "We will know more once we find the gene mutation."

Casal is extremely grateful for the support she has received from Tazza and other breeders. "We can't do these studies without dedicated breeders like Katie Tazza," she says. "We still need help from more breeders. Blood samples from their dogs will help to boost our work."

"The best thing people can do is not to hide this disease," Tazza says. "The carrier bloodlines are some of the best in the United States. This research will benefit everyone." ■

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Vizsla Society of Ontario Inc. – Janice Wolff (519) 759-1674

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Brittany Spaniel Club of Canada – Tom Doherty (403) 318-3678

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OAPB Field Dog Club – Doris Morrison (705) 786-3725

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German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Canada – Maria Foster (905) 388-0215

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**TESTS (2) – MAY 24 - 25, 2014 – ST CANUT, QC**  
Club Du Chien D'arret Des Laurentides – Dominic Werotte (450) 434-0884

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British Columbia All Breed Pointer Club – Jayne M. Coneybeare (250) 546-2991

**TRIALS (3) – JUNE 6 - 8, 2014 – BRAGG CREEK, AB**  
Calgary Pointing Dog Club – Manette Jones (403) 648-2577

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Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club – Linda Cooney (613) 687-2011

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**June 7, 2014 - ON**  
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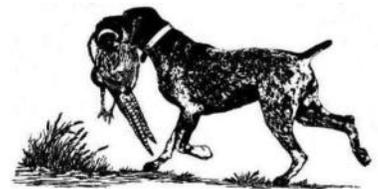
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