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Informational Web Sites

AKC              American Kennel Club            www.akc.org
GWPA             German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America www.gwpcba.com
GWPCNC           German Wirehaired Pointer Club of N. California www.gwpcnc.9f.com
NAVHDA           N. American Versatile Hunting Dog Association www.navhda.org
OFA              Orthopedic Foundation For Animals      www.offa.org
VHDF             Versatile Hunting Dog Federation    www.vhdf.org

German Wirehair Alliance - www.wirehairalliance.com
(promoting and safeguarding the breed)
Membership

No New Members:
Hi Cindy,

It's Maggie's Happy Birthday! Maggie is doing great. Fetching ducks, geese, pheasants and doves all in her first year like she's a pro. She is a absolute kick in the pants. She weighs about 45 lbs soaking wet but that doesn't stop her from bringing a snow goose back to the blind (see the pics).

She is living the good life. Maggie is such a clown, there is not a day that goes by that she doesn't make us laugh. Maggie goes to work just about everyday and greets everybody for a belly rub.

Thanks again for a great dog.

Pat Grady
Dutch, 13 years young, has to wait for Bob Rittenhouse to catch up!!!!

Weidenhugel Nike V Gus
CH. Vixen V Einer MH
"Lexi"

Lexi, who turned 14 on January 14, shows her owner, Sharon Jahn, that she can still hunt with the best of them. Note the intensity of her point, not to shabby for a 14 year old.
Wait Silke! I think you are leaving someone sitting in the parking lot.

Robert Lewis shows off the inside of his "renewed" training mobile!
VHDF Trials
January 18-19, 2013

VHDF Test January 18 & 19 at Lake Oroville, California

The Versatile Hunting Dog Federation (www.vhdf.org) held its first test in Northern California ~ sponsored by the newly formed NC chapter. Appreciation goes to our 3 Federation judges ~ Jeff Funke (ID), Ben Chaltraw (WA) and Dennis Carlson (OR).

The VHDF test is geared toward versatile upland and waterfowl hunting dogs. Tests do not have a winner or loser or a designated level of achievement. It allows for an evaluation of your dog’s natural abilities and training needs by knowledgeable judges and interested contemporaries. Most of us do not have the resources to expose our dogs to such varied situations in a single day.

The GWPNC was well represented ~ entering 7 Wires: 5 Hunting Aptitude Evaluation puppies were from the Sep-Fie breeding, now 10 months old. A single Weimaraner completed the entry. Bob Rittenhouse entered Onyx in the Advanced Hunting Aptitude Evaluation and Silke Alberts entered Fie in the Performance Evaluation. Sharon Jahn ran Treff as a brace mate for Fie in a 1 hour field evaluation. Sharon Jahn and Gary Bonini were the official guns.

Lake Oroville grounds offer a diversified challenge for any hunting dog. The open grassland provides good cover and open water with objectives such as downed trees, thickets, tree lines, thick toolies for ideal duck habitat, as well as occasional wild quail.

The weatherman smiled upon the weekend with a jacket necessary in the early hours and shirtsleeves during the afternoon test. A traditional, and yummy, pot of pheasant lentil soup, provided by Silke Alberts, was served at the field lunch each day.

Relaxation hour & dinner for all on Friday and Saturday evening was so graciously hosted by Warren & Helen Webster at their wonderful home in Gridley. There was not much left over from Friday’s stew or Saturday’s BBQ tenderloin ~ complimented by Sharon’s always-in-demand-cheesecake!

For those who want to enjoy a day of training with your versatile wire, (possibly combined with a little fishing) Lake Oroville, a California State recreation area, is only a few hours north of the Bay area. The area provides an enjoyable and worthwhile destination. A tired Wired is guaranteed.
Federal “PUPS” legislation (S 395/HR 847)

Federal “PUPS” legislation (S 395/HR 847), sponsored by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Rep. Jim Gerlach has been reintroduced in the U.S. Congress and assigned to the House and Senate Agriculture committees. The bill is substantially the same as previous versions introduced in 2011 and 2010, which never received committee hearings.

The AKC continues to express grave concerns about this measure. The AKC believes that all dog breeding programs should be undertaken responsibly and does not oppose the concept of regulating high volume breeder-retailers. However, as currently written, the definitions proposed in this bill are misleading, overly broad, and potentially damaging to small responsible breeders who individually maintain and breed only a few dogs in their homes.

Although the stated purpose of PUPS is to regulate internet sales of puppies, S 395/HR 847 as currently written would require anyone who owns or co-owns even a few female dogs that collectively produce 50 or more puppies offered for sale in a year to be regulated under existing USDA dog "dealer" regulations. These regulations are designed for high-volume commercial kennels that produce puppies for wholesale or research, and require a USDA commercial license, maintenance of specified commercial kennel engineering standards and regular inspections. These requirements are not appropriate for small breeders who may keep only a few dogs in their homes.

AKC’s specific concerns with PUPS include the following:

• Defines “high volume retail breeder” as someone with “an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs”. This definition is overly broad and does not take into account co- and joint ownerships common among dog owners, dog show participants, hunting club members, sporting dog trainers and other hobbyists. This would hurt many small hobby breeders who keep or breed only a few dogs in their homes by subjecting them to commercial standards of regulation as a result of agreements they maintain with other small breeders.

• Defines “high volume retail breeder” as someone with “an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs”. Because the threshold for regulation is based on the number of dogs bred and sold, any reference to the number of dogs owned or in custody is unnecessary and potentially misleading.

• Defines “breeding female” as an intact female dog aged 4 months or older. This is misleading and implies that a female dog may be bred at 4 months. Female dogs are not sufficiently mature at 4 months of age to be bred and should not be deemed “breeding females”.

• Exercise language should be clarified with respect to the terms “solitary and goal oriented” to ensure that the daily exercise requirements do not preclude training that involves other types of wholesome activity that could fall under this definition (e.g., playing fetch, field training for hunting dogs, or the responsible use of treadmills for keeping canine athletes in top physical condition).

• PUPS would exponentially expand the pool of breeders regulated and inspected by the Animal Care Division of the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS). However, a May 2010 audit of this program by the USDA’s own Inspector General demonstrated that the existing inspections program is insufficient to carry out current responsibilities. AKC believes these issues and full funding for the current program and enforcement of current laws should be addressed before attempting to exponentially expand the program’s responsibilities and workload.

AKC encourages you to respectfully share these reasonable concerns about the potential damaging consequences of this bill with your member of Congress. To contact your Congressional representative, visit www.house.gov and enter your zip code in the “Find Your Representative” box at the top of the page. To contact your two Senators, visit www.senate.gov and select your state in the “Find Your Senators” box at the top of the page. AKC’s federal representatives will continue to closely monitor and keep you up to date.
What is a Therapy Dog?

Therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. From working with a child who is learning to read to visiting a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people.

Therapy dogs are not service dogs. Service dogs are dogs who are specially trained to perform specific tasks to help a person who has a disability. An example of a service dog is a dog who guides an owner who is blind, or a dog who assists someone who has a physical disability. Service dogs stay with their person and have special access privileges in public places such as on planes, restaurants, etc. Therapy dogs, the dogs who will be earning the AKC Therapy Dog™ title, do not have the same special access as service dogs.

The Purpose of This Program

The purpose of this program is to recognize AKC dogs and their owners who have given their time and helped people by volunteering as a therapy dog and owner team. The AKC Therapy Dog™ program awards an official AKC title awarded to dogs who have worked to improve the lives of the people they have visited.

The AKC Therapy Dog title (THD) can be earned by dogs who have been certified by AKC recognized therapy dog organizations and have performed 50 or more community visits.

AKC does not certify therapy dogs; the certification and training is done by qualified therapy dog organizations. The certification organizations are the experts in this area and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

Why Did AKC Start A Therapy Dog Title?

AKC has received frequent, ongoing requests from dog owners who participate in therapy work to "acknowledge the great work our dogs are doing." Many of our constituents are understandably proud of their dogs. Earning an AKC Therapy Dog title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy® and Canine Good Citizen® programs which creates a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog.

How to Earn the Title: Qualifications

To earn the AKC Therapy Dog™ title, you and your dog must meet the following criteria:

1. Certified/registered by an AKC recognized therapy dog organization.
2. Perform a minimum of 50 visits.
3. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC.

All dogs are eligible to earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, including purebreds and mixed breeds. To earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, dogs must be registered or listed with AKC and have a number in order to earn a title. This includes any one of these three options:

1. AKC registration number – used by purebred dogs.
2. Enrolled in AKC's PAL Program.
   - PAL is Purebred Alternative Listing. PAL (formerly called ILP) is a program that allows unregistered dogs of registerable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events. PAL dogs include the many wonderful purebred dogs who may have come from shelters or rescue without AKC registration.
3. Enrollment in AKC Canine Partners Program – used by mixed breed dogs.
   - A special Canine Partners enrollment form is available for mixed breed Therapy Dogs — AKC Therapy Dog Enrollment Application. This form must be submitted along with the Therapy Dog title application form.
There has been a collective shift among sporting dog owners as far as canine nutrition is concerned. Pursuit-, condition-, and breed-specific diets are commonplace for adult birders, and while that is very important, overlooking a pup’s dietary needs is a mistake.

If you take a look at the life of a puppy, it breaks down to two speeds—sleeping and all-out. Their lives are punctuated with periods of extreme activity followed by the need to rest. Adult dogs may come close to such behavior, but pups own the extreme peaks and valleys of activity and inactivity. Combine those bursts of rambunctious behavior and sedentary moments with the rapid growth of their bodies, and a formula for performance promotion becomes more important than ever.

Addressing nutritional needs in the first year of life is essential, but it boils down to more than picking up a bag of dog food marketed towards puppies. Truly offering your new four-legged cohort the upper edge in health and development requires an understanding of exactly what they need to ingest and what you need to do to monitor them throughout their growth.

This is not the time to scoop a cup or two of dog food into a dish and let the chips fall where they may, but is instead an opportunity to do right by your pup and reap the benefits of proper growth rates, brain and body development, and ultimately a better dog overall, whether that means family pet, outstanding hunter or—best case scenario—both.

**Optimal Performance**

Just like human infants, puppies have very specific nutritional needs. Brian Zanghi, research nutritionist for Purina, explains exactly what puppies need in order to optimize development and promote overall health.

“Puppies have several distinct nutritional needs that require a specific formula,” Zanghi says. “Primarily, puppies have a higher calorie and protein requirement to support their highly active growth rates. Nutrients like calcium and phosphorus need to be balanced to accommodate skeletal growth, and although not an essential requirement, puppies also benefit from healthy fats like omega-3s.

“Puppy-specific foods need to address all of the critical needs and need to be formulated with highly-digestible ingredients to ensure optimal digestion and absorption of nutrients.” Zanghi’s last comment should ring home with all dog owners. If you’re feeding low quality food, then it’s very likely that your dog is simply not gleaming the most nutrients it can, and performance and health will suffer.

This can be exaggerated in dogs under a year of age simply because of how important proper nutrition is to their development, but it should be taken into consideration no matter what the dog’s age or activity level.

When developing puppy-specific food, Zanghi also pays special attention to calories for a few very good reasons. “Our formulas are prepared with a slightly higher calorie count to make a more calorie-dense food that ends up containing 16 to 20 percent fat for calories. This is important because it meets a pup’s needs without the extra food volume found in lower-calorie adult formulas. The goal is to provide calories that promote steady growth, not maximum growth rates, which could be detrimental to skeletal development.”

A base understanding of just what a pup needs to ingest in the first year of their life will go a long way toward proper development and health promotion. Emily Lamprecht from Cargill Animal Nutrition (Loyall) had this to say about what puppies require in their first year of life: “Growth has the highest energy requirement compared to all other stages of life with the exception of lactation. At weaning, puppies require twice the amount of energy intake as their adult maintenance counterparts within the breed.” Puppies also have increased protein requirements in order to build new tissues. Although protein is not the main source of energy in the diet, providing a high quality, highly digestible protein source, as well as providing food that has a properly balanced
energy level to protein ratio, is essential for proper growth and development.” Lamprecht broke it down even further by explaining how important certain vitamins and minerals are to a puppy’s health. “Vitamins and minerals are an important part of a puppy’s diet and should contain optimal levels while avoiding deficiencies and excesses. Vitamin E is extremely important. "Vitamin E is a fat-soluble vitamin that serves as an antioxidant, which helps to protect the body against damaging free radicals and supports the immune system. Special attention should also be paid to calcium and phosphorous levels in the food because these minerals are integral in skeletal development.” Essentially, a lot of thought goes into quality puppy foods in order to meet precise requirements throughout each stage of growth. This makes our job as dog owners much easier, but doesn’t let us completely off of the hook.

Growing Pains

As Zanghi pointed out, there are blanket needs that all pups possess. Those will not appreciably change with different breeds or activity levels. However, something he touched on that deserves further attention is growth rate, which dominates much of the puppy nutrition available. It’s a common thought amongst dog owners that free-feeding puppies and allowing them to chow down whenever the mood strikes is a good thing. Unfortunately, that’s not the case, and in fact, the opposite method of closely monitoring intake of quality food is much, much better for your dog.

According to Iams/Eukanuba Dr. Eric Altom: “If puppies are allowed to over-eat, they may consume too many calories, too much calcium, grow too rapidly, and even develop bone growth problems. In certain breeds, especially larger breeds, overfeeding can lead to an increased frequency of hypertrophic osteodystrophy (HOD), osteochondrosis (OCD) and hip dysplasia.”

In laymen’s terms, feeding your pup too much can lead to a disruption in bone growth that can result in malformation, lameness, pain and in some cases, serious clinical disease.

Altom further elaborated, “With large and giant breed puppies, it is important to aim for a slower rate of growth. Do not overfeed or try to push the growth rate too fast. Controlled feeding of a balanced diet designed specifically for a certain size of dog will facilitate skeletal development.”

It’s important to note that the overall size a dog ends up at is determined solely by genetics, not how fast it grows. Your pup will turn into whatever size of mature dog it is genetically predetermined to be. Your job throughout the growth process is to monitor growth rate and prevent health concerns associated with overfeeding or poor nutrition options. It’s also important to understand that there is something of a growth curve concerning the first year of life. “The most rapid growth for puppies occurs between three and six months,” Lamprecht said. “Around six months, growth rates gradually slow as pups get closer to their mature body weight. “When this happens, their energy requirements slowly get closer to those of mature dogs. Depending on breed, they’ll reach maturity somewhere between nine months for smaller dogs and up to 15 months for large breeds. Once they reach maturity, they should slowly be transitioned to adult formula food that is appropriate for their body condition and activity level.”

Dokken Rules

Both Zanghi and Altom stressed the importance of paying attention to a pup’s body to visually monitor growth. When I sat down with trainer-extraordinaire Tom Dokken, this was nearly all he could talk about. When someone who has trained countless dogs to near-perfection stresses a point, it’s best to listen. “From a feeding standpoint, our baby puppies are fed three times a day. When they reach 16 weeks, we go to twice a day. At about the six-month age, we switch to a single feeding,” Dokken said. “Although the recommendations on a bag of dog food might provide a decent starting point, I’m a big believer in paying attention to what the pup looks like.

“It’s metabolism is everything and you have to watch to make sure you’re not overfeeding, but also underfeeding. I’ve seen pups that were starving because their owners were following the bag recommendations, just as I’ve seen pups that were extremely overweight. Both conditions are abnormal and detrimental to a dog’s health.” An extra couple of pounds one way or the other can be a big deal, even though it might not seem like much. Even with giant breeds, five or 10 pounds can be disastrous to the health of a dog.
A simple rule Dokken follows is to look for a slight “tuck” in front of the back legs—the pup’s waistline, so to speak. No matter whether your pup is largely sedentary or is constantly on the move, that simple check will allow you to monitor the progress of your pup’s growth. This allows you to tweak feeding to ensure your dog stays in that sweet spot no matter the breed or activity level.

**Expert Advice**

If you’re in the market for a new hunting companion and will be in charge of his nutrition in the first year of life, it’s best to pay attention to what the experts say. Paying top dollar for a purebred pup and then investing time and money to turn him into a bird hunting machine is commonplace amongst hardcore upland bird hunters, but specifically addressing an individual puppy’s nutritional needs is not so common.

Providing proper nutrition throughout a dog’s life is something we owe to our pets, but it is absolutely crucial in the stage between weaning and full-body maturity. More changes occur during that time than any other, and it’s a period that allows you the chance to do right by the pup or potentially do irreversible damage.

Choose food designed to meet the needs of growing pups and carefully monitor your pup’s activity and body shape. This is the best way to foster a dog that exceeds your expectations. Plus, it’s the right thing to do.

**Brain Power**

My wife’s uncle is a devout golden retriever owner, and he loves his dogs dearly. He’s also fond of saying that you can look right into a puppy’s eyes and see clear through to its rear end. He’s implying that there isn’t anything between a pup’s ears, which they often seem determined to prove during their first year of life.

In truth, pups learn a lot in their first year. Training and introduction to actual hunting situations during their formative months are extremely important. In other words, brain development is crucial and is another area where you can favorably tip the scales with your feeding choices.

“A puppy’s ability to learn depends on proper brain development, proper training early, and lots of loving care,” said Dr. Eric Altom. “Docosahexaenoic acid, or DHA, is an omega-3 fatty acid that plays a vital role in central nervous system development for puppies.

“Healthy brains are about 30 percent DHA. To put it into perspective, 6-week-old puppies have acquired only 70 percent of their adult brain mass, while they’ve achieved 90 percent by 12 weeks of age.

“Our research showed that puppies nourished with high levels of DHA were found to have greater trainability than puppies with low levels of DHA. Other potential benefits we found from pups with high levels of DHA were better socialization, quicker grasping of training and obedience challenges, and reduced destructive behavior.”

Risking a cheap pun here, opting for high-quality food that is loaded with the correct amount of DHA is a no-brainer. Addressing such an important need sets up the foundation for a better companion and a better hunter, which is a win-win for all involved.
Field Top Ten January Through December 2012

Field Top Ten Rankings are based on dogs defeated.
Submitted by Lynn Sandor email sandorcpa@comcast.net
Please contact Lynn with any comments and/or corrections

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In Amateur Senior Gun Dogs, a total of 25 GWPs placed 84 times, defeating 1,009 dogs.

JUNIOR DOGS (PUPPY/DERBY COMBINED)

1. Sure Shot's It's A Jungle Out There P Ljungren/B Brawn/S Kreuser 89 16
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9. Ironwires Aquire The Fire Rocks Cynister B Dean/L Magoon 25 5

In Junior Dogs, a total of 37 GWPs placed 116 times, defeating 621 dogs.
Weidenhugel Gem V Yankee & Weidenhugel Zenea Grace V O'Hi
(Gem) Gracie
Teresa Simon Diane Marsh

Gem also qualified in Rally Novice and took First Place
CH. Weidenhugel Luca V Sep

(A dog for all seasons)

Luca can do it all. In October 2012 at the GWP Nationals he won the Show Futurity, passed his Water Test and earned the first leg of his Junior Hunt title. In January 2013 he finished his Show Championship with Leslie Puppo on the lead and in February 2013 he earned his Junior Hunt Title. He already has points toward his show Grand Championship.

Junior Hunter
Luca is owned and very much loved by Frank and Patti Ely.

Show Futurity Winner
Lola crossed over and took a 3 point major at the Golden Gate show in January.
Lola is owned by Cindy Heiller and Kathi Boyd. Handled by Francis Marsh.
Please check back frequently for GWP's in need of re-homing. You may also wish to check [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and the National site, [www.gwpca.com](http://www.gwpca.com) for available (and appreciative) GWP's.

**GWPCNC Rescue** places Wirehairs who find themselves in need of a new forever home. Prior to being released for adoption, these GWP's will have been examined by a Veterinarian, had any necessary medical treatment, spayed or neutered, and, if over 6 months old, tested for Heartworm. All vaccinations will have been updated and all Rescues, puppies included, are micro-chipped prior to adoption.

Each will be assessed to determine the best possible opportunities for a successful placement.

Many of our dogs have had basic obedience training and have been family members. Their age ranges from puppy to senior. They come with all manner of life experiences and levels of training, from lonely isolated back yard dogs to finished show champions and personal hunting companions, and everything in between.

**Dr. Cindy Heiller, DVM**, is the GWPCNC Rescue Chairman. She may be reached via email: gwpdoc@sbcglobal.net or by phone at The Haven Kennel: (707) 528-2627.
GWP's in need of re-homing may also be viewed at:

www.gwpenc.9f.com (German Wirehaired Pointer Club of Northern CA Club)
www.thehavenkennel.8m.com (Dr. Heiller's Kennel in Santa Rosa, CA)
www.gwpca.com (National GWP Organization; the GWP Parent Club)
www.petfinder.com (A national animal rescue group)

**PILOTS and PAWS**

PILOTS and PAWS is an organization with a mission of mercy--to save animals in shelters from death row. Pilots donate their time, planes, and fuel to transport animals from overcrowded shelters to rescue. PILOTS and PAWS works entirely on volunteerism and donations via its website: http://pilotsnpaws.org/ More rescue tales, videos, maps, and news articles may be viewed on the site.
The Haven provides quality care and comfortable living quarters for all residents. Please feel free to call and setup an appointment to inspect our facilities, before deciding to board with us.

The Haven is also the headquarters for the Northern California German Wire-haired Pointer Rescue Program.
GWPC of NC and SBPDC are sponsoring a Hunt Test workshop this summer. We don't have all the details worked out yet BUT...the date is set for Sunday, July 21st @ Hastings Island. We plan to start 8:30 or 9 am to ? The cost will be nominal to cover the facility rental and lunch (in less it's determined that everyone will brown bag it). We plan to have as many of our Pros, Judges and Handlers as we can present. This will be an "informal" round table kind of day dedicated to “better handling”. Hunt Tests have standards but the interpretation of the standard can be subjective. We all want to be as consistent as we can!

Some subjects that need discussion are:
1. how to use the wind
2. read and trust your dog
3. how to put a bird in the air to the best safe advantage for the dog, gunners and the gallery
4. how to properly approach your dog when it's on point
5. how to kick the bird out
6. general manners to each other
7. when I enter the bird field, do I want to get an honor first or do I want to let my dog get it's own bird
8. when can a dog have forward motion or can it
9. how much is too much talking/hacking
10. how to keep my dog from interfering
11. when can I ask the judge a question.

These subjects are surface scratchers, any question is "fair game"! The only dumb question will be the one no one asks!!!

Please pass this on to your breed club members. Please respond to me so we can see what the interest generation will be. There will be a flyer once we have some numbers, remember the more people come, the better the discussion and lower the cost.

Have a Great Day
Pamela Brann
Winter Creek Shorthairs.com
# Upcoming Field Events

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For additional information on Field Trial & Hunt Tests, go to the American Kennel Club Website, www.AKC.org and search the Events section.
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WELPED 2/21/2013  3 GIRLS & 3 BOYS

February 2013

Breeders: Robert & Debra Lewis  707-447-1172

DC Jonnee Blue JH (Jonnee)  Chic #79684
DC Dual Shot's Behind Bars (Sarge)  Chic #72893

Picture taken at one week

WELPED 2/17/2013  4 BOYS & 1 GIRL

February 2013

Breeder:  Meg Eden  541.410.3935

FC AFC Wireswest Radical Girl (Stoli)MH  Chic#  73923
DC Dual Shot's Behind Bars (Sarge)  Chic#  72893

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| March 5, 2013 | Breeder: Meg Eden        | 541.410.3935        | DC Wireswest First Dibs MH (Dibs) Chic# 73922  
DC Dual Shot's Behind Bars (Sarge) Chic# 72893 |
| March 11, 2013| Breeder: Cynthia Heiller, DVM | 707-528-2725 | CH. Weidenhugel Becca V Blitz JH (Becca)  
DC Wildwings Shamless (Gus) |
| March 18, 2013| Breeder: Cynthia Heiller, DVM | 707-528-2725 | CH. Weidenhugel Ava V Jessie  
DC Nyranskov’s H. Hector CGC (Sep) |
| April 2013    | Breeder: Silke Alberts   | 707-644-8068        | CH. Solvraevens (Fie)  
VC Griff's Viking Chewbacca "Snup" |
Zack is a 5 year old neutered German Wirehaired Pointer available for sale. Zack is an excellent calm quiet family dog and started hunting dog. Zack's previous owner only hunted a few times a year and mostly at hunting preserves so Zack has not had the time in the field to mature as a seasoned dog as he should have. But he is willing to work, very biddable, and has strong potential, so if you have the time, he will develop into a very nice hunting dog. Zack has wonderful house manners and is house broken. He is a very calm nature GWP and is quite the gentleman - he is not hyper. He travels well in the vehicle, whether in a crate or the back seat. He will work hard for you during the day and sleep at your feet in the evening.

Zack has great recall and very responsive. He has great stamina and can cover the ground and it would be best to place him where he will get a lot of exercise, not because he is hyper but because he likes activity and is not ready to be a couch potato.

He has an excellent harsh wash & wear coat that is made for pheasant country. He is not your typical aloof GWP as he thrives on attention nor is he a wild crazed pup that will take a lot of time and energy. Zack is at the time and age in his life that you always wait and dream for while raising that wild pup. No worries, Zack will bond to whoever gives him the time and respect that he deserves.

Zack is a Wireswest GWP that comes from an excellent pedigree. His sire is a Dual Champion and his dam is a Champion/Master Hunter. Both his sire and dam are in excellent health at 10 and 14 years old so it is expected that Zack will live a good long life with 6 or more years of hunting. Zack is in central Oregon.

Meg Eden
Wireswest German Wirehaired Pointers
Terrebonne, OR
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541.410.3935
I am an ER nurse and this is the best description of this event that I have ever heard. Please read, pay attention, and send it on! I was aware that female heart attacks are different, but this is the best description I've ever read.

Women rarely have the same dramatic symptoms that men have ... you know, the sudden stabbing pain in the chest, the cold sweat, grabbing the chest & dropping to the floor that we see in movies. Here is the story of one woman's experience with a heart attack.

I had a heart attack at about 10:30 PM with NO prior exertion, NO prior emotional trauma that one would suspect might have brought it on. I was sitting all snugly & warm on a cold evening, with my purring cat in my lap, reading an interesting story my friend had sent me, and actually thinking, 'A-A-h, this is the life, all cozy and warm in my soft, cushy Lazy Boy with my feet propped up. A moment later, I felt that awful sensation of indigestion, when you've been in a hurry and grabbed a bite of sandwich and washed it down with a dash of water, and that hurried bite seems to feel like you've swallowed a golf ball going down the esophagus in slow motion and it is most uncomfortable. You realize you shouldn't have gulped it down so fast and needed to chew it more thoroughly and this time drink a glass of water to hasten its progress down to the stomach. This was my initial sensation--the only trouble was that I hadn't taken a bite of anything since about 5:00 p.m.

After it seemed to subside, the next sensation was like little squeezing motions that seemed to be racing up my SPINE (hind-sight, it was probably my aorta spasms), gaining speed as they continued racing up under my sternum (breast bone, where one presses rhythmically when administering CPR). This fascinating process continued on into my throat and branched out into both jaws. 'AHA!! NOW I stopped puzzling about what was happening -- we all have read and/or heard about pain in the jaws being one of the signals of an MI happening, haven't we? I said aloud to myself and the cat, Dear God, I think I'm having a heart attack!

I lowered the foot rest dumping the cat from my lap, started to take a step and fell on the floor instead. I thought to myself, If this is a heart attack, I shouldn't be walking into the next room where the phone is or anywhere else... but, on the other hand, if I don't, nobody will know that I need help, and if I wait any longer I may not be able to get up in a moment.I pulled myself up with the arms of the chair, walked slowly into the next room and dialed the Paramedics... I told her I thought I was having a heart attack due to the pressure building under the sternum and radiating into my jaws. I didn't feel hysterical or afraid, just stating the facts. She said she was sending the Paramedics over immediately, asked if the front door was near to me, and if so, to un-bolt the door and then lie down on the floor where they could see me when they came in.

I unlocked the door and then laid down on the floor as instructed and lost consciousness, as I don't remember the medics coming in, their examination, lifting me onto a gurney or getting me into their ambulance, or hearing the call they made to St. Jude ER on the way, but I did briefly awaken when we arrived and saw that the radiologist was already there in his surgical blues and cap, helping the medics pull my stretcher out of the ambulance. He was bending over me asking questions (probably something like 'Have you taken any medications?') but I couldn't make my mind interpret what he was saying, or form an answer, and nodded off again, not waking up until the Cardiologist and partner had already threaded the teeny angiogram balloon up my femoral artery into the aorta and into my heart where they installed 2 side by side stints to hold open my right coronary artery.

I know it sounds like all my thinking and actions at home must have taken at least 20-30 minutes before calling the paramedics, but actually it took perhaps 4-5 minutes before the call, and both the fire station and St Jude are only minutes away from my home, and my Cardiologist was already to go to the OR in his scrubs and get going on restarting my heart (which had stopped somewhere between my arrival and the procedure) and installing the stents.
1. Be aware that something very different is happening in your body, not the usual men's symptoms but inexplicable things happening. It is said that many more women than men die of their first (and last) MI because they didn't know they were having one and commonly mistake it as indigestion, take some Maalox or other anti-heartburn preparation and go to bed, hoping they'll feel better in the morning when they wake up… which doesn't happen.

2. My female friends, your symptoms might not be exactly like mine, so I advise you to call the Paramedics if ANYTHING is unpleasantly happening that you've not felt before. It is better to have a 'false alarm' visitation than to risk your life guessing what it might be!

3. Note that I said 'Call the Paramedics.' And if you can take an aspirin. Ladies, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!

4. Do NOT try to drive yourself to the ER - you are a hazard to others on the road.

5. Do NOT have your panicked husband who will be speeding and looking anxiously at what's happening with you instead of the road.

6. Do NOT call your doctor -- he doesn't know where you live and if it's at night you won't reach him anyway, and if it's daytime, his assistants (or answering service) will tell you to call the Paramedics. He doesn't carry the equipment in his car that you need to be saved! The Paramedics do, principally OXYGEN that you need ASAP. Your Dr. will be notified later.

7. Don't assume it couldn't be a heart attack because you have a normal cholesterol count. Research has discovered that a cholesterol elevated reading is rarely the cause of an MI (unless it's unbelievably high and/or accompanied by high blood pressure). MIs are usually caused by long-term stress and inflammation in the body, which dumps all sorts of deadly hormones into your system to sludge things up in there. Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep. Let's be careful and be aware. The more we know the better chance we could survive.

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Recipe of the Month

How To Make a tantalizing Reservation

• decide which restaurant
  • dial the number
  • make the reservation

How To Heat Up Your Checkbook

• find your checkbook
  • find a pen
  • heat up the checkbook
They dressed the truck up with the guy tied down on the roof. The driver and passengers put on Moose heads. Then they went down the toll road Interstate, causing 16 accidents.

Yes, they went to jail.
Yes, alcohol was involved.

Now, they should have gotten some award for ingenuity...
We have a Ducks Unlimited Remington 1100 12-gauge shotgun that I would like to sell. We bought it over 20 years ago at a DU Dinner. It is brand new - never out of the box.

If you are interested, please contact us at 916-774-0770 or fdmarsh@comcast.net.

Thank you,

Diane and Francis Marsh