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Peace Hope Joy

Starlight Tree, above, was created by 13-year-old Chezrae He Does It of Lodge Grass.

Heltemes comes home with Badlands field trial honors

Montana German Shorthaired Pointer Club member Alan Heltemes of Williston, North Dakota brought home top honors from the Badlands Bird Dog Club NSTRA Trial. Heltemes' AA Ricochet took first in A field and third in B field.

Stormin Norman, also owned by Heltemes, was second qualifier in Regional Challenge and third overall at the Kasco Endurance NSTRA Trial held in Lewistown, Montana.

Air travel with dogs campaign needs your support

GSPCA—Several airlines have new, strict policies on air travel for dogs. People traveling with their dogs—for pleasure, when relocating, for competition, and for many other reasons—have been greatly impacted.

First, several airlines no longer ship dogs as excess baggage. Passengers on these airlines have no choice but to ship their dogs as cargo—a more expensive, inconvenient option that does not guarantee a dog will travel on the same plane as its owner. Travelers who choose to fly United Airlines face a second problem—the carrier will only accept dogs shipped as cargo from “known shippers,” i.e. commercial shippers or licensed pet breeders. The AKC supports temperature regulations and other guidelines to ensure the safety of dogs, but we cannot accept these carriers' added restrictions.

AKC wants to remind the airlines that they have a responsibility to provide passengers with a safe and affordable means of traveling with their dogs. It will take a concerted effort to get the airlines' attention, so we must generate thousands of letters!

Option 1

I wish to travel by plane with my dog. I am writing to protest _____ Airlines' policy of refusing to carry pets as excess baggage. My concern is that _____ Airlines does not provide a way for passengers to travel with their dogs on the same flight.

(Option 1) I show purebred dogs. I travel with my dogs to events that I could not otherwise attend if I did not travel by air with my dogs.

There are hundreds of thousands of other individuals like me. Last year, there were over 2 million entries at

American Kennel Club sanctioned events. Many participants travel by air to these events, especially to large national events.

Option 2

I am [relocating] [vacationing] and must travel with my dog. It is important that my dog be able to accompany me.

I support safe air travel for dogs, and I do not expect you to transport dogs when temperatures are outside federal limits or under other conditions that may compromise the dogs' well being. However, to simply stop carrying dogs as excess baggage because it is not cost-effective or convenient for your airline is not acceptable.

In this era of airline travel, the public depends on being able to travel with their dogs for pleasure, when relocating, to participate in dog events, and for a myriad of other reasons. I believe that airlines have a responsibility to accommodate the public by developing and putting in place reasonable procedures that allow persons to travel with and ship dogs at reasonable costs.

When airlines are being criticized for lack of commitment to customer service, here is an opportunity to improve your services. I strongly urge you to allow dogs to travel as excess baggage. I would appreciate a response.

Contact

Mr. Leo Mullin, Chairman, President & CEO Delta Air Lines, Inc. Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport PO Box 20706; Atlanta, GA 30320

Please Send a copy of your letters to AKC's Canine Legislation department, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606. They will take your letters to concerned Members of Congress.

From the President's desk

Happy Holidays to all!

I hope you take the time to read this first newsletter of our club year and notice the changes. Leanne Smith is our new secretary and she has volunteered to help me with our newsletter project. Leanne has lots of publishing experience, so we can expect an improved newsletter.

We welcome all members to submit pictures and news for print. We will try to have six issues this year. The more information we receive the better our newsletter can be.

We also would like all members that have e-mail addresses to send them to Leanne at kurtzlaw@attbi.com or me at lzyharts@midrivers.com. We can save some of our postage costs by e-mailing the newsletter to those members who have access to the Internet. We will

continue to mail copies to members who either don't have an e-mail address or would prefer to receive their newsletters in the postal mail.

Remember your membership renewals were due November 1st.

We have several events in the planning stages for the coming year, including hunt tests, training fun days and fund raising speakers.

I would also like to do a raffle, one for the club and one for GSP rescue. If you have any items to donate for raffle prizes let me know. Raffle prizes do not have to be limited to dog-related items. If you create crafts or have an extra piece of art work or you would enjoy taking someone fishing, hunting, rafting or hiking for a day, we will raffle off chances to win your crafts or give people opportunities to bid on a guided outdoor experience with you.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and success in the new year and thank you for your continued support.



Montana GSPC President Nancy Lane and Xana at the Rapid City, South Dakota Kennel Club Dog Show this October.

● **Reviewing the GSP standards**

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America standards of the Neck, Topline, Body

The neck is of proper length to permit the jaws reaching game to be retrieved, sloping downwards on beautifully curving lines. The nape is rather muscular becoming gradually larger towards the shoulders. Moderate throatiness is permitted. The skin is close and tight.

The chest in general gives the impression of depth rather than breadth; for all that is in correct proportion to the other parts of the body. The chest reaches down to the elbows, the ribs forming the thorax show rib spring and are not flat or slab-sided; they are not round or barrel shaped. The back ribs reach well down. The circumference of the thorax immediately behind the elbows is smaller than that of the thorax about a hand's breath behind elbows so that the upper arm has room for movement. Tuck-up is apparent.

The back is short, strong and straight with a slight rise from the root of the tail

to the withers. The loin is strong, is of moderate length and is slightly arched. An excessively long, roached or swayed back must be penalized.

The hips are broad with hip sockets wide apart and fall slightly toward the tail in a graceful curve. A steep croup is a fault.

The tail is set high and firm and must be docked, leaving approximately 40% of its length. The tail hangs down when the dog is quiet and is held horizontally when he is walking. The tail must never be curved over the back toward the head when the dog is moving. A tail curved or bent toward the head is to be severely penalized.

More information on the breeding standards of the German Shorthaired Pointer can be located by visiting the German Shorthaired Club of America website at www.gspca.org/gspstandard.htm.



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Upcoming events 2003

January 11 - noon **MT GSP Club meeting, Jean and Gerald Graham,
3165 Conestoga Way, Billings (406) 248-2567**

April or May **2003 Hunt Test, Three Forks Area, Jim Jim
Whittila (406) 443-2896**

Classified Ads

Alan Heltemes of Williston, North Dakota announces the arrival of a litter sired by Daniel Webster out of Nickki V. Herrenbrink who is a producer of four AKC Field Trial winners to date. Danny's won the 2002 Sunflower GSPC trial. Call Alan at (701) 572-6150 for more details.

Join the MT GSP Club today

Your Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State Zip _____

Home Phone _____

e-mail address _____

Please check interest or participation in the following dog activities: upland bird hunting__ waterfowl hunting
 __ hiking__ field trials__ hunt test__ obedience__ show__ agility__ tracking__ rescue__ other__

Number of dogs owned _____ Breeds _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Montana German Shorthaired Pointer Club and
 _____ enclose \$30.00 for one year's dues (Make checks payable to the MT GSP Club)

_____ enclose \$300.00 for a lifetime membership

_____ enclose a donation for Montana GSP Rescue _____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ other

I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Montana German Shorthaired
 Pointer Club and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

Your signature _____

Date _____

Complete and send to: Jean Graham, GSP Club, 3165 Conestoga Way, Billings, MT 59101

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Lane takes 3-point major at Rapid City

Lazy Hearts Xanadu, owned and bred by Montana GSP club member and president Nancy Lane of Glendive (pictured left) brought home a 3-point major win at the Rapid City, South Dakota Kennel Club dog show held October 18, 19 and 20.

MT GSP Club Objectives

To encourage and promote the breeding of purebred GSPs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

To encourage the members and breeders of GSPs to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club (AKC).

To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which GSPs shall be judged.

To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsman-like competitions at dog shows, field trials, obedience and hunt tests, as well as at any dog event.

To conduct AKC licensed matches, events and specialty shows, field trials, hunt tests, obedience trails, agility and tracking tests under the rules of the AKC.

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