



STATE OF CLUB- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President's Report (Sharon Fitzpatrick)

The last six months have flown by!

Since our last meeting I have attended the National Field Trial. Many thanks to the Co-chairs and their committee as well as everyone that helped out in any way. Thank you for making me feel so welcome and sharing your thoughts and ideas.

While at the NFT, I presided over the Awards Dinner with help from Tiffany Cessna, our NE Director. We recognized the 2018 Annual Awards winners. Congratulations to the breeders and owners of the dogs honored as well as the members who earned this recognition.

I provided material for the President column for five journal issues.

Working with the NSS Chairman and Liaison, we sent several e-mail blast to keep the membership informed on venue changes, dates etc. I received and responded to a number of suggestions from members with helpful information on sites and other input. Thank you to those that took the time to reach out.

Responded to and when appropriate forwarded e-mails and phone calls to committee heads and/or board members. I encourage members to continue to reach out with suggestions, questions and/or concerns. I love hearing from our members and thank you for being part of the GSPCA.

I want to recognize our Board of Directors, our Committee Chairs and members, and anyone that volunteers in any way. You are the people that make the GSPCA work. Thank you for your support.

My hope for 2020 is that we can add members and active volunteers to our roster.

Sharon Fitzpatrick
GSPCA President



Vice President's Report (Christy Featherston)

No report was submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Dean Browning)

Report presented by Dean.



Corresponding Secretary's Report (Lynn Pettinato)

Report prepared by Lynn Pettinato

Date: December 11, 2019

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:
Daily email response, event approval, club follow up, membership committee interface, Social Media interface, nominating chair interface, nominee contact and interface

2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:
None at this time

3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):
Standard expenses associated with membership and National Field Trial banners

4. Action Items for Board consideration:
None at this time



Recording Secretary's Report (Cyndi Boysen)

Since my last report, I attended and recorded the minutes for the June 2019 GSPCA BOD meeting. I was unable to attend the 2019 GSPCA NFT in October. However, I collected the delegate forms and prepared the agenda for NFT Delegates meeting. I set up conference calls for the Board of Directors, the National Specialty Show Executive Committee, the Health & Welfare Committee, the Health & Welfare Subcommittee, the Nominating Committee, and the Versatility Subcommittee. I recorded minutes for some of the conference calls. I prepared the agenda for this BOD meeting. I addressed various inquiries from Members and Non-Members. I managed and recorded the following motions via email since the June 2019 BOD meeting:

- carried by majority on June 29, 2019- Motion: Accept the minutes (BOD meeting minutes of the June 2019 meeting) with suggested changes (draft 2). Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
 - carried unanimously on July 3, 2019- Motion: Accept the new member applications (GSPCA Profiles 29-Jun-2019) and waive the 5-day discussion. Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
 - carried unanimously on 29, 2019- Motion: Accept the new members as provided (GSPCA Profiles 20-25 Jul 2019), waiving the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
 - carried unanimously on August 6, 2019- Motion: Accept these new members (GSPCA Profiles 02 Aug 2019) and waive the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
 - carried by majority on August 16, 2019- Motion: Accept the proposal (see attached) and direct Patte Titus, Meet the Breed Chair, to move forward at her earliest convenience regarding the banners. Waive five-day discussion period. Motion made by Christy Featherston. Second by Dean Goodding.
 - carried by majority on August 16, 2019- Motion: Approve the following list of judges for the 2019 GSPCA NFT, waiving the five-day discussion period: *Amateur Gun Dog*: Jon Small, Dr Ray Calkins; *Futurity*: Matt Solt, Cliff Mesnard II; *All Age*: Cliff Mesnard II, Pat Vande Hei, Tim Zick; *Open Gun Dog*: Dave Garrett, Ken Chenoweth. Motion made by Will Barbee. Second by Dean Goodding.
 - carried by majority on August 22, 2019- Amended Motion: Approve the selected show site (Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL, dates May 11-May 17, 2020) for the 2020 NSS as recommended by the NSSEC. Waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by Christy Featherston, second by Lynn Pettinato.
 - carried unanimously on August 23, 2019-Motion: Accept this new batch of members (see attached "new member profiles 20 Aug 2019"), waiving 5-day discussion. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Becky Feigh
 - carried by majority on August 31, 2019-Motion: Accept Liz Jennings's proposal for the increase for "Commercial rates" for the GSPCA *Shorthair Journal* (see attached). Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Cyndi Boysen.
- Proposed Commercial Rates for the SJ: COMMERCIAL RATES (Full Page: Color): 6 ISSUES - \$7500, 1 ISSUE - \$1400. COMMERCIAL RATES (Full Page: B&W): 6 ISSUES - \$900, 1 ISSUE - \$200.*
- carried by majority on September 7, 2019-Motion: Approve a North East Regional Specialty show for June 2020 (submitted by Sleepy Hollow GSP Club) and waive the 5-day discussion. Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Cyndi Boysen.
 - carried unanimously on September 18, 2019- Motion: Accept this list of new members (See attached "pending new members 2019-0915") and waive the 5-day discussion. Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Tiffany Cessna.
 - carried by majority on October 2, 2019- Motion: Accept this (*Starting today, the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation will match all donations to CHF for hemangiosarcoma research up to \$33,500. This is part of their three-year, \$100,000 pledge to fight this devastating canine cancer. This applies to cash donations and transfers from CHF Donor Advised Funds. If we act quickly, we can one of the first donations to be applied for this match and therefore double our impact. The GSPCA can contribute the \$8,301 from the NSS fund raising projects and complete the attached form to release \$25,000 from the Purina Advised Fund for a total of \$33,301 and it would double the donation for Hemangiosarcoma Research. Once the \$33,500 is reached there will not be an opportunity to match for hemangiosarcoma.*) and waive the 5-day discussion. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Dan Schoenfelder.
 - carried by majority on October 4, 2019- Motion: Fund the remaining \$199 from the GSPCA H & W Fund to take advantage of the full \$33,500 that is available for the grant (for hemangiosarcoma research). Waive the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
 - carried by majority on October 8, 2019- Motion: Assign Cary Waterhouse and Mike Aldrich as Co-Chairs of the Field HOF Committee. Waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by Joe Boteler. Second by Dean Goodding.
 - carried unanimously on October 29, 2019- Motion: Accept the pending new members (see attached New Member Profiles 22 Oct 2019) as presented. Waive 5-day discussion period. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Tiffany Cessna.



- carried by majority on November 1, 2019- Motion: Approve the revised expenditure (requested by the JE committee) up to \$587 for 100 4GB flash drives for use in Judges Education. Waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by Christy Featherston. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
- carried by majority on November 13, 2019- Motion: Accept the NSS dedication criteria: *GSPCA NSS Dedication Criteria 1. Years of membership with GSPCA 2. GSPCA Activities: (BOD or officer, committee member, volunteer, etc.) 3. Approximate time involved in the breed 4. Activities participated with their dog: National level, local level, AKC, or other (i.e. field, hunt test, show, obedience, etc.) 5. Contributions to the breed* Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
- carried by majority on November 27, 2019- Motion: Approve the new 2020 NSS site location and dates- the Embassy Suites- East Peoria Hotel Riverfront, Peoria, Illinois / May 3-9, 2020.
- carried by majority on December 6, 2019- Motion: Approve Sleepy Hollow GSP Club to host the North Eastern GSPCA regional in New Paltz, NY on 6/19/2020 with Jim Covey as the breed judge and Lori Mowery as the sweeps judge. Waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by Tiffany Cessna. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
- carried unanimously on December 10, 2019- Motion: Accept the new members as listed (Pending New Members 2019-1126). Waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
- carried by majority on December 16, 2019- Motion: Accept the minutes as written (BOD conference call minutes 2019-1211) and waive the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Ed Brock.
- carried by majority on December 31, 2019- Motion: Accept Mark Johnson and Bonnie Hidalgo secured by the NAGDC to judge our 2020 Amateur Championship. Waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by Tiffany Cessna. Second by Lynn Pettinato.
- carried unanimously on January 7, 2020- Motion: Accept the new members as listed (see attached Pending New Members 2020-0101) and waive the five-day discussion. Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Christy Featherston.
- carried unanimously on January 14, 2020- Motion: Accept all new members listed on the attached form (Pending New Members 2020-0111) and waive the 5 day-discussion period. Motion made by Dean Goodding. Second by Lynn Pettinato.

I continue to receive positive responses from the membership regarding the email blast requesting agenda items. This will be my final board meeting as I have chosen not to run again for the recording secretary position.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia (Cyndi) Boysen
Recording Secretary



Sectional Directors' Reports

North Western Section Director's Report

Report prepared by Dean Goodding

Activity Normal and getting feedback from members. Good comments on the weekly articles.

A few complaints

Trails and Hunt tests scheduled for 2020 are the same amount as 2019

The number of events is the same, but actual entries for: Specialty shows, and Horse Back FT are down. Bird prices are up, overall costs are up. Price increases for entries, really have closed the gap

Member Feedback:

1. We need to get AKC to change their policy of not allowing WFT judges to use ATVs for judging when it is too dangerous to ride horses.... My point will be that every time AKC forces us to cancel a WFT...puppy & derby dogs are robbed of a chance to compete because there is an age limit on those stakes!!! We almost have no wranglers anymore...new judges do not want to invest \$190,000 in horse & trailer and many older judges do not want to get injured riding horses anymore. **I would just like the flexibility to do either, whatever is safer. John Wayne is dead...cattle ranchers use ATVs & Gators to run their operations now!!** Time for AKC to come into 20th Century...and it is time GSPCA goes on record to AKC that their policy is, outdated and hypocrisy since HTs can judge from ATVs!!!!!!

2. Is the Health and Welfare committee going to keep the members updated on L.D. What is the current update on Accuracy? Can the committee pressure, through correspondence on any deadlines set to the testing company? Will members have to retest, at their expense, if their tests came back as a carrier or positive.

Here is a great reason. XXXXX has been bad mouthing XXXXX to everyone for 4 years saying XXX and XXX where carriers because of XXXXX guess what Their dogs are all the sudden clear. Really all these dogs are clear now, great dogs have been spayed or neutered and culled out of breeding programs that we needed and lesser dogs kept because they were clear , breeders blackballed, Penn Gen has revamped this test several times, and now everyone's dogs are clear and never were carrier's, but they still want us to test for it what makes this test any more accurate. Seems to me that they had a part in some of the demise of quality GSP's in the last few years. To me it never was a valid test only 1 testing lab does it??? Red flag right away.

3. No additional topics suggested, just my eternal concern for the addition of the color BLACK to be added to the acceptable GSP written description.

4. Voting, Since the club is growing, and as in all clubs, there are active, and inactive members. Consider changing the By-Laws to read, or something along the lines of if an Item needs to be voted on by members. The item being voted on will be passed or revoked by the *actual number* of votes cast on the specific ballot sent.

This would replace or change on having 66 2/3 (sixty-six and two thirds) total membership to pass or be revoked.



East Central Section Director's Report

Report Prepared by Becky Feigh Date: 1/13/2020

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:
 1. *Provided 4 GSPCA BOD updates to members via email blast. Updates included recent GSPCA BOD activities, AKC News updates, list upcoming important dates and club events and list of new titles that EC members have put on their dogs.*
 2. *Provided membership renewal assistance for a couple of members in my region.*
 3. *Provided member assistance with missing Journal.*
 4. *Provided member assistance with Breeder referral*
 5. *Answered questions regarding breeding/ health clearance information- directed to website.*
 6. *Participated in 4 NSSEC Committee conference calls as the BOD liaison.*
 7. *Participated in 4 HW Committee conference calls as the BOD liaison*
 8. *EC Regional Club Updates (clubs that provided an update)*
 - a. *GSPC of Middle TN: 42 members, held a total 4 field trials in 2019 (total of 163 entries), Spring Agility 2 Day trial (1,226 entries), Fall Agility 4 Day trial (1,908 entries), Specialty Show (28 entries), Tracking Test (5 entries) 4 Fall Hunt Test this fall (total of 53 entries). Hosted –Spring GSPCA Spring Agility Trial 4 day trail with a total of 2379 entries; Hosted GSPCA Fall Agility Trial 2 day with a total of 1154 entries*
 - b. *GSPC of IN: 40 members, held 4 Hunt Test in 2019 (total of 46 entries- SHT and 44 entries -FHT), held GSPCA Water Test at Spring Test (5 entries) Fall test (1 entry)*
 - c. *Lansing GSPC: 14 members, 2019 Spring Field Trial- non retrieving (109 entries), Fall Field Trial- non retrieving (48 entries)*
 - d. *GSP of MI: 35 members, 2019 Spring Hunt Test (total of 15 entries) 2019 Fall Hunt Test (22 entries), 2019 Spring Field Trial- non retrieving (89 entries), Spring Walking Trial- retrieving (9 entries), Fall Field Trial (50 entries) 2019 Jan. Specialty Show (57 entries) 2019 Spring Field Trial May 11-12, Walking Trial May 19, Water Test July 28, Fall Field Trial Sept 7-8 and Fall Hunt Test Sept. 28-29.*
 - e. *Buckeye GSPC: 2019 Spring Field Trial- walking trial (55 entries) , Spring Field Trial (100 entries), Fall Field Trial- non retrieving (60 entries)*
 - f. *GSPC of OH: 2019 Spring Field Trials- non retrieving (107 entries), Fall Field Trial –non retrieving (45 entries), Specialty Show (29 entries)*
2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:
 1. *Have received positive feedback from EC members for BOD updates. Members are happy with the additional information being provided.*



3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):
N/A
4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):
N/A
5. Action Items for Board consideration:
N/A



North Eastern Section Director's Report

Prepared by Tiffany Cessna

Date: 1/12/20

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

NE Section Duties:

- Provided assistance to a few GSP owners who were interested in finding a reputable breeder in the NE section.
- Provided Membership renewal assistant for a member in my region when our websites renewal link was erroring.
- Reached out to the clubs in my section that had not provided club bylaws, constitution, and membership lists. I sent what I was able to retrieve to Lorelei with and the membership committee.

Liaison Activities:

- Received Committee Protocols from the Breeder Referral Committee and the Database Committee.
- Spoke to Deb Longtin about her concerns with our current database system and got a copy of the estimate she referenced in her committee report
- Participated in 1 Versatility Awards conference call as BOD liaison and have received all email communication from the committee.

Action Items from last meeting:

- Contacted the President of the Diamond State GSP Club about their status, at this point the club is inactive, I forward that information to the membership committee.
- I have prepared full proposal of the GSPCA Achievement Program (in my Awards Committee Report).
- I Informed Terina Chernich of the changes made regarding the breeder listing special promotion that included all of the members of the GSPCA receiving an email blast stating the promotion from the months of July 2019 to August 2019.
- I inform Deborah Longtin that the information GSPCA obtains from AKC is for GSPCA members only.
- I sent the Amateur Owner-Handler rankings to Patty B and Liz J for the Jan/Feb issue of the Shorthair Journal.

General Activities:

- I had the appreciation awards made for Gene M, Debbie K, Liz J, Terry C, Diane P, and Renee L. Gene was given his at the NFT awards banquet, I delivered Renee's and Diane's to them in FL at Royal Canine and Terry, Liz and Debbie's were mailed to them with a letter from Sharon and the board thanking them for their service.
- Attended the NFT as voted by the Board
- Obtained artwork from Debbie King and designed the holiday card that was send to the membership
- I Started the process for getting the 2020 NSS catalog ads sold and designed.



2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:

-I would like to start sending monthly emails to NE members going over club updates, information on events in my section, new title of NE members GSP's, welcoming new NE members and thanking NE sponsors of new members.

-There were a few members that had tried contacting Terina Chernich with questions about their breeder referral applications with no response. After speaking to Terina we decided it would be best that a copy of all incoming emails be forwarded to me so I can help out when she gets busy.



AKC Delegate's Report (Barbara Schwartz/liaison-Sharon Fitzpatrick)

Report Prepared By: Barbara Schwartz

Date: December 29, 2019

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

- **Delegates Meetings** - Attended the June, September, and December AKC Delegates' Committee Meetings and Delegates' Meeting. Detailed reports were provided to the Board for all of these meetings.
- **Pilot Email Program** – This program was continued and is currently being evaluated by AKC. AKC periodically asks for stats from the GSPCA, which are promptly submitted with the help of Lynn Pettinato. The number of new members who indicate that they joined the club because of the program has not significantly increased.
- **AKC Detection Dog Program**
 - As reported in my December Delegates Report, I had a long discussion with Carmen Battaglia regarding the program. Hopefully, with the addition of more staff, the sale of the 1st puppy, and the establishment of a Marketplace website, we will see more progress during 2020.
 - Submitted an article authored by Carmen to the *Journal* -

AKC Canine College

- Continued to act as coordinator for the development of the AKC Canine College Online Course.
 - Coordinated the selection of photos, videos and content to be used in the course. These photos and videos were taken at the AKC National Dog Show in 2017 and 2018 as well as at the NSS in 2019 and other locations. All members of the committee were dedicated to completing this important project in a timely fashion. Thanks go to Maxine Monnier, Don Schwartz, Shelley Schwerdt, and Patte Titus. Also to Joe Boetler for his role as a breed expert.

The course was completed and officially announced as being available to judges in December 2019.

While the committee approved the contents of the course, we are still striving for better movement video. We videoed three more GSPs in Orlando this year. If these videos are better than the current ones, AKC will replace the existing video in the course.

- **NSSEC** – Attended the 2019 NSS and participated in all telephone conference calls. Contacted AKC to alert them to the loss of the site to avoid any fines for late submission of applications.
- **ByLaws** – participated in email discussions regarding the proposed changes to the bylaws.
- **Judges Education** – Attended the JE Presentation in Orlando. Participated as a breed expert during the hands on portion.



2. Action Items for Board consideration:

Crop and Dock – AKC subcommittee – I am unaware of participation by the GSPCA liaison for this committee. During the JE presentation in Orlando, Maxine was asked what to do if an undocked tail showed up in the conformation ring. Then she was specifically asked if the parent club has a position statement on tail docking. Clearly, this issue is not going away, and I believe the GSPCA should be actively supporting the Crop and Dock committee. Perhaps a position statement on tail docking should be considered.

AKC Board of Directors – upcoming vote on the Class of 2021 and 2023.

Candidates are:

- Tom Davies – Dr. Davies is running unopposed for this one-year term created by a vacancy on the board.
- Jeffrey Ball – Ramapo KC
- Karolyn McAteer – Irish Setter Club of America
- Michael Knight – Texas KC
- Carl Ashby – United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.
- Carmen Battaglia – German Shepherd Dog Club of America

NATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEES



NAGDC Executive Committee Report (Caleb Bryson/liaison-Dean Goodding)

We will be holding the event at the Pyramid State Park in Pinckneyville, IL Friday, April 3rd to conclusion. Fort Dearborn GSPC will serve as our local liaison club. We hope to have volunteers from other area clubs as well.

Cynthia McCracken will once again serve as Field Trial Secretary and Christine Policandriotes from Fort Dearborn will act as our on the grounds Secretary.

As you know, the judges, Mark Johnson and Bonnie Hidalgo have been approved by the Board. The premium is out and the entries close March 19th. Missy has updated the website so we can receive entries online.

Tiffany Cessna has volunteered to send an invitation much like that sent for Eukanuba and Westminster to qualified entrants to try to increase awareness of the event and entries.

We are working on selecting a logo and merchandise and should have that completed shortly. The trophy and bird vendors have been contacted and arrangements made. We will need checks for them.

Fort Dearborn is going to assign someone to handle catering and evening meal planning.

We hope some of the Board members will be able to attend.

We are also updating our committee and may be sending an e-mail blast for additional members.

Caleb Bryson
NAGDC Chair

NSS Executive Committee Report (Jane Handshumaker/liaison-Becky Feigh)



January 14, 2020
National Executive Show Committee
Biannual Report for January 2020 GSPCA Board Meeting

2019 NSS

- I. The 2019 NSS had a profit of approximately \$8,841.00
Our cost savings efforts were successful. We will continue to look for ways to cut costs without lessening our event.
 - a. We had a large entry and two specialty shows hosted, by the Mason Dixon GSP C & Schuylkill Valley GSPC
 - b. Room nights exceeded the contracted number of by 15%
 - c. The H&W Committee shared their reserved seating project of which the NSS received 40% of the profit approximately \$1,500.

2020 NSS

- I. We had the challenge of finding a total of two additional locations. The GSPCA Club was one of 5 or 6 clubs that were in the same position.
 - a. In both instances the NSSEC was able to find a suitable location in the required section without a drastic mileage or date change
 - b. The NSSEC members (Barbara our liaison Becky, and myself) researched over 20 sites. We took our due diligence very seriously.
 - c. The Peoria site met our requirements financially and geographically
We have met 85% of our contracted room nights before our attrition rate
 - d. Another challenge met was finding a new show superintendent. We with Baray out of Washington. They are working very closely with Roy Jones to provide the same services at a slightly lower cost.
 - e. This year the H & W Committee will have time & space to provide an event for the members with important health information. This time will be available as a “center stage” activity instead of “just fit it in” The health of our breed should be a priority.

MISCELLANEOUS



- I. General misconception by some of the membership of the utilization of the comp nights earned relative to the 1 for 50. If we have 600 paid room nights we earn 12 free nights which basically comes off the bottom line. These free nights cover for example the photographer, the superintendent and judges rooms. Members do not benefit. The number of contracted room nights directly effects the cost of the facility.
- II. The membership has voiced their desire to have additional activities at the NSS. We only have so much time & too few volunteers. New activities are important but we need people to take these on, provide a proposal including costs, income, staffing, & schedule.
- III. I am expecting a well attended 2020 NSS and Regional with a bottom line profit.

I would like to thank the Board and our liaison and members of the NSSEC for their support especially the past year. There were some tense moments but with everyone's help we did have and will once again have a great National Specialty Show.

Jane Handschumaker, Chair
NSS Executive Committee

Members: Dean Browning, Cynthia Boysen, Barbara Schwartz, Sharon Datillio, Pam Stillman, David Gontz, Ann Claire Lester, Kim Abbott Committee Liaison: Becky Feigh

National Specialty Show Futurity Report (Holly Faught/liaison-Dean Browning)



Holly Fought states there is no updated report at this time.

NFT Executive Committee Report (Phil Mathiowetz & Kevin Temple/liaison-Will Barbee)

No report was submitted.

NFT Futurity Report (Terry Bomer/liaison-Christy Featherston)

No report was submitted.

COMPANION/PERFORMANCE EVENTS COMMITTEES



Agility Report (Jeri Fishack/liaison-Lynn Pettinato)

Not sure there will be agility at NSS this year due to the changes. Dave Nauer is working on that since I will not be there. The Top GSP medallion at the invitational was greatly appreciated by Rudi and I. See attached photo. I was able to get pictures of the competing agility dogs only. Will make sure they are put in the Journal along with a write up.

We are doing a new agility trial in March in Syracuse, NY under the GSPCA with no support from a local club. This trial should do well. We will have more expenses due to not having anything for the trial. Kris Hart and I are the Chairs. After we see how this goes, we will review expenses and might make some changes to trial secretary which is currently Countryside Agility. So far there is a lot of excitement about this trial since it is right before the AKC Agility Nationals and in the north east!

Jeri Fishack
GSPCA Agility Contact

Obedience/Rally Report (Eleanor Campbell/liaison-Lynn Pettinato)

The Obedience and Rally judge for the 2020 NSS will be Shirley Spall. She will judge both obedience and rally on both days. She has signed and returned a contract. Thank you to Lynn Pettinato for taking care of this.

The GSPC of Wisconsin will have an obedience and rally trial on Tuesday, so there will be three days of obedience.

Karen Combs will be the on-site chairperson. I will not be able to attend this year. I have inventoried the rosettes and ribbons, will submit my order, and will ship them to the show site.

Happy New Year to all!

Eleanor Campbell
Obedience/Rally Chair

Versatility Report (David Nauer/liaison-Tiffany Cessna)



Report Prepared By: David Nauer

Date: 1 January 2020

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report on June 2019 – this is just the incremental actions performed in 2H2019:
 - a. Quarterly Awards processed and mailed for in four quarters in 2019.
 - b. The Website has not been updated since 2Q16 with Award winners. I have submitted updates semi-annually, but I've also had no complaints from the membership on the website not reflecting the 2017, 2018, and 2019 award winners. That said, recommend we prioritize this in the website updates sometime during 1H20 to get caught up through end of 2019.
 - c. Final half 2019 awards sent to Shorthair Journal
 - d. MAJOR: Versatility Advisory Committee formed for consideration of Dock Diving and AKC Scent Work updates based on a general request to the GSPCA membership via Facebook, Group, and email – that report has been submitted to the Board under separate cover. The 2019 January board meeting asked the committee to consider three major requests from members: Dock Diving Updates, FastCAT, and AKC Scent Work. If adapted Dock Diving would move to the athletic "agility" column, and Scent Work would be added to the "tracking" column, and FastCAT would just be included in the other column along with Lure Coursing as represented today.
2. Action Items for Board consideration:
 - a. Review and provide board approval or guidance for the Versatility Advisory Committee's recommendations.
3. This year there were 18 VC, 3 VCA, and one VCX awards processed. At the 2020 NSS we will be awarding four acrylic trophies – the three VCA and one VCX – request we get this included in whatever presentation program we are planning along with the rest of the awards, so they are mainstreamed in the program.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Nauer
GSPCA Versatility Chairman

The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America (GSPCA)



Versatility Program 2019 Update

As submitted from the Versatility Committee

December 12, 2019 (v2.1 –12/15/19)

Submitted to Board FINAL v2.1 12/22/2019

OBJECTIVE

Review the GSPCA Versatility Program for updates, improvements, and changes. The program was first proposed and executed in 1997 and implemented in 1998; then updated in 2005 and implemented in 2006. Only one major update has been made (in 2015) which added programs and the “other” category. This is the fourth major update of the program.

BACKGROUND

The current Versatility program is very challenging and very popular with many in our membership. The Board requested further review of the program to consider Scent Work and how Dock Diving has progressed. The membership has also suggested other changes.

A new committee was formed to focus on changes in Scent Work, Dock Diving, and updates to the core program. This cycle’s advisory committee were:

- 🐾 Eleanor Campbell – Obedience, Rally, Dock Diving – GSPCA Obedience Chair
- 🐾 Theresa Boxdorfer – Scent Work
- 🐾 Tony Ross – Multiple Disciplines and Dock Diving
- 🐾 Cindy Smullen – GSPCA Versatility Creator and committee member
- 🐾 Valerie Casperite – Scent Work
- 🐾 Lora Richards – Multiple Disciplines, Hunt
- 🐾 Patrice Schwegman – Multiple Disciplines
- 🐾 Christine Dalman – Multiple Disciplines, Scent Work
- 🐾 Jami Meath – Dock Diving
- 🐾 Beverly Quarles – Multiple Disciplines – Dock Diving, FAST Cat, Scent Work
- 🐾 Tiffany Cessna – GSPCA Board Liaison and GSPCA NE Director
- 🐾 David Nauer – Chairperson of this committee – Chairman GSPCA Versatility Program

CRITERIA

Changes should be meaningful, achievable, verifiable, and easy to implement. That spirit must be maintained in these changes.

STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION IN NON-BREED SPECIFIC SPORTS and PROGRAMS



The committee agrees with the Board of Director guidance that the main purpose of the GSP is as a versatile hunter – an all-purpose gun dog capable of high performance in the field and water. But the GSP is capable of doing many amazing things ranging from Performance events such as hunt and field to Companion events such as obedience and agility – it is this program that maintains touch with the core skills including mandatory field/hunt skills, while recognizing the wide range of activities the breed can accomplish. Those abilities translate to trainability, proper temperament, hunt related skills, and non-hunt skills reflective of a GSP with proper structure and athleticism.

The committee also understands the considerable efforts involved in achieving mid- and high-level titles in varying disciplines. The committee strongly recommends that a proper training program and interest in a sport (and success!) could be a part of this program. The committee believes the best interests of the breed and the membership are served by recognizing these activities that **MANY** GSPCA members participate in. We ask the board to carefully consider our recommendations which we believe are in the spirit of the GSPCA core mission.

We discussed each core area in detail. For example, the committee discussed whether the CH title should remain as the 4-point criteria, or whether a GCH should replace it. After much debate the committee recommended the current point assignments remain in place. Each category was reviewed for currency and any need for change.

CHANGES BY CORE AREAS

Conformation – Add Grand Champion as a 5 Point achievement on the Versatility Chart.

Field – Add GFC (Grand Field Champion) and GAFC (Grand Amateur Field Champion) as a 6 point achievement on the Versatility Chart

Hunt – No changes recommended

Obedience and Rally – To reflect the growing interest in Rally, and add the Beginner Novice Obedience title to the program, the committee recommends:

- 1) Add Beginner Novice (BN) as 1 point in Obedience
- 2) Move P-CDX to the 4-point level – reflecting the increased difficulty added to the P-CDX in recent rules updates – for GSPs this now reflects a major achievement.
- 3) Add Rally Master (RM) to the 4-point level
- 4) Award 5 points to GSPs earning both the RM and RAE titles
- 5) Award 6 points to GSPs earning the Rally Agility Champion (RACH) title

For the VCX level – the committee had spirited debate on including the Rally Master into the program. Today only a RAE-3 is used for a VCX from Rally. The committee recommends replacing the RAE3 requirement with the need to earn Both an RM and RAE (e.g. “RM & RAE”).



The committee also recommends grandfathering the RAE-3 current requirement for 9 months from announcement of this change.

Agility – No Changes

Tracking – No Changes

Other Column – For FAST CAT -- add BCAT as 1 point in the Other Category. The committee felt FAST CAT needs recognition and is similar to the Lure Coursing challenge already in the “other” category by the CAA. This allows lure coursing enthusiasts to earn 1 point in either Lure Coursing (CAA) or FAST CAT (BCAT) from the “other” column.

DOCK DIVING CHANGES

Determining whether Dock Diving changes were called for consumed committee discussions more than any other single topic. Dock Diving has evolved, and participation and interest in this sport has grown – GSPCA members ask regularly for changes reflective of the growth of this sport.

Our committee investigated how Dock Diving challenges the GSP – at the most basic level the GSP excels almost without training – the lower level titles are achievable with a minimum of time or training. But the advanced titles, which require extreme athleticism and consistency, have not been earned by GSP Dock Diving enthusiasts without considerable effort and training. To achieve these levels the GSP team must establish teamwork, communication, timing, and training to make dozens of high-performance jumps in distance or vertical “air” jumps to earn the titles.

The committee recommends Dock Diving be moved from the “other” category and added to the Agility column (which includes Flyball as well) – reflecting the athleticism and teamwork needed to achieve the higher level dock diving titles. Only the very difficult upper level titles would be reflected for the major achievement levels – in fact, we believe our recommended VCX criteria has been achieved by only one GSP to date.

Our recommendation:

For VCX – the “Master Excellent” titles in Dock and Air skill sets are demanding and require consistency, ability, and teamwork to achieve – very few GSPs have achieved either level. We recommend adding the requirement to earn both a DMX and AMX title (“DMX & AMX”) – the Master Excellent levels of both – to earn credit in the Agility column.

For the VCA and VC Table, we recommend the following structure:

1 Point: Any DJ, DS, AJ, or AS title

2 Points: Any DM, DE, AM or AE title



3 Points: DMA, DEA, AMA or AEA

4 Points (Major): DMX, DEX, AMX or AEX

5 Points: DMX & AMX or DEX & AEX

For the first nine months of announcement we would also recognize the current “other” titles (DS, DSA, DSX, AS, ASA, or ASX) OR the titles earned in the new category under Agility – this is a transition period only.

SCENT WORK CHANGES

Scent Work has exploded in AKC participation – and the GSP is well suited for this sport. In fact the GSP is recognized by Scent Work professionals as one of two breeds preferred in many types of Scent Work professional activities (the other being the Belgian Malinois). This committee unanimously recommends Scent Work be directly incorporated into the “Tracking” category, which also includes Search & Rescue titles. The GSP is used actively at airports and major sporting events in this very capacity.

Sorting through the over 60 different AKC titles available in the Scent Work program was daunting. Valerie contributed several matrixes and recommendations, and Terry provided a recommend title hierarchy that drove our committee’s final recommendation – we wanted to simplify how this complex program is blended into our Versatility Chart, maintaining the intent and integrity of this program.

Based on the direct experience of our key Scent Work members, the following addition is recommended:

VCX: Achieve either an Excellent Level Title from Odor Search SWE, or a Handler Discrimination Excellent Elite (SHDEE) title. Both are extremely difficult to achieve and combine multiple skills and lower level titles to achieve.

For the VC and VCA Chart:

1 Point: SCN, SIN, SBN, SEN or SHDN (these are single Novice Element Odor Search titles or the basic handler discrimination title)

2 Points: SWN or SHDNE (Novice Level title – multiple odor search titles required) or Novice Elite Handler Discrimination title

3 Points: SWA or SHDAE or any Two Elite Odor Titles (Advanced multiple title or handler Advanced Elite – or for those specializing in an Odor track – allow two Elite Odor titles)

4 Points: SWE or SHDEE (Elite titles in combined odor search or handler discrimination Excellent Elite)



5 Points: Master Odor Search (SWM) or Master Handler Discrimination

6 Points: SWNE or any hither level title combined with any Handler Discrimination Elite title

CHANGES TO THE CHARTS

If all recommendations are accepted by the GSPCA board I will create a new Versatility Chart for review off cycle based on the final decisions of the board.

THE TOP TITLE: VERSATILITY EXCELLENT (VCX)

This is the “original” GSPCA program. It is not point based like VC and VCA and requires a dog to achieve three titles from the following rows. Any dog achieving three titles below where all do not come from Field or Hunt will also have to achieve at least a 1-point Field or Hunt recognition. The above recommendations are reflected below.

- 🐾 Champion (**CH**)
- 🐾 Amateur Field Champion (**AFC**) OR Field Champion (**FC**)
- 🐾 Master Hunter (**MH**) OR Master Hunter Retriever (**MH-R**)
- 🐾 Utility Dog (**UD**) OR Utility Dog Preferred (**UD-P**) OR Both Rally Advanced Excellent and Rally Master (**RAE & RM**) OR Therapy Dog Distinguished (**THDD**)
- 🐾 Master Agility Excellent (**MX**) OR Master Agility Excellent Preferred (**MXP**) OR Master Excellent Jumpers with Weaves (**MXJ**) OR Master Excellent Jumpers with Weaves Preferred (**MJP**) OR Flyball ONYX (**ONYX**) OR Dock Diving Master Excellent Dock and Air (**DMX & AMX**)
- 🐾 Tracking Dog Excellent (**TDX**) OR Variable Surface Tracker (**VST**) OR Search and Rescue Urban (**SAR-U**)) OR Search and Rescue Wilderness (**SAR-W**)) OR Scent Work Excellent or Handler Discrimination Excellent Elite (**SWE or SHDEE**)



Field Trial Date Coordinator Report (Jan Erbe/liaison-Dan Schoenfelder)

2019 FIELD TRIAL DATE COORDINATOR REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 23, 2019

To summarize 2018, 103 field trials were approved: 75 Horseback and 26 Walking. Of the 103 approved trials, 11 were cancelled or re-scheduled leaving 92 actual completed trials. One of the 92 completed field trials was a regional trial - North Central; two of the trials were nationals - the National Championships and NAGDC and 10 of the trials were NGSPA dual sanctioned trials.

Here's a comparison of 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019:

	App	HB	Walk	WT	Cncl	Comp	Reg	Ntl	NGSPA
2012	128	94	34		12	116	2	2	5
2013	129	94	35		16	113	2	2	7
2014	123	91	31	1	13	110	2	2	11
2015	123	91	31	1	13	110	2	2	12
2016	137	102	34	1	28	109	2	2	13
2017	114	84	30		8	106	2	2	10
2018	120	90	31		18	102	2	1	12
2019	103	75	26		11	92	1	2	10

All applications are received by internet files and after verifying the dates and checking club compliance, I am able to electronically sign the documents and e-mail to AKC. The signed documents are then e-mailed back to the applying club. I have already received 19 requests for 2020 dates. It sometimes requires several emails to determine if the club dues have been paid and the club lists and officer lists and Constitution and By-Laws have been sent to GSPCA.

A complete listing of the 2019 field trial date approval log is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Erbe
Field Trial Date Coordinator



SUPPLEMENTARY COMMITTEES

Annual Awards Report (Tiffany Cessna/liaison-Sharon Fitzpatrick)

Report prepared by Tiffany Cessna

Date: 12/26/19

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

I have continued to compile all titles for the year of 2019, once I receive December's new title report I will start to calculate the end of the year winners.

2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:

- Starting a "GSP of Achievement program" for shorthairs that acquire
 - My hope with this program is to build the bridge between the different venues and the board.
 - We will NOT send these for titles that only require one pass (i.e. Trick dog or CGC).
 - Each new title holder will receive a certificate and a congratulatory letter from the awards committee and the board.
 - I will mail these monthly.
 - Each Package will cost around \$1.00 with supplies and shipping.

2018 GSP Titles

Hunt	439
Show	381
Agility	270
Rally	146
Obedience	110
FT	97
Sent Work	85
Dock Diving	69
Lure Course	63
Barn Hunt	30
Farm Dog	21
Tracking	8
Dock Dive	6
Thearpy Dog	5
Fly Ball	1
Total	1731

About Half were GSPCA members so we would be looking at \$1000-\$1500 to fund this yearly.

3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):



2018 Bronze Dual Trophies			
Item	Amt	Cost	Total
Trophies	8	\$175	\$1400
Shipping	2	\$37.55	\$75.10
Sub Total			\$1475.10
Purchased	1	-\$300	-\$300
Total After Purchased Deduction			\$1175.10

2018 Monarch Plaques			
Item	Amt	Cost	Total
7X9 Plaque	50	\$34	\$1625
9X12 Plaque	5	\$47	\$235
Shipping	1		\$111.23
Tax			\$152.44
Sub Total			\$2123.67
Purchased	6	\$60	-\$360
Total After Purchased Deduction			\$1763.67

4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):

- The dropbox login credentials

5. Action Items for Board consideration:

Approval for the proposed "GSP of Achievement" Program



Awards - Job Description

Compile calculate and prepare Year End Awards utilizing reports from AKC and committee members.

Notify Year End Award winners and request pictures & where they are going to pick up the award.

Collect Pictures from award winners to be sent to Awards Slide Show designee

Committee members (listed below) calculate the points for awards utilizing established values (approved by the Board)

Committee members – provide bimonthly reports to Committee Chair to verify membership and to Elizabeth Jennings & Patty Busso for publication in the Shorthair Journal.

Year End Results are sent to Tiffany Cessna (plaque printing), Tiffany Cessna (or designee) (Awards Slide presentation), Missy Neal (website), Deb Broad (Yearbook publication) & Patty Busso (Shorthair Journal).

Committee members listed below:

Dog of the Year Awards – Point systems

Show Dog – AKC Supplied Awards (Year End pd report)

Obedience (Eleanor Campbell)

Stats – Belinda Venner (Bimonthly & Year End)

Agility (Jeri Fishack)

Stats – Jeri Fishack (Bimonthly & Year End)

Tracking – Calculated by Awards (Year End only)

Field Stats per stake – Ryan Carson (Bimonthly & Year End)

Dual – AKC supplied Awards to Lynn P (Year End)

Hunt Tests – Calculated by Awards (Year End)

Versatility – David Nauer (up to Dave)

Sire/Dam of the year (all disciplines) - Calculated by Awards (Year End)

Best Junior – Yvonne Hassler-Deterding (bimonthly stats & Year End)

Other awards:

Hall of Fame – Dogs/People/Obedience (Submitted to HOF reviewers, voted on by BOD)

Hero for Health (voted on by Health & Welfare committee)

Volunteer of the Year (voted on by BOD)

AKC Sportsmanship award (nominations from membership, voted on by BOD)

GSPCA Sportsmanship award (nominations from current membership)



DUAL Trophies Receipt



SGR GALLERY
1232 W Brocker Rd.
Metamora, MI 48455
810-678-2529

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
4/30/2019	2019-5

Bill To
German Shorthaired Pointer Club o America C/O Tiffany Cessna 13499 Mount Olivet Rd Stewartstown PA 17363-8424

Ship To
Tiffany Cessna

P.O. Number	Terms	Ship	Via	Due Date
		4/30/2019		4/30/2019

Quantity	Description	Price Each	Amount
8	DC GSPCA cold cast bronze Trophies	175.00	1,400.00
2	Shipping 2 cartons of 4 trophies each	37.55	75.10
		Total	\$1,475.10



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Houston, Tx 77064
713-464-1122
Fax: 281-640-8010 email: sales@monarchtrophy.com
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Bill To: GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB Sold To: Tiffany Cessna
Phone No: 443. 758.4741
Fax No:
Email: awards@gspca.org Tax ID :
Customer No: 3227 P.O. No:
Salesperson: # 7 -Dee

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LOGO	ADD LOGO-2122	5	5.00	25.00*
SHIP FEDEX	SHIPPING FED-EX CHARGES	1	28.45	28.45*
Tiffany Cessna 13499 Mount Olivet Road Stewartstown, PA. 17463				

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GSPCA Award Achievement Review

Action Item: Sharon F and Tiffany C will provide a full proposal of the GSPCA Achievement Program.

We reviewed each of the awards that we currently give out including:

- Show Sire/Dam of the Year
- Field Trial Sire/Dam of the Year
- Obedience Sire/Dam of the Year
- Tracking Sire/Dam of the Year
- Rally Sire/Dam of the Year
- Agility Sire/Dam of the Year
- Hunt Test Sire/Dam of the Year
- Dual Producing Sire/Dam of the Year
- Dual Champions
- Open/Amateur Puppy Dog of the Year
- Open/Amateur Derby Dog of the Year
- Open/Amateur All Age Dog of the Year
- Open/Amateur Gun Dog of the Year
- Open/Amateur Limited Gun Dog of the Year
- Show Dog of the Year
- Obedience Dog of the Year
- Agility Dog of the Year
- Rally Dog of the Year
- Best Junior Handler
- Volunteer Award
- Outstanding Sportsmanship
- Hall of Fame – People and Dogs
- Versatility Program Awards - VC, VCA, VCX

For 2020 we added the Owner Handled Award.

We recommend continuing the awards and recognition currently offered but reviewing the Obedience Hall of Fame. It may be more appropriate to consider a “Dogs of Distinction” recognition.

We also recommend a GSPCA program that recognizes titles earned by members. The program is outlined in the Annual Awards report.

Breed Education/Meet the Breeds Report (Patte Titus/liaison-Christy Featherston)



Breed Education Report

Report prepared by Patte Titus, Chairman

Date: 30 December 2019

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

Respond to inquiries/questions about the Breed. Direct individuals to the appropriate sources, i.e. GSPCA, AKC, Local sources if applicable. Most inquiries come from individuals after purchasing a puppy from a website but no rapport with the breeder. Some state they don't remember the breeder's name or the website.

Questions about docked tail, how why
Basic canine behavior
When will the color black be approved?
Best age to spay or neuter
Basic obedience training for a puppy
Introduction to birds
Information about specific older kennel lines/pedigrees
Where to find a puppy
What if I don't plan to hunt with my dog?
Are they good with other small animals?
Where can I find resources about the Shorthair?
How do I register my Shorthair with AKC?

and the list goes on...

Respectfully submitted,
Patte Titus, Chair

Meet the Breeds Report

Report prepared by Patte Titus, Chairman

Date: 30 December 2019



1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

Orland MTB - 14 - 165 December 2019

Big "thank you" to the individuals that responded to the email blast and brought dogs. It appeared the crowds this year were fewer in numbers with very few GSP breed brochures picked up. Unfortunately, we had no dogs on Sunday. Big thanks to all that helped.

Westminster MTB returns to Javits Center - after a cruise ship damaged the Piers AKC moved back to the **Javits Center** for two days...25 & 26 January 2020. At Katy's suggestion, Denise Avery secretary of the Sleepy Hollow GSP Club was contacted to be the coordinator. Denise agreed and her name was provided to the AKC as the Shorthair booth coordinator. GSPCA and AKC Protocols for the event were provided in addition to an email intro to Carolyn Gerganoff, German Shepherd Booth coordinator. Carolyn in addition to Shepherds she owns Shorthairs and is very knowledgeable and helpful with these events. Booth banners were shipped, and Parent Club handouts provided.

2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes: Having a second set of Booth backdrop banners helps immensely with the timing and coordination of two events with such close timeframes during the holiday season.

3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline): Committee Needs (please list in order of importance). MTB at **Westminster** was a single day event held on the Piers where dogs were already present. With the move to **Javits** for two day and no adjacent dog show rings individuals will be required to make special trips to bring dogs. At June 2013 BOD meeting a budget of \$1000 for this event was approved. In the past AKC has provided event passes but not paid parking - they do try to arrange for reduced rate parking but that didn't work out so well when the event was at the Piers in conjunction with **Westminster**. AKC request at least 3 individuals man the booth each day that would be Denise and two others...but if two individuals are there don't think there will be a problem. Provided Denise with information Katy gave me about "parking apps" which may greatly reduce parking cost. AKC does provide a stipend for lunches. Also discussed with Denise for her as the coordinator...depending upon the weather she may need a motel room, gas reimbursement and parking for more than one day and meals not covered by the AKC stipend. She lives in Ellenville, NY located approximately 100 miles north of the **Javits** Center. Denise is aware for reimbursement receipts must be submitted.

4. The above stated this is a learning curve should the AKC MTB event remain at Javits or moved back in conjunction with Westminster once the Piers are repaired.

Respectfully submitted,
Patte Titus, MTB Liaison

Breeder Referral Report (Terina Chernich /liaison-Tiffany Cessna)

Report prepared by Tiffany Cessna

Date: 1/16/20



1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

Approved in 2 new listing and 1 renewal application.

2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:

-Tiffany will be copied on all Breeder Referral emails to help speed up communication between the committee and the membership.

-We will also start sending quarterly email blast to the member to increase listing sales.

-Getting feedback from members showed that most want to be able to list if they have current or planned litters. I am working with Missy to see if we can figure out the best way to do this.

3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):

-There was no record of what was paid, moving forward I have prepared a spreadsheet to track this and report according

4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):

5. Action Items for Board consideration:

-Approve to waive the \$25 Futurity litter nomination fee for breeders with paid listings.

GSPCA Committee Job Responsibility and Protocol

Breeder Referral



Committee number and makeup:

Chair - appointed

Committee Type: Ongoing

Committee Chair Term: Indefinite

Reports to: GSPCA Board by written report twice a year before board meeting.

GSPCA Equipment: None

Supplies Needed:

Computer and printer

E-mail and Internet access

postage – paid by GSPCA

long distance phone calls – paid by GSPCA

Skills Required for Committee Chair:

- Organizational skills to establish and maintain database of breeder referral applications and signed Guidelines
- Knowledge of the Breeder Guidelines, Breed Standard, AKC rules and regulations regarding registration

Responsibilities and Protocols:

- Receive and review breeder referral applications.
- Receive and record payments or payment verification for listing and forward monies to GSPCA Treasurer.
- Create and maintain a file of breeder referral applications and the contracts provided by the breeders.
- Forward listing information to the Journal editor and webmaster.
- Send reminders to breeders on the referral list when their renewal date approaches.
- Provide referrals for email and telephone requests. (The list is always the first option. If there is no breeder listed for the area, then I will go to the membership list.)
- Answer questions from the public in the following areas.
 - Is the German Shorthaired Pointer the right breed for their situation?
 - What are the characteristics of the GSP?
 - What are the common health issues in the GSP?
 - How do we know if a breeder is responsible?
 - What questions should I ask a breeder?
 - What questions should I be expected to be asked by a reputable breeder?



- Should they breed their GSP?
- How do I find a stud dog?
- Many others (you can only imagine)

Bylaws Report (Ed Brock/liaisons-Tiffany Cessna & Joe Boteler)

No report was submitted.

Database Report (Deborah Longtin/liaison-Tiffany Cessna)

Title Database Report Prepared By: Deborah Longtin

Date: 12/17/19



1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

- I ran a few query requests for members looking for information on their dogs.
- When all of the AKC reports for 2019 are received (2-3-month delay) I will close out the database for the year 2019.
- Once the year is closed, I will be able to run All Time Top Produce reports ending 2019.
- Those reports will be shared with the GSPCA Board and sent to Deb Broad for inclusion in the next yearbook.

2. Action Items for Board consideration:

I manage the database on a single laptop computer in Microsoft Access, I continue to recommend the board consider a redesign of the database and reports using My SQL or other database program. Such a redesign would enable the GSPCA to put a read only front end on our members only website. This would allow members to query titles on dogs, sires, dams and get. They could query using AKC ID, dog name or portion of name and the display would reflect titles awarded to dog, sire, dam or get. This would also be more secure. I have over 40,000 title award records in the database on my laptop. Should my computer crash, I may not be able to continue with this project. In the past I provided a few cost estimates to no avail. I believe this would be a valuable service to members. An additional feature could be developed to generate pedigree reports. The database only includes GSPs who have titles so pedigrees would not include untitled dogs except if included as a dam or sire to titled dogs. These reports available to members would not replace AKC reports but would be a valuable tool to members.

Correspondence regarding new Database:

From: "Deborah Longtin" <deblongtin@gmail.com>

Date: Feb 3, 2016 7:30 PM



Subject: gspca database and pedigree web

To: <jason@easypedigreedb.com>, <vicepres@gspca.org>

Cc:

Hi Jason,

*attached is my microsoft access database in zipped form. The club is found at www.gspca.org
When you open the unzipped version of the Title db, it will give a bunch of errors until you click
enable content (typical of access db). Then it should run fine. please call me if you have any
questions [518-767-4243](tel:518-767-4243).*

Deborah Longtin

Big considerations in this request for proposal:

*1. host gspca.org site. I understand that we are all set with our current host but will consider
proposals to host the clubs web site especially if it will be at a savings. The Web Pedigree
Generator and the Title Web database proposals should be to sit on our existing host and/or sit
on your host accessible through our existing web site host. Please define specific current host
requirements necessary. What do we need to ask our host in order to make this happen?*

*2a. Host or enable through current host a pedigree generator for members only section of our
web site (4 generation pedigree?)*

*2b. Identify that the web pedigree generator requires an AKC report in excel of all AKC
registered GSPs be imported. That the All registered GSPs will require monthly updates be
provided by the AKC (cost of AKC excel All registered GSPs report and excel Updates is
unknown).*

2c. Identify how the club will import the monthly updates to the pedigree generator.

*2d. Propose running the Web Pedigree generator using only information available on titled dogs
from our existing Title database. Understandably it would show a blank when untitled dogs or
dogs not in our title database are part of the pedigree.*

*3a. Host and/or working through our current website host , create a Titles web database and
enable the reports to be generated and displayed as shown in the microsoft access non web
database provided. You can create a lower number report cut off (mine show everything down
to small numbers).*

*3b. Allow members to query the main table of titles awarded by AKC ID or by part of name using
wildcards as is shown in the switchboard "Look up" form, of the title database attached.*

*3c. Recognize and support our ability to add some new reports. We would like to change how
the Registry Of Merit (ROM) club award is calculated. We will provide more information about
this as it becomes available. The ROM is an award for a Dog that has titles across venues
showing versatility and is not a sire/dam award like the reports in the attached database.*

*3d. As in 2d., propose running the pedigree web generator using only titled dogs from our title
database. Understandably it would list a blank when untitled dogs or dogs not in our db
(foreign titles) are part of the pedigree.*

*3e. Identify how a club member will import new AKC title report excel spreadsheets to complete
monthly updates to the title web database.*



I have provided a sample of the monthly new title excel report we receive from the AKC that is imported into the main table of the title db. I have altered the field for dog name, owner name address, breeder name etc. to protect the privacy of club members. I have left the AKC ID (primary key) alone so you can see how it works. 10 characters are allowed for dog/dam/sire/name to enable you to see reports generated and 1 character is allowed in the name address owner breeder fields so you can not read that info. I deleted dog names, people names addresses from the AKC new title excel report to import as an example.

Title database problems I tried to fix during the, import new records process - with forms that pop up during the import process etc.

> Identify new titles that are seen for the first time. I created a Form to add those first time used titles to the title table and assigned a venue.

>the AKC new title report does not award DC as a new title. When a dog with a CH gains a FC their name field changes and the prefix title DC is added. Same is true if a dog has an FC prefix title then gains a CH prefix title the dog name field changes to a DC in front of the dogs name. I created forms in the import process to recognize new DCs and enable adding DC as a new title. So a DC, has an FC and a CH. This is the only prefix title that is not reported as a new title by the AKC that I am aware of.

You will also notice that titles are sometimes reported as letters such as CH and sometimes reported as words such as Champion. This is how the old and new records differ. I told the database to recognize both for counting and reports. If we were to ask the AKC to provide a whole new report of GSP titles in history, I am uncertain if their old and new records in the title field would be corrected for this difference. These are the records I was given so I worked with them as they are. The design could certainly be better but the final sire/dam by venue reports displayed counts in descending order is what we need.

I am copying the club Vice President on this email to keep her in the loop. Renee, please forward to whoever you think appropriate. Jason is located in the Mn. USA and is familiar with MS Access db and sql web db language (I am not). Thanks

From: Kim Leon <projectmanager@spa.net>
Date: Wed, Mar 9, 2016, 4:15 PM
Subject: Re: gspca database and pedigree web
To: Deborah Longtin <deblongtin@gmail.com>

Hi Deborah,

I have spoken to our staff about your project. Before we take the time to write up an estimate, we always verbally mention to any new customers the approximate cost to see if it's in your budget. No sense in wasting everyone's time if it won't work out. With that being said, do you



know what your budget is? After speaking with our programmers and designers we are looking somewhere between \$6,000 - \$10,000.

If you think that is doable I would be happy to get a written estimate put together for you. Either way, let me know your thoughts and we can go from there.

Regards,

*Kim
Project Manager
Spa.Net
518-581-0690*

Duty Statement GSPCA Database Manager

Duties include:

Maintain a Microsoft Access 2010 database that includes historic records from as far back as the 1950's. Some of the historic records were verified and errors corrected with the assistance



of Inge Clody when she was the club historian. Most of the oldest records were handwritten and in 1980s AKC attempted to convert those records to early electronic. The database currently has over 40,000 individual records of titles awarded and associated dog information including sire, dam, owner, breeder etc.

Importing monthly AKC new title excel spreadsheets into the database.

Maintaining and updating tables

Closing out yearend records, running queries and generating All Time Top Producer (ATTP) reports

Converting ATTP reports to excel and sharing those with the GSPCA board and the Yearbook team.

Periodically design new queries and reports as requested by the GSPCA board or members seeking specific information.

Hall Of Fame (liaison-Joe Boteler)

No report was submitted.



HOF Field Dogs (Mike Aldrich/Cary Waterhouse)

NOMINATIONS:

NFC/FC Chisholm Creeks Cuttin Loose

NAFC/FC/AFC/ Annie's Little Stinker

HOF Conformation Dogs (Deborah Longtin)

Report Prepared By: Deborah Longtin

Date: 12/17/2019

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:



Hall Of Fame applications submitted –

1. BISS DC/AFC NMK's Molto Bene MH ROMXX VCX
2. GCH CH BISS Kan-Point Ehrenvogel Luv Comes 1st CD RN JH SH MH CGC

2. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):

Working with the South East Director (Board liaison Joe Boteler), changes to the HOF application form have been suggested. Summary of those changes include:

- Add a place for the GSPCA member ID
- Be clear that official AKC reports for nominee awards, get awards and when appropriate grand get awards
- Photograph of the nominee

The revised form has been submitted via Joe Boteler. An updated form should be put on the GSPCA internet site.

3. Action Items for Board consideration:

Requesting HOF nominees be added to the agenda for review and approval

Requesting HOF form to be updated and included on the GSPCA internet site

NOMINATIONS:

DC/AFC NMK's Molto Bene, MH, VCX, ROMXX

GCH CH Kan-Point Ehrenvogel Luv Comes 1ST, CD RN MH

HOF Obedience (Companion/Performance) Dogs (Ginger Sammonds)

Report of Performance Hall of Fame Committee



Our committee has very little to report for the biannual BOD meeting, mainly because we haven't had any feedback from the BOD or from our BOD liaison since Cindi Boysen was kind enough to call me and give me a summary of the discussion from the last BOD meeting regarding our proposal. At the moment, I am not even sure who our BOD liaison might be as we have had no contact since the committees were reassigned last year.

This committee is still very excited about the plan that we proposed last year, and we would be willing to discuss any modifications or adjustments to the program that the BOD feels necessary to implement recognizing the outstanding performance dogs in our breed. However, we need feedback in the form of questions and suggestions for us to move forward. Please consider providing us with the feedback we need to move forward.

Thank you for your time.

Ginger Sammonds
Chair, Obedience/Performance HOF Committee

HOF Individuals (Fred Lowry)

Fred Lowry reports that there has been no activity for this reporting period.

Health & Welfare Report (Karen Nauer/liaison-Becky Feigh)

Report prepared by Karen Rooks Nauer Date: 5 January 2020



1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

The focus of the Committee for 2019 is to raise \$25,000 for hemangiosarcoma research from members and the GSPCA will match the \$25,000 from the Purina designated fund for a total of \$50,000. The BOD approved the \$25,00 donation form the Purina Advised Fund to optimize a match from other CHF donors to double the impact of the money raised by the GSPCA members. Here are the most recent numbers from the CHF (still processing donations as of 1/10/20):

Cash donations	\$24,579*
Donor Advised Fund	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total	\$49,579

*includes \$10,290 from GSPCA (raffle, Top 25, sale of items)

The goal was missed by \$421.00 and we can pay this from the GSPCA H & W Fund to the goal of \$50,000. Please remember we doubled the impact by the matching funds at the CHF for most of the money raised by the BOD's quick response to release the Donor Advised Fund Match. Very proud of the success of the campaign for this terrible disease!

The Committee will focus on updating the content on the website and providing articles to the Journal.

The issue of testing for LD (Lupoid Dermatitis) is being researched by Dr. Mariana Byndloss, DVM PhD as a member of the H & W Committee. She has contacted Dr. Magi Casal for more information on the new test as it has resulted in more conflicting results and questions. Mariana will report any new information to the Committee and the BOD. The goal is to provide additional information to the members as received.

2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:

The committee designated a work group led by Tiffany Harvey-Cessna to plan events for the NSS. The work group has proposed sponsoring the "Welcome Party – Wine Down with the Health & Welfare Committee" for the NSS on Tuesday evening. The event would provide information on different health topics, an opportunity to identify the number one health issue for members and a meet and greet of H & W members. This will be a fun, informal way to encourage discussion and thank all the members who have donated to the Hemangiosarcoma campaign. The Committee would also provide information on Epilepsy which will be the health issue for 2020.

The Committee agreed to sponsor 20 chairs at the NSS with a 40% split of the profits going to the NSS Committee. This money will be donated to Epilepsy research.

3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):

The Committee is exploring fund-raising options for 2020.



Ongoing expenses for donors for the Hemangiosarcoma campaign who donated late in 2019.

Expenses related to activities at the 2020 NSS. The Committee is asking for \$1,500 from the GSPCA H & W fund to be used for the event.

Expenses expected in the next quarter will be deducted from the H & W GSPCA Fund.

4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):
 1. We will need the support of the Webmaster to update the H & W section of the website and BOD support for a few email blasts throughout 2020.
 2. Lynn Pettinato has been great about placing information on the Facebook page and we look to continue this process. Missy Neal has also been great is updating the members through email blasts and website information.
 3. Support from the BOD for the fund-raising activities throughout the year.
5. Action Items for Board consideration:

Ideas for fund raising for the NFT and/or other Field Trail events to include the members who participate mainly in FT events.

Approve a check from the GSPCA H & W Fund for \$420 to round our member donation to \$50,000 for the Hemangiosarcoma project.

Approve the “Wine Down with the Health & Welfare” event at the NSS.

Approve the sale of 20 Chairs at the NSS for Epilepsy Research – 60% to H & W and 40% to NSS Committee.

Any ideas for additional assistance to update the H & W website as it is a big undertaking for H & W Committee members.

Historian Report (Patte Titus/liaison-Dean Browning)

Report prepared by Patte Titus, Chairman

Date: 30 December 2019



1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

Work continues to sort and cull repetitive non-essential blank forms, duplicate documents and notebooks.

Will contact Andy Gerdes about initial quote to scan and digitize because of time lost due to illness.

Still awaiting answer if Board wants to archive the following:

****Early NSS portfolio photos, Dog HOF portfolios to include pictures, NSS & NFT catalogs, early Shorthair magazines, Newsletters and other like historical printed materials?***

Respectfully submitted,
Patte Titus, Historian

Illustrated Standard Report (Patte Titus/liaison-Christy Featherston)

Report prepared by Patte Titus, Chairman

Date: 30 Dec 2019

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:

85 copies remain as of 29 May 2019 (initial printing 2015)



9 - sold via GSPCA website
1 - complimentary - GSPCA SC Director
62 - Michigan (12), Orlando AKC JE seminars (50)/remainder with GSPCA JE
Coordinator
**15 copies of 1st edition remain with Chairman*

2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:

Second printing - 500 ordered - two changes: spelling correction on page 9, last sentence "voat" to "coat" and p. 7 shoulder blade, upper arm angle triangle adjusted.

As of this date

500 copies (second run - Nov 2019)
125 copies sent to JE Coordinator
375 remain with Chairman

Note: The Printers, The Jackson Company Indianapolis, IN (Dan Gummere) and our Production Coordinator Cynthia Mahigian Moorhead were a pleasure to work with...Cynthia made sure all of the graphic changes were done and Dan was provided with the original sample of color density for accuracy prior to print.

Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):

None at this time.

3. Action Items for Board consideration:

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Patte Titus, Chair
Illustrated Standard Committee

Judges' Education Report (Maxine Moinier/liaison-Christy Featherston)

The Judges Education materials have been made available on the GSPCA website under Breed Info/ Judges Education. I have placed a notice in the Journal to let everyone know the materials are now available to all in hopes all GSP fanciers, new and old will take time to review them. A notice will be made on the club's Facebook page as well.



In November we ordered USB Flash Drives to store JE materials for participants. Quantity 150 - 4GB Orange printed GSPCA for \$618.

The AKC Canine College GSP Webinar was approved by and went live Dec. 6/20. We are very proud of the finished product and the AKC overall reception of it.

The GSPCA JE presented at the AKC Judges Symposium with a focus on Form and Function in Orlando, FL Dec. 11/19 - we had 35 judges for the Seminar and the Hands-On. Shelley Schwerdt and I presented, and Barbara Schwartz was in attendance to assist with the Hands-On. We also mentored several judges Ringside all 5 days in Orlando, FL.

Respectfully submitted by
Maxine D. Moinier
GSPCA Judges Education Coordinator

Juniors Report (Valerie Nunes-Atkinson & Yvonne Deterding/liaison-Lynn Pettinato)

No report was submitted.



Legislation Report (Scott Roker & Doug Bineham/liaison-Ed Brock)

No report was submitted.

Membership Report (Loralei Dewe & Terina Chernich/liaison-Lynn Pettinato)

Prepared By: Loralei Dewe

Date: January 16, 2020

Membership Database Manager

1) Provide a Brief Summary of the Event or Activity:

- Membership Database management



- Pending Member attribute assignments
- Set up new database with list and export selections
- Welcome letters generation and mailing
- Provide membership, club, judges' lists to Journal staff and printer with specific formatting.

1) Indicate changes made to improve the Event or Activity from the previous six months or year (if any):

- a) Upgraded database to new Oasis module and programmed necessary information to meet our needs.
- b) Developing Club Membership Master lists with C&BL and Officers accountability for event approval..
- c) Set up EFT check remittance in software to eliminate sending checks for deposit through USPS and personal deposits to our bank account.
- d) More active role in customer service to our membership and to our staff.
- e) Interactions with MemberClicks Tier 2 personnel with regard to new ideas for our database programming
- f) Continue to fine tune profile content and presentation for ease of use by GSPCA staff.

2) **Clubs that were in danger of dissolution or becoming inactive because of serious financial and membership numbers difficulty.**

NE Section – Diamond State

SE Section – Florida Panhandle

1) **Membership counts** – Refer to the Addendum i.e. membership lists.

2) Action Items for Board consideration

- a) Purpose: Streamline the renewal process by initiating the auto renew option.
 - I. This is a function in the Oasis software upgrade. Those people who opt in to auto renew will have their credit card processed on a chosen date (Dec 31 is my choice).
 - II. I believe this will provide an easier way to retain membership and will lessen the amount of people who send their card # in for processing by hand.

3) Membership lists: (Sent in individual emails)

- A) All lists are sorted by Expiration, Section and Member Type
 - i) Clubs
 - ii) Membership including Juniors



- iii) Pending approval
- iv) Lapsed Members (none at this time; all moved to Prospects for further consideration)

Memberships as of 01/15/2020 = 1726

Regular Memberships = 1473

Individual Membership = 881

- (356) Pd Thru 12/2019
- (456) Pd Thru 12/2020
- (53) Pd Thru 12/2021
- (11) Pd Thru 12/2022
- (4) Pd Thru 12/2023
- (1) Pd Thru 12/2024

Family Membership = 592

- (196) Pd Thru 12/2019
- (338) Pd Thru 12/2020
- (42) Pd Thru 12/2021
- (10) Pd Thru 12/2022
- (6) Pd Thru 2023

Merit Memberships = 164

Merit Individual Membership = 86

- (20) Pd Thru 12/2019
- (59) Pd Thru 12/2020
- (6) Pd Thru 12/2021
- (1) Pd Thru 12/2022

Merit Family Membership = 78

- (19) Pd Thru 12/2019
- (56) Pd Thru 12/2020
- (1) Pd Thru 12/2021
- (1) Pd Thru 12/2022
- (1) Pd Thru 12/2023

Life Memberships = 21

- (4) HOF
- (3) HS
- (6) Life Family (LF)
- (8) Life Individual (LS)



Foreign Membership = 38

(24) Foreign Individual

(4) Pd Thru 12/2019

(16) Pd Thru 12/2020

(4) Pd Thru 12/2021

(2) Foreign Merit Family

(2) Pd Thru 12/2020

(12) Foreign Family

(1) Pd Thru 12/2019

(8) Pd Thru 12/2020

(3) Pd Thru 12/2021

Honorary Memberships = 3

Junior Membership = 27

(9) Pd Thru 2019

(18) Pd Thru 2020

Junior Membership by Section

EC = 4

NC = 1

NE = 2

NW = 4

SC = 2

SE = 6

SW = 5

FF = 1

Membership by Section

EC = 183
NC = 264
NE = 375
NW = 180
SC = 217
SE = 261
SW = 178
FF = 38

Club Profiles – 61

NE = 11

SE = 7

EC = 6

NC = 8

SC = 7



NW = 10

SW = 12

FF = n/a

Expired Club Profiles = 2

NE = 1

SE = 1

National Bird Dog Museum Report (Terry Chandler/liaison-Will Barbee)

No report was submitted.



Outstanding Sportsmanship Report (-vacant-/liaison-Joe Boteler)

No report was submitted.

Regional Field Trials Report (Sharon Fitzpatrick)

I am only aware of one Regional Field Trial for 2020.

The GSPC of Nebraska will once host the GSPCA North Central Regional Classic May 11 - 14, 2020 at Branched Oak, Raymond NE. This request was approved at the June, 2019 Board Meeting.

Regional Specialty Shows Report (Lynn Pettinato)

On December 6, 2019 the GSPCA board of directors voted to approve the request for the Sleepy Hollow GSP Club to host the North Eastern GSPCA regional in New Paltz, NY on 06/19/2020 with Jim Covey as the breed judge and Lori Mowery as the sweeps judge.

Lynn Pettinato
Corresponding Secretary

Registry Of Merit Report (Renee Lara, DVM/liaison-Becky Feigh)

Report prepared by Renee Lara, DVM

Date: 12/17/2019

1. Activities since last submitted report:



Have been submitting ROM for each *Shorthair Journal*.

2. Indicate any changes:

Currently there have been no changes

3. Financial Summary:

Cost is about \$150.00 per year for certificates, postage etc. At this time no funds are needed

4. Action Items/Committee Needs for Board consideration:

None

Rescue Report (Missy Neal/liaison-Sharon Fitzpatrick)

Report prepared by Missy Neal

Date: 1/12/2020

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report: The committee is still dormant.



2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:
 - We sent \$1,000 to WGSPR to support a puppy “Coe” that is in foster care after the dam was taken from a hoarding situation.
3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):
Rescue fund is included in the Treasurer’s report
4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):
5. Action Items for Board consideration:
 - **GSP ReHome: program for dogs returned to breeders.** The English Cocker Spaniel COA has such a program to help breeders find homes for returned dogs. It’s actually done via their national rescue program, but we can figure a way to tailor to our needs. Here’s how they do it -

Basically, there are two options for breeders:

1. The breeder gets access to a “wait list” of prescreened adopters. The breeder then can contact a home that seems suitable for their dog and the breeder takes care of everything but gives the rescue organization a donation or “finders fee” so to speak.

2. Breeders surrender the dog to the rehoming program (while maintaining housing and care) and the rescue/rehoming coordinator does all the leg work. The dog is adopted on a Rescue contract and Rescue becomes that dog’s safety net. The breeder is essentially “donating” the dog because the adoption fee goes directly to the rescue.

Option 2 is how many rescue groups operate when it comes to breeders seeking help placing dogs. GSPCA obviously couldn’t do this. What we can do: offer a networking opportunity to our Member breeders, utilizing member email blast and social media, for breeders who have returned dogs that need homes. The transaction would be between the buyer/breeder. This would be offered as a membership perk, not a for-fee service.

If the Board considers this to be a worthy endeavor, we will flesh out the program and present it with details at the June meeting.

Retrieve, Retain & Recognize Report (Debbie King/liaison-Joe Boteler)

Report prepared by Debbie King

Date: 1/14/2020

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:



Due to misinterpretation of who was the Chair of this committee I did not
Take an active role in this committee last year.

However, when contacted by Tiffany:

I provided her with the photo for the Christmas Thank you to our membership
Email blast.

This email blast was sent out to our membership on Dec 22, 2019.

2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:

A new Chair needs to be assigned, and I'll be glad to be on the committee.

3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):
None

4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):
Tripe R Continued ideas and implementation

5. Action Items for Board consideration:

Shorthair Journal Report (Patty Busso/liaison-Sharon Fitzpatrick)

Prepared by: Patty Busso, SJ Editor

Liz Jennings, Assistant to the Editor

Date: 01 / 13 / 2020 (Final)



Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities:

1. Patty continues to produce a quality publication
2. Developed and delivered Shorthair Journal Survey Content to liaison 9/5/2019
3. Have begun compiling a list of advertising, as requested, from 2017 – 2019; currently on-hold awaiting decision on Advertising Committee
4. Continue to coordinate receipt of content by our awesome volunteers, so that the Journal can be produced in a timely manner
5. We have requested that the NSS Committee take responsibility for submitting all content and pictures for the July/August issues. This brings the process in line with the other dedicated issues, which are NFT (Jan/Feb) and NAGDC (Sept/Oct). **Note:** *we have had no official response from the NSS Committee, rather an email from B. Feigh and L. Pettinato that Lynn was going to be point person for collection and submission of all content, photos, etc.*
6. Reduce the cost of the publication by returning to a combination Color & Black and White page structure.

Challenges:

1. On schedule magazine production: an elusive goal

The magazine schedule has been an ongoing challenge since day one. The one consistent in the Shorthair Journal is amazing content and a great design, producing a quality publication that is read and valued by the membership.

I take responsibility for the missed deadlines that have been in my control. Missed deadlines out of my control i.e. NSS photographer having a heart attack before he sent the winning photos. I should have communicated sooner to BOD of the events delaying the publication of that issue.

Liz Jennings has been working hard to gather content on a timely basis and it has been working much better which is greatly appreciated and invaluable addition to the process.

These past months have been a personal challenge for me, my health, pending divorce, and financial hardships. And I appreciate all the support and encouragement from Liz and patience from the BOD, I thank you as I faced these challenges. With 2020 here and my personal issues back on track, my health cleared, I would ask the Board to consider the following proposal.

I am placing myself on a probation for the next 3 issues. My commitment to the GSPCA BOD is the issues will meet the predetermined deadlines as published in the Journal and delivered to the printer. If there is a situation that is beyond my control that would result in a delay, prior approval by Liz Jennings and Sharon Fitzpatrick is required.



If the deadline for these issues is not met, I will produce the following issue (#4) free of charge (\$2,000).

As I have always stated I am very proud of this publication and love the GSPCA and of course my dogs.

I look forward to your feedback.

Patty Busso

2. Communications to Board /Membership from the Editor:
 - a. Communications to the Board / Membership: I had discussions with Liz Jennings on this issue in late Spring, early Summer 2019. I thought I was better and more consistent in responding to requests, apparently not and I want to find a solution to answer requests within 24-48 hours. I find that emails go to one of my three email accounts or Facebook messenger. The reality is I don't always check all email accounts on a daily basis and have limited my Facebook activity to once a week. **Solution:** I would ask that BOD call me or text me at 908-500-0657 with requests. This way I can respond within a timely manner. I will set up an automatic message on my gspca.org email stating that I will respond within 48 hours and if urgent please text me at 908-500-0657.
3. Achieving consistent content format supplied by contributors – currently comes in formats that need to be reformatted. Creating extra work and more time per issue. Excel, Word with complex formatting, PDF which I need to retype, JPEGs which I need to retype. **Solution:** Patty and Liz to generate a guide sheet so contributors can submit content in a preferable format.
4. Receiving late or no approval of final pages from contributors. **Solution:** give them a return due date for approval (24 hrs) with notice "if not approved by xx/xx/xxxx at 5 pm, submission will print as is"
5. Continue to receive low resolution images. Most challenging were two cover images. ***(Pictures should be 1MB or larger for reprint quality). However, size range is 400kb – 1MB +. If pictures are less than 400 kb, we will not print them.***
6. Preparing complicated advertising designs members are requesting vs a simple template(s) **Solution:** Create a basic template for ads that is included in the placement cost.
7. Club Specialties submit content in multiple formats, images supplied are not always from the show but beauty shots or images from other shows which presents problems in images that fit a consistent size. If I cut some judges head off or the feet of a dog don't fit, if one image is bigger than other competitors', I get complaints.



RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	RESPONSIBILITY
1. Finalize and send out the survey; compile results; distribute results	Board Liaison &/or Asst to Editor	
2. Prepare for an Evaluation of the Editor	Board of Directors	Patty
3. Consideration of a social media ad campaign	Board of Directors	Patty – to define what she means by social media ad campaign
4. Monthly emails to membership soliciting advertising	Long Term: BOD as part of Advertising Committee development	Short Term: Assistant to Editor (sigh)
5. Establishing Advertising Committee to broaden reach	BOD	

Social Media Report (Lynn Pettinato)

Report Prepared By: Lynn Pettinato

Date: December 11, 2019

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:
Maintained mostly daily posts on the GSPCA Facebook page, and several weekly posts on Instagram. Increased following from 10k people to 12k+ as of this writing.



2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:
Interested in board feedback on a survey for Facebook that will hopefully convert followers to members.
3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):
No expenditures this term
4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):
Survey information.
5. Action Items for Board consideration:
Feedback on the Facebook page and Instagram page.

Sponsorship Report (Dean Goodding/liaison-Lynn Pettinato)

No report was submitted.

Water Test Report (Jean Bernier/liaison-Dean Goodding)

Water tests for 2019-

The Finger Lakes water test held on June 15, 2019. The Secretary was Diane Krause. They had one RDX, three RD and 2 NRD qualifiers. The judges were Dawn Watkins and Robert Gelder.

The GSPC of WI water test was held at Krystal Creek Kennels in Cedar Grove on August 4, 2019. Jan Resler and Mike Ladwig were the judges. They had one RDX qualifier, four RD qualifiers and



zero NRD qualifiers.

This information is from the Water Test Secretary of Sheena Collins, Heart of America Club. This is the first test the club has put on. Judges were Ethan Pippitt and Charles Coulter. They had 12 entrants and 8 qualified. 2 RD Qualifiers, 6 NRD. Test was held on July 21, 2019 at Hardwood Kennels in Dearborn, MO.

The Katahdin GSPC of Greater Portland Water had their water test in Hopkinton, NH on August 18, 2019. Pat Russell was the ratings test secretary. They had 0 RDX Qualifiers, 7 RD and 4 NRD.

The Fort Dearborn GSP Club had their water test at the Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area in Wilmington, IL on September 21, 2019. Christine Policandriotes was the ratings test secretary while Sharon and Ron Fitzpatrick were the judges. They had a small entry, but a very successful test as we also had 2 new members join the GSPCA. They had 2 NRD Qualifiers.

The Lone Star Weimaraner Club of Texas held 2 water tests on October 18, 2019. Each test had 3 RD entries, but no qualifiers. Kay Walker and Buck Henderson were the judges. Michele McDonald was the secretary.

I have been sharing the water test results with Missy Neal to post on the GSPCA website, Deb Broad for the Yearbooks and the Journal as well.

Thanks!
Jean Bernier

Website Report (Missy Neal/liaison-Becky Feigh)

Report prepared by Missy Neal Date: 1/13/2020

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:
 - a. Most of my GSPCA time for the last several months was spent on MemberClicks updates, during and after the database upgrade.
 - i. The **Futurity forms (4)** are up and running, we had one deadline already (first forfeits, Dec 31) and the 2nd forfeits are due at the end of February. We had



some glitches with the forms and payment but knock on wood we seem to have ironed out all the wrinkles

- ii. We had to re-concept and redesign the **NSS Judge Nomination form** because the new system doesn't support the code used to create the original form. That form is now working, and nominations are open until February 1.
 - iii. I authored the **NAGDC entry form** based on the NFT form which MC built for us as part of the transition. That form is now working and the NAGDC is open for entries.
 - iv. The transition has not been without expected growing pains. The new payment system (PayScape/Moolah, a MemberClicks product) uses only credit, so refunds take longer than PayPal. The Invoicing system is clunky, and currently there is no way to tie a refund to the original transaction, other than the user must remember to type a memo on both transactions. I can see how this system would be fine for Dues payments, which are rarely refunded. But for our other revenue needs, it is convoluted and leaves our accounting open to human error. I have offered suggestions to improve this system, hoping MC will make it a priority and will work with them until it's acceptable for our needs.
 - v. The Member Directory (search feature we offer to our members, to look up other members) is not working as of this writing. Lorelei is going to look into this as it should have been working as part of the transition
 - vi. There are other updates that still need to be made to the Member Only website, but they are cosmetic and therefore on the back burner, as form follows function.
- b. The 2020 NSS website is online. New this year, I'm not involved with the merchandise, which lightens my load on both front end (building) and maintenance (Paypal orders).
 - c. The NAGDC is already online and open for entries.
 - d. The Health & Welfare committee did some major fundraising in 2019 and updated the site accordingly
 - e. ROM updates regularly, and stats for Obedience, Rally and Juniors
 - f. Election bios will be online by the end of the month

2. Ongoing projects:

- **Versatility Awards** As of this writing is still desperately behind. ☹️ But I'm determined to get this updated by the time the Board meets or at least get it going
- **Juniors Section Overhaul**
- **HOF Section Overhaul**
- **2019 Annual Awards**
- **Dog Award Pages /ONGOING/** I'm determined to get the individual dog pages developed this summer. The current Annual Awards page links the dog names to each dog's page, as does the current ROM page. Eventually, each time a dog gets a



GSPCA award, that award will be listed on his/her page and instead of posting photos right on that page, a link to the dog's Award page. Feedback is welcome.

- **Redesign** I'd like to do some cosmetic updates to the site this year. Not necessarily a whole site overhaul like we did before but give it a facelift. As I'm adding so much backlog of content, may as well pay attention to how the site looks.
3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):
 4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance): 30-hour days ☺
 5. Action Items for Board consideration:
 - a. If the Board is not interested in site facelift, please let me know

Yearbook Report (Debra Broad/liaison- Dan Schoenfelder)

Other than a few setbacks in time on my end this past year, the Yearbook is on track so far.....

Can't think of any changes or wants except to get more advertisers interested in showing off their dogs and accomplishments.... if anyone has any ideas we could implement, I am open to any suggestions.

We did much better than expected last year and thank my liaison Deb for that.....



Here's to another great year with our beloved GSPs!

Best,
Deb

2019 APPROVED FIELD TRIAL DATES

WEEK	CLUB	YEAR	2019 Dates	2018 Dates	2017 Dates	DAYS	LOCATION	TYPE	RECEIVED	To AKC	NOTES
1	Gulf Coast-GSPC	2019	Jan 05—06	Jan 06—07	Jan 07—08	*	West-Point, TX	Walking	9/7/18	9/7/18	2019 cancelled
2	Florida Panhandle GSPC	2019	Jan 11 - 13	Jan 12 - 14	Jan 13 - 15	3	Milton, FL	Horseback	11/5/18	11/13/18	
2	GSPC of Atlanta	2019	Jan 11 - 13			3	Dry Branch, GA	Horseback	9/25/18	9/26/18	
3	Lone Star GSPC (Quail)	2019	Jan 15 - 24	Jan 16 - 25	Jan 18 - 26	10	Ardmore, OK	Horseback	11/30/18	12/3/18	
3	Central Florida GSPC	2019	Jan 19 - 20			2	Umatilla, FL		12/12/18	12/13/18	
4	Southern Arizona GSPC (Region 12)	2019	Jan 24 - 29	Jan 25 - 30	Jan 27 - 29	6	Sonoita, AZ	Horseback	6/26/18	7/12/18	
4	GSPC of San Antonio	2019	Jan 26 - 27	Jan 27 - 28	Jan 28 - 29	2	Cibolo, TX	Walking	8/29/18	8/30/18	
5	GSPC of Santa Clara-Valley	2019	Feb 01—03	Feb 02—04	Feb 02—05	*	Porterville, CA	Horseback	11/29/18	12/3/18	2019 cancelled
6	North Florida GSPC	2019	Feb 09 - 10	Feb 10 - 12	Feb 11 - 13	2	Gainesville, FL	Horseback	11/11/18	11/11/18	
6	Sunflower GSPC	2019	Feb 09 - 10	Feb 10 - 11	Feb 11 - 12	2	Howard, KS	Walking	12/8/18	12/10/18	
6	Gulf Coast GSPC (Region 7)	2019	Feb 09 - 17	Feb 12 - 18	Feb 13 - 19	9	Ardmore, OK	Horseback	12/18/18	12/20/18	
7	GSPC of South Georgia	2019	Feb 15 - 17	Feb 16 - 18	Feb 17 - 19	3	Arabi, GA	Horseback	8/9/18	1/3/19	
7	GSPC of Oklahoma	2019	Feb 16 - 17	Feb 17 - 18	Feb 18 - 19	2	Ponca City, OK	Walking	1/2/19	1/4/19	
8	GSPC of North Carolina	2019	Feb 23 - 24	Feb 16 - 18	Mar 10 - 12	3	Cool Spring, NC	Horseback	1/14/19	1/26/19	2019 chg date from 7 to 8 we
9	Mason-Dixon-GSPC	2019	Mar 01—03	Mar 30—Apr 01	Mar 31—Apr 02	*	Roseville, PA	Horseback	1/7/19	1/7/19	2019 cancelled 2019 chg date from 13 to 11 to 9 we
10	GSPC of Atlanta	2019	Mar 07—10	Mar 08—11		*	Arabi, GA	Horseback	2/6/19	2/7/19	2019 cancelled 2019 chg date from 10 to 8 w/e, ch date back to 10 w/e
10	Florida Panhandle GSPC	2019	Mar 08 - 10	Mar 09 - 11	Mar 10 - 12	3	Milton, FL	Walking	11/5/18	11/13/18	
10	GSPC of San Antonio	2019	Mar 08 - 10			3	Hubbard, TX				
10	San Joaquin GSPC	2019	Mar 08 - 10	Mar 09 - 11	Mar 10 - 12	3	McKittrick, CA	Horseback	2/2/19	2/3/19	
11	GSPC of Las Cruces	2019	Mar 15 - 17	Mar 16 - 18	Mar 17 - 19	3	Las Cruces, NM	Horseback	1/16/19	1/26/19	
11	Eastern GSPC	2019	Mar 15 - 17			3	Medford, NJ	Horseback	00/00/00	00/00/00	
11	Heart of America GSPC	2019	Mar 16 - 17	Mar 03 - 04	Feb 25 - 26	2	Osborn, MO	Walking	2/22/19	2/16/19	2019 chg date from 9 to 8 w/e, chg date from 8 to 11 w/e
12	GSPC of California	2019	Mar 22 - 24	Mar 23 - 25	Mar 31 - Apr 2	3	Porterville, CA	Horseback	2/12/19	2/12/19	
12	Sunflower GSPC	2019	Mar 22 - 24	Mar 16 - 18	Mar 17 - 19	3	Howard, KS	Horseback	12/8/18	12/10/18	2019 chg date from 11 to 12
12	North Florida GSPC	2019	Mar 23 - 24	Mar 31 - Apr 01	Mar 24 - 26	2	Gainesville, FL	Horseback	2/28/19	2/28/19	2019 chg date from 13 to 12 w/e, chg date from 22-24 to 23-24
13	GSPC of Utah	2019	Mar 29 - 31	Mar 30 - Apr 01	Apr 01 - 02	3	Cedar Fort, UT	Horseback	2/7/19	2/7/19	2019 ch date from 30-31 to 29-31
13	GSPC of Northern Sacramento Valley	2019	Mar 30 - 31	Apr 07	Apr 01	2	Zamor, CA	Walking	11/14/18	11/14/18	2019 chg date from 14 to 13 w/e
14	GSPC of Lincoln	2019	Apr 04 - 07	Apr 06 - 08	Apr 07 - 09	4	Raymond, NE	Horseback	3/13/19	3/13/19	2019 chg date from 04/06 - 04/07
14	Mayflower-GSPC	2019	Apr 06—07	May 04—06		*	East Windsor, CT	Horseback	1/31/19	1/31/19	2019 cancelled 2019 chg date from 18 to 14 we
14	GSPCA NAGDC	2019	Apr 05 - 08	Apr 13 - 16	Apr 07 - 09	4	Cedar Fort, UT	Walking			2019 chg date from 15 to 14 w/e
14	Inland Empire GSPC	2019	Apr 06 - 07	Apr 07 - 08	Apr 08 - 09	2	Sprague, WA	Horseback	1/2/19	1/2/19	
15	Eastern GSPC	2019	Apr 12 - 14	Apr 13 - 15	Apr 07 - 09	3	Medford, NJ	Horseback	00/00/00	00/00/00	
15	GSPC of Washington	2019	Apr 12 - 14	Apr 13 - 15	Apr 14 - 16	3	Sunnyside, CA	Horseback	3/15/19	3/18/19	2019 chg date from 3/12
16	GSPC of Oregon	2019	Apr 19 - 21	Apr 20 - 22	Apr 22 - 24	3	Tygh Valley, OR	Horseback	1/14/19	1/15/19	
16	GSPC of Central Virginia	2019	Apr 19 - 21	Apr 13 - 15		3	Dillwyn, VA	Horseback	3/5/19	3/5/19	2019 chg date from 15 to 16 w/e
16	GSPC of Idaho (Region 9)	2019	Apr 19 - 24	Apr 16 - 21	Apr 17 - 23	6	Payette, ID	Horseback	3/27/19	3/27/19	
16	Buckeye GSPC	2019	Apr 20 - 21	Apr 21 - 22	Apr 22 - 23	2	Dresden, OH	Horseback	1/25/19	1/26/19	
16	GSPC of Ohio (Ohio Championship)	2019	Apr 22 - 26	Apr 23 - 27	Apr 24 - 27	5	Medina, OH	Horseback	1/8/19	1/10/19	
17	Frontier GSPC of Cheyenne (Rocky Mtn)	2019	Apr 25 - May 01	Apr 22 - 29	Apr 24 - 30	7	Payette, ID	Horseback	3/27/19	3/27/19	2019 chg date from 16 to 17 w/e
17	Four Lakes GSPC	2019	Apr 26 - 28	May 05 - 06		3	Portage, WI	Horseback	2/18/19	2/19/19	2019 chg date from 18 to 17 w/e
17	GSPC of Lincoln (Hawkeye)	2019	Apr 26 - May 01	April 27 - 30		6	Raymond, NE	Horseback	3/13/19	3/13/19	2019 chg date from 11 to 17 w/e
17	GSPC of Ohio	2019	Apr 27 - 28	Apr 28 - 29	Apr 28 - 29	2	Medina, OH	Horseback	1/8/19	1/10/19	
18	Lansing GSPC	2019	May 03 - 05	May 04 - 06	May 05 - 07	3	Ionia, MI	Horseback	4/1/19	4/2/19	
18	GSPC of Colorado	2019	May 04 - 05	May 05 - 06	Apr 14 - 16	2	Lindon, CO	Horseback	4/15/19	4/15/19	2019 chg date from 15 to 18 w/e
19	GSPC of Nebraska	2019	May 09 - 11	May 10 - 12	May 13 - 15	3	Raymond, NE	Horseback	1/31/19	1/31/19	
19	GSPC of Reno	2019	May 10 - 12	May 11 - 13	May 05 - 07	3	Reno, NV	Horseback	1/9/19	1/10/19	
19	GSPC of Michigan	2019	May 11 - 12	May 12 - 13	May 13 - 14	2	Ionia, MI	Horseback	3/27/19	3/27/19	
19	GSPCA North Central Regional	2019	May 12 - 15	May 13 - 15	May 09 - 12	4	Raymond, NE	Horseback	1/31/19	1/31/19	
20	GSPC of Minnesota	2019	May 17 - 19	May 18 - 20	May 19 - 21	3	Hankinson, ND	Horseback	2/14/19	2/14/19	2019 chg date from May 18-20
20	GSPC of Michigan	2019	May 19	May 20	May 21	1	Highland, MI	Walking	4/18/19	4/19/19	
21	Desert GSPC	2019	May 24 - 25	May 25 - 26	May 26 - 27	2	Parks, AZ	Walking	1/17/19	1/18/19	
21	Desert GSPC	2019	May 26 - 27	May 27 - 28	May 28 - 29	2	Parks, AZ	Walking	1/17/19	1/18/19	
22	GSPC of Reno	2019	June 01 - 02	June 02 - 04	June 03 - 04	2	Reno, NV	Walking	12/18/18	1/10/19	
22	GSPC of Minnesota	2019	June 02	June 03	June 03	1	Milaca, MN	Walking	2/5/19	2/5/19	
23	Hudson Valley GSPC	2019	June 07 - 09	June 08 - 10		3	East Windsor, CT	Horseback	3/20/19	3/21/19	
29	GSPC of Oregon	2019	July 20 - 21	July 28 - 29	July 22 - 23	2	Sauvie Island, OR	Walking	6/4/19	6/4/19	2019 chg date from 30 to 29
34	GSPC of Nebraska	2019	Aug 23 - 25	Aug 25 - 26	Aug 26 - 27	3	Raymond, NE	Horseback	6/5/19	6/5/19	
35	GSPC of Lincoln	2019	Aug 29 - Sept 01	Aug 31 - Sept 02	Sept 01 - 03	4	Raymond, NE	Horseback	7/8/19	7/9/19	
35	GSPC of Ohio	2019	Aug 31—Sept 01	Sept 01—02	Sept 02—03	*	Harrieville, PA	Walking	6/25/19	6/26/19	2019 cancelled
35	GSPC of Oregon	2019	Aug 31 - Sept 02	Sept 01 - 03	Sept 02 - 04	3	Tygh Valley, OR	Horseback	8/28/19	8/29/19	
36	Desert GSPC	2019	Sept 06 - 08	Sept 07 - 09	Sept 03 - 04	3	Greens Peak, AZ	Horseback	6/15/19	6/16/19	
36	GSPC of Michigan	2019	Sept 07—08	Sept 08—09	Sept 09—10	*	Ionia, MI	Horseback	8/9/19	8/9/19	2019 cancelled
37	GSPC of Minnesota	2019	Sept 13—15	Sept 21—23	Sept 22—24	*	Solon Springs, WI	Horseback	7/23/19	7/23/19	2019 cancelled 2019 chg dae from 38 to 37 we
37	Eastern GSPC	2019	Sept 14 - 15	Sept 22 - 23		2	Medford, NJ	Walking	0/0/0	0/0/0	
38	GSPC of Nebraska	2019	Sept 19 - 23	Sept 20 - 24	Sept 21 - 25	5	Raymond, NE	Horseback	6/5/19	6/5/19	
38	Frontier GSPC of Cheyenne (Region 8)	2019	Sept 19 - 25	Sept 20 - 26	Sept 21 - 27	7	Cheyenne, WY	Horseback	6/5/19	6/5/19	
38	Hudson Valley GSPC	2019	Sept 20 - 22	Sept 28 - 30	Sept 22 - 24	3	East Windsor, CT	Horseback	8/14/19	8/14/19	2019 chg date from 39 to 38 we
38	Inland Empire GSPC	2019	Sept 21 - 22	Sept 22 - 23	Sept 23 - 24	2	Ritzville, WA	Horseback	6/5/19	6/5/19	
39	Frontier GSPC of Cheyenne (Hun)	2019	Sept 26 - Oct 04	Sept 27 - Oct 05	Sept 28 - Oct 05	9	Cheyenne, WY	Horseback	7/26/19	7/27/19	
39	GSPC of Ohio	2019	Sept 27 - 29	Sept 28 - 30	Sept 30 - Oct 01	3	Dresden, OH	Horseback	7/8/19	7/9/19	
39	Heart of America GSPC	2019	Sept 27 - 29	Oct 04 - 07	Oct 06 - 08	3	Osborn, MO	Horseback	6/19/19	6/19/19	2019 chg date from 40 to 39 we
39	Fort Dearborn GSPC	2019	Sept 28 - 29	Sept 28 - 30	Sept 09 - 10	2	Wilmington, IL	Walking	11/27/18	11/28/18	
40	Eastern GSPC	2019	Oct 04 - 06	Oct 05 - 07	Oct 06 - 08	3	Medford, NJ	Horseback	0/0/0	0/0/0	
40	GSPC of Colorado	2019	Oct 05 - 06	Oct 05 - 07	Oct 06 - 08	3	Lindon, CO	Horseback	8/6/19	8/6/19	
40	Buckeye GSPC	2019	Oct 05 - 06	Oct 06 - 07	Oct 07 - 08	2	Dresden, OH	Horseback	7/22/19	7/22/19	
41	GSPC of Central Iowa	2019	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	1	Columbia, IA	Walking	7/12/19	7/16/19	
41	Sunflower GSPC	2019	Oct 11 - 13	Oct 12 - 14	Oct 13 - 15	3	Howard, KS	Horseback	12/8/18	12/10/18	
41	Lansing GSPC	2019	Oct 12 - 13	Oct 13 - 14	Oct 14 - 15	2	Ionia, MI	Horseback	4/1/19	4/2/19	
42	GSPCA NFT Championship	2019	Oct 14 - Nov 4	Oct 15 - Nov 04	Oct 16 - Nov 6	22	Eureka, KS	Horseback	6/9/19	6/14/19	
44	North Florida GSPC	2019	Nov 01 - 03	Nov 02 - 04	Nov 04 - 05	3	Hilliard, FL	Walking	8/6/19	8/6/19	
44	Mason Dixon GSPC (Pheasant)	2019	Nov 01 - 07			7	Wye Island, MD	Horseback	8/27/19	8/27/19	
44	GSPC of Colorado	2019	Nov 02—03	Nov 03—04		*	Linden, CO	Walking	10/8/19	10/9/19	2019 cancelled
44	GSPC of Reno	2019	Nov 02 - 03	Nov 03 - 04	Nov 04 - 05	2	Reno, NV	Walking	12/18/18	1/10/19	
45	GSPC of Central Iowa	2019	Nov 07 - 10	Nov 08 - 11	Nov 10 - 12	4	Columbia, IA	Horseback	7/12/19	7/16/19	
45	GSPC of North Carolina	2019	Nov 07 - 10	Nov 29 - Dec 02	Dec 07 - 10	4	Hoffman, NC	Horseback	9/20/19	9/25/19	2019 chag date from 48 to 45 we
45	GSPC of Las Cruces	2019	Nov 08 - 10	Nov 09 - 11	Nov 10 - 12	3	Las Cruces, NM	Horseback	7/12/19	7/16/19	
45	Nutmeg-GSPC	2019	Nov 08—10	Nov 09—11	Nov 10—12	*	Windsor, CT	Horseback	7/18/19	7/19/19	2019 cancelled
45	Lone Star GSPC	2019	Nov 09 - 10	Nov 10 - 11	Nov 11 - 12	2	Alvord, TX	Horseback	5/7/19	5/15/19	
45	High Sierra GSPC	2019	Nov 09 - 13	Nov 10 - 14	Nov 11 - 15	x	Jamestown, CA	Horseback	8/22/19	8/23/19	
46	GSPC of South Georgia	2019	Nov 15 - 17	Nov 10 - 11	Nov 11 - 12	2	Cordele, GA	Walking	8/19/19	8/20/19	2019 chg date from 45 to 46 we
46	Mason Dixon GSPC	2019	Nov 15 - 17	Nov 16 - 18	Nov 17 - 19	3	Rossville, PA	Horseback	4/17/19	4/18/19	
46	Gulf Coast-GSPC	2019	Nov 16—21	Nov 12—18	Nov 15—19	*	Ardmore, OK	Horseback	10/8/19	10/9/19	2019 cancelled
47	Mayflower GSPC	2019	Nov 22 - 24	Nov 16 - 18		3	East Windsor, CT	Horseback	1/31/19	1/31/19	2019 chg date from 46 to 47 we
47	Northern Arizona GSPC	2019	Nov 22 - 24	Nov 16 - 18	Nov 17 - 19	3	Paulden, AZ	Horseback	5/15/19	5/16/19	2019 chg date from 46 to 47 we
48	GSPC of Middle Tennessee	2019	Nov 28 - 29	Nov 29 - 30	Nov 30 - Dec 01	2	Lavergne, TN	Horseback	9/30/19	10/1/19	
48	GSPC of Middle Tennessee	2019	Nov 30 - Dec 01	Dec 01 - 02	Dec 02 - 03	2	Lavergne, TN	Horseback	9/30/19	10/1/19	
48	GSPC of Northern Sacramento Valley	2019	Nov 30 - Dec 01	Dec 01 - 02	Dec 02 - 03	2	Zamor, CA	Walking	1/14/19	1/15/19	
49	GSPC of San Antonio	2019	Dec 07 - 08	Nov 30 - Dec 02	Dec 01 - 03	2	Hubbard, TX	Horseback	7/12/19	7/16/19	2019 chg date from 48 to 49 we
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Bylaws Update

Latest version sent by email. Still a ways to go. Target for final revisions 60 days.

Two points would like to get board resolution.

Change from 25% to 10% for quorum at Annual meeting.

Term limits for the Board

Other questions discuss with committee during down time

at meeting or call.

Thanks for you patience

Ed Brock

Explaining the New Mutation-Based Test for Exfoliative Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus (ECLE aka Lupoid Dermatitis)

By Dr. Margret Casal, University of Pennsylvania

Introduction

Breeders of German Shorthair Pointers (GSP) have known that exfoliative cutaneous lupus erythematosus (ECLE) is an awful, incurable skin disease for a long time now (Figure 1). We know that it is the same as cutaneous lupus erythematosus (CLE) in humans. Ten percent of human patients with CLE develop systemic lupus, i.e. kidney disease as a result. Sadly, every single GSP with ECLE will develop kidney disease associated with LD. To date, we have not seen mild forms of this disease nor have we seen any GSPs with LD that did not develop kidney disease. It is clear that we must eliminate the disease from the



Figure 1. GSP with ECLE at 9 months and 2 years of age. Note the progression of disease with no improvement despite treatment attempts.

breed and at the same time what we learn in dogs may help find a cure not just for the dogs but also for humans with the same devastating disease.

For years, we have been searching for the culprit gene until it was recently (Nov. 2019; paper submitted for publication) discovered by our collaborator's lab using samples from affected dogs that had been submitted to our lab. Until now, we had been offering a marker test, which can never be as accurate as a mutation-based test. However, it was helpful, and even though there were some incorrect calls, the number of affected dogs has decreased because so many breeders opted for marker testing. The most common missed call was that dogs were considered carriers with the

marker test and then showed up as normal (clear) with the mutation-based test. How does this happen? Marker tests and mutation-based tests are not the same.

Marker vs Mutation

While genes code for traits like coat color, hair quality, or eye color, or specific enzymes for example, markers are located within genomic regions that generally don't code for anything (non-coding regions) but are inherited just like genes. What makes these markers useful is that they are plentiful and evenly distributed between genes and can be variable in different dogs (Figures 2 and 3). During the process of identifying a disease-causing gene we are making use of these markers that are all over the genome and hope to locate one marker nearby the actual disease gene. Again, this marker does not cause the disease but it is what we call "linked" to the disease-causing gene. For example, in the

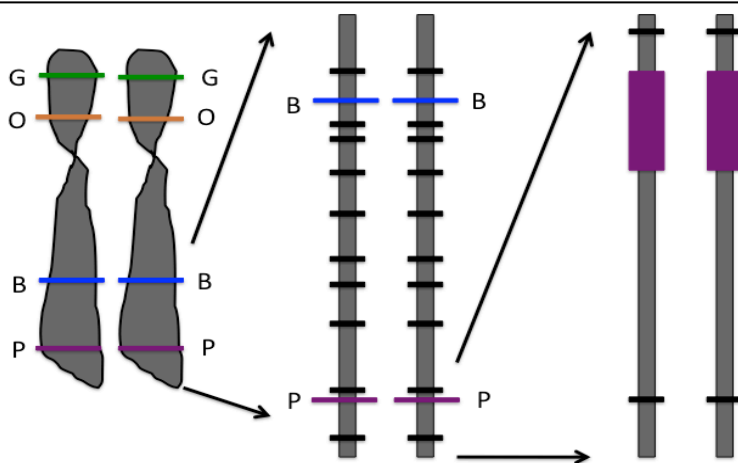
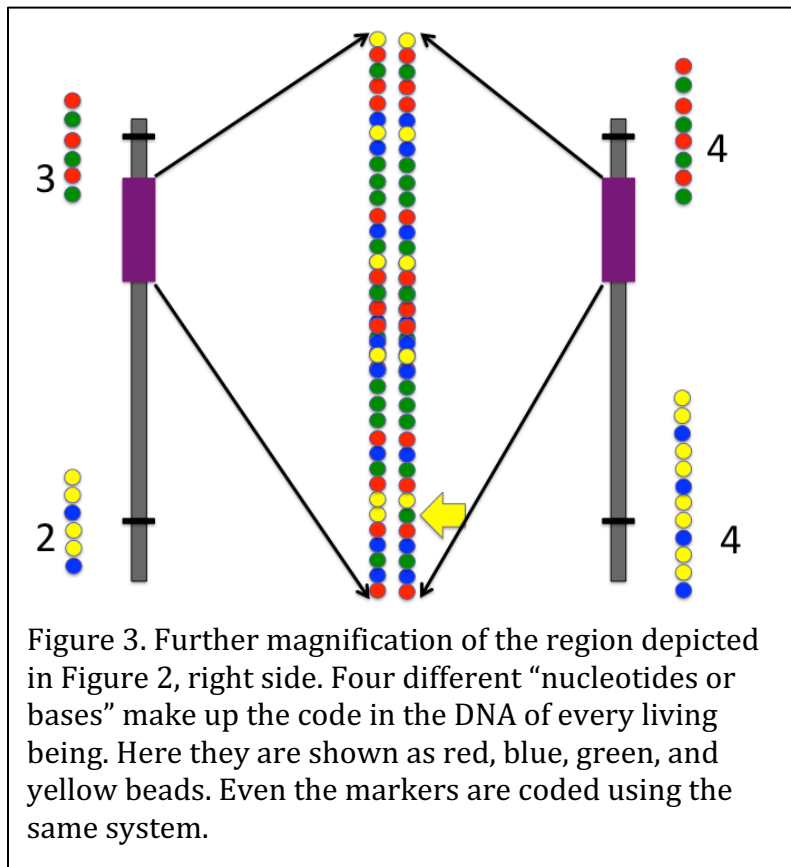


Figure 2. Left: A pair of chromosomes is shown with four fictional genes: green, orange, blue, and purple. You inherit one chromosome from your father and one from your mother. Center: A region on the chromosomes is magnified to show markers (black bars) that lie between the genes (B/P). Right: A specific region around the "purple" gene is magnified even more to demonstrate how one marker (top) can lie closer to the gene than another marker (bottom).

cartoon in Figure 3 the purple bar is the gene with the actual disease-causing mutation on one chromosome but not on the other one (yellow arrow pointing to the green bead that should be yellow like the one on the other chromosome). Figure 3 also shows how these markers are located in the non-coding region between the genes. These markers are helpful to us as they often are variable between dogs (represented in the cartoon by a difference in the number of the beads). For example, there are 12 beads on the chromosome with the mutation and only 6 beads on the normal chromosome. Additionally, note, that the one marker (red/green) is closer to the purple gene than the other (yellow/blue) marker. Why does this matter? Because there is a phenomenon called “crossing over”. Chromosome pairs can break at the exact same spot and reattach on the opposite strand. In Figure 3, imagine there was a break between the purple gene and



the more distant marker and there was the same break on the other chromosome. After reattachment, the number of beads on the chromosome with the mutation has changed and is now only 6 beads. The chances that such a break occurs is higher the further a marker is from the actual disease-causing gene. This explains why marker tests can be wrong. Remember labs that run marker tests don’t yet know where the actual gene is; they just know it is in the vicinity of the marker that is tested for. The farther this marker is from the actual disease-causing gene the higher the chance that this marker gets detached from the mutation carrying chromosome and therefore the higher the percentage of false results.

GWAS

Originally when we started to look for the gene that causes ECLE, we performed a genome wide association study (GWAS). This is a method by which DNA from

affected dogs is compared to that from normal dogs of the same breed, in this case, GSPs. This cartoon analogy might help in explaining a GWAS: Say you like a donut made by a company called DoNAut and you would like to visit the factory but none of the boxes or their trucks are labeled with the origin of the donuts. So, you take all your friends and post them with a clip- board in hand at all of the highway exits in the US. Every time they see a DoNAut truck go by, they make a note of it on their clipboard. After a week, you call them all back and see that the person in Tallahassee, FL saw 1 truck in one week, as did the person in San Diego, CA and Houston, TX. The people stationed in Philadelphia, PA and San Francisco, CA saw 5 per week, and the people in Minneapolis, MN, Kansas City, KS, and Nashville, TN saw 50 trucks per week. The person in Chicago, IL saw 400 and the person at the Milwaukee, WI exit saw 900 in one week. At this point, you know the DoNAut factory must be near Milwaukee. You have found a region but not the factory (gene) yet. The GWAS allowed us to locate a region of DNA that looked promising for harboring the affected gene. Just to give you a perspective of the complexity, the DNA from 15 affected and 21 normal dogs was put on microscopically small chips that contained 127,000 pieces of DNA. These pieces of DNA on the chip correspond to known sites (markers) on the dog’s DNA. Our GWAS generated over 4.5 million bits of data

that computers and our analysis had to comb through to find major differences in the DNA from affected versus normal dogs!

Why are you now receiving results that may differ from the original results?

It is important to remember that testing, even when using a marker test, can greatly assist in reducing the number of affected animals born without getting rid of carriers that might carry a great set of other trait genes. We are now delighted to offer the new and improved mutation test to further assist with planning of your breeding program. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

The original tests were both marker tests. The first one was published (you can view it here: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3230530/pdf/nihms-339857.pdf>). Shortly after publication, we realized it was not accurate enough because the variation was too far away from the gene resulting in frequent breaks (i.e. crossing over). Therefore, we continued to search. We found a second marker (closer) but never published this because we knew it was not the mutation. We were also aware that there were some incorrect results due to crossing over. However, the search for the actual mutation continued and fortunately, with some help from our collaborators, we were able to find what we believe is the mutation. The original results that you received before November 2019 were based on the marker tests. Retesting of these dogs was performed using the new mutation-based test. Overall, the majority of misidentifications were carrier dogs that turned normal (almost 20%). There were 3 dogs that tested as carriers originally but then turned out to be affected with the new test. However, we had already known that because of their biopsy reports. There were 4 normal dogs that became carriers and two that tested as affected became carriers which was known to us as these two dogs are owned by our colleagues. A publication describing the gene and the mutation/variant has been submitted and as soon as it has been published, we will have the link posted here.

We appreciate the complexity of this specific condition and testing. We are grateful for the support of the GSP community and dedicated breeders who, like us, are doing the best we can with the information available. Fortunately, technology has advanced since the original marker test, and this should further help with understanding the genetics of this condition. The kidney disease component still needs to be further elucidated, and we continue to work on understanding and preventing ECLE in dogs.



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

BOD Meeting/January 2020

Committee Report

Committee:

Report Prepared By: Yvonne Hassler-Deterding/ Becky Feigh /Liaison- Lynn Pettinato

Date: Jan. 17, 2019

1. Provide a summary of activities since last submitted report:
 - a. Working on Plans for the 2020 NSS for all Juniors in attendance at the NSS. Pizza party and Junior handling seminar on Thursday. Welcome bags will be handed out at the luncheon.
 - b. Provided paperwork requesting Pee Wee Showmanship as a special attraction event for the 2020 NSS. Again this year- Pee Wee ribbons, gift bags, and refreshments will be donated by committee members. The judge for Pee Wee has also again offered to judge the event at no cost.
 - c. Working on fundraising for Junior activities during the NSS. Will raffle off the Tack Box again this year. The tack box was re-donated back to the Committee to be raffled off for this year.
 - d. Working on the NSS trophies will Kangaroo Beaded Show leads for 1st place and Crate pads for 2nd thru 4th.
 - e. Working on the GSPCA Regional trophies.
 - f. Continue to provide showmanship rankings to Junior GSPCA members via email blast and for the website, and Shorthair Journal.
 - g. Provided outline changes for the Junior's page on website to Missy Neal- Webmaster. Proposed changes included making the page more informative to all Junior activities- Field, Show, Performance, etc.. Adding more resource information about all AKC Junior programs.
 - h. Discussed an option with Sharon Fitzpatrick to add another committee member to help with the Performance side of Juniors involved in AKC activities other than show. Becky Feigh indicated she would set up into this role why Val and Yvonne continue their focus on the showmanship aspects of the Committee for now.
 - i. Discussed ways to reach out to local GSP clubs to help reach Junior members.
2. Indicate any changes made for improvement, result of changes and any requested future changes:
 - a. Continue to work with Webmaster to overhaul Junior section on website.
 - b. Develop committee plan to reach out to Local clubs to encourage Junior activities in all sport venues- not just show.
 - c. Provide more exposure of the Junior Showmanship Scholarship – so far no submissions again this year.
3. Financial Summary and planned future budget (include any explanations of a loss/decline):

- a. No loss – ongoing
 - b. Continue to raise funds for junior activities
4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):
- a. Better presence on website to communicate to members
 - b. Continued Fundraising:
 - c. Continued Pee Wee Showmanship support at NSS events.
 - d. Year around- add donor PayPal button
 - e. National Specialty show- Large raffle items- i.e. Tack Box, or similar
 - f. National Specialty show- optional Rent a Ring. Obedience and or Conformation. \$5 for 5 minutes, etc. Available Evening to be determined evening - Run by Juniors or Junior Committee members.
 - g. National Specialty show- Clothes exchange stay on the agenda for future
5. Action Items for Board consideration:

1. Website Updates

- ADD PHOTOS!!! Show/Field/ Performance..... (Need to get group photos of Juniors at NSS)
- List past Scholarship winners with a photo
- Add Donation option to page via PayPal
- List all members of Juniors Committee
- Provide information and link to acquire AKC Junior Showmanship number
- Provide links to AKC Junior Showmanship resource pages & AKC Junior Recognition Program
- Create a Junior Hall of Fame.... i.e. Photos of Juniors that showed their GSP to Best Junior at the Garden.... we have had few!

On Going:

Perpetual Trophy – still working on Base and Case

Legislative Committee Report

It seems every year there are more pieces of bad legislation being drafted at national, state & local level that seriously affect all dog owners and some that seem targeted at hunting dog owners, breeders and competitors. Some of the pieces of legislation are well-meaning but misguided attempts to prevent cruelty to animals, while others are the result of propaganda by animal rights groups.

We have a conference call tentatively scheduled at 7:30 p.m. (Central Time) on January 23rd.

AGENDA:

- A. Introduction
- A. Legislation
 - 1. Breeding Restrictions
 - 2. Limits on the number of Animals
 - 3. Anti-Tethering Legislation
- A. Elections
 - 1. Encourage local clubs to invite candidates to speak or hold candidate forums
- A. Outreach to Regions not represented on the Committee
- A. Schedule of Upcoming meetings
- A. Adjourn



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America BOD Meeting/ January 2020 NAGDC Liaison Committee Report

Committee: NAGDC

Prepared By: Dean Goodding

Date: 1 15 2020

1. Provide a brief summary of activities since last submitted report:

Detailed report – See Caleb’s activity for 2020

2. Indicate any changes made for improvement and result of changes:

Working with Sharon, since the board approved moving forward with a “Gun Dog National Championship, a discussion needs to be had on having it approved first, by vote by the general membership. Should Barbara our AKC Rep submit it. Should it be a separate event with the NAGDC, or try to take both events and Gun Dog and NAGDC and hold them with the AKC walking Championship, to make a destination event, like the NFT, instead of a weekend event? This could be a full week or two week event?

Recommended future changes:

Continued Discussion on two locations or 3 locations, and then the changes listed above

3. Financial Summary:

(If there is a loss/decline, please provide explanation)

? Dean B how did we do

Planned Budget for Future

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4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):

Workers

5. **Action Items for Board consideration:**
As Mentioned above

To : Will Barbee

From: Phil Mathiowetz, Kevin Temple

NFT Committee Co-Chairs

Subject: January Board Report

The 2019 NFT is in the books, and we would like to believe that it was very successful. Planning has already begun for the 2020 trials, and the trial dates and permits have already been secured from AKC.

Some of the things the committee is actively working on include:

Judges for next year. This is historically a chore, as finding judges who have the time and expertise to judge this big a trial can be difficult at times.

Field Trial expenses. The committee is trying to determine the best way to develop long term sustainable ways to at a minimum break even, but ideally, make some money for the club. We are going to continue to analyze our current expenses and develop additional revenue sources or processes to meet these goals. Many options are available to us and we need to research and develop every opportunity.

Cynthia has developed an entry comparison for the last eight years which she has forwarded to Will Barbee. Based on this analysis, it appears that the 2016, 2017 high entry numbers were anomalies.

Trial Dedications. The committee will work on the requested criteria for dedicating a trial to a person. At this point, we simply do not have enough information or consensus to make a proposal. We do not anticipate dedicating a trial at this time.

2020 Trial expenses: We anticipate approximately the same expenses this year as last. As we stated earlier, we are working on methods to maintain sustainability and profitability.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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Treasurer's Report

February 1, 2020 Board Meeting

1. Cash on Hand (as of 12/31/19)
 - A. Combined = \$105,293.87 (\$116,826.11 as of 12/31/18)
 - B. Rescue = \$13,378.29
 - C. Health and Welfare = \$20,785.76 ((\$29,285.76 as of 12/31/18))

2. National Events
 - A. Agility (Standalone) = \$8,554.05
 - B. NAGDC = \$3,665.34
 - C. NSS = \$8,841.65
 - D. NFT = **(\$2,676.60)**

3. Key Items
 - A. Board Total = \$25,111.13
 - 1) Meetings = \$18,612.83
 - 2) Travel/Expenses = \$4,921.15
 - 3) AKC Delegate = \$1,577.15
 - B. Conference Calls = \$988.15
 - C. Elections = \$3,404.09
 - D. Insurance = \$1,997.00
 - E. Website = \$20,540.95

4. Income/(Loss) for 2019 = **(\$7,042.73)**

5. Club Equity Position at 12/31/19 = \$126,185.68



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America BOD Meeting/Jan 2020 Water Test Liaison Committee Report

Committee: Water Test

Prepared By: Dean Goodding

Date: 1 15 2020

1. Provide a brief summary of activities since last submitted report:

At the June 2019 BOD meeting the revised GSPCA Water test was presented to the Board for review, discussion and approval. The new rules will take effect in Jan 2020. Since the meeting in June, the new rules have been reviewed by Sharon Fitzpatrick President, and I was asked to clarify some of the rules, which I have done.

2. Indicate any changes made for improvement and result of changes: Wording for RDX for giving directions to the dog was added. Clarified use of types of birds

Recommended future changes:

As needed. As future tests are run, additional Clarifications, or changes may be needed.

A separate Water test that has slight wording variations including various breeds will be submitted to the AKC to see if they will add it as an official title for people can achieve and have it recorded on their record of titles.

3. Financial Summary:

(If there is a loss/decline, please provide explanation)

Remaining basically the same amount

Planned Budget for Future

None

4. Committee Needs (please list in order of importance):

None

5. **Action Items for Board consideration:**
None