



SHORT AND TO THE POINT

September 2012

Message from the President:

It's that time of year, fall is in the air. Time to get the dogs in shape for competing, hunting and slimmed down prior to putting on that winter weight.

We have an exciting few months coming up, a hunt test, and two trials, both horse back and walking. Help will be needed at all of these events to assure they run smoothly and are a success. Please contact the chairman or secretary for any of the events if you are able to help, thank you in advance.

The fall season also means club elections are right around the corner at the November meeting (November 15) We will be looking to fill four board positions and three officer positions: vice president, treasurer and secretary. If you would like to represent and serve your fellow members, please consider running for a board position. We always needs strong leadership to assure the future of the club as we continue to grow stronger each year. I would like to see that momentum continue. If you have any questions about the board positions, or the officer positions, please feel free to give me call. I look forward to discussing them with you.

Art Jones

**Next
meeting:**

September 20, 2012. 7:30pm

Join us early for a bite to eat. Guests welcome.



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MEETINGS HELD AT:

Brewsters
2681 Creekside
Drive, Twinsburg, OH
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Meet the membership: Cindi Chilbert

From my earliest memories I have been involved with the sport of dogs. As a child I would help my dad during his retriever training sessions. Almost every day after work we would go down to the pier on Lake Michigan and train his Chessie. On the weekends it was field work at the Trial grounds. At the Manitowoc Kennel Club show you would find my dad and me working the obedience ring. In 1977 I got my first GSP, "Cracker Jack", and joined the GSPC of WI. I trained "CJ" through Utility and also as a protection dog. We added a few more dogs in the coming years and never missed a National Specialty. There were no hunting tests then but they held a "Dual Day" after the National Specialty. They conducted a conformation exam and field test and passing dogs were certified dual quality. We certified every dog we owned for years. I worked at the club Field Trials, as marshal or planting birds, spring and fall. Hunt Tests started around 1985 and I became a HT judge in 1986 as did Michael. We've had a lot of dogs through the years. I trained one more through Utili-

ty and put CD's on 5 or 6. We have pointed many dogs but I think we have finished 4 show champions, the latest was 2 years ago. I handled every one of our Champions to major wins and qualified at all levels in the Hunting tests. In conformation I have handled weimeraners, vizslas, setters, dachshunds and beagles. We raised 12 or 13 litters of Gsp's, but the best times we had were out hunting and training with Oreo vom Peripatts. He was our first full blooded German dog. I bred him after a very enlightening trip to Germany in 1987 to meet breeders, trainers and watch their tests. I spent a day with Herr Franz Drager, the breeder and trainer of Ch. Zobel vom Prege-lufer and another day with Herr Doktor Albert Lemmer, the owner of Osterberg Kennels. What I learned on that trip changed my way of thinking and resulted in Oreo's breeding. I had the best times with that dog and I can only hope I live long enough to have one more like him. If luck is with me his great grandson Sirius will give me that joy. Thank you.

November 15th meeting is GSPCO election

Please mark your calendar and come to vote!

There are positions opening for election, consider stepping up and leading our club through 2013



Gun Raffle:

The Associated Bird Clubs of Ohio for their "Capital Improvement Fund" is putting on a raffle. This is hopefully the first of many. With the state move from Killdeer to Tri-Valley the grounds are lacking. The state is accomodating as best as possible but we (ABDCO) will need to pitch in. The Capital Improvement Fund will be used to make improvements to Tri-Valley and perhaps lease / buy private land to expand the field trial areas.

There are only 2000 tickets printed.
They are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

1st Prize:
20 gauge CZ-USA Bob White Shot Gun
side-by-side English stock double trigger, 28" barrel w/ tubes



2nd Prize: T21 Champion Safe, nice mid line safe, holds about 18 guns & others

3rd Prize: \$250 Gift Certificate from Woodbury Outfitters in Co-shocton

All the dog clubs will be selling tickets at the events thisfall so please help out and buy some tickets or call Scott at 330-296-7499.

Scott Weslow
330-296-7499.



September 28-30, 2012

Horseback Field Trial

Pennsylvania Brittany Club Grounds
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Polk, PA 16342

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CLOSING DATE TO SUBMIT ENTRIES IS
Tuesday, September 25, 2012!
All entries must be completed in full and re-
ceived, with payment enclosed, by 5:00 pm (ET)
Make checks payable to: GSPCO.
We are accepting mail-in entries only!



Premiums available on our web site: www.gspcofohio.org

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Dual Hunt Test

Oakridge Pointer Dog Club
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Possibility of 4 legs completed in one weekend at one location:
Two clubs, 2 secretaries and 2 sets of premiums distributed for
four events. Each club is sending out its own premiums. You
must send your entries to each club to each clubs events.

CLOSING DATE TO SUBMIT ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 25.
E-mail entries accepted, but payment must be received BEFORE
closing date.



Fall Field Events Weekend

SEPTEMBER 2012

BEETLE BEWARE

by: Hayley Killam

Who would think that a beetle, politely known as the kissing bug, would not only pose a threat to our dogs...but also to humans? If this is not on your radar screen, it should be!

Chagas disease, caused by parasites transmitted to humans by blood sucking insects (the kissing bug) has been named "the new AIDs of the Americas" in a lengthy editorial by tropical disease experts from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. They argue that the dangerous spread of Chagas through this hemisphere somewhat resembles the early spread of HIV.

Here's the scary part: the parasite is only known to affect humans and dogs. Ever hear of a young dog dropping dead for no apparent reason? The likely culprit: Chagas disease.

Chagas is also known as American trypanosomiasis, because the bugs carry single-celled parasites called trypanosomes. Their best known relative, the tsetse fly in Africa, causes sleeping sickness.

The particulars of Chagas disease are scary. The 1 - 1 1/2 inch long beetle, tear drop shaped and rimmed with orange, white or yellow spots on its back, feed on blood...primarily at night.

After eating, they excrete the parasite through the feces, so the disease transmission is not through the bite, but through the feces...deposited on the skin. The feces' containing the parasite is then rubbed into

the mucous membrane unknowingly around the eye or mouth. In the case of a dog, it is hypothesized that the bite location may be licked or that the dog will ingest the beetle whole.

For years, scientists have known that Chagas disease is a major killer in Latin America. What wasn't known is if the bugs here in the U.S. infect people, knowing they clearly infect dogs and non-human primates at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute.



There are currently hundreds of thousands of immigrants from Latin America living in the U.S. that are thought to be infected with Chagas, however, it is difficult for health officials to know who is infected and where they got infected. In recent years, some blood banks such as the South Texas Blood Bank, screen donors and are able to identify infected patients that they can interview and learn more about the spread and transmission of the disease.

Chagas disease has been likened to AIDs in that people (and dogs) often have no symptoms after infection. There is a latent period that can last for years. Serious disease doesn't always follow, but when and if it does, it can cause massive enlargement of the heart, esophagus or colon. These organs then fail or burst, causing sudden death.

"Triatoma bugs are very secretive creatures of the night" says Dr. Edward Wozniak, a Uvalde, TX based veterinarian with the Texas Department of State Health Services,

who studies the bugs. "There are a lot of them around, yet you don't see them"

In the past, experts believed modern housing kept the bugs out, since they are typically found living in cracks and crevices in adobe huts in Latin America. However, Wozniak has found the bugs living within exterior walls of nice modern homes. More research is needed, but as of now, the best and only way to keep beetles away is thru extermination.

The Texas State Health Department is in the process of adding Chagas to the list of diseases that must be reported by law due to the growing evidence of local infection. Veterinarians in Texas are already required to report cases in dogs. Reports of Chagas disease have been reported from California to the east coast and as far north as Virginia.

As far as protection for dogs, regular pesticide spraying around kennels, clearing of brush and wood piles where the beetles may live, filling cracks in concrete, trees and other moist dark areas that are attractive to the bug.

The most important protection is bringing your dogs in at night when the beetles are most active.

Physicians and Veterinarians in general, other than a handful, never even think about this disease. It is not a part of their consciousness, especially since there are no signs and symptoms. Awareness is growing, however, and as dog owners, it is important we are vigilant in fighting this silent deadly disease.

The Chagas test is a simple blood draw

through your local veterinarian who will send the blood work to Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVM-DL). It is around \$30 with a slightly higher fee for those out of the state of Texas.

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To Protect and Cherish

by Sara Chisnell-Voigt

Unless you've been under a rock for the past few months, then you are aware of the USDA Proposed Rule changes to the Animal Welfare Act that would cause tens of thousands of small hobby breeders to become USDA licensed and comply with AWA regulations and requirements.

It's the latest in a string of legislation that's been introduced over the past few years, ostensibly to fight "puppy mills" but in reality is a campaign against dog breeding in general. Anti-puppy mill legislation gets tons of support because it serves as happy, feel-good, warm fuzzies that lawmakers use to soften their image with constituents. It also sounds wonderful to the general public, and even to many dog owners who don't understand the vast overreach and harm to the good breeders that these laws often have.

There is so much emotion and strong feeling attached to the "puppy mill" issue that it can be very tricky to explain opposition to these laws and difficult for others unfamiliar with the truth to understand why anyone who loves animals could oppose something that is allegedly created to protect animals.

So how do you explain and defend your opposition to anti-breeding laws? More specifically, why are we defending breeders? None of us are opposed to humane conditions for dogs; in fact, no one could support dogs more than responsible breeders. Not many people are more serious about the health and welfare of dogs than responsible dog breeders. They dedicate their lives to improving their breed; years of learning pedigrees, countless hours spent caring for and training, and ungodly amounts of

money spent campaigning and health testing dogs to prove their worth as a breeding animal. They care passionately for their dogs and for their rights to own and breed these dogs.

Many of the anti-breeding laws are directed at high-volume commercial breeders, and if passed, would impose the same kennel and housing requirements on the hobby breeders. For example, amongst the requirements in the USDA requirements are non-permeable surfaces that can be hosed down. Sounds great, except for the breeders that keep dogs in the house; they would now be required to build new housing for their dogs to meet regulations.

Responsible dog breeders are our best source for healthy purebred dogs. If they are legislated out of business, we then lose a major source of healthy dogs. More business would then be passed on to the bad actors and also to the overseas trade. Don't think for one second that the overseas import trade is limited only to purchasing purebred dogs; many shelters in the U.S. have quietly imported dogs and blended them into the rescue network. Both of these have negative implications; with regards to purchasing foreign dogs, there is no way to

know of the care and conditions these dogs were given prior to importation, and what kind of breeder is being supported through the purchases. When it comes to the importation of rescues, the potential for spread of both new and also eradicated diseases and parasites is huge.

Responsible dog breeders should be protected and cherished, not lumped into the same class as criminals and animal abusers. Animal rights proponents have been pretty successful in implanting the idea that dog breeders are responsible for dogs in shelters. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth. In addition to providing healthy companions, responsible breeders help buyers carefully select the most suitable breed for their needs. Most breeders will flat out tell a buyer if they think the breed is wrong for them.

Because of the attacks against breeders over the years, many responsible breeders have become more and more strict and selective about screening homes for the few puppies they breed. Careful screening of buyers is also a way to help keep dogs out of shelters; assisting potential owners in selecting the right breed (and pup!) helps to ensure the right match, and decreases the likelihood that the dog won't work out in the home. Owner-surrender is why most dogs are in shelters, and it's quite often due to "behavior" issues, many of which could be simply avoided with the right match.

Responsible breeders will also take dogs back in situations where they don't work out. In fact, many breeders require that they get the right of first refusal in their sales contracts when selling a puppy. Responsible breeders have nothing to do with dogs

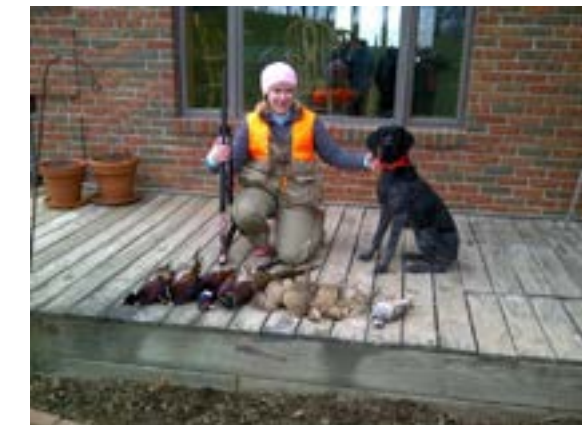
winding up in shelters and do all in their power to prevent it.

Without responsible breeders, there would be no dog registries. UKC stands behind responsible breeders, and is doing our part to help in producing healthy, vibrant, and sound dogs.

Read the entire article at: <http://www.ukcdogs.com/Web.nsf/News/ToProtectandCherish08142012020526PM>

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She is an active hunter and competitor in the ring and field with her GSP named Ozzy



How the New Proposed Regulations Will Affect You as a Breeder





Annual Training Day

We held our annual training day on Saturday August 12 at Crooked Creek Conservation Club in Hartsgrove, OH. It was a beautiful, cool day that allowed us enjoy each other's company for many hours. We welcomed the public, and even signed up some new members. Thank you to Dennis Meinke for coordinating the day, Neil Bly for serving as grill master, Doc Reynolds for bring the birds, and everyone who came out!



November Newsletter:

It's a busy season coming up and I hope to receive lots of photos from hunting trips, field trials, conformation shows, Halloween, etc...

Deadline for submission will be November 1

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BNJ High Society "Kelly" practicing doc diving.



GSPCO couples met for a weekend of wine tasting and camping.



Shirts available at GSPCO events or besmith75@aol.com.
Prices good on in-stock merchandise. Special orders available at regular price.
Proceeds to benefit awards banquet.

GSPCO PINS

We now have Club Pins, which are a replica of our club logo and are embossed in antique gold plating. If you would like to purchase additional pins, you can purchase them for \$5.00 each at our club meetings, any of our upcoming events or contact Secretary Cindi Chilbert, 440-285-8931.

T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, jackets...
what GSPCO gear would you buy?

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Specialty Show:
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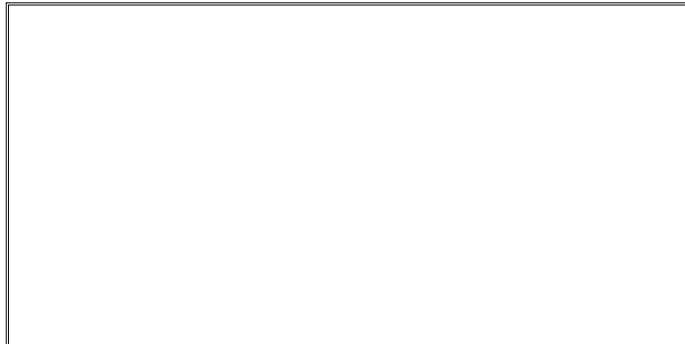
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