

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

Guidelines for Responsible Breeders

These guidelines have been established in accordance with the objectives of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America and are intended to protect and advance the German Shorthaired Pointer by maintaining high breed standards, responsible breeding practices and integrity in dealing with purchasers of the GSPs. Breeders of German Shorthaired Pointers wishing to be listed by the GSPCA agree to follow these guidelines:

BREEDING

- a. Maintain high standards of canine health, including cleanliness of facilities and veterinary care.
- b. Properly socialize dogs and puppies.
- c. Breed only with the intention of maintaining the conformation and performance standards of the breed.
- d. Breed only healthy, mature dogs and bitches of good temperament and qualities substantially conforming to the official standard of the GSP.
- e. Strongly encourage the breeding of dogs and bitches that have been tested clear of hereditary diseases including but not limited to hip (OFA or Penn Hip), elbows (OFA), eye (CERF) and Heart evaluations (OFA).
- f. Refuse stud service to any bitch which is obviously inferior in quality or temperament, or does not have documented required health clearances or is not registered with the American Kennel Club.

SALES

- a. Do not sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops, brokers, or other commercial dealers, nor offer them as raffle prizes or for auction.
- b. Do not auction or raffle stud services.
- c. Honestly evaluate the quality of each German Shorthaired Pointer sold, fairly representing field and/or show potential, its possible faults and make the buyer aware of the distinction between pet quality and show quality.
- d. Do not release any puppies for sale before seven weeks of age or as mandated by state law.
- e. Furnish the buyer with a pedigree, AKC registration application, medical and immunization records, feeding schedule and general care instructions.
- f. Screen prospective buyers to assure that puppies will have the proper home and environment.
- g. Encourage purchasers of pet quality puppies, or those not intended to be used for breeding, to spay/neuter the animal at the earliest age suggested by their veterinarian.
- h. Sell all pet quality puppies on limited registrations and/or spay/neuter contracts.
- i. Do not misrepresent in advertising, any dog or puppy for sale, or include misleading information regarding the background or potential of the animal.
- j. Provide the purchaser with a written contract offering to refund the purchase price or replace any puppy found to have a disabling or life threatening defect which prevents the dog from fulfilling its purpose.
- k. Provide the purchaser with copies of health certifications of sire and dam if requested.
- l. Assist in the placement of any dog sired by your stud dog whose breeder of record has refused to help in such placement of said dog.
- m. Follow up on puppies after the sale to insure their continued care.
- n. Accept the return of any dog one has bred or assist in the placement of said dog.
- o. Encourage puppy buyers to participate in German Shorthaired Pointer activities such as hunt tests, obedience trials, field trials, tracking tests, agility and conformation shows and recommend membership in local GSP clubs as well as the GSPCA.

I agree to abide by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America Guidelines for Responsible Breeders.

Electronic Signature

Date