

Breed Information

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The German Shorthaired Pointer

What comes to mind when you hear the term “versatile dog”? If you are like me the German Shorthaired Pointer (GSP) takes precedence over the rest. The German Shorthaired Pointer truly is a versatile dog for many reasons, Such as the ability to point and hold game until the sportsman comes onto the seen, ability to track downed or wounded game, and lastly possesses a soft and comforting personality. The personality of the GSP allows the breed to be master oriented and full of raw desire, making it a pleasure to train.

One good look into the eyes of a GSP, one will understand. The GSP is very closely tied to the emotions of their handles. After a long day of work the GSP will graciously greet their master at the door ready to play and ease the mind of their master. The GSP will quietly settle in for a spell on the couch, and be content lounging with its’ master. When to do something the GSP will jump to attention as if to say “as you wish sir”. A dog that wants to please is always a pleasure to train.

The GSP has an endless amount of desire to pull from. Once asked to perform the GSP will stop at nothing less than its personal best. When odds are not in favor for the GSP, they somehow find away to get the job done with grace. The GSP does not seem to have the words cant and give up in their vocabulary. I have even seen a three legged dog run through sections of clear cut forest at full speed that even a human would find difficult to walk through. The demeanor of the breed is easy going and always ready for a new challenge. This also makes them a pleasure to train.

The German Shorthaired Pointer is my breed of choice for many reasons. The breed is master oriented and obtains the correct characteristics to be very trainable. A person will be forced to look long and far to find a breed that comes as readily to train as the German Shorthaired Pointer.