

KORTHALS GRIFFON CLUB OF AMERICA

Hunting Dogs



"Formed to preserve the Authentic Korthals Griffon"

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Katherine March



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Barbara Young



What is a Purebred Dog?

"It is commonly accepted that a purebred dog is a dog with known and documented ancestry from a breed's foundation stock. A hybrid is not considered purebred, although crossbreds from the same two breeds of purebreds can have "identical qualities". The difference is that hybrids do not breed true (meaning that progeny will show consistent,

Replicable and predictable characteristics), and can only be reproduced by returning to the original two purebred breeds. Only documentation of the ancestry from a breed's foundation stock determines whether or not a dog is a purebred member of a breed."

Source: Wikipedia

President's Message

Carol is currently on the road with her job so we will catch up with her message in the next newsletter along with the training articles. I have included the sites and rating system outlined in our last newsletter for the club members so that it will be saved for future use.

Website: <http://korthalsgriffon.com> and <http://korthals-griffon.us>

Facebook: Korthals Griffon Club of America

The KGCA can now also take membership application and payments online through PayPal. The application for membership will include many post and additions that are not on the public forum.

In the last newsletter the president's message contained the idea that was discussed if anyone posts a stud dog, brood bitch or a litter on the website then the KGCA would provide a rating for that litter by the degree of outcross in that litter.

Posting on the KGCA list is agreement to having the rating posted with the dog. The rating system would be as simple as grades in school - A, B, C, D, or U.

The KGCA would consider only those dogs with an "A" rating to be authentic Korthals griffons. However the club also realizes how scarce these dogs are and understands the need of a breeder to possibly use breeding stock with one outcross.

The KGCA does not endorse nor challenge any breeder's decision. It is the intent to provide information to the purchasing public on available litters. Any litter posted on the website or Facebook will have the following rating applied after research of the pedigree.

- "A" rating would be a litter with no genetic evidence of an outcross on either the sire or dam's pedigree.
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- "B" rating would be a litter where there is one outcross on either side within a 10 generation pedigree.
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- "C" rating would be a litter where there is either more than one outcross on one side or there is one outcross on both sides.
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- "D" rating would be a litter with multiple incidences of the outcross on both sides.
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- "U" rating would be a litter where there is insufficient pedigree information available



Vice President's Message

From:

Kathrine March

It's amazing that two healthy, robust dogs can be such good friends and frequent visitors to their veterinarian. This week Coulee got to go for the ride across town with a goopy, shut eye. Like the good Griff that he is, he politely let Dr. Deb put the drops in his eye for the exam. It didn't take long to see a large laceration on the cornea. I thought we had it all figured out until she started digging around the eye, and came up with a one-inch foxtail. The eye, with treatment, was open and normal within 24 hours.

The hairs over the eyes are not just put there for cuteness. Their function is to protect the eyes. Still, foreign bodies, trauma-including bird claws, and infections can lay your dog up, and even cause permanent damage, such as loss of vision or the eye.

Griffons will often keep going, ignoring pain, as they follow their instincts in the field. Every hunt, every hike, should be followed by an exam for lesions, parasites, or foreign bodies, and this must include the eyes.



<http://griffonhealth.com/>

Diseases & Conditions

Health & Genetics, Nutrition, More

Watch for rubbing or scratching of the eye, squinting or holding the eye shut, discharge, or third eyelid covering the eye. Your first aid kit should include saline or artificial tears. Hold the upper eyelid back, and flush it with the solution to look for a foreign body if that is suspected. Remove it if you can, but be aware that there could still be damage to the eye that is not visible.

Keep the eye moist with the saline or artificial tears, but do not put anything else in the eye. It could complicate an existing condition and also create problems with a veterinary evaluation and diagnosis. If the dog is rubbing or scratching at the eye you must keep it immobilized until your veterinarian examines it.

It's the time of year when we make plans to travel away from home to hunt. It doesn't take much to research where you would find the closest emergency veterinary hospital in case you need it. Eye problems can get bad quite fast, so don't delay getting help when something goes wrong. The good news is that eyes can heal faster than most other parts of these hunting machines.



Secretary/ Treasurer Message

It is hunting season again, so this newsletter will include many things about the upcoming days in the field. I've already started my Fall with a woman's hunt sponsored by our state wildlife & outdoor program. Their program is specifically trying to get more females involved in the outdoor sports because of declining numbers of men participating in hunting and fishing. Of course that means declining revenue for the Fish & Game departments in license and fees.

In Oregon we are allowed to bag 2 male pheasants per day in the state controlled hunts and during general hunting season which runs from Oct.11-Dec.31. For Upland hunting during the Fall, Oregon has Blue, Ruffed, Sage Grouse, Chukar, Hungarian Partridge, California & Mountain Quail, and Turkey. Since this is one of the Western states on the northwest flyway for ducks and geese, there is extensive hunting there as well. A complete wildlife game schedule can be found at www.dfw.state.or.us

Did I mention I have a house for sale! Oregon has always been a hunters paradise with extensive big game hunting as well. Maybe others would like to share their game stories in the up coming season. This is what we have our dogs for, so we need to insure the Korthals Griffon remains the exceptional hunting dog our founder Edwards Korthals envisioned. Our dogs really are very special! Barbara

England News-Dog News Magazine

KCAI Scheme Updates Code

The Kennel Club Accredited Instructor Scheme (KCAI) has officially changed the wording of its Code of Practice to include a ban on using electric shock collars or other aversive methods to ensure the safety of dogs across the UK.

The Kennel Club is currently lobbying for a ban on the use of electric shock collars and the campaign has been met with overwhelming public support. It is clear that nothing affects a dog's life and wellbeing as much as positive training, and the KCAI Scheme's aim is to set and raise standards in dog training and canine care across the UK and abroad.

The scheme offers those who work with dogs the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification, and gives a safeguard for the public by working under a clear code of practice.

The KCAI Code of Practice now states that all members working under the scheme must promote and use suitable and motivational methods

consistent with principles of kindness, fairness and good welfare, not use electric shock collars or similarly coercive electric equipment and be able to advise on the choice, maintenance, safe and humane use of appropriate training equipment.

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club Secretary said: "Electric shock collars fail to address underlying behavior and can cause further behavior problems by training a dog to respond out of fear of further punishment rather than a natural willingness to obey."

"The availability of positive training methods far outweighs the need for techniques based on aversion or pain. The KCAI Scheme aims to raise standards in dog training and canine care across the UK and abroad. We are very glad to see that the KCAI support of positive training methods has now been backed up by a specific ban on the use of electric shock collars." For more information on the Kennel Club's electric shock collar campaign please contact the Kennel Club Press Office on press.office@thekennelclub.org.uk.

Laura Quickfall London, England

Board Meeting Minutes

KGCA Meeting Minutes

GotoMeeting

August 29, 2014 8:00 am

Present: Carol Ptak, Barbara Young, Katherine March

President Reports:

Carol Ptak called the meeting to order and suggested items for discussion at 8:06am.

There were greetings and updates from all members and a discussion on what to cover.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Barbara Young gave an update on checking account: Balance \$547.38 Jul 31, 2014

With the popularity of the Facebook page, membership was discussed. It was decided that the Newsletter was invaluable to the members and well received so a small membership support was adequate for the club and its expenses.

Old Business:

1. An update on the direction the club could pursue in regards to a translation of the Castaing book was held. Carol updated the board with the information she had received from her French connections. The Copyright is held by the French Griffon Club since its recent re-print of the book.
2. Carol will be conducting a field-training seminar in England in the near future. Those interested can contact Colleen for information.
3. The next newsletter was discussed with the date of completion being the middle of Sept. All articles will need to be to Barbara by the first week in Sept.

New Business:

1. The databases were discussed with a notation from Barbara that Henk Markesteljn in NL also has a large 15,000 griffon database of European dogs. The information would be invaluable if the databases could be linked in some way. This is an avenue to explore for the future.
2. Hunting was the next topic of discussion for the group, with each of us detailing upcoming events for this fall.
3. Next meeting October 3, 2014 @12:00

Meeting adjourned 8:48 am

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Young



Membership Profile

In this issue we will be starting a new feature to introduce our members to each other. It is so important to realize just how the passion for the Korthals Griffon and it's unique personality and hunting ability can bring us all together for one goal...which is the preservation of this wonderful breed.

Curtis Trammell

Wife Jocely

Daughter Pendrey-3 yr
Premed at Linfield
College

Daughter: Paige-
Sophomore Santiam
Christian School

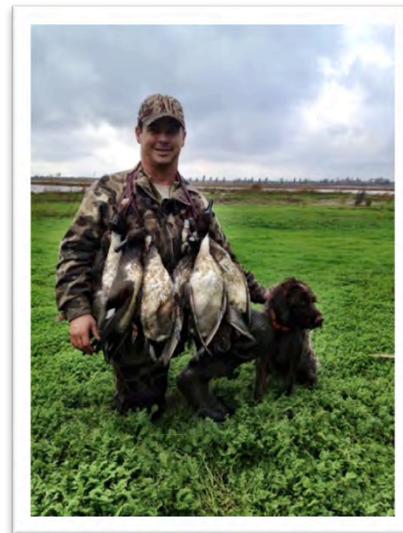
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upland hunting)

Profession: Orthodontist

Introduction:

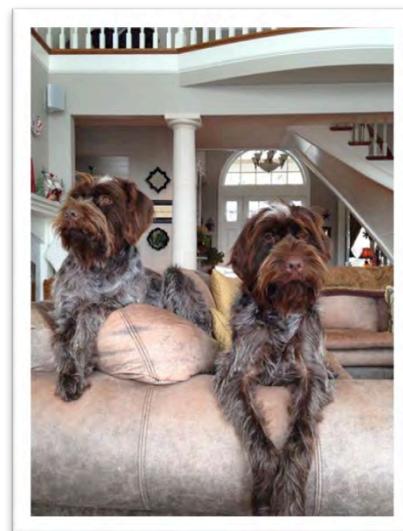
I was introduced to the breed a little over 4 years ago, when hunting with friends. One, owned a WPG which was a fantastic hunter and equally well behaved. I immediately fell in love with the breed. My daughter Paige and I researched the breed extensively.

We contacted Herrenhausen Sporting Dogs (Barbara Young), and our lives have been changed, since. We received our puppy Brita (Fredrique), from Barbara at 8 weeks of age.



I'm fortunate, that I live close to a hunting preserve, that allows me to exercise my dog. Brita was gun broke at 10 weeks, and hunting the following week. She has been absolutely incredible! By the time she was 8 months old, we had killed 200+ birds over her. We were able to get another dog from Barbara, that was from the same litter as Brita, Freedom. Now we have 2 dogs, of the most amazing breed.

I try and hunt the dogs every weekend during season, either at the preserve or E Oregon. This year, I'm planning to take the dogs to Montana, and the following year, to South Dakota. These dogs go everywhere with us. They love to swim, ride on the jet ski, go fishing on the boat and of course, hunt. They are more than pets, they are part of our family.



Aphis Information from Julian Prager

Small hobby and show breeders have all been concerned about the implications of the revision to the „Retail Pet Store Rule" by APHIS and the implication for that group. APHIS has heard your concerns. At last year,s NAIA conference the APHIS Deputy Administrator met with about 20 of us after the session to discuss our concerns and issues. He committed to work with us to work to resolve these issues.

Two weeks ago, I was hired by Animal Care within APHIS as part of it central policy staff. My position, Canine Program Advisor, was advertised to bring in someone who would facilitate communication among APHIS, the breeder community, rescue groups and related animal interest groups. I will be providing APHIS staff with technical guidance on dog issues, assist in training their field staff, participate in developing program information material, conduct outreach and education and, most significantly, work on developing related policies and rules.

Both the amendment to the Animals Welfare Act in the Farm Bill and Conference Committee Report provide an opportunity for APHIS to clarify the existing rules and provide for a more clear structure for exemptions from licensing. APHIS was asked to clarify the definition of „breeding female%" and I will be working with other staff to do that. The changes to the law give the Secretary the authority to exempt from licensing those whose activities have a minimal impact on interstate commerce and the welfare of animals. Both the AKC GR staff and NAIA are aware that the additional authority granted by Congress was, in large part, directed at addressing concerns expressed by smaller breeders who were breeding to preserve bloodlines.

I have asked for feedback from the Delegates and all clubs regarding what fact-based standards would work for your breed in your real world activities. APHIS needs solid data, not conjecture, to bolster each type of exemption and the exemptions should be tailored, to the extent possible, to a range of situations, not just a particular breed. For example, what data are there to provide a basis for determining when the number of animals being bred is insufficient to maintain breed existence? For all of the concerns expressed during the process of adopting the new rule, real world, grounded examples are needed to support an suggestions made to provide for exemptions.

As I said at the Legislative Caucus, drafting rules to include one group of require licensing of another group are fairly easy. What is difficult is writing a rule that the bad actors can,t wiggle around while still permitting those properly caring for their animals through. This all started because large breeding facilities that were previously excluded from the retail pet store definition because they sold wholesale, began selling dog of questionable health directly to purchasers through internet sales. That was the target of the rule revision. It is your mission (in your own self interest) to provide APHIS with the information that justifies including one group under licensing requirements, while exempting another group. And it can,t be „because we are the good guys.% It has to be some fairly objective criterion or criteria that are unassailable. Because you know there are those out there who will claim that just because you breed, you are suspect.

I can be reached at Julian.D.Prager@aphis.usda.gov. I look forward to your assistance in developing clear rules and meaningful exemptions for activities which have a minimal effect on interstate commerce. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please let me know. This is a complex process and it will take time to address Congress, changes to the law and requests to the agency. In the meanwhile, the current rule is being enforced. Since discussions are just starting internally, I cannot tell you where this will wind up, but there is a way forward and I ask for your help in establishing a clear path ahead.

Julian Prager

Shot Gun Safety

I recently took a shooting safety and hunting course thru the Oregon Fish & Game Dept. The course was designed for first time shooters and hunters. Grant I have more experience than that but I feel there is always something one can pick up thru additional education.

One of the items that I picked up at this seminar was on Shot Gun Safety which could be misleading. The class taught that all shotguns would show a red mark on the safety when ready to fire. That was true with the 20 ga Benelli semi Auto's that they were using for their demo's and practice sessions for the first time shooters. However, the comment was misleading for all shotguns since different manufacturers have different specifications that may change with different models and different years of manufacture. For example my 20 ga Berreta will show a red mark on the "barrel selection" lever not the safety where there is no color. The safety is pushed forward to fire. In talking with my local gun store it did not appear there was uniformity in this aspect of gun manufacturing. It is certainly something to be aware of and be familiar with in which ever gun you may be using for hunting. All guns will not be the same and safety is one of the most important aspects of the sport.

A great article "Welcome to the Golden Age of Shotguns for Women" can be found at: www.shotgunlife.com We really are physically built different than male or youth guns will allow and the future of the sports are now with women as fewer and fewer men and boys continue in the shotgun sports. Check it out! You might find that it is really a lot of fun!

Barbara



Korthals Griffon Club of America

“Preserving the purebred Ultimate Hunting Companion”

Membership Application

\$30 per year per individual \$35 per year per household

Name(s) _____

As you wish the mailing label to read.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Numbers: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Fax (____) _____ Email address:

Your interests are: _____

What would you like to see, do or get from KGCA? _____

Make your checks payable to: **KGCA**

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Eugene, OR 97404-2029

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE January 31.

By this application you agree to the club objective of maintaining and breeding only the purebred Korthals Griffon. This is defined by the pedigree of the individual dog.