



Giant Tales

USDA/APHIS FINALIZES RULE IMPACTING PET BREEDERS

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Upcoming Events:

- September 20-22, Canadian GS National Specialty in Montreal, Canada
- October 25: Western Regional Specialty, Dixon, CA
- December 14 & 15: Eukanuba National Championship, Orlando, FL
- February 10 & 11: Westminster Dog Show, New York, NY
- November 2014: GSCA National Purina Farms

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Today, the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) released a finalized version of new federal regulations that narrow the definition of a “retail pet store”

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/2013/09/retail_pet_final_rule.shtml> with the purpose of bringing internet-based pet breeders and sellers under the regulation of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The rule, originally proposed in May 2012 and essentially unchanged, effectively expands USDA oversight of pet breeders to include people who maintain more than four “breeding females” of any species and sell even one pet “sight unseen”.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) shares the USDA’s concern about unscrupulous and potentially substandard puppy sellers; and encourages responsible puppy buyers to meet the breeders of their new puppy and to work with responsible breeders to understand the commitment, challenges and requirements that a puppy of their chosen breed requires. The AKC, however, is extremely disappointed that USDA/APHIS, by adopting the rule in the same form it was original-

ly proposed, did not heed the comments of hundreds of thousands of responsible dog breeders and owners concerned with the complexity and ambiguity of this potentially onerous new rule. Specifically, the rule will:

- **Increase the “retail pet store” exemption to include those maintaining 4 or fewer breeding females.** Those with four or fewer “breeding females” will not be subject to USDA licensure and inspection. The AKC appreciates the intent of a continued exemption for small hobby breeders.
- **Deems any “sight-unseen” sale a covered activity, making the seller subject to USDA licensure and regulation.** The AKC remains steadfast in believing that the rule will unreasonably require regulatory compliance of many more individuals than originally intended by treating those who sell a dog “sight unseen”—perhaps due to repeat buyers or other known purchasers—in the same manner as commercial internet-based sellers. The AKC believes that reasonable regulation of true commercial breeding enterprises or Internet sellers,



where regulation is based on the actual numbers of dogs sold, is a better alternative to regulation based on the number of dogs a person owns. If the goal is to regulate internet sales, then such sales should be defined to include only internet sales. If the goal is to regulate all commercial breeder/retailers, a better definition would be those who produce and sell more than 50 puppies in a year.

• **Vague definition of “breeding female” as one having the capability of breeding.** Currently, the USDA defines “breeding female” as “capacity to breed” and bases this assessment on a visual inspection on the ground of the animals involved, determining whether they are “of breeding age” and whether there are health or other factors that would limit that. The AKC believes that this is not a practical, efficient, or clear way to establish a threshold for licensing and regulation, as it does not allow either APHIS or a breeder to assess whether a seller would be subject to licensing, regulation, and inspection without first being inspected by APHIS. The AKC remains extremely concerned that the rule will make it difficult for individuals to self-report, as they would not be able to know—without an APHIS inspection and examination of their animals before applying for a license—whether they would be required to obtain a license.

• **Operational standards originally designed for commercial-type facilities fail to account for circumstances appropriate for how hobby/fancy breeders who will be sub-**

ject to the regulations will keep their dogs. As a result of AKC’s long history and breadth of experience in advancing the care and conditions of dogs and conducting kennel inspections, we know that there are a wide variety of circumstances and kinds of facilities in which dogs may be suitably raised and maintained. AKC’s Care and Conditions policy http://images.akc.org/pdf/governmentrelations/documents/Care_Conditions_Policy.pdf is based on performance standards, rather than strict engineering requirements. This is because many breeds would fail to thrive in the required commercial kennel setting and, therefore, are better raised in residential settings. It is not reasonable to expect small breeders, who keep a handful of dogs and make a choice to raise dogs in their homes, to be able to meet exacting USDA kennel engineering standards that are designed for large commercial wholesale or research kennels. Likewise, many could be prevented from adapting their facilities because of local ordinances, zoning limitations, restrictions on their ability to obtain business licenses or necessary insurance. We believe performance-based standards are a better option for small home-based operations. The AKC believes that the continued effort to subject small home-based breeding operations to the same exacting standards required of purely commercial facilities is unreasonable and unnecessary.



To learn more about our specific concerns with the rule, please visit AKC’s USDA/APHIS Regulations Resources Page http://www.akc.org/governmentrelations/usda_aphis.cfm .

NEXT STEPS:

USDA/APHIS expects the final rule to be published in the Federal Register later this week. The rule will become effective 60 days after publication.

The AKC is dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of all dogs and responsible dog owners and breeders. We are extremely disappointed with the content of the final rule and we will continue to study this rule and assess all options for addressing our ongoing concerns.

The AKC will continue to provide additional information and analysis regarding specific impacts and what this rule may mean to responsible dog owners, breeders and the dog-loving public in general. Please remember that as a matter of company policy, the American Kennel Club does not release the registration information or history of any customer without a court order. The AKC, however, does expect individuals to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

Approved Board Minutes, July 10, 2013

Board Members Present:

Doug Hill, Kim Demchak, Robin Greenslade, Howard Postovit
Christina Tommila, Maryann Bisceglia, Peggy Shackelford, Cornelia King

Call to Order: 8:35 pm

Next Meeting: August 14, 2013

Report from the Secretary: Robin Greenslade



MOTIONS PASSED

4-12-2013 - Robin Greenslade made a motion to approve the judges for the Western Regional Specialty to be held 10-25-13 in conjunction with the Sacramento Valley KC

Breed Judge - David Kirkland Sweeps Judge - Darryl Anderson

Maryanne Bisceglia - 2nd

PRES - Y V-Pres - Y TREAS - Y SECR - Y ERD - Y MRD - Y SRD - YWRD - Abstain - conflict of interest

Motion Passed

4-17-2013 - Howard Postovit made a motion that we order printing of 50 grooming manuals at a cost of \$128.28 and 150 of What You Should Know at a cost of \$445.93. Total cost of \$574.21

Maryanne Bisceglia - 2nd

PRES - Y V-Pres - Y TREAS - Y SECR - Y ERD - Y MRD - Y SRD - Y WRD - Y

Motion Passed

4-30-2013 - Howard Postovit revised previous motion that the GSCA pay the corrected invoice from Engraphics, totaling \$938.46, for the annual awards plaques, business card holders and engraving.

Kim Demchak - 2nd

PRES - Y V-Pres - Y TREAS - Y SECR - Y ERD - Y MRD - Y SRD - NV* WRD - Y

Motion Passed

6-20-13 - Howard Postovit made a motion that the GSCA pay the \$650.00 accountant bill for preparation of the GSCA 2013 Federal Income Tax Return

Peggy Shackelford - 2nd

PRES - Y V-Pres - Y TREAS - Y SECR - Y ERD - Y MRD - Y SRD - NV* WRD - Y

Motion Passed

7-2-13 - Howard Postovit made a motion that the GSCA reimburse Linda Hurst, \$210.60 for mailing 2012 Annual Awards to GSCA members

Peggy Shackelford - 2nd

PRES - Y V-Pres - Y TREAS - Y SECR - Y ERD - NV* MRD - Y SRD - NV* WRD - Y

Motion Passed

*NV - indicates NO VOTE received

MEMBERSHIP EMAIL UPDATE

Debbie Coffin - gothedistance1@comcast.net (new email address)



NEW MEMBERS

Robin Greenslade made a motion to approve the membership application
R WINN HOLLEY
Howard Postovit - 2nd
Motion Passed - unanimously

Robin Greenslade made a motion to approve the membership application
BRENDA UGORETZ & LARRY LEMKE
Christine Tommilla - 2nd
Motion passed - unanimously

Robin Greenslade made a motion to approve the membership application
CHRISTINE M PONDER
Kim Demchak - 2nd
Motion passed - unanimously

Doug Hill made a motion for the BOD to go into Executive Session
Kim Demchak - 2nd
Motion passed - unanimously
The BOD went into Executive Session at 9:40PM at 10:02 the BOD left
Executive Session

Robin Greenslade made a motion to approve the membership application
ROBIN CLIFTON
Howard Postovit - 2nd
Cornelia King - ABSTAIN, Maryann Bisceglia - NO, Christina Tommilla - NO, Peggy Shackelford - NO,
Howard Postovit - NO, Kim Demchak - NO, Doug Hill - NO Robin Greenslade - NO
Motion Denied

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Robin Greenslade made a motion to approve the
 May 2013 Treasurer's Report
 Cornelia King - 2nd
 Motion Passed - unanimously

Robin Greenslade made a motion to approve the
 June 2013 Treasurer's Report
 Christina Tommilla - 2nd
 Motion Passed - unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Kim Demchak made a motion to support the ADSJ
 Advanced Institute as
 a Parent Club supporter for \$250.00
 Maryann Bisceglia - 2nd
 Motion Passed - unanimously

Howard Postovit made a motion to EBLAST mem-
 bership advising that our
 newsletter is E-news only
 Cornelia King - 2nd
 Motion passed - unanimously

Discussion concerning MEET THE BREEDS in
 Orlando and NYC

ADJOURNMENT

Kim Demchak made a motion to adjourn at 11:17
 pm

Christina Tommilla - 2nd
 Motion Passed - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 pm





Board Minutes, August 14, 2013

Board Members Present

Doug Hill, Robin Greenslade, Kim Demchak, Howard Postovit
MaryAnn Bisceglia, Peggy Shackelford, Christina Tommila
absent - Cornelia King

Call to Order: 8:36 pm

Next Meeting: September 11, 2013

Report from Secretary: Not Available

Treasurer's Report :

Kim Demchak made a motion to accept the July 2013 Treasurer's report
Robin Greenslade - 2nd
Motion Passed - unanimously

President's Report:

Constitution and By-Laws committee meets on 9-17-13

New Business:

Christina Tommila attended the CHF Conference and will be submitting her report and announcements to the Enews and website

2014 National is last weekend in October at Purina with Bouvier Club
ENEWS will be asking for committee members sign up

Motions Passed:

Maryann Bisceglia made a motion to approve the 2013 Eastern Regional Specialty 11-16-13 Del-Otse Nango KC Syracuse NY
Kim Demchak - 2nd
Motion passed - unanimous

Maryann Bisceglia made a motion to have Richard Powell judge the breed at 11-16-13 ERS and Allan Waterman judge sweepstakes
Kim Demchak - 2nd
Motion Passed - unanimously

Maryann Bisceglia made a motion for the GSCA to support the entry at Central New York KC on 11-15-13 and Chenango Valley KC on 11-17-13
Kim Demchak - 2nd
Motion passed - unanimously

Kim Demchak made a motion to remove non-members from the GSCA approved mentor list.
Maryann Bisceglia - 2nd
Motion passed - unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

Kim Demchak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 pm
Doug Hill - 2nd
Motion passed – unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm



Western Regional Specialty, Peggy Shackelford

JUDGES:

Mr. David Kirkland, 387 Holly Brook Rd., Sanford, NC
27330-6450

All Regular & Non-Regular Conformation Classes

Ms. Lora Cox, 1467 Pashote Ct., Milpitas, CA 95035-3102

All Regular & Non-Regular Obedience & Rally Classes

Mr. Daryl Anderson, 3624 Nisenan Lane, Wheatland, CA
95692-9480

All Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes Classes

ACCOMMODATIONS

The following motels will take well mannered adults and their well mannered dogs.

It is expected that you will clean up when exercising your dogs.

Microtel Inn & Suites, 1480 Ary Lane, Dixon, CA
95620.....(707) 693-0606

Located 2 miles from the show site, at I-80 & Pitt School Rd.

Requires a security deposit on rooms with dogs.

Motel 6, 107 Lawrence Drive, Dixon, CA
95620.....(707) 893-0606

Located 2 miles from the show site, at I-80 & A St.

Requires a security deposit on rooms with dogs.

Best Western, 1345 Commercial Way, Dixon, CA
95620.....(707) 678-1400

Located at the intersection of I-80 & Pitt School Rd.

HOSPITALITY & FESTIVITIES

Continental Breakfast will be available the morning of the Specialty at the GSCA

Hospitality Area in RV Parking starting at 8:30 am

BBQ Dinner and Auction will be at 6:30 pm at the GSCA Hospitality Area in RV

Parking for \$25 per person. Please fill out the dinner form below and mail it and

a check to Sandi Yanoff by closing date.

Menu: BBQ Chicken & Tri Tip, Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit, Beans, Roll, Drink & Dessert

Auction Items must be picked up immediately following the Auction

Golden State Giant Schnauzer Club will be holding a Silent Auction on Saturday,

Oct 26th during the Sacramento Dog Fanciers All Breed Dog Show.

Supported Entries both Saturday and Sunday.

Autumn Glory



2013 Western Regional Specialty Dixon, California

Sacramento Dog Fanciers will be holding a costume contest on Saturday following BIS for both dog and owner.

CATALOG ADVERTISING

Ads do not need to be camera ready. Please try to supply photos that are sharp and clear. The

better the picture, the better it will look in your ad. Catalog ads are a great place to bring your

special events and wins to the notice of other fanciers!

ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page \$50.00

Half Page \$15.00

Quarter Page \$10.00

Business Card \$5.00

DEADLINE FOR ALL AD COPY IS OCTOBER 9, 2013

Ads can also be e-mailed to judywilson-ss@sbcglobal.net if photos are in .jpeg format.

Payment information is available on the web site at www.jwshows.com.

Payment MUST accompany ad copy. Make checks payable to GSCA.

Mail To: Judy Wilson, Show Secretary

209 Wainwright Court, Sacramento, CA 95838-2941



9th Biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference, Christina Tommila

Cognitive study is not new to human science. It has been helping us in many aspects of our lives, from career choices to behavioral therapy. So, it is no surprise that like many other aspects of science it has bled over to our dogs. This was the subject of the keynote speaker at this year's 9th Biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference. It was a three day event brimming with the latest studies in the overall health of dogs and an opportunity to pick the minds of the speakers. There where presentations about everything from epilepsy, bloat and cancer to the regeneration of soft tissue in injuries and application physical therapy techniques.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Brian Hare from Duke University. Dr. Hare co-wrote "*The Genius of Dogs*" with his wife Vanessa Woods. He is also the founder of the website www.Dognition.com. On this site you can test your dog's cognitive abilities with some questions and games. The profile of your dog gets collected in a database for future stud-

ies. So while you are gathering proof on just how wonderful your dog is (They are Giants after all!) you are also contributing to science. Dr. Hare's hopes are that this site can be used to aid all dog people; whether it is placing a puppy or rescue dog, or perhaps overcoming a training block.

If you have dogs or dog friends you will be no stranger to dog injuries. Most of us have had to see a physical therapist ourselves. Veterinarian Janet Van, of the Canine Rehabilitation Institute, is conducting studies to see what rehabilitation exercises can be implemented where traditional surgeries where the only option. Some of the findings in the study show that rehabilitation in dogs can actually prevent them from needing surgery. We also know for ourselves the importance of stretching before a workout. Many people stretch their dogs and warm them up before the ring. While we keep our dogs in peak physical condition during competition, what about physical care when their career is over? How about when they are puppies? We

know their growing bodies should not go through the training that our mature dogs can handle. However, there may be puppy safe stretches that can help their development. These studies are examining exercises and stretches that can be done during the whole life cycle to create a happy, healthy companion.

Visited the CHF website at <http://www.akcchf.org>! They have podcasts, current news, webinars, and upcoming events. The site even has a search engine so you can see which studies are accepting Giant Schnauzers. Some studies are breed specific while others encompass all breeds. Dr. Deborah Greco at Nestle Purina talked about her current study at the conference. The study is of the immune system and Cytokines within it. It is to see if the dam passes Cytokines to her puppies through her milk. If you have a lactating bitch, and want to contribute to the study, you can contact her at deborah.greco@rd.nestle.com to get detail on sending milk samples. The CHF website covers all breeds so if you are looking for

Giant Schnauzer health related information the Health and Heredity page is the place to go. The link is <http://www.giantschnauzerclubofamerica.com/Health-and-Heredity.aspx>. If you have questions Kim Demchak is the Health and Hereditary committee member.

Every speaker at the conference echoed the words of each other. Science and technology are moving at a rapid pace, and the future is looking bright. They are working to identify problem genes every day; thus removing diseases that have haunted our breeds. They are working on re-growing torn soft tissue and trying to find ways to prevent cancer. This is a future, I for one, want to participate in and it is a future we can all easily participate. With each and every Giant in the DNA databases it gives us the power over the problems of our breed. You might be thinking, "but I have one Giant or just a few Giants, and that wont effect anything"; however, if every Giant owner added to the databases there would be a vast pool to collect from. Together we could accomplish greatness far beyond what one can do alone.



New Titles for GSCA Members as of July 2013



Dog Title	Dog Name	Sex	Owners Name
Champion	CH Fanta C's Efficient Liaison CA	B	Nancy E Nier Cynthia Wallace & H. Wallace & R. Sundeen & M. Sundeen
Champion	CH Grande Forget-Me-Not	B	Sundeen
Champion	CH Ingebars Blackjack	D	Ms. Susan Hamilton & Maryann Bisceglia
Champion	CH Skansen's Jackie Oh	B	R Winn Holley
Champion	CH Skansen's Jose Cuervo V. Eastwood	D	Melissa D Owen
Champion	CH Skansen's Just Dance	B	Michael Rutkas
Champion	CH Skansen's Kalifornia	D	Anna Stromberg & Ben Franzoso
Champion	CH Skansen's Thor Von Harvard	D	Mrs. Donna LaChance & Raymond Lachance
Open Agility	Momentum Full Volume CDX PT OA NAJ NAP NJP NF	B	Kathi Seaman & Christine Lietzau
Master Excellent Jumper Preferred	MACH Formally Known As Field's MXB MJB MJP XF	B	James Bahr & Frank Nichter
Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 3	MACH2 Histyle's Nosy Rosie VCD2 RN TDX MXB2 MJB2 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX OF	B	Judy Shonborn & Michael Shonborn
Master Bronze Jumper Preferred	CH Histyle's Tantalize MX MXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP2 MJPB	B	Lynn McMaster & Michael Rutkas
Agility FAST Novice	Momentum Full Volume CDX PT OA NAJ NAP NJP NF	B	Kathi Seaman & Christine Lietzau
Preferred Agility Excellent	MACH2 Histyle's Nosy Rosie VCD2 RN TDX MXB2 MJB2 MXPB MJPB PAX OF	B	Judy Shonborn & Michael Shonborn
Coursing Ability Advanced	Idaho Silver Z Tartaku CD RN OA OAJ OF CAA	D	Leslie Lehmann & Debra Coffin
Canine Good Citizen	Gustavus Von Der Leidenschaft CA CGC	D	Kathy Poppe
Canine Good Citizen	Leidenschaft Envy Von Der OA OAJ NF CGC	B	Kathy Poppe
Canine Good Citizen	Regal's Caprice CGC	B	Dr. Marilyn L Yodlowski M.D.
Canine Good Citizen	Riesenrad's Karnival Ride CGC	B	Tarja Ahlgren
Search and Rescue - Wilderness	Hatten's Elementary, My Dear UD RA SAR-W	D	Ann Moser & James Hatten Jr.

GSCA Financials

Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc. Preliminary Monthly Profit/Loss Statement August 2013

	Aug '13
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Publication Sales	
Grooming Manual	24.00
Prepaid Shipping	0.00
WYSK	0.00
Total Publication Sales	24.00
Shows-Events Income	
2013 Southern	0.01
Total Shows-Events Income	0.01
Total Income	24.01
Expense	
Member Awards	
Annual	
Plaques	15.00
Total Annual	15.00
Postage	6.91
Total Member Awards	21.91
PayPal Processing	1.59
Shows-Events	
2013 National	
Misc Exp	-75.30
Total 2013 National	-75.30
Total Shows-Events	-75.30
Total Expense	-51.80
Net Ordinary Income	75.81
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	
DRF Savings	0.44
GSCA Savings	2.17
Total Interest Income	2.61
Total Other Income	2.61
Net Other Income	2.61
Net Income	78.42

Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc. Preliminary Balance Sheet Comparison As of August 31, 2013

	Aug 31, '13	Jul 31, '13	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
2012 Midwest-2013 National	5,865.48	5,790.18	75.30
2013 Combo Group	0.00	5,184.13	-5,184.13
2013 Southern	590.01	590.00	0.01
2013 Western Specialty	759.87	759.87	0.00
Chase CD	5,874.24	5,874.24	0.00
MFS Stock	7,859.49	7,859.49	0.00
Pay Pal	1,682.56	1,660.15	22.41
Well-Fargo Doris Redman Savings	10,387.16	10,386.72	0.44
Wells-Fargo Operating	28,261.24	23,099.02	5,162.22
Wells-Fargo PayPal Trans Check	1,181.81	1,181.81	0.00
Wells-Fargo Savings	51,058.81	51,056.64	2.17
Total Checking/Savings	113,520.67	113,442.25	78.42
Total Current Assets	113,520.67	113,442.25	78.42
TOTAL ASSETS	113,520.67	113,442.25	78.42
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
Opening Bal Equity	109,809.67	109,809.67	0.00
Retained Earnings	-2,881.93	-2,881.93	0.00
Net Income	6,592.93	6,514.51	78.42
Total Equity	113,520.67	113,442.25	78.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	113,520.67	113,442.25	78.42



Do you know about Barn Hunt?

To say Barn Hunt is the latest sport to 'sweep the nation' might be an overstatement; but it is a fun new game that our Giants can play with virtually no training.

The purpose of Barn Hunt is to demonstrate a dog's vermin hunting ability in finding and marking rats in a "barn-like" setting, using straw/hay bales to introduce climbing and tunneling obstacles in the dog's path. Barn Hunt is based on the skills historically used by itinerant "rat catchers" in traveling the countryside, ridding farms of vermin, thus helping conserve and preserve food grains and cutting down on disease.

While rat catchers often used breeds such as Jack/Parson Russell Terriers, they also used other non go-to-ground breeds such as Manchester Terriers, Rat Terriers, and a variety of non-spannable

breeds (breeds whose chests cannot be spanned by two hands, a mark of many go-to-ground breeds) of small to medium size. These breeds have never had an officially licensed test which truly emulates their traditional working task. Barn Hunt will fill that role.

Barn Hunt is also for any breed or mix of dog who loves to hunt and who can fit through an 18" wide gap between two hay bales. It will test speed, agility, and surefootedness. While not specifically targeted at larger dogs or dogs without a vermin hunting history, Barn Hunt is all inclusive and fun for any dog and human who wishes to play the game.

Barn Hunt is a sporting event, and as such there will be levels of difficulty, titles, and championships to be attained. While it can be used as an instinct test, there is also a handler component in

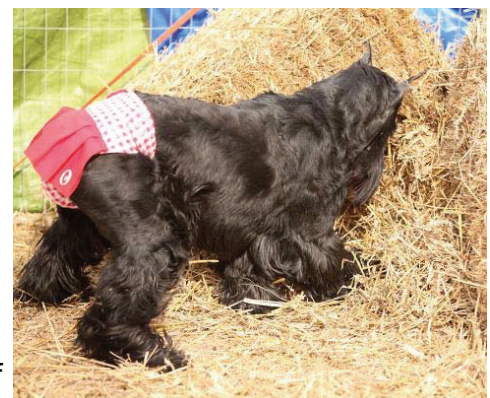
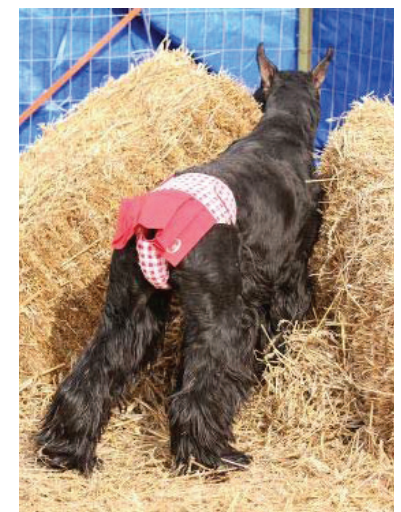
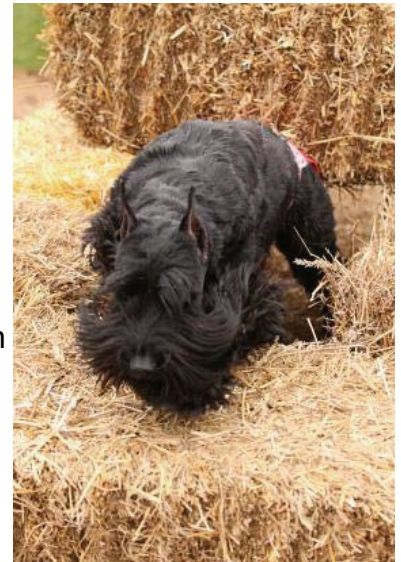
that the handler must signal when the dog has reached the desired target PVC rat tube; thus, the handler must know and have a partnership with their dog. Teamwork will win the game.

Barn Hunt can be held indoors or outdoors, in a barn-like setting or on any piece of level ground approximately 20 x 30 feet that can be enclosed securely by gating/fencing.

You do need to register your dog with Barn Hunt to participate;. It is a simple process that can be done online. The Barn Hunt website is: <http://barnhunt.com>

As you can see, Barn Hunt also allows bitches in season to compete if they are wearing pants.

In North Texas, we have a club, instinct classes and trials thought out the cooler months of the year.



Photos courtesy of: True Colors Photography, Melissa Sheehan.

GSCA E NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating 51 years of the GSCA

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*Please send suggestions and
photos to editor. Deadline
for submission is the 15th of
each month.*

1st Barn Hunt Title Holder Joanne Thompson & Tiki

Since Barn Hunt is not an official AKC title; they will not appear in our New Titles list. Joanne Thompson reports that her girl, Tiki, is the 1st Giant to earn the RAT I title! Congratulations!!

