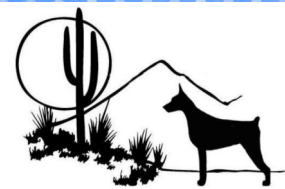


GPCSW NEWS

German Pinscher Club of the Southwest - Winter 2023



German Pinscher Club
of the Southwest

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Our Vice President - Jill Eastman

I guess you could say my life has gone to the dogs! I work with dogs professionally and I also have a lifetime dedication as a breeder. I started in the 90's with Keeshonden. I did obedience, conformation and bred a few litters resulting in a few Champions.

I got my first German Pinscher in 2005 and was totally hooked on this breed's intelligence, loyalty and silliness. I fell in love with the way they look too - with their short hair and agile muscular build. I have since been dedicated to preserving, improving and promoting the German Pinscher breed. I breed under the kennel prefix "Daveren" and have bred 60 plus AKC Champions including the #1 German Pinschers in the USA for 10 years running! I have bred multiple national specialty Best of Breed winners, multiple group winners, multiple Westminster Kennel Club Best of Breed winners and I have bred two GPs to go Reserve Best in Show. Many of my dogs also are very successful and versatile performance dogs earning titles in almost all venues (Barn Hunt, Sent Work, Obedience, Agility, Trick Dog, Coursing Ability, Fast CAT, Rally, NASDA). I pride myself in breeding for the "total package pinscher" striving to breed the best in the conformation ring as well as performance & companionship. My breeding strategy has been a mix of line breeding and networking with breeders in other counties to maintain new genetics. I have imported dogs and/or semen from Australia, Poland, Russia, Canada, Sweden, England, Germany and Belarus.

My dedication to this awesome breed is huge and I feel honored to share my life and passion with them.



Our Secretary - Jose E. Rodriguez

Susie was my very first dog. We changed her name to Lady when my little sister Susana arrived. Then came Tiny, the Chihuahua Lion. In our back yard circus finale, Tiny would break loose and attack me, licking the ketchup I poured on my neck until I was dead. Next came Bandit - to my Jonny Quest. We reenacted the Saturday morning cartoon adventures until it was time to go inside. I've always been in the company of dogs. They make my life more fun. They make me.

As a teenager, I worked on The King Ranch. Most of the summer I castrated calves, but the rest of the year, I worked in their bird dog kennels. They taught me scent and endurance games to prepare puppies for formal training. I also worked with several generations of veteran dogs. Each line was known for unique performance, but every puppy was bred with the instinct, drive, intelligence and temperament needed to work. The training polished while the field work proved health, stamina and defined conformation.

Later, the Austin Humane Society helped me work my way through UT by letting me train dogs in the adoption run. I also helped feed, clean and evaluate dogs in the two adjoining Travis County kennels. Sit, stay, come and shake really helped make good first impressions and helped many dogs get and stay adopted.

In the mid-eighties, I purchased a German working line Doberman puppy. His name was Caiman and we trained in Schutzhund. In the mid-nineties, I helped finish a few English Staffordshire Bull Terriers in AKC Conformation. Shera was my first champion and Dylan was my 1999 #1 ranked Special. In the mid-two thousands, I trained a rescued Corgi in Therapy work. Auggie and I volunteered at an Alzheimer's facility in Richardson, TX. That was the hardest thing I ever asked a dog to do. It was very hard for me too.

In 2015, I met Eichler, a German Pinscher. My spouse accused me of tricking him and bringing home a runt Doberman puppy with big feet.

Recently, after watching Eichler and I show off our agility skills, my mom warned me. *'Aye Mijo. He's going to break your heart.'* I understood her concern. Mom was raised on a farm. She showed at county fairs, bred, raised, butchered and sold livestock. She could never be cruel, but out of self-preservation, she never developed strong relationships with animals. When I was a child, she'd seen me angry, fight, scream and cry for livestock. Right or wrong, she and my Grandfather helped me wrap up those feelings in cellophane and separate the animal from the product. *'I know mom. But I'd rather have a heart that can be broken than one that can't'*

My goal is to always be spiritually, physically, mentally and financially healthy enough to live in the company of dogs.



Happy Holidays!



Courtesy of Lorraine Shore, Linda Anderton & Jose Rodriguez

2022 GPCSW Specialty at the National Weekend



Now that the busy holidays are over, and many of us are thinking about the new year and the shows we will enter, it's a good time to review the fun and successes of the 2022 German Pinscher Club of America National and the Specialty hosted by the German Pinscher Club of the Southwest. This year the National was held in Springfield, Missouri at the state fairgrounds on Saturday, November 11th. The GPCSW Specialty started the events the Friday before and the GPCA Regional Specialty ended them on Sunday. The turnout was excellent! The GPCA National is late in the show season by most standards. Mid November brings the unpredictability of weather, and some people fear travelling so far from home might not be prudent. But with 30 dogs entered at the National, and majors in both sexes every day, clearly many felt the trip was worth the effort.

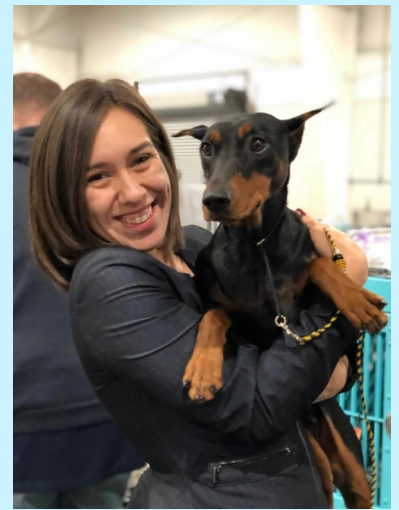
How is success defined at a dog show? Is success defined narrowly as winning. Are only those who leave the venue each day with a beautiful rosette successful? If a dog and its handler gamely enter the ring every day and never achieve more than a fourth place finish or walk out unrewarded is it unsuccessful?

Does every exhibitor define achievement the same way? It is the responsibility of the Clubs hosting these specialties to make all who attend feel valued and enjoy their experience. This year's National and Specialty shows did just that. According to the AKC, 80% of dogs in shows are owner handled. That was certainly true at the shows on this weekend. Reflecting multiple lines and breeders, the Best Owner Handled Dogs boasted a different winner every day. **Courtney Hansen with GCH Bonfire Lover's Heir to the Throne RN NAJ DCAT**, **Lorraine Shore with GCH Immer Treu V Revival Whisper CGC**, **Jennifer Redfern with Oakwood's From Here to Eternity** was awarded an OHG2, and **Amy Issleib with GCH Nevars Don't Go Away Mad Temerity** also won an OHG2.

Most exhibitors come to shows with large entries to get points on their class dogs. With the shows so late in the show season there were more dogs than usual needing just a few points, or the elusive one more major, to finish. Competition was keen. At the National, **Heather Durnin**, from Florida with her Russian import, **Allania Grand Zeus DCAT CGC TKN** was not only chosen Winners Dog, but received an award of merit from the classes. Later in the weekend this dog went Winners Dog again to finish his championship. Winners bitch at the National was from the other side of the country, **Jennifer Redfern** from Washington with her bitch **Oakwood's From Here to Eternity**, and was also chosen Best of Opposite Sex. Rounding out the weekend was **Jill Eastman** going both Winners Dog twice with **Daveren's Celebrate Conspirol** and Winners Bitch with **Daveren's Contessa Conspirol**. Jill was also awarded Winners Bitch with **Daveren's Mid-night Party** to finish her championship at the GPCA Regional Specialty on Sunday. Finally, **Charlene Dwyer and Amy Issleib** won Winners Bitch/ Best of Winners with **Temerity One Door Opens Another Closes** to finish her championship at the GPCSW Specialty on Friday.



In a low entry breed such as German Pinschers, it is hard to be recognized in the Working group. But this weekend **Neala and Lars Burnett and Jill Eastman's dog, MBISS GCHS Daveren's Radagast of Greenwood**. Raddy won Best of Breed every day and placed in the group daily. He was shown by professional handler, Christa Cook and won RBIS at the Friday show. When a dog wins at this level it is good for the breed in general. We all hope the judges took notice of our entry and will consider the breed more seriously for group placements in the future. In an encouraging display of sportsmanship, Club members stayed each day to support our breed winner in the group and those in the NOHS group.



Seeing the diversity of the entry in the classes is why attending a National is so important. Competing against dogs from many lines is a wonderful visual on where the breed is now. How far breeders have come toward the standard and how far is left to go is on display. This is invaluable to judges also. Both of the Sweepstakes judges, as well as other judges who came to the shows hoping for ringside mentoring and hands on experience with the breed were not disappointed. The GPCA Judges education materials were presented and those in attendance were able to choose which dogs to see more closely. Breeder/Mentor Amy Issleib headed up this part of the weekend.



While ring time is the focus of the shows, a big part of a specialty weekend is the chance to see more dogs and talk to other breeders and exhibitors. Once again, The German Pinscher Club of the Southwest provided free grooming spaces for all German Pinscher aficionados. Lunch was provided one day as well as coffee and donuts by club members and there was plenty of time to meet new people and talk. Traditionally, members attend the annual meeting and meet for dinner one day after the show. This year the Clubs broke with tradition and didn't host an organized dinner. The annual meeting was poorly attended. This was disappointing, and something the GPCA needs to work on. Members need to believe their voices will be heard and their input is wanted. But many members are content to let the business of the clubs roll on without thought. On a busy multi-specialty weekend, time is tight and realistically attending a

meeting isn't easy to fit in around eating and caring for dogs. One evening, members did get together for a fun dinner at a restaurant in Branson, Missouri.

The 2022 National ran smoothly and there were plenty of great prizes. There was a lot of comradery ringside and the sportsmanship was outstanding. Exhibitors pitched in to help get dogs shown and many congratulations to the winners. If success is measured only in terms of ribbons and points only a few won. But if winning can have a broader definition to include fun, cooperation and learning, then the 2022 GPCA National and the German Pinscher Club of the Southwest Specialty were a gathering full of winners. For a full list of the placements and attendees please visit the Foy Trent Dog Show Superintendent website.

Article courtesy of Charlene Dwyer

BRAGS

Ms Mozart (LinDee's Bet You're The One) earned her first AKC Scent Work Titles, SIN and SCN, Exterior and Buried are close behind.

.....Linda Anderton



Riot in front of a beautiful Christmas tree in Orlando at the AKC National Championship. One day we went SD and Best Owner Handled which was very fun. There was a fantastic entry of excellent German Pinschers and it was a wonderful experience to go to this event.

.....Lorraine Shore

The Most Recent Results!

AKC Fast Cat 2022 Rankings

29 German Pinschers Ranked

Check out all the titles these fast & fun loving dogs have earned

Congratulations to All!

Go to akc.org Fast CAT Top 20 Dogs to see them all



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German Pinscher

GET RANKINGS

Ranking for German Pinscher

Today's Date: January 7, 2023

Rank	Dog Name	Sex	MPH
1	Daveren's Kiara DCAT RATN CGC VHMA	Bitch	28.40
2	CH Allania Grand Zeus DCAT TT CGC TKN	Dog	28.08
3	Daveren's Wolfgang Von Eichler CD RM2 RAE2 CAA FCAT SCE SBA SIN RATO CGCA CGCU TKN VHMA	Dog	25.91
3	Unforgettablygp Gemma Mia BN RI AX AXJ CAA FCAT5 ACT2 SWN CGCA CGCU TKN	Bitch	25.91
4	GCH CH Bonfire Lover's Heir To The Throne RN NA NAJ DCAT	Dog	25.82
5	GCHB CH Diamond Bay Wild Wild West FCAT SWN SCA SIA SEA TKN VHMP	Dog	25.30
6	GCHS CH Diamond Bay A Chevelle Bentley Tribute PCD BN RI FDC CAA BCAT ACT2 ACT1J SBA SIN SEN TT THD RATM CGCA CGCU TKI VSWB	Dog	25.15
7	CH Oakwoods Causing Chaos BCAT	Dog	24.87
8	CH Dabney's Lime Ahhhhhh Rita! CD BN RE OAP OJP XFP CAA FCAT5 ACT2 SWN SIA SEA SBA RATN CGCA CGCU TKN	Bitch	24.44
9	GCH CH Oakwoods Inciting A Riot	Bitch	24.35
10	Iron Heart's Playing With Fire RN RATN CGC TKP VHMA	Bitch	24.26

Feedback





Hiking With Your German Pinscher - Part 1. Foundation – Janet Oatney

17 years ago, we welcomed our first German Pinscher to our home. Husband Ron said “If we are going to have a dog, they are going to be able to hike off leash”. Cue the fainting couch and smelling salts for me. The thought of my precious dog being loose in the woods- subject to lions and tigers and bears, oh my- was unthinkable. But I was willing to give it a go. The system we came up with is the same we have used with all of our dogs since then, and it’s been effective and safe.

I’m not saying you need to hike off leash, however, having a solid foundation regardless of leash status is a wise choice. In later articles we’ll talk about “choose your adventure” and various gear options. But for our first article, I’ll be focusing on foundations.

Catch and Release

We start all dogs that are interested in hiking with this fun game. It teaches the dog that good things happen when you come back to owner and that being caught doesn’t end the game. The order you do this is very important to having a reliable recall while hiking.

1. Location – inside or in smallish fenced area – no escape zone
2. Ideally have 2 or more people, but can be done with one
3. Release the dog
4. Use your recall command (make sure you have one and use it consistently).
Ours is “here dogs” or “Here – dog name”. Understand your criteria – this is not an obedience, come sit in front of me sort of command, but it should cue movement towards the caller.
5. When the dog comes, touch the collar, give treat, release again.
-Notes: touching the collar or holding the collar prior to giving the treat is essential, otherwise the dog learns to dive bomb for the treat, rather than being “caught” for a brief moment, rewarded and released again. At this stage, being excited and happy and using high value treats pays off.
6. Repeat a zillionty times
7. NEVER CORRECT THE DOG FOR NOT COMING IMMEDIATELY! If the dog is hesitant, put them on a drag line and you can call the dog,. Step on the drag line and then recall the dog using the line as a reminder, not a correction.
8. Once you and your dog are successfully playing the game, move to larger areas such as arenas, pastures, ect.
9. See number 6



RD lakeside with drag line



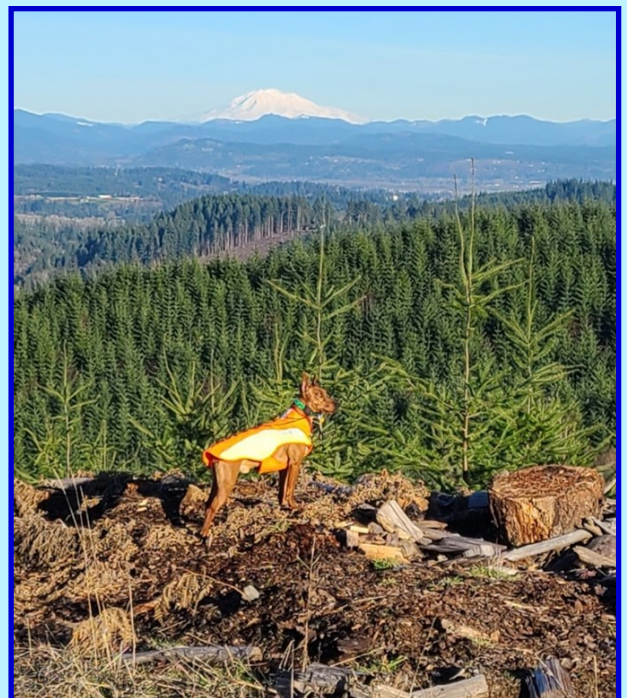
The goal of catch and release is to have a dog that willingly and happily comes when you call them, and doesn't try to play keep away when you reach for the collar. Utilizing a drag line is helpful if your dog tends to want to play that game as you reach for the lead rather than the collar. If you are using a drag line, make sure it's attached to the dead ring of a collar or harness. You don't want there to be an abrupt correction from you reaching for the line, it's best if you step on the line and then reach for it.

This game has different criteria – it means come here as fast as you can and you'll get a big jackpot! Our catch and release criteria are move towards us at a reasonable speed, let us touch your collar and you'll get rewarded. Treat party is for OMG there is a pack of coyotes or a car coming, and I need you RIGHT NOW, this minute to get here and I'll throw all my treats on the ground for you. After you practice and perfect this game, it's not one you should practice a bunch as that dilutes the power. Treat party is good when you see approaching loose dogs as your dog's focus is towards the treats on the ground, not on the approaching dogs.

Once your dog has a good understanding of the games, it's time to take it on the road – using a long drag line (never a flexi) venture to less populated public areas that have reasonable distractions and practice the game. As with all things, don't add complexity without having competence at the level you are training. After you are feeling confident, find a trail that is low risk and with a long drag line start your hiking adventures.

About the Author:

Janet lives in St Helens Oregon with Ron Dunn and their two GPs "RD" and "Bibi" They have successfully completed the 2021 and 2022 52 hike challenge, pet edition, the AKC turkey trot, and is the president of "Tails & Trails" an AKC Fit Dog Club. Stay tuned for the next episode of hiking with your dog for tips on gear, safety, and planning your hikes.





There are 3 levels of AKC fitness titles—Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Each title requires a specific number of activity points to be completed, which varies based on title level. Within each level, there are 6 categories of activities to choose from to earn your points. Detail for each category appear in the [Participant Guide](#) (AKC.Org). **The 6 Categories:**

1. AKC FIT DOG Course
2. Runs (community runs such as a Turkey Trot, Spring Scurry, etc.)
3. Walks and hikes (Independent or Group)
4. Unique to You and Your Dog (e.g., diving, swimming, pulling, hunting)
5. AKC title that is fitness related (e.g., FAST CAT, agility)
6. AKC Parent Club Performance Titles (e.g., pack dog, sledding)

**New
2023**

For each of the 3 levels of titles, a minimum number of points must be earned in at least 2 categories for the title to be awarded. AKC FIT DOG titles are noncompetitive, and dog owners may choose different activities to earn titles.



Before & After

Marilyn Braverman raised Fredrik to be a beautiful, healthy & FIT dog.

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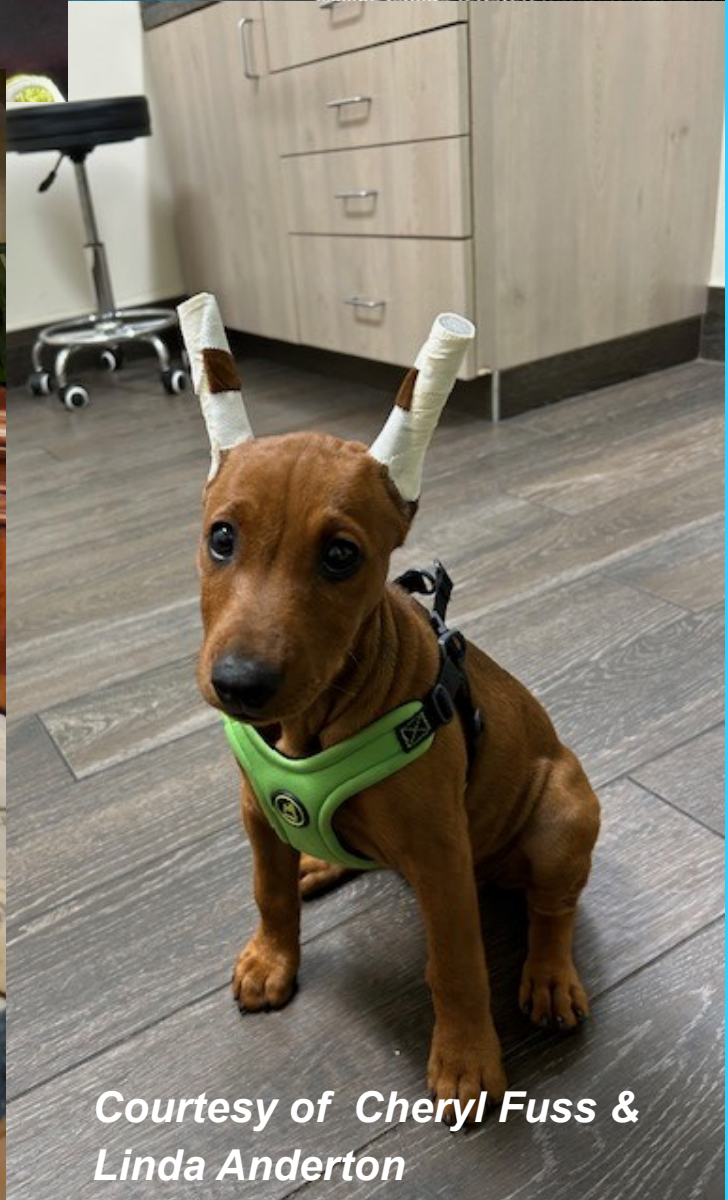


**Have Dogs Will Travel, Hike, Dress Up, Sleep Together,
You Name It -They Do It**

.....Rori Russo

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*Courtesy of Cheryl Fuss &
Linda Anderton*

Up Coming GPCSW Specialties

- ◇ **May 13 & 14 2023 Albuquerque, New Mexico.** We are hoping to bring a NASDA event to this show!
- ◇ **June/July 2023 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.** Four day cluster with several performance events offered.

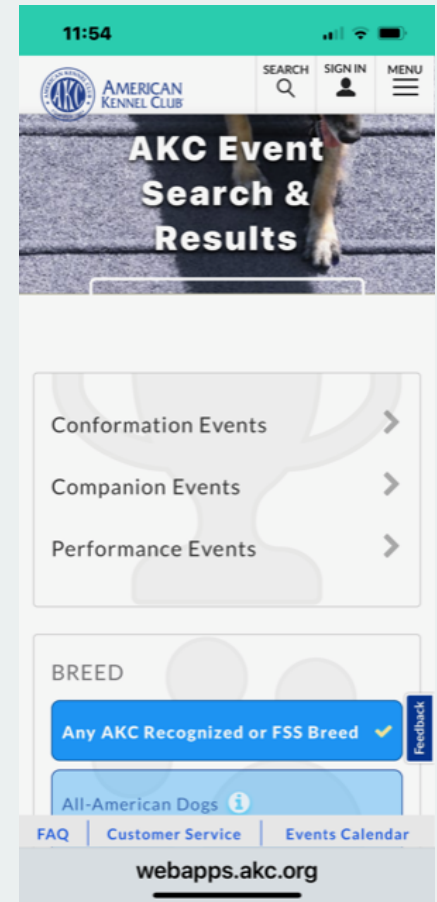
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Want to have some fun? Learn more about AKC or AKC affiliated dog sports and events. Search for an event at akc.org/event-search. You can search by type of events, locations near you & dates. Most events welcome interested spectators but check with the event chair and make sure its okay to bring your dog.





Superstition Kennel Club
March 3-5, 2023
EXHIBIT BUILDING, WESLEY
BOLIN BUILDING AND HOME
ARTS BUILDING



**Heart of the Desert
CLASSIC™**
March 9-13, 2023
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Arizona State Fairgrounds
1826 West McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85007
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The Super Bowl may be February's Focus in 2023 but come March, dog fanciers' attention will be on the Arizona State Fairgrounds as Superstition Kennel Club, Sahuaro State Kennel Club and Lost Dutchman Kennel Club collaborate to host

6 All-Breeds with NOHS and Juniors • 7 Obedience and Rally Trials
• 5 Group Shows • 25+ Specialties • 7 Special Attractions
AKC Temperament, CGC and Trick Dog Tests • 2 Scent Work Trials
3 4-6 Beginner Puppy Competitions • 2 Pee Wee Events
15 Breed Education Seminars • 4 Open Shows

Not **our** Special but **very** special.
Several of our members will be
there. Please join us!

GPCSW Board Meeting

December 7, 2022

Time: 6:12 PM

Attendees: Cheryl Fuss, Jay Dietz, Jose Rodriguez, & Charlene Dwyer

Motion to approve minutes – Cheryl motioned. Jose Second. Approved.

Motion to invite Rori Russo to meeting and review changes to club website – Cheryl motioned. Jose Second. Approved.

Rori shared screen and reviewed changes to club website.

- Calendar to be updated with Specialty events, other events of interest, & future club meetings

- Gallery to include member dog pictures

- GP Rescue link to be included

- Shop will be updated

- Donate link

- Members Only page

- Brags page

Albuquerque NM Specialty pending GPCA approval. NASDA trial maybe possible.

Working on Specialty judges

Any one interested in helping with Website? – We'll ask general membership

Total in our bank accounts including PayPal - \$6,799.84

Remind members to choose 'friends & family' when using PayPal or even better use Zelle. gpcswtreasurer@gmail.com

Motion to Adjourn – Jay motioned. Jose seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM

GPCSW General Members Meeting

December 7, 2022

Time: 7:10 PM

Attendees: Cheryl Fuss, Jay Dietz, Jose Rodriguez, Charlene Dwyer, Velda Barkman, Sharon Gregory, Vivian Young, Connie Wick, Rori Russo, Neala Burnett

Motion to approve minutes – Cheryl motioned. Jose Second. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Total in our bank accounts including PayPal - \$6,799.84

November's Springfield, Missouri Specialty was a big success. Several GPs earned their champion titles. We will try and do the same at next year's California GPCA National Specialty

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Members were very pleased with the work and thanked Rori for the great job

Two new members were voted into the club:

- Kathryn Boyd

- Elda Cross

Members were reminded to pay their dues and to choose 'friends & family' when using PayPal or even better use Zelle. gpcswtreasurer@gmail.com

Members were reminded to send content including pictures, articles, & points of interest to Jose by December 18th for our Winter News Letter

Motion to Adjourn – Jay motioned. Jose seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM