



## ABOUT OUR CLUB – SYNOPSIS ON PURPOSE AND GOALS

The Sleepy Hollow German Shorthaired Pointer Club is a “not for profit” Breed Specific Dog Club. We were founded in 1988 by a small unit of very dedicated GSP people. Throughout the years, we have grown to expand our horizons as we continue to promote the health and welfare of the Versatile GSP.

The Sleepy Hollow GSPC, is an American Kennel Club Sanctioned Specialty Breed Club. SHGSPC is also a member club of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. We promote the responsible breeding of the purebred GSP. We urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed approved by the American Kennel Club, as the only standard of excellence. The SHGSP Club conducts Sanctioned Specialty Breed Shows, Obedience Trials, and Field Events held under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

*Our Club is about...* Good Sportsmanship - Our members, their enjoyment of the sport and willingness of their dogs. Education - Learning through the exchange of knowledge within the membership.

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – THIERRY CROIZER

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were everything you hoped for and that the year ahead brings you much joy, good health, and happiness.

I would like to thank all the members who were able to attend this year’s Harvest Dinner in November at Tony & Nick’s Italian Kitchen in Ellenville. It was a wonderful afternoon spent with fellow members, filled with great conversation and excellent food. This year’s President’s Award was proudly presented to the very deserving Detta Adreana. For those members who were unable to attend, you were missed, and we hope you can join us next year.

As a reminder, the Sleepy Hollow GSP Club will be holding a Rally Trial at Golden Rule School for Dogs in Andover, New Jersey, on Friday, February 20, 2026. If you have never attended a rally trial, it is a lot of fun—even if you don’t have a dog competing. It’s truly impressive to watch the dogs and handlers work together so seamlessly.

The New Paltz Show is also just a few months away. This year, Leslie Javarone has generously taken on the role of Show Chair. The New Paltz Show is always well attended and provides a great opportunity to see many wonderful dogs “strut their stuff.”

None of these events would be possible without the dedication and support of our club members and their commitment to the GSP breed. Please consider volunteering at an event that best suits you. These events are always enjoyable and offer a great chance to meet fellow members and their dogs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our February Zoom meeting!

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General Meeting: February 18, 2026 – Zoom, watch your email for details!

It's not something any of us like to think about, but making a habit of regular checks could be life-saving! Add it to your New Year's resolutions!!



**CANINE CANCER CHECK**

Use these pictures to help you check every area. Start with the tip of their nose, and work your way to the tip of their tail. For the greatest potential for success, conduct the exam in a familiar environment where your pet is not easily distracted. For example, avoid the time of day the UPS gal makes deliveries, or at dinner time. It might be a good idea to make a body chart: Using a simple outline, note any points of concern in each area. This will help identify when something changes. **\*Please be sure to do a K9 cancer check of your dog once a month.**

**NOSE/MUZZLE:** Check the nose for lesions, debris or excessive drainage and take note of whether it is wet or dry. (Your pet's nose will not always be wet, it will typically vary from moist to dry throughout the day.) Check for symmetry of the nose and note any differences from one side to the other.



**EYES:** Take a look to see whether there is abnormal eye discharge (each pet has different eye weeping. Pay attention to what is normal for your pet and make note when it increases or decreases.) Check the symmetry between both eyes - consider shape, color, discharge, and active movement. Observe all parts of the eye including the whites of their eyes. Note any change in color including increased redness or graying.



**MOUTH:** Check inside the pet's mouth for lesions, swelling, and bad breath. Their gums should be pink, their teeth free of tartar and plaque. Check the tongue and underneath it. Pay special attention to the gums and the roof of the mouth for symmetry or any obvious masses. Pay attention to the normal ridges and ensure that there is no difference from one side from the other. Not all animals are comfortable with checking their mouth. Take it slow if this is the first time working in their mouth (and while you are there, go ahead and give their teeth their weekly brushing - a healthy mouth ensures a healthy pet!)



**JAWLINE:** checking outside the mouth, the jaw line should maintains a consistent texture along the entire length of the jaw with no sensitivity to touch and is the same on both sides of the mouth.



**EARS:** Check the ears for any abnormal swellings, debris, and odor.



**SKIN:** Brush back the hair and look at the skin and coat. Check for excessive flakiness, lumps and bumps. Pay special attention to either side of the spinal cord. Make note of the normal color of the skin. Note any changes in skin color including darker or red spots.



**TORSO:** Evaluate muscle tone and weight. Note any changes. If your animal is overweight, work to address the issue. Carrying excessive weight can be very harmful to their overall health.



**LEGS:** Check for heat, bumps and swelling and test the range of motion of the joints. All joints should move freely with no discomfort to the pet.



**FEET:** Look at the claws and the pads of their feet, there should be no debris between their toes and should be fairly symmetrical to the alternate side. Examine the nail bed for any abnormal masses or discoloration. Note excessive heat in the paws. Take note to determine what is normal for your pet.



**UNDERBELLY:** Gently palpate the belly to look for lumps and notice if your pet seems to experience discomfort or pain. Note any bumps, lumps and sensitive areas over the skin. Examine your pet regularly to determine what is normal so you can determine when there are changes.

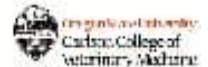


**ANUS:** Also examine your pet's anus for cleanliness, uniformity and a consistent color.



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**Diane Prohaska:** *Wayne, CH Hideaway Acres INspired by Greatness* finished his championship with 3 majors at the Allentown, NJ dog shows.

**Daisy,** *Hideaway Acres Bee in your Blossom* has 9 points towards her championship and will be back in 2026.

**Benson** also ended the year in Primm, NV where he won BOB and BOS and a G3 OH.



Ella and Harry's pups had a fantastic year...we finished 7 of our Queen Bee Trilogy pups in less than 8 months of showing. We also finished a couple from our INgeneration litter. Along the way several of the pups received Group Placements /Reg & OH, BISS, BOS, several BOB and BOS, National RWD & BISweeps wins by most of our pups, often winning over several nationally ranked top dogs. It was a busy year and we are proud of meeting our goals.

In early January we planned a little warm up and Wings earned herself a 5 point major Select. She will be very selectively shown in 2026 until she matures and in the mean time she's planning a little hunting trip this spring.

**Detta Andreana: Bonnie**, *Rose Mountain's Bonnie Lass BN CD RE SWN CGCA TKN (CDSP – CD-C) (NACSW – NW2 LII LIC LIV, UKC – NN AE AI)*

On October 17, 2025 she earned her NACSW Level 1 Vehicle title (L1V) in Newfoundland, PA. To earn that title the dog and handler must find the odor in 4 separate searches consisting of multiple vehicles, cars, RVs, trucks, whatever is being used in that trial. 50% of the teams entered passed, we were very happy to be among the winners.

On December 13, 2025 at the Mid Hudson Kennel Club's rally trial in Saugerties, NY Bonnie earned 2 more legs toward her RAE title with two 3rd places and one perfect score.



**Richard Siegel and Polly de Mille: Miki**, *CH HHH Celestial Melody* earned her Junior Hunter title.



**Leslie Javarone:** *Nia, CH Scandalous Journey in August JH RN* – Nia earned the Versatility Certificate from the GSPCA

***Nellie, August's Everything is Looking Up JH*** - Nellie finished her Junior Hunter title at the GSP Club of the Finger Lakes.



**Barbara VanBlarcum:** *Lili, GCH Rose Mountain's Lilibet from Longtrail JH* earned her first two rally legs on 12/15/25 at the Mid-Hudson KC rally trial in Saugerties NY with two first places.



***Congratulations to All!***

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