

# German Wirehaired Pointer Family



Welcome to the wonderful world of German Wirehaired Pointers, now that you have this adorable new puppy you may be looking to a support system for help with training, health, care and general questions. Beside your breeder there is a huge network of members and GWP owners across the country here to assist you in this journey. This network of people have come together to form the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America (GWPCA).

The GWPCA was founded in 1959 with the purpose of serving GWP owners in a wide variety of areas under the American Kennel Club umbrella. With approximately 500 members, we have members in 41 states and several countries across the world. The GWPCA supports local clubs in most areas across the country; publishes a regular journal, the Wire~News, for its members; donates money to health research that impacts our breeds; hosts the National Events each year; and handles many more tasks in support of the breed...

## A FEW REASONS TO JOIN THE GWPCA.

- A subscription to the GWPCA Wire~News.
- Discount on advertisement in the Wire~News.
- Monthly E-mail updates in the Wire~Mail.
- Eligible for GWPCA Year End Awards.
- Eligible to compete in GWPCA Field & Show Futurity/Maturity.
- Eligible for Versatility and ROM programs.
- A vote for officers and other issues confronting the GWPCA.
- A voice in AKC decisions about our breed and in Breed Standard decisions.
- Opportunity to utilize the GWPCA Kennel Listing & Stud Dog Directory.
- Support Local GWP Clubs across the country.
- The ability to pull resources with other GWP breeders and owners to better the breed in the form of rescue and donations to other causes.
- **Join a club with members that have similar interests**



## WHERE DO MY DUES GO?

- Dues are used to support AKC programs, breed health research and donations to other causes. Nearly \$10,000 donated in the last 4 years.
- Donated \$3,500 to AKC reunite disaster trailers.
- Support the Wire~News Publication.
- Breed Education to the public and judges by holding Seminars & Meet The Breed Booths.
- Health Education and seminars for our Canine Health Representatives
- GWPCA National Field, Show & Obedience Events
- Annual Trophies to highlight the achievements of our members and their dogs.
- National Rescue Emergency Fund.

## HOW DO I JOIN?

Complete the information below and mail to **Angie Johnson 1450 Marker Rd. Polk City, FL 33868**. Make checks payable to **GWPCA**. You can also pay-online at [www.gwpc.com/Membership.html](http://www.gwpc.com/Membership.html)

Type of Membership  Family \$50 (two members)  Individual \$45

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Opportunities:  GWP Rescue  Submitting Articles & Photos for Wire News  Education & Booths  
 Helping at National Events  Join a Committee

# GWPCA CODE OF ETHICS

The members of the GWPCA are devoted to the continued **preservation, protection** and **improvement** of the German Wirehaired Pointer. This Code provides guidelines for ethical practices and care, and seeks to promote good sportsmanship.

## RECORDS

GWPCA members will maintain complete and accurate records for each dog and litter.

### BREEDING

GWPCA members will evaluate any dog or bitch used for breeding, using the criteria set forth by the breed standard. Only those dogs free of recognized genetic defects shall be used in a breeding program. Breeders will be selective with respect to the physical and mental soundness, health, temperament, and natural hunting ability of the dog or bitch.

## CARE AND TRANSFER OF DOGS

No puppies or adult dogs shall be bred, sold or consigned to pet shops or other commercial enterprises. Proper care shall be provided for bitch and puppies. Puppies shall be kept until seven weeks of age. All prospective buyers should be carefully screened to assure that puppies have a safe, loving and stimulating home. An honest evaluation of the quality of the puppy will be made. Purchasers are encouraged to spay or neuter all dogs that will not be used for breeding.

New owners will receive the following documentation:

1. Written sales contract or co-ownership agreement
2. Copy of the AKC registration
3. Feeding instructions
4. Medical records
5. Three-generation pedigree
6. Training recommendations
7. Copy of this Code of Ethics



GWPCA members are prepared to assist puppy buyers when questions or problems arise for the life of the dog. New owners are encouraged to become involved in GWPCA activities, regional GWP clubs, dog training, and/or dog performance events.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

GWPCA members shall always conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves, their dogs, and the sport of dogs, regardless of location or circumstance.