

THE GWPCA NATIONAL SHOW MATURITY

CRITERIA & GUIDELINES

The inaugural GWPCA Show Maturity was held at the 2011 National Specialty. The Maturity was conceived as a showcase for many of the same dogs that could have been nominated for the Futurity of the prior year. In other words, the Maturity is a “grown-up” version of the Futurity. It will give breeders a chance to further prove that their breeding programs produce sound adult German Wirehaired Pointers, and owners the opportunity to exhibit good dogs. ***A GWP, to be eligible to compete in the Maturity, must have been bred by a GWPCA member (at the time of whelping) and all owners of record must also be GWPCA members.***

<u>Whelp Date</u>	<u>Maturity Year</u>
April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014	2015
April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015	2016
April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016	2017

There are two ways to initially nominate a dog for its Maturity:

- 1) The litter may be nominated for a fee of \$15 within 90 days of the whelping date, or a fee of \$25 from 90 days up to 6 months from the whelping date.
- 2) If an eligible litter is not nominated by the breeder within the above time frame, an individual owner(s) may nominate an individual dog for its Maturity for a fee of \$20 up to January 1st of its Maturity year. If an individual owner(s) nominates a dog, that individual becomes the “nominator” and will receive the portion of the win that would normally go to the breeder.

Once a dog is properly nominated for the Maturity in one of the above ways, *an individual* re-nomination fee (“forfeit”) of \$20 is due by June 30th of the dog’s Maturity year.

All forfeits and entry monies become the “purse” (minus expenses) and will be divided as follows: Best Dog in Maturity - 40%; Best Bitch in Maturity – 40%; Grand Maturity Winner – 20%. Each winner’s share is further divided: 60% to owner/40% to nominator.

Nomination forms and Re-nomination forms will be available online on the GWPCA website.