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Pointer Club



## NEWSLETTER



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**Front Cover:** 'Kipper' keeping watch whilst his owner Paul stalks a deer.

**Back Cover:** Coshy and Steve Kimberley's Caldera Bourbon Queen (Beaty) with her 10 puppies, born 14 July 2025. Sired by Irwin Z Budisovske Doliny (Irwin). All now in their new homes across the UK and Europe. Photo credit to Dr Rob Gould

## Editor's note

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the GLPC newsletter - it has been a busy period for the Club.

As well as the reports and pictures from two Spring Pointing Tests and two Working Tests there is plenty of other news, including from the team that attended the Stalking Show in April.

On the subject of stalking we have included a fascinating and moving article by Paul Davies about his varied and exciting journey with his German Longhaired Pointer Kipper, from puppy to rewarding stalking and shooting companion, and lap dog.

As usual we manned a stand in the Sporting Dog Pavilion at the Game Fair at Ragley Hall in July. Once again, Ray Behan and Ballyowen Belle demonstrated the versatility of the GLP and achieved the highest score in the HPR Home International competition, running for Ireland.

The day of this year's GLP Club Open Show was a marathon affair held on the back of National Gundog Association Championship show. Dogs and handlers were able to compete in breed classes at National Gundog and then the Club Open Show and finally the Special Award classes. A busy day for dogs and handlers, but there was a sporting and supportive atmosphere amongst the competitors. Critiques and pictures from the Open Show and Special Award classes are included here.

It's been a difficult summer - in May, at the age of 6, Rizzo (Cadanbyrig Marin) was diagnosed with cancer and had major surgery. The prognosis was not good - 4 weeks to live without treatment, 6 - 12 months with chemotherapy. That came as a huge shock. It subsequently transpired that the lump was a migrating foreign body, probably a grass seed, so Rizzo is still with me. After a recovery period she is running as hard as ever and will go to the HPR Championships. It's a stark reminder to all of us to check our dogs for grass seeds after exercise.

In September I said goodbye to Breeze (Cadanbyrig Evening

Breeze) aged 14 years and 9 months - another dog given a terminal diagnosis at a young age, in her case aged 3! In fact, she carried on in rude health, loving her rough shooting days, achieving her Stud Book number in field trials, and doing well in the show ring including winning veteran classes at 12 years old. I miss her.

On a very positive note, Annie Jones with Weasel (Cadanbyrig Maestral) has recently won her second Open Field Trial and completed her Water Certificate to be made up to Field Trial Champion - another to add to the list of GLPs to achieve this status and the first of my breeding. Congratulations Annie and Weasel.

By the time you read this four German Longhaired Pointers will have run at the Kennel Club HPR Championships at Emblehope - both Weasel and Rizzo plus Ray Behan with Ballyowen Belle and Sean O'Carolan with Ir FT Ch Caldera Ballerina. Extraordinary representation once more for such a numerically small breed.

I feel certain there will be more about these last fantastic achievements in future editions but that will be for someone else to deliver. I have recently stood down from the GLP Club Committee and from my position as Honorary Treasurer and editor, so this will be my last newsletter. I would like to thank Sarah Gale for her help with the last few editions, and wish everyone involved with our wonderful breed, all the best for the future. Time to enjoy my dogs.....

Frances  
Smart



Cadanbyrig Evening Breeze

## Secretary's Report

During the last twelve months, the Committee has remained focused on raising the profile of the breed. The Club has manned meet and greet stands at Discover Dogs Crufts, The Stalking Show and Sporting Dog Pavilion at the Game Fair and as ever, the stands were hugely successful. The Committee would like to thank all our enthusiastic volunteers and their wonderful dogs for giving up their time to promote and talk about living with the German Longhaired Pointer.

I am thrilled to announce that a litter of 10 GLPs has been born in the UK and the pups have gone to their new homes. We hope the owners will have a lot of fun with their dogs and look forward to seeing them at future events. We wish them the very best.

The Club's Show Secretary, Julia Tuck and her team of stewards orchestrated another successful Club Show which was held in conjunction with National Gundogs at Malvern this summer. It was well attended, with a number of dogs and handlers new to showing which was great to see. The Club Show ran very smoothly after the Championship Show.

Numbers of Longhairs in the ring in both Championship and Open Shows so far in 2025 have been disappointing, despite Club sponsorship and I would encourage anyone who hasn't tried showing their GLP to give it a go especially with the launch of the new Leaderboard for the top Show Dog Trophy underway. It would be great to see as many dogs in the ring as possible this year and all awards should be emailed to Tracy Boyles [BEC@GLPClub.org.uk](mailto:BEC@GLPClub.org.uk).

If you're looking to enter shows near you, our website has a regularly updated page under the events section of GLP classes for Championship and Open Shows up and down the country listing dates, venues and judges.

The Club Working Test at Ducklington ran smoothly this year thanks to our Field Trial Secretary with GLPs winning both Novice and Open. Our thanks to Mark and Leigh Firmin and all the volunteers who gave a helping hand on the day.

The Club's new Breed Health Co-Ordinator, Sarah Gale, is liaising with the Kennel Club to produce a breed health survey for the German Longhaired Pointer Club which will be circulated amongst the membership, so please look out for this; the results will be included in the breed's Health and Conservation Plan which help the Club make continuous improvements to breed health.

2026 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GLP Club and the Committee is working hard to bring about some celebrations so please keep an eye on our social media and the Club's website for news of forthcoming events.

The last few months have whizzed by but with plenty to look forward to and the Season upon us, I wish the membership well and hope to see you at a club event very soon. Happy Hunting!

Best Wishes.  
Kathy Connor  
Honorary Secretary



## Chairman's Report

So summer has come and gone, and our working test at Ducklington was a great success. However, our numbers were down on last year due to another club running a test on the same day. These things happen.

Our FT Sec ran another test at the KC ground at Emblehope, this went very well and, having such a variety of ground it

lead to a very natural environment to run some super tests. Unfortunately mistakes in the final scores were made which led to some confusion. This was quickly amended, so to those that were affected, I would like to say thank you for being so supportive and for having such a sporting attitude.

As you may be aware Coshy and I made a big move from Devon to Northumberland. This has meant we were not in a position to run pop up training days on behalf of the GLPC, and due to crop failure in Dorset the Club's ground management and spring pointing test had to be cancelled. This has led to a short fall in the Club's income this year.

Coshy has been planning a litter for three years, and with the support of our Club Secretary Kathy, travelled to the Czech Republic. The mating was a success and has produced 10 beautiful brown and white pups. Now all in their new homes, we look forward to watching their progress.

The GLPs are having great success in the show ring again this year, and I can't thank our lovely Show Sec Julia enough for her hard work.

The trialling season is now in full swing with three up and coming trials ready to go. Good luck to all our GLP handlers, with multiple dogs only one win away from being made up to FT Ch, fingers crossed.

As always none of this would happen without the hard work and support of our committee, thanks all.

Regards Stephen



Caldera Cherokee Rose AKA Nanna

## Spring Pointing Test News

We started off our Spring Pointing Test season at Emblehope and Burngrange, in Northumberland.

We had planned to then run a test and ground treatment day at our venues in Dorset on winter wheat. We had to cancel these due to the crops not being good enough for the events to run, but hopefully we will be there again in 2026.

We ran a successful spring pointing test at Six Mile Bottom in Cambridge, thank you to Annie Jones who stepped in to run the day for me. I chose to cancel the ground treatment day as Steve and I were moving up North and would be unable to attend and run the training day.

I hope you enjoy the reports from the two events that we did run.

Coshy Kimberley



**Spring Pointing Test**  
**held at Emblehope & Burngrange Estate,**  
**Northumberland**  
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

I was delighted to be invited as the Non Panel Judge to assist Coshy Kimberley (A Panel) in judging the GLPC Spring Pointing Test on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The Northumbrian weather was kind for the time of year as we had a bright clear day with a breeze. The scent was difficult throughout the day, however we had a good number of birds present on the ground thanks to keeper Raymond Holt who was also Steward of the Beat.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day watching the partnership of the dogs and handlers and was delighted we could make a number of awards.

Finally, I would like to thank the GLPC for inviting me, Coshy for her guidance, our host the Kennel Club and special thanks to Raymond for his hospitality. Thanks also to the competitors for their commitment to our sport.

Stuart Symers

Gradings were awarded as follows:

**Junior**

Good - Redic Ultra Violet	GSP	S Russell
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**Adults**

Good - Jakestar Bluebell	GWP	W Keating
Good - Karaszy Lance's Mor for Vadkartya	HV	K Eames
Good - Canal Giovanni	HWV	N Samson
Good - Avar Hunter Danube Siovakia	HV	A Zafar
Good - Facanvadasz Andris	HV	D Carter

**Spring Pointing Test**  
**held at Six Mile Bottom 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The German Longhaired Pointer Club held a Spring Pointing Test at Wadlow Farm, Six Mile Bottom, Cambridgeshire on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025, by kind permission of the Latham Family and our host Mr Richard Clarke.

The Judges were Jean Robertson (A panel) and Ruth Webster (NP).

Following heavy rain the previous afternoon, the weather was sunny with some cloud. There was a decent but variable wind changing from a head wind to a cheek at times. All dogs were hunted on wheat.

We saw 2 junior dogs and 10 adult dogs.

On the face of it the conditions on the day promised to be ideal, but in reality it was not an easy day. Scent was poor and not helped by a heavy footfall of hare (whom were unfortunately the nemesis of quite a few dogs during the course of the day), it led to quite a bit of ground scenting from most of the dogs. The dogs really struggled to pin down birds with some of the dogs running into them at times with no acknowledgement at all.

There was sufficient ground available, but some handlers did not always make the most of it with poor ground treatment, although all were given the opportunity. We made every effort to hunt into wind. Sadly, we were only able to grade one dog.

Adult Dog No. 15 **Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer** GLP Bitch owned and handled by Frances Smart.

This bitch's run started mid-way down a substantial field, with a head wind, she started off at a good pace with a nice head carriage considering the conditions. She was thoughtful in her hunting and checked pockets of scent whilst covering her beat methodically. Towards the end of her run she came up on a partridge which she pointed and held nicely. Unfortunately, through no fault of the handler, the bird flushed as she

approached. Despite this, the dog was steady to the flush, the only dog of the day that managed to locate and hold the game, for this reason she was graded GOOD.

I would like to thank Coshy Kimberley for all her hard work organising the day and the GLPC for their kind invitation to Judge. Thanks also to Jean Robertson, my co Judge for sharing her extensive knowledge and experience, Annie Jones for stewarding and Howard Rudkin who acted as steward of the beat.

Ruth Webster



Frances Smart and Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer

## The Stalking Show 2025

The Stalking Show is an exhibition for deer stalkers and country sport enthusiasts held at the Stafford County Showground each year in April. It showcases all sorts of activities and stalls, and offers demonstrations focusing on deer management, stalking, country sports, working dogs and countryside conservation.

For the first time this year the German Longhaired Pointer Club was in attendance, with the aim of promoting our breed as the versatile working dog that it is. We were situated in the 'Hall of Hounds', which was host to HPRs, hounds and teckels. The show spanned two days, and on the first day Belgian FCI Judge Rudy Feyaerts kindly judged an 'all breed' HPR show, where two GLPs, 'Kipper' and 'Rizzo' were shortlisted in their respective classes, although none were in the ribbons unfortunately.

We had a fabulous team of dogs and owners manning the Club stand throughout the weekend; all the dogs in attendance are working dogs, including two experienced in deer tracking.

The show only permits exhibitors who are involved with stalking or shooting in some way, so the demographic of visitors to the event was such that the vast majority already had a good idea of the sort of commitment required to train a working bred dog. It was a pleasure to introduce so many keen country folk to the breed and have a chance to enlighten them on how a GLP could enhance their stalking and shooting adventures.

We thoroughly enjoyed our weekend in Stafford. Thank you to Mark Hinge (king of the Hall of Hounds!) and the show's organisers for allowing us to attend; we are already looking forward to next year's show, which will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026, again at Stafford County Showground.

A big thank you must go to our volunteers and their wonderful dogs for giving up their time to help; we had a total of eight GLPs on the stand across the weekend and each one was a great ambassador for this fabulous breed.

Sarah Gale



## Kipper - My German Longhaired Pointer Journey

The journey started at the Game Fair back in 2021, at the gun dog breed tent. Imagine never having heard of, let alone seen, a German Longhaired Pointer. Well, that was me. Fast forward to April 2022 and a puppy, whom I named Kipper, arrived at our home in Wales.

My journey back from Steve and Coshy Kimberley's (his breeders) in Devon, with my daughter and Kipper curled up on her lap, was an emotional one. Ordering Kipper had been the last thing my late wife did for me before I lost her.

Kipper quickly became a source of light and joy during a difficult time. He's been my constant companion, my work partner, and a bit of a handful at times. But above all, he's brought laughter and warmth back into my life.

We all have dogs for different reasons. Game shooting has always been mine, both driven and rough. This time was different, I needed a dog mainly for stalking, but one that could also fit into walked-up shooting.

I'd been stalking for about twelve years, mostly in the company of good friends whose dogs had often earned their keep and, in doing so, proved I needed my own. More recently, I'd been stalking with my son in different parts of the UK and Ireland. It felt like the right time for a dog of our own. I also joined the German Longhaired Pointer Club and began basic training for game shooting. Learning how a GLP worked was all completely new to me.

Kipper was immature, keen to greet and play with every dog he



met which at times was frustrating. Add my complete lack of pointer knowledge and you get the picture!

I'd previously owned English Springer Spaniels and Labradors, and even won a working test, so I thought training would be straightforward. How wrong I was. If I'm honest looking back, I wasn't nearly disciplined enough with Kipper. Combine that with his role as a companion first and a working dog second, and it was never going to produce the sharpest results.

We use Kipper for both deer stalking and rough shooting. At three and a half he is just starting

to understand the difference between the two. When stalking he is off the lead and at heel, but you can still feel the energy bubbling under the surface, at least he's not bursting out of control now. On the open hill with a rifle, I rarely take him as his two-foot tail waves like a white flag until he is on point when it is rigid and fixed. But he's always in the car if needed.

When I put his harness on something changes, he goes into work mode. Almost as if he knows he now has a responsibility, it's incredible to watch. The switch in his mind is immediate and he seems to understand the seriousness of the job ahead.

In woodland, forestry, or on undulating ground, he is always by my side without fail. Watching him stalk is something special, the way he air-scents and then moves carefully in the right direction, steady and deliberate. His footfall is light, barely disturbing the ground beneath him. Even in thick undergrowth his steps are measured, his focus clear. To watch him work is a reminder of the bond between dog and handler, it really is poetry in motion and his skill never fails to impress.

Take shooting muntjac in dense woodland as an example. When I first started using Kipper, I always tried to see what he was looking at before setting up the rifle. Now I trust him, as soon as he points, I set up on the sticks because somewhere along his

line there will be a deer. In the past, waiting until I'd spotted the deer wasted valuable seconds, setting up first in a suitable position has proved the better way. It doesn't always result in a shot, but most times this partnership works. His nose is incredible.

Kipper is also learning how to work with me. He knows that when I take hold of the rifle and look through the scope, I'm concentrating and he needs to stay still. He even recognises the click of the safety catch being taken off, at which point I can feel his tail wagging against my leg. Not perfect, but we are working on it. When called on, he is proving very reliable and has made some lovely tracks for several grateful hunters.

When rough shooting, I'll never forget Kipper pointing a grouse for my partner, Alexandra. It wasn't the first grouse he'd ever pointed, but it was the first one she had ever shot. Kipper played a big part, first pointing, then flushing, and retrieving the bird. Seeing the excitement in her eyes knowing Kipper had helped make it happen, was something special. Moments like this draw people into our world of dogs and shooting, and she now has her own shotgun licence and is eager for the season ahead.

Kipper isn't all work. At home Kipper is as sociable as they come, playful with children, friendly with dogs, and full of energy (though he sometimes forgets his size). His enthusiasm is infectious, and people can't help but be swept along by it. He always comes with us to pubs and is a guaranteed conversation starter, usually with the words "That's a big spaniel!"

He has also developed a new passion, swimming. GLPs aren't always keen swimmers, but Kipper eventually took to the water when his best friend Odin (my partner's dog) showed him how. Last year they spent time in the pools by the dunes on Newborough Beach in Anglesey, and since then Kipper has been hooked. Any outing with water is his favourite, and it's a joy to watch him charge in, tail wagging. Last season he even made some fine duck retrieves across a small river where I shoot.

For all his energy, Kipper has a softer side. After a long day

in the field or running around the garden, he's happiest curled up on the sofa beside me. He always wants to be close, never missing out on anything. He sulks a little if I've been away with work, but soon forgives me and is back to his affectionate self.

Kipper is my first German Longhaired Pointer, and he's shown me just how special the breed is. His ability in the field, his playful energy at home, and his bond with me make him far more than just a dog. He's family and definitely more of a lap dog than a kennel dog. Growing up he has been a whirlwind of energy, but he has a way of finding his place in your heart, even when he's running circles around you.

Where he is now: as a rough shooting dog on the open hill with shotguns and friends, he's great. He retrieves from water, something he really struggled with at the start. When I'm fishing, he now sits patiently on the bank while I wade out, though every so often he might swim over to "say hello" which is fine. This year I took him to the Tay, where he was great company for everyone in the party.

Kipper won plenty of friends and admirers last year. He recovered several deer that hunters had not been able to find, which was very satisfying and led to more people recognising the breed and, more importantly, seeing it at work. People often mistake him for a big spaniel, but once you see him in the field there is no doubt he is a true pointer and watching him work is something unique.

Kipper has calmed down a lot over the past six months, and I'm excited for the season ahead. What a gift the German Longhaired Pointer is. As an owner, I feel truly privileged.

Paul Davies



## Gundog Working Test News

In addition to our annual offering at Ducklington, the Club ran a second working test at Emblehope and Burngrange in Northumberland.

Both tests were well supported, and I would like to thank all the helpers; I could not have run these days without you. To the handlers, thank you for your patience, sense of humour and for supporting the club events.

Coshy Kimberley

### Gundog Working Test held at Gill Mill Ducklington on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

#### Puppy

- 1st Ekkolander Rumour with Karen Saynor
- 2nd Lassanayi Twinkle Toes with D Belassie-Page
- \*Highest scoring GLP\*** Lindelaan Tiercel with D Forsyth



#### Novice

- 1st Cadanbyrig Ice and Roses at De Melvilles with Sean Connor  
**\*Highest Scoring GLP\***
- 2nd Uhtred of Ylliwedd with Ian Hague
- 3rd Stubblemere Obsidian with Fleur Fillingham
- 4th Nagyzabasi Orlagh for Gwaithmaes (imp IKC) with Yvonne Aldridge



#### Open

- 1st Caldera Crimson Glory at De Melvilles with Sean Connor  
**\*Highest Scoring GLP\***
- 2nd Ch Abdecker Dancer with Annette Davis-Green
- 3rd Caldera Coral Dawn at Lassemista with Andrea Wright
- 4th Stubblemere Storm Petrel with Fleur Fillingham



#### Novice Water and Open Seen Retrieve - Deb Bowns

I was very pleased to be asked to judge at this test, one of my favourites, which I have attended as a competitor with various dogs for many years.

It's a lovely ground and the lake has many good entry points for setting tests. I learned today that the lake is 1.2 miles around!

### **Novice water**

I advised that dogs could enter anywhere along the bank. Dogs to remain steady whilst a shot was fired and dummy thrown (splash) out of sight then to be sent on my command. The dogs were sent from a little way back. As always dogs displayed various styles of entry (or not in a couple of cases). Some immediate, some more hesitant, a couple nearly submerging the dummy as they launched in.

I was pleased to award top marks to a couple of dogs and fairly high marks to nine others. However, I was so disappointed to zero no less than ten dogs for dropping dummies. Two went from "hero to zero", one due to obvious handler error, which is very frustrating.

### **Open double seen retrieve - no swapping**

For this test a shot was fired and two seen dummies were thrown from the left (by an unseen thrower). The dummies landed 15-20 feet apart from each other. Dog to remain steady to all this until I released them. Either dummy could be picked BUT MUST NOT BE SWAPPED. Upon returning with the first dummy, this was handed to me. The dog was "re-set" and sent for the second dummy in the handler's own time.

Most dogs completed the test only losing a small number of points, although there were no "full marks". However, surprisingly there were three zeros. One dog swapped, one dog dropped upon presentation and a third got a bit spooked by the thrower on his second visit out and then refused to pick (this was a shame as the first part of his test was fine).

My thanks go to the GLP Club for the invitation, to the landowners, to the facilitators, to all of the helpers (one of my throwers Jas had never done it before and did a sterling job), to Coshy for impressive (bossy!) organisation and to all of the competitors for letting me watch their dogs in action.

I had a great day - hopefully everyone else did too!

Deb Bowns



### **Novice Retrieve and Open Hunting**

Thank you to the German Longhaired Pointer Club for inviting me to judge their GWT, to Mark and Leigh Firmin for the use of the ground with permission of the landowners, and to my lovely stewards and dummy throwers for giving up their time! Also thank you to the competitors for entering under me on a rather warm day.

The test was held on lovely ground with a mixture of wooded and open areas with a super lake at Ducklington. We made use of the shaded areas due to the heat and kept the hunting short for the safety of the dogs.

### **Novice Retrieve**

A seen retrieve to shot across the brook which was ankle deep followed by a blind approximately 10 yards further back. Dogs were tested for marking, steadiness, delivery and handling. The dogs that marked the retrieve achieved the test with good marks and weren't phased by the brook as an obstacle. The blind was a challenge for some of the dogs but those that had a good stop whistle and took direction once again achieved.

### **Open Retrieve**

A long blind to shot in an open field. All of the dogs achieved this test, those with the higher marks achieved with very minimal handling and used the wind to their advantage.

### **Hunting**

Hunting was challenging for most of the dogs with the heat and wind that was either non existent or constantly changing. The dogs that got higher marks took on the challenge and did hunt with good pace, changing their pattern with the wind - helped by handlers that put themselves in good positions with quiet handling.

Dawn Carter

## Novice Hunting and Open Water

In the first instance, may I take this opportunity to thank the German Longhaired Pointer Club for the kind invitation to Judge at their Working Test this year. Thanks should not stop there however, as there is a huge amount of work done prior to and during the day and without the army of volunteers, ably led by Coshy Kimberley, these events could never happen for the HPR community. In particular may I thank my stewards and helpers on the day, Andy and Suzanna. Lastly but not least, my thanks go to those who facilitated such an event on this ground, Geoff Gill and Mr & Mrs M Firmin. I was tasked to judge Novice Hunting and Open Water. I will start by giving some understanding of the Test itself followed by some feedback.

### Novice Hunting

Dogs were to hunt an open field with little ground cover, a fence line to the left and hedge line to the right. Dogs were tasked to work forward of a mark between the boundaries. Midway through the hunting, a starting pistol would be fired and a seen retrieve thrown. Handlers were given an instruction that the dog should stop to shot of its own accord and no whistle or verbal commands were to be given to aid the dog. Then, when suitably steady, I would signal for the handler to send the dog for the retrieve to hand.

The temperature was starting to rise and with that in mind, I only allowed the dogs to hunt for a short period of time. Enough for them to get any idiosyncrasies out of their system and get into a flow of hunting the ground. I was a little disappointed with the standard of hunting, and more so the help of the handler. With a wind coming from left to right, all too often the dog was cast in the wrong direction, furthermore asking the dog to hunt a non-existent head wind rather than letting the dog get on with it and take the cheek



wind to which they were trying. Whilst the wind posed a problem, it was also evident that a lot of handlers were not aware of ground treatment, with many traipsing over virgin ground that the dog had not yet covered.

Then came the shot and seen retrieve. Many dogs ran in and some failed to retrieve. I was also alarmed that some dogs didn't take any notice of the shot at all and were oblivious to a dummy in the air and landing with a thud. As explained to the handlers at the close of the day, our dogs should stop (if not sit) upon five signals. These are as follows: hand, voice, whistle, shot and bird/dummy in flight/fall.

I only took away 40% of these and therefore it highlighted that dogs were either not trained to all five and/or dogs are not steady when away from their handlers, as I noted many dogs scored in their other tests where they sat beside their handler for a seen retrieve.

### Open Water

Blind to the dog, a dummy was thrown into water, approximately 20 yards away from the bank. When the ripples had subsided, a shot was fired and the dog called up to a mark which was again, approximately 20 yards away from the bank on land. The handlers were asked to send their dog for the blind retrieve and to take delivery back to hand.

Overall, the standard of this simple test was very high. Out of the full card I only had one failure to retrieve/enter water and one not to hand, however on this occasion it was the fault of the handler. Again, I would like to thank all involved in the day, prior to, during and post. I thoroughly enjoyed my day watching some great dogs and catching up with likeminded individuals.

Richard Chellumbrun

## Gundog Working Test held at Emblehope and Burngrange Estate 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### Novice

- 1<sup>st</sup> Donna Morse with Facanvadasz Csonger HV
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleur Fillingham with Stubblemere Obsidian GSP
- 3<sup>rd</sup> David Morris with Darcy Kestrel Dianell Morava (imp Czch) BA
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bridgette Lyne with Fallowbank Serene Elfine GSP



### Open

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dawn Carter with Facanvadasz Andris HV
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Jackman with Navigareamor Spring Tide GSP
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleur Fillingham with Stubblemere Obsidian GSP
- 4<sup>th</sup> Fleur Fillingham with Stubblemere Storm Petrel GSP



### Open Hunting

The weather for this test was warm with a steady wind. The ground used had pockets of good cover, along with patches of tall grass and reeds. We had 11 dogs competing: a German Longhaired Pointer, x6 German Shorthaired Pointers, a Braque D'Auvergne, a Large Munsterlander, a Weimaraner and a Hungarian Vizsla.

Each handler was walked to the bottom edge of the field and asked to work it back into a headwind (occasionally changing to a slight cheek wind from the right). The aim of this test was to simply watch the dogs' natural hunting ability on the ground in front of them, along with their use of the wind. Most of the dogs worked the ground well using the wind correctly, having recognised when it changed and established a good pattern.



The outstanding dogs were those that worked out the scent on the ground and covered the areas where they were likely to find game. What was really pleasing was the quiet handling and minimal interventions from most handlers.

I was very happy to see the top scoring hunting dog go on to win the Open. Well done to everyone who entered, and congratulations to all those handlers and dogs in the awards. Thank you also to Lizzie, for being the steward on this one.

Massive thank you to the GLPC for inviting me to judge - it's always a privilege to be at Emblehope and I thoroughly enjoyed my day with you. The venue is outstanding and provides phenomenal ground for HPRs to work, so a huge thank you also

to Raymond Holt for hosting us.

Pulling off a gundog working test is no easy task so hats off to Coshy and your Committee, the stewards, dummy throwers, the team at HQ and the other judges. Thank you also to the competitors who were a super bunch of people which made for a lovely atmosphere throughout the day.

Sue Wagstaff

### Novice Hunting

There were 13 dogs: 5 German Shorthaired Pointers, 4 Hungarian Vizslas, 2 Hungarian Wirehaired Vizslas, 1 Braque D'Auvergne and 1 German Wirehaired Pointer.

The ground was tussocky white grass within a wide slack, the left hand side was bracken which dropped down into a wide stream, the right hand side started narrow and widened out slightly uphill. The wind was either a head wind or a left to right cheek wind, handlers were warned there was potential for game on their beat.

Quite a few handlers struggled with the cheek wind, unsure where to position themselves within their beat. When dogs ran a pattern I saw some lovely hunting with drive and purpose and when dogs checked on scent and residual scent there were some fab head carriage. Two dogs actually managed to hold a point on birds, one bird was flushed and the other flushed before the handler could get to the dog.

A number of dogs decided that they would at times go 'self employed' and handlers struggled to bring them back under control; some younger dogs succumbed to the temptation to go mousing but most handlers were able to get them back to the job in hand.



On the whole the use of the whistle was minimal, but handlers would do well to brush up on their body language to direct their dogs more effectively.

The dog that received the highest score had a full 360 degrees of wind, which it handled with consummate ease and the handler was as one with the dog, understanding the changes in the wind. If I wanted to be picky, I felt when the dog hunted a back wind the handler 'hung back' a bit so the dog revisited ground.

### Open Blind Retrieve

The dog and handler started on a flat piece of ground. The ground dropped away to a small stream which was out of sight of the handler (they were made aware of the stream) the dog then ran slightly up hill to a bank of bracken. Just before this they were given a natural mark, there was a natural 'sheep' track to the left of the mark, there was a consistent right to left check wind.

Very few handlers appeared to take into account the wind direction when setting their dog up for this retrieve. There was a small bank of bracken in front of the stream on the left-hand side, so the dogs naturally ran to the right. As a result, dogs required more handling to get them in the area. Quite a few dogs lost confidence in their handlers' directions, but as soon as the handlers got them the right side of the wind the dummy was quickly, in nearly all cases, retrieved to hand.

Two dogs aced this retrieve, they went out with confidence and smartly returned the dummy to hand with minimal handling.

I would like to thank the GLPC for asking me to judge, I had a really enjoyable day.

Ruth Webster

## The Game Fair Report

One of the highlights of the year (outside shooting season) for many drawn to country sports, is the annual pilgrimage to the game fair. It is a great opportunity for many of the GLP club to meet up and catch up.

The HPR Home International, is one of the focuses for HPR owners to visit. The working test, provides a demonstration to showcase the HPR breeds to people that may otherwise not have seen them working.

This year's competition only featured the one GLP, Roxy Ballyowen Belle - bred, owned and handled by Ray Behan. Ray's dog ran with style and pace throughout the test and was rewarded with the highest score. Fabulous to see a true working gundog succeeding in all aspects of competition, a true versatile gundog.

The GLP Club runs a successful pen in Sporting Dog Pavillion, to showcase the breed. The stand always receives good footfall and tends to attract people looking for working dogs. Thanks to all that support the stand, by bringing their dogs for people to meet.

There was a retrieving competition in the working gundog arena that Sarah Gale was volunteered into with her dog Erik, Cadanbyrig Fire and Ice. After qualifying for the finals, Sarah came third after an unfortunate dummy landed under the thick cover instead of landing in the open as for the other competitors, this cost Erik a few seconds and therefore the win. Great to see a GLP beating so many labradors and spaniels!

A great weekend spent amongst friends, we look forward seeing more of you next year.

Tristan Gale



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## Dates for the Diary

### Field Trials 25/26

Here are our remaining 2025/26 Field Trial dates. Standing instructions and entry forms can be found on our website [www.glpclub.org.uk/events](http://www.glpclub.org.uk/events)

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 - NOVICE FIELD TRIAL - Kilverstone Hall (Norfolk)**

**19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 - ALL AGED FIELD TRIAL - Ditchley Estate (Oxon)**

### Non Working Events

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - MANCHESTER DOG SHOW SOCIETY -** Entries via Highampress, this is your last chance to qualify for CRUFTS 2026

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - CRUFTS -** Entries Via FosseData. Volunteers for Discover Dogs on all 4 days of the show very much appreciated! Please email Sarah – [Sjgale88@gmail.com](mailto:Sjgale88@gmail.com) for more information.

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 - German Longhaired Pointer Breed Celebration Lunch** at The Kennel Club Building, London. This is part of The German Longhaired Pointer Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. More information will follow, please keep an eye on your email and our social media pages.



Team Cadanbyrig—Breeze (back) Layla, Rizzo, Macey (L to R)



## SAVE THE DATE- GLPC Open Show Sunday 2nd August 2026

In 2026 the GLPC will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Club.

Next year the German Longhaired Pointer Club will be again holding their Open Show in partnership with the National Gundog Association in the lovely setting of the Malvern hills. At the show, there will be trophies to be won and special 30th anniversary celebration rosettes. Please support our special show

by entering your GLP or come along and watch. The schedule will be available in the spring via the GLP Club and Higham Press websites.

## German Longhaired Pointer Club Open Show 2025

The German Longhaired Pointer Club held their club Open Show this year for the first time in partnership with the National Gundog Association Championship Show at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire on Sunday 3rd August 2025. This is a lovely venue, surrounded by the beautiful Malvern Hills. Apart from one extremely heavy downpour as we were about to start our show, the weather was bright and sunny.

Jill Court (Ballyheige) kindly judged our breed and her critique is below. We also scheduled Special Award classes which were kindly judged by Suzi Burton (Trubon) and her critique is also included.

Congratulations to all the winners and to Andrea and David Wright who were awarded Best in Show and Best Bitch with CALDERA CORAL DAWN AT LASSEMISTA and to Hayley Perry who was awarded Reserve Best in Show and Best Dog with LINDELAAN FALCON.

## Open Show Results

Best in Show Caldera Coral Dawn At Lassemista Mrs A & Mr D Wright  
 Reserve Best in Show Lindelaan Falcon Mrs H Perry  
 Best Dog Lindelaan Falcon Mrs H Perry  
 Best Bitch Caldera Coral Dawn At Lassemista Mrs A & Mr D Wright

Class	No of Entries	Place Dog	Owner
Baby Puppy Dog	0		
Veteran Dog	0		
Junior Dog	3	1 <sup>st</sup> Lindelaan Falcon	Mrs H Perry
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Lindelaan Murleon	Mrs J Hanley-Davis
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Lord Z Dorytky	Ms K Cunningham
Yearling Dog	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Lindelaan Murleon	Mrs J Hanley-Davis
		Lord Z Dorytky	Ms K Cunningham
Beginners Dog	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Lindelaan Murleon	Mrs J Hanley-Davis
Post Graduate Dog	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Cadanbyrig Fire And Ice	Mrs S Gale
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Lord Z Dorytky	Ms K Cunningham
Limit Dog	0		
Open Dog	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Sarscottah Dalglish	Mr D Roberts & Miss D Kent
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Int Ch Hasko V.d. Laarsche Velden	Mr E Siebers & Mrs E Mons
Field Trial Dog	0		
Veteran Bitch	0		
Puppy Bitch	0		
Junior Bitch	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Lindelaan Little Owl	Mrs A Jones
Yearling Bitch	0		
Beginners Bitch	0		
Post Graduate Bitch	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Cadanbyrig Ice and Roses At Demelvilles	Mrs K Connor
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer	Mrs F Smart
Limit Bitch	0		
Open Bitch	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Caldera Coral Dawn At Lassemista	Mrs A & Mr D Wright



## OPEN SHOW JUDGE'S CRITIQUE

### Judge Jill Court

I would like to thank the committee, my two very competent stewards and the exhibitors for making my judging appointment a very enjoyable experience. Following a slight delay due to mother nature, the show went on without a hitch with everyone showing a tremendous amount of camaraderie. Fantastic to see in the day and age of dog showing, well done to you all, you are all a credit to your breed.

#### Class 4 - Junior Dog (3)

**1 Perry's Lindelaan Falcon.** Loved this young dog. Beautiful head with well set ears. Muscular neck with slight arch smoothly joining well angled shoulders. Excellent front and rear angles culminating in very good movement. Good coat. Still needs to mature but has plenty of time as this is a slow maturing breed. Will challenge the best in a year or two when fully mature. Best Dog and Reserve Best of Breed.

**2 Hanley-Davis' Lindelaan Murleon.** Litter brother to 1st . Another one of nice overall conformation, Excellent coat, correct rear angles, only lost out due to broader head and slightly straighter shoulder, could improve with maturity as muscle develops. Moved well.

**3 Cunningham's Lord Z Dorytky.**

#### Class 5 - Yearling Dog (2)

**1 Hanley-Davis' Lindelaan Murleon.** 2nd in Junior Dog  
**2 Cunningham's Lord Z Dorytky.** 3rd in Junior Dog. Beautiful coat, correct stifle, moved okay.

#### Class 6 - Beginners Dog (1)

**1 Lindelaan Murleon.** 1st in Yearling Dog.

#### Class 7 - Post Graduate Dog (2)

**1 Gale's Cadanbyrig Fire and Ice.** Excellent angles at both front and rear and well-constructed overall, painting an elegant picture. Nice head but I think there is still more to come. Coat in lovely condition and all correct. Very nice mover.

**2 Cunningham's Lord Z Dorytky.**



#### Class 9 - Open Dog (2)

**1 Roberts' Sarscottah Dalglish.** Lovely dog in excellent condition. Nice coat with superb feathers and incredible shine. Very elegant but workmanlike in outline. Good shoulder placement, super front and rear angulation, nicely muscled and superb movement

**2 Siebers' Int Ch Hasko v.d. Laarsche Velden.** Another beautiful dog, just a shame that he was lame today. Again, excellent shoulder placement, good angles front and rear, excellent coat, super head and correct feet. Was a little hard to assess movement due to the limp.

#### Class 12 - Junior Bitch (1)

**1 Jones' Lindelaan Little Owl.** Litter sister to my Junior Dog and Yearling Dog winners. Lovely bitch who moved with ease. Nice head with good ear set, correct length of neck on to good shoulder placement. Nice front with superb bend of stifle. Just needs a little more practice before she gets to the big girl's

classes, tends to get distracted. Stood alone in this class but certainly deserved her 1st.

### Class 15 - Post Graduate Bitch (2)

Two litter sisters in this class with very little to choose between them.

**1 Connor's Cadanbyrig Ice and Roses at De Melvilles.** Beautiful head with nice ear set and good set of feathers on the ears. Lovely shape and excellent coat, nice set of shoulders, correct in front and rear. Excellent movement.

**2 Smart's Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer.** All the comments from above apply also to this bitch. She painted a very elegant picture with all the correct angles and excellent coat. Lost out on movement to 1st although her movement was still excellent.

### Class 17 - Open Bitch (1)

**1 Wright's Caldera Coral Dawn at Lassemista.** Absolutely loved this bitch from her head to her toes. In my notes I have written "head to die for". She has a beautiful head with melting expression and perfect ear set. Nice length of neck leading into very well-placed shoulders. Correct length of back and loin, super rear angles, and nice straight hocks. Lovely feet. Moves well. Best Bitch and Best in Show.

Jill Court

## SPECIAL AWARDS CRITIQUE JUDGE MS SUZI BURTON (TRUBON)

Thank you to the Committee for my first opportunity to judge German Longhaired Pointers, to the Show Secretary and to the competitors to whom I am very grateful for bringing your dogs under me at the end of a very hot and long day for you, after both the National Gundog show classes and the Open show preceding the Special Awards Classes.

I was impressed by the fitness and temperament of all the exhibits and the good spirited sportsmanship of the handlers.

Special Award Junior Dog or Bitch	1st	Lindelaan Falcon	Mrs H Perry
	2nd	Lord Z Dorytky	Ms K Cunningham
	3rd	Lindelaan Little Owl	Mrs A Jones
Special Award Post Graduate Dog or Bitch	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer	Ms F Smart
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cadanbyrig Ice and Roses At De Melvilles	Mrs K Connor
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cadanbyrig Fire And Ice	Mrs S Gale
	Res	Lord Z Dorytky	Ms K Cunningham
Special Award Open Dog or Bitch	1 <sup>st</sup>	Caldera Coral Dawn At Lassemista	Mrs A & Mr D Wright
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sarscottah Dalglish	Mr D Roberts & Miss D Kent
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Int Ch Hasko V.d. Laarsche Velden	Mr E Siebers & Mrs E Mons

### Class 19 Special Award Junior Dog or Bitch (4,1)

**1 Perry, Mrs H Lindelaan Falcon** I was really taken with this 14 month old Brown male. Balanced proportions all through, plenty of bone without being heavy and of the correct medium size. Really appealing head, muzzle and skull of equal proportions, well set eyes and kind expression. Correctly set ears and of good length and hair length. Flowed from strong neck into well placed shoulders, good length of upper arm to give reach in movement. Balanced depth and width of chest, visible forechest, dropped to elbows which were correctly close to ribcage. Not too long on the leg and standing on tight feet. Moderate tuckup, well set tail and pleased to see width to the thighs and a good turn of stifle which enabled this young man to drive smoothly around the ring. Super coat, feathered correctly and in sleek condition. Well handled and I am sure he will go on to do well.



**2 Cunningham, Ms K Lord Z Dorytky** 15 month old Dark Roan male, taller and not the length of back of my winner. Masculine head, strong neck into well made ribcage with visible sternum. Well off for bone all through, and standing on strong legs and compact feet. Correct tailset and length. Well fitting coat with correct feathering. Moved steadily but not the reach or drive of my winner.

**3 Jones, Mrs Annie Lindelaan Little Owl**

**Class 20 Special Award Post Graduate Dog or Bitch (6, 2)**

Three placed quality medium sized siblings showing consistency of type for the breeder.

**1 Smart, F Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer** 2.5 year old Brown bitch, feminine all through but still workmanlike construction. Balanced proportions, height to length, with good length and placement of shoulder and upper arm to give reach on the move. Ribcage down to elbows, which were tucked neatly. Strong pasterns and enough turn of stifle for a sound and steady movement around the ring. Good coat throughout.



**2 Connor, Mrs K Cadanbyrig Ice and Roses at De Melvilles** Litter sister to 1 and similar comments apply. Very pretty and balanced head, with excellent earset, length and feathering. Well laid shoulders and correct sternum. Shorter cast and with a slightly higher tuck up than 1 but good width of thighs and well let down hocks. In good coat length and condition. Handled and moved well.

**3 Gale, Mrs Sarah Cadanbyrig Fire and Ice.**

**Class 21 Special Award Open Dog or Bitch (3,0)**

**1 Wright, Mrs Andrea and Mr David Caldera Coral Dawn At Lassemista** This 3.5 year old Brown and White bitch caught my eye as soon as she came into the ring. Nothing overdone about her, just balanced and feminine, the correct size and proportions all through. Best of heads, correct set, length and feathering on ear. Correct length and placement of shoulder and upper arm. Strong through ribcage and good length of back and firm loin. Sloping croup and good width to hind quarters with correct sweep of stifle which produced drive to match the reach from her front assembly, powered effortlessly around the ring. Presented in good condition with correct coat and feathering all through.

**2 Roberts, Mr D Sarscottah Dalglish** Three year old Brown male, heavier type and well off for bone. Masculine head with equal length muzzle to skull and intelligent expression. Good feathering on long ears, well developed ribcage, prominent sternum and brisket dropped to elbows. Strong back and moderate tuckup, to strong rear quarters. Moved out well. Dense body coat and well off for feathering all through.

**3 Siebers & Mons, Mr Erwin & Mrs Ema Int Ch Hasko V.d. Laarsche Velden**





## GLPC Top Show Dog Trophy

To be awarded to the Member of the GLP Club and their GLP dog or bitch earning the highest number of points at UK Kennel Club licensed shows during the year.

In recognition of the GLP Dog or Bitch earning the highest number of points at UK Kennel Club licensed events, the Club is delighted to announce a new award to our Show section.

There is now a GLPC Show Leaderboard and scoring system in place with points allocated for awards gained at Championship, Open and Limit shows, broken down into categories.

To help the Club keep the Leaderboard up to date month by month, an accurate breakdown of points accumulated should be submitted for the Club to check before being added to the Leaderboard, which will be available shortly to view in the Show Section of the website.

The Leaderboard will list accrued points submitted by members of the Club, whose dog is registered in their name and will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 31<sup>st</sup> December. Points earned at UK shows during that period only can be submitted and any points received outside this period will not be considered.

The trophy will be presented for the first time at the GLP Breed Celebration Lunch on 21<sup>st</sup> April, our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, to the successful Club member and subsequently, every year thereafter, at the Club's AGM.

The breakdown of how points are allocated, along with guidelines regulating the award, will be available when the Leaderboard page goes live in the Show Section of our Website. Please send accurate results to Tracy Boyles at [BEC@glpclub.org.uk](mailto:BEC@glpclub.org.uk), listing the date, type of show, Society with venue along with the award.

## 30th Anniversary Video \*CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED\*

To mark the 30th anniversary, we are producing a commemorative video celebrating the breed's versatility, character, and the shared history of our members. This compilation will feature member-submitted footage and photographs of dogs from across the past three decades - whether working, showing, training, or simply enjoying life.

We strongly encourage video submissions, as these best capture the spirit of our dogs. Photographs are also very welcome and will be included where appropriate.

Please send your files via \*WhatsApp to Jo Croft on 07817 422948\*. To preserve image quality, please ensure your sharing settings are set to HD where possible.

When submitting, include:

- Your dog's name
- Kennel Club registered name
- A brief description of the moment captured

\*If your files are too large to send via WhatsApp (ie professional photos), please email them to [info@dogologydogs.co.uk](mailto:info@dogologydogs.co.uk)\* and follow up with a WhatsApp message to confirm it's been received.

By submitting, you grant permission for your footage or images to be used in the final compilation, which will be shared on the Club website and social media platforms.

All contributors will be entered into a prize draw to receive a small gift.

This is a simple, inclusive way to honour our breed's history, promote the breed, and celebrate the special moments of our amazing dogs.



## Breed News

Amendment to Breed Standard, ratified by the Kennel Club as of 1st August 2025.

At its recent meeting the Kennel Club Board approved the following amendment:

### COLOUR

#### Solid Brown

**Brown with White or speckled markings**, especially on chest and feet.

**Dark Roan**, with large or smaller dark brown patches.

**Pale Roan**, with large or smaller pale brown patches.

**Flecked Roan**, many small brown spots on white background.

**Brown and White**, either pure brown and white or with very few small spots. Large brown patches with saddle or blanket.

Head brown in all colours. Moderate white blaze, snip or star acceptable in all colours except solid brown.

Any other colour or combination of colours unacceptable.



Apologies to Coshy Kimberley, who spotted that we'd mis-captioned our cover photo from the Spring edition. It should have read -

Steve **and Coshy** Kimberley's first GLP Rizla (Wamilanghaar Gemini of Caldera) in the snow. Photo credit to Nick Ridley



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