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Front Cover: 'The Next Generation' of De Melvilles GLPs, now growing up in their new homes.

Back Cover: 'Quill' Aka Cain at Marvelmor IMP DNK

EDITOR'S NOTE

Here we are again, back into shooting season and we have managed to squeeze a fair amount of fun in since the last.

Our fabulous team of breed promotion superstars have done a great job at various events- including The Stalking Show and Game Fair to bump up enquiries on our puppy register by over 40 in just the last 3 months.

Our annual working test was successfully held in June and we ran our first 'All Breed Activity Day' in September which was a really fun and informative day.

Our secretary Kathy has been very busy raising a gorgeous litter of 7 puppies who are all being enjoyed in their new homes now. It'll be very exciting to see them grow and hopefully meet them at future events.

Lots of work has been going on behind the scenes to put together our 26/27 field trial schedule to include some exciting new grounds.

I'm looking forward to getting out to run my dog on some walked up shoots, doing some picking up on a little farm shoot, and continuing to learn our craft and build our bond together.

Whatever it is that you plan to do with your dog this season, be it working, trialling or just getting out enjoying the countryside- I hope you have huge amounts of fun doing it!

Sarah Gale



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

What a busy past few months it's been for the Club, we have put on many extremely well received and attended events for different activity groups including showing, agility, breed health and working events. We have become a fully integrated and balanced working gun dog and breed Club and the Committee are very keen to include all GLP owners whatever their chosen activity, to help illustrate the versatility of the GLP.

I will leave it to the rest of the Committee to expand on their various activities. I feel privileged to have such an active and enthusiastic Committee making my role as Chairman a delight. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and helpers who are not currently Committee members, from our club and beyond for their unwavering and enthusiastic support.

Jon Gallant



SECRETARY & FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since I last wrote, the club has held it's working test and two field trials.

I was delighted with the entries for the working test at Rickneys and the day ran very smoothly thanks to plenty of help from very kind volunteers. It would be impossible to manage Club events without assistance from people who are willing to give up their time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank

everyone involved in making these events enjoyable and successful.

Our first Novice Trial of the season was held at the fabulous Upton Pyne Estate in Devon on a very warm October day.

Certificates of Merit were awarded to Ian Jones & Andrew Farley and the Guns' Choice was Tom Robinson. Judges Annie Jones and Alan Parr ensured the day ran smoothly and gave every opportunity for the dogs to shine.

I would like to thank our Host and Steward of the Beat Paul Bowyer for hosting and plentiful game. A big thank you also to the super guns Loui Notaro, Andy Wagstaff, Jon Gallant and Tristan Gale as well as Gus and Sue Wagstaff for picking up. Helen Melvin was roped in to perform her first red flag duty which she managed excellently and I wish her the very best for her first trial later in the season.

Glorious Lothian Estates in Jedburgh was the venue for our first Open Trial of the season. At the end of an extremely grey and relentlessly rainy day, Judges Roy Cullen and Dawn Elrington awarded second place to Sara Jenkins and a Certificate of Merit to Megan Dodd. Sara also came away with the Guns' award.

The ground was as fabulous as ever and I must extend my grateful thanks to Eddie Bell, always good-humoured keeper and Steward of the Beat, despite the weather, as well as the guns Ben Barratt, Sean Connor, Tommy Heard and Malin Hewins. My grateful thanks also to Steve Kimberley who picked up with Dusty, Tom Warner our Red Flag and Angus for carrying the game bag.

The Club hosted an activity day in September which was organised and managed by Jo Croft. The aim of the event was to offer opportunities to members to experience agility, hoopers, scent detection, strength & conditioning amongst others. The Scurry Challenge raised £80 for GSP Rescue UK and was enjoyed by many.

The day was extremely well attended and was the first of its kind for the club. I would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation and our guest trainers- Amy's Tails, In the Dog's Interest, Lucas Veterinary Physiotherapy and Dogology Dogs for generously donating their time and the ground for the day. After the success of the day, the Club is looking to offer similar events in the future.

Tracy Boyles, Show Secretary ran the Club Open Show which was held in Malvern at Three Counties Showground and whilst I was unable to attend I have it on good report that the day went extremely well and was enjoyed by both judges and competitors.

With plenty to look forward to in the calendar, I would like to say a big thank you to the Committee and those within the breed who have worked hard to help put together Club past and future calendar events, I am ever grateful for their commitment to the breed.

A final word of thanks to our sponsors at various events this year namely Sporting Dog Goods, Test Valley Lanyards, Margaux's, Dogology Dogs and Langhaar Gundogs. The Committee is extremely grateful to you all for your generosity and support of the Club.

Kathy Connor



THE STALKING SHOW 2026

The Stalking show this year was held on the 11th & 12th April at Stafford County Showground. This was the second year that the German Longhaired Pointer Club has been in attendance and it's a great opportunity to reach a slightly different audience of country minded folk who may not have had the opportunity to meet our fabulous breed before.

12 GLPs featured on the stand across the weekend with their expert team of owners who spent time chatting to the public and answering any questions they may have had.

The stalking show is fairly unique in that the businesses present have to be stalking/shooting/country sport related, which means that the demographic of people attending is generally already very aware that working bred dogs need a job to keep them fulfilled. Most of those interested in the breed already had that all planned out - including a mix of stalking, shooting or falconry.

I'd like to thank The Stalking Show for allowing us to attend with our dogs, and all of the wonderful dogs and their handlers for giving up their weekend to help promote our breed - and being great company in the process!



We're looking forward to attending again next year, The Stalking Show 2027 will be held at Stafford County Showground again on the 10th & 11th April.

Sarah Gale

IMPORTING A PUPPY

Having had a GLP before, we had been waiting a long time for the right time to have another. Over the years we had some fantastic opportunities with UK breeders but had to turn them down because our children were younger and, with work commitments, house renovations and general life, the timing just didn't feel right.



When the timing was finally right, we didn't have much luck with the litter plans in the UK and just couldn't seem to find our puppy.

So, in 2025, we started looking across Europe. We contacted breed clubs and breeders, tracked down dogs we liked the look of using reverse image searches and spent far too much time on Google Translate! We also contacted stud dog owners to find out about planned litters. We had been warned that some European breeders might be reluctant to sell to us as hunting isn't our primary sport. However, we were pleasantly surprised by how welcoming and open many breeders were, and we have kept in touch with several breeders for the future.

We found seven potential litters across Germany, Denmark, Holland, the Czech Republic and Austria. We extensively researched the pedigrees using breed club websites, the GLP database and advice from breeders we trust both in the UK and Europe. We ruled out several litters because the breeders intended to keep the pup in kennels until they could travel, and we had concerns about missed socialisation.





After a few promising litters that ultimately didn't work out, the Danish litter were born. We visited the puppies at six weeks to do temperament testing, then again at 11 weeks to check everything was still going to plan. We knew we had found a phenomenal breeder the moment we arrived and met the bitch. She was left loose, without a lead, and trusted to mooch around outside her kennel across the breeder's many hectares. Despite hares and deer in the surrounding area, and wolves living further afield, she had no inclination to wander off.

This was in complete contrast to the committed hunting dog we later saw when we took her out. She was a very workable, loyal bitch with a superb off switch. The puppies spent their days in and out of the house, wandering around the garden, going on little walks around the land and even learning to swim in the lake.

We picked a puppy, then came the logistics of getting him the 800 miles home. The rules around importing young puppies are currently changing, which made the process particularly confusing. The Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Act 2025 has received Royal Assent, but the changes have not yet come into force. GOV.UK and the Royal Kennel Club confirm that the existing import rules remain in place for now, with the proposed new requirements likely requiring further secondary legislation before they can take effect. There is currently no confirmed date for when this will happen. Some commercial transport websites are already referring to the future rules as though they are currently in force, so anyone planning to import a puppy should check the latest GOV.UK requirements rather than relying on older information or transport companies' websites.

The Royal Kennel Club is also encouraging breeders to make their views heard by contacting their MPs about the proposed changes.

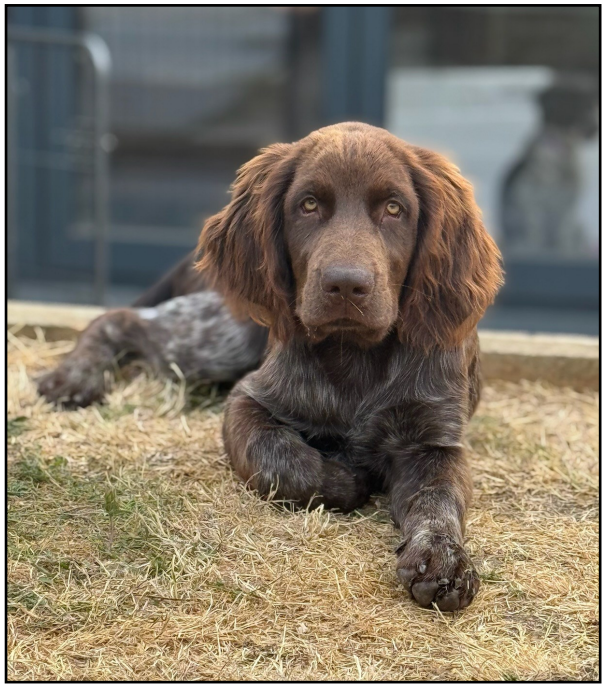
To legally bring the puppy into the UK, we needed to arrange the required import and travel documentation, including a microchip, EU pet passport, rabies vaccination and tapeworm treatment, along with the relevant non-commercial pet travel document. We also needed the pedigree, export pedigree and sales contract for the RKC registration paperwork.

We wanted to avoid commercial transport and flying, but luckily our friends, who love a good road trip, drove out to Denmark to collect him for us. We flew out to meet them in Holland to join them for the final leg of their journey.

Thankfully, with lots of reassurance from breeders in the UK about the paperwork and logistics, and a few minor tweaks to some incorrectly translated records, our Danish puppy, Quill (aka Cain at Marvelmor IMP DNK), made the journey in August. He must have had the shock of his life, going from the green forests of Denmark to the UK in the middle of a heatwave, and from a family who embraced the Danish concept of hygge to our rather less tranquil, very busy family home!

He's well and truly found his feet now, and we can't wait to see how he grows into himself and what the future holds for him.

Jo Croft



GLP CLUB GUNDOG WORKING TEST
14/6/2026—Rickneys, Herfordshire

Open



1st Nemzet Kincse Gloria at Karrouki handled by Suzanna Mills

2nd Aschfahl Kepa Spy von Trubon handled by Suzi Burton

3rd Cadanbyrig Fire and Ice of Husdent handled by Tristan Gale *Highest scoring GLP*

4th Northern Arrows Merry Maus Von Trubon (Imp. Fin.) handled by Suzi Burton

Novice



1st Cadanbyrig Fire and Ice of Husdent handled by Sarah Gale *Highest scoring GLP*

2nd Facanvadasz Demeter handled by Mrs H Melvin

3rd Ganninyem Thunderstruck handled by Jo Gosling

4th Gannowfell Oak handled by Mrs M Yendell

Puppy- no awards

Huge thanks must go to our generous sponsors Sporting Dog Goods LTD, Test Valley Lanyards & Langhaar Gundogs, our fabulous Judges- Jayne Herbert, Tristan Gale, Hari Lampart, James Reavil, Theo Gould, Frances Smart, Howard Kirby, Annie Jones and the many wonderful helpers, stewards and dummy throwers who made this day possible.

Special mention to Kathy Connor who put the whole day together, which is no mean feat!- Not forgetting The Defender Deli for supplying such fabulous food.

Thankyou so much to everyone who came along to take part on the day, it was great to have such a healthy entry, we really appreciate your support and sportsmanship and hope you had a fun, friendly and thoroughly enjoyable day.



Puppy Hunting

The weather was perfect for the working test, and the ground provided everything needed to give the dogs a thorough and varied test of their working abilities.

I had the pleasure of judging the Puppy Class, and we had some excellent ground on which to assess their abilities. As always, some dogs shone more than others, but all of the competitors appeared to thoroughly enjoy the day and, most importantly, enjoyed working their dogs – which is what it is all about.

I would like to thank the GLPC for inviting me to judge. It was a pleasure to be part of the day, and I thoroughly enjoyed judging the Puppy Class.

Jayne Herbert

Puppy Obedience and Water

On the 14th June this year, I had the pleasure of judging the obedience, retrieving and water elements of the Puppy Class, for the German Longhaired Pointer Club's Gundog Working Test at Rickneys.

The weather and ground provided the perfect setting for the dogs to succeed. The Puppy obedience and retrieve section was conducted in mown pathways, allowing for simple and quick retrieval. The water was conducted in a shallow area of the lake, just deep enough for the dogs to show free entry to water and swimming.

Some lovely and enthusiastic young dogs were presented, unfortunately no awards were able to be given on the day.
My thanks to the club for the invitation to judge and the committee for organising such a lovely day.

A superbly well run event.

Tristan Gale



Novice Hunting

The ground chosen for the Novice Hunting was a relatively narrow but long strip of land that provided the dogs with a variety of types of terrain to manage. It was bordered on both sides by two hedges, we started off with relatively dense but kind vegetation (grass, herbs, a few nettles and some young trees) with a 2 foot drop that ran up the beat for about 200 metres. The beat then really opened up into open woodland (for the dogs that got this far) giving them a chance to open up and show a bit more speed.

The less experienced or motivated hunting dogs tended to get stuck in the thicker vegetation and showed a reluctance to go beyond the drop on the right side to utilise the whole beat.

It was a pleasure to see the better hunting dogs, especially the winning dog, Cadanbyrig Fire and Ice of Husdent cover the whole beat giving the impression that they would find any game that could be tucked away in the thicker vegetation then moving on to the open woodland to show some real pace and flair.

It was a pleasure to judge this test and I would like to thank the GLP Club for inviting me.

Theo Gould



Novice Split & Open Seen

I had the pleasure of judging both the Novice Split and the Open Seen Retrieve at the GLPC Gundog Working Test, held at Rickneys in June. The weather was pleasantly warm, and it was lovely to see such a good turnout of members enjoying the day.

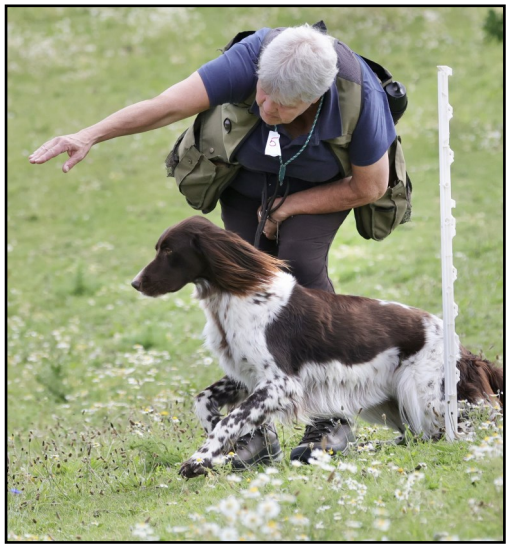
The Novice Split consisted of a blind retrieve approximately 30 yards down a mown grass track, which had to be completed after the dogs had seen a dummy thrown into a corral from the opposite direction.

The blind provided a good test of the dogs' handling skills, requiring them to cross a crossroads and continue down the track. While this proved challenging for some, the dogs in the awards demonstrated excellent ability and made the retrieve look effortless. The final element of the test was a jump into the corral to retrieve the previously seen dummy. I had thought this might prove challenging, but I was pleased to see the majority of dogs tackle it with confidence.

The Open dogs faced a long seen retrieve across undulating, open grassland. This provided an excellent opportunity to assess their marking ability and their capacity to negotiate the terrain. I was delighted to award high marks to the majority of the dogs, many of whom handled the test with impressive ease.

Congratulations to all the dogs and handlers in the awards, and well done to everyone who took part. My sincere thanks to Kathy and the GLPC for the invitation to judge. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and appreciated the opportunity to see some lovely dogs working. I wish all the handlers every success in their forthcoming working tests and trials during the coming season.

Harriet Lampart



Open Hunting

It was a great pleasure to be asked to judge the Open Hunting at the GLPC Working Test at Rickneys in June this year.

The open dogs had a lovely piece of ground to work - a mixture of rough white grass, hedges and ditches leading into a small plantation and on the whole I was impressed with both the quality of the dogs' work and the quiet handling.

It was great to see the dogs challenged by, and coping with, both the changes in the terrain and the changes in wind conditions.

As always, the GLPC working test was a hugely enjoyable day, well organised and with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and I should like to thank the Committee and all the many helpers involved and congratulate them on running such a successful day.

Annie Jones



THE GAME FAIR 2026



The last weekend in July marks one of my favourite weekends of the year; The Game Fair! This year it was held at Ragley Hall. We were camping on site at 'GLP HQ' for the entire 3 days of the fair, with our two GLPs Ivy and Erik.

One of the reasons that I love Game Fair weekend so much is the chance to spend time with other like-minded GLP owners and their fabulous dogs. There are so few of us, spread so far across the country, that we try to make the most of these opportunities to network, catch up with each other and celebrate our lovely dogs – in this case generally over a drink (or two!) and a BBQ in the evenings.

Our Chairman Jon Gallant does a fabulous job of organising the event for the Club. Our main role whilst there is to showcase our breed in the 'Sporting Dog Pavilion' tent where the public can come and meet many of the rarer gundog breeds, chat to their owners, and find out a bit more about what these dogs are like to live and work with. Jon's seasoned team of breed ambassadors included him and Lynn with Willow and Jessie, Steve and Shirley Farr with Loki, Andrea Wright with Heidi and Grace, Annie Jones with Weasel and Owl, David Forsyth with Mac and Tilly, me and Tristan with Ivy and Erik, and Frances

Smart who borrowed dogs as required.

We all took it in turns to man the stand and meet the public, and the dogs did an amazing job of coping with the crowds and showing off their fabulous kind temperaments to all who came to meet them. We also got plenty of 'down time' to explore and enjoy all that the Game Fair has to offer. It really is a great way to spend the weekend.

A special highlight for me of the whole Game Fair weekend is the HPR Home International competition held on the Friday. This is a working test style team competition between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, showcasing some excellent HPR dogs competing across the 4 nations! The competition is expertly run by Howard Kirby and his awesome Mullenscote Gundog Team with amusing and informative commentary all day; it's nail-biting stuff and always well worth a watch.

This year, Ray Behan was, again competing for Team Ireland with his GLP bitch, Ballyowen Belle. Big congratulations to them as Roxy was awarded the much coveted 'Best Hunting Dog' award.

If you have a GLP who you think would enjoy the busy environment and do his/her breed proud meeting the public, why not join us for a day or more at The Game Fair to be held at Blenheim Palace next year? If you're interested, please get in touch with Jon membership@glpclub.org.uk



GERMAN LONGHAIRED POINTER CLUB OPEN SHOW

On 2nd August 2026 the German Longhaired Pointer Club held a successful Open Show in conjunction with National Gundog Association Championship Show,

It was a roasting hot day 28* and held outside, the dogs coped very well as it was the afternoon before the breed was in the ring. Our judges this year were Nicola Spencer for the Open Show and Helen Evans for the Special Award Classes.

As it was the 30th Anniversary show there were special rosettes on offer along with a pin for each winner and charms for the principal winners.



Best In Show

Wright's Caldera Coral Dawn at Lassemista



Reserve Best In Show

Robert's & Kent's Sarscottah Dalglish



Best Veteran

Thompson's Multi CH Sarcottah Charizma



Best Junior

Wright's Caldera Evicka Grace at Lassemista



Best Field Trial

Smart's Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer

ALL BREED ACTIVITY DAY

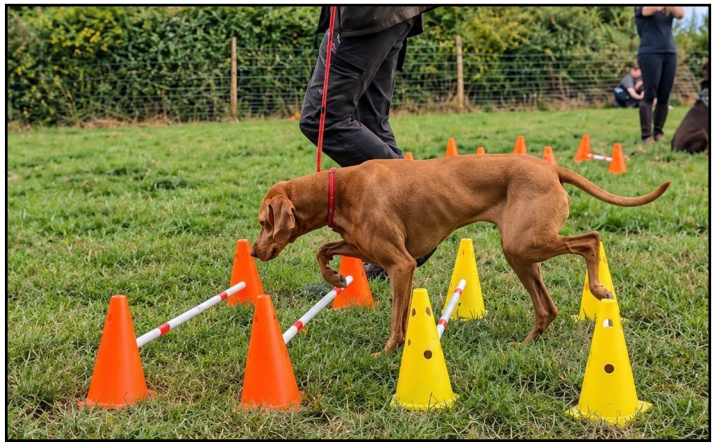
In September, the Club held its first All Breed Activity Day at Dogology Dogs in Bayford, Hertfordshire. The aim was to give GLPs the opportunity to try a range of activities, while opening the event to other breeds and introducing their owners to our wonderful breed. The day was a success, with 18 attendees, including five GLPs.

The day was organised so that attendees stayed in small groups and rotated between activities. This gave everyone the chance to try each session, with instructors adapting exercises to suit the dogs in each group. The activities were suitable for dogs of different ages and experience levels, so there was something for everyone.



Scentwork introduced dogs to scent indication using Kongs. They progressed from simple indications to pipe searches, bag searches and even vehicle searches. Instructor Amy was impressed by the GLPs natural abilities and was so taken with the breed that she has added it to her list of breeds she would like to own.

Canine conditioning was led by Veterinary Physiotherapist Jen and Veterinary Chiropractor Amy, who generously gave their time to support the event. Attendees learnt about the benefits of conditioning work for canine fitness and took part in proprioception and strength exercises, alongside gait analysis.



Hoopers, taught by Zoe, introduced dogs to running through hoops and around barrels. It is a useful activity for developing distance handling skills, making it a great foundation for agility as well as a growing sport in its own right. Zoe's clear teaching style broke the exercises down into manageable steps, with the goal of teaching commitment and forward drive to the hoops.



Agility was led by myself, with sessions covering gridwork, tunnels, A-frames and foundation exercises for the seesaw, known as bang games. The sessions gave dogs the opportunity to build skills at their own pace, with exercises adjusted to suit their experience. A couple of the more experienced dogs were given little courses to run.



Over lunch, committee member Sarah ran a charity scurry, which raised **£80 for GSP Rescue UK**. Attendees enjoyed a picnic lunch and a chance to catch up between sessions.

The day ran smoothly and was made possible by the support of a group of experienced, qualified trainers and canine professionals, all of whom gave their time and expertise. As well as giving the dogs new experiences, the event introduced the GLP to owners of other breeds and raised a substantial profit for the club.

Following the success of the first event, we plan to run the activity day again next year, with a few changes to the activities to keep it fresh. Now that we know the format works, we hope to increase numbers and welcome even more attendees.

If there is an activity you would particularly like to see included next year, please let us know. With the help of our fantastic instructors, there are plenty of possibilities.

Jo Croft

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Field Trials 26/27

Schedule and Standing Instructions are available on our website and Fossedata

Entries via Fossedata

15/10/2026	NOVICE STAKE	UPTON PYNE, DEVON
23/10/2026	OPEN STAKE	LOTHIAN ESTATES, JEDBURGH
7/12/2026	ALL AGED STAKE	KILVERSTONE ESTATE, THETFORD
6/1/2027	NOVICE STAKE	MOUNT ORLEANS ESTATE, WILTSHIRE

Other Events

22/1/2027	GLP Breed Appreciation Day and MCE	Via Zoom
4-7/3/2027	Crufts	NEC Birmingham
10-11/4/2027	The Stalking Show	Stafford County Showground
22-24/7/2027	The Game Fair	Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire
1/8/2027	GLPC Open Show	Three Counties Showground, Malvern

FANCY HELPING TO PROMOTE OUR BREED?

We are always looking for more willing volunteers to help us promote German Longhaired Pointers at various events throughout the year. Next up is Crufts 2027, we have a great team of enthusiastic volunteers who take turns to man the Discover Dogs stand for all 4 days of the show, 4th-7th March 2027. We'd love to add to our crew!

If you and your GLP enjoy meeting new people, talking incessantly about your dog and are happy in busy, loud and sometimes chaotic environments, please get in touch with Sarah via email—breedhealth@glpclub.org.uk



Breed Appreciation Day and Subsequent Multiple-Choice Examination

(Run in accordance with the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice)

Friday 22 January 2027
7.30 pm via Zoom

The Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) is open to everyone. It offers an opportunity to learn more about the German Longhaired Pointer or refresh existing knowledge of the breed.

The event also gives those interested in judging the breed an opportunity to complete the subsequent Multiple-Choice Examination (MCE).
Booking details, fees, closing dates and joining instructions will be provided by email.
To register or request further information, email bec@glpclub.org.uk.



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