

# Windheim GSP

# PUPPY TALES

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## What's Happening in the Box?

Pups started out like little dumplings that occasionally scooted around and cried if mama wasn't close enough when they were hungry. They were born with their eyes and ears closed, not being able to see or hear, but they definitely could smell. It is amazing to see them perk up when they smell Tess nearby.

The ticked pups were born very white, except for the larger liver patches. Ticking has quickly filled in and I can tell that none will be as white as Tess. The solid liver pups all have different markings on their chest and that is how I tell them apart.

Mama Tess has attended to all their needs to this point, 10 is a large litter yet I did not really have to supplement with a bottle and formula at all.

## Names

Some breeders like to put color collars on their pups and the color becomes what the pup is referred to. We like to have themes and names for our litters.

The theme for this litter is Cosmic as a nod to Asher whose registered name is

I find GSP pups average about a pound at birth, which most of these pups were. A few a bit more and a few just a little less. I weigh each pup every day to make sure they are getting enough milk and gaining weight. I'm always happy to see a gain of about an ounce a day, however most of these pups had a gain of 2 or more per day, awesome gains for such a large litter not being supplemented.

Tails were docked and dew-claws removed on day 3. Everything is healing nicely.

In addition to weighing, I have been doing Early Neurological Stimulation exercises. These are 5 basic exercise that Help pups learn to cope with stress.

Please know that pups will not respond to these names and we fully expect our puppy families to choose their pup's permanent call name.

Eyes and ears started opening earlier this week, so we have started playing the radio, running the vacuum and making sure other sounds are happening near the whelping box.

When they hit 3 weeks old we will start offering a mixture of milk replacer and baby cereal to start the weaning process.



In addition to the call name you will also need to come up with a registered name. The registered name is what appears on the AKC registration certificate and is usually more formal than the call name. Tess' registered name is **Windheim's Pale Ale**, the theme from her litter was beers since her dad is our boy, Brew. His

registered name is Home Brewed.

We do ask that our kennel name (Windheim) be included on your pup's registered name. Please start giving some thought to a registered name. We will need that information soon after pup goes home to complete the registration.



## Meet the Parents

You know them as Asher and Tess, the parents of your new puppy. Their formal AKC registered names with earned titles are:

GCH DC AFC Shore Shot's Keeper of the Stars MHA DM UT Pz1

and

U-CH Windheim's Pale Ale JH RA DS.



Asher has accomplished some very impressive titles. They include Grand Champion, Dual Champion (Show and Field) Amateur Field Champion, Master Hunter Advanced, Dock Master and NAVHDA Utility Prize 1. Many of these titles are the highest levels that

can be achieved and are very coveted. Asher is an incredibly versatile and talented boy.

Mary Jane reports he is a big lapdog and loves to have his belly rubbed. He enjoys sitting in his backyard watching the wildlife. He loves everyone and loves his toys.

Tess earned her show championship in the UKC show ring, earned a Junior Hunter title in the field, as well as Rally Advanced (Obedience) and Dock (Diving) Senior title.

Tess lives to hunt, swim and snuggle on the couch. In all honesty, she is not very fond of strangers and thus does not love the show ring. She needs to meet folks first and warm up them before they can touch

her, but once she knows you, she loves you forever.

Tess' dad is our Brew, who is a Grand Champion and UKC Multi Best in Show winner and has Senior Hunter, Rally Excellent, Companion Dog (Obedience) and Dock (Diving) Senior titles.

Tess'mom is Skip Smith's Windy from Up 'N Adam Kennels, well known for Dual Champions. Windy's sire is a Field Champion who has won multiple Nationals Championships.

These pups have some amazing genes and the potential to achieve anything you desire! We look forward to watching them develop and are here to help you reach your goals with your pup.



### Resources—some books we have found helpful

“How to Raise a Puppy You Can Live With” Ruthorford&Neil

“Before and After Getting a Puppy” Ian Dunbar

\*I like the basic ideas in this book very much, but some of his beliefs are a bit extreme

#### SOON TO BE PUBLISHED:

“Choosing, Living With and Loving the GSP” By Me :)

Some oldies, but goodies:

Carol Lea Benjamin training books

“Good Owners, Great Dogs” Brian Kilcommons

The Art of Raising a Puppy: Monks of New Skete”

### Our Affiliations—we are eager to help you find clubs, groups and training facilities in your area.

GSPCA - German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

All new puppy buyers will get a complementary 1 year membership

NAVHDA – North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

A international organization with local chapters that often hold training clinics and tests, a wonderful resource for anyone who wants to hunt with their dogs. Membership in the organization gives you a monthly magazine that often has helpful training articles.

Hudson Valley NAVHDA—our local chapter of NAVHDA

Sleepy Hollow GSP Club—Based in Newburgh, NY, we hold Specialty Shows, Hunt Tests and Educational Programs

## Basic Supplies for Puppy

It is never too early to start getting ready. The next 6 weeks will go quickly. Start thinking about what you will need and need to do when pup comes home.

**Crate** – not too big, so you may want to borrow one to get started or get a wire crate that comes with a wire divider to make it smaller. I start my pups in a crate that is 36” long or smaller. If I have to crate my adults, I prefer they are in a 42” crate which is way too big for a pup.

**Water and food bowls** – I use stainless steel, dogs can be allergic to plastic and gsp's can easily chew them up

**Leash and collar** – I like to start with the adjustable webbed type as pups grow quickly, one that starts at 10 inches will do. Shorter 6ft or less lead for walking and longer 10ft or more for training

**Toys** – hard plastic/rubber type for strong chewers such as LumaBones, Benebones and Kongs, rope toys. Avoid toys with stuffing

**PATIENCE**—and lots of it!!!



## Visits

We invite puppy families to visit if possible when pups are 5-6 weeks old. We welcome the chance for us to actually meet and it helps us socialize pups. I do ask that visits not exceed 1 to 1 1/2 hours as we have many families to schedule in a short period of time.

Since pups are unvaccinated and still very fragile, we must take every possible precaution when we have visitors. It is unfortunately too easy for someone to unknowingly carry in a deadly virus such as Parvo on their shoes or clothes, which would be devastating for all of us.

Therefore:

- please do not visit any other dogs the day of your visit
- please wear clothing that you have not worn around other dogs
- please expect to remove your shoes before going in the puppy room
- please expect to wash and sanitize your hands before going in the puppy room

Of course, we have the added difficulty of COVID-19 to consider as well.

- please do not visit if you have had any exposure or are feeling ill
- please wear a mask.
- please do not bring anyone but immediate family members
- should it be unusually warm (doubtful), we will visit outside or in our garage

## About us...

Jim and I got married in August, 1985 and for the first time in my life I was without a dog. Growing up I was obsessed with horses and dogs and I just never out grew it. My parents had St Bernards when I was really small and then I was given a mini Poodle when I was around 7. I taught myself how to groom and train her. As soon as I was old enough to work, I was able to get a job in the local veterinary hospital..

We lasted until December without a dog and couldn't wait any longer. We knew we wanted a sporting breed since we both enjoy being outside and hunting. We found an ad for springer spaniels in the newspaper at about the same time I ran into a high school friend who told me her mom bred GSPs and had a pup available. Jim told me to choose which one I wanted to see first as that would be the one we would be coming home with. I chose the GSP, and the rest is history!

That first GSP was from show lines and the breeder wanted her shown. I easily got hooked on dog shows, fulfilling some childhood dreams. In 1986 we purchased her younger sister who was the first dog I handled to a championship. Both girls hunted ok, but we were always drawn to a couple of well known Dual Champions (Field and Show) and were enamored with their field intensity. In 1991, we purchased a female from those lines. She taught us so much about the field aspect of this breed. Stradivarius Calypso V Xfire SH became the foundation of our breeding program and all of our pups trace back to her.

We have 2 daughters , a son in law and a brand new baby grandson. The girls were more into horses than dogs growing up, but our GSPs continue to be a big part of their lives. Tess' pup Mali lives with Kate, Josh and Cody; Justine enjoys spending time with the dogs here and snuggling baby pups when we have a litter. Everyone enjoys getting out in the field and hunting over the dogs.

I work in the Business Office of our local school district. Jim is retired and keeps the adult dogs well exercised and an eye on the pups throughout the day. We continue to enjoy dog shows, hunt tests and rally trials, but my real passion is training and the day to day care of our horses, dogs and pups.

We are very proud of the titles, awards and accolades our dogs have attained, but we truly cherish the many friendships and extended family members we have gained through our puppy families. We find it extremely gratifying to share our experience and love for GSPs with others new to the breed.

