



CIRCLE B KENNELS & OUTFITTERS

Puppy Owner's Guide

A thoughtful beginning. A lifetime of adventure.

GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTERS

WELCOME

Congratulations on Your New Puppy

We are so beyond thankful that you decided to purchase a puppy from us! We're so excited for you to be a part of our Circle B Family. As a breeder, we try our hardest to protect the German Shorthaired Pointer breed for what it was designated to be: a strong, versatile hunting dog.

Our most important goal is to produce the ultimate dog - one that is loving, healthy, capable of a high hunting drive, and a family companion. To us, the ultimate dog is independent, versatile, steady, and confident in the field. We stand behind what we produce as a breeder.

OUR PROMISE

This guide brings together the information from your Circle B welcome packet in one easy-to-reference handbook. Keep it with your puppy's health and registration records.

From our kennel to your home - thank you for trusting Circle B.



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OUR COMMITMENT

What You Can Expect From Us

- Proper records for your puppy.
- Lifetime breeder support.
- Answers to your questions.
- An 18-month genetic health guarantee, subject to the terms of your signed purchase agreement.
- Proper registration of your puppy.
- A puppy send-home bag.

WE STAND BEHIND WHAT WE PRODUCE

Circle B's goal is to remain a resource throughout your dog's life - not only on pickup day.



GO-HOME GUIDE

The First 72 Hours at Home

Keep the first three days quiet and predictable. Focus on security, routine, rest, and bonding.

HOURS 0-12 / ARRIVE & DECOMPRESS

Visit the potty area first. Keep introductions calm. Offer the same food and begin the kennel routine from the first night.

HOURS 12-24 / BUILD THE ROUTINE

Potty after waking, eating, drinking, and active play. Use the same kennel cue. Make time for frequent naps.

HOURS 24-48 / BOND & OBSERVE

Practice name recognition in short sessions. Monitor appetite, stool, and energy. Introduce gentle handling and normal household sounds.

HOURS 48-72 / SETTLE IN

Keep meal, potty, and sleep times consistent. Begin short leash and recall games in a safe area. Write down questions for Circle B or your veterinarian.

CONTACT YOUR VETERINARIAN PROMPTLY

Repeated vomiting, persistent diarrhea, blood in stool, collapse, breathing difficulty, or inability to keep water down require veterinary attention.



GO-HOME GUIDE

A Calm First Week

MORNING

Potty immediately → Breakfast and water → Potty again → Short play or training → Kennel nap

MIDDAY

Potty break → Meal if age-appropriate → Gentle exploration and handling → Quiet time

EVENING

Dinner → Potty and play → Calm family time → Final potty trip → Kennel for bedtime

SAFE SOCIALIZATION

Introduce household sounds, surfaces, car rides, and controlled new experiences while following your veterinarian's guidance for disease-risk exposure.

KEEP FOOD CONSISTENT

Continue your puppy's current food and feeding routine at first. If changing foods later, transition gradually unless your veterinarian directs otherwise.



GROWTH & TRAINING

Puppy Development Timeline

8-12 WEEKS / FOUNDATION

Bonding • Kennel and potty routine • Name recognition • Gentle handling • Recall games

3-4 MONTHS / CONFIDENCE

Safe socialization • Leash skills • Basic commands • New surfaces • Short field exposure

4-6 MONTHS / SKILLS

Consistency • Impulse control • Retrieve games • Confidence building • Bird-dog foundations

6-12 MONTHS / ADOLESCENCE

Continue obedience • Manage energy • Structured activity • Hunting foundations • Reliable recall

12+ MONTHS / CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT

Progressive conditioning • Field work as appropriate • Ongoing manners • Individual sport and hunting goals

Every dog develops at an individual pace. Build skills gradually and keep training positive and consistent.



THE CIRCLE B DOG

Living With a GSP

THE FAMILY DOG

Build calm house manners, kennel confidence, reliable recall, and a predictable daily routine.

THE ATHLETE

Pair age-appropriate physical activity with mental work, quiet time, and recovery.

THE HUNTING PARTNER

Use gradual, positive exposure to field environments and hunting foundations. Avoid rushing advanced work.

THE THINKER

Short training sessions, scent games, retrieving, and problem-solving help channel GSP energy.

“Versatile in the field. Loved at home.”



CLIENT CHECKLIST

What We Need From You

- Provide a clean, humane environment for your puppy.
- Keep Circle B updated.
- Provide proper immunizations, regular vaccine boosters, fecal exams, and heartworm tests as directed by your veterinarian and required by your purchase agreement.
- Have your puppy microchipped by 20 weeks old.
- If you use Facebook, join the Circle B puppy group.
- Don't forget to spoil your new puppy!

Your signed purchase agreement contains the controlling terms for health guarantee, ownership responsibilities, spay/neuter timing, microchipping, and rehoming.



GO-HOME DAY

Your Puppy's Go-Home Collection

Thoughtfully prepared for your puppy's transition from our kennel to your home.

REGISTRATION, RECORDS & REASSURANCE

- Pre-Paid AKC Registration
- NAVHDA Registration Application (optional)
- Client E-Welcome Packet
- 18-month Genetic Health Guarantee
- Vaccination & Deworming Records
- Lifetime of Breeder Support

EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS

- Custom Canvas Circle B Bag
- Collar, Leash, Blanket & Toys
- Collapsible Water Bowl
- Poop Bags

FOOD, TREATS & ENRICHMENT

- Dog food Sample
- BeneBone Puppy Chews
- Opti-Pup & Opti-Life from Alpha Dog Nutrition
- Mountain Wild Training Treats

The 18-month genetic health guarantee is subject to your signed purchase agreement.



LINKS & COMMUNICATION

Contact Circle B

REFERENCE	DETAILS
Email	circlebkennels.info@gmail.com
Website	www.circlebkennels.org
Call or Text	(830) 225-3625
Facebook Group	GSP Pups of Circle B Kennels & Outfitters

Recommended Products & Discounts

- Pointer Traditions - 15% off with code CIRCLEB15
- AlphaDog - 15% off with code CIRCLEB
- LadyShooter LifeStyles
- Circle B Guide Hunts



REGISTRATION

AKC & NAVHDA Registration

What is pre-paid AKC Registration?

Pre-paid AKC Registration is purchased by the breeder to help ensure that all puppies are registered properly and with “Of Circle B” at the end of the puppy's AKC name. Once the puppy buyer chooses the AKC name, Circle B completes the AKC registration on the buyer's behalf and the buyer receives an email from AKC. Circle B asks that the AKC name be chosen by the time the puppy is 12 weeks old.

What is NAVHDA?

NAVHDA stands for North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association. The organization is centered on versatile hunting dogs and provides a registry with pedigrees and available testing, health, and DNA information.

NAVHDA Registration

After AKC registration is completed and paperwork is received, Circle B states that owners may register the puppy with NAVHDA for a \$25 fee using the NAVHDA registration application.



BREED SNAPSHOT

German Shorthaired Pointer

REFERENCE	DETAILS
Male Height	23-25 inches
Female Height	21-23 inches
Male Weight	50-70 lbs
Female Weight	40-60 lbs
Life Expectancy	10-12 years

Circle B breeds with the goal of producing loving, healthy, versatile dogs with hunting drive and the ability to be family companions.



TRAINING

Kennel Training 101

- Choose the right kennel. Select a durable kennel that fits your dog appropriately. This guide recommends starting with a medium kennel and later transitioning to a 42-inch large or 48-inch extra-large kennel as needed.
- Build a relaxed association. Introduce the kennel when your puppy is calm. Begin with short periods and gradually increase the time.
- Keep it positive. Do not use the kennel as punishment.
- Use a consistent command. Circle B suggests “kennel” or “box.”
- Reward kennel entry. Treats and safe, appropriate enrichment can help create a positive association.

SAFETY NOTE

This guide advises removing tags while a dog is kenneled because tags can catch on the kennel. Bedding, toys, chews, and covers should be selected and used with your puppy's individual chewing habits and safety in mind.



TRAINING

Kennel Training: First Nights

- Begin using the kennel for nighttime and nap time on the first night home.
- A blackout cover or large blanket may be used to cover the kennel.
- This guide suggests making the kennel cozy with a bed, blankets, and a heartbeat toy.
- Play music or TV if needed.
- Give the puppy frequent opportunities to potty so the kennel stays clean.
- Increase kennel time in small steps.
- Be patient and consistent; kennel training takes time.
- This guide says not to leave food and water in the kennel during nighttime or nap time.

CIRCLE B REMINDER

Your puppy should learn that the kennel is a calm, safe place - not a punishment.



TRAINING

Potty Training 101

Circle B recommends taking a young puppy out at least every 30 minutes while actively potty training. Take the puppy to the same appropriate potty area, keep distractions low, and quietly give the puppy time to go.

- Use a leash if it helps your puppy stay focused.
- Stand still in one spot and quietly watch.
- Give the puppy about five minutes to potty.
- After the puppy finishes, praise immediately.
- After a successful potty trip, allow some fun or supervised activity so the puppy does not learn that pottying always ends the fun.



TRAINING

Potty Training: Timing & Accidents

In addition to regular potty breaks, this guide recommends taking your puppy out:

- After eating or drinking.
- After 5-10 minutes of play or vigorous activity.
- Immediately after waking from a nap.

If an accident happens:

If you see your puppy having an accident, calmly take the puppy outside and praise the puppy for finishing in the correct place. This guide specifically advises against yelling, scolding, or pushing the puppy's nose into urine.

THE GOAL

Give your puppy many chances to succeed, reward the correct behavior, and stay consistent.



NUTRITION

Feeding & Water

MEALS PER DAY

AGE	MEALS / DAY
2-3 months	4
4-6 months	2-3
6 months +	2

YOUR PUPPY'S CURRENT FOOD

Food: Victor Hi-Pro Plus
Feeding frequency: 3-4 times daily

Feeding needs vary by food and individual puppy. Discuss ongoing adjustments with your veterinarian.

DRINKING WATER

This guide includes a water-intake reference of approximately 1 ounce of water per pound of body weight each day. Actual needs can vary with activity, weather, diet, health, and the individual dog. Use your veterinarian’s guidance if you are concerned about intake.



HEALTH

Parvovirus Awareness

Circle B emphasizes that parvovirus is highly contagious and that young, unvaccinated puppies are at particular risk. It lists exposure routes such as infected dogs, contaminated feces, environments, people, objects, used bedding, kennels, public water bowls, and veterinary visits.

Signs to watch for:

- Smelly or bloody diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Fever
- Lethargy
- Rapid weight loss

IMPORTANT

If your puppy shows signs of illness such as vomiting or diarrhea, this guide instructs owners to consult their veterinarian.



HEALTH

Puppy Vaccination Guide

AGE	VACCINATIONS IN YOUR PACKET
6-8 weeks	Initial Distemper / Parvo vaccine
10-12 weeks	DHPP
16-18 weeks	DHPP booster; first rabies vaccine as required by law
12-16 months	DHPP
Every 1-3 years	DHPP; rabies as required by law

This guide separately lists Bordetella, influenza, leptospirosis, Lyme disease and coronavirus as optional/lifestyle-based vaccines to discuss with a veterinarian.

VETERINARY GUIDANCE

Your veterinarian should determine the appropriate vaccination and parasite-prevention schedule for your puppy. Your signed purchase agreement also contains health-care requirements that apply to the genetic health guarantee.



HEALTH

Protecting a Young Puppy

Circle B says that young puppies have developing immune systems and are highly susceptible to viruses such as parvo and distemper until fully vaccinated. It advises avoiding taking a puppy out until the final vaccine booster and recommends annual veterinary checkups.

WHEN YOUR PUPPY SEEMS SICK

The packet specifically identifies vomiting and diarrhea as reasons to consult your veterinarian. When in doubt about your puppy's health, contact your veterinarian.



DEVELOPMENT

Puppy Teething

REFERENCE	DETAILS
Birth	No teeth
2-4 weeks	Puppy teeth begin coming in
6-7 weeks	Baby teeth should be in
3-4 months	Baby teeth begin to loosen and fall out
6-8 months	Baby teeth should be replaced by adult teeth

This guide recommends redirecting inappropriate chewing to appropriate items and lists KONG puppy teething sticks, rope toys, N-Bone puppy teething treats, BeneBone puppy packs, NylaBone puppy starter kits, and deer antlers.



HEALTH & HOME

Everyday Safety

Your everyday safety reference topics:

- Kennel cough: signs, spread, duration, and Bordetella vaccination information.
- Heat stroke: warning signs and steps to cool a dog while seeking veterinary care.
- Fourth of July: identification, secure spaces, supervision, calming strategies, and fireworks safety.
- Toxic and safe human foods: a broad reference list of foods that may be unsafe or safer for pets.

USE THESE AS QUICK REFERENCES

If your dog may have eaten something toxic, is showing signs of heat illness, has breathing difficulty, collapses, or appears seriously ill, contact a veterinarian or appropriate emergency resource promptly.



HEALTH

Spay / Neuter Information

This guide quotes veterinary guidance that spay/neuter timing should be individualized and notes research stating that German Shorthaired and German Wirehaired Pointers, regardless of sex, should not be spayed or neutered before 12 months old.

CIRCLE B CONTRACT REQUIREMENT

The ownership-responsibilities section states that the puppy must not be spayed or neutered before 12 months old in order to keep the genetic health guarantee. Spaying or neutering before 12 months voids that guarantee under the packet's purchase-agreement summary.

Always refer to your signed purchase agreement for the controlling contract terms and discuss medical timing with your veterinarian.



FEMALE DOGS

Female Heat Cycles

This guide describes an average of two heat cycles per year, roughly six months apart, while noting that cycles can vary.

Common signs:

- Receptiveness to male dogs.
- Agitated, nervous, or aggressive behavior.
- Excessive licking of the genital area.
- More frequent urination.
- Change in tail position.
- Swollen vulva.
- Bloody or straw-colored discharge.



FEMALE DOGS

Caring for a Female in Heat

- Use special diapers or clothing if needed for spotting or discharge.
- Offer extra potty breaks.
- Provide play, exercise, and puzzle toys if you notice agitation or anxiety.
- Protect her from male dogs while on walks and in the yard.
- Supervise fenced-yard time and keep her on leash during walks.
- This guide advises keeping her away from possible mates during the heat cycle and up to a month afterward.

PREVENT UNPLANNED BREEDING

The packet notes that a female in heat may try to escape to find a male. Use extra caution and supervision during this time.



CONTRACT SUMMARY

Purchase Agreement - Quick Reference

Quick reference only. Your signed Puppy Purchase Agreement controls if any wording in this guide differs.

Price Agreement

Circle B Kennels & Outfitters agrees to sell one German Shorthaired Pointer for \$1,700.00, with a non-refundable \$500 deposit via Venmo. The deposit places the buyer on the waiting list or holds a puppy. The remaining \$1,200.00 is due at pickup/send-home date.

Use of the Dog

The dog is purchased as a family companion or for tasks fitting the breed, such as hunting or AKC events. The packet states that the dog is not purchased for resale and will not be used or trained for illegal activities, as a guard or attack dog, or to fight other animals.

Registration

The breeder certifies that the dog is eligible for AKC registration as a purebred German Shorthaired Pointer and reserves the right to add "Of Circle B" to the puppy's name. Circle B purchases pre-paid AKC registration and completes registration for the puppy.



CONTRACT SUMMARY

Health Guarantee - Quick Reference

This guide states that Circle B certifies the puppy is in good health upon receipt, has received the first set of vaccinations, and has been wormed. Health and vaccination records are provided to the buyer.

- The genetic health guarantee applies during the first 18 months of life, subject to the terms in the purchase agreement.
- The packet requires evaluation by two licensed veterinarians, with one selected by Circle B.
- The buyer must contact Circle B within 24 hours regarding a qualifying genetic issue and provide a written veterinary report.
- Circle B reserves the right to share and confirm findings with its veterinarian.
- The packet says the buyer and breeder will discuss the best option after confirmation.
- The packet does not accept responsibility for contagious diseases from the date of pickup and excludes conditions resulting from negligence and/or abuse.

Hunting Instincts, Trainability & Temperament

The packet does not guarantee the strength of hunting ability, trainability, or temperament because these traits can be influenced by stimulation, training practices, consistency, environment, socialization, and exercise.

QUICK REFERENCE • Your signed purchase agreement controls.



CONTRACT SUMMARY

Ownership Responsibilities

- Keep the dog in a clean, humane environment and properly train and care for the dog.
- Maintain registration and vaccinations as required and recommended.
- Maintain the puppy in good health as recommended by a veterinarian.
- Provide proper immunizations, regular vaccine boosters, fecal exams, and heartworm tests.
- Do not spay or neuter before 12 months old if you wish to keep the genetic health guarantee under the packet terms.
- Microchip the puppy by 20 weeks old (5 months) and send proof to Circle B.
- Add Circle B Kennels & Outfitters contact information and address to the microchip account.
- Send updated photos and keep in contact with Circle B.
- Notify Circle B of changes to address, email, or other contact information.

QUICK REFERENCE • Your signed purchase agreement controls.



CONTRACT SUMMARY

Rehoming Requirements

If the buyer can no longer care for the puppy, this guide states that Circle B Kennels & Outfitters must be given the first opportunity to resume ownership, although Circle B is not required to accept the puppy. If Circle B resumes ownership, the puppy is to be returned with registration paperwork and health records.

The packet further states that the puppy may not be sold, leased, traded, or given away to any breeder, kennel, pet shop, research laboratory, family member, animal shelter, or similar facility. It states that violation makes the puppy buyer responsible for an \$8,000 fee plus legal or recovery costs associated with the return of the puppy to Circle B.

IMPORTANT CONTRACT NOTE

Keep your signed purchase agreement. This guide is designed as an easy-reference companion to the packet and should not replace the signed agreement.

QUICK REFERENCE • Your signed purchase agreement controls.



CONTINUE LEARNING

Helpful Training Resources

Circle B links owners to resources on:

- Introducing a dog to an e-collar.
- A guide to starting a bird dog pup.
- Bird dog terminology.
- How to correctly command your dog.
- Choosing the right commands.
- Twisted stomach / bloat in dogs.
- How much it costs to have a hunting dog.

KEEP LEARNING

Your GSP will change quickly through puppyhood and adolescence. Use Circle B's breeder support whenever you have questions about your puppy, training, or the resources included with your packet.



THANK YOU

Welcome to the Circle B Family

Once again, thank you for purchasing from Circle B Kennels & Outfitters!

If you would like to leave a review about your experience, this guide asks that you send the review by email or text so Circle B can place it on the website.

If you would like a copy of the purchase-agreement paperwork signed by both seller and buyer, contact Circle B Kennels & Outfitters.

CONTACT

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