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The official newsletter of
The Lone Star GSP Club

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Bi-Monthly Meeting

Mark your calendars; the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 19th. The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 pm. The regular meeting will begin at approximately 7:45 pm. We will meet at Simply Burgers on Green Oaks in North Arlington. If you need directions, please let me know.

Board of Directors Decisions via Email

- Donation to the Methodist Church of Ovilla in memory of Sandra Stanfill
- Majority vote to host a Myra Savant-Harris Breeders/Reproduction Seminar

Year-end Accomplishments

It's not too early to send your yearly accomplishments and earned titles to me. I won't actually order the plaques until early January but I'd like to go ahead and begin to process the order. Even if you think you will earn another title before the year ends, go ahead and send me what you have so far. We can always add to it.

Myra Savant-Harris Breeder/Reproduction Seminar

Everyone on the email distribution list should have received a flyer advertising the seminar which LSGSPC will be hosting this next year. Please take a few minutes to forward the flyer to anyone in your email address books that might be interested in this type of seminar. Also, please copy and post the flyers at your veterinarian's office, where you get your dog food, dog training facilities and any other function or place this type of thing would be appreciated. I hope to have such a great turn-out that we will be forced to rent the other half of the ballroom, so spread the word.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Give thanks for all you have and for all that you do not!

SHOTGUN INJURY IN THE DOG

My definition of accident is *an unplanned and unfavorable incident that happens to someone else*. But when an accident happens to one of our four-legged hunting partners, an enjoyable hunting trip can come to a very abrupt and emotional halt. Some of the most common injuries hunting dogs sustain during the course of their activities are cut pads, torn hide from barbed wire, tongue cuts, and [porcupine quills](#). Fortunately, these types of accidents generally fall into the nuisance category.

Gunshot accidents ... they are an entirely different matter. Let's take a look at what happens to a dog that has been shot and what you should do if you're faced with this type of hunting accident. We'll limit the discussion to shotgun pellet injury. If you're taking your deer rifle with you on a pheasant hunt you'll probably be hunting alone because even your gun dog won't want to be around!

There are only a few major variables affecting the amount of damage a pellet can inflict. These variables relate to the mass of the pellet, velocity of the pellet at impact, and location of the point of contact with the victim. The severity of damage to the dog depends mostly upon location of the injury. Obviously, a pellet wound in the thigh muscle has a totally different consequence than a pellet wound to the eyeball.

Figure 1: This X-ray shows a single pellet in the dog's head. Unfortunately this location was the dog's eye and caused enough bleeding and scar damage to the internal eye structures that the dog lost his vision in this eye. This single pellet possessed enough energy to penetrate deeply into the eye. The same pellet with the same energy but impacting an entirely different location might have had very minimal consequences for the dog. As every hunter knows, a larger pellet, such as BB size, possesses more energy than a fine-shot pellet such as No. 7-1/2 if the velocities are equal.



Figure #1

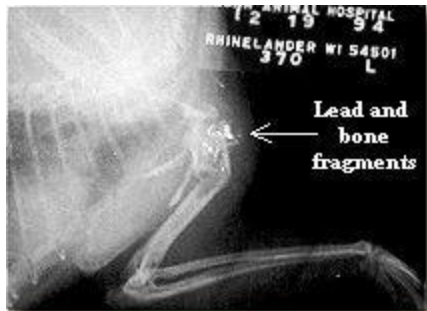


Figure #2

This fact is dramatically shown if you look at Figure 2. In this X-ray a single bullet has shattered the humerus just below the shoulder, leaving fragments of lead and bone throughout the wound.

The single large projectile possessed so much energy that it caused the bone to virtually explode upon passing through it. Obviously, a tiny pellet in this same location, even at the same velocity as the bullet, would not have had the energy to cause such destruction.

Since the velocity of each pellet will decrease with distance from the gun's muzzle, the energy remaining in the pellet will be less the farther the dog is from the shotgun. Therefore, in general, **the most serious shotgun wounds will be the ones occurring at close range** because that is where the pellet energy will be highest. In addition, at close range more pellets will impact a given area and cause more tissue destruction.



Figure #3

A glance at Figure 3 reveals instantly by the number of pellets grouped so closely that this dog was shot at fairly close range. This would have been a much more serious injury if the dog was shot directly in the chest, skull or abdomen. Luckily, he was shot in the thick skin and muscles of the neck. Other than permanent damage to the base of one ear, he recovered quite uneventfully.

Here's what to do if your dog is unlucky enough to be shot:

1. First of all, keep cool yourself! If the range at which the dog was shot was not close, the injury will probably be minor.
2. Pull the dog off the hunt immediately!
3. Give the dog a thorough inspection for location of injury. Get your hands on him and feel him all over. Squinting may indicate an eye injury; pain when pressing on the abdomen is very significant; chest wounds are potentially dangerous, especially if you detect crackling or air under the skin.

Generally you will see only minimal bleeding (and sometimes none at all) and will see only very tiny pellet entry wounds in the skin.

If the dog displays no apparent discomfort, kennel or crate him and tell him he's finished hunting for the day. However, keep in mind that this is the **only** command a good hunting dog cannot comprehend.

"You're done hunting for the day" simply has no receptor sites in a hunting dog's brain. And even if the dog could understand, most of them would rather die anyway than miss a hunt.

Observe the dog closely until you can have it examined by a veterinarian. You may not need to rush in as an emergency unless you observe any of the following:

- a. The dog is in obvious distress
- b. The injury is in a vital location (eye, jugular vein, chest, etc.)
- c. The shot was from close range with visible tissue damage
- d. The dog stops and quits the hunt on his own (This is never a good sign. If this ever happens, give the dog a rest and look closely for any hints as to what is troubling the dog. Hypoglycemia, bloat, and insect stings come to mind.)

Unlike a bullet wound, most shotgun pellets penetrate only the skin and immediate subcutaneous tissues ... and there they remain for the rest of the dog's life. Antibiotic administration may be warranted to prevent infection, but in general, the pellets do not need to be removed surgically. (Lead poisoning only occurs if lead is ingested. Then the hydrochloric acid in the stomach changes the lead into a form that is absorbed through the small intestine and into the bloodstream.)

I would advise a 24-hour observation period in situations where you think the dog has only minimal injuries. Serious medical trouble may take hours to become obvious. For example, if even one pellet enters the abdomen and pierces the intestinal tract causing leakage of fecal material into the abdomen, **peritonitis** will result in a medical emergency. **Peritonitis** may take two or three days to become evident! And if it does occur, the dog will display pain or cramping in the abdomen, run a fever (normal temperature for a resting dog is 101 to 102 degrees), act depressed and probably stop eating. Get him to a veterinarian quickly; surgery is indicated!

If a pellet enters the chest cavity between a rib or penetrates the trachea, air could be forced into areas where it has no business being. This condition is termed **pneumothorax** and may result in a collapsed lung. If the dog seems to be taking short, rapid breaths or appears anxious and uncomfortable about breathing or if you can feel crackling of air under the skin...get him to a veterinarian quickly, because again, surgery is indicated!

If during your own thorough examination (hands-on, feeling the dog all over), you notice a swelling that seems to be getting larger, there is probably a torn blood vessel that requires surgery to close up. Until you can get the dog to the animal hospital, place firm and direct pressure right against the lump (called a **hematoma**). Firm, direct pressure over a lacerated vessel often will completely stop the bleeding as long as the pressure remains.

If you observe any loss of coordination or a noticeable limp, have the dog examined right away. X-rays can reveal if any pellets have entered a joint cavity. A single pellet wound to a major nerve can cause permanent impairment of function, as well. A damaged radial or sciatic nerve can be very difficult to repair surgically. In these cases your veterinarian will want to quickly control bruising and scar tissue formation at the nerve damage site. Any nerve injury carries the potential for very troublesome and permanent disability.

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Upcoming Events

- 11/13/09 GSP Club of Las Cruces Field Trial; Las Cruces, NM
Doris Schoenfelder ~ 480/488-4687 ~ crestongsp@msn.com
- 11/20/09 Northern Arizona GSP Club Field Trial; Paulden, AZ
Stephanie Casdorff ~ 928/636-4948 ~ scasdorph@commspeed.net
- 12/11 Texas Panhandle Pointing Breed Dog Club Field Trial; Amarillo, TX
Burnie Stokes ~ 806/373-7572 ~ tazvizsla@yahoo.com
- 12/12 & 13 Lone Star GSP Club Hunt Test; Hamilton, TX
Kevin Temple ~ 214/695-3257 ~ Kevin.Temple@canyoncreektravel.com
- 01/9 & 10 San Antonio Weimaraner Club Hunt Test; Cibolo, TX
Cindy Moore ~ 830/822-1174 ~ imageweims@satx.rr.com
- 01/16 & 17 Gordon Setter Club of America Hunt Test; Caldwell, TX
Barbara Echols ~ 281/346-1568 ~ gordonmomma@txrun.net
- 01/23 & 24 Irish Setter Club of Houston Hunt Test; Caldwell, TX
Shea Swanson ~ 713/468-5166 ~ cassi_amber@hotmail.com

2009 GSPCA TOP AGILITY DOGS (stats as of Aug 2009)

- #5 CH Onapoint's Me Myself And I, CD, RAE, CGC, NJP, NAP, NAJ, NA, GS-N, TN-N,
NJC, JS-N., JSN-OP, NF, NFP; O: Holly Faught

2009 AKC FIELD TRIAL STANDINGS (from Oct 2009 AKC Awards thru Aug 30, 2009 trials)

Puppy/Derby Standings By Dogs Defeated

- #2 Free Flights Moon Struck (86); O: Ronnie Sale
#8 Spare Time's Pat Hand (55); O: Grant Stanfill

Open Limited Gun Dog Standings By Dogs Defeated

- #3 FC Timberland Savanna Chip (104); O: Don & Ginger Kidd

Open Gun Dog Standings By Dogs Defeated

- #3 FC Timberland Savanna Chip (89); O: Don & Ginger Kidd
#8 Free Flight;s Bullwinkle (70); O: Ronnie Sale

No Ranking Points adjustments were posted this month. Rankings remain the same as last posted.

Puppy /Derby Standings By Ranking Points

- #5 Free Flights Moon Struck (40); O: Ronnie Sale

Open Limited Gun Dog Standings By Ranking Points

- #7 FC Timberland Savanna Chip (39); O: Don & Ginger Kidd

Open Gun Dog Standings By Ranking Points

- #5 FC Timberland Savanna Chip (45); O: Don & Ginger Kidd

2009 NGSPA DOG OF THE YEAR STANDINGS (trials included National, Quail, Praire Chicken, Chukar, Rocky Mtn, Savannah River, Great Plains & Regions 4, 5, 7, 9 &12)

Open All Age Dog of the Year

#6 TH Monkey's Silver (2); H: Ronnie Sale

Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year

#3 Vogelsangs Toby von Blitz (6); O: David Vogelsang

#4 Timberland Savannah Chip (5); O: Don & Ginger Kidd

Open Shooting Dog of the Year

#4 Timberland Savannah Chip (5); O: Don & Ginger Kidd

#5 Free Flight's Bullwinkle (3); O: Ronnie Sale

#6 Tejas Magnum's Tequila Sunrise (2); O: Ken Tomlinson

CONGRATULATIONS – Recent Wins & Accomplishments:

At the GSP Club of Michigan Field Trial held on Sept 5th in Ionia, MI.

Open Derby ~ 12 starters

1st – Grau Geist's Prairie Dust Devil (Weim); O: Gene & Nicki Mason

3rd – Grau Geist's Hidden In Plain Sight (Weim); O: Gene & Nicki Mason

At the GWP Club of Central Oregon held Sept 13th in Madras, OR.

Open Gun Dog ~ 20 starters

4th - Lil Acres Little Annie; O: Ronnie Sale

At the Northwest Pointing Dog Assoc Field Trial held on Sept 18th in Madras, OR.

Open Gun Dog Ret ~ 29 starters

1st – Lil Acres Little Annie; O: Ronnie Sale

At the Central Georgia Pointing Dog Club Field Trial held Oct 4th in Wrightsville, GA.

Open All-Age ~ 8 starters

1st – TrueBlu's BDK Ace In The Hole; O: Blake & Caron Biggs

At the Mid Florida Brittany Club Field Trial held Oct 10th in Masaryktown, FL.

Open Gun Dog Non-Ret ~ 13 starters

1st – TrueBlu's BDK Ace In The Hole; O: Blake & Caron Biggs

Monthly Funny: MY LIVING WILL

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them,
“I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle.,
If that ever happens, just pull the plug.”

They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine.

****NEW** – GSPCA FIELD TRIAL STANDINGS**

Please Note: These are the current GSPCA stats. These stats do not reflect any parent club adjustments for membership status and are for informational purposes ONLY. Information provided by: Stephanie Casdorff, Email: scasdorph@commspeed.net

GSPCA Field Trial Standings are based on the following calculations:

1st place = 4 points

2nd place = 3 points

3rd place = 2 points

4th place = 1 point

Actual # of dogs defeated x the point value for the placement (*Example: 15 dog stake – First place dog defeats 14 dogs x 4 points for first place = 56 points*)

2009 Puppy/Derby Standings (*By Dogs Defeated, GSPCA from Oct 2009 AKC Awards, Trials through Aug 30, 2009*)
#6 Free Flight's Moon Struck – 168 points – Owner: Ronnie Sale

2009 Open Limited Gun Dog Standings (*By Dogs Defeated, GSPCA from Oct 2009 AKC Awards, Trials through Aug 30, 2009*)
#8 FC Timberland Savanna Chip – 232 points – Owners: Don & Ginger Kidd

2009 Open Gun Dog Standings (*By Dogs Defeated, GSPCA from Oct 2009 AKC Awards, Trials through Aug 30, 2009*)
#2 FC Timberland Savanna Chip – 281 points – Owners: Don & Ginger Kidd

November Operation Vaccination: Schedule unless printed otherwise 9AM – 4PM

Sunday, November 1st - Fort Worth, TX ~ Russell Feed and Supply, 5810 Jacksboro Highway, Fort Worth, TX 76114

Saturday, November 7th - Waxahachie, TX ~ Tractor Supply Company, 1201 US-77, Waxahachie, TX 75165

Saturday, November 7th - Dallas, TX ~ Elliott's Hardware, 4901 Maple Avenue, Dallas, TX 75235

Sunday, November 8th - Granbury, TX ~ **SPECIAL TIME: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**
Arrow Feed and Ranch Store, 2031 East Highway 377, Granbury, TX 76049

Saturday, November 8th, Crowley, TX ~ Russell Feed Store, 1621 N. Crowley Road, Crowley, TX 76036

Saturday, November 14th - Mansfield, TX ~ Tractor Supply Company, 1550 Highway 157 North, Mansfield, TX 76063

Sunday, November 15th - Fort Worth, TX ~ Russell Feed & Supply, 9804 Hwy 80-W, Fort Worth, TX 76116

Sunday, November 15th - Keller, TX ~ McDonnell Building Materials Company, 600 North Main, Keller, TX 76248

Thursday, November 19th - Plano, TX ~ **SPECIAL TIME: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
Pet Supplies Plus, 4100 Legacy, Suite 402, Plano, TX 75024

Saturday, November 21st - Grapevine, TX ~ Marshall Grain Company, 3525 William D. Tate, Grapevine, TX 76051

Saturday, November 21st - Brownwood, TX ~ **SPECIAL TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
Tractor Supply Company, 315A East Commerce Street, Brownwood, Texas 76801

Sunday, November 22nd - Benbrook, TX ~ Russell Feed and Supply, 8704 Highway 377 South, Benbrook, TX 76126

Sunday, November 22nd - Ennis, TX ~ **SPECIAL TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
Tractor Supply Company, 300 I-45 South, Ennis, TX 75119

Saturday, November 28th - Fort Worth, TX ~ Marshall Grain Company, 2224 East Lancaster, Fort Worth, TX 76103

Saturday, November 28th - Canton, TX ~ **SPECIAL TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
Tractor Supply Company, 401 E Highway 243, Canton, TX 75103

Sunday, November 29th - Paris, TX ~ **SPECIAL TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
2035 Spur 139, Paris, TX 75462

LONE STAR GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB

PRESENTS A DAY WITH

MYRA SAVANT-HARRIS, RN

Neonatal Intensive Care, Breeder of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and author of
“Canine Repro and Whelping” and *“Puppy Intensive Care”*

In her books and her workshops, Myra translates her years of neonatal intensive care experience into dog/puppy terms and teaches you to function and think like an RN so you can assess and care for your bitch and puppies.

Date: JUNE 12, 2010

Time: 9:00 am TO 5:00 pm

**Location: Fairfied Inn & Suites, Cascades Event Center,
5909 Stone Creek Dr., The Colony, TX. 75056
(Hwy 121 & Springcreek Pkwy)**

Hotel reservations are available at a discounted rate of \$59 plus tax for those traveling. Call 972-370-9008 & reference Lone Star GSP Club Breeder Seminar.

What you will learn?

- Common misconceptions about conception
- How to maximize sperm viability and protect your stud dog's virility
- How to do artificial insemination using chilled or fresh semen from collection to insertion
- How to care for your bitch and ensure her health every step of the way
- Progesterone Testing
- How to get bitches in whelp
- How to deliver healthy puppies
- What you MUST have on hand to make a puppy intensive care nursery
- And plenty of other knowledge that is priceless!!

Myra will have her books and whelping kits available for purchase at the seminar.

Who Should Attend? Every dog breeder, whether you are planning your first litter or the 20th. If you have ever lost, or fear that you might someday lose a puppy or a bitch in whelp or if you have ever had a breeding that did not take, this seminar is a must!!

Seminar Fee (which includes a box lunch and a mid-day snack):

\$50 Club Members ~ Paid & Signed up by 3/31/10

\$65 Non-Club Members ~ Paid & Signed up by 3/31/10

\$75 for all reservations made between 4/1/10 – 6/1/10

Please make checks/money order payable to LSGSPC

Registrations are non-refundable BUT can be transferred by emailing me the information.

Early registration is encouraged, space is limited.

Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Reservation Deadlines:

Early discounted reservations by March 31, 2010; All other reservations by June 1, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Confirmation will be emailed to you upon receipt of your registration

No registrations will be accepted without full payment

NOTE: No dogs will be allowed at the seminar

Mail completed registration and payment to:

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817/297-1668 messages will be returned