

DPCNA NEWS



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Chairman's message - submitted by Brian O'Connor

Hello valued members! I hope your summer has gotten off to a great start. Marc Gorelnik, of California Drents, will be leading the Nomination Committee, with the assistance of Garland Moore, of Gray Timber Kennel, for our upcoming elections. If you have interest in stepping up your involvement with the DPCNA, please reach out to him, or be on the lookout for an e-mail from him. If you have questions about roles and responsibilities, feel free to reach out to me. We are still working on a physical gathering for the Annual meeting this coming fall, this will come out in an e-mail of its own. I hope we can get the stars to align as our last gathering was nothing less than 100% Drentastic! This issue includes a rather lengthy e-Meeting minutes, like always, if you have questions or concerns, please let us know. Also if you have ideas for DPCNA merchandise, please let us know your thoughts: I will work on a polo/shirt, pint glass, coffee mug, what have you and more so if we know there is interest out there for Drent things. BTW – stock levels on hats are running low, and prices have been dropped. Until next time, we sincerely appreciate your continued support!



**Hannah Moore with a pup
from the Gray Timber 2015 litter**

From the Editor - submitted by Jenna Myers

Another year has come and gone and I hope everyone's lives are as full of Drent love as mine is. It's been a rather slow year here, with board members serving overseas and distance between the rest making it harder than usual to get together. We still have had business to attend to, so included are the agenda and minutes from the 2015 meeting as well as articles and member contributions. Please enjoy, and as always, enjoy your Drent(s) this summer, try to stay cool, and get ready for the upcoming hunting season for those of you who partake in the bird fun!

2015 DPCNA E-Meeting Agenda

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2015 E-Meeting Board of Directors Agenda

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1: Health:

- The PawPrint genetics vWD study as been accepted and is due to be published. Lisa Schaffer spent tons of cash on this, and even had blood samples analyzed by Cornell University to substantiate her work, and explore a few other things.

In short the findings suggest, we should discourage breeding Affected dogs to Affected dogs, no clinical signs of excessive bleeding seem to exist. Interestingly the Cornell results indicate affected Drents should be at high risk of bleeding-out.

Brian:

Breaking News: Molly of Bayberry passed away this December presumably due to some type of bleeding disorder. The owner is having an autopsy performed to determine the sudden onset, and reason for the death of what was a 4-year-old Drent which had been healthy. Point is, there are Drents out there that do have clinical signs, maybe they are misread, or go unreported. In this case vWD1 was not found

Proposal:

Continue to encourage DNA testing or do we begin to mandate it? We should prohibit the breeding of Affected dogs to Affected dogs and scrutinize breeding Affected dogs to carriers... Do we develop a matrix like hips and elbows, or do we refer each case to the BAP, and review each on a case by case basis?

Jack: I think we should continue to encourage DNA testing but don't feel we should mandate it yet.

Jenna: I think we should highly encourage the DNA testing and send out info to all members. I think we as Board members should set an example by continuing to test and use the results as part of our breeding decisions. In the next year I would like to see a matrix put together as Brian described above. That being said - if testing is done, we cannot allow the results to be ignored just because it screws up breeding plans. i.e. someone sends their dog in and it comes back affected. If they had plans to breed to an affected dog, then we can't just ignore it because testing is not mandated yet.

Nikki-Not much more I can say on the matter that has not already been said. Completely agree to not mandate yet but keep encouraging breeders.

Brian 31 Jan 2016:

Agreed, we should refrain from breeding Affected dogs to Affected dogs to the greatest extent possible. With our limited breeding stock, we will have to make choices, but using AxA, creates 100% Affected. Carrier to Carrier, creates clear, carriers, and a few affected – by the numbers at any rate. Carrier to Clear, produces carriers and Clear dogs, and so on. A simple strategy to mitigate and reduce moving forward, without an unduly high number of eliminations. Choices will have to be made...(OPEN)

2: Elections:

- We need to determine who is interested in staying on, and in what capacity, and then establish a nominating committee. Any and all ideas will be considered.

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Brian:

Although not elected for my first tenure, I think if the intent of the rules was to be followed, the seat of the President will become open – meaning, I may be able to remain on the Board, but must change my role. I am happy to stay on the Board in whatever capacity the Club would have me.

What are your intents? Also we will need to select someone to run the Nominating function. I would like to recommend that Jack, works as mentor, with whoever is selected to help guide them along. Also who might you know who may make for a constructive addition to the Club?

Jack: Personally I feel the Bylaws should be changed and remove the two term limit for President. I'm not saying someone else isn't capable or willing to step up. But we have a fairly small membership and not sure putting a limit is in the best interest of the club.

Thank you for the recommendation Brian. I would like to suggest having Marc Gorelnik head up the nominating committee if he is willing.

Jenna: I think the bylaws should remain the same. I want Brian to remain on the board, but we need to be able to rotate duties. The downfall of most clubs happens because there is never a change. I too nominate Jack and Marc as well as considering Garland Moore.

Nikki-Jenna makes a valid point here. I also agree with everyone that by-laws should remain the same, for now.

Brian 31 Jan 2016:

We lack the number of members to make such sweeping changes to the by-laws, in accordance with by-laws, Section 11, item 1. I agree with your thoughts, Marc or Garland would be ideal for the Nominating function, with Jack as mentor – once we have consensus, outreach will need to start. (OPEN) Marc Gorelnik accepted role as nominating lead

3: Memberships:

- we need to consider suspending Lifetime Memberships, approximate 75% of our current membership roster is a Lifetime member. Fortunately our expenses are virtually nothing, but we have secured a huge advance on membership income, and should expect to not see much at all in the way of membership revenues. In fact without an increase in membership we are looking at ~\$200 per year in membership renewal income.

Brian Proposal: Suspend LTMs for at least 18 months and then increase LTM fees to at least \$500 & \$400

Jack: I am in agreement with the suspension of LTM's. One other idea is raise the regular membership dues and implement a LTM annual maintenance fee?

Jenna: Agreed we should suspend LTM. I actually think a maintenance fee of maybe \$10 a year or so is good idea. It would keep the LTM involved. I feel like sometimes people just pay and then fade away into the darkness.

Nikki-Agree suspending LTMS for now is a good idea. I can tell you we have had 2 or 3 do LTM since we started these talks about the meeting. I don't know if I agree with a annual fee, but it appears that will be discussed in the future and I am open to hearing others thoughts then.

Brian 31 Jan 2016:

We had a LTM suggest a maintenance fee of sorts for LTMs... I don't know how excited I am about the idea, but raising dues, and suspension of LTMs sounds like what we are going to do. What about raising the cost, once/if we resume the LTM?

(OPEN) action: at the end of FY16 LTMs will be suspended for a trial period of approximately 18 months, at which time re-instatement will be examined.

(WORKING) - general membership dues proposals to be examined at next Annual Meeting

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4: Breeding Plans:

- We need to get a message out, asking folks for their late 2015, early 2016 plans, so that we may be able to assist and/or advertise as appropriate.

Brian: Garland's litter looks beautiful! WOW. We need to solicit for peoples plans for 2016. You may have noticed I had a bunch of plans and they are all gone now. And 17 Dec will dictate what we are doing in 2016. Odds are against Powder having a litter next year...

Jack: all I know is I can't wait to see more puppies.

Jenna: Nobody in membership ever responds to these types of questions. I hate having to solicit people to have litters. I feel like breeding should be a choice. Does anyone know of any intact females? Bayberry has announced that they are breeding Skylor/Sophie again. I personally have no plans for 2016 as neither of my girls will be of age (ember turns 2 years 9 sept 2016). Rainshadow is undecided.

Nikki- Kind of at a loss because as Jenna said there are people out there having litters that we have no contact with. So we are doing our best to stay in contact with those approved DPCNA breeders. I agree knowing what's going on ahead of time would be helpful. And that comes down to communication . I also agree with what Jack said

Brian 31 Jan 2016:

Jenna – all news to me, if you know them, then it might be worthwhile to reach out and see. I still like sending out something to see what plans are and to see if they are interested in working with the club or not.

5: Nominations for our Service Award

A: Lisa Schaffer for all she has done with donating her time and resources to the Drent study through Pawprint Genetics.

Proposal (Brian): Please approve. I'll go ahead and log a "yes" vote now.

Jack: I vote yes as well.

Nikki-I agree to the nominations both section A and B. Both are very deserving.

Jenna: yes (CLOSED) approved.

B: Brian O'Connor for his hard work producing The Drentsche Patrijshond for the North American Fancier, the single best resource for the English speaking community.

Proposal (Brian): Thanks Jack, I also hope maybe a few other things might be in the mix I am very happy and flattered with your nomination, but of course cannot place a vote. Please vote this amongst your selves. Whatever is decided is what the Club will endorse.

Jack: thank you for all your hard work. I vote yes

Jenna: Yes

6: Putting in money for the second round of Paw Print Genetics study. Cost right now would be \$200 per dog with a minimum of 50 dogs. How much can we afford to help?

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Update (Brian): So the Club has pledged up to \$1500 dollars, but hasn't paid anything and I don't recommend that we don't pay anything as an organization, we should be the last to "put in". "The Healthy Drent" has great ideas, and has recruited a diverse team of various professionals to include a Dutch geneticist who is also running an approved outcross program for the Wetterhond. I am on as an advisor, to help build a business plan, prioritize, organize and to help shape communications. I pledge to keep DPCNA and De GezondeDrent business separate, however and I'll summarize it like this. If things continue the way they have been, I will resign my post with them, and if that occurs, I strongly suggest that the DPCNA, withdraws its support and affiliation with De GezondeDrent. There may be things I can or can't share between organizations, but to be transparent as possible. My resignation from Gezonde is a clear signal the DPCNA BoD cannot ignore.

Proposal: Keep our pledge on the table until one of two things happen: sufficient funds are raised and the study is a go. Withdraw support & affiliation as future requirements dictate.

Jack: unfortunately I haven't been able to follow the Healthy Drent much on Facebook so I will trust whatever you feel is best

Jenna: I have no idea what is going on with any of the Dutch Drent research. I vote that we keep our pledge as long as the original intent remains the same and we are using Pawprint. If not pawprint, then I change my vote.

Brian 31 Jan 2016:

Yeah, I'm not certain what is going on. The Belgian crew "breeding without gambling" at least has a direction, and I feel they are making progress.

Nikki-I don't see us getting that many dogs and I thought recently we graciously bowed out of supporting them? I agree with Brian's current proposal.

UPDATE 12 July 16: No DPCNA funds are obligated to any outside group. The Healthy Drent is now focused on outcrossing as the only solution and desires to initiate an out-cross program as rapidly as possible. Breeding Without Gambling is focused on using DNA research to identify epilepsy in the Drent. The group is focused on Belgian research, using blood draws. Remains (OPEN)

7: Photo Contest/Calendar, where are we with it?

Proposal (Brian): Try again immediately in the new year, for a 2017 calendar.

Jack: I have some ideas on how to pull this off. I will try to get something typed up in the near future and sent out.

Jenna: The problem is not getting it formatted or printed. It is that no members sent in photos. Well, we had 1 submission. So if I had gone through with it, it would have been all Jenna/Brian photos. So we decided to re-solicit photos this year and try for 2017. I really enjoy this type of thing, but we need more member involvement.

Nikki- One last try! Someone has to have adorable "Moogie" puppy photos!

(OPEN) - one last try!

8. Is it time to do another shirt order?

Proposal (Brian): I think Jack did a great job with the first batch, and for a screen print shirt, the gal did a great job! Price point was great as well. I would like to go with a sublimated graphic print if we go with a new shirt order. Yes, it is much more expensive, but you can get near photographic print, and if we keep the huge logo on the back, your shirt will never stick to you... Thoughts?

Jack: I concur. The shirts were good but I think we need better quality next time. I can head it up again or if someone else would like to take the reins.

Jenna: I would like to see another shirt order, but without a giant plastic thing on my back. I like the design and shirt quality though. Just need a different print style. And maybe change the design a bit to appeal to those who have the old shirts.

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Nikki-Yes, please!

Brian 31 Jan 2016:

Maybe we should get a few quotes from different places... The place I like to use in Spokane, does great work, but things can be spendy. Since I am in Korea, I could do some poking around – might be able to get a deal, but then, Korean deals are seldom that great once you really look at what you got... But embroidery can be gotten here pretty cheap.

A nice sublimated graphic makes for a great full color print, without the bulk of material on the shirt. If we want basically a re-run of the original, Nik could go and get estimates. If you'd like to see something different, please let me know.

9. Hats

Update (Brian): Hat sales have been disappointing, despite the uproar in the beginning.

Proposal 1 (Brian): LTMs were supposed to get a hat. I would like to send all LTMs a personal email and ask them if they prefer Orange or Khaki and mail them "their" hat.

Proposal 2 (Brian): At this point the cost of the hats are sunk, and maybe if approved, we could run a photo/selfie contest on our FB page with people wearing the DPCNA pride items – might generate enough interest to get the rest gone.

Jack: sorry to hear the hat sales haven't been great. I personally love mine. We could try one more round of advertising and see how well that works?

Jenna: Yes to sending LTM a hat. Agree with Jack, we should try one more time with advertising.

Nikki-Like the idea of a photo contest on FB page to show Drent Pride J The most "likes" wins a hat? Also what Jack said re-advertise as fall/hunting season is quickly approaching again.

If we agree on the LTM getting a hat, I can take care of emailing the LTM and mailing them out.

Brian 31 Jan 2016:

Yes sluggish sales – nice high quality product. We sold a few for Christmas, but not enough to get excited about. Once this concludes I'll make the e-mail, and another FB push.



World's happiest Ember

Drent Coat Care - submitted by Brian O'Connor

One of the questions that I've been hit with several times over the years is Drent coat care. In general, most start off more or less the same:

"...I am reading about people saying you need to trim a Drent, and/or cut the hair on the ears to keep it from getting to long. Also how much effort do you put towards grooming/combing to help with shedding?"

So what I've done here is capture a typical response to this common question:

Drent hair, tends to be pretty fine, so regular brushing almost totally eliminates the need to bathe your Drent. Even if they get really muddy, just put them in their kennel to dry, once dried, take them out and brush (outdoors preferably). This works great unless the mud is super goopy, then you may want to get after that sooner rather than later with a hose and running water - you'll learn the tipping point.

Drents do not have an undercoat, unlike many other breeds like Labs, Golden Retrievers, huskies, etc. But since they have a decent amount of hair, they do okay in cold in environments. Maybe not as good as a Lab in cold water, but way better than a GSP, or English Pointer. I've hunted my Drents with both. Working in heat is very much up to the individual dog! I know an English pointer or two who are total rubbish in the heat...

Like most breeds, Drents shed twice a year. Managing the seasonal change is generally handled with a comb, followed by a pin brush, finished with a boar bristle brush. Use the comb to loosen and get the bulk of the hair which is ready to come out. Follow by the pin brush, it'll do a nice job of sweeping up the rest.

At this point you are likely to see dander, and so enters the Boar brush. The boar bristles will clean that up, and helps distribute the natural oils, and get the coat nice and shiny. If the bristles whiten, take the brush outdoors and pat/rub the bristles on a stone - that is all dander you don't want in your house. This is also great for people allergic to dogs, like me. We are not allergic to the hair, hairs, or fur - but we are allergic to a dog's dander. By reducing the dander on the dog it makes the dog easier and more pleasant to be around.

Usually a brief weekly grooming session handles everything pretty well, between shedding seasons, you might get to skip for a few weeks, if you Drent doesn't carry the brush to you for the attention. Normally, I trim nails every Wednesday, and each dog gets a quick brush down. Having four, you have to imagine it's a pretty quick job to get them "in and out". During shedding season, I'll also brush them indoors while watching TV.

On trimming a Drent with scissors or shears. The only Drent that should "require" a trim would be one which has been "fixed". They tend to blow out their coat as they age, and it is magnified when they get fixed. If you need to trim your Drent because they are shaggy, with a full curl or more in the coat - please don't breed your Drent, as it's coat does not meet standards, the coat is "open". My older female has been fixed, and she gets quite wooly in the winter, she gets shaved down for your annual trip to Arizona, due to the heat, and how much debris her open coat collects.

As for ear hair, yes, most Drents will develop some goofy looking tufts of fur on their ears, these tufts are also very susceptible to sun-bleaching, which further to alter the "correct" framing of the face, and Drent expression. Typically, these hairs are simply plucked out by moistening your fingertips, and plucking - at first your Drent may not appreciate it much, but they soon get over it. The end result is a "properly framed face". If you have let it get really out of hand, a stripping comb maybe handy, but be careful as you can take too much very quickly, and that look isn't very sporty either.



Paxson showing off his ear tufts that need plucking

Tales of a Search & Rescue Dog - submitted by Jack Lusk



Jack and puppy Odyn at training

Where do I begin? Lets start with the day I first met some members of a local search team. It all started with a standard day at work or so I thought. Shortly after arriving I quickly learned the fire station was hosting a Safety Fair. It had all kinds of different booths, from safety glasses to massage therapists. One booth in particular caught my eye because it had dogs. Anyone who knows me knows I will talk to a dog before a person. I headed over. I learned the dogs were trained for search and rescue work. After spending most of the day talking with the team I decided to go spend a day watching them train. I was hooked. I finally found something I could work with a dog all year and help give back to my community.

When I first started I thought that a search dog was a search dog was a search dog. Well after about the third week I realized that it seemed like there are as many different disciplines of search work as breeds of dogs. There are non scent discriminating area search, scent discriminating area search, cadaver (dead people), HRD (human remains detection, small parts), live disaster (collapsed buildings), cadaver disaster, avalanche, tracking, trailing, or any combination of the above. And each discipline has multiple different levels and styles. For example with tracking you can have wilderness tracking 1, 2, and 3. urban tracking 1, 2, and 3. And suspect tracking with a take down at the end.

Working with the team I was unsure of what I wanted to do for sure. It was a tossup between disaster dog and tracking/trailing. Both something we didn't have on the team. I found a few good rubble piles to train in for disaster work. But the business owners wouldn't let me use them to train on so at that point I decided to try tracking/trailing.

I had been wanting a new pup for about a year or so. After about a year little Odyn was born. Seven weeks later I was on my way to Belgium to meet my new SAR pup. I can't begin to tell you how lucky I am. I picked the best breeder I possibly could have. She did everything right by the pup until the day he came home. She told me and I believe her that I got the best pup. After spending a week with the pups and the breeder I was on my way home with a ten pound ball of fur. When we landed in Idaho we hit the ground running. His training started soon we got home.



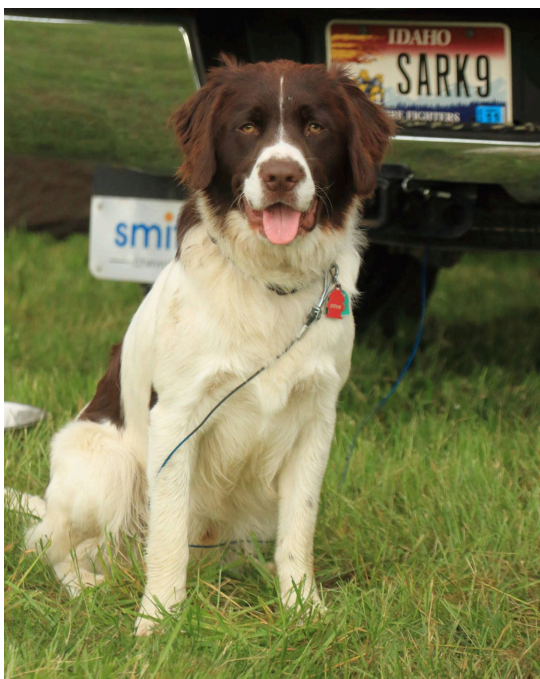
Odyn sporting his vest

Tales of a Search & Rescue Dog cont... - submitted by Jack Lusk

We started out with simple obedience and short runaways. He took to it like a natural. It started out with someone Odyn was comfortable with holding him. I would then show him his favorite toy and treats. Once he was good and wound up I would run about twenty feet and hide behind a bush. As soon as I was hidden my support person would give Odyn the search command, "Zoek" Dutch for Search. Odyn came running to me and as soon as he got to me he was given treats and his toy. After about a week of that we switched places and my support person was the one hiding for Odyn. The distances grew longer and then it got to the point Odyn wasn't allowed to watch the subject run away. At this point we introduced a scent article a hat, sock, shirt, or something the person has used recently. Once he was comfortable with that we started putting treats on the track at about every ten feet and running him in his harness. This was used to get his nose on the track and on the ground and keep his pace down. Once his nose was consistently on the track we removed the treats. Now he runs without any treats until he finds the subject. We have started adding a start box or area last seen. It is an area about twenty feet square that the subject has walked through but I don't know the exact path. I also try not to run on the same subject multiple times in a row.



Good find Odyn!



Odyn recently at a seminar

Every time we train the tracks get a little longer, a little more complex, and age a little bit older. One track we ran together was a half hour old and ran about three hundred yards long. It had multiple turns in it and a cross track. After scenting the scent article he was off like a rocket. He was steady and fast paced. He hit the first turn like it was nothing. Still going strong he missed the second turn, after a little distraction from my support person and a little help he was off again. He never missed a beat from that point on, and followed a winding path straight to the "missing" subject.

The last training we did I sent the subject with my Garmin Astro collar so my support person could see the track. It was about a quarter mile long track. We let the track age two hours. I took Odyn to the start box and did a let him get all the smells that were in the box. I then took him to the edge of the box, took his collar off and clipped the lead to his harness. I let him smell the scent article and we were off. The wind was blowing across the track at about a 45 degree angle. He was only about 5 feet off the exact path and followed it all the way with very little guidance from me or my support person. Once he found the subject he got his treats.

We continue to train weekly and it keeps getting more complex and difficult for Odyn and myself. Stay tuned for part two. Where we will have gone to at least one seminar and possibly test for certification!

Long Distance Run Around, A Tale of Importing - submitted by Craig Koshyk

In a perfect world the pup of your dreams, from the breed of your dreams, would be whelped by an awesome breeder living just down the street. And when the happy day came for you to bring puppy home, all you'd need to do is walk half a block to get him.

But this world is not perfect.

The pup of your dreams, from a breed of your dreams, may actually spend the first 8+ weeks of its life far away from where you live. And that means you can't just walk down the street to get him. But if he's in your own country, getting a pup from a different city or state is fairly straight forward. There are no international borders or language barriers to deal with. And no matter how far away the breeder lives, you at least have the option of taking a road trip to go there or shipping him with a domestic airline.

But what happens when the pup is in another country, on the other side of the ocean? Obviously things are a bit more complicated, but not impossible. In fact, getting a pup from Europe is actually relatively easy, and best of all, it can lead to some incredible opportunities to make new friends and discover other cultures.

How do I know that? Because my wife and I have been there, done that, several times. And our lives are now richer for it. We've imported and help others import dogs from France, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia and helped breeders over here export dogs to France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain. So here are some tips and suggestions for getting a pup from overseas or, if you are a breeder, for shipping a pup overseas. They are based on our own experiences and those of some good friends who have also 'been there, done that'.

Before you do anything at all, you absolutely, positively **MUST** establish a connection based on mutual trust with folks on the ground over there. Look for contacts on breed club websites, Facebook groups or online lists of breeders. Connect via the breeder's website, by email or forums, bulletin boards, Facebook etc. or spend a buck or two on a long-distance phone call.

In my opinion, the best way, by far, to get a pup from overseas is to fly there yourself and pick it up from the breeder. Not only is it the most secure way for the pup, but the experience of a trip to Europe will stay with you forever and a trip to Europe and if you can arrange to go during hunting season and go for a hunt there, it will blow your mind. Yes, it will cost more, but you will get huge returns on the investment of time and money made for years to come. So sell a gun or two, eat nothing but Kraft Diner for six months, get a second job...do whatever you need to do to pay for a return flight and a week or two visit to Europe. Trust me, you will LOVE IT!



club member Jared picking up his pup Fowler

Long Distance Run Around, A Tale of Importing cont... - submitted by Craig Koshyk



puppies easily fit in a travel bag

If you absolutely cannot or do not want to go, arrange for someone to bring the pup over for you. Ask around to see if a friend or relative, neighbour, work associate, basically anyone you know and trust is already planning to go there. If they are, offer them a few bucks to bring the pup back with them (and cover the cost for the pup's flight of course). A few years ago, a friend of mine reserved a pup in France. She was unable to go so pick it up herself so we looked into shipping it here. The cost turned out to be about the same as a return flight to Paris for a person. So I asked my sister if she'd like a free trip to Paris. She jumped at the opportunity and was more than happy to bring the pup back with her.

What about having the pup shipped? This can be the least expensive way (still not cheap, and sometimes as much or even more than a round trip flight for a person), but it can also be the most stressful way for everyone involved. The breeder may have to travel a long way to get the pup to a major airport, the flight may not be direct, you may have to travel a ways to get to the nearest major airport etc. But if you are near a major hub and the breeder is too, and you can get a decent flight (hopefully direct) at a decent price, shipping via cargo can be a good option.

Some breeders will flat-out refuse to ship pups over here no matter what. They are anxious about putting a puppy on a plane overseas. I don't push them on this. Everyone has their limits with what they are comfortable with. But when I contact breeders now, I am quick to point out that we have successfully shipped many puppies with [PetAir \(www.petair.de\)](http://www.petair.de) and that they have been easy to work with. They arrange the flights and can pick up the puppy at the breeder's door to deliver him to the airport. I have had a couple of breeders tell me that they were nervous about shipping overseas but felt more comfortable with it after visiting the PetAir website and speaking with their representatives.

Surprisingly, prices for pups in Europe are not much different than in North America, and sometimes less. Of course, as they say "caveat emptor" (buyer beware), so watch out for really low prices or really high prices. Generally speaking you are looking at about a thousand US dollars for a young puppy of just about any breed. Yes, some will be higher, some lower, but none will be half price or double the price.

Finally, if you need help, just ask. I am happy to help out in any way I can and there are people in every club, in every breed that are willing to take the time to answer questions and help you get a good dog.

For more about Craig and this article, visit his website: <http://pointingdogblog.blogspot.kr/2016/02/long-distance-run-around.html>

Litter Announcements - submitted by Jenna Myers

Since our last newsletter the DPCNA welcomed the first litter from Gray Timber Kennel in Oklahoma. Grey Timber is owned by Garland Moore and his wife Shauna.

2015 Gray Timber Litter - Rainshadow's Madelinne Gray X Esp Ch. Joksan Nabar the Gloucester (10 pups - 5 boys and 5 girls) * Born December 7, 2015



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Gezonde Drent Withdrawal and Resignation - submitted by Brian O'Connor

For those of you who follow the DPCNA and/or me via social media platforms, this will be old news. I will add a bit here, in an effort to make the reading worth your time. For everyone else, the DPCNA Board of Directors has recently voted to part ways with “The Healthy Drent foundation” (Gezonde Drent), to be referred to as HDF for the remainder of this article. As the HDF’s primary partner organization the DPCNA was not in the loop with HDF activities, plans, or messaging, this created a problem for our organization. Despite our small membership the Club has achieved a high level of credibility, which must be protected. Given the lack of communication, clear direction, and move towards controversial methodologies I made the recommendation to the Board to part ways with the HDF, at least temporarily. The measure was accepted unanimously.

As Special Advisor to the HDF, I could have stayed on, however I found the leadership climate of the HDF to be unnecessarily difficult, and resistant to being advised – which was supposedly my role. I also began to feel as if the HDF had made gains based on my association and it was my “close” association the group was after versus my experience and ability to create and execute business strategy, and communications plans... Considering the frustrating situation, it was best to part ways while relationships could be maintained, or potentially improved.



What’s next? That is a great question, and we will all have to be thinking about that. In broad strokes the Drent is a healthy rare breed, but there are indicators which we must take seriously and actively search for solutions starting now. Besides the DPCNA, there is one foundation seeking to learn the nature and depth of health issues in the Drent and this is: “Fokken zonder gokken” (FZG) Breeding without Gambling, which is positioned most closely with the DPCNA’s original thoughts. FZG seeks to use DNA testing to identify the sources of PRA, Epilepsy, to learn more about vWD-I in the breed, and other disorders. Then to evaluate the situation for solutions and action. Switching gears, the HDF, has placed researching the issues as a distant second priority and has begun advocating out-crossing as the only solution, and to initiate such a program immediately. While this has been done with varying levels of success in other Dutch breeds and may be a tool we need to employ to strengthen the Drent. Doing so without knowing the 5-W’s of our current situation makes the success of such program dubious.

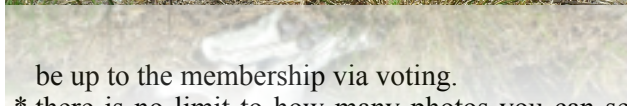
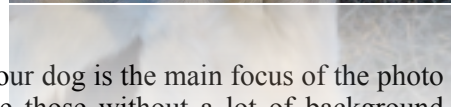
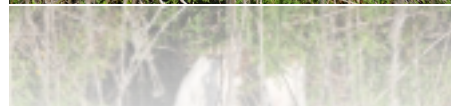
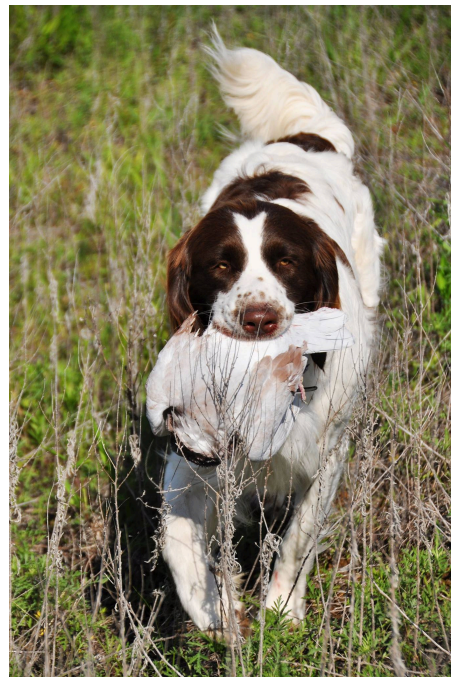
I hope this has helped to explain the situation further. The DPCNA isn’t down or out, nor am I. However, we have realized the need to exercise greater care with the partners and alliances we make. My thoughts are, these are lessons we have to learn moving forward as a young, but influential, organization. We, wish for a healthy Drent, but place our emphasis behind scientific research to guide which methods may be the best to manage and create a healthier future for our beloved Drent.

DPCNA Calendar

This year we are hoping to put together the first ever DPCNA Calendar. We tried this last year but didn't get enough submissions so we are trying again! The exact details have not been worked out yet, but we believe it will be a print-on-demand format so anyone can order as many as they want without having a restricting deadline for orders. The likely cost will be around \$20. It will be for 2017 (possibly including Nov/Dec 2016) and will be aiming for completion in October. The most important part of the calendar will be the photos that we will be using for each month. **So here is where our members can help out! If you a photo you would like considered for the calendar please submit it to Jenna - jenna.myers227@gmail.com**

Here are some tips for photo submission:

- * please make sure the photo is high-quality. Please do not send photos taken on camera phones unless you know they can be blown up calendar size without blurring or becoming pixelated.
- * we will choose photos based on the theme of the month, so please send a variety of choices. By theme, I mean summer will feature summer-type photos, fall will feature hunting photos, winter will feature snowy or winter themed photos, etc.



be up to the membership via voting.

- * there is no limit to how many photos you can send. We will try to select



*the cover photo will be chosen from the group of highest quality photos that we receive. The board will determine the best options, and then the final decision will

photos from a variety of owners, so if you send many photos, please be aware than your dog may only be printed one time in order to accommodate everyone.

*please make sure your dog is the main focus of the photo - the best photos are those without a lot of background clutter/distraction. Photos taken outside tend to be the best, but we will consider all photos submitted.

In Memory...

The Kilkelly family just recently lost Basco, possibly the most prolific "Meet & Greet" ambassador for the DPCNA, and the Drent in North America. Many people have connected Bettie over the past 8 years. Many people got their first introduction via Basco and were able to talk with someone with knowledge and passion for the breed. Basco was 12 years old.

In memory of Basco....

"[Death] always happens. But sometimes, we're lucky enough to spend those last few moments together with the one we love."

Basco was one of the few in this world that I was able to connect with in a very personal way. He was truly my dog . And I was altogether his human. I regret nothing, although I would be remiss if I didn't say that I wish I could I have been by his side as he died tonight.

I love you Basco, and I'll see you soon enough. Till then, please don't wait at that door to Heaven. I don't want to keep you waiting...



From the Kitchen * PB&J POPS * - submitted by Jenna Myers



First Layer

1/4 cup Peanut Butter
3/4 cup plain Yogurt
Add peanut butter and yogurt to a blender or food processor and blend until smooth

Second Layer

2 cups Strawberries, chopped
1/4 cup plain Yogurt
Add strawberries and yogurt to a blender or food processor and blend until smooth

Third Layer

1/2 cup Blueberries
3/4 cup plain Yogurt
Mix blueberries and yogurt

Directions

1. Pour an inch or so of your first layer mixture into the bottom of each cup.



2. Allow to freeze for 30 minutes, and insert your rawhide stick.
3. Repeat pouring the layers, allowing them to set 30 minutes in between, until they are all used.
4. Freeze for 8 hours to allow them to fully set.
5. Run warm water around the mold to remove the popsicle.
Makes 4 popsicles.

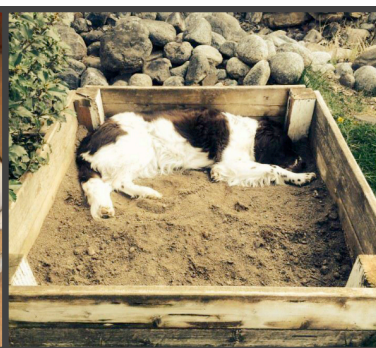
Ingredients

- 1/4 cup Peanut Butter
- 2 cups Strawberries, chopped (frozen or fresh)
- 1/2 cup Blueberries (frozen or fresh)
- 1 3/4 cup plain Yogurt, divided
- 4 Rawhide Sticks
- small, clear solo cups

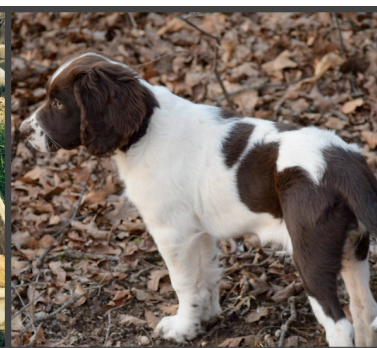
Parting Shots



Loki and puppy Odyn



Jorja in her sandbox



baby Paisley



Rijke picking cherries

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