



DPCNA NEWS

DRENTSCHE PATRIJSHOND CLUB OF NORTH AMERICA

Chairman’s Message – Jenna O’Connor

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Happy Spring to everyone! The weather here is looking up finally, though we could really use some rain to help prevent a terrible fire season! Hopefully, everyone has come out of 2020 healthy and ready to get back to some sense of normalcy. For many of us, our dogs are what get us through the best of times and the hardest of times. I hope your Drent has been a source of strength and humor though this last year. For us, many dog events have resumed, and we are looking forward to a summer full of training and some fun travels.

As always, we are always looking for submissions to the newsletter. If you have a cool photo or fun story you want to share, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

Now go give your Drent that ear scratch and belly rub that they no doubt deserve.

Regards,
Jenna O’Connor



Annual Meeting Agenda

We are currently compiling the agenda for our Annual Meeting. Please send discussion items to Kathryn Keen at knkeen@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Our merchandise fundraiser was a resounding success. We raised over \$400! Thank you to all of those who supported the DPCNA by purchasing items.

The DPCNA is on Instagram

Follow the DPCNA on Instagram at [drent club north america](https://www.instagram.com/drentclubnorthamerica). If you have Drent-related news to share, pass it along to Kathryn Keen at knkeen@gmail.com.

The Fledgling Breed Club

- Brian O'Connor

Originally, I penned this article while in hunting quail in Arizona this past season and submitted it shortly after returning to Washington early in the year. I nearly had it pulled from being published, however it seems this article is more important than I had thought originally. The DPCNA is beginning to roll into its thirteenth year. It seems like a long time, but really thirteen years is nothing for a breed club; doubly so for a super rare breed with an exceedingly small cadre of active volunteers. We are, for all practical purposes, still very much a fledgling club with many, many things to do on behalf of the Drent. Our ground floor is still being built!

As a founder of the Club, I am immensely proud of what the DPCNA has gotten done through the hands of only a few volunteers. The Club has



broken many 'glass ceilings' for the Drent - driven updates with the breed standard, circa 2008, opened the gates on genetic health testing, and even screening for elbow dysplasia. Our mission to create a healthier, true to form Drent made fanciers wake up and take note here, the Netherlands, and pretty much all other countries. We were even able to get the AKC to see they had to look at things differently as we were the breed club that made it possible to be able to do both hunt and retrieving tests.

Still, we have much work to do as an association. For those who have attained a college degree you will recall having a program guide to follow - select courses from various lists, pass them, collect the points, and move forward - you had a map; one with a few different paths, but a map to move you from where you are to where you want to be.

As a Breed Club, there really isn't such a clearly defined path. Yes, the AKC has a list of markers needed to move from FSS to Misc. Class, then onto the Sporting Group. But moving forward is simply not achievable with just a few volunteers endeavoring to manage the basic administrative needs of the organization alone.

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For Misc. Class, the AKC has a few requirements paired with four main goals; we have the needed geographic distribution of dogs and members, and are approaching the minimum number of members needed, but we are well below the minimum number of dogs registered needed to move forward. Additionally, the AKC likes to see involvement in AKC events – which we are decidedly absent from. This will require our community to become involved by doing.

Many of you have been drawn to the Drent to get in on the 'ground floor' and then have become frustrated when you see what a construction zone looks like. In truth, our progress has always come in fits and spurts, but usually it comes when someone steps up to help do.

Why do I say all of this? These days the DPCNA regularly has someone asking the Club to do or provide something; or tries to compare us to a Club that has been around for decades with hundreds if not thousands of members, an extended Executive council with established committees and sub-committees. When, in reality, they have been asking a group of one to four people to make their request happen in addition to the usual Club business at hand (which keeps us plenty busy).

We do need and want your ideas, but we don't need more work. We do need more members to step up and help do the work. Don't just be the Champion of your idea(s) and solutions, be prepared to be the workhorse for them as well. So, before you take any time to bemoan the DPCNA lacking X, Y, or Z ask yourself how you can help make whatever you feel is missing a reality for the Drent in North America. We are small and young. We have roughly seventy members with approximately 160 dogs on this continent and we have only a handful of active breeders. If you think the Club needs something, please talk to the Club President about what you are capable of and willing to do. And if you are just joining us and want to become involved, please don't be afraid to reach out and see if there are any projects that could use help. No amount of assistance is too little!



January 21, 2021

The Drentsche Patrijshond Club of North America joins Good Dog as an official Club Partner in Good Dog's Club Partnership Program!

Good Dog is thrilled to announce that the Drentsche Patrijshond Club of North America (DPCNA) will be joining Good Dog as an official Club Partner!

At Good Dog, we have incredible admiration for the DPCNA and the amazing work they do to develop and maintain the Drent as a field-ready and family oriented pointing dog. The Club is dedicated to establishing a sound breeding program by adhering to the Dutch standard for characteristics such as type, coat and field use. The DPCNA strives to carry on the Drents' Dutch heritage and does so by placing a large emphasis on the health and temperament of every breeding dog. We established the Club Partnership Program to support our Club Partners, like the DPCNA, in their crucial efforts to build a better world for our dogs.

As an official Club Partner, the DPCNA will receive an annual grant, Club recognition on the Good Dog website, priority status offered to DPCNA members who apply to Good Dog, and much more! As part of the DPCNA's commitment to preserving and promoting the Drent breed, the Club will use the grant from Good Dog to educate the public on the Drent breed standard through educational information, as well as 'Meet the Breed' events to increase Drent exposure. It is essential to increase awareness of the Drent breed standard, and the annual grant from Good Dog will significantly improve public knowledge of the breed, as well as assist in preserving the Dutch character of the breed.

Join Good Dog to help change the conversation and support the good forces in the dog world – give dog breeders the recognition they deserve and make the world a better place for our dogs and the people who love them. Click here to join Good Dog today!

Interested in applying to Good Dog's Club Partnership Program? Fill out our Club Partnership Form! We would love to hear from you! Feel free to reach out at breederteam@gooddog.com!

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The Drent was featured on the 14 Dec 20 episode of Pure Dog Talk! Pure Dog Talk is THE podcast for all things purebred dog and more to include excellent interviews with top breeders, judges, veterinarians, and more. Check it out at:

<https://puredogtalk.com/podcast/452-drentsche-patrijshond-hunting-dog-property-dog-family-dog/>

Tule X Fen Litter
- Jenna O'Connor

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Brewer

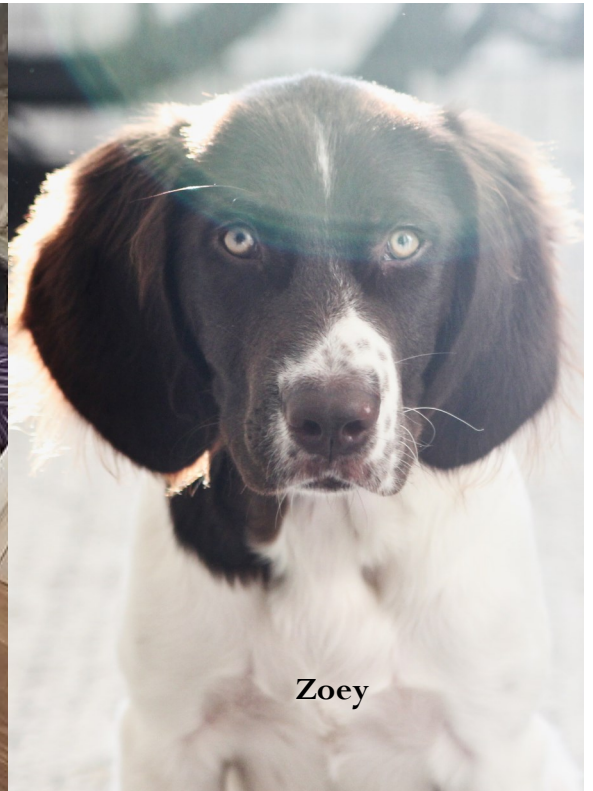


The litter with Tule and Fen was born March 19, 2021. It was 2 girls and 3 boys. The pups went to homes in Washington, California (x2), Idaho and Montana.

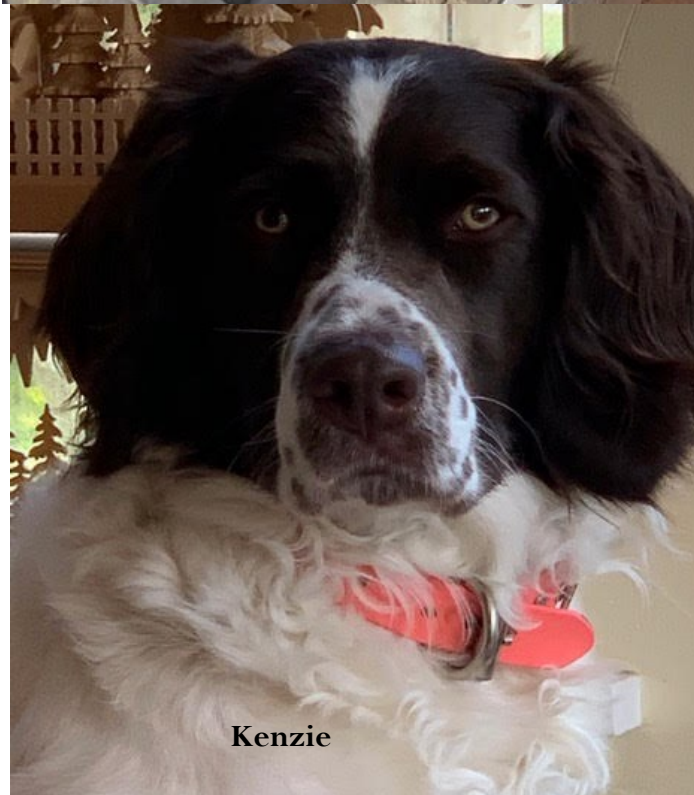




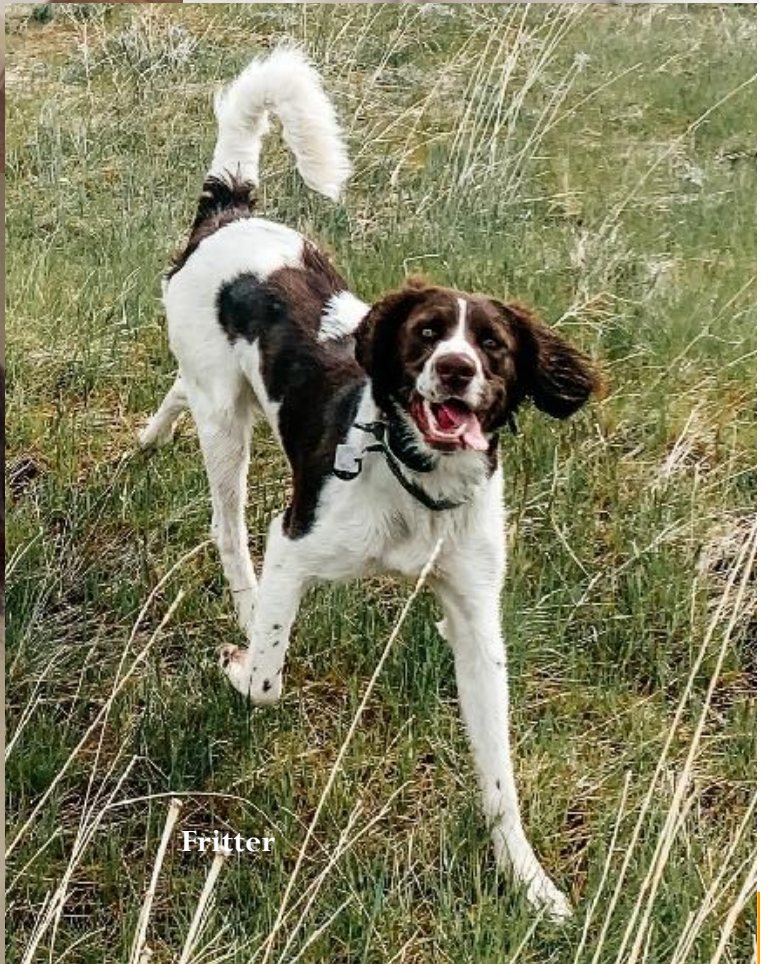
Tule x Fen pups



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