

Nestlé Purina German Shorthaired Pointer Handler of the Year Awards Program

Nestlé Purina PetCare Company is pleased to sponsor the “German Shorthaired Pointer Handler of the Year Awards Program.” The award is designed to reward and recognize the Open Handler and Amateur Handler who accumulates the greatest number of points in qualifying trials as determined by the Handler Awards Committee. The committee will consist of six members (three each selected by the GSPCA and the NGSPA) and will approve qualifying trials and modify guidelines as appropriate.

HANDLER QUALIFICATIONS

Open Handler: Points accumulated in Open Shooting Dog, Open Gun Dog, Open Limited Gun Dog, Open All Age, or Open Limited All Age.

Amateur Handler: Points accumulated in handling dogs that they themselves solely own or co-own with an immediate member of their family in the following stakes: Amateur Shooting Dog, Amateur Gun Dog, Amateur Limited Gun Dog, Amateur All Age, and Amateur Limited All Age.

QUALIFYING TRIALS*

- ◆ NGSPA Nationals, Regionals, and Species with a minimum of 10 Shooting Dog starters or 6 All Age starters.
- ◆ GSPCA Nationals, GSPCA Classics, and the AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog National.
- ◆ One American Field Trial will be included – the German All Breed (NGPDA).
- ◆ 15 GSPCA member clubs will be selected to host an additional 15 Purina Qualifying Trials. The stakes will either be 4-Point Major Traditional (30-minute Open / Amateur / Limited events) or limited stakes running 45 minutes. The selected clubs will be evenly divided between the East, Central, and West sections. The events will be held throughout the field trial season. The committee may make modifications of the running time and trial qualifications at its discretion.

| HANDLER AWARD POINTS | | | | |
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| | Winner | RU | 3 rd | 4 th |
| NGSPA National | 7 Pts | 4 Pts | | |
| NGSPA Regional | 3 Pts | 2 Pts | | |
| NGSPA Species | 5 Pts | 3 Pts | | |
| GSPCA National | 7 Pts | 4 Pts | 3 Pts | 2 Pts |
| AKC / 30** | 2 Pts | 1 Pts | | |
| Classics / 45 Min / AKC | 5 Pts | 3 Pts | 2 Pts | 1 Pts** |
| AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog National ** | 7 Pts | 4 Pts | 3 Pts | 2 Pts |
| German All Breed National | 7 Pts | 4 Pts | | |

** AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog National and GSPCA Open events will permit amateur winners to count wins toward amateur points if no amateur event is held.

* Only horseback-handled trials.

TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM

In case of a tie, the winner would be the handler: 1) with the highest point total in national events; 2) who defeated the highest number of dogs; or 3) with the highest number of placements in recognized trials. If the tie remains unbroken, co-winners would be declared.

HANDLER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION / PRIZES

The “Purina German Shorthaired Pointer Handler of the Year Awards” will be presented at a banquet hosted by Nestlé Purina PetCare Company at the GSPCA National.

The Open Award Winner will receive a Special GSP Handler of the Year Ring, \$1,000 in cash, and 450 pounds of Purina brand product from Nestlé Purina Company. The cash award will be doubled if the winning handler is an active Purina Pro Club member, with redemptions within the past six months.

The Amateur Award Winner will be awarded a Special GSP Handler of the Year ring, 1,000 Purina points toward purchase of any item(s) included in the Purina catalog, and 450 pounds of Purina brand product from Nestlé Purina Company. Purina points are doubled if the winning handler is an active Purina Pro Club member, with redemptions within the past six months.

HOST CLUB’S RESPONSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS

The Nestlé Purina Company will provide GSPCA and NGSPA clubs hosting qualifying trials with cash donation, product for winners, banners, and other applicable items.

All host clubs (qualifying trials) are responsible for providing reports on winning handlers and trial write-ups to the individual designated by the Award Committee to be responsible for tabulating and publishing results.

