

UTAH'S PERFECT POINTERS

October 2016



Welcome to our second newsletter for 2016! We love hearing from you via email and on facebook. We especially appreciate receiving pictures of your dogs and their friends. That section will return in the November newsletter. If you missed our previous newsletters they're posted at www.utahspointers.org.

Our Featured Adoptable Boy - Kermit

We love this dog! He's in his own weird little wonderful world. That world consists mostly of sniffing - all day. Kermit is quite happy to be petted but he doesn't insist on it. That wouldn't be gentlemanly. He'll wait for you to offer some love and if it's not convenient that's OK - he'll find something else to do - like sniffing. Kermit's a hunter. This is his love - along with food and petting, hiking with Lynne in the mountains, and sniffing birds/squirrels/flies (well, you get the idea). Kermit got his name because he came to us with double dew claws on his back feet. He's our stoic little Frog Dog. Of course we had them removed and gave him a dental. He's positively playful for short spells since his surgeries (it's all relative). Then he returns to his sniffing.

Kermit is great with all people and other dogs, meaning he loves his people and is happy to coexist with dogs but he doesn't really pay much attention to them. After all, he has a job to do..... sniffing! He's wonderful with children and beautifully house trained. Don't let the picture of Lynne's grand niece holding him fool you. He's way too strong and sniff-oriented to be walked by children.



Strut Your Mutt 2016

Utah's Perfect Pointers is participating in this year's Strut Your Mutt at Liberty Park on October 22nd! We're so excited to be able to walk with all our two- and four- legged friends under our own banner. Come Strut With Us!!!

Registration information is online at www.utahspointers.org.

Register at <http://bfas.convio.net/goto/UPP> The screens are slightly different for cell 'phones and laptops.

Donations Updates

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our pack in September. We're always happy to accept donations mailed to *Utah's Perfect Pointers - PO Box 17071, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84117* We even have a donation button at www.utahspointers.org

Many thanks to the dog lovers who helped us after the hot summer:

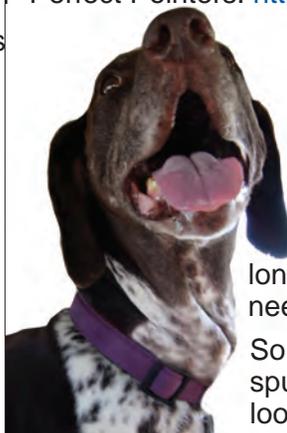
- Tammy & Mike - Addie & Spring's parents
- Staci - Dylan's & Truffle's mom
- Barbara - Halle's & Riley's mom
- Lindsey - pointer fan (@ Dog Lodge)
- Kris - Raider's mom/Georgy's foster
- Mark & Joyce - Murphy's parents
- Kay - our wonderful veterinarian
- Lara & Dan - GSP parents
- DeAnna - long-time rescue friend
- Brian & Patricia - new rescue friends
- Tom - Fallon's dad
- Alin - rescue dad in waiting
- DJ & Steven - Frankie May's dads
- Cindy - Einie's mom/super volunteer

This is our last major fundraiser for the year and has to get our doggies through the long Christmas boarding season so we need all your help and participation!

And it's a whole lot of fun.

If you'd like to get a team together from your office, church, or recreational group, you can start your own fund-raising page within the UPP registration page like Georgy G. SP, below. The options are limitless!

Hi Everyone! I'm Georgy G. SP! Please join my Strut Your Mutt page on Utah's Perfect Pointers: <http://bfas.convio.net/goto/UPP> (newsletter link isn't active)



I just joined the UPP gang in September and I'm a little "north of 9 years". I'm a feisty, bossy, and very playful old lady. I'm far from being over the hill! I like my gentle walks and spending time with my foster mom and brother, Raider. WOOF! I'm a little incontinent so proin is my friend.

I'm strutting to raise money for all my little old friends at UPP. It sometimes takes us a little longer to get adopted and we have a few more medical needs than those young 'uns. But we have a great time

So come and join us at the Strut! You'll be amazed at my spunky walk (comes with hip dysplasia and arthritis). I'm looking forward to meeting everyone! 😊

Please email utahspointers@yahoo.com to purchase a group t-shirt for \$15.

Volunteer Spotlight

It's high time we paid tribute to amazing rescue lady, Lynne, who's been fostering for UPP, driving millions of miles, working her heart out, and donating the Dickens out of her bank account since 2010. These are very, very lucky pointers! This year will mark Lynne's 100th foster dog in just 7 years.



This is Lucy, Lynne's first foster from Emporia KS - a rare Billy Dog masquerading as a Pointer - who came to us in March 2010. We really should have named her "Houdini Girl" because her alternate personality was "Escape Artist".



Jasmine 2011



Champ 2012



Kiri 2013



Cocobella 2014



Sage 2015



Yashi 2016

It's a fitting tribute to show Lynne through the years with one foster from each year. Lucky Dogs!

And of course there's the Luckiest Dog - Lynne's Shadow - who was a record adoption in just one week.



Shadow

It was love at first paw. Nov 2011

Of course Lynne didn't limit herself to fostering! She enlisted the neighborhood kids, their parents, her co-workers, her friends, her friends' friends, and anyone else who crossed her path for yard sale duty. Her garage was always full and her car was in the driveway - a true Utahan!



These yard sales got us through a lot of surgeries, transports, food, and boarding expenses. Very, very lucky pointers!

WHATAWOMAN!

Statistics - January-September 2016

Intakes - January-September 2016			
On-hand Jan 1	Shelters	Surrenders	Total
24	40	10	74
Outcomes - January-September 2016			
Adopted	Euthanized	Transferred	Ret Owner
26	7	12	2

*Transferred dogs include both ours and those we take in for other groups (we don't have nearly enough of our own dogs!) and keep for 2-6 weeks while they're being vetted and awaiting transport).

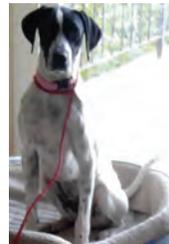
Thank You Best Friends!



There's nothing a rescue person hates more than to tell a shelter person, "I'm sorry. I can't take your wonderful dog. I don't have the room/time/money to care for it." This is particularly true for the old, sick, poorly socialized, untrained, unruly, unlovely and unwanted members of our breeds. And yes, they're all wonderful.

However, it is a reality rescue people face every day. Some months/years are worse than others. For UPP, 2016 is a tough year. You learn to say "Goodbye" and hold the ones you can't save and move to the next one you might be able to help

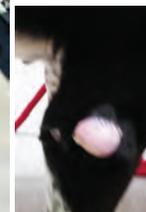
Enter Best Friends and their grants for NKUT coalition members. Our proposal was accepted for a matching medical grant! Best Friends will donate \$4000 to match our \$6900 funds to care for our urgent medical needs. This is a huge help for an insanely small group with more dogs than most shelters have at any one time.



"Grateful" is an understatement for the relief this provides. Of course we still need to come up with that \$6900. 😊 And of course two dogs needing serious surgeries instantly materialized.



Meet Yuna



Eight year old Yuna arrived from a very rural Utah shelter. She was in rough shape

with an oozing wound on her torn ear, a soft, enlarged tumor on her leg, several growths on an eye and three large mammary tumors. Thanks for taking care of the ear, Dr. Kay! Thanks to the Best Friends matching grant we were able to take her to Healing Hearts the next day and she went right into her first surgery. Dr. McGillick removed the mammary tumors for biopsy, stitched the ear and we'll have her spayed and the eye taken care of in a couple of weeks.



Meet Rody

Rody is a yearling dingbat English Pointer who was turned into the shelter because he's going blind. The Best Friends matching grant allowed us to get him to Dr. Deb Rowley at Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners. She dilated his eyes and recommended an electroretinography (ERG) and ocular ultrasound to determine if surgery can save our little guy's eye(s). Estimated cost of the diagnostics and surgery is \$2700 of which we need to raise \$1700 for our share of the Best Friends grant.

The Fine Print

Utah's Perfect Pointers DBA GSP Rescue Southwest is a 501c3 federal charity. Your donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Both entities are registered in Utah. All donations to Utah's Perfect Pointers or GSP Rescue SW are gratefully acknowledged by a letter from Marilyn with many, many thanks. We officially cover UT, AZ and NM, and unofficially ID, NV and sometimes OR. That's a huge area for such a small organization! So if anyone wants to help in any way, we'll welcome you with open arms. Please email utahspointers@yahoo.com for volunteer opportunities or to foster.

Our Featured Daycare/Boarding Facility Laundermutts

We are so fortunate to have the support of daycare/boarding facilities that help us when we don't have enough foster homes for our dogs (always) and allow our dogs who are being fostered to attend daycare at no cost so their parents can go to work. From north to south these wonderful businesses are: Utah Dog Park, Diggity Dog Resort, Camp Bow Wow, Old Farm Pet Resort, Dog Lodge, Dog Town and Laundermutts. This newsletter pays tribute to Laundermutts. Watch for information about Dog Town in our November newsletter. If you're looking for daycare/boarding for your best friend, please support these good samaritans who support our rescue.

LAUNDERMUTTS has been an amazing help to our dogs for over 4 years. New owners Crystal and



Laundermutts Pet Services
Grooming, Self Dog Wash, Boarding
and Doggie Day Camp

Victor Medina even adopted our little Voni into their family in 2015. They're always there for us during the year and busy holiday seasons when we have to remove our dogs from other facilities.



Laundermutts is one of the best-kept secrets in West Jordan. It's been in existence for years and just came under Crystal's and Vincent's tender care in April 2016. While they get settled they're doing all this with two employees (!) and helping pointers at the same time.

Laundermutts has a loyal cadre of customers who bring their dogs for daycare regularly.



The facility also hosts a grooming business owned by Tino and Kyle Staker who definitely know the ropes! If you want to bathe your own dogs the tubs are at the perfect height for everyone.



You're always welcome to visit at 1379 W 9000 S, West Jordan or call 801-676-0181 to set up an appointment for daycare, boarding or grooming. <http://www.laundermuttspetplaza.com>

Grant (formerly known as Dodger") came to UPP via a rescue friend in NV who was alerted to this outdoor dog barking his head off by her daughter in ID (in January!). Donna was so appalled she jumped in her truck and brought him to me. Two wonderful men, who adopted little Frankie May from UPP in Jan. 2014 saw him and knew he needed to be theirs so Grant was on his way home to Phoenix. It was love at first sight for the guys and little May.



Grant jumped in the back seat, made himself comfortable and immediately found The Good Life.



They had 10 wonderful months together when Grant developed a severe bronchial infection that took him from his family in June. He loved, was loved and is deeply mourned by his dads and sister. We miss you, beautiful boy.



In Memory

It's always hard to lose a loved family member. Their memories comfort us. Most came from desperate backgrounds and found love. We can't think of a better reason for celebration.

Dear little Phoebe arrived on Feb. 11, 2015. She'd had a rough couple of years from being shot in the hip and left unattended. But thanks to Leroy's call to us and a kind transporter from Sevier she received all the love in 1.5 years that she hadn't had before.



She had that leg amputated the day after arrival and stayed with



Marylin for a month recovering before going to Staci where life continued to improve!

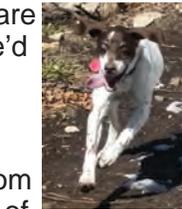
With Staci's & Scott's care she became the kid she'd

never had the opportunity to be in her past. She loved and was loved by all.

On June 6 she was adopted by a wonderful family with a dog they got from HSU, Coco. It was the best 14 months of



her life. Sadly Phoebe developed an aggressive cancer in her leg. Her family took her swimming at Barley's to alleviate the pain and were



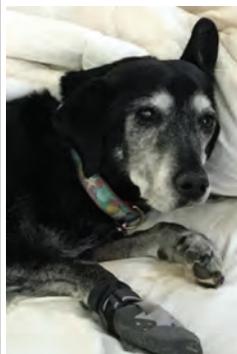
with her while she died on Sept. 30. We miss you baby girl and we're so grateful to everyone who loved you in your last years.

Brewster came to us in February 2010 from Roosevelt. He was a little dude, only 35 lbs and about

2 years young. He had the best smile! And in April he was adopted by the nicest family. He went everywhere and did everything with them and was a neighborhood favorite, including the rabbit.



Sadly our little guy died last year after being in this wonderful home for over 5 years. In true rescue style they made room for our needy Shyla.



Lovely Keera came to us in 2009. She was a UPP girl for all of 10 minutes before another rescue woman agreed to foster her and that was it! She came with a whole lot of love and serious separation anxiety. She's been part of Amanda's family for 7 years and was about 17 years old when she died on October 13. What a lovely legacy of grace, survival, hope, and love she left behind.



Utah's Perfect Pointers Fall Social and Silent Auction!

What a wonderful evening! Thanks to everyone we made a little over \$5,500 to support our homeless hunters. For us that means covering our boarding costs for August, September and October! There are so many truly wonderful people and organizations/companies who made this all possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Preparation started a couple of days early for Lynne and Barbara, a long-time supporter and adopter from CA who comes out every year to help. They cleaned the kennels where I'd been boarding 15 dogs. Yep! The rescue world is all about glamour!



The amazing organizing committee - Cindy and Stephanie - worked tirelessly for several months pulling everything together with the able assistance of Teri and Randy.



Roy and Josh Jones (Aegis Group) gave up two Friday afternoons to schlep heavy stuff across town with their assistants.

Shirley Logan & DeAnna with Shirley's amazing quilt.



Here's what's inside - the bed (not the dog)!



The University of Utah Guest House was wonderful to work with and a great venue. Bacchus Rentals (Bryan Johnson) donated the serving sets. Culinary Crafts did an amazing job with the food, managed on-site by Adam. Cheers & Swizzles, owned by Mary Pinyan-Lauer, donated the services of their bartender, Trisha, another dog lover who lobbies for more off-leash dog spaces in the Salt Lake area. Kris Gillett, the Cake Lady, wowed everyone with her dessert.



Wendy's custom Pet Portrait at the live auction.



Justin Jones gave up his Friday to auctioneer for us!



It's an amazing community and yes, we realize how truly fortunate we are. Please support the wonderful companies and organizations who support our rescue. We really couldn't do this without them and without you. Thank you so much, everyone. We love you all!

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Event Sponsors

Best Friends provided a \$500 sponsorship for the event! What a huge help.

Our wonderful daycare-boarding facilities sponsor us every day of the year by caring for our dogs without foster homes and saving us thousands of dollars in boarding fees: Diggity Dog Resort ~ Utah Dog Park ~ Old Farm Pet Resort ~ Camp Bow Wow ~ Dog Town ~ The Dog Lodge. We wouldn't survive without you!