

UTAH'S PERFECT POINTERS

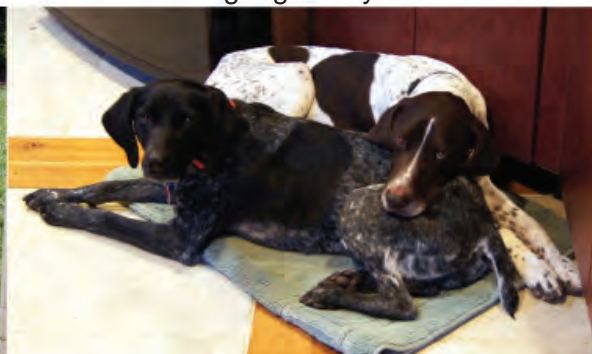
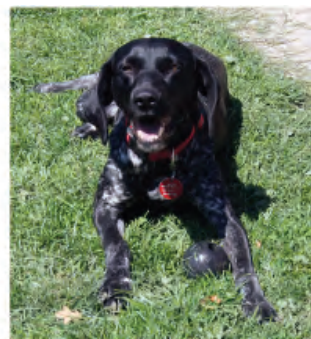
July 2015



Welcome to our fourth newsletter for 2015! We love hearing from you via email and on facebook. We especially appreciate receiving pictures of your dogs and their friends. Check out some recent pictures from adopters on page 4. If you missed our previous newsletters they're posted on www.utahspointers.org.

Our Featured Adoptable Girl - Kadi

Kadi arrived in August, 2014 completely unsocialized with other dogs. She'd spent 5 years of her life since she was 6 weeks old in a back-yard kennel and was so fear aggressive with other dogs that her owners were going to euthanize her so they could get another pup to ignore. I brought her home to my 5-pack and she indeed tried to attack every dog that got near her (loved the cats - go figure). After a couple of days of trying to insert myself between Kadi and 5 flying pointers with no sense of personal boundaries, I was exhausted. I muzzled her and let the pointer pack flood her. They ran into, over, and around her. She hated them and she hated the muzzle. When she was inside she was in a large wire crate beside them so she could see how socialized dogs should interact. After a l-o-n-g three months I was able to let her outside with them unmuzzled for brief periods while I watched her like a hawk. By Month 5 I was able to let her out in the yard with them freely and occasionally sometimes inside. By Month 6 she was actually enjoying being with them and took some comfort in their company. It's been almost a year and Kadi can be uncrated in the house while I go out. She's never going to understand rough-housing and playing, but she loves running after birds with her pack and going for walks with my husband. She's good with the newbies that come through for training and even wags her tail when she sees them through the door. The muzzle's only on for the first couple of minutes of introduction. Kadi needs a knowledgeable home with a strong pack leader who can make her feel secure. She's probably never going to be a daycare girl. There's just too much stimulation. Kadi's loving and sensitive and will make a wonderful companion for the right home. Please contact utahspointers@yahoo.com if she looks like the right girl for you.



Donations Updates

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our pack in May and June. We're always happy to accept donations mailed to *Utah's Perfect Pointers - PO Box 171, Draper, UT 84020*. We even have a donation button at

www.utahspointers.org

Many thanks to the dog lovers who helped us through the spring:

- David M. - Ace's & Izzy's dad
- Stephanie - Chloe's sponsor
- Tammy & Mike - Addie's parents
- David P. - Elwin's foster
- Staci - Dylan's & Truffle's mom
- Clark & Tracy - Lynne's pack
- Richard & Ellen - Waski's parents
- Patrick & Peggy - Phoebe's parents
- Stephanie & Randy - volunteers
- Ina - Biko/Ripley/Spirit mom
- Kay - our veterinarian friend
- Barbara - Halle's & Riley's mom
- Lam Research Foundation

Strut Your Mutt 2015

Utah's Perfect Pointers is participating in this year's Strut Your Mutt at Liberty Park on October 24th! Yes, we know it will probably be snowing but pointers and their friends love snow!

This is the first time we've had our very own pack at the event. We're so excited to be able to walk with all our two- and four- legged friends under our own banner. All are welcome to join us.



The registration process is easier this year than ever before. Best Friends has a new website hosting the event so you don't have to remember your username or password from previous years and you don't have to go through the process of trying to get that information online that never seemed to work.

So go to Page 2 for registration instructions. This may be our last fundraiser for the year and we need your support! It's always a fun time for everyone.



Strut Your Mutt Registration Instructions

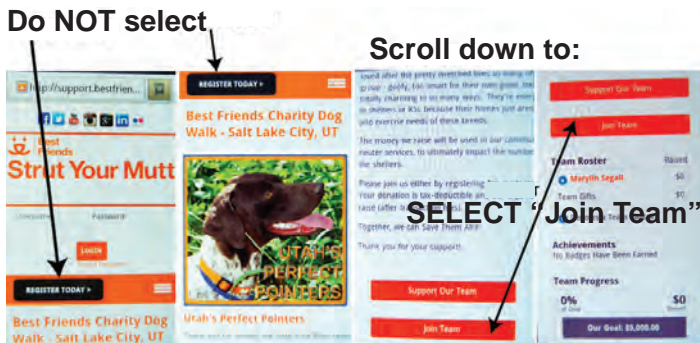
I'm always amazed at the temperaments of our dogs who are so quick and eager to be loved after the pretty wretched lives so many of them have had. This is a remarkable breed group - - goofy, too smart for their own good, steadfastly loyal (until they see a bird), and totally charming in so many ways. They're energetic beyond belief and frequently end up in shelters or on KSL because their homes just aren't equipped to deal with their high energy and exercise needs.

Our focus for this years' event is our "special needs" dogs. We seem to have collected a number of special needs dogs in 2014 and 2015. In 2014 one-third of our 93 dogs were special needs. In 2015 we've taken in 10 so far. They're generally in our program for awhile - some over a year. I love it that you're here for the doggies! We hope to see all of you strutting.

Strutting instructions are given for both Cell 'Phone and Laptop/Desktop/Tablet users - only Step 1 is different.

Cell 'Phone Instructions

1. Type www.strutyourmutt.org/goto/upp into your browser. That will take you to the left two screens. **Do NOT click on the "Register Today" button.** That will not register you as strutting for Utah's Perfect Pointers. It will go into the General Registration and Utah's Perfect Pointers won't benefit from your entrance fee or donations. Scroll down on your 'phone and select "Join Team".



Laptop/Desktop/Tablet Instructions

1. Type www.strutyourmutt.org/goto/upp into your browser. This will take you to Screen One below. Select "Join Team".

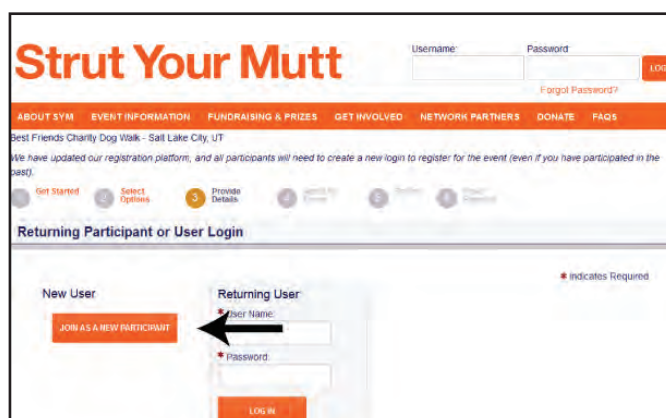
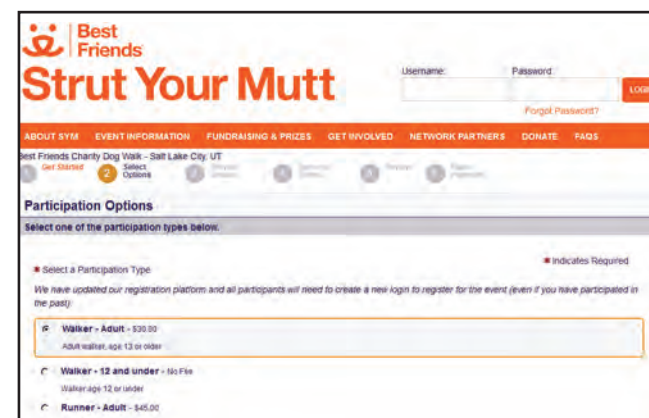


2. Choose your participant type (Walker or Runner). Enter your fundraising goal (remember the purpose of Strut Your Mutt is a pledge drive to help homeless pets!!) and an additional gift if desired (this is a donation above your entry fee). Hit "Next Step".

3. Even if you have participated in Strut Your Mutt previous years, you must choose "Join as New Participant"

4. Fill out all registration information. On the next page, check the box at the bottom to agree with the terms and conditions and click "next step".

5. The next page, "Registration Summary" allows you to register another participant or complete the registration. Once you have completed registering all your participants, click "complete registration" to be taken to the Secure Credit Card processing page where you can enter and submit billing information.

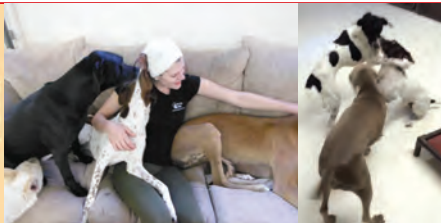


Utah's Perfect Pointers t-shirts will be available for \$15 - at the event and any time before the event by emailing:

utahspertpointers@yahoo.com

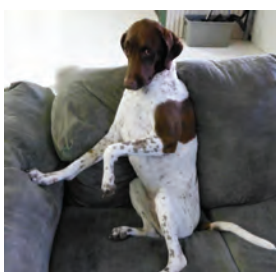
Our Featured Daycare/Boarding Facility The Dog Lodge

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 Pet Resort, Camp Bow Wow, Old Farm Pet Resort, Dog Lodge, and Dog Town. Animal Park (S. Ogden) and Laundermutts (W. Jordan) also provide daycare and occasional boarding when we're stuck - often at the last minute. This newsletter pays tribute to The Dog Lodge. Watch for information about Dog Town in our September newsletter. If you're looking for daycare/boarding for your best friend, please support these good samaritans who support our rescue.



THE DOG LODGE has been caring for our homeless hunters since April 2011. We couldn't survive without them. Owner Christine Peterson and the staff take such good care of their dogs - including having soft couches for them to lounge on. They've been in business since 2000 so this is their 15-year anniversary!

Dog Lodge is truly a tiny treasure, easily accessible from I-15. Boarding numbers are limited to 25 dogs to ensure your dog receives extra special attention when the daycare pups go home. There are wading pools, water toys, lounge chairs and many shaded areas to keep everyone comfortable. And..... no gravel! Anywhere! So your rock-eating dogs are safe and there are no sore paws. How great is that?! The inside is air conditioned in the summer and snuggly warm in the winter.



Since starting her business, Christine has maintained her commitment to the local dog community by helping rescue groups with boarding and event donations and creating a place where each and every dog's emotional well-being is the first priority.

You're always welcome to visit at 7101 South 400 West, Suite 3, Midvale, Utah 84047 or call 801.566.1225 to set up a daycare or boarding appointment. e-mail: info@thedoglodge.com

Holidays! July - September



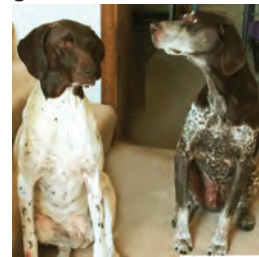
The dreaded summer holiday period is upon us and We Need Fosters! Critical times are:

Pioneer Day - July 23 - July 28
Labor Day - August 26 - September 9

If you'd like to foster a holiday dog we'd love to hear from you!

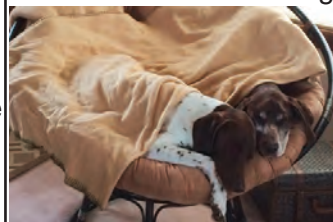
In Memory

Abby came to us in May, 2013, when her elderly owners couldn't care for her. She was 6 years old with a torn ACL and somewhat significant heart murmur. She was also faster than greased lightning and took every opportunity to run. She was great with other dogs in a home but didn't care for daycare and she'd eat cats so Lynne fostered her for spells until the right home for her appeared just before Christmas. For the last year and a half Abby was much loved by her parents, their grandchildren, and brother, Bo.



Yes, she still made her escape runs on a semi-regular basis - just to make sure everyone else in the house got their exercise. She protected them from squirrels. She was pampered and cherished and cared for until her death this

June. We're so grateful to the wonderful couple and Bo who loved our girl.



Spring Yard Sale!

Our spring yard sale was a huge success - despite the rain and wind and rain and cold and (did I mention) rain. Thanks to Lynne and Barbara and all the hardy volunteers who came to help. You are all amazing!

Statistics - May/June 2015

Intakes - May June 2015			
On-hand May 1	Shelters	Surrenders	Total
27	11	2	39
Outcomes - May/June 2015			
Adopted	Euthanized	Transferred	Ret Owner
11	0	4	2

*Transferred dogs are 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).

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 Marylin 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 utahspertpointers@yahoo.com for volunteer opportunities or to foster.

Pictures From Adopters! (May - June 2015)

Thank you so much to everyone who sent us photos for this issue! We love seeing the dogs we loved while they were with us and how much they're loved with you. Pictures are always welcome at utahspetperfectpointers@yahoo.com
Names are from their new homes. Dates reflect the adoption year.



Spring Social & Silent Auction - May 16

What a wonderful evening! Thanks to everyone we made a little over \$4500 to support our homeless hunters. For us that translates into 6 months of dog food!

There are so many truly wonderful people and organizations/companies who made this all possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

It was so wonderful to have so many people brave the rain to come out and support us. It was so much fun to see old friends and meet new ones.

Please check out our facebook page and www.utahspetperfectpointers.org for more details on donors, volunteers, and pictures. You don't need a facebook account to get into our page. It's open to everyone. Special thanks to Cindy & Stephanie (organizers), Utah Dog Park (venue; donations), Bacchus Rentals (tables, chairs, glasses, cutlery), Culinary Crafts (food) Cheers & Swizzles (bartender), Dee Erickson (Two Dog Wine!), Kris Gillett (cake lady), our ever-generous daycare/boarding facilities (Camp Bow Wow, Diggity Dog Resort, Dog Lodge, Dog Town, Old Farm Pet Resort, Second Chance for Homeless Pets).



Thank you so much, everyone.
We love you all!



A list of the Corporate and Individual donors is provided on the program photo on facebook. Please support the wonderful companies and organizations who support our rescue. We really couldn't do this without them and without you.