

Words cannot truly describe the appreciation we have for Ed and the amazing work he does with breeding and training German Shorthaired Pointers. We do not have only one experience with owning one of Ed's dogs, but we have two. Chief is our second dog from Ed since 2011. When we bought our first puppy, we had the opportunity to look at several of the dogs Ed owned. We were beyond impressed with all of his dogs, but Binks especially caught our eye. At that time he was too young to have puppies, but we knew one day we would want a second puppy with Binks as the sire. Fast forward to 2013 and Binks was going to sire a litter of puppies. We had to have one!

In October it was time to bring our puppy home. Ed helped us make the decision on which puppy we should pick over the phone and with pictures since we live in Tennessee. Buying a puppy sight unseen is difficult, but Ed and Emily both made the process very easy on us. Ed is an honest man and he truly wants you to be happy with the puppy you take home. He will not just tell you what you want to hear, but gives his honest opinion. Chief was beautiful and had many of the physical features we loved so much from Binks. The first time we took Chief out on a lead line in the woods at 10 weeks old, Chief had his nose to the ground. We knew right then that Chief was going to be a phenomenal hunter.

We sent Chief back for puppy school and adult training. It is difficult to send your puppy away for weeks at a time but it is worth it. It is much like sending your child to school and then off to college. Ed and Emily treat all the dogs as if they were their own. They provide them with the same love they get at home and plenty of kisses and affection. They truly love each and every dog and it is obvious when you see them interact with the dogs.

After puppy school there was a noticeable difference in Chief's mannerism. He would come when we told him to come; we said kennel, he went in the kennel. During this time, Chief was also properly broke to the gun and introduced to birds.

Upon completion of adult school we were beyond amazed with the work Ed did. Not only was the breeding of the litter properly thought out and planned to create a great dog, the hunt ability of the dog is incredible. Chief naturally wants to hunt. You do not have to push him. He strives to find the birds and retrieve them once they have been shot down. He brings the bird back, places it in your hand, and moves through the field to find the next one. He follows commands and is overall a remarkable dog.

Choosing Ed as our breeder and trainer for not only one dog but two is a true testament to the work he does. Traveling back and forth from Tennessee to get dogs and training from Ed is all worth it. He is incredible at what he does and we are lucky to have two finished dogs from him.

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