

We began our search for a German Shorthaired Pointer online. We live in Tennessee, so of course we started our search for a dog in the surrounding area. We did not have any luck finding what we were looking for in a dog. We expanded our search to Wisconsin since we were both born and raised there. Our search retrieved several different breeders all with good reviews and credentials. We knew we were looking in the right place due to the amount of field trials and the number of associations in the state. We picked three breeders who were expecting litters within the time frame we wanted. After speaking to all three breeders, we decided we wanted to go meet Ed and his dogs. Upon meeting him, we could tell the passion and love he had for his dogs and his business immediately. He was very easy to talk to and was more than happy to answer all of the questions we had. While we were visiting, we had the opportunity to see several of Ed's dogs. They were all consistent in their obedience and their eagerness to hunt. We knew we were at the right place with the right breeder.

Since we live in Tennessee, going to Ed's house to pick out the puppy was not realistic. Ed was kind enough to take several pictures of all the male puppies and send them to us via email. We called him and spoke to him about each of the puppies. He gave us very detailed descriptions about each one and what their personalities were like. We were confident with the choice we made even without seeing the puppy in person. When it came time to pick up our puppy, Ed was very accommodating. We were not able to pick our puppy, Beau, up until a few days after they were ready.

We knew we wanted Beau to be as obedient as Ed's dogs were, so we decided to put him in Ed's puppy school. This two week course was exactly what Beau needed. He came back to us with basic obedience manners every dog should have. He learned the key commands, come and kennel. He was also e-collar broke and was introduced to the gun. After getting him back and seeing the results we were anxious and excited for Beau to attend Ed's eight week hunting school. Eight weeks is a long time to have your dog go away for but well worth it when you see the results from the training. We knew Beau would be in good hands because Ed truly loves his dogs. He is so personal with the dogs and you can tell they really bond with him.

We had the opportunity to visit Beau a few times during his eight weeks with Ed. Ed and his wife Emily were always open to us coming to visit and making us feel welcome in their home. Each time we would visit, we could see the progress he was making and were so happy with our decision to have Ed train him. When it was finally time to see the final results of training, it was amazing to see a dog who would barley point before, stay on point and steady to the shot and retrieve even in challenging situations. Now we have what we always wanted, a finished and confident hunting dog as well as a very friendly family member. You cannot go wrong with picking Ed to be your breeder and trainer. We couldn't be happier with our decision and already plan on getting another dog from Ed in the future.

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