

I would like to share my experience with Ed and Emily. My name is Kevin Yonke and I have had German Shorthair Pointers since 1969 for companionship and hunting partners. They were all wonderful dogs, a part of the family. One in fact was an AKC field champion. My last hunting partner passed away unexpectedly in 2003. After his passing I said to myself never again. No more dogs, you will never be able to find another dog with such a personality, a clown, an awesome hunter and companion. Almost 6 years to the day of Hans passing I meet Ed. While driving to his home, I kept thinking that I was wasting my time. When I arrived at his home I was meet by Ed and several of his adult shorthairs, one was the pup's mother. From that moment I knew it was over for me. Ed's compassion for the dogs and that they were in the home not kennel dogs. The dogs were laid back and easy going like all of the shorthairs I had. After talking with Ed in the home for a short time about his philosophy of raising dogs, we went to the back yard to see the pups. At first sight I could see all of the love and attention Ed and Emily gave to those little cuties. The pups were let out of the enclosure along with the adult dogs. It was one big happy family running and playing in the yard. One of the pups caught my eye and to amazement he was the only pup that was not spoken for. Laid back, a total clown, my new sidekick. The little guy, whose name is now Gus was stalking and pointing at 6 weeks, at four months Gus was working the field up and down wind, pointing pigeons and retrieving. Gus may well be the best dog I ever have had and I have had a lot of great dogs. I am totally convinced this is because of all of love and nurturing given to him by Ed and Emily from the moment he entered this world. I am so thankful that there are still people like Ed and Emily that truly care about the dogs, what the German Shorthair is all about.