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currently in conformation and obedience in 4 different states. The Butler's earlier import of frozen semen from the most titled dog in AKC history, Dual Ch/AFC Trekker v Grunbaum UDX MH TDX AX (USA) has produced champion progeny, grandprogeny and great-grandprogeny and titled dogs in field, retrieving and obedience, the most recent being Tony Higgans' Odincherr Night Hawk NRD.

Anne Raymond, Shannon Perkins and George Koutsantonis' Canadian import, Ch Stradivarius Renaissance (imp Can) has sired 31 Champions, Gr Ch Valache Top Marques and Debbie Mulrain's Dual Ch (O) Kazia Crescendo NRD. He is also the grandsire of Jock and Chris Forsyth's Gr Ch Jodug The Shining CD. Anne also imported a dog and a bitch from Jean Bates Hillanhi Kennels. Ch Hillanhi Hakan (imp UK) won Junior in Show at the 2nd National Specialty in 1998 and sired the Reserve Challenge Dog at this year's Specialty, Ch Sevoier Makin Majic.

The breed achieved its zenith of brains and beauty with Ray and June Johnson's Triple Champion Wauchope FarWalked Woman. Fern was titled in retrieving, conformation and fieldwork, a beautiful solid liver bitch with wonderful working abilities. Sadly, within weeks of achieving this great honour, she was struck down in the field by a working dog's number one enemy in this country, the snake. Her conformation record includes Challenge bitch at the GSP Club of WA's Champion Show in 1995, 1997 and 1998 and Runner-up to Best of Breed in 1997 and 1998. In 1998, she lost to her litter brother, Gr Ch Wauchope The Falconer. She was 2 years and 7 months old when she took out her Retrieving Champion title within months of gaining her conformation title. She brought up her Field title with a second place in the State Utility Field Trial in 1999. She was much loved by everyone who knew her. Her talents live on in her progeny who consistently win annual retrieving and field awards given by the GSP Club of Western



Above  
left Dual Ch Oakridge Argonaut CDX RRD,  
and right Dual Ch Oakridge Allesandra ET  
with their dam, Ch Heiderst Fire N'Ice CDX RRD



Cheykov Hand Madelace UD  
four times winner of the Best Exhibit in Trial  
(Obedience) at the Melbourne Royal

Australia.

Another form AND function GSP no longer with us is Dual Champion (R) Oakridge Argonaut CDX. Jason is an all breeds Best in Show and Royal Best of Breed winner and was South Australia's Top Retrieving Dog in 2001. His dual championship followed hard on the heels of his litter sister's, Dual Ch (F) Oakridge Allesandra ET. He was titled in conformation and retrieving. She is titled in conformation and fieldwork. They were bred by Jadine Mackenzie in her first litter and were sired by Ch Wauchope Alamo Mission RRD, a litter brother of Fern's dam, Ch Wauchope Arena Spring QC. Their dam, Ch Heiderst Fire N'Ice CDX RRD, is also no slouch at retrieving and won Runner-up to Best in Show as an 8 year old veteran at the 2nd National Specialty Show in 1998.

Outside the conformation ring, GSPs have achieved some outstanding results in the disciplines requiring their brains alone. Dr Le Hammer's dogs were the first to win the new jumping titles and have excelled in agility (see her article in this feature).

Another Best Exhibit in Trial (Obedience) at the Melbourne Royal was achieved by Trupoint A New Era, affectionately known as "Tetley" (the all rounder), whose handler was trained by Glenys Biggs. Glenys still holds the record for the most Best in Trial wins at this prestigious event, all but one of which were won by Katz, Cheykov Hand Madelace UD. She still trains GSP handlers in obedience, such as Kerry Winters, the handler of the Best Exhibit in Trial at this year's National Restricted Obedience Trial.

In the field, relative newcomer, David Mills and his Nat FT Ch Blitzhund Kurzhaar RRD have consistently trialed with excellent results (see the field trial reports in this feature). In retrieving, shorthairs have excelled at state trials, with Russell and Vicki Thomas' Inkaline Jack winning this year's Victorian retrieving trial.

At least one, and sometimes more than one, GSP has passed the Endurance Test (20 kilometre run) in every year that it has been held in NSW. This year it was Zabeel Inaflurry CD, bred by Tracey Fischer. Fly now joins the following family members - her half-sister, Ch Kazia Wish Upon A Star ET; their sire, Ch Kazia Trek Downunder ET (ai); his litter sister, Ch Kazia Star Trek ET (ai); her daughter, Ch Knusprig Othermans Grass ET; their uncle and great-uncle, Ch Kazia Concerto ET and in Queensland, another uncle, Ch Kazia Keep On Trekkin' CD ET (ai).

Other GSPs with Endurance Test awards include Ch Heiderst Firedancer ET, her half-sister Dual Ch Oakridge Alessandra ET and her daughter, Ch Oakridge Britanias Realm ET. Danni is also the grandmother of Ch Knusprig Othermans Grass ET and is related through her dam to Ch Woodvallii Aces Arrow ET and Ch Heiderst Paris in Spring ET.

Lovers of this breed have always known that beauty and brains run in the family - the German Shorthaired Pointer family, of course - the truly versatile gundog.

[\* *Der Deutsch-Kurzhaar*, by Georgina Byrne, Austed Publishing Co, 1990, available from the author by application posted to 1951 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup. WA 6083]

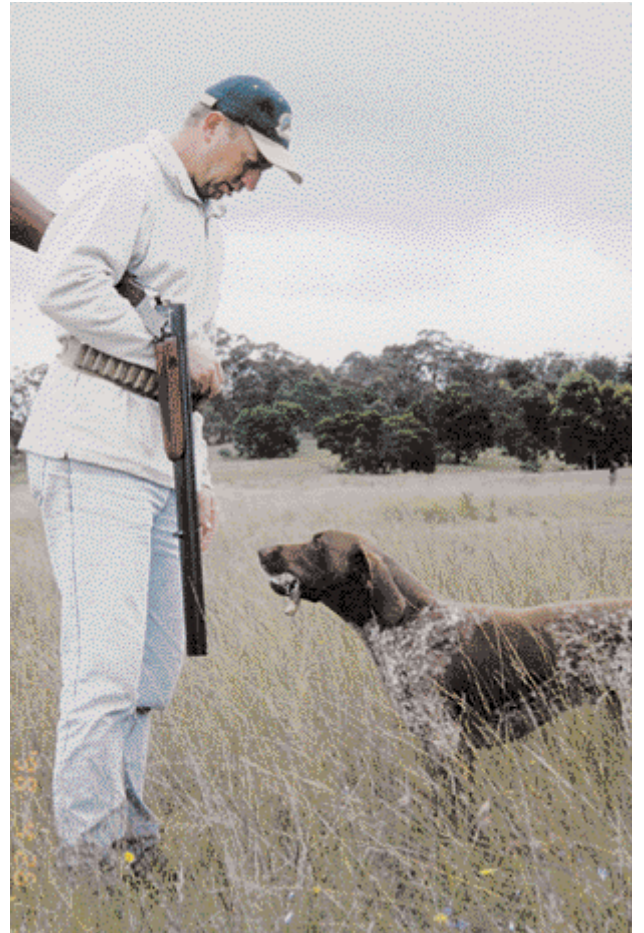


Above  
Dual Ch Gershoppin Adranet CD, the first  
Long Tailed GSP to win BOB in Australia

Left  
Ch Edelhof Erasmus, the first solid black GSP  
in Australia and possibly in the world to gain  
a show title.



Triple Champion Wauchope FarWalked Woman



Nat FT Ch Blitzhund Kurzhaar