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German Shorthair Pointer - Information Sheet



BACKGROUND

Originally bred as a hunting dog, the German Shorthaired Pointer is one of the world's most popular dogs. This active breed was first developed during the 17th century by crossing the Spanish Pointer and the Bloodhound. The result was a loyal, active dog capable of sniffing out game throughout the wilds of Europe. The dog was first registered by the German Kennel Club in 1872 and its popularity continues to grow around the globe.

AVERAGE LIFESPAN

This robust dog normally lives up to 16 years of age.

BREED PERSONALITY, CHARACTERISTICS & TEMPERAMENT

German Shorthaired Pointers are gentle, active dogs that love human company - particularly children. They are an intelligent breed making them relatively easy to train. Their loving disposition makes them an ideal pet for dog lovers of all ages.

COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER PETS

These agreeable dogs will get along with most pets in the home, especially when raised together from an early age. Like most hunting breeds, they may enjoy the occasional (but harmless) chasing game with smaller pets.

CARE REQUIREMENTS

The German Shorthaired Pointer should be brushed with a firm bristle brush at least twice a month and bathed when required. Like most hunting dogs, this breed needs plenty of exercise if it is to stay in peak condition so regular walks or runs will also be required. While these dogs have a gentle, loving nature, they are easily excited and should be supervised around young children to help discourage jumping up.

IDEAL OWNERS

Being an active dog, the German Shorthaired Pointer needs plenty of space to roam and explore and is best suited to a home environment with a large backyard. Owners must be prepared for regular, lengthy exercise sessions.