

Member Biography—Corey McGehee

Dear DKGNA Members:



My name is Corey McGehee, and I am delighted to serve as Secretary of the DKGNA. By way of introduction, I am a third generation Arizonan, proud father of three children, lucky spouse to my wife Sally, and avid lifetime hunter. We live in Phoenix, Arizona, where I practice law with Latham & Watkins, LLP.

I came by my passion for wildlife and hunting naturally—my father dedicated his career to wildlife and habitat conservation, as a wildlife biologist and law enforcement officer for the Arizona Game & Fish Department. My brother and I spent our summers afield with dad, learning about wildlife and gaining an appreciation for the treasure that is our public lands. I carry those formative lessons with me today, and that early exposure is what led me ultimately to pursue a career in environmental law.

I have the unique fortune of having my father-in-law as my trusted hunting partner and mentor. What's notable, though, is that our relationship as hunting partners and friends long predates my relationship with my wife (*i.e.*, his oldest daughter). That didn't stop him from laying out all of his firearms the first time I came to pick her up instead of him, however. Even though I had personally handled just about every gun on the table, I got the point. The relationship had just changed. He accuses me of playing the long game the whole time, a point I neither confirm nor deny. I say only that I am doubly lucky—having Sally as my spouse, and a father-in-law that I never have to wonder about what we will do the day after Thanksgiving.

It was also through my father-in-law that I was introduced to German shorthaired pointers nearly 25 years ago. I had the gift of my own wonderful GSP for more than 13 years. We covered countless miles together in the uplands, pursuing most of the game birds in the western U.S. So transformative was my time behind my GSP, Vespa, that I started working on a succession plan when she was only few years old. In addition to upland hunting and summer water activities, I am also an avid longbow hunter for all forms of game, big and small, fur and feather. And at the time, the addition of children to our family was on the visible horizon. Put differently, versatility and stability were (and remain) my highest priorities in a four-legged partner.



That led me to the Deutsch Kurzhaar, and the German testing system that modeled precisely my hunting pursuits and needs at home. After more than a decade of research and following many of the wonderful kennels that comprise this great club, I am thrilled to have joined the DK ranks as the proud owner of Annie vom Trocken Bach (aka Rita) (Ede vom Ährenfeld x Wildrose vom Trocken Bach).

The DK is a special breed, championed and safeguarded by the dedicated efforts of organizations like the DKGNA. I am honored to be among you all.

Please drop me a line any time, secretary@dkgna.org. I look forward to learning from each of you.

Sincerely,
Corey McGehee,
Secretary DKGNA