

# New Member Profile

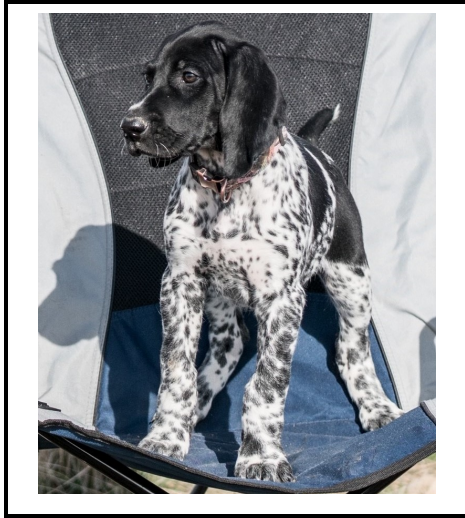
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My name is Trevor Gneiting. I live in Eagle Mountain, Utah, with my wife Lindsay, our two boys Knox and Tuck, and of course our dogs, Scout and Addie. I own a business doing mobile auto body and paint repair here in Utah. I have been upland hunting for about four years now and look forward to pursuing upland game birds for many years to come.

I grew up in a family that spent lots of time outdoors hunting and fishing. While my dad primarily focused on the archery hunt and fishing every chance we got, I always loved hearing his stories about days hunting pheasants and waterfowl with his dogs (golden retrievers). Between my dad's stories and reading books like "Where the Red Fern Grows", I soon decided I wanted a hunting dog. The summer before my 12<sup>th</sup> birthday I convinced my parents to let me buy a dog. After researching dogs with my dad, I decided I wanted a German Shorthaired Pointer. I saved lawn mowing money all summer and later that year bought my first dog, Rusty. When the following fall came around, I couldn't wait to take my dog hunting and live out the stories I loved hearing from my dad. Unfortunately, all the spots where my dad had grown up hunting pheasants were, for the most part, developed and not an option to hunt on. We tried a few new places without success. The next year, one of my dad's coworkers took us out with him to a pheasant preserve. It was then that I got my first taste of the thrill of seeing my dog run full speed and slam on point. Unfortunately, it was on that first real trip that I found out that Rusty was gun shy. Any time a gun went off we would find him back at the truck, shaking. After trying unsuccessfully to get him used to gunshots, I never really hunted him and decided he would just be my buddy. Looking back now, there are many things I would have done differently with Rusty. I hope that one day, on the other side, I get that opportunity to let him be a bird dog. The memories of seeing him lock up on point, and the thrill and joy I felt seeing that will always stay with me.

A few years after Rusty passed away I decided I wanted another Shorthair. This time I was going to be better prepared to train and allow that dog to live the life it deserved. Soon after my wife and I bought our first home, I brought home my GSP Scout. I implemented what I learned from training books over the summer, and that fall we went hunting! We hunted at Wasatch Wing and Clay a lot during that first year and had a blast. I was hooked! Soon I learned about other upland



birds to hunt in Utah and started to chase after Chukars. After the first time we got on wild Chukars I knew that was the bird I wanted to put my time and energy into pursuing. In my pursuit of become a better dog handler and bird hunter I began listening to every podcast and book I could find. It was then that I came across Tyler Smith on a Chukar podcast talking about DK's. I was ready to get another dog and after hearing Tyler on the podcast, talking to him, and meeting his dogs, I was sold. I wanted a DK. Tyler helped get me in touch with Jeff Tims at vom Mountain Veiw DK and I put down a deposit for his

upcoming litter. This last March I brought home my first DK, Addie. I have been nothing short of blown away by this dog. Addie is now 8 months old and her drive, trainability, and nose have been incredible to see. She has really made me excited for the dog, hunter, and companion she will become. I can't wait for a few more weeks to come and go so we can start hunting together.

Soon after joining the DK family I became of member of DKGNA. I have enjoyed meeting other people with the same passion for dogs and hunting that I have and developing friendships. The advice, instruction, and insights gained at training days have taught me so much and motivated me to better myself as handler, and to use the information and resources to make my dogs the best they can be. I look forward to preparing Addie for the Derby and Solms next year and learning more about the German testing system.