

SAN DIEGO NAVHDA BIRD DOG SPOTLIGHT

ON POINT WITH...

ELSA



Owner: Gerard Charest
Breed: German Shorthair Pointer
Age: 18 months
Breeder: Kenn & Colleen Scruggs
Goose Valley Kennels
Titles: NA Prize II
AKC Junior Hunter



Gerry and Elsa joined SD NAVHDA about a year ago. Elsa had great instinct from an early age so she ran her Natural Ability test at 7 months and earned a prize II. Just a few months later, she earned her AKC junior hunter title as well.

What Elsa really loves is to be outdoors looking for birds! Gerry takes her for a four mile walk around Lake Hodges every morning to give her an outlet for her abundance of drive and energy.

So much energy in fact that she ate the living room sofa as a pup! Luckily Mrs. Charest is a wonderful and understanding wife, haha. Surely many of us can relate to that and be thankful the puppy stage doesn't last forever!



Gerry and Elsa try to get afield whenever they can, and now that the Newcastle quarantine is lifted, they will be training in earnest towards her NAVHDA Utility and AKC Senior hunter titles. Last season, Gerry was able to introduce Elsa to duck hunting. They had been working so hard on her retrieving skills for upland game, that Gerry wasn't too surprised when after wading out in the water to toss his decoys, Elsa swam right out and retrieved them. After an on-the-job training session, Elsa accepted that plastic ducks stay in the water.

Gerry is always quick to help at training sessions, he has many contacts in the upland game community and has been very helpful in getting birds for the club as well. We look forward to seeing what Miss Elsa will accomplish this upcoming hunting and training season!

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

Check out our San Diego NAVHDA website www.sandiegonavhda.com for updated information on events, training locations, maps, contacts, sponsors, test dates, etc.