

'Truman' Wins Best of Breed at GWPCA National Specialty

GRCH Reece Afterhours The Buck Stops Here, JH, a 2-year-old liver-and-white ticked male noted for his fieldwork expertise, won Best of Breed in October at the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America (GWPCA) National Specialty in Richland, Wash.

Outperforming more than 60 German Wirehaired Pointers, Truman stood out for his dense, wire coat and muscular build. Truman competes in American Kennel Club hunting tests, in which he earned the Junior Hunter title in March, as well as North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association tests.

"The breed standard stresses the importance of a distinguished, weather-resistant coat, and Truman's is a proper coat," says Angie Johnson of Polk City, Fla., the co-breeder-owner and handler. "He is also the perfect size for a German Wirehaired Pointer male. He has the right amount of muscle, developed from fieldwork."

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owned by Christine Whitmore of Citra, Fla., and Johnson's husband,

Mike. The pointer was sired by BIS GRCH Ripsnorter Mt. View Lookout,

the all-time winningest German Wirehaired Pointer, out of CH J an J Afterhours Dana. His sire, who is ranked No. 6 in all-breed competition, won the 2008 and 2009 GWPCA National Specialties.

Among Truman's career wins, he took Best of Opposite at the Seattle-Tacoma German Wirehaired Pointer Club Specialty in September and Best in Maturity at the GWPCA National Specialty in 2009. Johnson plans to work toward Truman's Master Hunter title next year.

The Johnsons, who began breeding German Wirehaired Pointers under the Reece prefix in 2006, strive to produce dual-purpose dogs. "It is very important to us to breed versatile dogs," Angie Johnson says. "In our breed, excelling in the field is just as important as the show ring. Form follows function."

Truman is fed a mixture of *Purina Pro Plan Performance Formula* and *Purina Pro Plan Chicken & Rice Canned Entrée*.