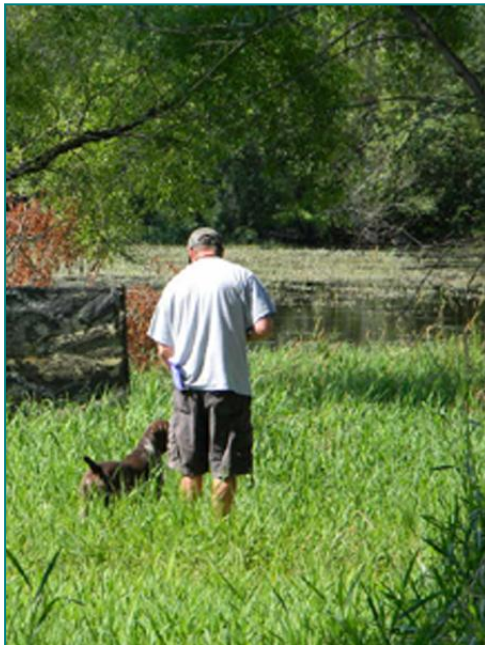


Zipper:

German Shorthair Is the AKC's First Pointing Dog to Become Master Hunter (Retriever)

Having titled 10 or so Lab Master Hunters, John Lemburg of LeClaire, IA is definitely what one would call a "Retriever" man. So to see him with a German Shorthaired Pointer is a bit of a surprise.

"I don't remember exactly where or when I heard Shorthairs were eligible for Retriever testing," John said. Having bought his daughter Nicole a Shorthair five years previously for her 17th birthday, he decided to train "Zipper" in the Retriever Hunting Test. And he's done well: Zipper (Lemburgs Barn Ridge Ziparoo Too) is the first of the Pointing Breed to attain the Master Hunter Retriever (MHR) title; something the team accomplished this Summer.



Along the way, John did some pointer training with Zipper, "But I may have overdone the sight pointing when he was a puppy as he tends to creep." Zipper does a bit of waterfowl hunting and does well. He hunts big water from both land and boat blinds. They've hunted ducks and geese in Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa.

John credits Mike File of Barn Ridge Kennels (Labs and



Shorthairs) in Genesco, IL with teaching him what he knows about pointing breeds. Mike is also Zipper's breeder.

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