



## MEMORANDUM

To: GSPCC Members

Date: March 9, 2011

From: Maxine Moinier

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Hello fellow GSPCC members,

I'd like to introduce myself to everyone. I am Maxine Moinier of Hunterspride GSPs and the new President of the GSPCC.

I would like to thank Ray Iredale, past president, and the previous Board of Directors for their time and efforts serving the GSPCC. I would also like to welcome the new Board. Board member bios will be available soon on the club website [www.gspcanada.com](http://www.gspcanada.com)

In these times, we are faced with challenges where we must all work together diligently in order to succeed. Particularly:

Docking and Dewclaw Removal Bans proposed by various Provincial veterinary associations – this may seem an inevitability but we must work at having a say on this issue. As Breeders of the GSP, we are entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding breed standards, the integrity of the GSP. Recently, the CKC has issued a policy to back Breed Clubs on this issue.

Legislation on Docking and Dewclaw Removal has already been passed, and in some provinces like NB has already affected Breeders/Exhibitors. They are required to follow CVMA Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations which goes far beyond Docking and Dewclaw Removal.

I believe that fighting this issue should be a priority for our club. I welcome input from you on this or other issues that you feel are important for the club in the future.

The following are some activities that the BOD have and continue to improve upon:

- Improving communications with members:
  - (a) Newsletters – new format
  - (b) Website – updated format
  - (c) Yahoo Group for member discussion via email list – in process of being set up
  - (d) Facebook presence – in the process of being set up

- A Code of Ethics for the GSPCC – which has been presented and accepted by the previous Board. This will go forward to the membership with the next newsletter.
- Increase Membership for the GSPCC – the previous board approved giving new puppy buyers of members in good standing a Free Membership for 2011. Other ideas for increasing membership are always welcome.
- Health awareness and particularly issues that affect our beloved GSP: We should all strive to breed the healthiest dogs we can. We are stewards of the breed and are responsible to help keep our breed healthy. There are new tests being developed such as the test for Lupoid Dermatitis that is in some of the GSP lines. We, as a club, must provide awareness of diseases and the latest tests available so that we have the knowledge to breed the best and healthiest GSPs possible.

I believe that the GSPCC is your club, and I encourage you to voice your opinion, participate and help it evolve.

The success of our club depends on its members. If you would like to help out please contact Maria Foster, your Regional Director or me.

Sincere regards,

*Maxine*

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GSPCC President