

Suffield Veterinary Hospital April 2015 Patients of the Month

Meet 8-year-old littermates Marcy, Megan and Tyler, all owned by Margaret Farone of Kensington, CT. This priceless photo of them was taken by Lorilee Photography of Enfield. Margaret is a very well-known and respected breeder. When they were in to see Dr. Huntington last month for their regular annual examinations, she was struck by the vigor and well-being of the bunch. Compared to the average 8-year-old dog we see, this bunch was very fit, with glossy coats and fresh breath. What is Margaret's secret? We asked her, and here is her reply:

"Marcy, Megan and Tyler are purebred German Shorthaired Pointers. The three of them are home bred and 4th generation bearing the prefix CRK (Cool River Kennel). All 3 are AKC Champions. They also have titles in agility, hunting and Canine Good Citizen. From the time when they were just days old, their nails were shortened with a dremel. When they reached the ripe young age of 3-4 weeks, they were introduced to a toothbrush with doggie toothpaste. Grinding nails and cleaning teeth at such a young age makes it



much easier to do as adults and of course, it's a healthy way to grow up! I love this breed as they are very intelligent and seem to always need a job to do. Once they learn something, they don't forget. German Shorthaired Pointers are extremely active and need a large fenced in area to run."

The fact that the dogs have a variety of titles that include active sports contributes to their healthy weight, but also, their diet is strictly regulated with little snacking or table food.

All our patients COULD look like this at 8 years of age, and they should. For demonstrating how an early start on grooming, as well as proper diet and exercise, can produce amazing health dividends in our pets, we are pleased to name Marcy, Megan and Tyler as our Suffield Veterinary Hospital April 2015 Patients of the Month.

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