



Showing Brooklyn

On September 10th, Brooklyn and I were off to the Redwood Empire Kennel Club dog show to enter our first conformation show ever! For both of us. Overall she handled being around a crowd and lots of other dogs well. Once in the ring, she became more excited and bounced and jumped a lot. Happily she behaved enough to receive Best in Breed and Sporting Group 3 in the 4 to 6 month old puppy category. I had fun and am looking forward to showing her again in Pleasanton next month!



Drawing to Another Level—Since we are no longer an active foster dog home for NorCal GSP Rescue (Dakota doesn't do well with fosters), I came up with another way to help out this favorite rescue group of mine. I am now donating 15% of the proceeds I make from 11 x 14 drawings of dogs I do through my etsy shop. The dog pictured here is Oreo (a GSP), my first commissioned drawing to score a donation!

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Resting at top of steepest hill

Cardio With the Dogs—Since Brooklyn is quite independent, she cannot be off leash at our dog park. She ignores recalls and just can't leave the rodents alone. And those rodents are all over right now, often running across the path right in front of us—too much temptation for a 5 month old puppy! Instead of walking in the off leash area, Robert and I have been taking both dogs to the hilly, less rodent infested part of the park where leads are required. Although not what the dogs like, it has worked out good for us. Our hearts are really pumping now that we are going up lots of steep inclines!

Great Gray Gathering—September 17th was another family reunion for us this year. This one was special; it was organized for descendants of my Mom's Grandfather, Warren Shook Gray, something my Mom really wanted to make happen. And it did! There were 39 attendees—only one less than expected! My Mom's first cousin, Karon Potter, and her husband, Mel, hosted the Great Gray Gathering in Denair, California. There were

family members from Alaska, California, Utah, Colorado, and Washington! My Mom flew down from Washington on September 15th and stayed until the 20th for this very special family gathering. More reunion photos can be viewed by going to www.flickr.com/photos/susiegramma/sets and clicking on the album "Great Gray Gathering." Below right is my Mom—hanging out with Mr. Pancake at a Denny's near the reunion!



All these family members are identified in my Flickr Album

