



Reno & Ridgefield

Morgan made her debut in conformation showing end of last month. Her first show experience was a three-day dog show in Reno. On her first day she was entered in sweepstakes, conformation and in with her sire for stud for two shows, one in the am and one in the pm. Over three days, she came home with four second place ribbons, every time placing right behind her littermate, Gracie Jean, who belongs to Carol Chadwick of Northwood Mountain Kennels, the same kennel Morgan is from.

Morgan exceeded my expectations given I was prepared for a crazy and uncooperative girl in the ring as she can easily overreact to her surroundings. Just the opposite. She figured out exactly what she was supposed to do the very first time she went into the ring!

Brooklyn showed in Reno as well. No placements for her this show though.

Fast forward to this past weekend, a two-day show in Ridgefield, Washington. This show was located about a half hour from the Pines. Both Morgan and Brooklyn received ribbons at the Washington show.

Brooklyn received 4 Grand Champion points giving her a total of 25 GCH points by going "Select" both days. However she is still in the same position as she was before COVID-19. She still needs two majors to receive a grand championship.

Saturday Morgan received first place in the 9 to 12 month old class then went on to take Reserve defeating three other bitches in winners with a total of six bitches in classes. Sunday she again received first place. I love showing these girls!



James & Elizabeth

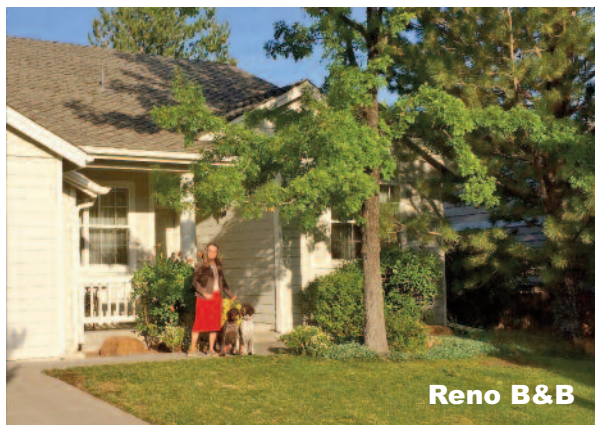
Pinto Beans & Apple Butter

A book about James Thomas Gray and Elizabeth Sara Merwin and their children—let the writing begin.

With lots of activity and attention initiated by my cousin, Paul Howlett, on the Warren Shook Gray Family Descendants Facebook page and having visited with family at the Gray PEAR Affair in Naturita, I have been inspired to write a book about my mother's parents and their children. If you are a descendant of James and Elizabeth, send YOUR special family stories to me! Of most interest of course are those about Thelma, Alice, Louis, Joan, Geneva, Nancy, and Tom, all of James and Elizabeth's children.



Why the title above for the book? The family went through many hard times once having no food to eat except pinto beans and apple butter.



Reno B&B

Delightful Out of Town Accommodations

Showing 2 and 3 days a long ways out of town means finding a place to stay. For our Reno show, we considered staying in a motel. The more we thought about what it would be like to be cooped up in a small room with two energetic German Shorthaired Pointers, the more we looked at finding a B&B and ended up booking just that. Robert found a nice house in the hills above Reno

with a large backyard. a large family room and a huge living room for the dogs to romp and play. For the Ridgefield show, the cost for our lodging helped offset the cost for the Reno house in that it was FREE because we stayed at the Pine's house. We enjoyed getting to spend time with Tim, Kathy, Rylan, Aubrey, Sierra, and Axel. And Axel loved having Brooklyn and Morgan!