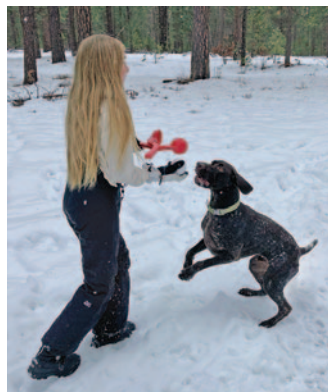




Christmas Eve and...

all through the ski cabin, everything is a flurry, a special tree brought in from a department store, decorated by the little ones, who are not so little anymore, presents traveling miles to find thier holiday home under said tree covered in ornaments also brought from afar...



all part of a special Christmas getaway, with lots of walks and play in the snow for three German Shorthaired Pointers near Mt. Bachelor slopes happily covered in deep snow for skiing and boarding, a lovely and novel way to spend Christmas. Thank you to Tim, Kathy, Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra for including us!



Back to Hunt Training With my foot feeling better, we were able to head to the hunting preserve a couple of times in the last month, me watching, Robert taking the dogs out. Morgan is now signed up for a two-day hunt test in February at which time I *will* be ready to handle her.



Axel

It is with great sadness Axel is no longer part of our family. At only seven years old, Tim, Kathy, Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra said goodbye to Axel just before Thanksgiving after being given a few months when first diagnosed with bone cancer almost a year ago. Axel, a puppy at heart, was the most energetic dog in the room even amongst dogs half his age—even during his last months, before the cancer took over.

He was the best, sweetest family dog ever and loved everyone he met.

