

# Tyler Smith

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## Deutsch-Kurzhaar Group North America



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I was raised in American Fork Utah where I fell in love with German Shorthairs. My grandfather and uncle both had shorthairs that I would follow behind in the fields hunting as a kid (back when Utah had abundant pheasant). They would take me every weekend I was not competing in football or rugby events. I learned about hunt test and field trials through them and would come help them train in my off seasons. My father finally agreed to let me get my own dog and the rest is history. I spent every day in the field with that dog. We would jump shoot ducks on local ponds and chase the chukar partridge in the steep cliffs near my home.

When I got home from my LDS mission and started back at a local college, I found myself guiding at a local bird club “Wasatch Wing and Clay”. I started my own side business while guiding and started taking on client dogs for training. I trained several types of breeds and gained an appreciation for the breed that I owned.

I am a lucky guy as now I get to spend close to 45 days afield with my DK’s. We hunt multiple states every year (Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana, & Utah) for multiple species of game bird. My favorite species to hunt are pheasant, Chukar Partridge, & Mallard ducks. In the last 3 years I have turned more toward hunting Hungarian Partridge in Idaho and Chukar in Utah. I also hunt big game when I draw a tag for Mule Deer or Elk. Overall I just love being in the outdoors with my dogs.

We have started this new endeavor of starting Deutsch-Kurzhaar Group North America. The west is ripe for the taking! The DK is a great fit for a hunting companion here in the west and the USA as a whole. We feel there is ample opportunity to grow and promote the DK as a superior breed as a hunting dog. Most people especially in the western states do not understand the difference between their GSP and the DK. After hunting behind one however most come out with a appreciation for the highly tuned, performance bred DK. I feel it is time for the DK to rise and become the most widely used hunting dog in the USA. The west offer great challenges geographically for most and with such we felt it would be good to organize the west into a separate club for better testing opportunities. I look forward to meeting you all and starting lifelong relationships hunting behind our DK’s.