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GLPs HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED STRONG, INTENSE DOGS PARTICULARLY well-suited for hard work in the forest and water. Owners and breeders have also told me that their dogs seem to have an innate ability to switch gears at home where they are generally very calm and relaxed.

Training

German Longhairs are reputed to be extremely easy to train, but are best trained with a softer touch than one might use on a GWP or GSP.

That's why I have them; they are easier to train than some of the other breeds that I have dealt with. But I've had Longhairs for 35 years, so I know them well. They can certainly take some pressure. When you have a dog that can stay out in the water for 20 minutes tracking a duck, they tend to have a lot of spunk. I don't put too much pressure on them, though. They respond well to a structured program and firm guidance.

Protection

In Germany, the GLP was traditionally considered a "forester's dog", which meant it was bred to have a strong protective instinct and a great deal of "sharpness" on predators. It is still common for German GLP breeders to refer to their dogs' protective nature today.

I have never heard of a GLP doing Schutzhund work, but they are certainly good watchdogs. Our dogs bark at every person that comes near our yard. I just got an e-mail from a guy in Arizona that bought one of our "B" litter pups. He said that he was walking along one day with his then five-month-old GLP and she started growling and barking. He looked up to see a sow bear and her