

# COLOR.....by Laura Myles

“liver and white spotted, w/ticking & roaning or solid liver”.

So what does this mean? Reality is that showing a solid liver GWP is both expensive and frustrating. The color continues to be viewed with skepticism or disdain by some judges in the ring.

**Q: Is it acceptable for a GWP to have a solid liver body and a variety of white combinations? White legs, white spotted legs, heavy ticking in the white on the chest, a solid white marking down its chest, or a combination of both.**

**A: YES! Solid livers with or without white markings are entitled to equal consideration in the ring as any other gwp meeting the standard.**

**Q: Does a solid liver coat look like a liver and white coated dog?**

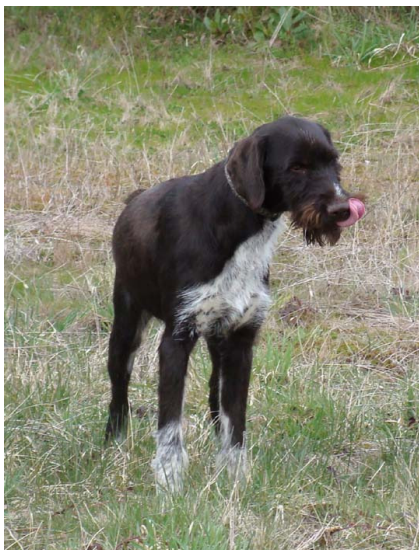
**A: Probably not. Just as the liver markings on a liver & white dog may be shorter than the white hairs, a solid liver dog's body coat often times will not be as long as the liver/white dogs. The lighter colored a liver dog is the likelier of it being a softer coat. Long soft wooly coat should be penalized.**

**Q: Are solid liver gwps groomed the same to prepare them for the ring?**

**A: Yes, although they really are shown completely natural with only hand stripping to tidy them up as any scissoring, or clipping on a solid liver dog turns them a really ugly shade of yellow orange as it grows out. Beards will generally be lighter colored.**

**Q: Have solid liver dogs always been able to be shown in the USA?**

**A: Yes. On the following page are examples of various solid liver wirehairs.**







**Thank you to Jodi Quesnell, and Aloysia Hard who also sent me photos. In asking how showing a new young solid liver did at a recent show, the handler with a sigh answered, “the judge actually asked me if this was an okay color after looking at the standard” ....I said, “you’re kidding right”. So just to repeat!....solid liver with or without white on really is OK!**