

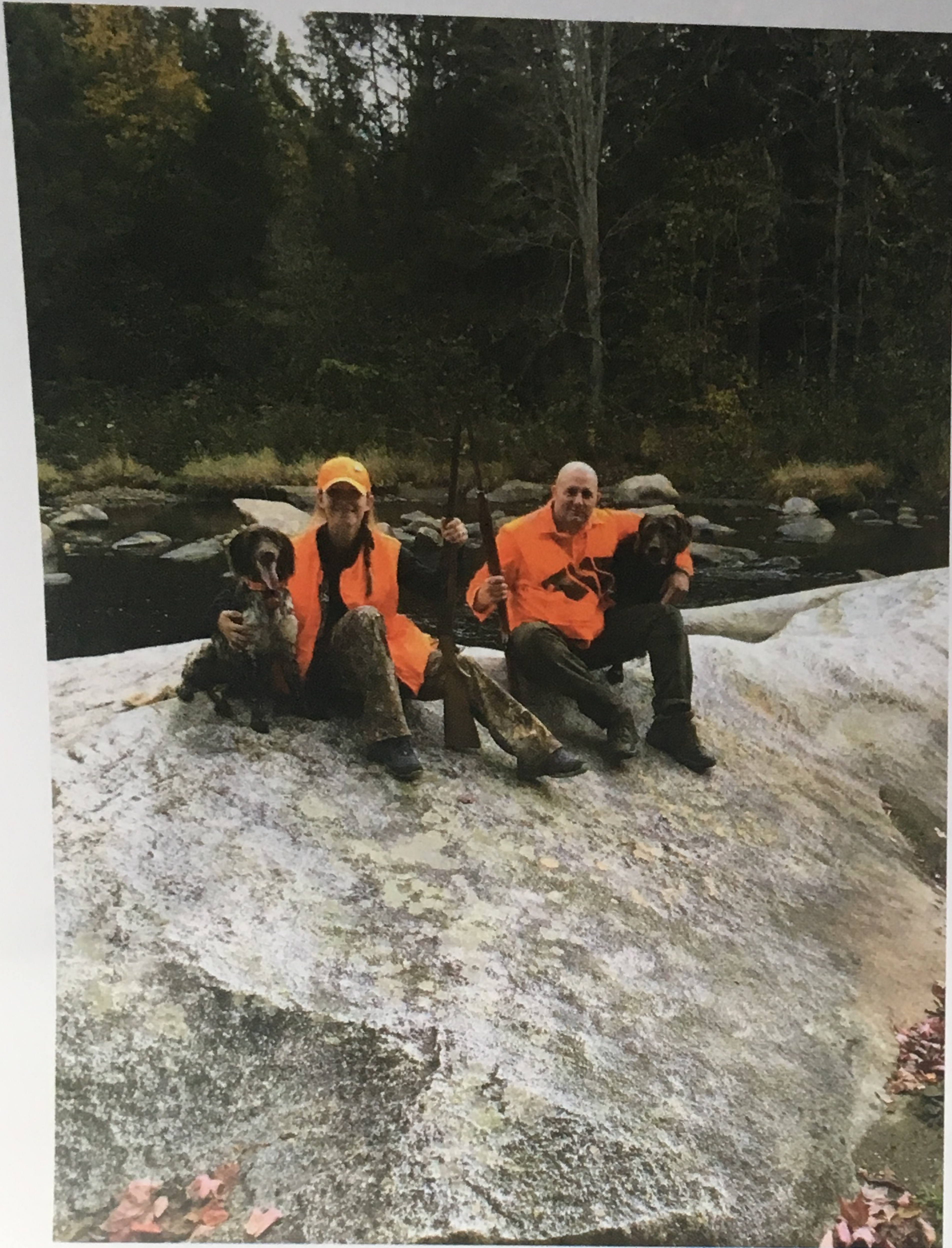
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This year marked the second consecutive year that I was able to mentor students of Dartmouth College. My fiancé Ashley and I were afforded the opportunity to bring our Pudelpointer Otto and our Small Munsterlander to the pristine 27,000 gated acres of the Second Dartmouth College Grant by Glenn Booma, a Dartmouth alum who spear-heads the trip.

Along with us were NAVHDA members Andy and Amanda Doak with their three dogs (German shorthair, Pudelpointer, and English Setter), Ray Hippelli with his two GSP's and Brooks Elder with his pointing Lab.

The two days in the New Hampshire woods were relaxing and beneficial to both students and guides. All of the handlers echoed to each other how great it felt to introduce not only hunting to these bright young men and women, but also getting to show them the magic of a well-trained hunting dog.

Many grouse and woodcock were taken, but as we pulled out of the grant, we left with a sense of accomplishment that far surpassed the count of taken birds.

All I can do now is hope that I get the invitation next year!

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