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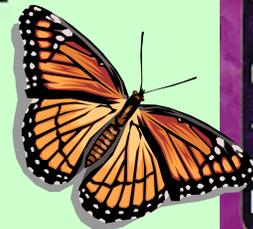
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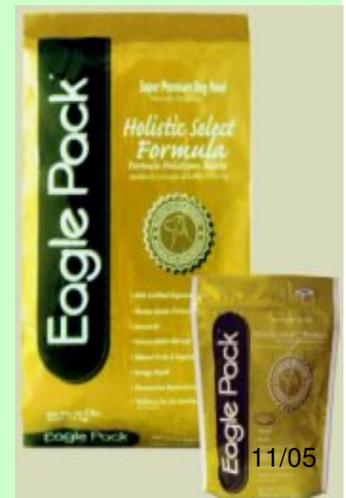


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-- Unknown

Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month , except July and December , at the Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM. The GSDC of Atlanta encourages visitors to attend. Our next meeting is November 07, 2005.

Club Meeting Minutes

Club meeting minutes can be found in the members only section of the club website at www.gsdcatlanta.us

Please note that our website has changed to :

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50th Anniversary



Getting together to chat



Plenty of supervisors waiting on the fantastic ribs

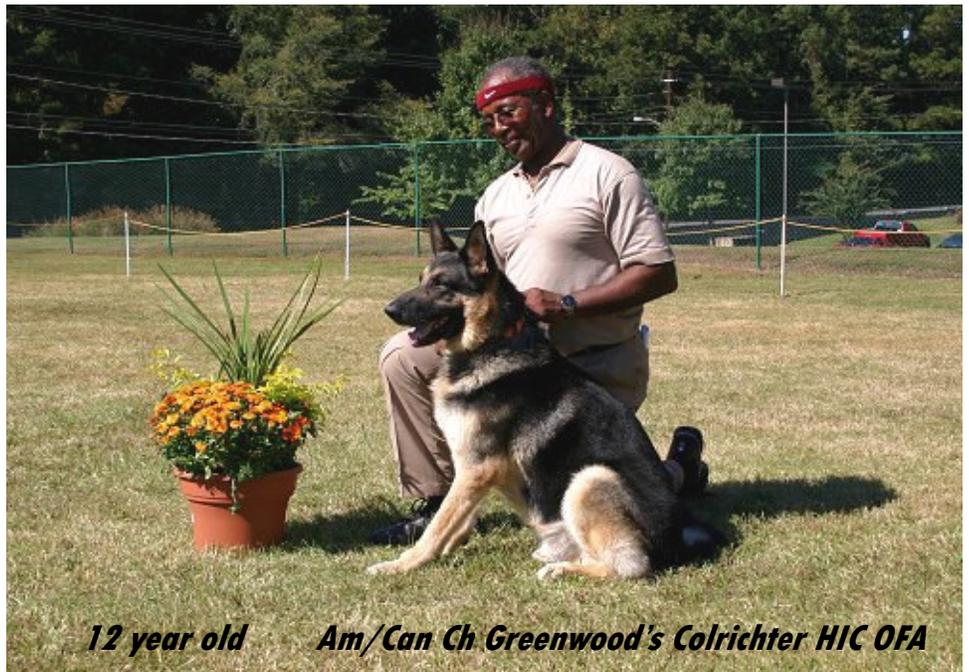


October 15, 2005

Now that's a GOOD cake !!

Two old friends getting together

Bart Bartley with Riker, the dog he handled over 9 years ago to obtain titles in the US and Canada. Riker is advising Bart on how to handle his retirement. Something about a couch.....



12 year old Am/Can Ch Greenwood's Colrichter HIC OFA

The President's Corner

Good Morning, AAAAATLANTA!!

Whew, the first few months have been a ride - getting organized, devising a calendar, continuation of projects from Gene's regime and on to new ones..... So far, so good! Our 50th Anniversary will be over before this article is published so here's to all the folks who worked to make OUR 50th Anniversary shows a success - GREAT JOB, GUYS!!!

My first article (rant, tirade, whatever else you wish to call it) was entitled "Are We An Exclusive Club?" My answer? Yes and No. I chose to make my motto for the coming year "WE ARE AN INCLUSIVE CLUB!" To this end, every member of this club needs an attitude adjustment. This is YOUR club. Not mine, not the Board's, not one selective click's - THIS IS YOUR CLUB! As a member you can choose the direction this club will take in the next few years. However, in order to make those choices you have to participate in club decisions; vote on issues of importance; and attend club functions. My personal view on the club is this: In this era where Specialty clubs are folding across the Country, we must become more responsive to our membership and their interests. The German Shepherd Dog is the most versatile breed in the world and we must be as versatile as our dogs! We must offer activities that interest our members and prospective members. In response, our members must become more active in all aspects of the club.

During the last meeting Dan Weiss presented a plan for the club to become licensed to hold Agility trials. Dan put together a comprehensive plan to hold an "A" Agility match and begin plans for our first all-breed trial. Based on his timeline our first trial should be in the Spring of 2007. The membership in attendance voted to move forward with those plans. In order to meet AKC's requirements, a large number of current club members will be required to work the match. We must prove to the AKC that we are an active club with a working membership capable of handling an event of this size. Dan and his committee, consisting of Kim McNamara and Jerry Kiah, cannot do it alone. I've asked Dan to plan a "CODE" meeting to train workers in all jobs required to hold the match. This training may take place in conjunction with a local agility trial so that we can practice our new skills. The CODE meeting date will be announced shortly.

Based on input from long time members, I've asked Mary Gattone to research the feasibility of us becoming a WDA club to host German Style conformation shows in addition to our AKC sanctioned matches and shows. We are not an AKC Member Club - the GSDC of America is. We are a member club of the GSDC of America - a club that recognized German style conformation shows, and German working titles. We should do no less. All members, regardless of their activity choices in the breed, deserve equal input into club activities and choices. It's my job, as your president, to see that this happens. It will be up to the membership to decide if we go forward with this plan. Just make sure when you vote that you are not disenfranchising members of this organization!

We have the opportunity to support the local herding club at their Winter trial on December 31st and January 1st. If the club chooses to have a supported entry at this trial, we will be asking for additional trophy donations for High In Trial GSD, High Scoring GSD in each class and a small token for each GSD with a qualifying run in all trial classes as well as the HIC, HT, and PT tests. The herding instinct test is an AKC title and requires two 'runs' under different judges. It is a pass/fail test. Club members are encouraged to participate in training and enter the trial! For further information contact me.

If there are other activities that interest you, please feel free to contact me at tsaligsds@comcast.net. E-mail is always best!

Until next club meeting.....
Keep the faith!

SUZANNE

GSDC of Atlanta 50th Anniversary Show Results Saturday October 15, 2005



Best Of Breed
Ch Debric Caretti's Angelina

Ch Caretti's Suicide Squeeze x Ranitas Ryschers Calamity Jane
Breeder: Debra Dunn
Owners: Jim & Cyndi Flautt



Best Of Opposite Sex
Ch O'Danny Boy of Heinerburg

Ch Kismet's Sight For Sore Eyes ROM x Magic Moment of Heinerburg
Breeders/Owners: Nancy Harper & Ron Mulvaney



6-9 Puppy Dog/Winners Dog/Best of Winners 4 Points
Jubilate's Gospel Of John

Woodside's Jubilateeyeofthetyger x Sherlyn's Wild Irish Rose
Breeders/Owners: Todd & Chrissy Cosper



6-9 Puppy Bitch/Winners Bitch 4 Points
Soaring Softly of Heinerburg

Ch Tempest's Antigua x Am/Can Ch Megan O'Shea of Heinerburg
Breeder: Nancy Harper, Ron Mulvaney & Goivanni Middel
Owners: Nancy Harper & Ron Mulvaney



1st Novice Junior Handler
Hannah Courington



1st Novice Intermediate Junior Handler
Jamie Lee Simpkins



Veteran Bitch
Ch Ken-Delaine's Trixie Of Dixie
Breeders: Ken & Delaine Thomson Owners: William & Denise Groenewald

GSDC of Atlanta 50th Anniversary Show Results

Saturday October 15, 2005



Saturday.....

High In Trial
Open B # 181

German Town's Quest Von Jano CDX
Owner : Angela Bauman



Sunday.....

High In Trial
Open A # 178

Jendhi Shepherds' Gotcha
Owner : Susan Rogers

OBEDIENCE QUALIFIERS

Day	Class	Score	Dog	Owners
Saturday	Novice B	189	Adel Van Elsen Linde	Dan & Delores Weiss
Sunday		188.5		
Saturday	Novice B	189.5	Fanto Vom Steffenhaus	Bill & Sybil Adams
Sunday	Novice B	191.5	Kiahaus' Favor Von Der Konig	Elaine LeRoy
Sunday	Novice B	173.5	Ann's Shadow-Best Friends	Ann Wilkerson
Saturday	Open A	196.5	Jendhi Shepherds' Gotcha	Susan Rogers
Sunday	Open B	195.5	Germantown's Quest Von Jano CDX	Angela Bauman
Sunday	Utility A	186.5	Kristin's Princess Sadie CDX	Kristin Brooks

RALLY QUALIFIERS

Sunday	Novice A	82	Heinerburg's Laurelie	Laurie & Greg Hyde
Saturday	Novice B	93	MACH III Landaleigh's Villainy UDX VCDC2	Dan & Delores Weiss
Sunday		98		
Saturday	Novice B	78	Ch Adelgard's Yancy Von Marquin HIC CGC	Suzanne Kinman
Sunday		87		
Sunday	Novice B	84	Wolfsong Alexandria Danlilova	George & Alice Carnahan
Saturday	Novice B	98	Adel Van Elsen Linde	Dan & Delores Weiss
Sunday		98		
Saturday	Novice B	96	Kiahaus' Favor Von Der Konig	Elaine LeRoy
Saturday	Novice B	100	Brise Hugel's Renn UDX	Annette Quinn
Sunday		89		
Sunday	Novice B	93	Silki Von Magish	Mike & Joyce Gibson
Saturday	Novice B	93	Ch Tsali Destino Show Me The Cookies	Suzanne Kinman
Sunday		81		
Saturday	Novice B	93	Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra !	Barbara & Ken Hefner & Kevin Reynolds
Sunday		84		
Saturday	Advanced A	87	Warren Miller Aspen Powderhound NAJ RN TT	Joe & Susan Morabit
Sunday		75		
Saturday	Advanced B	89	Athena's Mya Fire	Ken & Faith Wallace
Sunday		96		
Saturday	Advanced B	96	Rhett Butler Burnette CD RN	Renita Burnette
Sunday	Excellent B	93	Wasintaul's Luxan D'Argo	Ken & Faith Wallace
Saturday	Excellent B	92	Athena's Mya Fire	Ken & Faith Wallace
Sunday		88		

GSDC of Atlanta 50th Anniversary Show Results Sunday October 16, 2005



Best Of Breed
Am/Can Ch Kagen's Boston Pops OFA
Farmil's Stealth of Kagen x Kagen's Ragtime HIC OFA
Breeders/Owners : Gene & Kaye Valentine



Best Of Opposite Sex
Ch Debric Caretti's Angelina
Ch Caretti's Suicide Squeeze x Ranitas Ryschers Calamity Jane
Breeder: Debra Dunn
Owners: Jim & Cyndi Flautt



Novice Dog/Winners Dog/Best of Winners 4 Points
Greenwood's Achilles
Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA x Ch Helmic's Cassandra OFA
Breeders: William & Denise Groenewald
Owners: William & Denise Groenewald & Kenneth & Delaine Thomson



Am Bred Bitch/Winners Bitch 4 Points
Melana Kagen's Sea Breeze
Am/Can Ch Kagen's Boston Pops OFA x Von Hornberger's Tyra of Jolin OFA
Breeders: Melissa Campbell & Linda DeLarso
Owners: Gene & Kaye Valentine & Melissa Campbell



1st Novice Intermediate
Jessica Ball



1st Novice Junior
Chelsea Ball



6-9 Puppy Bitch/Best Puppy
Soaring Softly of Heinerburg

Ch Tempest's Antigua
Am/Can Ch Meagan O'Shea of Heinerburg
Breeders: Nancy Harper & Giovanni Middei
Owners: Nancy Harper & Ron Mulvaney

Out Of The Crate Too

Years ago, somewhere around 1983 I received a call from a fellow club member asking me to enter a bitch at our specialty show to "help hold the points." As a club member I felt that it was my responsibility to help so I did. I entered Kel-Sarbo's Terra CDX TC HIC in the open bitch class and paid the entry fee knowing quite well that I wasn't going to the show to win. I was going to help hold the points. Those of you who never met Kelly missed a GREAT dog! She was German bred, square, had more head than some of the males exhibited today, and had a mind and a sense of humor that belayed her obvious lack of American conformation quality. I dearly loved that bitch!! The judge that day, who shall forever remain nameless, went to great pains to place the entire open class in order from first to the last – 14th bitch – my Kelly. Now why would a judge do that??

Had that been my only experience with conformation that day I might well have never walked in a breed ring again. Would it have hurt the sport? Since that time I've finished 10 conformation champions in two breeds but in the greater scheme of things it wouldn't have hurt the sport of purebred dogs. Would it have hurt me? I'd have missed the friendships I've gained with other members of this very club. It definitely would have hurt me!! And I would hope some of you!! What made me continue with a sport that insulted my beloved Kelly??? The owner of the winner's bitch that day, one Nick Mondelli, who was not even an Atlanta club member, apparently saw how I was feeling at the moment and walked up to me after winning and THANKED ME for entering my bitch. He told me something that I already knew – that the points were based on the total number of animals exhibited that day.

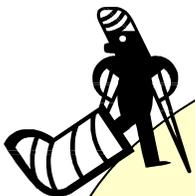
Competition is a great thing so long as we keep it in perspective! Had Nick not taken the time to speak with one novice I probably would have walked away that day. I probably never would have purchased all the dogs I've owned through the years, or bred the puppies, or paid the stud fees, and entry fees, and handling fees, or clapped for my friends when they won. Had I walked away that day someone else would be your president today and all the Guardian articles I've worked on, and all the obedience classes I've taught, and all the matches I've run, and fund raisers, and obedience entries, would never have happened. The club definitely would have lost!!

One of the topics on 'da List the past couple of days has been the poor sportsmanship exhibited at some shows. The posts spoke of folks who sat at ringside and talked down fellow club members animals – the very animals who might have been entered to "hold the points;" of novices so discouraged that they would never show in breed again; and a total disregard for novice members' attempt to support the 'winning' animals and their club.

As a member of the GSDC of Atlanta I would hope that something like that would never occur at our shows. Having watched club members come together and work for the good of the club – to help set up, break down, sell raffle items, steward, transport and entertain judges, and clean up around show grounds I saw a group of hard working club members who support each other and the club. As your president I thank my lucky stars that we don't have club members so petty and uncaring as to do something like that at our show; who would forget that we all had to start somewhere and probably with a pet quality animal; folks with no respect for themselves, their fellow club members or all the ones who supported them in their endeavor to learn, and succeed, and become a part of this great sport!

Thank you for being the caring and supportive members that you are. I am proud to call the GSDC of Atlanta my home club! This is the GREATEST club in the Country!! Here's to the GSDC of ATLANTA!!

SUZANNE



Betty Ann Frederick seems to have been out playing with our mascot, Slick, and broke her leg.

..... shaking finger at Betty Ann

That boy Slick will get you in trouble every time !

**GET BETTER FAST
BETTY ANN !!!!**



Go Slick go !

SAS - Decoding Shelter Alphabet Soup

A brief guide to America's shelters, who is taking credit for what, and where your donations go.

Wayne Cavanaugh

Did you ever get mail from the “humane society”? Donation solicitations, Christmas cards, free address labels? Was it from the *Humane Society of the United States* (HSUS), the *American Humane Association* (AHA), or the *American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals* (ASPCA)? Did you ever wonder who they are and what they do? What about during disaster relief efforts, did you ever wonder where to send your donations?

Don't know the answers to these questions? You are not alone. Even among the most dedicated dog lovers there is huge misunderstanding and confusion when it comes to our nation's shelters and the SAS – that is, the *Shelter Alphabet Soup*, that comes with them.

In the late 1990's, a group called the California Coalition of Animal Advocates convened to try to find answers to issues dog-related population issues. Their work included a study to find out who and where the animal shelters were in America. It sounded easy enough until they discovered that a national list of shelters did not exist, and, contrary to popular opinion, there wasn't a “humane society” or any other type of organization that oversaw all of America's shelters!

So who, what, and where are the nation's shelters? Who are these big fund-raising groups, and how are they related to shelters? Where do they get their money, and who is running them? To start, the coalition funded a study to create shelter list of every shelter in America. They knew it would always be changing and would never be complete, but they also knew it would be a lot better than what existed, which was nothing. They hired university graduate students to do the only thing that would work – the students called every town, municipality, city, village, township, hamlet and county in America and asked if they had a shelter, what they called it and who ran it. The answers were interesting and the list was compiled. Today, there is still no national organization overseeing or coordinating America's shelters.

Here are some facts that most people do not realize.

- The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) does not operate a single animal shelter in America or anywhere else. That's right, not one. Makes you wonder how many people send them money thinking they were the local animal shelter.
- The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) does operate a shelter and an animal hospital - they are both in New York City. That's it, a New York City shelter only. It is a highly regarded shelter, but New York clearly isn't the nationwide shelter list some people think of when they think of the ASPCA. To be fair, the ASPCA does humane work all over the nation, but as far as operating shelters, well, no.
- The American Humane Association (AHA) operates no shelters, but does have about 300 shelters that are affiliated and agree to maintain AHA standards of care at their shelters.
- What about the SPCA? Is there a national organization called the SPCA (society for the prevention of cruelty to animals)? Nope. Sorry. “SPCA” is simply a term, or abbreviation, used for most any animal shelter but it is NOT a nationwide organization. It's a generic for what we say instead of “dog pound”, “animal shelter”, or “humane society”.
- Now you can see the confusion! When national groups use words like humane society, or letters such as SPCA in their name, people think they are giving to their local shelter. But they, of course, are not.
- **So who runs the local shelter in your town?** It could be anyone from volunteers, to your local government, to a private party. Many rural areas simply have a person, with a few extra kennel runs, who the town pays to house the strays. In more populated areas where actual dedicated buildings exists, the shelters are funded by any combination of tax dollars, donations, adoptions fees and dog license fees. (It is interesting to note that the shelters house dogs and cats, but since hardly anyone licenses cats, the dog license fees pay the bills for both dogs and cats.)
- These shelters are named anything from the “SPCA of Whatever County” to the “Humane Society of Whatever Township”, but are not affiliated with either national group, the ASPCA or HSUS. Within a county or state, the shelters may meet for educational purposes or to share information but not as a member of a national fund raising group that operates and fund shelters.

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So what does the ASPCA, HSUS, and AHA do with all of their money if it is not going to your local shelter?

Each has their own agenda. They all advertise, use money to raise money, and draft and lobby for legislation. Some may agree with none, all, or some of what they support. The AHA has the contract to oversee and ensure the safety all animals used while filming a movie. They have done so for years and have done an admirable job. However, they are also opposed to hunting. So are the ASPCA and, obviously, HSUS. Do they help protect animals? Yes, they do. But does their agenda agree with your individual ideas and philosophy? Hang on, you better check. Check a lot. Go to their websites. Call them. Dig deeper into their agendas. See what legislation and advertising campaigns they are spending donated money on.

HSUS for example, in addition to the troubled PAWS legislation, is also spending donations on a new campaign to prevent America's youth from hunting before they are 18 years old. (For those familiar with the PAWS bill, this is typical HSUS – set limits first then adjust them to extinction!) These campaigns and laws are often being funded by well intended people who think they are giving to their local shelter! But you now know that is not true.

With Hurricane Katrina, watch the big PR money being spent by some of these groups, and other dog organizations, as they exploit the hurricane victims by trying to raise money that goes who knows where. Is that money all going to relief? Let's hope so. We have heard that good money is starting to get spent in the hurricane ravaged areas. Or is some going to fund anti-hunting and anti-breeding legislation? It almost seems as though where some see despair and horror, others see a PR opportunity, so who knows?

The bottom line is that there are thousands of shelters in America, all of which are individually operated and funded locally. They always need resources and support. Then, there are large groups who raise money by using the goodwill of words like "humane" and "cruelty" in their national name. To add another layer of concern, while your local independent shelter is not run by HSUS, AHA, or the ASPCA (unless you are in New York City), you really have no idea what the mission of your local shelter is. Your job is to ask.

There are many, many excellent and worthy local shelters that need your donations and will use them directly to help dogs. But before you open your wallet, ask what will be done with your money.

- Consider donating food and supplies which can't be as easily used to pay government lobbyists.
- Ask what they believe in. Then ask yourself what you believe in and where you draw the line.

We should and we must help those less fortunate. We must not forget the people and the dogs who need help from the hurricane. We must do so from our hearts, though, and not to take credit or exploit the situation. And we must make sure our efforts are in line with our private individual beliefs.



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9/05



How To Choose A Puppy by Delaine Thomson



Picking and grading puppies is one of timing and knowledge of the bloodlines.

First, you must know what is the best "time" (meaning age wise) as to which are the "show", "companion" and "breedable bitches" and those boys that are the quality needed to be a good, top quality Show ,Stud Dogs (these seem to be few and far between in the past few years - unfortunately).

Knowing the bloodlines is a MUST, in order to know how they grow and at what ages, they have their growth spurts. Puppies grow at different growth rates. Certain bloodlines look great at one age, while others take a younger or older age when they look their best or worst.

My own personal thoughts on how we choose our "show" quality, is that we watch them at about 6 weeks of age and there are always those that "stand-out". If the overall litter looks good, but your eye tends to go to a certain one or two, it is pretty ascertain that those will be most likely the ones we are going to hold.

In NO way do we choose at 6 weeks, we watch about every other week after that, changes seem to really take place at two week intervals. Sometimes, those ones that "stood-out", have been joined by maybe one or more puppies, to be an: "eye catcher". Sometimes, again, those from 6 weeks that caught your eye, are still catching your eye! We really don't get serious about who will be chosen (that we think at that time) until around 9 weeks of age. As I said, every bloodline has its differences in growth. Our bloodlines definitely have those times. It seems to be a slow growing, maturing bloodline. Meaning, again that as time goes by, they just get better, if they started out good; or some that you may have thought "weren't all that" seem to "come-on" at about 9 - 10 weeks of age.

This can only make it more difficult to choose as more have joined the "show" "keepers" group.

Any male puppies that don't have both testicles by 9 weeks are sold into "companion" homes on a neuter contract. As we have been told and also experienced - in the monorchids that we have had (which I will add are few! Very -few). IF they don't have both down and descended into the scrotum at that age, it is VERY rare that they will ever be there.

The age of 10 weeks NO one leaves as in the behavior readings - this is a very traumatic age for puppies to be moved, into any different surroundings, and this is the age when they really need the security. Seems that after that week and at 16 weeks again - another trauma time for behavior.

So, our rule of thumb is, we do not send out any show prospects "before" the age of 16 weeks and 20 weeks. We make out final decisions at 15 weeks of age. This has proven to be the best age to finally point and say which category each one belongs in, according to past breedings, and the bloodlines involved.

At this age of 15 -16 weeks of age, you can see the movement, the temperament, and what sort of personality each one has, along with strong points, and weak points (that needs to be worked on). Also, at this age, puppies have been thru their series of the most needed vaccinations, and wormings, the crucial ones before they are placed into their *new* homes. Thereby having the antibodies needed in their systems.

It is also a good time to be sure to check for correct bites, or what the condition of the bite is at that age .

Angulation , and movement, character and personality, along with temperaments should be very apparent at this age .

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Our words to prospective "show" puppies, "we do not sell any of those until and between the ages of 16 to 20 weeks of age ". This way we know for sure (well in many areas for sure) the quality of the puppy, and it is also old enough to get an idea of the hip and elbow status as well by having them prelimbed.

On all of our litters , we plan to keep only one for ourselves, however there have been times when we have kept two, just because it's hard to get the good ones. If we decide to keep two in a litter, a lot of times it is because the bloodlines are so good, and we keep maybe one bitch to show and the other to breed. This way when the show bitch finishes her Championship (hopefully), the other sister already is well on the way to producing puppies to try to achieve an ROM. As most show bitches don't even get bred until the age of three (3), because of being in the show ring, and waiting for them to mature.

Original Article by Delaine Thomson (Ken-Delaine Shepherds)
(permission has been granted to publish this article)



Board Meetings

Meetings are held at the home of one of the Board Members or prior to a regular club meeting and are open to all Club Members.

Members must notify the host Board Member prior to attending.

Club Members are not permitted to participate in

discussions unless delivering a committee report.

Club Members are not permitted to vote.

Peanut Butter Puppy Poppers

- 2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 cup peanut butter (chunky or smooth)
- 1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a bowl, combine flour and baking powder. In another bowl, mix peanut butter and milk, then add to dry ingredients and mix well. Place dough on a lightly floured surface and knead. Roll dough to 1/4 inch thickness and use a cookie cutter to cut out shapes. Bake for 20 minutes on a greased baking sheet until lightly brown. Cool on a rack, then store in an airtight container. --- This is the original recipe, but I have found the cookies burn easily.

Hot Fudge Pudding Cake

- 1 Cup flour
- 3/4 Cup sugar
- 2 Tablespoons cocoa
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 Cup milk
- 2 Tablespoons melted shortening
- 1 Cup brown sugar
- 1/4 Cup cocoa
- 1 3/4 Cups HOT water

Blend flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder and salt in medium bowl. Add milk and shortening and pour into a ungreased 9x9x2 pan. Combine brown sugar and cocoa and sprinkle evenly over batter. Pour hot water over batter and bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve warm

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Nutrition and Thyroid Metabolism:

Nutritional influences can have a profound effect on thyroid metabolism. The classical example is the iodine deficiency that occurs in individuals eating cereal grain crops grown on iodine-deficient soil. This will impair thyroid metabolism because iodine is essential for formation of thyroid hormones. Iron and zinc also are important minerals in regulating thyroid metabolism. Another link has recently been shown between selenium deficiency and hypothyroidism. Cereal grain crops grown on selenium-deficient soil will contain relatively low levels of selenium. While commercial pet food manufacturers compensate for variations in basal ingredients by adding vitamin and mineral supplements, it is difficult to determine optimum levels for so many different breeds of animals having varying genetic backgrounds and metabolic needs.

The selenium-thyroid connection has significant clinical relevance, because blood, but not tissue, levels of thyroid hormones rise in selenium deficiency. Thus, selenium-deficient individuals showing clinical signs of hypothyroidism could be overlooked on the basis that blood levels of thyroid hormones appear normal. The selenium issue is further complicated because the synthetic antioxidants still used in some foods to protect fats from rancidity can impair the bioavailability of vitamin A, vitamin E and selenium, and alter cellular membrane function, metabolism and detoxification. Because animals with autoimmune thyroid disease have generalized metabolic imbalance and often have associated immunological dysfunction, it is advisable to minimize their exposures to unnecessary drugs, chemicals and toxins, and to optimize their nutritional status with healthy balanced diets. Families of dogs susceptible to thyroid and other autoimmune diseases show generalized improvement in health when fed premium cereal-based diets preserved naturally with vitamins E and C rather than with the synthetic chemical antioxidants mentioned above. Fresh vegetables cooked with Italian herbs and garlic, dairy products such as yogurt or low fat cottage cheese, or a variety of meats and whitefish can be added.

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With the wonderful showing our Juniors did at our 50th Anniversary Shows, I felt it was time to refresh everyone on rules for Junior Showmanship

Regulations for Junior Showmanship

Section 1. Approval of Classes.

Any club that is approved to hold a licensed or member all-breed show or a specialty show held apart from an all-breed show, may also be approved to offer Junior Showmanship competition at its show.

Section 2. Amateur Status.

An individual listed as an agent is not eligible to compete in Juniors, nor any person who distributes rate cards or otherwise advertises themselves as handling dogs for pay in the show ring, or accepts payment for handling dogs.

"Participation in Junior Showmanship is intended to encourage Juniors to learn how to care for and present different breeds. Part of the educational process could include apprenticeship or assisting professional handlers. Juniors may take their employers' dogs into the ring while still retaining amateur status."

Section 3. Standard for Judging.

Junior Showmanship shall be judged solely on the ability and skill of the Juniors in handling their dogs as in the breed ring. The show qualities of the dogs shall not be considered. Junior Handlers shall not be required to exchange dogs. The judge must excuse a handler and dog from the ring if, in his opinion, the handler cannot properly control the dog.

Section 4. Approval of Judges.

The criteria for eligibility to judge Junior Showmanship at an AKC All Breed event include experience in at least two of the following:

- Having been a Junior
- Being the Parent of a Junior
- Having been a Professional Handler
- Having taught handling classes
- Having judged Junior Showmanship at least three times at AKC all Breed Sanctioned Matches
- Having attended a seminar on the judging of Junior Showmanship in the last 24 months.

Any Junior no longer eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship Competition may apply for approval to judge Junior Showmanship.

Limit Status Junior Showmanship Judge will allow an individual to judge Juniors at a Specialty show for a breed they are approved to judge only.

The individual applicant must complete the application form and it will be handled under the same process as the current judging approval system. The name and assignment of each judge shall be included in the list of judges sent to AKC for approval by show giving clubs. Junior Showmanship entries shall be included in computing judges' assignments under [Chapter 7, Section 13, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#). Any change in judges shall be handled in accordance with the Dog Show Rules.

Section 5. Classes and Divisions. The regular Junior Showmanship Classes shall be:

(A) **Novice.** This shall be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who at the time entries close have not won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

(B) **Open.** This class shall be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show, and who have won three first place awards in a Novice Class in a licensed or member show, with competition present. The winner of a Novice Class shall automatically become eligible, upon notice to the Open Class ring steward, to enter and compete in the Open Class at the same show provided the win is the third (3rd) first place award with competition and further providing there are one or more Junior Handlers competing in the Open Class.

No entry may be changed or cancelled unless notice of the change or cancellation is received in writing by the Superintendent or Show Secretary named in the premium list to receive entries, prior to the closing date and hour for entries, except that a correction may be made from one age division to another provided this transfer is made by the Superintendent or Show Secretary at least one half-hour prior to the scheduled start of any Junior Showmanship class at the show.

(C) **Junior, Intermediate and Senior Classes.** Each of the regular classes may be divided by age into Junior, Intermediate and Senior Classes, provided the division is specified in the premium list. A Junior Class shall be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 12 years old on the day of the show. The Intermediate class shall be for boys and girls who are at least 12 years old and under 15 years old on the day of the show. The Senior Class shall be for the boys and girls who are at least 15 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show.

She Cannot Say Good-bye

*It is a comfortable little place -- their home
and it is paid for, cozy, and theirs alone
Just the two of them, therein, reside
... an older lady and the aging canine*

*Listening to the radio, as the storm grew
tears well in her eyes, upon hearing the news
She gazes at her friend, and he regards her, too
Reporters are saying everyone must now go...
she was to pack only what she needed from home.*

*She shakes her head and wonders, Didn't they know?
that folks like her had no means to get away
and no car of their own.*

*But officials called to say public transport would stop by;
they'd take her and her things, but her beloved friend could not ride
Tears fall as thunder and lightning rent the damp air
Her friend pads over, then leans against her, there in her chair*

*Sensing her sadness, the old dog wags his tail
As the wind past their porch swells to a wail
he reaches up and reassuringly licks her hand
And as he has always, by her side, he will stand!*

*She sobs at his sweet, loyal gesture, for he does not know
that on this journey, her dearest friend will not go
They had weathered life's storms and both had grown gray
She worries as they were never long, from the other, away*

*She rises slowly when she hears the knock on the door
a man takes her bags, saying, "I'm sorry, ma'am, it's
now or never -- we can wait no more."*

*When the old dog follows her, she says "No, go inside where it's safe."
his expression is one of bewilderment and hurt, as rain pelts his face
When she steps into the bus, she hears him whimper and cry
She cannot turn around to him. She cannot say good-bye*

*She studies the man who holds her bags, then she steps off the bus
When she reaches her friend, she says, "No future is as important
as the gift that is us."*

*She bends down and, happily crying, embraces her furry soul mate
"The worst storm ever is near, but alone, you will not have to wait."*

*Later, as the night explodes 'round them,
and she draws him snug to her side,
he lifts his fuzzy head, stares lovingly at her
and she contentedly sighs.*

*For on this, their last journey,
the two would be together
always . . .
. . . now . . . and forever*

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*Dedicated to a future where, in a disaster,
we will not be torn apart from our furry kin!
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The Life Of A Puppy

This morning, I woke up & kissed my dad's head.
I peed on the carpet, then went back to bed.
"The life of a puppy, oh my, this is great."
Then I thought about breakfast, "I hope it's not late."
Mom took me outside, we walked for a while.
This never fails to make Mama smile.
I sniffed of everything, that we did pass,
I ate something weird - it gave me gas.

I'm sure God loves me, I know that is true.
He gave me so many great things to chew.
Rugs, plants or rocks, I really don't care.
What I truly like best, is Dad's underwear.

That obedience book, was sort of yummy.
Though it didn't sit well on my poor puppy tummy.
I threw up a bit, but that was all right,
When Mom found it later, I was well out of sight.

I made streamers of T. P., while running at full speed.
Mom is pretty quick -- but I was still in the lead.
I flew under the bed, and Mom flew past,
She stopped-shook her head, and breathed,
"You're too fast."

Mama later phoned Daddy, and said, "It was frightening!"
That afternoon, she was sure I'd pooped lightning.
She'd sat at the computer, while I chewed the cord,
She thought I was mad, but I was just bored.

When Mama had enough, couldn't take anymore,
That's when my tushy got shoved out the door.
I love it inside, but outside is best.
Lay in the cool grass, and had a good rest.

That didn't last long, there was too much to do--
Can't quite remember where I hid Daddy's shoe.
I found an old bone, and scratched at a flea,
I watched the dumb squirrels as they jumped in a tree.

I barked at the kids, when they got off the bus.
I can't figure out why this makes Mama fuss.
I barked at the neighbor, I barked at the wind.
I barked and barked, till Mom yelled, "COME IN."

The sun dipped in the west-soon Daddy would come!
I sure love my daddy: we always have fun.
I barked at my daddy, then turned on my charms,
I woo-wooded, "Hello," then jumped in his arms.

Sitting under the table -- it's sooo hard to wait.
Daddy slipped me a goodie right off his plate.
I raced through the house, and scattered my toys,
Ricocheted off the furniture, and made lots of noise.

Out Of The Crate

There are times when words can not express enough thanks but I'd like to try.

First let's give thanks for one of the best show weekends that I have ever seen. Someone was sure looking out for us.

Then there were the conformation judges, Sharon Newcomb, who arose on Friday well before the sun in order to fly to Atlanta and Barbara Lopez who left a house and kennel that were being flooded to come judge our show then ran thru the airport to catch the last available flight. The obedience and rally judges, Jean Porter Lynch and Barry Roland, did a good sized entry without a hitch and if there were any problems handled them without needing help

The next two people are not club members but gave their time to make these shows a big success. Bob Turman who drove to Atlanta, cooked ribs all day and wouldn't accept anything for his time or gas. Floyd Pickett, a former member, went to Woodstock on the morning of the show, picked up the grill and then when Bob was finished cooking he took it back. Both deserve our thanks and next time you see them make sure that they get it.

Now I'd like to thank our club members. On Saturday morning our members swarmed to Wills Park and before I knew what happened, rings sprang up, tents were there, tables and trophies appeared and we were ready for our 50th anniversary show weekend.

People that we need to thank and not listed by importance are Denise Groenewald, for her ideas, getting food ordered and to the site, Peggy Kurz for trophies her hours on the phone and keeping me in line and Elaine LeRoy Obedience Chair. Along the obedience lines, I would like to thank Demetria Utley, Kathy Quarrels, Ann Wilkerson, Denise Kiah, Mike & Joyce Gibson, Judith & Armando Aguilar and Dan Weiss for a great job of obedience ring stewarding setting up and taking down rings and tents. Linda Bankhead outdid herself as the conformation ring steward also thanks to Helen Chamblee for directing ring set up and raffle, Joye DeMoss show secretary and getting key chains, Kaye Valentine for realizing that this was our 50th anniversary, sending invitations, shopping for food and nagging me to get things done, Joyce Quick for her expert photography, Janet Barwick picking up judges and all her work leading up to the show, Robert and Chris Groenewald for picking up judges at the airport, Randy Carney equipment expert, Mary Gattone raffle and other help, Suzanne Kinman for help during before and after the show and Scaers Hardie set up tear down and gofer and for taking judges to dinner using his winnings on the 50/50. Also those of you who appeared on Saturday morning and jumped in to get things set up and stayed late on Sunday and cleaned up.

If I missed anyone please forgive me.

Last but possibly most Important, I'd like to thank the exhibitors without whom we would not have had a show.

Thank you,

Gene Valentine

Mom found her purse - the one I abused.
Daddy let loose a chuckle. Mom asked "Amused??"
I cowered down low, I must be in trouble.
Dad said, "Wasn't MY boy, it must be his double!"

Mom turned off the TV, and said, "Time for bed."
Dad said "Let's go boy," and patted my head.
I got in my spot, between Mom and Dad,
I thought 'bout my day and what fun I had.

Mama kicked out my bone from the covers below,
Then let loose a sigh -- a sigh deep and low.
She gave me a kiss, and snuggled me tight,
And whispered so softly, 'My darling goodnight'.

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The evil incarnate spoke to the man saying; "Do you know who I am?"

"Sure do." was the old man's reply.

Hearing that there was no fear in his voice the devil asked; "Do you know I could destroy you with a word?"

"Possibly" stated the old timer.

Becoming quite perturbed at the total lack of terror, the devil screamed;

"I could banish you to hell for eternity old man, why do you not fear me?"

Unshaken, the old man replied; "I've shown dogs for forty years.

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A rally course includes 10 to 20 stations, depending on the level. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience. Communication between handler and dog is encouraged and perfect heel position is not required, but there should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler. The main objective of rally is to produce dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs, in a manner that will reflect positively on the sport of rally at all times and under all conditions.

Levels of Competition

The three levels of competition in AKC Rally:

Novice - this is the first level for those just getting started in competition.

- All exercises are performed with the dog on leash.
- There is a requirement of 10-15 stations to complete with no more than five stationary exercises.
- The exercises performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course.
- Exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course.

Advanced - this is the second level, which includes more difficult exercises throughout the course.

- All exercises are performed off-leash.
- There is a requirement of 12-17 stations with no more than seven stationary exercises.
- Exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position.

Excellent - this third and highest level of AKC Rally is the most challenging.

- Exercises are performed off-leash except for the honor exercise.
- There is a requirement of 15-20 stations, with no more than 7 stationary exercises.
- Handlers are only allowed to encourage their dogs verbally. Physical encouragement is not allowed at this level.
- The Excellent-level exercises include backing up three steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walks around the dog.

Qualifying Performance

A qualifying performance indicates that the dog has performed the required exercises according to the AKC Rally Regulations. Each performance is timed, but times are only counted if two dogs earn the same score.

Qualifying Score

All dogs and handlers begin with a perfect 100. A dog and handler team is awarded a qualifying score if it retains at least 70 points after the course has been completed. Once the team has completed the course, their score will be posted ringside.

Awards:

The colors for placement rosettes or ribbons are the same in all levels of classes.

First Place - Blue
 Second Place - Red
 Third Place - Yellow
 Fourth Place - White

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How do I get started in Rally?

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When you attend a class with your dog, instructors will show you how to train your dog and will expect you to practice at home. The younger the dog, the shorter the practice sessions should be. For the best results, both you and your dog should enjoy frequent short sessions, combined with some play and rewards.

To find AKC clubs in your area that offer training, please visit our [Training Resources section](#).

Tips for the First-time Exhibitor

- Register your dog with the AKC.
- Make sure that your dog is current on all inoculations and health check-ups.
- Visit the AKC website to find a training club.
- Attend training classes with your dog.
- Become familiar with the AKC Rally Regulations.
- Attend a rally trial and become familiar with ring procedures.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions from experienced exhibitors.

Tips for the First-time Spectator

- However tempting, do not pet a dog without first asking for and receiving permission.
- Many rally trials have vendors and an information booth with helpful information for the general public.
- Arrive early and bring a chair! Rally often starts very early in the morning.
- If you have not yet purchased your dog, speak to exhibitors about their breeds to gain knowledge of the best dog for your family. Also, visit the "Future Dog Owners" section of the AKC website.
- If you bring a baby stroller to a rally trial, be careful not run over a dog's tail. Be sure your child respects the dogs and does not grab or poke at them. Some crowded trials forbid strollers.

Rally Titles

The dogs must earn three qualifying scores under two different judges in order to receive a rally title. The titles that can be earned are:

Rally Novice: RN
 Rally Advanced: RA
 Rally Excellent: RE
 Rally Advanced Excellent: RAE

The requirement for the RAE title is that the dog must qualify ten times in both the Advanced B class and the Excellent B class at the same trial.

Glossary

Brisk - Keenly alive, alert, energetic.

Course Design - A set of signs, previously arranged by the judge, that the dog and handler team will navigate for competition. Each class will have a different course design.

Crowding - A dog that is so close to the handler as to interfere with the handler's freedom of motion.

Gently - With kindness, without harshness or roughness.

Leg - A term that is used frequently for a qualifying score.

Natural - Not artificial; free of affectation; what is customarily expected in the home or public places.

Qualifying Score - Minimum of 70 points out of a possible perfect score of 100.

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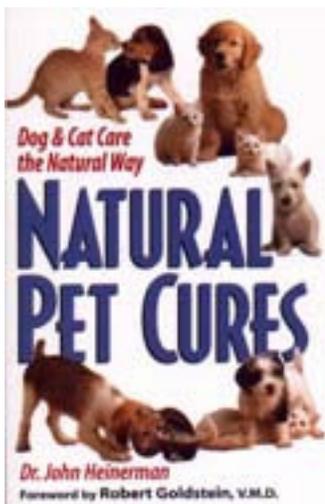
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 Breeder/Owner : Melissa Campbell, 140 Tyson Rd. Villa Rica, GA 30180
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BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D von Marquin HIC CGC HT

Sire : 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam : Schneiderhof's Highland Treasure (Ch Highlander ROM daughter)

Yancy is a multiple BOB winning medium sized (64 cm) male with bone, substance and depth. Yancy has been turning heads all over the SE and to date has 11 Specialty BOB wins in addition to his Best In Show win. He is currently working in rally, tracking. Herding and SAR in addition to occasional forays into the breed ring. Yancy's "New Jersey" litter will be making their debut at the Nationals this year. BC/VC/DVC is required.

Owner: Suzanne Kinman 2320 Georgia Hwy 20 S E Conyers, GA 30094
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Ch Kagen's Boston Pops OFA GS-69003G28M-PI GS-EL16290M28-PI

Sire: Farmil's Stealth of Kagen HIC
 Dam: Kagen's Ragtime, HIC OFA

Boss is a medium sized, deep bodied male with a dark plush coat, excellent bone, strong pasterns, tight compact feet, strong back, good ligamentation and a long striding correct gait. He has proven proficient in both rings with multiple herding group wins as well as specialty breed wins. Boss, with limited breedings, is producing heavy bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics, dark plush coats and excellent temperament. To date, he has not produced long coats or off colors. VC/BC is required

Breeder/Owners : Gene & Kaye Valentine
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Character Structure Type

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Everything of importance about the German Shepherd Dog can be covered under three headings: Character, Structure and Type. In fact, a good argument can be made for type including both character and structure... so there may be only one heading.

The character of the German Shepherd Dog should always be discussed first. It is among the things that distinguish our dogs from other breeds. Character includes obedience, loyalty, heart, nerves, trainability, versatility, and many other characteristics. There are, in fact, so many aspects of character that we sometimes lose sight of the fact that it is the totality of these things that make a dog a German Shepherd, not any one of them. We must recognize all of these qualities in our dogs, and accept the fact that each one will not be present to the same degree or in the same form in every dog. That's ok, as long as they are present to a degree that satisfies us as breeders and owners, satisfies those that we choose to share our dogs with, and that these important characteristics are expressed in a manner that represents a quality German Shepherd.

The structure of the German Shepherd comes next in my mind, since so much of the appeal of the dog is based on its appearance, its proportions, its size, its athleticism, its movement, its strength, and its agility. All of these things are the result of its structure, the lengths of its bones, and their relative dimensions, its musculature and ligamentation. Once again, however, these traits can be expressed over a fairly wide range. German Shepherds can still be of quality, even if one is larger and one smaller, one has a long stride and one not quite so long, one has a deep chest and one not so deep. As with the elements of character, these physical attributes of structure can vary quite a bit while still acceptably following the blueprint for the ideal German Shepherd Dog as set forth in the Standard. Form follows function, and there are many functions that the German Shepherd is expected to be capable of. The form that is best for each of these functions is not exactly the same. It follows that the physical attributes of a quality German Shepherd can also show some variance. If these attributes are present to the degree that satisfies us as breeders and owners, satisfies those that we choose to share our dogs with, and they are expressed in a manner that represents a quality German Shepherd, we have reason to rejoice.

Finally, of course, there is the broader term, "type". Type includes all of the things mentioned under character and structure, plus much more. Nobility, secondary sex characteristics, pigmentation, ears, feet, substance, and even coat color play important roles in completing the equation of type that defines a dog as a quality German Shepherd. We may argue about the relative importance of each of these items. We may have preferences (the source of the concept of style that is often confused with type). In the end, however, there is a well-defined range of acceptable characteristics (mostly set forth in the Standard) that defines a German Shepherd Dog. If these characteristics are present to the degree that satisfies us as breeders and owners, satisfies those we choose to share our dogs with, and they are expressed in a manner that represents a quality German Shepherd, we again have reason to rejoice.

While much of this may seem obvious, the point that I wish to make is that within the range of acceptable character, structure, and type that constitutes a quality German Shepherd Dog, there is room for many different "styles" of dogs. Every dog is a combination of the elements of character, structure, and type expressed to some variable degree. It is our responsibility as fanciers of the breed to recognize this variability, and embrace it. The perfect assistance dog is not identical to the perfect military dog. The perfect companion dog is not identical to the perfect herding dog. However, within the definition of type for the breed we can easily have examples of the perfect agility, assistance, companion, detection, guide, herding, military, obedience, police, schutzhund, search & rescue, show, therapy, and tracking dogs. We need, within the breed, structural and temperamental traits that enable the dogs to do what we want them to do... covering a lot of ground efficiently as a tending style herding dog, making fast and wide outruns as a fetching style herding dog, or jumping through a window as a police dog. These dogs may not have exactly the same structure or character, but they are still recognizable as quality German Shepherd dogs.

Unfortunately, we often lose sight of this wonderful diversity and begin to think that all German Shepherds must conform to our personal interpretation of the Standard and the character, structure, and type that we want for our own activities. In so doing, we risk destroying the wonderful versatility and adaptability that is arguably the most important and unique thing about our chosen breed. We may argue about what is better, or right, but will seldom change anyone's mind. The Standard nicely defines the acceptable range of character, structure, and type for many activities, and it is only when we lose sight of the Standard that we stray from the quality German Shepherd.

Not all German Shepherds need to herd, not all German Shepherds have to do schutzhund, not all German Shepherds have to have wonderful animation and presence in the conformation ring, do obedience, or therapy work. No single dog has to do everything that the breed is capable of, as long as yours can do what you want it to do and others can do what their owners want them to.

German Shepherds should have good character, and there are many ways of measuring that.

German Shepherds should have good structure, and there are many ways of measuring that.

German Shepherds should have good type, and there are many ways of measuring that.

Celebrate the versatility of the breed. Wish others well in their endeavors with their dogs, even if it is not what you choose to do with yours. Encourage everyone with a German Shepherd to take advantage of the qualities that the dogs have to offer in whatever arena interests them. Doing these things will truly promote The Total German Shepherd Dog!

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(D) **Best Junior Handler.** A club offering Junior Showmanship may offer a prize for Best Junior Handler, provided there will be competition for this award, a minimum of two class winners present to compete for the award. The prize is described in the premium list. The Junior Handler placed first in each of the regular Junior Showmanship Classes, if undefeated in any other Junior Showmanship Class at that show, shall automatically be eligible to compete for this prize.

Section 6. Armbands.

Armbands with the catalog numbers assigned to the Junior.

Section 7. Eligibility of Dog.

Each dog entered in a regular Junior Showmanship Class must be of a breed eligible to compete in conformation classes (including Miscellaneous Classes) at the time of the event. The dog must be entered in one of the breed, obedience or agility classes at the shows or must be entered for Junior Showmanship Only. An eligible dog other than the one entered may be substituted. Such substitution must be accompanied by an official AKC entry form. The junior must have the AKC number of the substitute dog. All such substitutions must be made at least one half hour prior to the judging of any Junior Showmanship Classes at the show. Each dog must be owned by the Junior Handler or by the Junior Handler's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother, including the corresponding step and half relations, or by a member of the Junior Handler's household. **BITCHES IN SEASON ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.** At a Specialty Show, each dog must be of the breed for which the show is held. *A Junior is limited to one substitution at a dog show. If one of the owners of the dog is a judge, the dog may be entered in Junior Showmanship Only to be exhibited by the Junior at an event where the judge is judging classes other than Junior Showmanship.*

Section 8. Premium List.

A club that has been approved to offer Junior Showmanship must list the classification in its premium list, with a description of the entry requirements for each class offered, and the name of the judge of each class. The number of entries in any or all classes may be limited, provided the limits are specified in the premium list.

Section 9. Entry Forms.

To be acceptable each entry form must meet all requirements of [Chapter 11, Section 4 of the Dog Show Rules](#) and must show in the appropriate areas the name and address of the Junior Handler, the Junior Handler's AKC number, the Class which the Junior Handler is entering, the Junior Handler's date of birth, and if the dog is not owned or co-owned by the Junior Handler, his relationship to the owner. The identification slip for the entry of the dog shall show the entry of Junior Showmanship and the Class.

Section 10. Closing of Entries.

Entries for regular Junior Showmanship Classes shall close at the same time entries close for the show.

Section 11. Judging Program.

The judging program shall list the Junior Showmanship Classes, the ring(s) in which they are to be judged, the name(s) of the judge(s), the hour of judging, and the number of entries in each class.

Section 12. Catalog.

The complete information on any dog entered for Junior Showmanship shall be listed by classes in a separate section of the catalog following the regular classes. Such information shall include: The Junior Handler's number, the Junior Handler's name, the dog's name, the dog's registration number, dog's date of birth, breeder, sire, dam, owner, breed, and number in regular classes if applicable.

Section 13. Ribbons and Prizes.

The color of ribbons or rosettes for Junior Showmanship Classes shall be:

First Prize - Rose

Second Prize - Brown

Third Prize - Light Green

Fourth Prize - Gray

Best Junior - Rose and Green (if offered)

Ribbons shall be at least 2 inches wide and approximately 8 inches long, and shall bear a facsimile of the AKC seal, the words Junior Showmanship, the name of the show-giving club, and the date.

No money prizes shall be offered. All other prizes must be described or value stated, and must be offered for outright award. No prize may be offered that is conditional upon the breed of the dog being handled.

Section 14. Judge's Book.

Each club holding Junior Showmanship shall provide for the judge a judge's book, which shall contain a breed judging sheet with appropriate heading for each Junior Showmanship Class.

The judge shall place the handlers first, second, third and fourth, and mark his book accordingly. Absentees should be noted in the judge's book along with the dogs excused and the reason therefor. The judge should also note the time that he commences, and the time that he finishes judging and shall sign the book.



Rescues Available



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Mickey is a handsome 1 1/2 year old black and tan male. He is house trained, crate trained and knows some basic obedience commands. Mickey is good with female dogs, loves people and is very energetic but is too exuberant for young children. Mickey is ready to go to the right home which MUST have a fenced yard and an owner committed to playing with him.

Also Waiting For The Perfect Home



Resume of Shaggy Newcombe

Description

Shaggy is a 4 year old *pure breed* female German shepherd. She's a well-behaved, protective dog who enjoys the great indoors. When she's not busy sleeping in the sun with her legs up in the air, she enjoys playing with her favorite toy or watching baseball on TV with her owners. She is perfectly house trained and always loves a treat. Shaggy has been the beloved animal companion of Kevin and Joyce Newcombe for four years. Having come from a foster home after being taken in because of abuse, she has been treated with only tender loving care.

Health

Shaggy is *spayed* and also tick and flea-free. She receives monthly doses of Hartguard and Frontline. Shaggy is a longtime patient of veterinarian Dr. Spratt at Newnan hospital, where she has annual checkups and vaccinations.

About Shaggy's Caregiver

As responsible dog caregivers, Shaggy's owners regularly provides fresh water and food each day and allow for plenty of human contact although they both work fulltime. When her caregivers travel, Shaggy would be cared for by one of two professional pet-sitters

References

If it's requested, Kevin and Joyce Newcombe are willing to provide references from neighbors or Shaggy's pet-sitters. Health records from Shaggy's veterinarian documenting that she is spayed, is current on her vaccinations, and receives regular veterinary care will also be turned over.

The Newcombe's would be happy for a potential caregiver to meet Shaggy and thank you for considering her as a prospective member of your family.

Contact GSD of Atlanta Rescue at www.atlgsdrescue.com or call 770-247-8396

A Tale From Katrina

I just returned from New Jersey. While en route there, I was stuck in traffic on Interstate 81, just below the Virginia state line, (Bristol, Tennessee), due to a traffic accident with a fatality involved. This accident involved a tanker truck hauling a hazardous material load that developed a leak, which meant that we weren't going anywhere for several hours.

After being told by the Tennessee state troopers that we would be sitting still until the clean up was completed, I set my brakes on the truck and got out to stretch my legs. Other truck drivers did the same, and at one point there were 5 of us standing there by my truck, complaining.

Sitting right beside me in the left lane, were two elderly people in a Silverado pick up truck, which was loaded quite well. The man, (Joe), lowered his window and asked what was going on regarding the traffic situation. Soon we were all talking with this couple. I mentioned that if I had known about this, I would have bought something to drink, (water), for I was becoming thirsty. The lady, (Anna), said that they had plenty of water, and sodas in the cooler in the bed of the truck, and offered everyone present something. While she was back there, she said that she had plenty of tuna salad made up, and asked if we would be interested in a sandwich.

After some urging from Joe, we agreed to a sandwich. While Anna was making the sandwiches on the tailgate of the truck, she was singing like a songbird. To be close to 70, (I guess), she had a remarkable voice.

When she finished making the sandwiches, and putting everything up, Joe raised the tailgate of the truck to close it. I noticed a Mississippi license plate on it. I inquired as to what part of Mississippi they were from. Joe said Biloxi. Knowing that Biloxi had been ravaged also by hurricane Katrina, I asked if they sustained any damage. Joe said that they lost everything but what they had on and what was in the pickup. All of us drivers tried unsuccessfully to pay them for their drinks and the sandwiches. They would have nothing to do with it. Joe said that their son was living around Harrisonburg, Virginia and that they were going there. He was in the real estate business and that there was a home that became open, and that they were going to start all over there.

Starting over at their age would not be easy. I will soon be 48 years old, and I have say that I have never eaten a tuna sandwich with side orders of reality and humility. These people lost everything except the pictures, important documents, and some clothes. Joe had managed to get their antique heirloom grandfather clock into the bed of the truck and Anna got her china and silverware, but that was all. These wonderful people lost practically everything they owned and still would not accept any money for their food and drinks. Joe said that "it was better to give than it is to receive."

They had sought refuge behind a block wall that he had built years ago, and they watched their belongings and their home disappear in the winds of Hurricane Katrina. Joe said that during all this he had one hand holding onto Anna and the other holding on to God. They and their truck came out of Katrina unscathed.

As I stated before, Anna was singing a song while making the sandwiches. The song is titled "I know who holds tomorrow," an old gospel song. She knew every word, and was quite a gifted singer of it. Have you heard it? The chorus of this song is, "Many things, about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand. But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand."

There is no doubt, in my mind, who was holding both their hands. I know there have been many, many emails that have circulated over the years about things that will touch your heart, but this one I personally was involved in. Forget all of the politics that the news is striving on, and think about people just like Joe and Anna.

Do what you wish with this e-mail, forward it, delete it, whatever. I know that these two elderly people got to this old boy. I will always remember them. Joe and Anna, if by some strange way you, or someone you know gets this, and shows it to you, God Bless you!

*Mike Dowdy
Hartselle, Alabama*

The Rabies Challenge Fund

Date: September 19, 2005

PRESS RELEASE

The Rabies Challenge Fund

World-renown vaccine research scientist and practicing veterinarian, Dr. W. Jean Dodds of California, and pet vaccine disclosure advocate, Kris L. Christine of Maine, have established The Rabies Challenge Fund to raise money to fund a 7 year rabies vaccine challenge study in the United States.

In addition to the challenge study, the fund will finance a study of the adjuvants used in veterinary rabies vaccines and establish a rabies vaccine adverse reaction reporting system.

Rabies vaccination is the one immunization required by law across the country for domestic dogs and cats. Researchers believe this vaccine causes the most and worst adverse reactions in animals. The Rabies Challenge Fund has been founded to improve the safety of rabies vaccines and to determine, by challenge, if they confer immunity for 5, 6, or 7 years.

The Rabies Challenge Funds first official sponsors are Deb Odom (Florida) and Dawn Turner (Arizona), who have committed to donating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of their pet vaccine informed consent posters and informational flyers.

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Section 15. Limited Classes.

A club that is approved to hold a licensed or member all-breed show may be approved to hold a Limited Junior Showmanship Class or Classes at its show, but no club will be approved to hold regular Junior Showmanship Classes and Limited Junior Showmanship Classes at the same show.

Limited Junior Showmanship Classes shall be open only to Junior Handlers who have qualified by reason of certain wins in Junior Showmanship competition as specified in the premium list within a specified period of about 12 months ending not more than 3 months prior to the date of the show; and may be further limited to Junior Handlers who reside within a specified geographical area, or who have qualified at shows held within a specified geographical area.

Section 16. Exceptions for Limited Classes.

All of these Regulations relating to regular Junior Showmanship Classes shall also apply to Limited Junior Showmanship Classes except that:

(A) The premium list or a separate announcement may specify a closing date or acceptance of entries in Limited Junior Showmanship Classes later than the date for closing of entries in the show.

(B) The dogs handled in Limited Junior Showmanship must be eligible for entry in Dog Shows or Obedience Trials. They may, but need not, be entered in breed or obedience at the particular show. Any limitation or restriction on entries in a show shall not apply to dogs that are brought on the show premises only to be handled in Limited Junior Showmanship.

(C) The information on dogs to be handled in Limited Junior Showmanship that are not entered in the show, and the names of the Junior Handlers, must be given in the catalog.

(D) The age limits specified in Section 4 shall apply to the age of each Junior Handler at the time of the last win required to qualify for the Limited Junior Showmanship Class, rather than to the age on the date of the Limited Junior Showmanship competition.

(E) If the entries in Limited Junior Showmanship warrant, the club may specify, in the first or in a later announcement, that preliminary classes will be held at the show, from which the judge(s) will select a specified number of Juniors to compete for Best Junior Handler, and no placements will be made in the preliminary classes.

(F) If, after the close of entries for a Limited Junior Showmanship competition, it develops that for any reason a dog to be handled in the competition cannot be shown, the Junior Handler may substitute another otherwise eligible dog, provided he supplies the Superintendent or Show Secretary with the required identifying information on the dog prior to the start of judging of the class in which the Junior Handler is to compete. (See Section 7 above.)

Section 17. Records.

The Superintendent or Show Secretary shall forward to The American Kennel Club, with the records of the show, the judges' books for the Junior Showmanship Classes. A certificate will be issued from the American Kennel Club to each Junior Handler upon the recording of their third win in Novice with competition.

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11/25

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11/26

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11/27

Montgomery KC AB OB
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Greater Columbia Obedience Club Columbia, SC OB/RLLY

Closing date 11/16/05

12/03

Savannah KC AB/OB/RLLY

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Savannah KC AB/OB/RLLY

Closing date 11/23/05

12/09

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Greater Hickory KC AB

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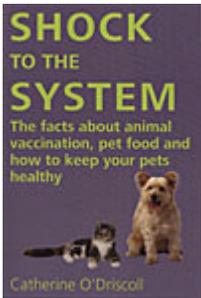
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Caring For Your Senior Dog

A special bond exists with a dog that has loved you unconditionally for many years. It's a hard thing to accept that a dog's lifespan doesn't match a human lifespan. For every year a human ages, a dog ages the equivalent of 4 or 5 years. Size of the dog is a factor, as well. Many giant breeds, such as Great Danes could be considered seniors at age six and only may live to age 8 or 9. Small dogs, like Pomeranians, may not qualify for senior status until they are over 10, and may live long past age 15. By being aware of your dogs potential lifespan you can provide the best of care.

A thorough veterinary examination for geriatric dogs is recommended at least twice a year. This way, you can address health crises as they occur, and work proactively with your veterinarian to maintain your senior dog's health.

Weight Gain: *Good nutrition is a powerful tool in maintaining the health of an older animal. The needs of a senior dog are very different from those of a young dog. Need for calories diminish as your dog grows older. Your dog may benefit from an increase in fiber and decrease in fat in his diet. Extra weight is a negative factor for your dog. Consult with your veterinarian in choosing a suitable diet.*

Arthritis: *Exercise is important in older animals - even if they have arthritis. Your*

veterinarian may be able to prescribe medication for the arthritis pain, and exercise should be modified to your dog's ability. Don't expect him to run and fetch like a puppy a even if the dog still thinks he can run and play like a puppy!

Dental Disease: *It is important to keep teeth clean and check teeth for gum disease. Diseased teeth and gums can have serious consequences for your pet. Periodontal disease can lead to infection that can enter your dog's bloodstream causing discomfort and even death. A dental check-up should be part of every exam given by your veterinarian.*

Kidney and Liver Function: *Both functions decrease as your animal ages. Regular check-ups mean these conditions will be treated with medication and appropriate diet. Signs of possible liver or kidney disease could be vomiting, loss of appetite, excessive drinking and urination, and confusion.*

Coat/Fur: *Just like in humans, more gray hairs appear as your pet ages. If the quality of your dog's coat changes dramatically, consult your veterinarian. Taking a little extra time for gentle grooming will help your canine friend feel good.*

Vision: *Cataracts and glaucoma can affect senior pets. And some breeds are genetically predisposed to developing eye diseases like Progressive Retinal Atrophy. Watch your dog for signs of sight loss by observe him as he walks and by making note of any changes in the appearance of the eyes.*

Hearing: *Sudden aggression and not responding to voice commands may mean your pet is losing his hearing. He simply can't hear you. Signaling or gesturing with your hands or stomping your foot may help him realize that you're talking to him.*

Constipation: *Digestion slows down as your pet ages; your increasing fiber in the diet or whether a laxative is appropriate. Encourage your dog to drink water. Watch for blood or mucous in the stool.*

Stress: *Stress is everyone's enemy, particularly for older dogs that can start to manifest anxiety by barking excessively, being afraid of noise, and demonstrating separation anxiety. Medication can help as well as behavior modification techniques.*

Cognitive Dysfunction: *Just as human seniors are prone to Alzheimer's disease, your pet may experience similar changes. If your older dog is confused, disoriented and "not himself", consult your veterinarian. There are medications that may be appropriate for your pet, after examination and assessment.*

Heart and Prostate Disease, and Hypothyroidism: *These health concerns become more common in older dogs and need to be treated by a veterinarian. Coughing, weight changes, exercise intolerance, or any behavioral changes should be investigated by your vet.*

Sleeping Areas: *A loving pet owner can assist a senior pet by changing things to make life more comfortable: provide a soft bed to cut down on calluses on the elbows, clip nails that become more brittle with age, groom your pet gently and more frequently, especially around the anal area.*

Hands-On Health: *Stroke and comfort your older pal - be attentive to lumps and bumps. Report any unusual findings to your veterinarian.*

Time to Say Good-bye? *Regardless of how well you care for your aging canine companion, there will come a time when you have to say good-bye. Making the decision to euthanize your beloved dog will be one of the most difficult choices you will ever make on his behalf. As you struggle with this decision, remember that if your pet is suffering, euthanasia is a final act of caring and love.*

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