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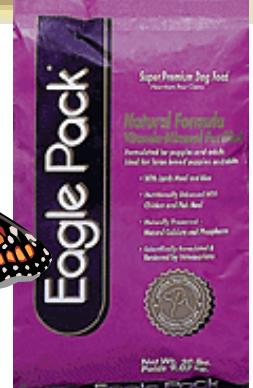
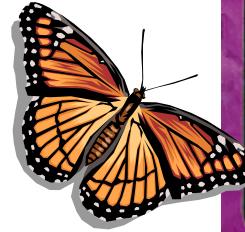


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**Make Plans To Be At
Our May Club
Meeting on
May 8th
at 8 PM**

**There will be no guest
speaker this month.
We will be voting on
judges
and nominating our
officers for next year.**

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Flash!!! Versatility Update

A new Versatility level has been added this year, along with the addition of Rally as a new performance category.

Owners of dogs whose hips and/or elbows that do not obtain a passing rating with OFA, but who choose to publish those results on the OFA database can now earn points as well.

See titles and program requirements on pages 2 and 3 of The Guardian.

Any German Shepherd Dog
should be able to earn at least one Versatility title.

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Ringside Chat

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS

A Review of the Standard

Helen Gleason

A verbatim recitation of the Standard of the German Shepherd Dog does not necessarily mean that someone understands it. How long has it been since you read the Standard? It is amazing when you get into a discussion of the Standard with novices, breeders and even judges how unfamiliar some people really are with the basics of our Standard. In this article I have attempted to outline the disqualifications and faults and listed them in the order (as stated in the standard) of their severity.

Disqualifications:

1. Cropped or hanging ears
2. Undershot jaw
3. Docked tail
4. White dogs
5. Dogs with noses not predominantly black
6. Any dog that attempts to bite the judge

Very Serious Faults:

1. Deficiencies of character i.e., shyness, tail tucking, nervousness, timidity
2. Faults of gait whether from the side, rear or front (coming and going)

Serious faults:

1. Any missing teeth other than the 1st premolars
2. Overshot jaw or level bite
3. Pale or washed out colors, blue or liver
4. Ankylosis (clumpy ends or tails)
5. Undue length between the last rib and the thigh

Faults:

1. Unlevel topline (withers lower than hip)
2. Coat problems (silky, long coat, wooly, curly or open coat)

These are the **faults in the order of their severity** as listed in our Standard. Breed type, expression, movement, etc. are all well defined in the Standard. It would be wise for all of us to continually read and reread the Standard so that we can correctly evaluate our breed.

When evaluating our animals, or those of others, **proper emphasis** should always be placed on the total animal, but it is important to understand that when problems do arise we are aware of how much emphasis should be placed on which problems and why.

As breeders, owners, handlers and judges the **preservation of our breed** is in our hands. We are the artists who mold and develop these animals. Haphazard breeding and judging can seriously affect the future of our breed.

A very serious problem has arisen in the breed today, which must be addressed. **DEAD TAILS.** Animals which possess a dead tail should be eliminated from a breeding program. What is a dead tail? A dead tail is a tail that cannot be carried freely as a saber. Instead of being carried over the hocks, you notice that the tail is continually kicked up by the hocks or simply hangs down with the dog being incapable of wagging it.

The Standard states, "The first impression of a good German Shepherd Dog is that of a strong agile well-muscled animal, alert and full of life. It is well balanced, with harmonious development of the forequarter and hindquarter. The dog is longer than tall, deep bodied, and presents an outline of smooth curves rather than angles. It looks substantial and not spindly, giving the impression, both at rest and in motion, of muscular fitness and nimbleness without any look of clumsiness or soft living. The ideal dog is stamped with a look of quality and nobility-difficult to define, but unmistakable when present. Secondary sex characteristics are strongly marked, and every animal gives a definite impression of masculinity or femininity, according to its sex."

Many of us became interested in the Breed as youngsters watching **Rin Tin Tin** jump off 50' cliffs, scale a 6' wall, protect his owner from a pack of wolves or a 12 foot bear.

As you evaluate the animals ask yourself could this dog do any of the functions which a German Shepherd was bred for: Herding sheep, Guiding the Blind, Police Work (scaling walls over 4'), Search and Rescue, Personal Protection and now all of the wonderful additional performance activities Agility, Working Dog Sport, etc. If your answer is NO-then this is not a German Shepherd Dog.

From the Editor,

The Guardian hit the SE Futurity last month and was a big success. And now some will be hitting the Mid West Futurities this month and if I am able to, the Bark In The Park on the 27th of this month at Wills Park in Alpharetta. Our newsletter now goes out to not only our members, but to judges, exhibitors and writers in 7 other states and also to 2 fellow newsletter editors in Alaska and Ohio. The comments we get are always highly complimentary on The Guardian and on our industrious Club Members who make all we do newsworthy. We now have writers, health experts and judges who are more than happy to contribute and make our newsletter even more informative and interesting to read. People all over, now know what an active, eager and well organized club we are. Whose members work together to do the best they can do for the dogs. And that's what it is truly all about. I am proud to be the one who gets to gather it all together and show us off ! Way To Go Guys !

Denise Groenewald



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Volunteer to provide refreshments for a club meeting. Refreshments need not be elaborate. Chips, cookies and other finger food and drinks is all that's needed. No cooking necessary !

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May : Peggy Kurz



"Dogs are our link to paradise.
They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent.

To sit with a dog on a hillside
on a glorious afternoon
is to be back in Eden,
where doing nothing was not boring
-- it was peace. "
-- Milan Kundera

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 May 08, 2006.

May—Presentation of 2006-2007 Officers Slate Nominations for Match and Show Judges

Club Meeting Minutes

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

WANTED !

Volunteer needed to
maintain our club website.
Our current web mistress needs to take a
break due to a heavy personal schedule.
Someone is needed to maintain and update
the club website. It doesn't take a lot of time.
Once a month , Our newsletter, The Guardian
needs to be uploaded. Event information,
Stud Dog Page and Breeder Page updates and
Membership listings need to be
updated occasionally.

Contact any

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THE 2006 GSDC OF ATLANTA AWARDS DINNER

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2006



Details about the location, menu and cost will be provided in the coming months.

If your dog(s) earned any conformation or performance titles between June 2005 – May 31, 2006, you are eligible for an award.



For titles in conformation, send, in writing, the names of the dog, title, and owner(s) (exactly as you want them to appear on the plaque) and a copy of the titling certificate(s) to Susan Morabit via email at slmrn98@bellsouth.net.

For performance titles in obedience, Rally, agility, herding, tracking or other dog sport, send, in writing, the names of the dog and the owner(s) (exactly as you want them to appear on the plaque), title, and verification of the title to Susan Morabit via email at slmrn98@bellsouth.net.

If you want a picture of the dog on the plaque, please let Susan know when you send in your title information.

*All title information must be received by June 1
in order to receive an award at the banquet.*

Nominate your fellow members!

Nominate your fellow members for GSDC of Atlanta's **Most Valuable Member** and **Most Valuable New Member** (members are eligible for this honor during their first two years of membership). Email your nominations to Faith Wallace at faithwallace@earthlink.net (or call her at 678-581-1102) by June 12. Be sure to tell us why you're nominating your nominees.

Let's have some fun!

Send any funny stories, anecdotes, goofs or gaffs about your fellow members that you would like shared with everyone at the dinner to Mary Gattone at destinogs1@aol.com or call her at 770-922-2172.

"SELECTING Sires"

by

Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

Much can be said about this subject and all the considerations that are involved, but selecting the right sire will always begin by knowing the strengths and weaknesses of the bitch to be bred. If you don't know her strengths or weaknesses any sire will do. For example, if she has good over-all conformation and good breadth of pedigree, the job of finding the right sire is less difficult. On the other hand if she has some good traits and several faults, the job of finding the right sire requires more thought and research.

The task of finding the best sire always gets easier when you have a clear understanding of what it is that you expect to get in the litter. You can't have as your goal breeding a champion. You have to focus on the specific traits of conformation, health or temperament. A combination of these three generally works best. By using pedigree analysis techniques a breeder can learn about the qualities and the lack of qualities in the pedigree of the bitch as well as those in the pedigree of each sire that is being considered.

Because there is no direct way of looking into a pedigree to see if the desired genes or undesirable genes are present, an indirect method is needed. This means finding out about the phenotypes of the ancestors for three generations. It also includes learning about the littermates of the bitch and each sire that is being considered. The former approach is called pedigree depth and the latter is called breadth of pedigree. Both are important and useful methods.

As soon as the strengths and weaknesses of the bitch are known, a list of stud dog candidates can be developed. Start with a large number of good candidates. Ten may seem to be more than enough but you will find that ten is not too many. The list of candidates must be screened, sorted and then reduced to a smaller group, usually to the best 2 or 3. Experience teaches us that some will be better than others based on appearance, quality of pedigree, health history, and offspring produced.

The most popular reasons used to select a sire are listed:

1. Convenience - proximity to the residence of the bitch
2. Cost - the economics, the cheapest stud dog
3. Pedigree - number of champion ancestors
4. Offspring produced – quality pups
5. Ancestors/litter mates - known producers

By themselves these reasons are not sufficient for selecting a stud dog because none are sufficient to evaluate the faults and virtues of the bitch. Cost, convenience and show records are sometimes perceived as legitimate reasons by those who lack experience and knowledge. The best search for the right stud dog always includes knowledge about his traits, health history, temperament and the qualities seen in his offspring. Geography and economics have nothing to do with his genetics or his ability to compliment the strengths and offset the weaknesses of the bitch.

Developing a list of 10 stud dogs begins by contacting breeders, handlers and judges who are knowledgeable about the breed. Stud dog advertisements usually promise more than they can produce. As a general rule, one should be cautious about those who recommend their own dogs because of their vested interest in the matter.

Once a list of 10 dogs has been developed, each should be checked against those traits and characteristics which are considered to be important to the breeding. Sometimes they are also related to a breed's function (sound hips, temperament, size, strength etc). The diseases to be checked should be those that are specific to the breed.

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In the final analysis the ideal stud dog should be able to compliment the strengths of the bitch and offset her faults.

Evaluating stud dogs must be systematic and include the careful examination of his pedigree including the relationship of his ancestors to each other. If there are common relatives in his pedigree that have produced serious health problems, poor temperaments or life threatening diseases take them off the list. When you are finished write down what is known about each pedigree in a summary statement. Compare the pedigree of each sire with what is needed to compliment the pedigree of the bitch. This is a sorting process that will result in finding one or two candidates that have the best health histories, temperament, breed traits and progeny. What you will discover is that the most popular sires will usually be the ones that have produced more offspring than the others. There will also be more information about them than others who are less popular. In either case, as the facts are gathered and studied, the original list of stud dogs will be shortened.

Seeing the dogs firsthand has no substitute. Visit their kennels and watch them at shows. Remember that the skillful handling of these dogs in the ring by paid professionals and the limited amount of time allowed a judge makes the show ring the second best place to see and evaluate them. Even the best of breeders can miss an important fault that is carefully hidden. It is always best to see them in a more relaxed setting.

Successful breeding programs always analyze the information collected.

The four steps generally used to check the desirability of sires and dams are:

1. Frequency of desired traits occurring among their ancestors (three-generation pedigree).
2. Frequency of the desired traits found in their littermates.
3. Number of carriers or affected littermates and ancestors (three generations pedigree).
4. Number of pups produced with desired traits.

When answers to the above are taken together, a reasonable projection can be made about their potential value. For example, if there are no ancestors or littermates with the desired traits, and if nothing is known about their health history or temperament, there is little reason to believe they will produce the traits desired. They should be removed from the list or placed near the bottom.

If Mendel were asked to suggest an approach he would probably begin by asking if the parents had produced offspring consistent in size, shape and color because he knew from his experiments that if the parents came from pedigrees that produced indifferent sizes, shapes and undesirable colors they should not be expected to produce individuals that would be similar each other or to their parents. He discovered this simple truth in the 1860's and it should not be ignored today. Illustrated in Figure 1 are 10 candidates that were considered in a search for the best stud dog for a hypothetical bitch. The reader should list the defects and traits considered important to his breed.

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Figure 1. CHECK LIST AND CANDIDATES

| Name of Sire | PRA | Liver | HD | Heart | Tail | Size | Shoulder | Back | Coat | Teeth |
|------------------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|------|------|----------|------|------|-------|
| 1. Ch. Way To Go | Carrier | Clear | OFA | NT | C | 6/9 | 4/7 | 4/6 | 6/6 | 6/6 |
| 2. Ch. Nestle Quick | NT | NT | OFA | NT | I | 2/9 | M | 2/7 | 5/6 | 6/6 |
| 3. Ch. Jump N Joy | NT | NT | OFA | NT | I | 2/4 | 3/4 | 3/4 | 3/4 | 3/4 |
| 4. Ch. Nice Topper | NT | NC | NT | NC | I | 3/4 | 1/4 | 3/9 | M | M |
| 5. Ch. Holly Top | Clear | Clear | NT | C | C | 7/9 | 4/9 | 6/9 | 7/9 | 9/9 |
| 6. Van Joner's Que | Clear | Clear | OFA | NT | C | 4/8 | 4/8 | 8/9 | 7/9 | 7/9 |
| 7. Ch. VanCleeve's Asa | Clear | Clear | OFA | Clear | C | 8/10 | 6/10 | 6/8 | 7/9 | 9/9 |
| 8. Ch. Slade Rimee | NT | NT | OFA | M | C | M | 9/10 | M | 3/9 | 6/9 |
| 9. Ch. Fryer We Not | NT | NC | NT | NT | I | 1/5 | 2/9 | 1/9 | 3/9 | 3/9 |
| 10. Hope Well Bee | M | NT | NO | Clear | C | 2/5 | M | 3/9 | M | 1/4 |

NC - not clear, NT - Not tested, C - Correct, I - Incorrect, M- Missing information

Analysis of the Candidates

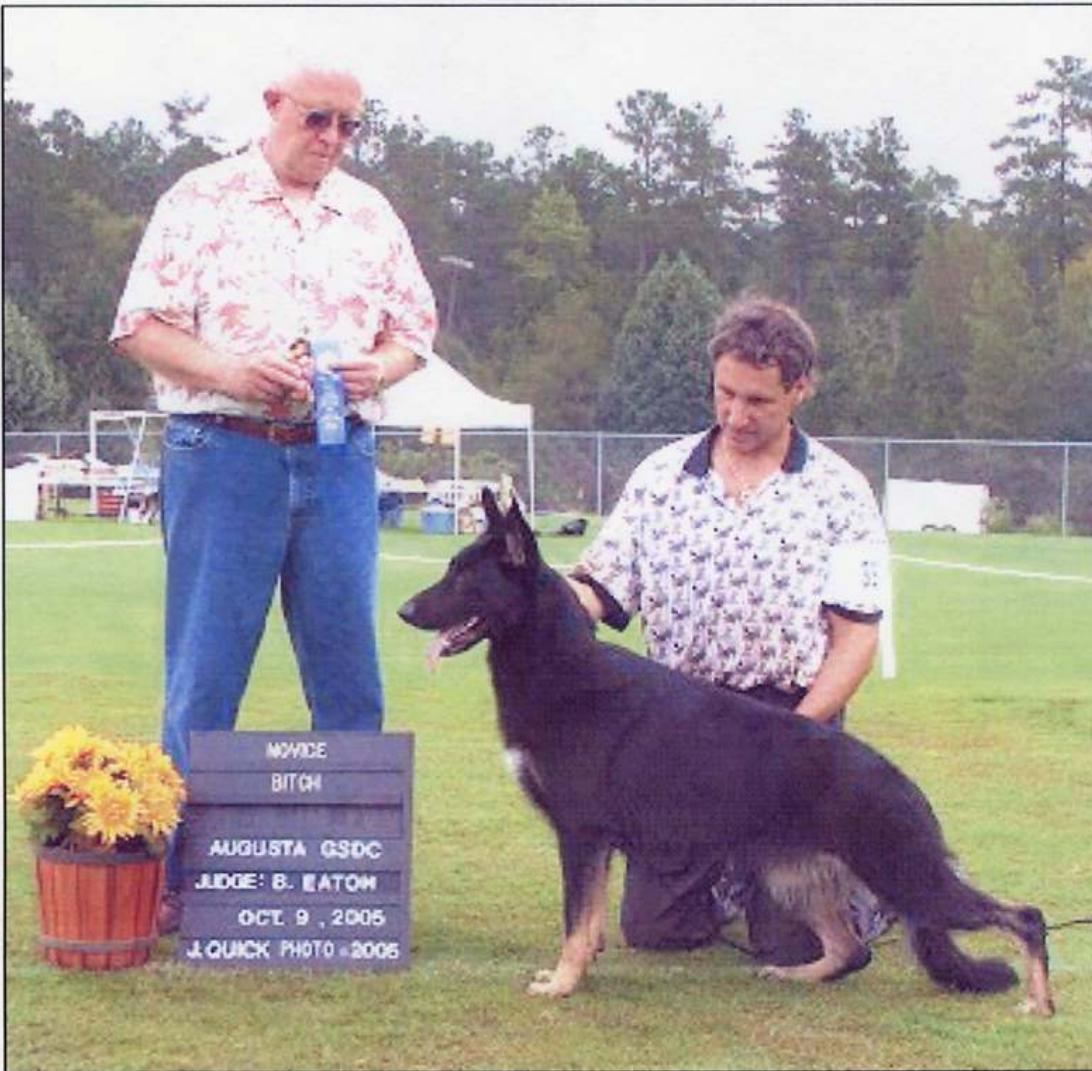
Dogs number 1, 5, 6 and 7 have the best health histories and look very good on five of the six important breed traits. They also ranked highest for having the best ratios of offspring that meet desired breed characteristics. Sires # 2, 4, 8, 9 and 10 should not be considered further unless more information can be found. To use these 5 sires is equivalent to breeding blind. At first glance, sire # 3 looked like a promising candidate based on his offspring. He produced 2 of 4 offspring of the correct size, 3 of 4 with good shoulders and 2 of 4 with correct top lines, coat and feet. But look at his health history. This is what makes him a risky choice. He has not been tested for PRA, liver or heart disease that are popular problems in his breed. His only health asset is that he was OFA certified normal for his hips. The final selection should come from sires 1,5,6 or 7. The most promising one is #7 based on health history and desired traits observed in his offspring. Selection of the right stud dog should be a slow and deliberate process. Temperament should not be overlooked in this process.

Some owners do not believe in testing their stud dogs on the grounds that it is too costly because they do not believe in the predictability of x-rays or the reliability of laboratory test results. Others will argue that their bloodlines and pedigrees are clear of carriers and defects and there is no need to waste their time and money on unnecessary tests. The stud dogs owned by these breeders should not be considered. I recall one breeder who told me that he did not check his dogs for HD because he "did not have HD in his lines". Later I learned that he usually sold his pups at 8 weeks of age. Since it is unlikely that HD or any other disease will occur prior to four months of age he misleads himself and others into believing what is not true.

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LOOK FOR SPARKLE WITH SCOTT & LOREN

THE DELICATE PROBLEM OF THE MONOVARIAN BITCH AND RELATED STUDIES

The text of this article was excerpted from Scandal in the Ready Ring by R. C. Kurz. Copies of the complete anthology are available from the publisher.

In this the era of: the Equal Rights Amendment, Presidential Interns, Tickle Me Elmo, and of course Furbie, I think it's time we faced some new facts. We can take it! These facts of which I write have been whispered, hinted at, and alluded to in dog circles around the globe. Let's drag our suspicions out into the open. Let's talk like adults for a moment.

It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if we experience the phenomenon of "monorchidism" in male dogs, that we should experience a statistically similar cross-section of "monovarian" bitches? Is the "doggy bitch" really just "cryptovarian"? .. We don't know, do we? .. We just go along merrily penalizing male dogs in the show ring, while we leave their less obvious, but just as imperfect, sisters off without so much as a raised eyebrow, don't we? .. Yes, we do.

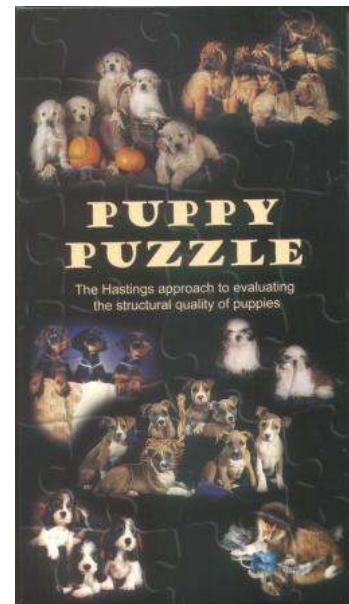
How do we know that a little hitch in a bitch's gait while going away isn't caused by a "yo-yoing" ovary? .. We're not sure! .. We don't know and it's not fair! .. Not fair at all!

Why do judges check only testicles? .. Huh? .. I'll tell you why! .. No guts! .. That's why! .. If these judges were really conscientious they'd make sure, wouldn't they? .. Sure, they would!

And another thing! .. How do we know that the Winner's Bitch didn't have her tubes tied? .. We don't! .. A lot we care! .. All that a male dog has to do is misjudge a barbed wire fence one time .. Just a smidgeon .. and WHAP! .. End of show career! .. Is that equality? .. No! .. So what if a dog's bark is a little high-pitched? .. Geldings can run! .. Horse people don't discriminate!

Write to your AKC representative now! .. Tell him that equality is for all! .. Tell him to get those judges out there to check those ovaries! .. And do it now! .. Tell him we don't want arguments like, "Higher insurance rates for judges" or, "Female judges feel it's not lady-like" .. What's so ladylike about "tweaking" testicles in front of hundreds of people?

.. Huh? .. Tell him to **get with it!**



Puppy Puzzle Video *by Bob and Pat Hastings*

The Hastings approach to evaluating the structural quality of puppies. Bob and Pat Hastings were professional all-breed handlers for a combined 42 years and won over 250 Best in Shows. They are currently AKC judges. They have spent many years researching and developing the puppy evaluation process shown in this video tape. They presently evaluate an average of 250 litters per year, documenting each evaluation. As a result, they've been able to track the accuracy of their process, which continues to amaze those who use it. (55 minutes)

Available at www.sitstay.com

A Nose for Trouble: How the State Department Uses Bomb Detection Dogs

As part of its facility screening process, Diplomatic Security employs explosive ordinance technicians, commonly known as bomb-sniffing dogs. Entering its second year at the State Department, the Explosive Ordnance Unit is part of the Office of Domestic Operations, Uniformed Protective Officers Division.

The dogs are trained only to detect explosives, not illegal drugs, and are one of the tools security specialists employ to keep Department employees and facilities safe. When a dog has a "hit," he or she sits to signify a find and awaits the handler's command to release. The dog receives its favorite toy—a tennis ball—as a reward. In the event of an actual find (not a practice exercise), the handler will alert the appropriate response specialists who will investigate and remove or disarm the device. The dogs are able to recognize over 20,000 explosive compositions.

Each dog is paired with a security officer trained as a dog handler. The teams routinely patrol State Department buildings and check vehicles at loading docks. Teams often supplement the protection foreign dignitaries receive by working hotels and other sites. Team hours vary, but each team works about a 40-hour week.

Dogs are selected on the strength of their hunt desire and are initially trained by a kennel master. Once the dogs are matched with a handler, both undergo a 1-month training session together. Frequent training increases the confidence and communication between the handler and the dog and allows the dog "job satisfaction" as he or she successfully finds active and inert training explosives.

Teams train many hours every month, enabling them to meet quarterly certification standards. The Department's dogs also participate in interdepartmental training with other agencies in the area. A nationally accredited kennel certifies the dogs yearly.

Each dog lives with his or her handler who is required to keep the dog bathed and groomed. The dogs are fed a special diet for working dogs. To help prevent others from giving the dog commands that might counter the dog's seek and detect mission, and to increase the personal bond between the handler and the dog, the dogs are trained their commands in a foreign language.

While these dogs are not trained to be aggressive, but to be highly motivated hunters, the same behavior should be observed when approaching them as when approaching any unknown dog. Off duty, these friendly dogs enjoy the same comfort and companionship of family pets.

While maintaining a watchful eye for any strange occurrence and unusual packages is the responsibility of all employees, the lives of thousands of State Department workers depend upon the unique expertise of these highly trained teams.

Ahma and Officer John Thomas

Long Island , New York K-9 Explosives Team



Military dogs play a key role downrange in Iraq

By [Geoff Zieulewicz](#), Stars and Stripes
Mideast edition, Saturday, January 7, 2006

GRIESHEIM, Germany — Army Staff Sgt. Chris Collinsworth was the epitome of stoic and stern focus Wednesday as he trained Gudy, a huge and surprisingly affable 4-year-old German Shepherd.

Collinsworth took the dog into the training yard of the 95th Military Police Battalion for the day's maneuvers. Soon, the formality of the day eased just a bit, and the natural rapport of man and dog came through. But between words of encouragement, the fetching of sticks and an occasional "good boy," Gudy and Collinsworth were all business as they spent another day perfecting their dependence on each other, and the skills that save the lives of troops downrange.

Literally and figuratively, it was a world away from the pair's 2004 Iraq tour of duty, where Gudy sniffed out car bombs and ammunition caches. Dogs of Gudy's caliber, and their human masters, have become an indispensable part of American combat operations throughout the world, particularly in the volatile Iraqi and Afghan theaters.

In Iraq, dogs that can sniff out the traces of a bomb can mean the difference between life and death. Their keen senses can hear things not audible to the human ear. In Iraq, man's best friend has joined his human compatriot on the battlefield.

"This is the first conflict since Vietnam where dog handlers get Purple Hearts," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Throckmorton, military working dog program manager for U.S. Army Europe. "They are out there in the mix." For most of the 1990s, most military dog teams were sweeping bunkers for booby traps in Bosnia, or providing narcotics support on American bases, he said. But after Sept. 11, 2001, the military fell into a more defensive posture, and the dog team's work changed, he said.

"The dogs became a huge multiplier for force protection within the compounds," Throckmorton said. "The program has come a long way in the last 10 or 15 years."

The more than 100 military dog teams throughout USAREUR also support operations in Kosovo and the Horn of Africa, he said. Like their handlers, the dogs must be worked within reason in harsh environments such as Iraq, said Capt. Greg Jones, commander of the Heidelberg-based 529th Military Police Company.

"If it's 120 degrees outside, the dog is going to work for a short period of time," he said. "The dog has to have time to recuperate because his senses will degrade."

The dogs, mostly German shepherd and Belgian Malinois breeds, are initially trained at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, before being specialized in Europe, Jones said.

The handlers are largely autonomous, working in satellite stations without a supervisor, Jones said.

"The kids do a great job for the little recognition that they get," he said. "They're out there alone with little supervision, and it's a big responsibility for them."

From the looks of it, Gudy likes to be petted. After hopping over numerous obstacles while mixing business and pleasure on the frosted ground, it'd be hard for an unknowing person to distinguish the big guy from any civilian dog on the street.

But Gudy's chop-licking demeanor changed to all business when he was downrange, or when the training is intensified, Collinsworth said.

"The dogs know when they leave and are in a different environment," he said, as Gudy looked up at him adoringly. "They know who the good guys and the bad guys are."



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Gudy, a four-year-old German shepherd, was trained at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, before being sent to Germany.



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The State Of DM Research

This past year has been exciting and productive. We uncovered specific changes in DNA of dogs with GSDM (based upon ante-mortem diagnostics). First, there is a priming error in region DLA-DRB1 associated with a point change in allele*1101, the DM Flash test. This is a new allele*1101J. The location of allele*1101J is where DNA encodes T cell recognition of antigens and predisposes for auto-immune diseases. There is a 70 BP deletion in the DNA region that encodes folding of myelin basic protein and is thought to result in increased antigenicity of MBP in Finnish MS patients. Most GSDM dogs have changes in 2 regions associated with primary progressive MS, confirming that GSDM is PPMS. The region associated with exacerbating/remitting MS is normal. We have also evaluated new medications. PEG, which is effective in treating acute spinal cord disease, has minimal effectiveness on initial dosing only. Stem cell therapy with intrathecal (but not intravenous) bone marrow-derived progenitor cells improves motor function and spinal conduction for a short time. Stem cell therapy can be safely done and repeatedly, but may not be the final answer. We are evaluating whether the nerve growth factors that these cells produce are what is needed and whether a more long-term delivery system for these factors can be found. Trials with drugs which help human PPMS patients have begun to see if they will help GSDM patients. So, we are close to understanding what GSDM is and to developing new strategies for its treatment.

RM Clemons, DVM, PhD, CAPT, IRC, USPHS

We have also distributed 200 DNA sample cards, upon which participants with healthy dogs will be placing DNA (via blood samples) and mailing it off to DR Clemons. We were quite surprised that so many people volunteered to take part in this project, so many, in fact, that we used up all the available cards, and now have a waiting list!

The basic goal of our present research is to determine the incidence of the DRB-1 allele 11J (the change in the DM Flash test) in the GSD. We will also look at a couple other regions that we have found changes in and confirm what the DRQA and DRQB haplotypes are. It seems that looking at these other regions will help clarify the genetics of GSDM. In addition, we have a questionnaire that accompanied the samples. The questionnaire was simple:

- 1. age**
- 2. sex**
- 3. birthplace**
- 4. residence at 1 year of age**
- 5. current residence location**
- 6. if (to the owner's knowledge) any related dog (parent, sibling or offspring) has been diagnosed with GSDM.**

The name of the dog or owner was not required, in this questionnaire, as long as the sample was labeled with some number that could be cross-referenced with the questionnaire. On the other hand, we made it clear that we will be happy to provide the results to the owner (written on the questionnaire) upon their request. The results will be reported anonymously. However, we do understand that many people would like to know the answer, and most who have submitted the samples do want to know what is found.

It is our belief that lack of a positive DM Flash test would mean that the development of GSDM would be highly unlikely. In other words, if the dog has a negative result, when the Flash Test is done, the dog probably can't get the disease. On the other hand, a positive response (in a normal dog) does not mean the dog will get DM, but only that there is a higher risk. That is part of what we are trying to find out.

Based upon the fact that the DM Flash test represents a point mutation in allele 11 and would not have been reported by the group in the UK looking at the MHC region of the canine genome, the incidence of a positive DM Flash test cannot be higher than the incidence of allele 11 in the GSD. That is 40%. However, since we know that GSDM is present in about 1/4 to 1/3 of GSD with neurological disease (posterior paresis), then it is likely that it is at least 1% (3% of German Shepherd Dogs presenting to university veterinary colleges have posterior paresis). The real number is somewhere in between. Hopefully, this study will tell us for sure. The samples are being collected now, on the blood cards, and saved, until funding comes through for this project. (The samples will not be compromised on the blood cards, the reason the cards are preferred to CBC vials of blood.)

Hopefully, our findings will set the stage for what we are trying to accomplish. What we are really trying to do is find out the incidence of a positive response to the DM Flash test in the GSD breed. However, we also want to see if the other changes that we see are also correlated with it. Of those changes, one is a 70 BP deletion in a region of the DNA which is seen in the majority of Finnish MS patients. We see it in the majority of GSDM patients, too. We also will be looking at regions of the genome that are related to MS in human beings, particularly with the various types of MS (exacerbating-remitting; secondary progressive; and primary progressive). We do find that there appears to be a change in the region that is associated with primary progressive MS which we are currently characterizing. The other 2 forms are just now being looked at. I think they will be negative, since the disease fits primary progressive MS more than the other forms. This also explains the responses to medication that we have seen, too.

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Study Dispels Nutritional Myth

Researchers find that vegetarian ingredients do not increase the risk of dilation-volvulus

January 16, 2006

DENVER—Gastric Dilation-Volvulus (GDV), often referred to as bloat, is a serious danger affecting large breed and giant breed dogs. Now, a study published in the January/February 2006 issue of the *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association* (JAAHA) shows that the feeding of vegetable-based ingredients in these dogs does not increase their risk of developing GDV.

"For years, it has been proposed that cereal-based and soy protein-based dry foods may contribute to the development of acute GDV in large breed dogs," says Rhea Morgan, DVM, DACVIM, DACVO, JAAHA editor. "Until now, there simply has been a lack of studies to test this conclusion."

The JAAHA prospective study article tested the hypothesis that the risk of GDV increases with an increasing number of soy and cereal ingredients and a decreasing number of animal-protein ingredients among the first four ingredients in dry dog food. Using food label information, the authors conducted a nested case-control study with 85 GDV cases and 194 controls consuming a single brand and variety of dry food. Neither an increasing number of animal-protein ingredients nor an increasing number of soy and cereal ingredients among the first four ingredients significantly influenced GDV risk.

An additional finding of the study was the discovery that dry foods that list fats or oils among the predominant ingredients can trigger a higher incidence of GDV in high-risk dogs. Foods containing an oil or fat ingredient, such as sunflower oil or animal fat, among the first four ingredients were associated with a 2.4-fold increased risk of GDV.

"It is not clear whether a diet low in oil or fat content is protective because a previous study did not show an increase in GDV risk with increasing proportion of calories from fat in the food," says Malathi Raghavan, DVM, PhD, principal author of the study. "While label ingredients are listed in decreasing order by weight, the actual weight of listed ingredients cannot be compared across different dry foods by studying food label information alone. So whether increasing amounts of dietary fats increase the risk of GDV perhaps by weighing down the stomach and stretching its supportive ligaments is not yet known."

Joining Raghavan to author the study were Nita W. Glickman, MPH, PhD, and Lawrence T. Glickman, VMD, DrPH, from the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine. The following 11 breeds, which are thought to be at elevated risk of GDV, participated in the study: Akita, bloodhound, collie, Great Dane, Irish setter, Irish wolfhound, Newfoundland, Rottweiler, Saint Bernard, standard poodle and Weimaraner. The study was funded in part by grants from the Morris Animal Foundation, the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, and by the 11 national breed clubs that participated in the study. The study article is available online at www.jaaha.org.

GDV is a life-threatening condition in which the stomach becomes enlarged and twists between 90 and 360 degrees. Dogs with GDV have a stomach full of excess gas, fluid or both. The openings at the top and the bottom of the stomach twist, blocking all materials from entering or leaving. As the digestive process continues, the stomach will continue swelling. If left untreated, GDV can result in circulation and breathing problems, infections, bleeding disorders, heart failure and sudden death.

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Found! Canine Inherited Epilepsy Gene

March 2006

Dr. Yuri F. Melekhovets, Laboratory Director of HealthGene Corp., Toronto, Canada, has announced that his group has located the gene responsible for producing inherited epilepsy in canines. HealthGene Corporation is the largest private veterinary DNA diagnostic and research laboratory in Canada. DNA-based testing for animal infectious and genetic diseases. HealthGene now is studying the various mutations that produce different forms of epilepsy in different breeds. Dr. Melekhovets requests that owners of dogs with epilepsy submit blood samples to further that research. Samples should come from dogs which have been medically diagnosed with epilepsy or have had symptoms of epilepsy for at least two years. Two vials of blood samples per dog should be sent in lavender topped tubes, together with a pedigree and brief health history (whether it has seizures, when they started, whether they are mild or severe, and what type of diagnostics have been performed). Send the samples by FedEx, using HealthGene's account number (#23836813) using FedEx's International Air Waybill with the following information for "Shipment Information":

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So, we think this is important research. Until we know the incidence of the DRB-1 change, we will not be able to know the true extent of the problem that GSDM causes. We also will not know what we can or can't do in genetic control of the disease. We also will not really understand the significance of the disease. Certainly on an individual basis GSDM is important, but we need to have breed significance to know how large the problem is.

For specific information about the DM Flash test, please visit :

DM Flash Test FAQ: http://neuro.vetmed.ufl.edu/dm_flash_test_web

To download forms to submit DNA for the DM Flash Test, please visit:

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The Back Yard Breeder Fallacy

I own purebred dogs. Once a year or so I breed a litter from DNA profiled champion stock. For that, I will never apologize as I truly have the best interest of my chosen breed foremost in my mind. Am I an elitist? You betcha! Would I cringe if you went so far as to call me a dog Nazi? No. Serious breeders mate dogs of known background in order to reduce the chances of congenital defects and predict with greater accuracy the positive outcome of a planned litter of puppies. Therefore I probably seem like an unlikely advocate for the guy advertising puppies in the local newspaper. However, I am also a civil libertarian. And I won't apologize for that either.

Proposed, pending and contested legislation around the United States and abroad that is aimed at restricting our property rights by targeting animal reproduction has become rampant at every level of government. Forced spay and neuter, cost prohibitive licenses for unaltered dogs and breeding permits, micro-chipping of our animals with their information (and ours) in government data bases, warrant-less inspection of our property, arbitrary limits on the number of animals we can responsibly care for and mandatory husbandry practices are some of the ways in which dog owners are being relieved of their civil rights.

While our agrarian forefathers did not specifically guarantee us the right to own and breed animals, they did guarantee us the right to be treated equally under the law, the right to own property, the right to be free from warrant-less search and seizure of that property, the right to due process and the right to commerce. With no respect for our Constitution, animal rights supporters are working hard to relieve us of these rights by packaging restrictive legislation in a way that is not only palatable to dog owners but misleadingly leaves them with the impression that they have supported something beneficial. Far too many animal owners and welfare advocates are buying into it in one area or another.

Divide and conquer. By creating stereotypes and labels, like "puppy mill" and "backyard breeder" and attaching a stigma to those labels, the animal rights movement is trying to disgrace the act of breeding animals. And they're doing a great job. The media has been flooded with images of dogs being raised in cages, in filth, in neglect. Sad faces of shelter animals behind prison bars on "death row". Images intended to produce an emotional response instead of an intellectual one. And don't forget the staggering statistics.

It's not a secret that animal rights means no more domestic animals. It's in their mission statements. HSUS president Wayne Pacelle brags that "We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding. One generation and out. We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals. They are the creations of human selective breeding". Allow me to translate, no animal breeding means no more animals. Period. And while the general public cannot be sold on such a radical concept, it's been surprisingly easy to sell them on the concept of ever tightening restrictions. Although united in our love of domestic dogs, slick marketing by the enemy has created infighting. Breeders both private and commercial, rescuers, shelter staff, animal control, dog show exhibitors and pet owners are cleverly being turned against one another to forward the animal rights agenda. Each believing that their point of view is the only valid one and everyone else's civil rights no longer matter.

Yes, I too personally find those images disturbing. They are the product of gross human negligence and irresponsibility. I love animals, I have been a shelter volunteer, and I believe in animal welfare but I am also a realist. Things are rarely what they appear on the surface. In order to end the animal surplus and related suffering, I want to get to the actual cause. To prevent the illness instead of treating the symptoms, so to speak. The demand for a product (puppies, for example) is driven by the consumer. It's a simple case of supply and demand in a free market economy. Don't blame the seller for being an opportunist. It's only human nature flourishing in what is still a mostly democratic society. An uneducated consumer has every right to purchase an inferior product and suffer the consequences. Just as the seller has every right to promote the benefits of their product, in order to influence the decisions of the consumer. If breed purists and elitists like myself are outraged at breeders who turn a profit by selling what we consider to be an inferior product, then we must only blame ourselves for failing to educate the buyers.

Ignore the propaganda, dog breeding is not the cause of shelter overpopulation. Animals end up in shelters for a myriad of reasons. Behavior problems that result from a lack of training and proper socialization along with normal breed characteristics that the owner finds unacceptable top the list. Owner death, job transfer/move, landlord/rental restrictions, insurance discrimination, financial trouble and the inability to comply with escalating pet ownership restrictions also contribute to the problem. The system is designed to perpetuate it.

We live in a disposable society. As long as domestic animals are viewed as a short term convenience, instead of a serious long term commitment then change is unlikely. The problem is one of perspective, information and education. Pointing fingers at each other is cowardly and counterproductive.

According to a 2005 article in the HSUS magazine All Animals, 75% of the shelter population is comprised of mongrels. Now I'm no math wizard, but I can extrapolate that only 25% must therefore be purebred animals. If this is true, then random bred dogs are the real cause of shelter overpopulation, not "puppy mills", breed enthusiasts or "backyard breeders" of purebred dogs. Yet this same HSUS article praises the mongrel as superior because of its' larger gene pool. One that may very well be polluted with unknown genetic defects. They even go so far as to market them as a "designer" product. Sort of a haute couture, one of a kind canine fashion accessory.

Now, it occurs to me that if you truly want to reduce the animal shelter population in a meaningful and dramatic way, than you should advocate for the elimination of the mongrel, through mandatory spay and neuter of random bred dogs with unknown ancestry. (See, I am a dog Nazi!) Most dog breeders know that you must have a firm grasp of the genetic past, in order to improve the genetic future of your line.

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Many of the minority purebred animals that end up in the local shelter may not have a known origin either, and are therefore not an ethical choice for perpetuation of their breed. The same "hybrid vigor" so highly touted in the mongrel is just as easily achieved by crossing healthy purebreds of known ancestry to create new breeds. Man has done so since the beginning of domesticated dog breeding and whatever we fancy, that breed was created by this process.

The beauty of purebred dogs is that there is something to appeal to almost anyone. I don't have to agree with your choice but I must respect your right to make it. I'm not going to advise that consumers rush out and purchase a Puggle, Labradoodle, or Cockapoo, anymore than I would suggest that everyone should select my preferred breed. (Not everyone deserves one!) Whether these designer hybrids stand the test of time or fade out with other trends is not for me to say. Freedom of choice means the freedom to make the wrong choice, and the freedom to make better choices in the future.

Am I a "backyard breeder"? Well, by technical definition I guess I am. I have also been a front yard breeder, a living room breeder and a cab of my motor home on the way to the dog show breeder. If that makes me a villain, than the animal rights lunatics and the terrorists who support their ideology win. But if you become an independent thinker, than freedom wins. We all win.

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Source: Show Me St. Louis

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1 1/2 cups ripe mashed bananas
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 cups oats
1/2 cup chopped peanuts
1/4 cup applesauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly. Drop spoonfuls of the mixture onto an ungreased baking sheet, and press flat with a fork. Bake for approximately 15 minutes, then cool on a rack before serving. Store in an airtight container.

Makes about 20 mutt pleasures.

**Herb-Rubbed Surf and Turf****Ingredients**

- 8–10 sprigs fresh thyme (rinsed)
- 2 teaspoons seasoned pepper blend
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 2 (12-ounce) boneless beef ribeye steaks
- 4 shrimp bar-b-skewers (thawed)
- olive oil cooking spray

Steps

1. Preheat grill. Process thyme (leaves only), pepper blend, parsley, and garlic salt in food processor (or herb chopper) 10–15 seconds until coarsely chopped and well mixed. Place mixture on plate.
2. Cut steak into 4 portions. Coat steak and shrimp skewers by pressing into herb rub, then turn and coat other side; shake gently to remove excess rub. Discard remaining rub that has been in contact with raw meat. Wash hands.
3. Coat steaks and shrimp with cooking spray. Place steak (only) on grill, using tongs, and grill 5 minutes. Turn steaks, place shrimp on grill. Cook 2 minutes; turn shrimp and cook 1–3 minutes or until internal temperature of steak (for medium-rare) and shrimp reaches 145°F. (Grills vary widely. Use a meat thermometer to accurately ensure doneness; adjust time as needed.) Serve.

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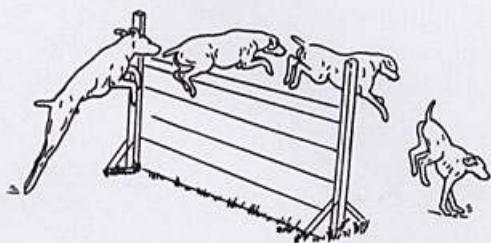
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Breeders and Litters

STUD DOG DIRECTORY

BIM Greenwood's Achilles

Sire: 2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Helmic's Cassandra OFA H & E (Mastercharge daughter)

Killy is a handsome black & tan, medium sized male with medium bone, strong back, handsome head, good shoulder layback, excellent secondary sex characteristics, fully extended front and rear with a long reaching, exciting , low to the ground side gait. He is clean on both ends and has a promising career ahead of him. Killy has several best puppy wins, a 4 point major, 3 point major, a 5 point major reserve, was 2nd Novice dog at the 2005 National Specialty and is 2006 SE BIM. His 1st litter of 6 males and 3 females is on the ground.

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Ch Lorien's Lights Out TC HT PT TDI OFA H(E) & E

Sire: AOE 2x C/A Sel (E) Ch Elvaston's Southern Byrne TC PT OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Geor-Jan Lorien's Ice Castles ROM (4 champions) OFA H(E) & E

"Curfew" is an impressive very correct solid black with good head and bone, clean coming and going with A strong, easy side-gait. He has a sound temperament that makes him comfortable in any environment. He is the second of 3 in his litter to finish and his Championship gave his dam her ROM. His pedigree is solid and is already showing in his progeny with a black male from his first litter getting a major reserve under an all breed judge and younger progeny showing great promise.

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Melana's Murphy's Law

OFA GS-71518F25M-PI EL17633M25-PI

Sire: 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E

Dam: Melana's Obsession v Cihu HIC OFA H/E (2 Ch / 1 qualifier)

8 points / both majors. 2003 GSDCA 2nd 6-9 Month Puppy Dog. Murphy is a large, stallion male with large bone and head, full dentition and coal black eyes. He has a long powerful stride with an exceptional forehand, strong ligamentation and is squeaky clean on both ends. Murphy has sired 5 litters to date and is proving dominant for large bone, substance, topline, angles, movement and great temperament. Watch for his progeny soon in the SE, NE and GL regions. BC/VVC required.

Breeder/Owner : Melissa Campbell, 140 Tyson Rd. Villa Rica, GA 30180

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BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D von Marquin TC 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/VVC/DVC is required.

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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

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|------|--|------|---|--------------|
| 8 | GSDCA North East Futurity/Maturity | S M | Bob Grady | Closed |
| 14 | GSDCA Mid West Futurity/Maturity | S M | Randy Darnell | Closed |
| 20 | Greater Ft Myers Dog Club | A/O | Christopher Tilghman Neale | 05/03 |
| 21 | Greater Ft Myers Dog Club | A/O | Mrs. Lenora M. Riddle | 05/03 |
| 20 | Greater Raleigh Dog Training Club | O | Ms. Sharon D. Crossman Anthony R. Cherubini | 05/03 |
| 21 | Greater Raleigh Dog Training Club | O | Ms. Sharon D. Crossman Anthony R. Cherubini | 05/03 |
| 20 | Beaufort Kennel Club | A/O | Mrs. Robert S. Forsyth | 05/03 |
| 21 | Beaufort Kennel Club | RLY | Mrs. Rose D. Doan | 05/03 |
| 20 | Beaufort Kennel Club | A/O | Frank L Mc Cartha | 05/03 |
| 21 | Beaufort Kennel Club | RLY | Harold Doan | 05/03 |
| 20 | Jackson Tennessee Dog Fanciers Association | A/O | Ms. Dorothy D. Nickles | 05/03 |
| 20 | Greater Kingsport Kennel Club, Grey Tn | A/O | Edward P. McNamee | 05/03 |
| 20 | Greater Kingsport Kennel Club, Grey Tn | RLY | Stephen A.D. Picciuolo | 05/03 |
| 20 | Jackson Tennessee Dog Fanciers Association | A/O | Mrs. Patricia A. Gellerman | 05/03 |
| 20 | Greater Kingsport Kennel Club, Grey Tn | A/O | Ms. Joan Graber | 05/03 |
| 21 | Greater Kingsport Kennel Club, Grey Tn | RLY | James J. Ham | 05/03 |
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| 28 | Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Harriman , Tn | A/O | James R. White | |
| | | RLY | Mrs. Nancy F. Davis | |
| 29 | GSDCA Great Lakes Futurity/Maturity | S M | Vickey Roye | Closed |
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LA County Releases Details of Mandatory Spay/Neuter Proposal

Wednesday, April 05, 2006

The Los Angeles County Animal Board of Supervisors will meet April 18th to discuss their proposal to require all dogs to be spayed or neutered unless their owner purchases a \$60 intact animal license (currently \$30) and meets the stringent criteria established by the county. The measure further requires all dogs, whether sterilized or intact, to be micro chipped and increases the fee to license a sterilized animal from \$15 to \$20. A first violation will result in a fine not to exceed \$250 and a second violation is a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in county jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000.

To be eligible for an unaltered dog license, a dog must be a law enforcement dog, a qualified service/assistance animal or a "competition dog." A "competition dog" must be registered with the AKC, UKC, ADBA or other valid registry approved by the Animal Care and Control department. Competition dogs must also meet one of the following requirements:

- The dog has competed in at least one dog show or sporting competition in the past year.
- The dog has earned a conformation, obedience, agility, carting, herding, protection, rally, sporting, working or other title from a purebred registry as recognized by Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control.
- The owner is a member of a purebred dog breed club, approved by the county which maintains and enforces a code of ethics that includes restrictions from breeding dogs with genetic defects and life threatening health problems that commonly threaten the breed.

Breeders are required to notify the animal control department within thirty days of a litter being whelped and must provide the name, address and telephone number of the new owner.

A license can be revoked or denied by the department for any of the following; upon receipt of one sworn complaint, if the owner has been cited for any violation of a state or local animal control law, or if the dog is deemed dangerous. Owners whose applications are denied or whose license is revoked are entitled to a hearing, which would be conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the animal control department.

The American Kennel Club encourages pet owners to spay or neuter their dogs if they do not want to participate in AKC conformation events or engage in responsible breeding programs. Through our public education department we support programs dedicated to educating the pet buying public on how to find a responsible breeder and how to make well-informed decisions when obtaining a dog. Such programs help to ensure that pet purchasers find a puppy or dog that is a good fit for their lifestyle, at an appropriate time in their lives, thereby increasing the likelihood that the animal will stay with the owners its entire life.

These methods, coupled with strongly enforced animal control laws (such as leash laws) and increased public education efforts are the most effective ways to address irresponsible dog owners while at the same time reducing shelter numbers and improving public safety. To the contrary, mandatory spay/neuter ordinances are extremely difficult to enforce, can be evaded by irresponsible animal owners, and punish responsible breeders who raise purebred dogs for their enjoyment of the sport. They also negatively impact owners who keep intact animals not to breed, but to participate in conformation and performance events.

The Killing Fields Of Denver Genocide Of A Breed

April 05, 2006

Courtesy of Selma and Dog Politics

891 dead and counting. That is the tally of the number of innocent dogs that have been confiscated and killed in the last year, since the reenactment of Denver's breed ban.

891 innocent dogs have deliberately killed - euthanized by the City Of Denver - according to Animal Control in Denver just last week. The City Of Denver is killing innocent dogs at a rate of about 3 per day.

Have these dogs have done anything wrong? No - that is - except for one thing - they were born the wrong breed. They were born as pit bulls.

Denver's pit bull law is a breed ban. It prohibits any person from owning, possessing, keeping, exercising control over, maintaining, harboring, or selling a pit bull in the City and County of Denver. A pit bull is defined as any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier, an American Staffordshire Terrier, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits of any one or more of these breeds.

Denver's breed ban has one purpose - the forced elimination of a dog breed. Denver's breed ban has also forced the owners of such dogs to make a choice: surrender their dogs to be killed or move out of the city. Any remaining pitbull type dogs in Denver are rooted out, confiscated, sometimes surrendered, and killed.

Some call it immoral, unethical, and wrong. Some call it an unconstitutional seizure of property. I call Denver's breed ban something else..... I call it genocide.

Is This America?

Despite expert testimony AGAINST breed bans by every major animal health and welfare organization in the world, breed bans are quite popular with politicians, and are enacted with increasing frequency in North America "in the interest of the public health and safety".

Dog owners that may not be familiar with breed bans, upon hearing of such laws, and the stories of confiscation, and the killing of innocent dogs and puppies, usually react quite strongly.

How can they do this! they exclaim. Is this not against the law? You mean they could come and take my dog? Do we live in America? Do we live in a democracy???

Attorney General Charles Foti Opens Inquiry into Humane Society of the United States

March 27, 2006: (Baton Rouge, LA)

Attorney General Charles C. Foti, Jr., announced today that his office has opened an inquiry into allegations involving funds raised for pet /owner reunions by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). The Attorney General's Office is asking the HSUS for an accounting of all funds HSUS raised for the purpose of pet rescue and reunion with pet owners in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The Attorney General's office has received numerous complaints from pet owners about problems many are having finding their pets following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Through its association with other animal welfare organizations nationwide, HSUS has documented and placed animals in shelters around the country, often resulting in the displaced pets' adoption. In some cases, pet owners claim that those who are currently caring for the displaced pets are refusing to reunite the pet with the proper owners.

"Once again we will be on the lookout to make sure that those who seek to raise money for Hurricane victims in our state, do exactly what they claim to do when soliciting funds," stated General Foti, "While I commend the work of the many wonderful charitable organizations that have come forward to help us in our time of need, I also want people to know that they cannot take advantage of our situation in any way," added General Foti.

The Attorney General is asking anyone with information about questionable fundraising activities by animal groups or any other groups to please contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section at :

1-800-351-4889 or visit our website at www.ag.state.la.us.

For quite some time, there have been rumors that the Louisiana Attorney General had plans to investigate complaints filed against the HSUS for misuse of donated funds in connection with rescue of pets from the Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita ravaged areas of the southern states.

It's now official. Complaints and reports have indicated that supplies (beds, blankets, toys, crates, x-pens, etc.) and food were never allowed to be used to help the animals housed in the rescue centers. Although thousands of pounds of top-quality food were donated, many volunteers have complained that they were only allowed to feed the rescued animals the cheapest, poorest quality foods they received.

Allegations have been made that purebred rescue groups were turned away by the HSUS and not allowed to pull their own breeds from the rescue centers, unless they were willing to take "X" number of "others" as well. Additional reports indicate that at least 700 "bully" breed dogs mysteriously disappeared from the HSUS rescue centers, never to be seen again. It has also been widely reported that some pets were sent to faraway locations, quickly adopted out, and that no real efforts were made to reunite these lost pets with their original owners.

If you personally volunteered in the post-hurricane rescue effort (or if you know someone who did) and may have firsthand knowledge of the pet rescue situation in the aftermath of the hurricanes, please contact Attorney General Foti and provide him with all pertinent information to assist him in his effort to ensure that funds and/or supplies donated by the compassionate pet owners of the U.S. were and **will be** used for the purposes for which they were donated.

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Obedience – TBA

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