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Each year, it seems we lose more and more of the icons in our breed. And with each loss comes a void in what could be passed on to future generations. Last month, the breed lost a truly wonderful lady. Joan Ford of Fran-Jo Shepherds lost her fight with cancer. Joan bravely fought this disease for several years without complaint. I can't think of person in this breed that has done as much or affected the breed as



much as Joan did. Joan never had a problem sitting down and talking dogs with anyone and truly enjoyed educating and mentoring newcomers. Fran & Joan Ford were married nearly 61 years and got their first German Shepherd in 1958. In 1964, a puppy named Lance came along and from there it was Mannix, Aspen, Zeto, Ticketman, Pete, Tatta, Frolich's Elsa v Grunestahl, Mary Mary, Rebecca and the list goes on it seems like forever. Lance is probably still the most influential dog in American lines even though he passed over 30 years ago. Fran-Jo lines are in nearly every pedigree and there is no doubt that when you see a certain style of dog, that it is a Fran-Jo dog. Joan and her in-depth knowledge of the breed, strong will and her tenacity, will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with Fran and his family during this time.

Denise

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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 German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc., encourages visitors to attend.

Our next meeting is April 09, 2007

Club Meeting Minutes

Club meeting minutes can be found in the members only section of the club website at

www.gsdcatlanta.org



Club Hospitality

Volunteers needed to provide refreshments for a club meetings. 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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PETS FOOD RECALL !!!

INFORMATION FROM THE AVMA

On Friday, March 23, 2007 a press release from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (www.agmkt.state.ny.us/release) stated that the New York State Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker and Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Donald F. Smith announced that scientists at the New York State Food Laboratory identified Aminopterin as a toxin present in cat food samples from Menu Foods, the manufacturer of the many brands of dog and cat food that are currently the subject of a nationwide recall.

The Food Laboratory received the pet food samples from a toxicologist at the New York State Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell University, where testing has been underway to try to identify the cause of kidney failure in dogs and cats that consumed the recalled brands of pet food. At Cornell's request, the Food Laboratory tested the samples for poisons and toxins, and identified Aminopterin in the pet food samples at a level of at least 40 parts per million.

Aminopterin is a folic acid inhibitor found in some rodenticides available outside the USA. It is not available in the US as a rodenticide. Aminopterin is a 4-amino analog of folic acid. It was originally used as an antineoplastic agent in the late 1940's but has been superseded by methotrexate, a related but less toxic folic acid analog. At high doses, methotrexate results in acute renal failure and crystalluria due to desposition of 7-hydroxymethotrexate in the renal tubules. Aminopterin toxicity is thought to be similar and dose dependent.

These findings and any relationship to recent pet deaths have not been confirmed by the Food and Drug Administration. An announcement from the FDA is forthcoming. We need to be cautious as the finding of Aminopterin is significant but there could be other compounds yet unknown in the diet as well.

Recommendations for testing animals have essentially not changed. There is no blood test available for Aminopterin. Pets that have eaten the recalled food whether showing signs of illness (lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, etc) or asymptomatic should be seen by their veterinarian and have a complete blood count, biochemistry panel and urinalysis performed. Additional testing may include assessment for significant proteinuria, urine culture, imaging, etc.

Treatment recommendations have not changed. According to Dr. Richard E Goldstein DVM DACVIM DECVIM-CA, Associate Professor of Medicine at Cornell University, azotemic pets should be treated with fluids to promote hydration, and diuresis in order to dissolve and flush out crystals from the tubules. Aminopterin produces crystals within the renal tubules that are most soluble in an alkaline urine pH thus a target urine pH above 7 (achieved with fluid therapy and alkalinizing agents including sodium bicarbonate) might be beneficial in managing these patients. Several medications such as antioxidants and folic acid may be administered but their true beneficial affects are unproven when given long after the initial exposure to the toxin.

Bone-marrow suppression is a concern with any folic acid inhibiting agent and a complete blood cell count should be monitored in these patients as well as renal function.

If a patient with anuric or oliguric acute renal failure is not responding to appropriate therapy, veterinarians should promptly consider contacting a small animal internist with the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (www.ACVIM.org) in their local community for case consultation and possible referral. Hemodialysis can be utilized for severely affected patients and is available at a limited number of veterinary teaching hospitals.

Duration of treatment in patients which may have renal failure due to ingestion of the recalled food is unknown at this time and obviously will vary between patients. Long term effects on renal function are unknown but based on limited experience to date, at least partial renal recovery is anticipated. Patients succumbing to illness should be necropsied and tissues saved in formalin for histopathology to determine cause of death.

Samples for histopathology can be submitted to The Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic laboratory (www.vdpam.iastate.edu) or The Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC) at Cornell University (www.diag.center.vetcornell.edu).

Samples of the recalled food should be held for possible analysis. Opened food should be disposed of so there is no chance of further consumption. Pet owners can contact the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Consumer Complaint Coordinator at: <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/backgrounders/complain.html>.

The FDA has provided the following case definition for field investigation/cases: veterinary-documented renal failure, necropsy results if animal died, food consumed within 1 week of death (illness), and intact, unopened cans of the food. If veterinarians suspect that a case meets this general case definition, FDA has requested that you contact them at the following e-mail address

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The Best Of Breed Game

By Richard Kurz

I think that the world needs a dog-show-oriented board game. Exhibitors crave something to fill those gaps between shows. I haven't worked out all of the details, but I thought you might be interested in my design so far.

I see a board not unlike Monopoly with shows instead of streets and really big shows like Westminster and National Specialties instead of Railroads and Utilities. Groups of shows are colored according to the "circuit" to which they belong.

Blue for the "Bible Belt Circuit"

Orange for the "Rust Belt Circuit"

Pink for the "Left Coast Circuit"

Interspersed among the squares are special green landing spaces, each of which corresponds to a deck of cards placed near the center of the board:

A.K.C. Announcement

The Judge Speaks

Ringside Comment

Players select little game pieces shaped to resemble various breeds of dogs and place them on the square labeled "Ready Ring".

Who goes first is determined by what is called a "Club Meeting". Participants scream, bitch, back-bite, cheat and lie about one another until at last it is obvious who goes first, second and so on. "Best Of Breed" is a kind of combination of "Monopoly", "Trivial Pursuit" and "Full Contact Karate". The player who ends up last is dubbed the "Judge".

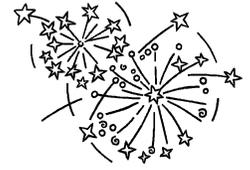
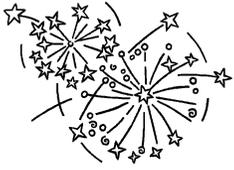
Two pairs of dice are provided with the game: one normal, the other loaded. Players choose which to use based upon the level of realism they wish to recreate.

The object of the game is, of course, to finish your dog to a "Championship". This is accomplished by rolling the dice, moving your dog along the board, counter-clockwise of course, until you have completed fifteen complete circuits collecting a ribbon and a "point" with each successful revolution. Like the real dog show, if luck is not with you, you may be penalized along the way. If a player should land on one of the green squares, he must draw a card from the corresponding deck and read it aloud. He may, for example, land on "A.K.C. Announcement" and read, "Your entry form has been found to be incomplete. Return to the "Ready Ring". Give back your points", or on "The Judge Speaks" and read, "I didn't see him well that time. Take him around again." Landing on a "Ringside Comment" square doesn't hurt you in the point standing but just adds to the dog show flavor.

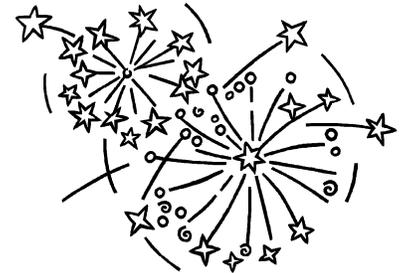
"How can he even think about putting that bitch up?" "...What an ugly dog!" "...or..." "She's not! ...With Him?"

After one of the players has completed the mandatory fifteen trips around the board, the "Judge" names the player of his or her choice the "Winner" with no regard whatsoever to who has accumulated the most ribbons. Just like the real dog show, the "Best Of Breed Game" is fun, not fair.

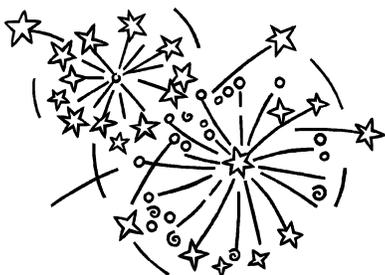
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Linebreeding , Inbreeding & OutCrossing

INBREEDING, LINE BREEDING, OUT CROSSING-WHICH IS BEST?

To paraphrase the great Laura Kialenaus, what matters is the quality and qualities of the dogs in question; not the "formula" by which they are bred. Line breeding is often touted as some sort of special way to get good dogs. Line breeding is simply weak inbreeding, so carries all the problems of both out crossing and inbreeding & simply gives people uncomfortable with the idea of inbreeding a way to comfortably inbreed to retain desired characteristics. The degree of relationship, in any case, does not necessarily indicate the amount of genetic material shared. Everyone has seen two "identical" cousins, as well as brother-sister pairs as unlike as night and day to illustrate this point. Again, sophisticated decisions, based on in depth knowledge of what those pedigrees mean, are needed. To breed two dogs together (wisely and for good results) you must have intimate knowledge of the dogs in their respective pedigrees & what characteristics they likely share.

Out crossing: used to be (still is?) the time honored way to deal with a genetic problem. When your line shows a problem, breed out to "get rid of it." Except you don't --it is still there, now just hidden--along with whatever the sire's family also contributed "in secret". It may be back to haunt you (and your puppy buyers) later on. Document what you got & what you are getting. Outcross when you need a "hybrid state" for best expression. Outcross to bring things into your line you cannot find within it & know some unseen "travelers" will accompany the traits you desire. The best outcrosses may not really be outcrosses at all, as two separate families with similar styles & traits are merged together; different names, but maybe the same 'good' genes for good heads are present, for example, in both families. These trait or type breedings (assortive/assortative matings) are a strategy to get the "good" genes for a trait without doubling up on a specific individual. They have the extra added advantage to the breed (if not your specific breeding) of possibly helping to preserve diversity in the population. Of course, many "out crossings" wouldn't be that if extended pedigrees were viewed: many breeds & many major & successful bloodlines in a breed go back to a handful of the same relatives (& this is not necessarily a bad thing, if the dogs were good). Again, information on the dogs in question is so necessary.

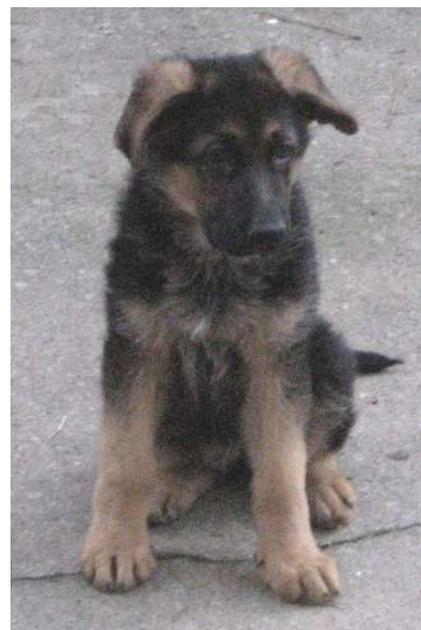
Inbreeding: brings skeletons out of the closet. They were already there, but now you have to face them. It can be a great tool for finding out what you didn't know about your bloodlines, but it takes a steely heart to face up to what you find. It also takes great dogs to breed close as you are fixing traits fast and hard. The closer the breeding, the better the two dogs must be to make it worth it. Call weak inbreeding line breeding if you like, but breeding dogs closely related is technically inbreeding (although there is a good argument to separate the two), as the point is to double-up on desired family characteristics by doubling up on the desired genes. But most everything recessive in the family eventually pops up, good & bad, when line-breeding over generations, so eventually blind line-breeding leads to the same bottleneck as intense inbreeding; it just takes longer to get there. The bad news about inbreeding is that the homozygous sought may be found. In other words, you are trying to double up on genes for good heads or strong hearts, but also double up on the genes in the immune system & that can lead to inbreeding depression. So be careful what you wish for when inbreeding, especially repeatedly &/or tightly.

Brackett's Formula: "Let the sire of the sire become the grandsire on the dam's side." Lloyd Brackett's prescription for line breeding has proven very effective WHEN the dog line bred on is a truly superior example of the breed_&_can correct the weaknesses in the bitch/pedigree in question. Pat Craige Trotter in her book "Born To Win" discusses some successful strategies & possible formulas for particular situations, but no "cookbook approach" to dogs will ever work: breeding dogs is an artful science or a scientific art and takes both talent and study to properly accomplish. Out crossing can be like sweeping problems under the rug (if it is really an outcross that is done). The pups from two such lines now carry some mishmash of what either or both parents brought down out of their families.

KENNEL BLINDNESS. All breeders have their favored characteristics and pet peeves. All are willing to sacrifice the perfection of certain traits to consistently achieve others they feel more important. This "worldview" on their chosen breed(s) leads to a style and the emphasis of certain traits within the correct type that breeder will be known for (e.g. size, head type, longevity etc.). That many breeders have deliberate styles of dogs is good for the breed; it preserves the variety & strength of the breed. But many breeders fall foul of their own likes & dislikes, especially at the beginning when they know little about the breed and later on, as the years pass and they achieve some success, having now looked at the style they chose to breed so long they think of it often as the breed itself. If this quality is combined with an intolerance for one's rivals and/or for the faults least liked and virtues most admired, a good line of dogs will dwindle down to be more memory & reputation than a still truly vital line producing excellent dogs. Kennel blindness is also an almost universal trait of the "Sour Grapes Society;" those "wannabees" in a breed who have a thousand excuses for why their dogs don't succeed, all of them to do with the faults of other people and other people's dogs. It is also a major trait in so-called "pet breeders" who tend to not self-educate about the breed at all, so don't really know much about the breed they may well adore. They generally let their love for their pets blind them to their breeding worth...or lack thereof.

BREEDING "UP." This usually means using a well-known dog on a poor quality bitch in the hopes her offspring will succeed where she failed. Stripped down to this raw definition it's obvious what a bad idea this is. Stud owners should not let themselves be talked into breeding to sub-standard bitches & novices shouldn't attempt to get better pups this way. However it happens all

Introducing.....



Born January 15, 2007
Owned by Scears Hardy
via Mary Gattone

VA4 BSZS Mark vom Haus Beck SchH3 HD-fast normal	VA7 Fedor von Arminius SchH3 HD-normal	V Lasso vom Wiedenbrücker Land SchH3 HD-fast normal
V 17 Rommi vom Breitfeld SchH3/FH HD-Ausland	V Quina von Arminius SchH2 HD-normal	V Fee vom Weihertürchen SchH1 HD-normal
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	V Palme vom Wildsteiger Land SchH2 HD-fast normal	V12 Irk von Arminius SchH3/FH/IP3 HD-fast normal
		V Palme vom Wildsteiger Land SchH2 HD-fast normal
		VA7 Harko von der Bayernwaldperle SchH3/ZVV2 HD-normal
		V Tralle von der Wienerau SchH1 HD-zuerkannt

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too often. But the outcome is nearly always the same: the proud owners of those new pups find they are not enough better than their mother to be competitive & the stud owner finds the reputation of the sire is damaged by those who see these poor quality pups as typical of what he produces. Stud owners shouldn't allow themselves to become this kennel blind. Worse is the idea of starting out with admitting "pet" animals & hoping (?) to breed something better somehow. This falls under the old saw about silk purses & sows' ears, but incredibly is still attempted _&_ defended as a way to start in dogs. You just cannot "get there from here." Surely there are more than enough dogs in this world without starting out deliberately to make mediocre litters. Enough said.

BREEDING PEDIGREES (& other records), POPULAR SIRE SYNDROME & MATADORS. Too many people breed "paper tigers:" they breed dogs who are relatives of a famous dog as if they were somehow magic or just as good, they breed to a dog's popularity, it's show record, it's fame, or even to their best friend's dog or the closest, most convenient dog. It's astounding as much as has been written in the last century about the perils of breeding "paper" that it is still done so often. A sire is only as good as his get & his get will equally reflect the bitches taken to him. It's no use to hope the one (or ten) good pup(s) you saw out of him will happen to you when your bitch isn't like the dams of those pups. It's even worse to think that his fame will arise in his litters; one cannot take the parents' show records into the ring to convince the judge of the merits of their offspring. Nor can you honestly think that a dog having "famous" grandparents gives you a reason to breed. Further, when certain sires are overused in a breed, these popular sires become a potential danger to the breed. If their influence is too widespread, then it becomes hard to breed away from them. Diversity of style as well as genes is lost in a breed. If said popular sire turns out to have a damaging genetic flaw, the Popular Sire Syndrome has now spawned a Matador--a dog whose late-recognized fault is now widespread enough in the breed to "kill" it. This is all bad practice. Selection is lost when a pedigree or fame is the deciding factor for the choice of breeding partner. It's ill-educated to breed to an ad or a reputation. It's a doomed effort (except for sales) to breed for convenience or to "see what happens." And terrible dogs are made by blind line-breeding: faults are fixed in & a good line is eroded over time. Each breeding must be done seeing the sire and dam as crowded in by their respective families when it comes to flaws, but standing alone when it comes to what virtues they can even potentially offer. There is, again, no recipe for breeding dogs & no substitute for a well-trained eye.

PRESERVING QUALITY & GENETIC DIVERSITY IN A BREED. As Dr. Jerome Bell so succinctly put it: "It is the varied opinion of breeders as to what constitutes the ideal dog, and their selection of breeding stock that maintains breed diversity." The current problem of erupting genetic disease, as far as it applies to pedigrees & breeding, reflects two trends. One is a problem of the "Matador," that is the "Popular Sire Syndrome." When all run to breed to a winning dog, or some dog or bloodline, (for whatever reason, be it convenience, ignorance or perceived value), genetic diversity can be lost. But indiscriminate universal assortative matings is not the answer to this problem & can actually reduce genetic diversity in the breed by "homogenizing" gene pairs across the whole breed. Out crossing cannot solve the problem of genetic disease anymore than inbreeding is the cause of it. However "type" breeding, that is, the mating of two animals of similar looks, not similar pedigrees, CAN effect one particularly good thing which is the take-home message of "diversity breeding": since the number of genes involved with creating a certain "look" are much less than the likely number doubled up with line breeding (esp. "blind" line breeding, time and again, on some "famous" relative), the loss to the breed of heterozygosity is slowed and the individual dogs are arguably more safe from various line defects...while still having "type."

The other major problems in dogs today as to disease has little to do with hobby ("show") breeders & is largely a problem of casual breeding. Casual breeding produces more than three-quarters of all registered dogs in the USA & assembly (nearly) 100% of mixed-breed litters. as a result of the low investment & high profitability (not just in money) that dog breeding brings to the average American household. There is a clear cultural support for anyone & everyone breeding their own pet, and this license runs counter to the serious study & self-education process necessary to breed dogs well enough to avoid bad temperaments and worse health problems. That so many pet buyers do not clearly see this means casual breeders are able to enjoy having litters, & be certain of sales, even if their only credentials are that they love their dogs. These litters, despite the buying public's perception & causal breeder's claims, suffer often from major genetic problems they continue to pass along _and_ they are often indiscriminately inbred, as they are usually exclusively local (or narrowly regional) breeding programs, often with the whole breeding population sustained by a couple of friends. What is needed is educated, dedicated, honest breeders & scrupulous selection. Breeders need to know the dogs they are using in their breeding programs & need to know them intimately. Each needs to have a clear priority of what they cannot live with & what they cannot live without. (And ideally each would clearly announce this somehow so others are clear on their priorities before they buy or breed from them.) A variety of styles, of lines, of sub-populations, criss-crossing, separating & then, again, coming together in a wonderful breed mosaic, is the best recipe for maintaining type, health, temperament _&_ diversity in any breed. And for all that "diversity" is a buzzword of fashion right now, it isn't at all a new idea, just a new term for the notion of having a variety of bloodlines within a breed. (Note also that diversity does not necessarily equal outcross.) What is needed in most all breeds is for more good dogs to be rooted out & recognized, despite their lack of glamour & dazzling ads. (That & for America to get serious about dog breeding & treat it with the gravity it deserves.) It would also help if more folks would work together to preserve bloodlines and create new ones by judicious crosses, so that variety would be preserved. For this more people will have to get educated about the history and styles of their breed; too many today simply breed to some current fashion)or market!), oblivious to the fact what they are seeing is simply fashion and not "the" standard for the breed.

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SPORTS do not generally produce good offspring. Sport is a term many breeders no longer use, but is a useful idea. A sport is the odd good dog in a litter that is otherwise uneven. It is traditionally the occasional decent dog found in a litter from an unlikely background and breeding. Usually such dogs are the fortuitous result of a mixed litter from a casual breeding, & the people who breed to the dog are the ones who pay the price for his mixed-up, casual pedigree & genetic background. But sports can come about from breeding "paper" not dogs; from trying to breed "up," from blind line-breeding, or any convenience or accidental breeding. A sport is a dog by definition, almost, who is unable to reproduce himself, for all his good looks. Very uneven litters & erratic littermate traits result and are certainly not helpful to a breeding program & make it hard to track both good and bad traits with any likely success. Sports can play another negative role in the breed if they become famous show dogs (or just popular sires for any reason). Not only are they bred despite the fact they are indifferent sires, their every mediocre relative is used with great enthusiasm as the family is all thought consistently "good" (instead of seen for the inconsistent lot they really are). Breeding "paper" instead of dogs has a consistently poor result, but breeding dogs who cannot reproduce themselves should be recognized as a poor practice as well.

Great & consistent bloodlines have been built on good, consistent dogs bred by knowledgeable breeders. Purebred domestic species are based on concentrating family traits, so like dogs must somehow be bred together. Knowledge is the key here; knowing in depth what you are breeding. Buyers shouldn't reward those who breed casually, indifferently, or for superficial traits. And please don't condemn breeders who have the courage to acknowledge the faults in their dogs & their bloodlines (or who try to elicit information & public discussion of the same). All bloodlines carry along faults, not just the ones where the faults are seen & reported. Again, the situation now is too often one where people breed without knowledge, producing affecters and carriers & just not knowing it, as they don't keep adequate records, do enough homework, etc. Just ask yourself how this can be preferable to accumulating information than can only benefit the breed? Who exactly benefits from all this ignorance? Surely not the dogs, the potential breeding partners left in ignorance, or the potential puppy buyers. For the breeds to benefit from the control of genetic disease we need to do what most Code of Ethics demand: keep up with news in genetics & have an in-depth knowledge of the dogs we are using. This means understanding the basics of inheritance & knowing how to apply them for good results in your breeding practices. This means marking pedigrees with more than color and titles. This means accepting that most diseases we now struggle with have a genetic component & treating such situations conservatively AND rationally. We need to educate ourselves, to stop reacting violently to the notion of genetic disease & start treating it with a more sophisticated and realistic view. We need to not just learn as we go, but read before we breed, & bone up on the basics before we start creating lives.

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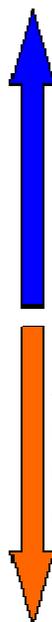
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Got a favorite recipe you want to share ?



German Shepherd Casserole

- 1 Lb of any meat
- 1 carrot finely chopped
- 1 small potato finely chopped
- 1 stick celery finely chopped
- 1/2 c sliced green beans (string less)
- 1 T beef gravy mix

Place all ingredients into a large casserole dish.
Cover with water and mix. Place lid on casserole.
Microwave on High for 10 minutes, then medium for 10 minutes. Cool well prior to feeding

Hawaiian Style Chicken Over Rice

- 1 1/2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/4 cup frozen diced green peppers
- 1/4 cup frozen diced onions
- 2 cups instant rice
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 (20-ounce) can diced pineapple (drained)
- 1 (18-ounce) jar sweet and sour sauce

1. Preheat large sauté pan on medium-high 2–3 minutes. Cut chicken into bite-size chunks and sprinkle with seasoned salt
2. Place oil in pan; swirl to coat. Add chicken, green peppers, and onions (wash hands); cook 6–8 minutes, stirring often, or until internal temperature of chicken reaches 165°F. Use a meat thermometer to accurately ensure doneness. (Thread 2 or 3 chunks of chicken on thermometer to make sure the dimpled "sensor" area is covered.)
3. Meanwhile, place rice and water in microwave-safe bowl. Cover and microwave on HIGH 5–7 minutes or until rice is tender and most of water is absorbed.
6. Reduce heat on chicken to low; stir in remaining ingredients. Cook 2–3 more minutes, stirring occasionally, or until sauce is thoroughly heated. Serve over rice.

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Rally....A New Insight

By Denise Groenewald

Last month I attended a local all breed show. One of our club members told me that I really needed to try a few of my champions in this new sport and get a new title on them. He said that even a dummy could do this ! And if even I am stubborn and non-obedient myself, I could pay someone 400 bucks to do it for me ! Ok, I'm game for just about anything , and since I pay handlers about that for a weekend anyway, what the heck.

So, after breed judging I meander over to the "other side" and see a crowd of people at the entrance of a ring. Okay, first odd thing that sits in my brain is...this is supposed to be a dog event, yet there are no dogs anywhere near this crowd of people. Some 10-15 people are crowded around a little lady at the ring entrance with rapturous looks on their faces. With the intent looks they are giving her, she must be telling them about an awesome lunch being prepared just for them ! Okay, okay, my stomach was growling since I hadn't fed it yet that morning and stomach talks to brain which relays it to the eyes. What can I say.

Oddity number two hits just then. ALL of these people without dogs, follows this lady into the ring to look at what is referred to as "stations" . They all spread out and walk around little signs laid out around the ring in no apparent order. Evidently I am not the only one who refuses to follow directions, so these signs tell these people without a single dog present, to do really weird things like stop....step back 3 paces....sit....advance and down....turn around....stand....turn left...turn right....spin and sit...weave...and it goes on all over the ring. Now, I have a warped sense of imagination and the sight just tickled me to no endat first. My first rabid thought as I watched all this waswell, never mind, rabid thoughts have never been pretty ! The woman they were so enthralled with, is actually a choreographer in real life. Welcome to the new sport ofRallet Ballet.



Now, you've got people in there of all ages and body types, and no way shall I ever be one of them . I picked out the first person to watch. She approached a sign with an intent look on her face, tongue slightly between her teeth in deep concentration. Then it got.... downright weird. Her right arm slowly raises as the right hip rotates outward ever so slowly. The right arm as it reaches full extension above the head with the hand slightly bent towards the left, swoops forward as the right foot with toes pointed sweeps towards the left and a perfectly executed pirouette is performed as her eyes stay pinned on the sign. My brows furrow together in total confusion. And then because the sign said step back 3 paces....she performs a Pas De Bouree` (that's where they um.. hold their calves together and make teeny tiny steps on their toes) 3 delicate steps back. I am enthralled with the grace an agility !! Next is the sit. Still intent on the sign which tells her what to do, she executes a beautiful plie` (Ya know, bend the knees somehow with your hips, legs and feet turned outward without needing a walker). Ok, not quite a sit, but nothing I would attempt these days. For the "about U turn ", she performs a Glissade (kinda just glides along like we did as kids on the floors with socks on) followed by a Rond De Jambe (twisting the leg in the air , bending and straightening the knee and turning it til it looks like it's gonna fall off) . My muscles, although I haven't moved an inch, are now quivering in painful anticipation. Then she amazingly does an about left, right, then another left of the same exercises ! By now, she is speeding by these signs ! Now she's at "station # 13". I hold my breath.she stops on a dime poised on her toes with her arms slightly fluttering at her sides. With her palms towards the back she takes several steps back and slowly moves her arms gracefully forward as if beseeching someone in front of her(probably begging for EMS to come). She tosses her right arm backwards and attempts an Attitude (stands on one leg, raises the other one behind with a bent knee) and executes a perfect Cabriole (kicking that leg high in the back, holds it up there, while taking the other leg and kicking it like a mule a couple of time) ! Then amazingly she executes the same from the left ! My legs by now are feeling like the jelly I should have had on my biscuit for breakfast. Thankfully she now begins to walk forward like a normal person and cannot make up her mind if she wants to do this fast or slow. (Thank God the signs are telling her what to do). Oh wait.....now she's doing Plies again and Pirouettes and Arabesques and all that other crazy stuff, that is making every muscle in my body scream, as she weaves and twists from sign to sign faster and faster and faster. And then...she stops (barely a teeter mind you) and stares at "station 25". This is gonna be a toughie. She then executes a stupendous Jete` (leaps in the air with the grace of a gazelle pushing off of one leg, kinda like our dogs after spying a cat, and lands on the other leg with less grace than that cat crashing off of the counter, followed by a Developpe` (slowly unfolding her leg by bending and straightening the knee as she slowly raises her leg straight out. (did I mention I was in a lot of pain ?) and finishes in style with a Fouette` (spins on one leg while whipping the other around) followed by a delicate en pointe (tippy toes pointed) .



As she leaves the ring, I pick my jaw up off the floor and wipe the sweat from my brow. I furtively look around, everyone seems to not have noticed what has just occurred ! Are they blind ! WAIT !! They are taking their dogs out of their crates ! Oh no way.....I am soooooo outta here ! I slowly start to back up and meld into the crowd of people who've lost their minds. I am going to melt away and head for the lunch counter which is what I should have done long ago. I shake my head along the way. Good grief !! I am still seeing these people in frothy multicolored tutus. I know most of these people ! I go to monthly meetings with them and see them at shows all the time. How will I be able to look at them now without a mixture of pain, sympathy and outright hysterical laughter ?It's totally mind boggling what people will do for and with and to their dogs in the name of sport. No way am I getting in there and no way am I allowing one of my dogs to go through all of that. I'd be in traction and loaded down with vet bills ! And they say double handling is weird.

I'll save the 400 bucks and let someone else wear that tutu !

The Comprehensive Breed Health Survey For
The German Shepherd Dog

By Dawn Turner

The Comprehensive Breed Health Survey for the German Shepherd Dog was created to gather information in order to better identify the health issues plaguing the breed, how common these are and what role environmental factors may play in those issues. The interest is neither political nor monetary, but scientific as an aid in maintaining the integrity of the purebred dog. The purpose of this survey is to help German Shepherd owners, breeders and veterinarians educate themselves.

This survey is extensive, including information about diet, vaccinations and chemical use, as well as a multitude of health issues. As a result, the survey is quite lengthy. However, the length is warranted to insure all important information is included. We know so very little at this point about how common various diseases/disorders are in our breed, or what environmental factors may be part of the issues. This survey is a first step in providing those answers.

All individual information provided will be strictly confidential. Information accumulates in a specially created database for future compilation. The compiled data will be made available to all participants who request it, via email, and will also be on the website so that the general public may have access.

We are asking that anyone with a purebred German Shepherd participate in the survey. Any German Shepherd that has lived in your home on or since January 1, 1998, whether rescued, unregistered or registered, is eligible and welcomed. Absence of a pedigree does not exclude anyone. Can't find your AKC or other registry paperwork? Please participate anyway. Simply leave those areas of the survey blank.

The submission deadline is May 31, 2008. It is our hope that, by then, we will have data for a nice cross section of the German Shepherd population. Needless to say, the more surveys we have, the better the information in the final report will be. So please get those surveys turned in! Think how good you'll feel knowing that you made a difference. There's nothing to lose and everything for our breed to gain. Thank you for participating.

If you have any questions, please e-mail GSDsurvey@cablone.net. I will answer your questions as soon as I can. If you have problems downloading the questionnaire you wish to use, please email me, tell me which format you would like, and I will get it emailed to you.

Neither this survey nor I are in any way associated with the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. This survey is independent of financial influence from breed clubs, breeders or others who might have something to gain financially either from the results of this survey or from skewing the results of same.

NOTE: If you feel comfortable sharing information openly about your dog(s) and any health issues he/she might have, I would also strongly encourage you to participate in the German Shepherd Dog Breed Betterment Registry.
<http://www.gsdbbr.org/>

This is an open registry where genetic information, including pedigrees, can be shared **OPENLY!** The more information we have, the better for the breed! The GSDBBR and the survey found on this site are NOT in any way associated, other than by breed obviously, and information is not shared between the two.

Also, if you have a GSD with **EPI (exocrine pancreatic insufficiency)**, please participate in the database being created specifically for that disorder in our breed.

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Any information you share will help with the research being done on this serious health problem.

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*Lolling in the daffodils,
Chasing butterflies
Teething on the rose bushes,
Closing sleepy eyes.
Nursing mom one last time,
Digging, Pulling weeds.
Five puppies in my garden,
Doing puppy deeds.*

*Four remaining puppies,
Eight weeks old.
The one I thought was "just a pet",
Has been bought and sold.
Which one is my dream come true?
Which one shall I keep?
They huddle in the hollyhocks,
Twitching...fast asleep.*

*Three brave puppies,
Chasing bumblebees!
Cocking ears at baby wrens,
Perched in apple trees.
Old Serena teaches "tennis ball".
Puppies all retrieve.
My youngest son graduates,
And prepares to leave.*

*Two puppies left now.
I have chosen one.
Flowers dare to break the ground,
Now that three are gone.
I don't miss the daffodils,
Botanical demise.
I miss those bounding balls of fur,
With eagles in their eyes.*

*Zoa Rockenstein
August 2, 2006*

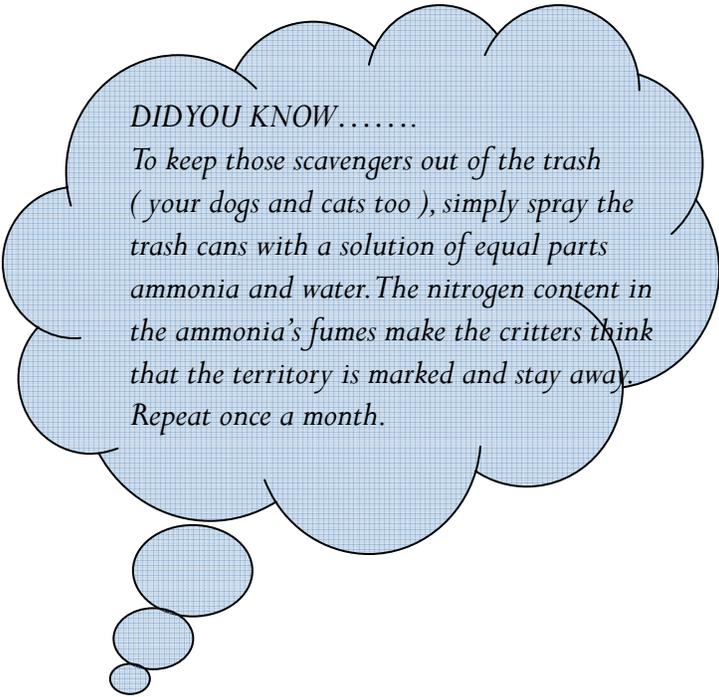
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Editor's Note :

This survey can be found at <http://myweb.cablone.net/bdturner/GSDSurvey.htm>
Due to the size of the survey, an addendum to this issue of The Guardian is available upon request.



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Murphy finished with wins from both the specialty (2 majors) and the all breed rings, picking up a 2nd Senior MA, Sr Maturity and 2nd GSDCA National placing along the way. He is a large, stallion male with heavy bone, masculine head, full dentention, coal black eyes and strong feet and pasterns. His stride is very long, low and powerful with an exceptional forehand, strong ligamentation and he is squeaky clean coming and going. Bred very sparingly, he has multiple young progeny with many class wins, including 2 with reserves from the puppy class and a 2nd NE Jr Futurity Bitch. His progeny are typically large boned, plush, richly pigmented, well angulated with nice toplines, correct secondary characteristics, strong ligamentation, nice movement and sound temperaments. Please call 1st day of season.BC/VC required.

Breeder/Owner : Melissa Campbell, 140 Tyson Rd. Villa Rica, GA 30180
 (770) 459-4330 Mjc114@bellsouth.net www.melanashepherds/murphy.html



BIS/BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D von Marquin TC HIC CGC HT PT RN BH

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 medium sized, dark sable male, with a head to die for ! He has won under Specialty and All Breed judges alike, amassing a win record that is still growing. So far, Yancy has titled at every event for which we've trained with more performance titles coming in the next year! His first crop of youngsters have just hit the ring with one major reserve winner from the 6-9 class and several pointed. Yancy is producing his body style and working ability !

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



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BIM Ch Greenwood's Achilles TC DNA- V421041 OFA GS-75239G27M-PI

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 temperament, strong 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 finished with all majors, was 2nd Novice Dog at the 2005 National Specialty, 2006 Southeast Best In Maturity and 4th Am Bred Dog at the 2006 National. So far Killy is passing on his correct shoulder, rich pigment, powerful long stride, nice bone, solid temperament and excellent secondary sex characteristics .

Killy does carry the coat factor.

VC/BC is required. Pleas call first day of service. Killy's Stud Fee is \$ 550.00

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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. His breeding also shows in how he doing so well in herding and other activities outside the conformation ring. Proof of BC/VC required

Owners: Helen & Michael Chamblee and Twyla Miner (Breeder)

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Ch. Van Cleve's Dashiell Hammiett, OFA Prelims, DNA

Sire : 2003 Fut. Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, OFA Prelim DNA certified
 Dam: Van Cleve's Cassandra v Kaleef ROM, OFA, DNA certified

"Dash" is from a litter of 7. Two of his littermates finished quickly making his mother an ROM with her first litter. In the repeat breeding to Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, there are 4 more qualifiers. Dash's breeding is called a formula breeding (line bred) on: "Dallas" , BIS Am/Can Sel. Ch. Kismet's Sight For Sore Eyes ROM, OFA DNA certified. Dash is expected to be one of the better producers. He finished quickly and placed second in his Futurity. His mother has a new litter of 10 (2-8) having been bred to BOS Fut, Ch Hi-Cliff's Bronson v Keleef . Pups available in August 2006.

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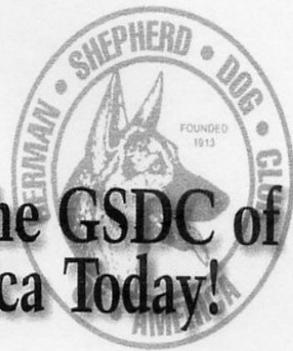
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DEFINITION OF A DOG

By Virginia Jones

"Dogs are the nicest things that can happen to people."

Technically, dogs are known as carnivorous mammals, but we prefer to call them delightful companions and pets. Dogs come in assorted sizes, weights and colors; but they all have the same creed: to adore, amaze, exasperate and enrich the lives of those humans lucky enough to own them.

Dogs can be found most anywhere: curled upon, exploring underneath, wriggling out of, racing to, digging at, peeking around or hiding in. Their owners worship them. Some try to ignore them. Because dogs bark, neighbors hate them.

A dog is innocence with a full roll of tissue unraveled at its feet. He is obedience sleeping on a forbidden bedspread, wisdom with a wagging tail, beauty with mud on his feet. When you are busy, he wants to be let out. Once he's out, he wants back in. When you want to impress someone with his intelligence, he forgets absolutely everything he has ever learned. When you want him to stay groomed for the dog show tomorrow, he manages to find the only mud puddle in the yard.

A dog has the digestive capabilities of the fabled billy goat, the curiosity of a cat, the aggressiveness of a jealous lover and the poise of a sphinx. He likes golf balls, upholstered furniture, anything made of rawhide, warm beds, long walks, table scraps, other dogs and paper of any variety. He does not care for the obedience school, chain collars, leashes, baths, nail trimming, strange surroundings, vaccinations, lack of companionship, cold weather or thunder and lightning.

You can banish your dog to his pen, but you can't banish him from your heart. You may have bought him, but he owns you. Your dog was supposed to be your pet, but he enslaves you. When you return after an absence, short or prolonged, your dog will overwhelm you with warm affection and squirming enthusiasm. Your dog can muss up your home, your hair, and your dignity. He can cause you to spend money, time and temper; and then, just when your patience is ready to crack, a wag of his tail, and you're lost again.

Legislation Updates

Dog owner takes on town's pet ordinance

By JOE ORSO | La Crosse Tribune

Eleanor Herrick is meeting with an attorney today to explore what legal action she can take to keep more than two dogs at a home in the town of Holland.

On Friday, she had made plans to sell five of her seven dogs in order to be legal under the town's dog ordinance, but changed her mind over the weekend.

"It has pretty much ripped my heart out," said Herrick, 42, who attended two recent town board meetings in an effort to find a way to keep all of her seven dogs. "In a lot of ways it's like having kids taken, which isn't a fair comparison to people who have actually lost children, but it hurts."

In 2005, Herrick moved from Isanti, Minn., back to the home where she grew up to take care of her mother, who had lymphoma and needed a bone marrow transplant. She brought her miniature schnauzer and six Labrador retrievers, which joined her mother's Tibetan Spaniel in the home at W 7421 Kip St., Holmen, Wis. The eight dogs are indoor dogs and three of Herrick's were rescued dogs, one after Hurricane Katrina.

When she was updating her dogs' shots this winter, she was told about the dog ordinance, which limits dogs older than five months to two per individual or family living together. Anyone wishing to house three or more dogs must apply for a conditional-use permit from the county of La Crosse, which Herrick did in January.

"People didn't realize I had dogs until they got a note from the county," Herrick said. Neighbors "protested on the basis of potential noise and potential odor. They had been living next to these dogs without any knowledge of noise or odor for 14 months." Herrick, who trains and competes her personal dogs, said while she didn't seek to set up a breeding and training facility implied by the permit, she was willing to do so to keep her dogs. But at a board meeting Wednesday, March 14, supervisors Kathy Dummer, Jim Lakey and Jim Halvorson voted down a motion by supervisor David Carlson to allow Herrick to register her four personal dogs and get rid of her three rescued dogs within 60 days.

Although six people in the township legally own three dogs, their variances were granted before a meeting on June 9, 2004, when that board passed a motion to stop considering variances on the dog ordinance. The decision, said Marilyn Pedretti, town clerk, happened after an influx of requests for variances.

"The current conditions truly create criminals out of responsible dog owners," Herrick, a nurse at Community Memorial Hospital in Winona, said at the March 14 meeting .

George Hammes, town chair, said in about a year and a half, no one had complained about Herrick's dogs. "Personally I think we should review our dog ordinance," Hammes said. He plans to create a committee of board members and citizens to review the dog ordinance, and said Herrick would be a good candidate for that committee.

Dummer expressed concerns that since the ordinance allows for two dogs, liability would rest with the town if they allow more than that. "Once we get to more than two animals, the problems that can arise do arise," Halvorson said.

Herrick said some of her dogs are now at a commercial kennel. She said the town board members "need to remember that their roles have real effects on real people's lives."

The Town of Holland has about 700 dogs, said Marie Dummer, town treasurer.

Do you know your County's dog limits ?

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PAWS OFF!

Joshua and I just made a little trip.

On Valentine's Day Joshua went with me right into the Rayburn Office Building (US Reps, Washington, DC) and we met our representative, Mr. Ed Whitfield. He seemed to appreciate Joshua very much, and shared with me that he has terriers! We also visited offices of some other KY reps, and a few from other states as well. Joshua behaved like an angel, as always. We visited some offices of reps for states where we've shown before, or traveled through. The ladies at one office (Oregon I think, one of the very few states we've never been to) were particularly taken with Josh, and sat on the floor with him in one of their laps, having a regular ear mooshing 'love in' with him.

One of the things I mentioned in almost every office I visited was the fact that most of this legislation is being 'sold' as a way to 'fix' the puppy mill 'problem'. But the commercial breeders are ALREADY regulated by USDA, and those breeders are NOT ALLOWED to have their breeding dogs or puppies IN their homes. What most of this legislation is going to do is make it all but impossible for those who breed dogs and raise them in their homes as a hobby, and because they love them. And these are the folks who are producing the majority of the well bred, high quality, and well socialized pets. Most of us take life time responsibility for puppies we breed, and most of us also do some (or a LOT of) volunteer rescue work as well. Most of us do NOT make money - it is a (usually) very expensive hobby. To a few, I also mentioned that as a TAXPAYER I do not want to pay for more federal government bureaucracy to regulate HOBBIES. I also mentioned to a few of them that I'm one of the tens of thousands of dog and cat fanciers from around the world who 'helped' Santorum out of his office because of PAWS (and I usually vote REPUBLICAN and I DO NOT live in his state!). Also told them we will do that again if necessary. Mentioned to some of them that Joshua is here to tell you he does not want a government microchip stuck in him. The next day, we also visited one of our state senator's offices, and though we didn't get to meet with him, we talked with staff there, and left our card & flyers. We visited a few other offices that time as well. I think a LOT more dog folks should drop in (maybe with a dog, if you have a very well behaved one who can be a Service Dog), and visit and share some opinions. The ARs who are trying to take away all our rights have tons of money (100s of millions), and full time paid lobbyists.

But the pet owners & lovers of America have a huge advantage, too. There are SO MANY of us! The ARs will NEVER manage to get enough money to hire anything like the tens of millions (probably at least 100 million) pet owners there are in this country. Though most pet owners don't yet realize exactly what's going on, once they find out they may no longer be able to find home raised pets, they WILL wake up.

There is NO reason CITIZENS can't lobby too. We don't have to be paid. Heck, we joke about our (high 5 figure) 'dog mortgage', and it really is no joke. Making a trip or two to DC or Frankfort (my state capitol) is a VERY small price compared to our ongoing \$ expenses related to our Afghan Hounds, and our already HUGE time commitment to them. We are going to LOSE our dogs(!) if we don't stop the ARs. But IF I continue to be the only one doing these things, it may not be enough. I will bet if LOTS of folks start doing this sort of thing, our lawmakers WILL sit up and take notice. The squeaky wheel gets the grease! We MUST all start being VERY SQUEAKY wheels, and maybe we can BURY the ARs under the grease, or get them stuck in it.

Even if you don't have a service dog you can bring, if you get the chance, go anyway without a dog. Bring pretty pictures, and tell them how important it is to you to continue to be able to get (or produce) home raised pets. Also, tell them your pets are private property, and you don't support the animal rights agenda ala peta, hsus, etc. They DON'T KNOW that hsus is NOT out to help animals, but to end all our rights. Tell them (the Feds) your pets do NOT want a government microchip - this is AMERICA, and they are PRIVATE PROPERTY. Also, as a TAXPAYER you don't want to pay for microchipping every privately owned chicken, cat, dog, horse, pig & cow in America. BRING some business cards (doesn't have to be for a business, can be just your personal contact info) & literature, or flyers so you have something to leave in case you don't get to meet your legislator personally. Their staff will note that you visited.



And there is your STATE legislature. Visit THEM. They need the SAME education. Every little bit will help. Though the ARs have so much money, and paid lobbyists, they only have a (relatively) FEW lobbyists. Every pet owner in America could do a bit - visit once a year or something. If LOTS of folks wake up and make that effort, our lawmakers WILL smell the coffee. WE ARE the voters - no matter HOW much pac money they get from the ARs. Also, you can usually arrange to visit your legislators when they're at home in your district. The big advantage of going to the Fed. or State Capitol is being able to also visit OTHER state's (or county's) legislators. Even though you may not live in a state, you travel through and visit many of them, and buy products from them. Mention that. Also, these days with the internet, it IS possible for folks from all over the world to band together to help get a particular legislator voted OUT. We proved that with R. Santorum.

Suggestions for when visiting. Dress nicely, and speak politely! Find something to be complimentary about, and thank the person(s) for the job(s) they are doing. Then, share politely about your issues. Keep visits short, unless staff or your rep has time and wants to go into more depth on the issue with you. We didn't want to wear out our welcome, besides, there are SO many offices there to visit, and usually not nearly enough time due to 2 hour parking meters. Good idea to bring a dog IF you have one with exemplary behavior. Anything else might do more harm than good for your cause. (if you have a dog be SURE to have baggies! Also, I was told when I was going in that signs are not allowed. (I told them Joshua was a service dog & constituent with a message for our congressman :) They asked me to take Joshua's blanket off him till I got to the congressman's office, which I did. It has Velcro straps. I put it back on him outside the door of our rep's office, then left it on him till we were leaving the building. LOTS of folks in the hall stopped to ask about him, and some petted him, I handed out cards & flyers there as well. All were very nice. If you don't bring a dog, bring some nice PICTURES. Bring KIDS if you have some well behaved ones. It's a GREAT civics lesson for them, and they ARE constituents & future voters.

Maybe this can be adapted for other countries - I don't know how things are in other places.

Picture links:

Here are the flyers I was handing out (anyone else is welcome to use them):

<http://www.aalf.ws/free-graphics/SAVEourPETS/posterBadPetLawsStomponConstitution.gif>

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Here's how the Liberty Van looked: <http://www.aalf.ws/Liberty-Van/image/LV-WDC-070214drsideT.JPG>

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PS: I still would LOVE to see Federal legislation that states the United States is NOT a communist country, therefore our private property rights to our homes, businesses, AND pets & animals shall be PROTECTED from the Federal, State, local governments, AND from the voters. NO, 'the voters' DO NOT OWN my home, business, or dogs, either! (sorry, People's Republics of Ohio, Nevada, etc : (

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Liberty Van

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Some dog owners who have had coverage for years have been suddenly informed by their insurance company that they will no longer be covered, even though no claim has ever been made. These companies are basing their decisions solely upon the determination that certain breeds or breed mixes are "dangerous" or "vicious"—even if the dog in question is well trained and has never shown any aggression.

Killy



BIM Ch Greenwood's Achilles DNA TC OFA

2x Sel Ch BilMar's Here Comes Trouble x Ch Helmic's Cassandra

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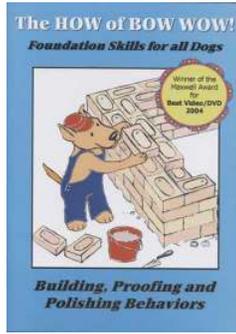
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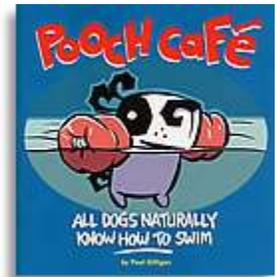
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Upcoming Events

2007 Futurity /Maturity Classes		
	From	To
Futurity Classes	Oct. 1, 2005	Sep. 30, 2006
Senior	Oct. 1, 2005	Dec. 31, 2005
Intermediate	Jan. 1, 2006	Mar. 31, 2006
Teenage	Apr. 1, 2006	Jun. 30, 2006
Junior	Jul. 1, 2006	Sep. 30, 2006
Maturity Classes	Oct. 1, 2004	Sep. 30, 2005
Senior	Oct. 1, 2004	Mar. 31, 2005
Junior	Apr. 1, 1005	Sep. 30, 2005

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2007 Futurity/ Maturity Schedule

Region	Date	Judge	Host Club	Chair	Site
	Specialty Show Fri Mar 23rd	David Rinke	GSDC of Beaumont	Beverly Boren	Holiday Inn Midtown Beaumont, Texas
	Specialty Show Sat Mar 24th	Doris Farrell	GSDC of Beaumont	Beverly Boren	Holiday Inn Midtown Beaumont, Texas
6 Southwest	Futurity/Maturity Sunday Mar. 25	Roberta Kindy	GSDC of Beaumont	Molly Snider	Holiday Inn Midtown Beaumont, Texas
4 Great Lakes	Futurity/Maturity Friday Apr. 6	Gail Hardcastle	GSDC of Central Indiana	Lanalee Jorgensen	Speedway 500 Moose Lodge Indianapolis, IN 46224
<i>The GSDC of Central Indiana will host the <u>1st</u> GSDCA Regional Amateur Sweepstakes on Saturday, Apr. 7, 2007. Temperament Test is also being planned for either Saturday or Sunday</i>					
	Amateur Futurity Saturday Apr. 7	Nancy Schneider	GSDC of Central Indiana	Linda Bobo	Speedway 500 Moose Lodge Indianapolis, IN 46224
	Specialty Show Satur- day Apr. 7	Linn Klingel	GSDC of Central Indiana	Linda Bobo	Speedway 500 Moose Lodge Indianapolis, IN 46224
	Specialty Show Sunday Apr. 8	Janice Staley	GSDC of Central Indiana	Linda Bobo	Speedway 500 Moose Lodge Indianapolis, IN 46224
	Specialty Show Friday Apr. 20	Lee Brown	GSDC of Baton Rouge	Linda Booker	North Park Denham Springs, LA
	Specialty Show Saturday AM Apr. 21	Randy Hamm	GSDC of Louisiana	Linda Booker	North Park Denham Springs, LA
	Specialty Show Saturday PM Apr. 21	Jorge Noya	GSDC of Greater Shreveport	Patti Harman	North Park Denham Springs, LA
3 Southeast	Futurity/Maturity Sunday Apr. 22	Joan Fox	GSDC of Louisiana	Linda Booker	North Park Denham Springs, LA
5 Mid West	Futurity/Maturity Saturday May 5	Kathy Potter	GSDC of the Quad Cities	Grace Fitzgerald	Airport Park Indian Bluff Road Moline, IL
<i>The GSDC of the Quad Cities will host a "GSDCA Regional Amateur Sweepstakes" on Saturday, May 5</i>					
9 Northwest	Futurity/Maturity Friday May 11	Paul Root	GSDC of Washington State	Donna Gonzales	Carco Park Renton, WA
	Specialty Show Satur- day May 26	Dave Rinke	GSDC of Northern VA	Kathy Darnell	Howard Johnson South Fredericksburg, VA
	Specialty Show Sunday May 27	Paul Johnson	GSDC of Northern VA	Kathy Darnell	Howard Johnson South Fredericksburg, VA
2 Mid Atlantic	Futurity/Maturity Monday May 28	Martha Rinke	GSDC of Northern VA	Kathy Darnell	Howard Johnson South Fredericksburg, VA
7 So. Pacific	Futurity/Maturity Friday Jun. 8	Michael Metz	San Bernardino/ Riverside GSDC	Jean & Dick Whalen	Claremont Hotel Grounds Claremont, CA
1 Northeast	Futurity/Maturity Sunday Jun. 17	Linda Bankhead	GSDC of Southern New Hampshire	Frank Goodall phone 603-434-7910	Meadowbrook Inn, Portsmouth, NH
8 Mid Pacific	Futurity/Maturity Friday Jun. 29	Sandy Anderson	Diablo Valley GSDC	Karen Toth	Questa Park Mountain View, CA

Upcoming Events

War Dog Memorial Dedication Weekend
April 27-29 2007
Ft. Benning & Columbus, Georgia

The MWDTSA welcomes Dog Handlers past and present, along with family and friends.

Join us for a wonderful weekend honoring MWDs and their handlers:

Hospitality Room - Opens Friday

Training Session - Friday night

Beer and Pizza - Friday night

Ceremony at Ft. Benning - Saturday at Noon

Banquet - Saturday night

Farewell Breakfast -Sunday

Saturday 28 April 2007 has been set aside by Jesse Mendez for the annual ceremony to honor Military Working Dog Teams, past and present. The event will take place beginning at 12:00 noon at the War Dog Memorial, Sacrifice Field at Ft. Benning, Georgia. If it has been a long time since you've seen the Memorial or have never been there before, this is the year to attend!

Saturday the 28th will also be celebrated as Military Working Dog Handler Day in Georgia to honor all active duty personnel and their dogs. An informal reception to honor current handlers will take place at the War Dog Memorial immediately following the completion of the dedication ceremony.



SATURDAY – MAY 12, 2007

SUNDAY – MAY 13, 2007

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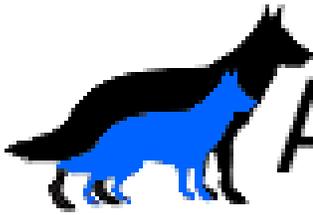


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