

German Shepherd Dog Club Of St. Louis, and Royal Hecht Annual Awards 2012

Submitted by Marcia Hadley, Awards Chair

Welcome all to the GSDC of St. Louis & Royal Hecht awards presentation. Before we get started, I would like to make mention of two beloved members that we lost in 2012. First was Carl Foster. Carl was a friend to many of us, and husband of Life Member, Fran Foster, and dad to Frank, Jessie, and Julia Foster. Those of us who are long term members can remember the formidable handling team of Carl, Fran, and Julia, and recall times when all three were in the winners' class on the same day. Each one doing their best to win. Those of us who counted Carl as our friend will miss his charm, and sense of humor. We also lost life member Ilona Horn in 2012. Her illness was sudden, and unexpected, and she left us far too soon. Ilona will always be remembered for her kindness to others, and her genuine warm smile. She loved her friends, and her German bred dogs, even though they sometimes ruled the home. Her last pup, Caika who I called the "little Nazi" much to Ilona's delight, is now living with Ilona's friend, Joan Lange. I know I am not the only one who will always miss Ilona, from longtime friends to the newbies, she always shared herself freely. We will all miss her sweet smiles.

I have presented the club awards for 25 or 26 years now, and it is always a pleasure to see so many members, and friends in attendance. Yes, we are all united by our love of the breed, and supportive of our members who are out in the public eye promoting, and titling their GSD's. For the newbies, our annual awards started many years ago as a Bred By Exhibitor award in honor of a past member, Royal (Roy) Hecht. You will still sometimes hear the awards referred to as Royal Hecht awards. The Royal Hecht award is still given each year to that member who defeats the most dogs in the Club year in the Bred By Exhibitor classes. The awards have been expanded through the years to include all titles earned from AKC,CKC, GSDCA, SV, and most other organizations. There are new titles added almost every year, and we, having the most versatile breed of all, have earned most of the available titles. From tracking, to conformation, from Schutzhund to Canine Good Citizens, to Best Puppy to Grand Victor & Victrix, to Agility, Flyball, and obedience and herding. Yep, the GSD can and does do it all.

I want to start the 2012 awards with

Dannie Roseman's Rocky... Nemo's "The Rock." In August, Rocky was officially certified as Dannie's Medical Alert Service Dog. Being a certified Service Dog allows Rocky to go everywhere that Dannie goes. Rocky alerts to Dannie's medical condition if her blood sugar goes too low, or dangerously high. He has saved her numerous times, and is truly her Hero. Nemo's "the Rock" CGC,Th.D., GSDCSTL Hero Dog, MASD. Owned by Dannie Roseman & Carol Sears. Bred By Gail Rutter. His sire was Ch. Winsome's Hucklebeary Finn, and his dam was Amber's Gabriella v Winsome. About Rocky, Dannie shares:

Rocky

Rocky, a GSD trained himself to help his person, Dannie. If her blood sugar levels fall as she sleeps. Her Dr. thinks Rocky responds to her shallow breathing. Thanks to the dog's alerts Dannie wakes up, and is able to reach for the juice, and glucose tablets she keeps at her bedside. She says: "I trust him with my life, and I don't know what I would do without him. I am now able to take him everywhere. I feel so secure when I go out. I know he is taking care of me."

The GSDC Of St. Louis is proud to award those breeders who have GSD's working in Service to mankind. In the past, we honored a breeder who had working police K-9, s and Service dogs for handicapped people. This year we proudly present the GSDC Of St. Louis Service Dog Breeder Award to Rocky's breeder, Gail Rutter.

Congratulations Gail, for breeding a dog who makes such a difference in the life of his person.

Our next 2012 award is for the new canine Nose Work Sport. As demonstrated at a club meeting, Canine Nose Work involves teaching your dog to identify, and locate a specific scent, or odor. Testing is done through the National Association Of Canine Scent work. Successfully completing the first level scent work test is J-Mac's Rocket J Shepherd ORT (birch),CGC, TDI, TDIA, TC, TDIAOV, ThD with a time of 2:21:57 Owned by Judy MCDowell, bred by Gary and Zach Brown. His sire was HH Tartan's Rhythm and Blues and his dam: Black Jack's Gypsy Jazz. About Rocky Judy writes:

Rocket

Rocky officially retired in 2011 and has earned the well-deserved title of Couch Potato Extraordinaire. He did, however, participate in an Odor Recognition Test and was certified on birch in July 2012. Nosework is just his speed, slow and steady. He likes to play with Teko, but after five minutes he's had enough and is ready for a nap. Rocky, like Teko, must earn his kibble. NILIF (Nothing In Life Is Free), at least at my house. At age 10, his health for the most part remains good, and I hope to have him around for many years to come.

Our next 2012 winner is The German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Best Puppy Award

This award is given as the BBE award for the largest number defeated, in this case from the

Puppy classes. Our winner, who defeated 20 puppies is: Cimarron's Mayhem Like Me.

Breeder/Owner: Steve Dobbins. Sired by Cimarron's King Of Wishful Thinking, and his dam is

GCh Cimarron's Lovin' Touchin' Squeezin.

Mayhem

Cimarron's Mayhem Like Me was one of five boy puppies from a very unplanned litter. Based on the circumstances of the breeding, I should have known that this litter was going to be trouble, and trouble it was. Besides being unplanned, it continued when one of the 4 ½ week old puppies was routinely climbing over a 3 foot x-pen and landing splat on the surrounding surface. It was sometimes difficult to identify the little rascal because he was always losing his colored collar. When I would go in to check on the new litter, one was always missing. Gee, I wonder which one it was? Fast forward a couple of weeks in puppy life and 5 boy puppies are wrestling in a 4 foot x pen in the beautiful spring weather. A quick check of the puppies, again shows one is missing. Which one could it be, I wonder?

At 3 1/2 months of age, a handler took Mayhem on the road with her for about 3 weeks of road experience. When the pup returned home, I noticed that he would tinkle when he was called, so the name Toad popped into my head because you needed to watch out that you were not peed upon. That would become his call name.

As I advance in my years, I know that I am becoming more and more forgetful, especially when it comes to matters about putting something down and then forgetting where I left it. But it complicates matters worse by having a pup that steals things and then stuffs them away in his own private stash. This has challenged my memory even more. From tools, to towels, to shoes to socks, to whatever a Toad can pick up and carry away.

I fast forward a month, to a day when his mother is apparently showing him how to chase rabbits. And chase them he does; following his mom who is following the rabbit thru and / or over the fence, outside the property and free. So now, Toad has to be confined in the penned yard directly behind the house. That did not last long as he quickly learned how to scale a compromised portion of the 6 ft chain link fence. I fix the fence, but apparently he has made an enemy of another dog. Twice now he has been bitten on his head resulting in his skull puffing up like a deformed creature. So into the house he comes. Does he like his resting time in a crate - No Way! - whine, whine, whine. So do you think that I give in to this annoying pup. You Bet! Out he comes and the cycle starts all over again. I yell, Toad, where are my damn shoes?!?,

When he and his brothers neared their six month birthday, I was thinking that I need to get them registered. If I do this I will need to give each of them their own registered name. I ponder, what will I call them. I then think of my puppy, Toad, and all those Allstate commercials quickly come to mind. You know, like the one where the teenage boy is supposed to be mowing the yard while listening to his music and not paying attention to the task at hand. He mows the rocks instead, sending them flying into the car window and his neighbor's house windows. Those type of Allstate commercials?

I don't know how thru all this Utter Chaos what I will do with another Rowdy dog that likes Raisin' A Ruckus. I don't know how if I could keep myself from going on a Ragin' Rampage to figure out how I can be better protected from Mayhem Like Me.

Our next winner likes to do lots of things, and one of his favorites is playing with sheep.

Herding is what our breed were used for originally, and the desire to do so is still apparent in many of our dogs. This past year, Mari-Fiori's RamjeTeko of Prairie Home, HIC, HT,ORT(b), CGC added to his list of titles, Herding Tested, ORT (B), and CGC. Owned by Judy McDowell, and bred by Marilee Wilkinson. Teko is sired by Ch. Mari-Fiori's River Of Dreams, TC and out of Joelle's Foxy Lady v Mari-Fiori.

Teko

Teko is an all-around dog, an excellent example of the German Shepherd. As it's often said, the GSD isn't #1 at anything, but #2 in everything. (I disagree – the GSD is #1 in giving its heart to its person.)

He was *Herding Instinct Certified* (HIC) in 2011 at the Bouvier Nationals, the only non-Bouv in the test. He continued with his herding training, and earned his *Herding Tested* title (HT) in April 2012. We went to sheep camp in May 2012 (my apologies to Steve – camp was in KS), and participated in a 2-day herding clinic in October 2012 with the same trainer. He is simply amazing on sheep - loves to be in control, learns quickly, and takes direction from the handler very nicely.

Although not an AKC-recognized title, he was *Odor Recognition Tested* and certified on birch (ORT/b) by the **National Association of Canine Scent Work** (NACSW) in July 2012, with a time of 0:16:70.

In October 2012, at the GSDC St. Louis puppy match, he earned his *Canine Good Citizen* award (CGC), which will be "grandfathered" as an official AKC title as of January 2013.

Not to be forgotten is conformation – Teko has five points towards his championship title. He went Best of Opposite over a finished dog July 7 in Sedalia for two points, and won a *3-point major* awarded at the Three Rivers KC show in September 2012, going Best of Winners.

We continue our obedience training, recently completed focused heeling classes.

2013 will be devoted to conformation showing and herding.

Not to be forgotten is his role as my companion, protector of the homestead.

Who could ask for more?

In order to become a Champion of record, a dog must earn a total of 15 points. Points are awarded in proportion to the number of dogs in competition. At least two of the wins must be at major events, meaning 3, 4, or the maximum of 5 points. These major wins must be under 2 different Judges.

In order to receive a 3 point major at a show in Missouri requires at least 7 dogs, or 10 bitches.

For 4 points you need to defeat 10 dogs or 15 females; and 5 points requires 17 dogs or 24 bitches.

Three dogs and one bitch earned their championship award in 2012.

First is Ch.Forest Knoll's Dark Night v Hadori, who finished on February 18th. Owned and bred by:

Gail, Herman, and Elizabeth Stiefferman, and Greg Harrison. Sire is Sel.Ex.Ch.HiCliff's Free "n Easy,ROM,

And his dam is Ch.Hadori's When It's Love, ROM.

Forest Knoll's Dark Night v Hadori

Jessie is from a litter of five, two of which have finished their Championships. Jessie has always had that "Hey look at me attitude" and he loves to fly around the ring, heck he loves to do almost anything, as long as he can go for a ride. We first started showing Jessie in Bred-By in both the All Breed and Specialty rings, he accumulated 11 points and a major in very short order. With summer upon us Jessie blew coat and was out the rest of the year, picking up a few class wins and a major reserve.

February came, and we decided to head to Chicago for the Triangle, three days of Specialties. I can remember when the Triangle Cluster was considered the mini National, drawing the best dogs from all over to compete. Winning at the Triangle was a winner to remember. We showed Jessie at the first show to Rita Sandell who gave him first in a very nice American Bred Dog Class. I was ecstatic. Later that day show at the second we showed to Judge: Lew Bunch winning the American Bred Dog Class again. Headed back in to Winners and hoping again, our wishes came true. Jessie was awarded Winners Dog for a Four point Major and finished his Championship in grand style. I will be forever grateful to our daughter Elizabeth for training and showing of Jessie from start to finish and putting up with her P.I.T.A. mother.

Next to finish we have: Ch.CaralonQED Faithrock Aquila. Owners, Helen (Scootie) Sherlock, Dr. Pat

Parsons, and Debbie Atkinson. Breeders: Mike Iannelli, Terry Rock, and Helen Sherlock. Sired by,

Ch.Kenlyn's Aries v HiCliff,ROM X CaralonQED Haley's Comet,ROM.

CaralonQED Faithrock Aquila

"Quillie" completed her championship with 4 majors, and 5 major reserves! She waited in the "Wings" for her last point, from 10-30-11 until 5-24-12, with 2 major Reserves along the way.

Our next guy is Sel.Ch.Forest Knoll's When It's Right v Hadori, owned by Kris and Frank Fasano, Gail,

Herman, and Elizabeth Stiefferman, and bred by the Stiefferman's and Greg Harrison.

His sire is SelCh.Braunhaus Samurai, and his dam: Ch.Hadori's When It's Love, ROM. Nick also went Select # 7 at the National Specialty in 2012.

Forest Knoll's When It's Right v Hadori

Nick started off his show career with back to back Winners Dogs and a Best of Breed over special from the class his first weekend out at the GSDC of Wisc. specialties in September of 2011. In October we headed to the Nationals in Topeka and came home with third American Bred Dog. Taking the winter off we then headed to Houston, Texas the first of April and coming home with two more majors and only needing 3 singles to finish his championship. We showed in Memphis the first weekend of May picking up a 5 pt mjr res. we decided to bring him home to St. Louis. Thanks to our daughter Elizabeth for showing Nick, he picked up his final points (a five point major) going Winners Dog, then to top it off, going Best of Winners and Best of Breed over specials. What a way to finish.

Nick finished his championship in six shows only being defeated once in the classes. Wow what an accomplishment. I had planned on showing both boys (Jessie & Nick) thru out 2012 but with both boys finishing by May of 2012. We have no choice but to take the summer off. The first of September we started preparing for the National. We headed to Colorado and came home with a Select 7 on Nick and a Select 9 on his half brother Dalton. I know this Bio is for Nick but not only did Nick go Select, so did his

half brother Dalton. Giving us our first ever Select Champions X2 and both in 2012 and bred by us. What and honor.

Our final breed champion for 2012 is Ch. Cimarron's Any Way You Want It, bred and owned by Steve Dobbins. His sire was Ch.Cimarron's Refugee, and his dam is Ch. Cimarron's Tokyo Rose.

Journey

Ch Cimarron's Any Way You Want It, aka "Journey" became his mother's third qualifier by going Reserve Winners Dog at a major show two times in the late spring of 2012. Journey's points were almost totally won while Julie Foster (Hess) was the handler. Journey avoided being the only dog that I have never put a point on when I entered him as a 'filler' dog for some September Des Moines shows. I say-filler dog-because Journey was entered with no hopes of winning at a show that was supposed to be a major. I was going to show him in the absence of his handler, Julie. Journey has always showed like crap for me, even worse than how I normally show my dogs (LOL). Anyway, I won a two pointer with him avoiding Journey becoming my first dog with no points while I was showing him. Julie Foster then finished his Journey to the Tourney a couple of weeks later by completing his championship with his second major, a Best of Breed, followed by a Group 4 the end of September.

To become an AKC Grand Champion requires that the dog already be a Champion, and competing in Best of Breed competition. The dog needs to then earn 25 points for the first level Grand Championship. This requires 4 Judges at least, defeating other Champions at least three times, and three times at Major pointed events. These points can be awarded by going Best Of Breed, Best Of Opposite Sex, or being awarded "select" dog or bitch by the Judge.

There are five levels for Grand Champions. It takes 25 points for GCh. It takes 100 pts for Bronze, 200 pts. for Silver, 400 for Gold, and 800 for Platinum. Earning Grand Championships in 2012 are the following member owned GSD's:

GCh. Marquis' Horse With No Name, bred by Liz Oster, and Liana New, and owned by Dan and Liana New. Caballo is sired by: Can GV ?4X's US Sel.Ch. Marquis' Stealing The Show, ROM, and his dam was FV/MV Sel.Ch. Marquis' Blonde Bombshell.

Caballo

(No bio furnished)

Next is: GCh. Cimarron's I Won't Back Down, bred and owned by Steve Dobbins. Butkus was sired

By Ch. JoKare's Kokoum, ROM and out of Cimarron's Nightlife, ROM.

Butkus

Champion, now Grand Champion, Cimarron's I Won't Back Down (aka Butkus) is my last champion from my litter of ten that has ultimately produced eight champions. Butkus is the eighth champion from this litter, and this ties the record of most champion German Shepherds from a single litter set by former club member Lois O'Connor. The road to his championship has been a long one because all of his regular championship points came from the Bred By Class, and Butkus became my first Bred By champion. However, his Grand championship was almost too easy. He had one win right after he finished his regular championship in late 2011, but all of the rest of his GCH wins/points came within about the first 6 months of 2012. He finished his grand championship in style, going BOS three days in a row to Kent Boyles in three major shows in northern Illinois and defeating other male champions in the same set of shows. Butkus tries to be such an annoying comedian. While I am driving on our trips to dog shows, he will come across from the passenger's seat, stand on my lap put his head directly in front of mine, stare at me for a second, and proceed to hug my face with his. The time to do this is NOT while driving at 70 mph. If I am lying on the couch watching TV, he will come over and root his head under my neck, even if I am sound asleep. When I am preparing to go to dog shows, he will also go downstairs and jump into the booster bath, and wait sometimes for hours for his turn to get a bath - he does this even when he is not entered in the show that I am getting ready for.

Everyone enjoys petting him. Butkus has been one of my pride and joy. He has NO faults. He has an all-male, masculine head, great bone, substance, beautiful coat, full dentition, and dark eyes. If I ever need a hug, he is always there to give one for me.

Our next Grand Champion is GCh.Liebchen's Shebearazade v Winsome, bred by Gail Bauman, and owned by Elizabeth Stiefferman and Kris and Frank Fasano. Sired by Sel.Ex.Ch. Kaleef's Joshua of Kenlyn, ROM, and out of Sel.Ch.Liebchen's Boogie Wonderland. Peanut also went #7 Sel.Ex. at the 2012

National.

Peanut

I am so blessed to own Multiple best in specialty show and best of breed select excellent grand champion leibchen's Shebearezade v winsome aka "peanut" . Her co-owners kris and frank Fasano gave me the honor of owning peanut and taking her home to live with me. She is a once in a life time dog. Peanut plans to do some performance work like schutzhund, agility and herding to obtain her AOE (award of excellence), get her Canadian championship and become a mommy. Peanut is a little ball of joy and I'm so proud of everything she has accomplished. She is in my eyes the perfect german shepherd.

Next we have: GCh. RR Bar's Puttin' On The Ritz, bred, and owned by Rosalind. And Jeanne North.

Topper is sired by Ch. Wynrose Caralon Gator and out of RR Bar's Sunswept Sky Royale.

Topper

"Topper", as he is called, is my second home-bred Champion and my first Grand Champion to date. He earned his Grand Champion title on October 20, 2012 which just happened to be our forty-fifth wedding anniversary for Richard and I. A monumental event on both counts! It took Topper just five months to earn his Grand Champion title. It has been such a joy to have bred and raised Topper. I have been very proud to show off this beautiful dog from puppy to adulthood. He strutted around the show ring at just thirteen weeks old, before he even knew how to lead well. One of my biggest thrills of Topper's show career occurred last September. I was allowed to watch Topper and Julie show in the Herding Group ring from the balcony at Purina. Topper flew into the large, triple size ring in true

showman style, taking full command of the ring, as the crowd roared with approval, many standing up to applaud. It was a breath taking moment for me. I was so proud of him!

From Best Puppy wins to Grand Champion title he always enjoyed being the center of attention. He still struts wherever he goes catching the attention and admiration of all that see him. His zest for life and his attitude commands every ones attention, and if he doesn't get it , you will hear about it! I am to blame for that. I have spoiled him terribly. I am Mom after all and he is my "Big Dog Puppy". He is a "Mama's Boy" for sure!

I was recently told by an old friend that they thought Topper was my favorite of my dogs. I guess it may appear that way because I have enjoyed him and spoiled him so much. You tend to put a lot of hope and dreams into that "special" winning dog you think you may have bred. However, Topper is not my favorite. In the over forty-five years I have bred German Shepherds I have bonded with and appreciated each of them for their unique personalities as individuals and their devotion to me. They are my family. They are all "special". The ones that have passed on, I still grieve for. Our time together is so brief. The ones still with me, I treasure and hold dear, for they are the hope of future generations of "Special" dogs.

I would like to thank all the members and friends that have supported "Topper" during his show career and to the club for this award.

May God bless us all with outstanding dogs in our efforts and devotion to the German Shepherd Dog. Thank you, Roz North

Our Final Grand Ch. for 2012 is GCh. Cimarron's Learning To Fly, TC. Bred and owned by Steve Dobbins, Flyer was sired by Ch. JoKare's Kokoum, ROM, and her dam is Cimarron's Nightlife, ROM.

Flyer

Cimarron's Learning to Fly was one of ten pups whelped as a result of breeding Karen Hynek's, Ch Jokare's Kocoum ROM OFA to my Uecker / Rhiannon daughter, Cimarron's Nightlife ROM OFA.

Flyer was a lot of fun showing as a puppy, getting Winner's Bitch twice (with one actually progressing to Best of Breed from the puppy class) and several reserves. She became the second champion from this litter that would ultimately produce eight champions. Three of these have now earned the title of Grand Champion. Flyer completed the requirements for her Grand Championship this past September.

In June, Flyer and I went to watch a Cardinal game at Busch Stadium as part of their annual Pooches at the Ballpark. Flyer, dressed in her Cardinal jersey, ball cap, sunglasses, and along with her "rally squirrel" was probably one of the most photographed of the 300 dogs that were at the ballpark that day. She even got to meet 'Fredbird' and her interview made the stadium's jumbo-tron during the seventh inning stretch.

Flyer was bred to Liana New's, Caballo, in mid-October and was due around December 21 for some End of the World puppies. After that, she would settle down to become the senior couch potato.

Going Select at the GSDCA or GSDCC means that the BOB Judge at the National Specialties deems that the awarded dog or bitch is rated excellent. BOB and BOS are obviously select # 1 in their sexes.

Followed by selects numbered 2-? However many the Judge feels are worthy in each sex.

In 2012 we had three member owned dogs go Select at either the Canadian or US Nationals.

The Stiefferman's Nick went Select # 7 dog, and Elizabeth's Peanut went select #7 bitch at

The US National's, and Greg Harrison, and Liana New's Fletcher was Select # 2 in Canada.

Fletcher is 3 X's Canadian select, and 2 X's US Select Excellent, Ch.HiCliff's Free 'N Easy, ROM

Yes, Fletcher has earned the GSDCA designation of Register of Merit. To earn an ROM, a dog must sire at least ten progeny. Five of those must be Champions of record, or earn the ROM themselves, and At least five more must have earned at least a major reserve. Fletcher was bred by: Randy and Darlene Cliff, and is owned by Greg Harrison, and Liana New. He was sired by Ch. Kenlyn's Aries v HiCliff, ROM, and out of Ch. HiCliff's Whitney Woodside, ROM. Fletcher's progeny include:

SelExCh.Hadori's Secret Agent 007 v Forest Knoll, CGC

SelCh.Echo Cham's Donatello,

SelCh.Echo Cham's Devine,

Ch.Forest Knoll's Dark Knight v Hadori,

Ch.Rising Sun's Whisper,

Ch.Peter's Elite Name Your Poise'N,

Ch.Covy Tucker Hill Kazaro All In One,

Peter's Elite Roscoe,

Firethorn Temple's Santiago,

Hessen's Mielikki Of Mariner,

Hessen's Myrina Of Mariner, and

Serenity's Mariah Of Oak Ridge.

Fletcher

To be honest I really don't know where to start, first of all Liana and I are both very honored and proud to be able to say we co own this " AWESOME " animal... We would like to thank all the breeders who have bred to Fletcher!!!.... I think the first really neat experience I had as a stud dog owner was when I was at the US National in Springfield Ohio, I was watching the Novice Dog Class and Echo-Chams' Donatello won the class... very COOL!!!.... Believe it or not the second coolest thing happened about an hour later, Peters' Elite Name your poise'n went third in the American Bred Class.... and not to be out done by the boy's, in the Am bred bitch class Rising Sun's Whisper went second and Echo-Chams' Divine went fourth.... These are the moments what u live for as a stud dog owner!.... and as a side note Echo -Chams' Donatello and Echo-Chams' Divine both went select 2 years later....also very cool! Fletcher has made Liana and I very proud inside and outside the show ring, he has produced 4 champions and 3 Select Champions, and he has 5 others that are qualifiers.... to be honest Fletcher has been bred to only 34 times, that is a pretty low number for an animal who has achieved his ROM.... On a personal note I am very proud to have co bred and co-owned one of those Select Champions, Select Excellent Hadori's Seceret Agent 007 v. Forestknoll's I guess u can say Fletcher has achieved more then we could have ever imagined.... When I look at Fletcher I still see the goofy puppy I brought home 7 years ago.... where does the time go!!!

For a bitch to earn an ROM, she must produce at least four progeny, and two must earn the designation Of Champion, or ROM. At least two others must earn a major reserve.

Earning her ROM for 2012 is Ch. Hadori's When It's Love, ROM, bred by Ricky and Greg Harrison, owned by Gail, Herman, and Elizabeth Stiefferman and Greg Harrison. She is sired by Sel.Ch.Dan Ann's Nasdaq, ROM, and out of Ch. Jadon's Weekend Rendezvous. Val's winning kids are:

SelEx.Ch.Hadori's Secret Agent 007 v Forest Knoll,

Sel.Ch.Forest Knoll's When It's Right v Hadori,

Ch. Forest Knoll's Dark Knight v Hadori, and

Forest Knoll's Castaway v Hadori.

Hadori's When It's Love

It is with great pride we present to you Ch. Hadori's When It's Love, R.O.M. "Val". As I write this Bio I have not yet decided if I will bring Val or not. She is my my precious one and at 12 years of age, if Val is here you will get to meet her if not I will have both her boys here to honor her.

Val came to live at Forest Knoll when my dearest friend Ricky Harrison passed away. Ricky was a lifetime member of the GSDC of St. Louis, a very active member, officer, and exhibitor.

When Greg asked me if I would take Val, there was no hesitation, Val had a new second home.

When Val came home, she immediately let everyone know she was the Queen.

I knew when Val came to live with us that I could not let Ricky's dream die. I knew we had to show Val and then hopefully obtain her R.O.M.

After a short and successful specials career with several Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex wins at Specialties.

Val decided to raise a few children. From her litter by Sel. Ch. HiCliff's Free N'Easy, she has two beautiful sons:

BOF. Sel. Ch. Hadori's Secret Agent 007 v Forest Knoll "Dalton" and Ch. Forest Knoll's Dark Knight V Hadori "Jessie", and from her litter by Sel. Ch. Braunhaus Samurai ROM she has: BISS Select Ch. Forest Knoll's When It's Right v Hadori, Forest Knoll's Castaway v Hadori (pointed and major reserve), Forest Knoll's Party In The USA & Forest Knoll's Maggie Mae both just starting.

After raising her children Val decided to come out of retirement at 7 ½ years young to go Best of Breed over specials and a Herding Group 3 under Breeder Judge: Susan Godek. We are so blessed to have Val and I know Ricky is proud. To my dearest friend Greg, Ricky's son. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing Val with us. Ricky I know you are so happy and I so wish you were here with us this evening.

Butch, Gail & Elizabeth

When the Awards started many years ago, they were in honor of a member named Royal Hecht.

It was given each year to that member who defeated the most dogs from the Bred By Exhibitor

Classes. Earning the 2012 Royal Hecht Bred By Award is Steve Dobbin's Cimarron's Don't Stop Believin'

aka Dingleberry. Sired By Ch. Cimarron's Refugee and out of Cimarron's Tokyo Rose. Dingleberry

defeated 86 dogs from the BBE classes in 2012.

Dingleberry

Cimarron's Don't Stop Believin' is one of three boys from a litter sired by my Koko son, Ch Cimarron's Refugee OFA and my kennel slut, Ch Cimarron's Tokyo Rose. Dingleberry, as I call him, was such an annoying 'pest' while he was growing up and still is to this day. He would literally try to hump anything with a heartbeat, including males. He has lost part of an ear going after his aunt, Pinky. Pinky was not even close to being in season, so she wanted no part of this pesky male, so, CHOMP, off came part of the ear. Another close encounter with this time an older male, led to him almost losing his left eye. Dingleberry was not particularly a good mover as a puppy, but he was flashy, especially with his enriched red pigment. He did this enough that one time as he was being shown in the puppy class as a filler dog, he stole the major from his dad. This is probably the 'major' reason why he won the Best Puppy award for that year.

As a teenager, his structure was not pretty to look at, so he spent a lot of time at home. This past year he has spent much of his showing in the bred by class. This was partially because of his smaller size which would show him up to be very small compared to the bigger competitors in AmBred or open. The other reason was finished his uncle, Butkus from the bred by class in late 2011 and I was looking for another bred by dog.

Dingleberry was showing very well this past September, almost getting his second major. Then came that fateful evening in October while on my way to a dog show, I swerved to avoid a deer and lost control of my truck. The truck went across my two lanes of traffic, thru the median, across the oncoming two lanes of traffic, before rolling over in the far ditch. The truck rolled over a large boulder which pushed in the roof above my head. I had two dogs in the truck, Dingleberry and his sister Charmin. Both were in the cab of the truck. Had they been in the camper section, they would have been crushed. If Dingleberry hadn't moved from the passenger seat to the jump seat area in the back of the cab, he would have been thrown from the truck. The highway patrol officer covering the accident said I was lucky to be alive, let alone being able to walk away from it. I suffered an immediate stiff neck and a headache, and would later find out that I had sustained a concussion and a compression fracture of one of my vertebra. The paramedics in the ambulance were insisting that I go to the hospital, but I wouldn't go. I was not bleeding to death, so I WOULD NOT LEAVE MY DOGS! All the while they were trying to extract me from the overturned vehicle, I was insisting that my two dogs be taken to safety before I left the vehicle. Thankfully, the first responders were very understanding of the dogs and were very helpful in getting the dogs out of the cab. They put the dogs in two crates, which had been thrown in their folded up position some fifty feet from the vehicle. Thankfully, these two dogs also walked away from the scene, shaken up both physically and emotionally. They were probably bruised up from being thrown about in the back of the cab. The only obvious injury was a small cut near the corner of Dingle's eye. Time would eventually reveal the Charmin has some longer term emotional issues and Dingle is now showing an irregular gait in his right rear as a result of the accident.

This concludes the 2012 awards. Thank you all very much for attending, and sharing the stories, and achievements of our German Shepherd Dogs. If anyone is interested in taking over

This committee, please let us know. I am happy to teach a new Award's Chairperson the "ropes."

I hope that a new person will take as much pleasure in this job as I have for the past 25+ years.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's awards program a success.

Respectfully ,

Marcia Hadley~ Awards Chair 1986 ~ 2012