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Regular Club meetings are held every month on the third Friday, except in August (annual Barbeque) and December (Annual Christmas Party) at 8:00 P.M. The meeting place is the Brentwood Recreation Center, 2505 S. Brentwood, unless otherwise noted.



Hope you are enjoying the weather as much as I am. It is a lot easier to go outside to train the dogs when it is above freezing. Love is in the air at our house since I brought Zeke a girlfriend. Her name is Bridget and I can't wait to show her off. See you at the show!

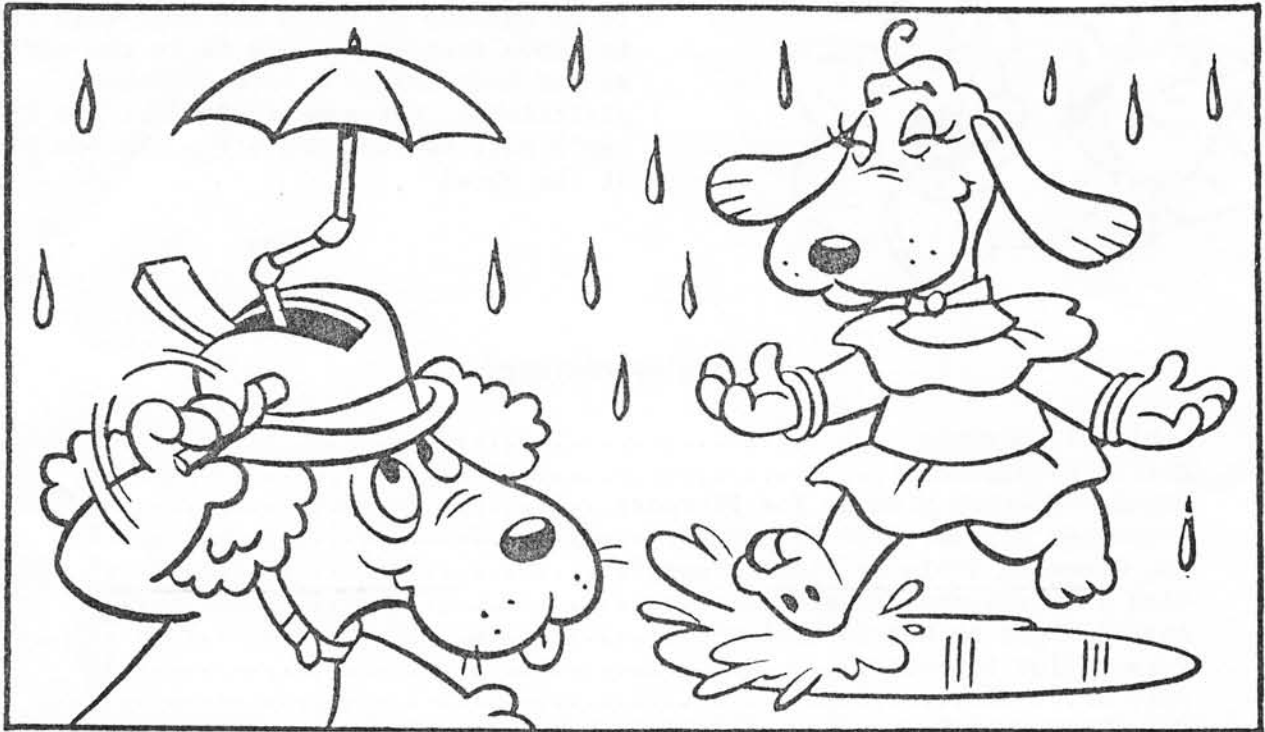
Daphne

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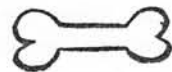
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

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APRIL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			APRIL FOOLS' DAY	BOARD MEETING 2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Palm Sunday  12	13	14	15	16	CLUB MEETING 17	18
EASTER  19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 1987

The regular meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President Duerbeck at the Brentwood Recreation Center.

Fran Foster moved that the report on the Futurity be given as the first order of business. The motion was seconded by Daphne Szczuka and passed. Fran Foster asked for help in picking up judges and taking them to the hotel, ring stewards, and advertising. She noted the deadline for ads is March 1.

The minutes of the January 16, 1987 meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. Fran Ruoff announced that our insurance premium this year was increased to \$420. The club is covered until February 25, 1988.

Committee Reports

Spring Show: Harold Beckham informed the members that the May 3, 1987 date was not approved by AKC. Application has been made for May 1, 1987. However, no word from AKC has been received. Donald Young is not available to serve as obedience judge. Paul Becker has agreed to judge in obedience. The North County Rec has been reserved for the shows.

Training: Don Krueger announced that classes are going fine. The all-breed conformation class has taken in \$342.

Refreshment: Alice Krueger would like to be relieved of this responsibility.

Property: The matter of insurance for the trailer was discussed. Nancy Kearney moved that the club reimburse Harold Beckham for the premium cost to add the trailer to his insurance. Eric Beasley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary: Marilee Wilkinson has written to the judges for both the Spring and Fall Shows. Ruth Foster cannot judge at the Fall Specialty. Richard Christ has been asked to but no response has been received.

Wag N Tongue: The deadline for submission of material for the March issue is February 23, 1987.

Old Business

It was noted that more help is needed to help the Junior Handlers. Judy Deane has been working with them.

New Business

Pat Kasten moved that the club acknowledge Dr. Keller's contributions by presenting him with some token of our appreciation. The motion was seconded by Judy Deane. The motion was amended by Nancy Kearney to make Pat chairman. This motion was seconded by Lydia Neun. Alice Krueger moved the motion be tabled. This motion was seconded by Daphne Szczuka and passed.

The guest list was read.

A jigsaw puzzle of a German Shepherd was raffled netting \$19.00.

The Royal Hecht awards were presented by Marcia Hadley.

The Brag box netted \$26.00.

There being no further business Harold Beckham moved the meeting be adjourned. Daphne Szczuka seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Becker
Alice Becker
Recording Secretary

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM—By Mike Peters



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THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PERIOD COVERING 02/01/87 to 02/28/87

FEBRUARY RECEIPTS

'86 FALL SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATIONS	\$ 15.00
WAG 'n TONGUE ADS	\$ 13.00
CONFORMATION CLASS FEES	\$ 385.00
FEBRUARY BRAG BOX	\$ 26.00
FEBRUARY RAFFLE	\$ 19.00
'87 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 24.00
NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS	\$ 36.00
'87 FUTURITY TROPHY DONATIONS	\$ 90.00
T-SHIRT SALES	\$ 8.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 616.50

FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS

CHECK # 666	DAPHNE SCZCUKA	
	Wag 'n Tongue Supplies	\$ 138.97
CHECK # 667	BELL TELEPHONE	
	January Phone Bill	\$ 45.10
CHECK # 668	WEHNER'S TROPHIES	
	Royal Hecht Awards	\$ 627.50
CHECK # 669	AKC	
	May 1, 1987 Specialty Registration Fee	\$ 50.00
CHECK # 669	DON YOUNG	
	'87 Spring Specialty Obedience Judging	\$ 50.00
CHECK # 671	HAROLD E. HARRICK, JR.	
	Club Liability Insurance 2/25/87 to 2/25/88	\$ 420.00
CHECK # 672	BELL TELEPHONE	
	February Phone Bill	\$ 45.10
CHECK # 673	HAROLD BECKHAM	
	'87 Spring Specialty Executive Expenses	\$ 52.19



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS, INC.

FEBRUARY 1987 REPORT (CONT.)

FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS (CONT.)

CHECK # 674	ALICE KRUEGER	
	Repair for Telephone answering Machine	\$ 5.23
CHECK # 675	FRAN RUOFF	
	Dues Cards Printing & Postage, Regular Postage	
	Postage, & Treasurer's Report Copies for	
	January & February	\$ 31.70
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<hr/> \$1465.79

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$2062.08
Ending Balance	\$1212.79

MONEY-MARKET ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 329.88
Interest Posted 2/17/87	\$ 1.37
Ending Balance	\$ 331.25

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value as of 12/15/86 Maturity Date	\$7320.33
Currently Earning 5.5% Interest for this term	
Next Maturity Date: 03/14/87	

Respectfully Submitted,
Fran Ruoff Treasurer
Fran Ruoff, Treasurer

THE GROOMING TABLE

This month I have a collection of miscellaneous tips that can be used by almost everyone. Some of them may sound strange to you, but don't laugh until you try them.

If good ol' Rover or your brand new puppy gets diarrhea over the weekend and you can't get to the vet, there is an effective home remedy you might like to try. Mix sugared Jello (not the kind with Nutrasweet) with warm water until it all dissolves and feed it to the dog with a syringe or dropper. The gelatin soothes the intestinal lining and the sugar provides easily digestible energy so that the dog (especially a puppy) does not get as weak and run down. Please do not consider this as a substitute for medical care. Diarrhea is often the symptom of something much worse, such as parvo, worms, or coccidia. This Jello remedy is only intended as a stop-gap measure until the dog can be taken to the vet. (Taken from Jefferson County KC Dog Talk)

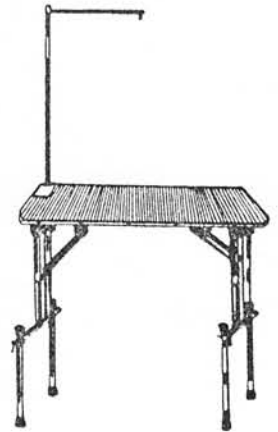
Have you heard the old wife's tale that says beer drinkers don't get bitten by mosquitoes? Well, you can give your dog the same protection without making him an alcoholic. Just put some apple cider vinegar in his water (not too much or he won't drink it), and feed him brewer's yeast in his dinner. This supposedly repels not only mosquitoes but fleas and flies as well. Some people also claim that adding garlic to the dog's food will keep away the fleas.

If you are going to show your dog (especially if you will be showing in the conformation ring) try putting a little mouthwash into your dog's water. Just use about ten drops per gallon of water. Or you can do what I do and put the mouthwash into a tiny spray bottle and spray it into your dog's mouth before you go into the show ring. (Taken from Jefferson County KC Dog Talk)

Do you have an over-active dog that won't calm down, or going on a trip and your dog bounces from seat to seat? Try mixing thyme with his food. Thyme is an excellent natural tranquilizer because it contains corvecral which has a tonic effect on the nerve centers. Thyme has also been used to improve coat. It helps to retard hair loss by improving superficial blood vessels of the skin, whose job it is to feed the roots of the hair. (Taken from GAITWAYS--the newsletter of the Mississippi Coast German Shepherd Dog Club--Jan/Feb, 1981 issue. This originated in the REVIEW--Nov/Dec, 1976 issue)



Violet



CLUB T SHIRTS
FOR SALE
\$ 8.50



CLUB JACKETS
can be ordered

baseball	\$32.50
winbreaker	\$20.00

See Marilee

AWARDS NIGHT

by

Marcia Hadley

It was great fun to be a part of the GSDC of St. Louis' awards night at our February meeting, and to see so many members present to enjoy the event. Even though the evening seemed to go by much too quickly, the atmosphere of friendliness, and sincere interest was quite refreshing. Please allow me to indulge in a few comments before announcing the winners for 1986.....

I'm sure that originally it took many dedicated people with insight and initiative to organize the GSDC of St. Louis, and all along the way it has depended on caring, hard-working people to keep it functioning well.

My experience has shown that in every breed and all-breed club there are a faithful few people who, through their love for dogs, have devoted heart, soul, and countless hours to make their club a success. The talents needed to keep a club productive and running smoothly are: the ability to foresee changes and problems; capabilities for communication with the membership; the ability to carry out individual jobs; to support club projects; to show interest in breed activities outside one's own area; to show genuine interest in new members; and to be willing to productively compete with or cooperate with fellow breeders.

The most able and devoted leaders can't keep the club progressing and growing without the input and cooperation of its membership. It takes many people together, sharing ideas and knowledge....and the responsibilities.

A bond of friendship and respect among the membership, the joy and thrill of honest competition, and sharing a member's happiness when he or she has achieved a goal, does much to draw the members together. Each of us needs to season our actions with the thought.... "Is this helping the German Shepherd Dog and the GSDC of St. Louis?"

I'm sure you all join me in extending hearty CONGRATULATIONS to our new titleholders!

1986 AWARD WINNERS.....

T.T.(TEMPERMENT TESTED)

VASHTA VOM SPEZIALBLUT..OWNER:DEBBIE CLARK

ANJA VOM LEIBEN SCHLOSS..OWNER:MARILEE WILKENSEN

KALEGROS ADMIRAL TOBIAS,CDX..OWNERS:BILL AND DYAN HARPER

A.D.(ENDURANCE TESTED)

CHAS'S PELE V STARGATE..OWNER:JAN ST.JOHN

V.B./B.H.(GERMAN OBEDIENCE)

BARON VON KANE OF FLORENT..OWNER:ANN DOLAN

KALEGRO'S ADMIRAL TOBIAS,CDX..OWNERS:BILL AND DYAN HARPER

T.D.(TRACKING DOG)

KARLHEIM'S OSCAR..OWNER:ANN DOLAN

SCH.H.I(SCHUTZHUND DEGREE # 1)

KARLHEIM'S OSCAR..OWNER:ANN DOLAN

CHAS'S PELE V STARGATE..OWNER:JAN ST.JOHN

SCH.H.II(SCHUTZHUND DEGREE #2)

ERIC'S FINE VICTOR..OWNER:ERIC BEASLEY

KARHEIM'S OSCAR..OWNER:ANN DOLAN

C.D.(COMPANION DOG)

ALDON'S FLASHER V NUEN..OWNERS:LYDIA NUEN AND ALICE KRUEGER(170½,173,179)

EZEKIEL OF ELSI-MOR,T.C...OWNER:DAPHNE SZCUKA(170,186½,183)

SHEROB'LITTLE BARONESS..OWNER:KATHY REDFORD(~~XXXX~~ 182½,184,185)

SAMANTHA OF SMIZER MILL..OWNER:GREG UHLENBROCK(182,188,191½)

KARLHEIM'S HELLA V SPEZIALBLUT..OWNER:DAVE SPAVALE(192,191,188½)

ERIC'S FINE VICTOR..OWNER:ERIC BEASLEY(196,195½,189½)

C.D.X. (COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT)

KARLHEIM'S OSCAR..OWNER:ANN DOLAN(188½,190,195(+5)=578½)

SHAROPA'S FAMOUS AMOS..OWNER:PAT KASTEN(192,191,191½(+5)=579½)

CH. (CHAMPION)

ANDREL'S BRIDGET 'O FLYNN.. OWNERS:ELLIE AND ANDY WERNER

CARALON'CLASSY OF JUDEEN..OWNERS:JUDY DEANE AND HELEN SHERLOCK

ESSENCE OF WINDYRIDGE..OWNER:LORETTA SWARTZBECK

MONFORD'S SAVANA V PEASEHAUS..OWNERS:NICK MONDELLI AND CHARLIE WOLFORD

MONFORD'S ROLLS ROYCE..OWNERS:NICK MONDELLI AND CHARLIE WOLFORD

SHAMROCK OF ANDREL..OWNERS:ELLIE AND ANDY WERNER

R.O.M. (REGISTER OF MERIT)

DUAL UNITED STATES SELECT CHAMPION RENAISSANCE'S JAMIE

NOVICE OBEDIENCE AWARD

ERIC'S FINE VICTOR,C.D.,SCH.H.II

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE AWARD

SHAROPA'S FAMOUS AMOS,C.D.X.

BEST PUPPY AWARD

HADORI'S PERFECTA BY STASER..OWNER:RICKY KANER-HARRISON

ROYAL HECHT BRED BY EXHIBITOR AWARD

WINGAIT'S CORVETTE..OWNER:KEN CUNNINGHAM

ALSO HONORABLE MENTION.....

CH.CARALON'S TREFFERHUND JUDEEN...OWNER:JUDY DEANE

#3 REVIEW SYSTEM IN HIGHEST NUMBER OF GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS

DEFEATED AT ALL BREED SHOW.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO EARNED HERDING INSTINCT
CERTIFICATES..ELAINE HARBISON AND CARRIE,ILONA HORN AND DUKE,JOHN
HOFFMAN AND TREVOR,BILL AND DYAN HARPER AND TOBY,PHYLLIS MASSA AND
SPURS,JULIE HARBISON AND TAFFY.



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PARENT CLUB REPORTS FOR REGIONAL CLUBS

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March 1, 1987

GENETICS COMMITTEE REPORT Helen Sherlock, Chps.

At the last board meeting, Helen Sherlock submitted the following report. Because of its length, only half is being sent out at this time. Clubs with monthly newsletters may reprint half each month, and those with bi-monthlies, the entire half.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 1987;

Carmen L. Battaglia, PhD	E. A. Corley, DVM, PhD, FACR
George Padgett, DVM, PhD (Geneticist)	Connie Beckhardt
Charles C. Kruger, DVM	James Spicer, DVM
Cres Farrow, MD (Pathologist)	Michael Derechin, MD
Firouz Shahroki, PhD	Ron Bickley, DVM
Steven McKensie, DVM	

The Genetics' Committee has designed a series of questionnaires to gather data for the 2nd BLUE BOOK which will be published in late summer, 1987. This book will be available for sale at the National Specialty. Topics for the publication were selected from areas of major concern polled from the Committee and the Fancy at large. The questionnaire for TOXIC GUT SYNDROME (TGS) appeared in the Oct., 1986 "Review", p.69. The forms for HYPO-THYROIDISM and HYPEREXTENDED (Subluxed) PASTER/ HYPERFLEXION of the HOCK were printed back-to-back in the Nov. issue, p. 105/106, over the next months, questionnaires will appear for PANCREATIC MALFUNCTION, CARDIAC and ESOPHAGEAL DEFECTS and SPINAL CORD DEMYELINIZATION. The TGS form was reprinted in the Jan., 1987 "Review"; the other questionnaires will be reprinted at least one time to collect further information. Carmen's form on LONGEVITY was mailed to owners of ROM and Futurity System (RED BOOK) sires and dams.

This committee would appreciate cooperation from Board Members in circulating copies of the enclosed questionnaires. The value of the study will be influenced greatly by the degree of participation by the Shepherd Fancy.

NOTE: Miss Sherlock has asked me to forward the questionnaires on the spinal cord, esophagus, cardiac, and thyroid items in this release. Club secretaries with newsletters, please give to your editors for publication. Clubs without newsletters should circulate the data to their memberships.

OFA/HIP DYSPLASIA/ORTHOPEDIC Helen Sherlock, Chps.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS (same as VETERINARY LIAISON COMMITTEE):

E.A. Corley, DVM, PhD, FACR	U.V. Mostosky, DVM, FACR
C.C. Kruger, DVM	G.G. Keller, DVM
James Spicer, DVM	Thomas Wolski, DVM

Beginning in 1987, certificates issued by the O.F.A. for certified animals will list the FULL hip phenotype, age at time of certification and sex of dog: GS - 14597G26M = GS - 14597 G 26 (age) M (sex)

This phenotype & age info will provide breeders with exact data on HIP STATUS IN ADVERTISEMENTS AND O.F.A. information requests.

The A.K.C. and O.F.A. project is proceeding well; A.K.C. provided O.F.A. with pedigree information on 5 dogs in a trial program. The study correlates O.F.A. hip data on each of the individuals, their littermates, ancestors and littermates.

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SPINAL CORD DEMYELINIZATION

Age of Onset? _____	Mo. _____	Littermates Affected? _____	Yes _____	No _____
Sex? _____	M _____ F _____	Which Sex? _____	M _____	F _____
Diagnosis by X-Rays? _____	Yes _____ No _____	At what Age? _____		
"" by Electromyography? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Parents Affected? _____	Yes _____	No _____
"" by Blood Tests _____	Yes _____ No _____	Which Sex? _____	M _____	F _____
"" by Clinical Exam Only? _____	Yes _____ No _____	At what Age? _____		
Was Euthanasia Required? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Inbreeding? _____	Yes _____	No _____
Age at Death? _____	Yr. _____	Linebreeding? _____	Yes _____	No _____
Autopsy Performed? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Outcross? _____	Yes _____	No _____
Findings? _____		Dog had other Problems? _____	Yes _____	No _____
_____		a) Spondylitis? _____	Yes _____	No _____
_____		b) Hip Dysplasia? _____	Yes _____	No _____
_____		c) Elbow Dysplasia? _____	Yes _____	No _____
_____		d) Other? _____		

SYMPTOMS OBSERVED

Tail appears dead? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Dog's hind feet 'toe in'? _____	Yes _____	No _____
a) Off and on? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Dog 'shuffles' hind feet? _____	Yes _____	No _____
b) All the time? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Dog drags feet, turns toes under _____	Yes _____	No _____
Dog has trouble w. stairs? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Pads on hind feet worn unevenly? _____	Yes _____	No _____
"" getting into car? _____	Yes _____ No _____	a) inside of pads? _____	Yes _____	No _____
"" getting up? _____	Yes _____ No _____	b) outside of pads? _____	Yes _____	No _____
"" controlling entire rear? _____	Yes _____ No _____	c) rear foot toe pads? _____	Yes _____	No _____
Trouble controlling bowels? _____	Yes _____ No _____	d) rear heel pads? _____	Yes _____	No _____
a) Off and on? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Dog shows signs of Pain? _____	Yes _____	No _____
b) All the time? _____	Yes _____ No _____			
Trouble controlling urination? _____	Yes _____ No _____			
a) Off and on? _____	Yes _____ No _____			
b) All the time? _____	Yes _____ No _____			

TREATMENT ATTEMPTED

Medication? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Physical Therapy? _____	Yes _____	No _____
a) Selenium? _____	Yes _____ No _____	a) Planned Exercise? _____	Yes _____	No _____
b) Vitamin E? _____	Yes _____ No _____	b) Acupuncture? _____	Yes _____	No _____
c) Lecithin? _____	Yes _____ No _____	c) Ultrasound? _____	Yes _____	No _____
d) Cortisone/Prednisilone? _____	Yes _____ No _____	d) Other? _____		
e) Butazolidine? _____	Yes _____ No _____			
f) Indocin? _____	Yes _____ No _____			
g) Other? _____				

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS IS IMPORTANT BETWEEN COMMON CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE SPINAL CORD

- a) SPINAL DEMYELINIZATION --demyelination of the myelin sheath, causing interruption in transmission of nerve impulses in the spinal cord.
- b) SPONDYLOSIS/SPONDYLITIS-- development of arthritic spurs, causing narrowing of the spaces between vertebrae in the spine--usually in the lumbar region--creating pressure on the spinal cord in critical areas controlling rearquarter function.
- c) CAUDA EQUINA SYNDROME --arthritic 'fill in' or narrowing of tiny holes in the pelvic girdle which are passages for nerves supplying the tail & hindquarter. Similar symptoms to spinal demyelination, especially in respect to appearance of a 'dead tail'.

PLEASE MAIL FORMS TO: GENETICS' COMMITTEE
P.O. Box# 2432
Atlanta, GA./ 30301

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ESOPHAGEAL DEFECTS

Age of Onset? _____ Mo.	Parents Affected? _____ Yes _____ No
Sex _____ M _____ F	Littermates Affected? _____ Yes _____ No
Diagnosis by Barium X-Ray? _____ Yes _____ No	Any Close Relatives? _____ Yes _____ No
TYPE of ESOPHAGEAL DEFECT:	
Achalasia? _____ Yes _____ No	Inbreeding? _____ Yes _____ No
Stenosis? _____ Yes _____ No	Linebreeding? _____ Yes _____ No
Dilatation? _____ Yes _____ No	Outcross? _____ Yes _____ No
OTHER: _____	Animal itself is a Dwarf? _____ Yes _____ No
	Dwarfism in Littermates? _____ Yes _____ No

SYMPTOMS OBSERVED:

Vomiting? _____ Yes _____ No	Apetite Normal? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, Age of Onset: _____ Mo.	Undersized? _____ Yes _____ No
Began w. Solid Food? _____ Yes _____ No	Stopped Growing? _____ Yes _____ No
Vomits undigested food? _____ Yes _____ No	Unthrifty Appearance? _____ Yes _____ No
Re-Consumes Vomitus & Retains? _____ Yes _____ No	Respiratory Problems? _____ Yes _____ No
Palpitations Visible in Throat? _____ Yes _____ No	'Hiccoughs'? _____ Yes _____ No
'Clicking' Noise in Throat? _____ Yes _____ No	

TREATMENT

Medication? _____ Yes _____ No	Euthanasia? _____ Yes _____ No
Name of Drug? _____	Autopsy Performed? _____ Yes _____ No
Surgery Performed? _____ Yes _____ No	Cardiac Defects? _____ Yes _____ No
TYPE of Procedure? _____	Pyloric Stenosis? _____ Yes _____ No
	OTHER DEFECTS? _____

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CARDIAC DEFECTS

Age of Onset _____	Mo.	Parents Affected? _____	Yes	No
Sex _____	M _____ F _____	Littermates Affected? _____	Yes	No
Diagnosis by Stethoscope? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Any Close Relatives? _____	Yes	No
Diagnosis by X-Rays? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Inbreeding? _____	Yes	No
TYPE of HEART DEFECT:		Linebreeding? _____	Yes	No
Enlarged Heart _____	Yes _____ No _____	Outcross? _____	Yes	No
Patent Ductus Arteriosus _____	Yes _____ No _____	Dog itself is a Dwarf? _____	Yes	No
Persistent Aortic Arch _____	Yes _____ No _____	Dwarfism in Littermates? _____	Yes	No
Septal Defect, Atrial _____	Yes _____ No _____			
Septal Defect, Ventricular _____	Yes _____ No _____			
Aortic Stenosis _____	Yes _____ No _____			
Subaortic Stenosis _____	Yes _____ No _____			
Pulmonic Stenosis _____	Yes _____ No _____			
Valvular Defects _____	Yes _____ No _____			
OTHER _____				

SYMPTOMS OBSERVED:

Tires Easily? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Undersized for Age? _____	Yes _____ No _____
Labored Breathing? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Stopped Growing? _____	Yes _____ No _____
Moist Cough? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Digestive Problems? _____	Yes _____ No _____
Irregular Heartbeat/Murmur _____	Yes _____ No _____	Unthrifty Appearance? _____	Yes _____ No _____
Can feel 'buzzing' over heart area? _____	Yes _____ No _____		
Palpitations or 'fast' Heartbeat _____	Yes _____ No _____		

TREATMENT

Medication Given? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Did Death Result? _____	Yes _____ No _____
Drug used: _____		Euthanasia? _____	Yes _____ No _____
Surgery Performed? _____	Yes _____ No _____	Autopsy Performed? _____	Yes _____ No _____
Type of Procedure: _____		Any other Defects? _____	Yes _____ No _____
		Type: _____	
Dog able to Live normal Life? _____	Yes _____ No _____		
Dog restricted in Activity? _____	Yes _____ No _____		

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Age of Onset _____ years	Parents affected _____yes _____no
Sex _____ M _____ F	Littermates affected _____yes _____no
Was a Lab Test done _____yes _____no	Other close relatives _____yes _____no
Was Medication given _____yes _____no	Inbreeding _____yes _____no
Thyroid Medication used:	Linebreeding _____yes _____no
a) Synthroid/L. Thyroxine _____	Outcross _____yes _____no
b) Cytobin/Cytomel _____	
c) Both together _____	
Given _____ 1x day _____ 2x day _____ 3x day	
Dosage _____	

SYMPTOMS OBSERVED

Did not have heat cycles _____yes _____no	Skin Problems _____yes _____no
Late first heat cycle _____yes _____no	Coat Problems _____yes _____no
More than 6 Mo. between heats _____yes _____no	a) Constant Shedding _____yes _____no
Infertility in bitches _____yes _____no	b) Poor Hair Texture _____yes _____no
Very small litters — 1-3 pups _____yes _____no	Weight: _____ Overwt. _____ Underwt.
Lack of libido (sex drive) in males _____yes _____no	Energy Level: _____ High _____ Low

LABORATORY FINDINGS:

T₃ Function Results _____Low _____High _____Borderline
 T₄ Function Results _____Low _____High _____Borderline
 Was Dog later Re-Tested _____yes _____no
 T₃ Re-Test _____Low _____High _____Borderline
 T₄ Re-Test _____Low _____High _____Borderline
 How long after medication started before bitch came in heat _____ Mo.
 If Female, did infertility and/or litter size improve _____yes _____no
 If Male, did desire to breed improve _____yes _____no

NOTE: It is Important to do a **Thyroid Re-Test**. The ideal time to Re-Test is **4 Hours After** giving a dose of the Thyroid Medication. There are various procedures and products for treating Low Thyroid. A Re-Test is your best guarantee of finding the most successful method.

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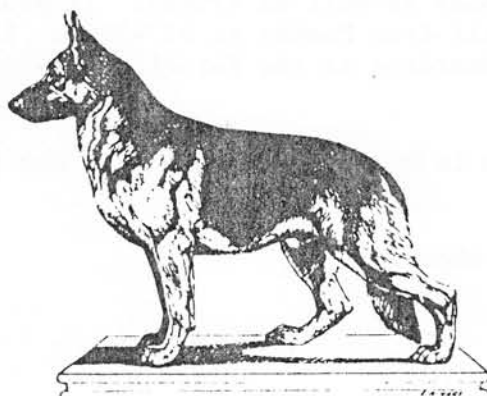
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HELP WANTED

by

Daphne Szczuka

Well, spring is here once again, and with it comes the show season. Our specialty show has been moved this year from our regular date of Friday, February 27 to Friday, May 1. This was done so the show could be held in conjunction with the 1987 Midwestern Regional Futurity/Maturity to be held here in St. Louis on Saturday, May 2.

Harold Beckham is our show chairman for this spring's show and he needs your help. People are needed to set up and take down the ring equipment, ring steward, sell catalogs, and other odd jobs so call Harold at 351-7448 and volunteer. Fran Ruoff and Judy Deane have already agreed to be this year's trophy co-chairpersons and boy, do they need your help! Many of you may have given Louise Leistner a trophy donation for the Futurity/Maturity, but we also need you to donate trophies for our spring show. Please dig deep into your pockets and say yes to them when they call!

Speaking of the Futurity/Maturity, Fran Foster is the 1987 Midwestern Futurity chairman, and this year we are the host club. She needs to know how many coffepots the club has and if anyone knows anyone in the bakery business so we can have coffee and sweet rolls (or doughnuts, danish, etc.) at the show. She also needs at least two people to be pooper-scoopers at the Futurity. These people will be paid, so if you know of anyone (such as 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or just a couple of kids from the club) let Fran know. Fran also needs tables and chairs for the trophies and the judges. The armbands will need to be numbered, as they come blank and we have alot of entries. Help is also needed setting up and taking down the ring on Saturday as well as Friday. If you can help with any of these items, call Fran Foster at 677-3298. If anyone is interested in ring stewarding at the Futurity, please contact Judy Deane at 464-1084.

Let's all pitch in and help to make this our best show weekend ever!

See you at the shows!

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JUNIOR NEWS

by

Julie Harbison

It has been said that the young people of today are America's brightest hope for the future of good, clean sport at purebred dog shows. It would be a rare case to hear of a juvenile delinquent who participates in dog shows. (Dog World)

Even if you are too young to participate in Junior Showmanship now (the ages are from 10 to 16 years), it doesn't mean you can't learn now how to show. By the time you reached the minimum age you might be very good and beat everybody, if you take it seriously.

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FACTS FROM THE TOOTH FAIRY

by

Dr. Pat Parsons, DDS

Continued from last month

B. Deviations in Dental Development

1. Malocclusion or malaligned teeth is a common problem in many short-muzzled breeds but it is only an occasional problem in the German Shepherd Dog. Deviations that are occasionally observed are
 - (1) "overshot" mouth (or bite)
 - (2) "undershot" mouth (or bite)
 - (3) wry mouth (twisted bite)
 - (4) level mouth (even bite)

a. Overshot Mouth

The most common deviation is the overshot mouth. This deviation occurs when the upper jaw or teeth project forward (ahead of) the lower jaw or teeth. The upper and lower incisors do not contact one another as the dog closes together. Such a bite obviously renders the German Shepherd useless as a herding dog and inefficient in any protective function. Additionally, bitches with this (or any other malarrangement of teeth) are incapable of efficient whelping. (Figure 9)



Figure 9

Overshot Mouth

One must be cautious in discarding potential show puppies who demonstrate an overshot mouth at 5-6 months. Many breeders have observed "self-correction" of this bite by the age of 8-9 months. During this period of growth the lower jaw lengthens much more than the upper jaw.

b. Undershot Mouth

Undershot is a term used to describe the reverse arrangement of upper and lower jaws and teeth to one another. Although less common than the overshot mouth it is considered a more dominant genetic trend when present. (Figure 10)

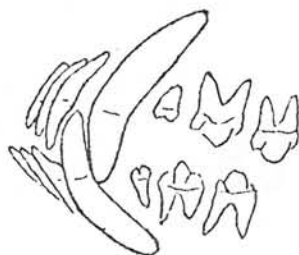


Figure 10

Undershot Mouth

c. Wry Mouth

Wry mouth or wry bite occurs when the halves of the jaws do not develop equally. One side of the mouth develops a normal scissor bite and the opposite side is undershot. All the wry mouths that I have observed (3 in German Shepherds and 2 in Pembroke Welsh Corgis) have occurred on the left side of the mouth (the dog's left side). I have not found a reference to explain the observed predilection and would be curious to know if other breeders have had similar or dissimilar experiences. As the affected side of the jaw continues to grow forward, the locked upper jaw will deviate toward the affected side and the dog will appear to have a "Roman" nose. (Figure 11)

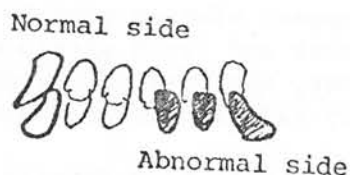


Figure 11

Wry Mouth

d. Level Mouth

A level bite refers to the arrangement that is observed when two or more of the upper and lower incisors contact "edge to edge". Many breed standards consider this arrangement as acceptable bite pattern although it will tend to result in early wear of the incisal edges. (Figure 12)



Figure 12

Level Mouth

2. Retention of Deciduous Teeth

The retention of deciduous teeth past the time of eruption of the permanent teeth is an important consideration in terms of long term dental and oral function. The retention of these teeth beyond 1-2 weeks can produce deviations in the eruption path of the permanent teeth. The resultant position of the permanent teeth can create a bite that is considered faulty by judges and unacceptable to a breeder. Additionally the position of the permanent tooth can produce soft tissue damage ie. as in the case when the lower canine overerupts into the roof of the mouth. Or the position of the permanent teeth can cause abnormal and premature wearing of the opposing tooth surfaces.

The most common manifestation of this abnormal pattern is prolonged retention of one or more deciduous canines. The deciduous canines characteristically appear blue or grey in color. Often they are loose and can be moved back and forth with a minimal amount of pressure. Frequently, however, they are firmly attached to the bone and cannot be moved with very firm finger pressure.

It is advisable to check with your veterinarian for assistance if the deciduous canines cannot be "wiggled".

The presence of a deciduous tooth in the mouth long past the normal period of eruption of the permanent successor strongly suggests absence of the permanent tooth. Apparently these deciduous teeth can remain in the mouth for 3 to 5 years until their roots are eventually reabsorbed (for unknown reasons). An intra-oral x-ray can determine if the permanent tooth is absent or if the succeeding tooth is present. Undetected prolonged retention of the deciduous molars in all probability provides an explanation for the many 2nd, 3rd, and 4th "permanent" premolars that fall out, become lodged in a fence link, or lost in a dog fight. True loss of permanent premolars with two or three long, well-developed roots does not seem as probable as loss of their shorter rooted deciduous predecessors.

The normal replacement pattern is illustrated by Figure 13.

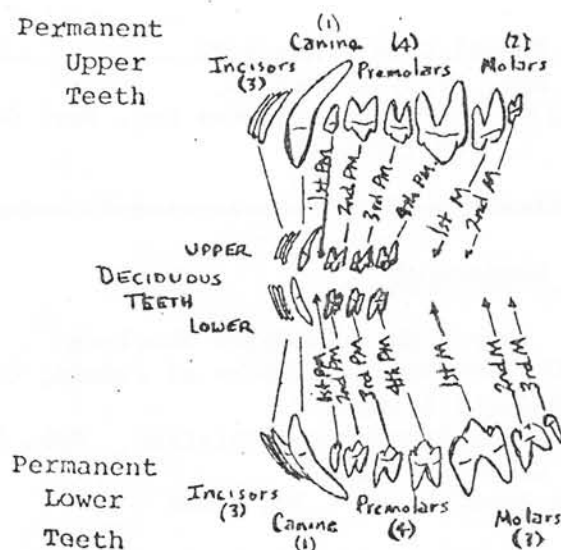


Figure 13

Stay tuned for Part Three of "FACTS FROM THE TOOTH FAIRY":

Prevention and Management of Minor Dental Problems



EZEKIEL OF ELSI-MOR, CD, TC

Owner: Daphne J. Szczuka
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Dam: Shannon of Elsi-Mor
St. Louis Dog Breeders Association Feb. 28
Judge: Chester Collier
American Bred Dog -- 4th Place

Belle-City Kennel Club March 1
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American Bred Dog -- 3rd Place

Hoosier Kennel Club March 22
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Open Dog -- 1st Place, Winners Dog, Best Opposite Sex
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American Bred Bitch -- 1st Place

BLACK OAK'S CLASSICAL JUDEEN

Owner: Marcia Hadley
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Dam: Witthaus First Lady, TC
St. Louis Dog Breeders Association Feb. 28
Judge: Chester Collier
Novice Bitch -- 1st Place
Handled by Julie Harbison

Belle-City Kennel Club
Judge: Gerhardt Plaga
Novice Bitch -- 1st Place
Handled by Julie Harbison

BLACK OAK'S SHADOWS OF JUDEEN

Owner: Marcia Hadley
Sire: Ch. Caralon's Nicholas of Judeen, CD
Dam: Witthaus First Lady, TC
St. Louis Dog Breeders Association Feb. 28
Judge: Chester Collier
American Bred Bitch -- 2nd Place
Handled by Julie Harbison

CAPTAIN ZACH VOM TICHBRU

Owners: Wally and Fran Ruoff
Sire: Ch. Caralon's Trefferhund Judeen
Dam: Caralon's Phantom Image
Hoosier Kennel Club March 22
Judge: Mrs. Denny Kodner
Open Dog -- 4th Place

BRIDGENHAUS HERCULES V TEELA

Owners: Don and Helene Bridges
Sire: Ch. Caralon's Nicholas of Judeen, CD
Dam: Don's Teela of Helene
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