



Wag 'N' Tongue

A publication for the
German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc.
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Mission Statement

The object of the Club shall be to encourage and promote the breeding of purebred German Shepherd Dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection, to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as adopted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the German Shepherd Dog shall be judged. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, and tracking tests, to aid with every possible means in demonstrating the German Shepherd Dog's conspicuous ability as a companion, war, Red Cross, police, herding, rescue dog, and lead dog for the blind. To conduct shows, obedience trials, demonstrations, etc., under the rules of the American Kennel Club, to publish literature and periodicals in the interests of the German Shepherd Dog. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for a profit, and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

To be considered for membership, turn in an application. Yearly dues (\$20 for individuals & \$30 for families) must accompany application.

Meeting Information

Meetings begin at 8 pm on the third Friday of each month at the American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog, 1721 S. Mason Road in Queeny Park, home of the Museum. It is accessible from Interstate 40/64 at the Mason Rd. exit or from I-270 by taking the Manchester exit to Mason Road.

Board of Directors

President.....Marcia Hadley
Vice-President.....Rosalind North
Secretary.....Gina Mills
Treasurer.....Marilee Wilkinson
Corresponding Secretary.....Kathy Redford

Board.....
Helene Bridges, Larry Duerbeck, Karen Hynek,
Glen Murphy, Lois O'Connor, and Margaret
O'Neill.

Please offer to help these people this year by volunteering

your time and talent to help with club activities and projects



Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting, March 16, 2007

President Hadley called the meeting to order at 8 pm at the AKC Museum of the Dog. Treasurer's Report for February was approved as read. Kathy Redford received a letter from AKC saying they approved rally for our shows.

Committee Reports: Barb Gambill reported the phone line is receiving calls for puppies. She sent the sign-up sheet around for refreshments. Lois O'Connor said obedience classes are supposed to start 03/28/07. She said we would have 17 dogs for the class. Dyan Harper sent out 93 letters to K-9 officers for the K-9 awards. Gail Stiefferman has made the premium list for the upcoming specialty shows. She said we need to purchase rally equipment.

Old Business: Dues are due. Voting for 2008 Specialty judges was held. John Bemont and Michael Cheeks will be our 2008 judges. Kelly Murphy moved and Kathy Redford seconded the motion to destroy the ballots and keep the tally.

New Business: Dyan Harper said Meramec Trophy is closing, and we will need to find somewhere else to get our awards. Steve Dobbins resigned from the board via e-mail.

Kathy Redford moved and Dyan Harper seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. Brag Box netted \$10.

Board Meeting, April 20, 2007

President Hadley called the meeting to order at 7 pm at the AKC Museum of the Dog. Roll was called. A thank you card was read from Kelly Murphy. Treasurer's Report for March was approved as read. Helen Bridges reported the only supplies they received for obedience was a roll of paper towels. The obedience class has made \$984 dollars, and they are in their fourth week of classes. Glenn Murphy said he needs help with the Boy Scouts program on 06/02/07. It starts at 10 am. Gail Stiefferman said most of the judges for the upcoming show are driving in. She said they need ring stewards on Saturday, and we would, also, have a late start on Sunday. Marilee Wilkinson moved and Margaret O'Neill seconded the motion to accept Bill Harper to fill the vacant board seat. Gail Stiefferman thinks we should try to get the Futurity in 2009. Gina Mills nominated Alice Becker for Life Membership. Kathy Redford seconded the nomination. Helen Bridges nominated Ilona Horn for Life Membership. Margaret O'Neill

seconded the motion. We have two new life members.

Marilee moved and Kathy seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned 8:00 pm.

Regular Meeting, April 20, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm at the AKC Museum of the Dog. Butch Stiefferman moved and Gail Stiefferman seconded the motion to suspend regular business to have our educational program. There was a program on therapeutic massage on dogs by Madalyn Fliesler of *Designing Touch*.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:54 pm. Roll was called. Treasurer's Report was approved as reach for March. Kathy Redford read club correspondence.

Committee Reports: Glenn Murphy reported he needs volunteers on 06/02/07 to help with a presentation for the Boy Scouts. There will be obedience and tracking presentations. The event will be held at the camp at Beaumont/Antire road in High Ridge, MO. Marilee Wilkinson passed around a sign-up sheet for trophy donations for the Spring Show and trials. Gail Stiefferman reported on the May shows, and asked again for helpers.

Old Business: None.

New Business: There was a vote for new members, Diana Hood and Terri Skinner, who were welcomed as new members.

Kathy Redford moved and Glenn Murphy seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 9:30 pm. Brag Box netted \$15.00

Regular Meeting, May 18, 2007

President Hadley called the meeting to order at 8:17 pm at the AKC Museum of the Dog. Roll was called. Gina Mills, Lois O'Connor, and Margaret O'Neill were absent. The April 20th minutes were read and approved. Marilee Wilkinson read the Treasurer's Report, which was approved.

Committee Reports: Gail Rutter passed out the latest *Wag-N-Tongue* and reminded everyone to send her brags, stories, or other articles that could be put in the *Wag*. Dyan Harper mentioned that the news channels did not come to the awards because they felt Purina Farms was too far to travel. However, the K-9 officers do enjoy the awards. Dyan thanked Rosalind North for organizing the buffet. The board were also thanked for their reading and votes that were called in to the Harpers and Kathy Redford.

Helene Bridges said there were two more obedience classes to be held, and the next session will begin 09/19/07.

Glenn Murphy has been contacting several people to attend and give demonstrations to the Boy Scouts on Saturday, 06/02/07.

Gail Stiefferman reported that the club will be getting \$517.15 from the parent club for expenses from the judge and photographer for the 2006 shows. She also reported that the club made \$160.65 from

the 2007 shows, and thanked everyone for their help. Gail read a thank you note from Dovey Ryan. She mentioned that the weekend of our 2008 shows (May 10-11) will be against a Futurity/Maturity; however, we cannot move our show weekend, and she is having trouble getting judges. The 2008 shows will be held at Purina Farms. A discussion was held on problems getting obedience entries because our shows are held outdoors and the possibility of changing show sites just for an obedience trial. Gail was thanked for serving as the show chairperson. Dyan Harper asked about putting a full-page ad in the *Review* for our next show. Rosalind North reported that most of the cost of the K-9 buffet was paid through money and food donations.

Old Business: Karen Hynek asked about changing the meeting night. It is up to the membership to make that change. There was discussion on Friday evenings vs. other evenings for meetings.

New Business: Marian Roberts mentioned the issue of pet health insurance. There was discussion on pet insurance and pet laws. Larry Durbeck will search for a spokesperson on pet insurance, which could be held as the educational program at an upcoming meeting. Rosalind North mentioned pet first-aid as another educational program. Dyan Harper mentioned another medical educational program, which could be presented by a speaker from Mizzou.

Marilee Wilkinson stated she is still accepting trophy donations for the 2007 shows.

Guests were welcomed. Bill Harper moved and Dyan Harper seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. Brag Box netted \$7.00.

Obedience Classes

Obedience Class for all breeds began September 19, 2007 at the Nottingham School, 4915 Donovan Ave. and will be available to the Public. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

If you are interested please contact Helene Bridges 314-832-7268 or hbridges@peoplepc.com; or Lois O'Connor 314-894-2955 or dnlshpherds@sbcglobal.net

Spring Specialty Show 2008

Our two-day shows will be held on Saturday & Sunday, May 10 & 11, 2008 at Purina Farms in Gray Summit. Gail Stiefferman is the Show Chairman, and Barb Gambill is the show secretary. Michael Checks and John Bemont, whom the club approved for judges, are both unable to judge the shows. Cindi Flautt (Brandon, MS) has agreed to judge conformation and Juniors on Saturday, and Christine Carter (Keizer, OR) will be the judge on Sunday. Obedience and Rally judges will be John and Carol Mett from Savannah, GA, whom judged our shows

several years ago and everyone enjoyed. Entry Fee: \$24.00 first entry of each dog, second entry of same dog \$15.00. Puppy classes, Bred-by, and Veterans are \$15.00. Jr. Showmanship is FREE. Entries close: Saturday, April 26, 2008.

Puppy Match

The GSDC of St. Louis held an AKC-Sanctioned B Puppy Match on Sunday, September 30, 2007 at Purina Farms in Gray Summit. Judge was David Guempel of High Hill and Chairman was Margaret O'Neill. Thanks go to the members who helped with this match. The chili was great and the weather was wonderful!

Annual Christmas Party

Friday December 14, 2007, at 7:00 PM at the Dog Museum.

We will once again provide Honey Baked Ham, and Turkey Breast. We welcome you to bring a covered dish, or dessert to share. We will have a \$10.00 gift exchange for those who want to participate. There will be music, and games, and a good time to be enjoyed by all. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Party Chair, Judy DeRousse before December 1st, so we can get an accurate count. jube@usmo.com I hope to see you there!



Board Elections

At the January, 2008 club meeting, election of officers and board members will be held. Judy DeRousse, Steve Dobbins, and Larry Durbeck comprised the nominating committee.

Club Awards

Please remember that the February, 2008 club meeting, we will hold the annual club awards, which include the Royal Hecht Awards. Attached is the form you must complete and return to the Committee Chair, Marcia Hadley as instructed.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS, INC
ANNUAL AWARDS FORM
2007

OWNER(S): _____

NAME OF DOG: _____

TITLE (S) EARNED IN 2007: _____

BREEDER(S): _____

SIRE: _____ DAM: _____

OFA NUMBER(S): _____

NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED IN 2007: _____

DID YOU WORK 4 HOURS FOR SERVICE TIME?: _____

WHICH COMMITTEE DID YOU WORK ON? _____

IF FOR BEST JUNIOR HANDLER, HOW MANY DEFEATED?: _____

IF FOR BEST PUPPY, HOW MANY DEFEATED?: _____

IF FOR BEST BRED-BY EXHIBITOR, HOW MANY DEFEATED?: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A SHORT BIOGRAPHY FOR YOUR DOG. (200 WORDS OR LESS)

OFFICIAL FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE AWARDS CHAIR BY JANUARY 10, 2008

MARCIA HADLEY
2828 PARTHENON DRIVE
DESOTO, MO. 63020

Brag ~ Win Place Show ~

**Brag are FREE to all club members!
Come all, come often!**

I went **BEST JUNIOR HANDLER** at this years national!!!!!! I still can't believe I won! It was an amazing experience and I am so happy I accomplished my # 1 goal which was to go BJH at the national! My juniors dog was Kenlyn's Could It Be V Kaleef "Crenna." What a great National!
~~Elizabeth, **BJH @ GSDCA 2007

On Friday, Oct 19, Cimarron's I Got Lucky won his BredBy class and went on for Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the Mattoon, IL KC under judge Paula Hartinger. These were his 5th & 6th points (almost a 7th).

On the same day, his little sister, Cimarron's Here Comes My Girl won her Ambred bitch class and went on for Winner's Bitch and Best of Opposite under judge Paula Hartinger at the Mattoon KC. Linda Williams handled

Pinky for her 5th & 6th points (and almost her 7th) as it was one bitch shy of a major.

On Sunday, Oct 21, Cimarron's Tokyo Rose wins her open class and goes on for Reserve Winners Bitch under judge Roger Hartinger at the Illinois Capitol KC. Julie Foster handled Pearl for this major reserve.

~~Steve Dobbins <http://www.cimarron-gsd.com>

Caraloned Wing's Badlands Boy record to date:
Winners dog @ Gateway Cluster 9-22-07, BOW 4 pts
" " " Rockport- Freeport 9-29-07, WD 3 pts
" " " 9-30-07, ED, BOW, BOS 4 pts

Thanks to the Joelle for these wins. River is sired CH Saterhaus Badboy of Nordlicht out of SEL EX CH Caralon QED A Cut Above (ROM 07)

On Sunday, September 23, 2007, under judge, Cindy Flautt ... "Fletcher" became Champion HiCliff Free 'N Easy! Thank you to Michael Cheeks, John Bemont, Barbara Lopez, Jerry Markowitz and Cyndi Flautt for the points toward his championship. Thank you Jamie Walker for his reserve win at the national last year and Michael Metz for Best in Maturity this year.

Liana@charter.net website: www.liananew.com

AMBERS CARRIBEAN STUDD V HADORI By Ch Ponca Hill's Snake ROM x Amber's Miss Daisy. finished his Championship on 10/13/07 at Jayhawker Kennel Club in Lawrence, KS with Elizabeth Stiefferman handling! This gave Snake his ROM!

Champion Amber's Carribean Studd "Ace" received his international Champion under 3 different Judges. Way to go Elizabeth, his handler. Ace will be doing obedience and agility. 11/2/07

Whelping Box

Litter announcements are **FREE** to all club members!

Breeder's Directory

Club Member ads are **\$15.00 per year**. Ads may be for puppies, stud service, Obedience Training, Handlers, Boarding, etc. Please send two months in advance for publication in the following *Wag*.



In Remembrance

Mari-Fiori's Hello Darlin' 12-14-97 ~~~11-01-07
Darlin's name fit her personality. She was a sweet girl, never aggressive, minded her own business and produced only one litter of puppies~~ by GV Hickory Hills Bull Durham. (She was 6X CH Caralon's Phantom v. LeBarland.) Five boys, 1 girl by emergency C-Section. I kept 3 of the boys and they have been good producers
Mari-Fiori's The Dance, HIC, OFA aka Dude
Mari-Fiori's The Fever, OFA, TC aka Ryan (nearing Championship)
Mari-Fiori's The River, aka Gene, who is the sire of Mari-Fiori's River of Dreams.
Darlin, your sweetness is evident in your boys and their progeny. ~~-Marilee Wilkinson 11/1/07

CH FaithRock-Langlitz Joshua HH, CD, TC, CGC, HIC and (health certificate of excellence) took his last breath. Josh would have been 8 years old this January. . We will miss him at the rainbow bridge someday. I know he will be there waiting for us! ~- Terry Rock 11/1/07

Cimarron's Margarita OFA 12/5/1997 to 10/28/2007
Sire: SEL CH FV AZTEC'S KODAK ROM
Dam: KINGDOM'S TORNADO ROM (COVY-TUCKER HILL'S SABER x VON STEFAN HAUS EDELWEISS ROM)
Linebreeding: AM/CAN SELCH STUTTGART'S SUNDANCE KID ROM/C (5-4), CH HEART BREAKER OF BOB-LYN ROM (5,5-5), WEIDOR'S ISOTTA ROM (5,4-0), COVY-TUCKER HILL'S SINDERELLA ROM (5,5-5). ~- Steve Dobbins

Health Matters

What Is von Willebrand Disease?

Von Willebrand disease is an inherited bleeding disorder. The disease is named after the doctor who discovered it, Erik von Willebrand. People born with the disease have one or both of the following:

- Low levels of a protein called von Willebrand factor that helps the blood to clot
- Von Willebrand factor that doesn't work properly

When von Willebrand factor is missing or doesn't work, it

can cause prolonged bleeding after an injury or accident.

What Is Blood Clotting?

An injury, like a cut, to a blood vessel causes a complex chain of events called the clotting process, which results in a blood clot. Clotting is your body's reaction to bleeding; it keeps you from losing too much blood. Losing too much blood can be life threatening and can damage your internal organs.

What Is von Willebrand Factor?

Von Willebrand factor is one of the proteins in your blood that helps it to clot. The cells that line the walls of your blood vessels (veins and arteries) make von Willebrand factor. When blood vessels are damaged, platelets (small blood cells that collect and stick together to plug cuts and breaks in blood vessels) clump together at the site of the injury. Von Willebrand factor acts like glue and helps the platelets stick together. Von Willebrand factor also carries and stabilizes clotting factor VIII, another protein that helps your blood to clot.



What Causes von Willebrand Disease?

Von Willebrand disease is usually inherited—that is, passed in the genes from parent to child. Genes are located in the cells of the body and control how the cells make proteins, such as von Willebrand factor. Each cell in the body has two copies of every gene (except some genes related to gender). You inherit one copy from your mother and one from your father. In rare cases, von Willebrand disease isn't inherited, but develops due to other reasons later in life. This is called acquired von Willebrand syndrome.

Who Is At Risk for von Willebrand Disease?

Von Willebrand disease is the most common inherited bleeding disorder. It occurs in children who inherit one or two defective von Willebrand genes from their parents.

Mild defects in von Willebrand factor that occasionally cause bleeding occur in about 1 in every 100 to 1,000 people. Significant bleeding from von Willebrand disease occurs in about 1 in every 10,000 people. Unlike [hemophilia](#), another inherited bleeding disorder that occurs mostly in males, von Willebrand disease occurs equally in males and females.

How Is von Willebrand Disease Treated?

Most cases of von Willebrand disease are mild and often don't require treatment. Treatment may only be needed to prevent or treat bleeding associated with surgery, tooth extraction, or an accident. For those who need treatment,

one or more of the following may be used:

- Medicine to increase the level of von Willebrand factor in the blood
- Medicine to prevent the breakdown of clots
- Medicine to control heavy menstrual bleeding in women
- Injection of clotting factor concentrates (containing von Willebrand factor and factor VIII)
- Your doctor will decide what treatment you need based on the severity and the type of disease you have.
- Oral contraceptives (or birth control pills), which can help women who have heavy menstrual bleeding.
- Antifibrinolytic drugs, which help prevent the breakdown of clots that form at bleeding sites. These drugs are used mostly to stop or prevent bleeding following minor surgery, tooth extraction, or an injury. They may be used alone or together with DDAVP or replacement therapy.
- Fibrin glue, which is medicine placed directly on a wound to stop the bleeding.

Bleeding that can't be controlled can become life threatening. Rarely, people with severe forms of von Willebrand disease will need to seek immediate medical treatment to stop bleeding.

From the October, 2007 Meeting -
Educational Program

The following article is follow up:

From American Kennel Club (AKC) - Canine Health Foundation:

CHF Announces Funding for its First Stem Cell Research Study [Monday, July 09, 2007]

A new study using stem cells may offer hope to thousands of dog owners whose pets suffer from an incurable disease called degenerative myelopathy (DM). DM, often considered the canine equivalent to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, and multiple sclerosis in humans, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that causes dogs to initially lose muscle strength in their rear legs and gradually paralyzes them completely. Although German Shepherd Dogs are most commonly affected by the disease, it also is seen in Boxers, Welsh Corgis, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Irish Setters, Old English Sheepdogs, and mixed breed pets.

Previous research in mice has indicated that some healing can take place in animals with DM by injecting some of the animal's own bone marrow stem cells into the affected area. These adult stem cells appear to transform themselves into nerve cells.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation has approved a grant of \$100,000 for Dr. Richard Vulliet, professor at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, to conduct safety trials using such adult stem cells in canine patients suffering from selected diseases including DM.

"This ground-breaking study will ultimately lead to improved treatments and cures for canines, but we anticipate that the investigation will also prove useful in the fight against human disease as well," says Stuart Eckmann, vice-chair of the AKC Canine Health Foundation Grants Committee and a resident of Mountain View, California. "We're proud to be a part of the forward thinking health initiatives that California residents have supported and their commitment to canine and human health."

Eckmann is, of course, referring to the multi-billion dollar stem cell initiative that established the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine or CIRM. CIRM was established in early 2005 with the passage of Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative. The statewide ballot measure provides funding for stem cell research at California universities and research institutions and provides grants and loans for stem cell research, research facilities, and other vital research opportunities.



Vivian Brown, Santa Ana resident, long time breeder, and Secretary of the Orange Coast German Shepherd Dog Club says, "I've been in the breed since 1950 and have seen the effects of this devastating disease first hand. When my dog lost the use of his tail and started floundering in the rear, I knew something was dreadfully wrong. At that time, several vets thought it was bad hips, but we later found out it was DM. Living with this condition is extremely upsetting, and I'm delighted that the CHF is funding work on it right here in California."

Connie Urbanski, who is the Supervisor of Animal Services for the Palo Alto Police Department (which services surrounding areas) is equally encouraged about the potential for this research. "As someone whose job involves all dogs – purebred and mixed breeds alike no matter their genetic or health background – I am always concerned about the day-to-day placement of shelter dogs into responsible homes. As a purebred dog breeder of Bullmastiffs, though, I also realize the benefit that the purebred dog population offers as a research tool. I'm very pleased that California will be the home of such a forward thinking research project that can benefit both the dogs with DM and people with MS."

At UC Davis, Vulliet will prepare adult bone marrow stem cells (mesenchymal stromal cells) and oversee clinical trials to administer the cells into animals already affected by disease. "I'm excited about the possibilities of this innovative clinical research in a disease that currently has

no cure. I'm confident that at its completion we will make a difference in the lives of German Shepherd dogs and their owners," says Professor Vulliet.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation has produced a video in which Dr. Vulliet describes the disease and the need for research in this challenging area. A second video from the foundation gives tips on caring for dogs with the disease – both videos may be viewed at the Canine Health Foundation website: www.akcchf.org/video. UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine conducts a mission of teaching, research and service to benefit animal health, public health and environmental health. The school's [Center for Companion Animal Health](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/center-for-companion-animal-health), which fosters sophisticated studies of naturally occurring diseases to improve the health of dogs, cats and small alternative pets, will provide additional funding for this study.

http://www.akcchf.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=191

A JOKE A DAY

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca- age 8

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris - age 7

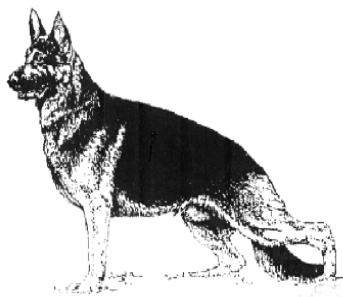
"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - age 4



GSDCA NEWS

When you have decided on the names you are going to use to register puppies, please send Laura the registered names of the puppies. Remember when submitted to Purina, for each pup entered in a Futurity, the GSDCA will receive \$2. Laura Gilbert, GSDCA Purina Alliance (e-mail to: PurinaAlliance@aol.com)

2448 Johnstown Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322



2008 GSDCA National Information

November 2 - 9, 2008

SMG/Ford Park, 5115 I-10 South,
Beaumont, TX 77705.

This is tentative for planning purposes only.

The GSD Breed Standard (Part II)

The **German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard** is a guideline for every breed fancier to use, study, and commit to memory.

The **General Appearance, Coat, and Color** parts of the standard (there are several parts to the standard) are listed below. Subsequent issues of the *Wag 'N Tongue* will have continued illustrations of other sections of our breed's standard.

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

Coat – The ideal dog has a double coat of medium length. The outer coat should be as dense as possible, hair straight, harsh and lying close to the body. A slightly wavy outer coat, often of wiry texture, is permissible. The head, including the inner ear and foreface, and the legs and paws are covered with short hair, and the neck with longer and thicker hair. The rear of the forelegs and hindlegs has somewhat longer hair extending to the pastern and hock, respectively. Faults in coat include soft, silky, too long outer coat, woolly, curly, and open coat.

Color – The German Shepherd Dog varies in color, and most colors are permissible. Strong rich colors are preferred. Pale, washed-out colors or blues and livers are serious faults. A white dog must be disqualified.”

Happy Birthday!

December

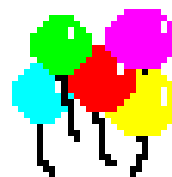
Alice Becker

John Hoffman

Barry Mayer

Glenn Murphy

**Please let me know when your birthday is
if I've missed you! Thanks!**



Editor Notes

Please note: Sharon Plumpe, Fran Hellen's daughter, has a few items for sale from her mother's house: A 6x10' chain link kennel (\$75), 2 wire cages with slanted doors (\$20 each), and a galvanized bathtub (\$15). You may call her at (636) 677-0113 or write her at 3700 Meadow Drive, House Springs, MO 63051. Fran Hellen was a life-time member of our club for many, many years and Sharon would appreciate your interest in her mother's "dog" stuff.

Members who would prefer having the newsletter e-mailed, please send me permission at ruttergsd@daffron.net or call (573) 324-2240. Also, Bill Harper will be putting it on the club's website. If you would prefer to view it on the website or print a copy for yourself there, this would save the club the cost of printing and postage. Please let me know if an alternate method of delivery would be permissible.

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

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Gail Rutter, Editor