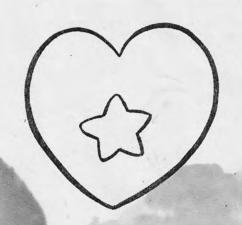


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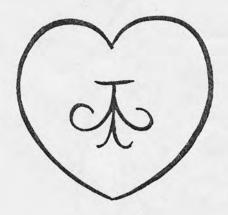
The purpose of the club shall be to encourage and promote the breeding of purebred German Shepherd Dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection, to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as adopted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America and approved 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, Red Cross, police, hearding, rescue do and guide 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 or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

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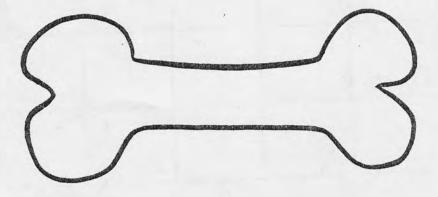
Well. It has sure been some humdinger of a winter so far. I don't know about you, but I'm from the South, and we don't get snow like this down there. I can't wait for the weather to get better so that I can finish Zeke's CDX. I think its called "cabin fever".

Don't forget that this month's meeting is for Royal Hecht awards and only dogs receiving awards are allowed at the meeting. Let's all turn out and give these dogs and their handlers the kind of applause that they deserve.

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 21, 1986

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

President Duerbeck announced that Fran Ruoff had been extremely ill but is now on the road to recovery. She has continued to carry out her duties as Treasurer. Checks have been written and are ready to be mailed.

Linda Newman moved that the educational program featuring Drs. Dimmit and Kolata preced the business portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Harold Beckham and passed. Drs. Dimmit and Kolata presented a program on bloat and torsion.

Alice Krueger moved that the club vote on judges for the Fall Specialty. The motion was seconded by Harold Beckham and passed. The voting for judges for the Fall Specialty took place.

President Duerbeck thanked Harold Beckham for getting the paint and having the ring equipment at John Hoffmann's home for painting. Sharon Dieckmann was also thanked for her work as editor of the Wag N Tongue. Acknowledgement was made of the honors received for excellence during her tenure. Daphne Szczuka will be the new editor of the Wag N Tongue.

A raffle netted the club \$23.

Linda Newman announced receipt of a card from the Cunninghams thanking the club for its expression of sympathy in the death of Marie's father. The club also received a note from Dr. Tichenor expressing his gratitude at being invited to judge the Fall Specialty last October.

Alice Krueger reported the all-breed conformation class had netted \$312.98. The class met for nine weeks.

Nancy Kearney announced that the Northwest Suburban Journal had run a special article on the Canine Corp school and cemetery.

Results of the election of judges for the Fall Specialty are:

Conformation judge: Gerry Graham, first choice; Bob Eaton, second Obedience judge: Ruth Foster, first choice; Richard Christ, second

Lydia Neun moved the ballots be destroyed and the talley sheets kept. The motion was seconded by Marilee Wilkinson and passed.

Old Business

Ken Cunningham presented the terms of the only contract offered by Jack Onofrio to serve as superintendent for a show. It was noted that the proposed contract was not cost effective for the club and that the Board had recommended not pursuing the issue any further. President Duerbeck thanked Ken Cunningham for his time and effort to investigate the matter.

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President Duerbeck announced that Judy Nolde will serve as Show Secretary for the Spring Show. Harold Beckham volunteered to serve as Show Chairman.

It was announced that Walter Martin will be coming to St. Louis on March 28 and 29, 1987 and that arrangements have been made at the Airport Holiday Inn.

John Hoffmann mentioned that possible topics for educational programs are first aid and schutzhund. Election of officers will be held at the January meeting and the Royal Hecht awards will be presented at the February meeting.

The coffee box collected \$7.35.

The minutes of the October 17, 1986 meeting were approved as read.

There being no further business, Harold Beckham moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Daphne Szczuka and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

alin Berker

Alice Becker

Recording Secretary



Latest fad: Velcro puppies. You can walk them without a leash.

ANYONE WHO OWNED A TITLED

DOG WHO DIED IN 1986 PLEASE

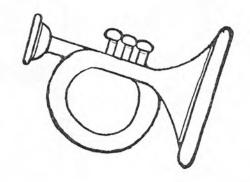
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TITLED DOGS.





CONGRATULATIONS NEW CLUB OFFICERS!!!!!

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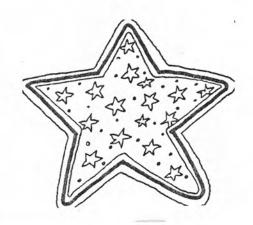
ALICE KRUEGER

DON KRUEGER

LYDIA NEUN

LINDA NEWMAN

GOOD LUCK FOR THE COMING YEAR!!!!!



THE GROOMING TABLE

CHEWING THE FAT

Is your dog's coat still dry, brittle, and lackluster in spite of the shampoos and creme rinses you may use on him? Maybe you should take a look at what you are feeding your dog. Many dog foods, although they contain an adequate amount of fat, may be lacking in the essential fatty acids.

Fats and oils should be incorporated into a dog's diet in sufficient amounts to be atleast 12 to 16 percent (depending on the activity level of the dog) of the dry weight of the diet. In addition to the fundamental requirement for energy, fat in the diet should also supply linoleic acid, which is the most important essential fatty acid.

If Lard (pork fat) or vegetable oil is used for atleast half of the fat requirement, their linoleic acid content is high enough to insure adequate amounts of essential fatty acids in the diet. Beef tallow will fulfill the energy requirement of the dog, but will not supply the fatty acids in sufficient amounts.

If your dog food is not producing the kind of coat on your dog that you want, try adding a tablespoon of corn or vegetable oil to his diet. But be careful not to add too much; it could cause problems worse than the one you are trying to treat.

Violet 3

P.S. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the "Grooming Table" just send them to me in care of the editor.



GOOD LUCK AND GOOD GROOMING!!!!!



GOOD REASONS TO CULTURE FOR STUD DOGS AS WELL AS BITCHES

Bacteria is plural for bacterium.

BACTERIUM" A group of bacteria formerly classified as a genus of the family, Bacteriaccse, later reclassified as Acetobacter.

BACTERIA: Any of various one celled microorganisms of the ;lant kington, existing as free living organisms or as parasites, multiplying by subdivision and having a large range of biochemical(including pathogenic) properties; they are classified according to their shape and appearance.

SHAPE:

1.COCCUS: round 2.BACILLIS: rod

3.SPIRILLA: spiral

APPEARANCE:

1.STREPTO: chains, grows in twisted Chins

2.STAPHYLO: bunches, clusters

3.DIPLO: pairs

The following can be combined to describe certain bacteria. STREPTOCOCCUS: round bacteria that grow in twisted chains. STREPTOBACILLUS: rod shaped that grow in twisted chains. STAPHYLOCOCCUS: round, that grow in clusters. DIPLOCOCCUS: round that grow in pairs.

PATHOGENIC: organisms which cause disease. Called pathogens. SPORES: highly resistant forms of bacteria that are difficult to destroy. PROTOZOA: microorganisms of the animal kingdom which includes all umicellular organisms.

RICKETTSIAE: parasites requiring living cells for growth, they are causative agents of many diseases and are usually transmitted by arthropds (lice, leases)

enteric: a bacterium indigencus to the intestines usually a non-pathogenic gram negative rod. L-forms if bacteria, smell, filterable bacterial forms with defective

or absent cell walls (caused by antibotic, specific antibodies or lysosomal enzymes) which retain the ability to multiply.

BACTERLODES: A genus of bacteria composed of gram negative non motile, anaerobic bacilli normally inhabiting the mouth, intestinal tract and genital organs, some species are pathogenic.

BACTERIAL DISEASE

A number of bacterial diseases of dogs especially of young puppies may result in serious illness or death. In contrast to man, remarkably few specific bacteral diseases affect dogs. Bacterial and fungal disease may be caused by presence in the body of these microorganisms and products of these growth, as in septicema or by production of potent toxins circulated by the blood from a restricted focus of infection, as in tetanus.

Any condition such as malnutrition, parasitism concurrent infection or various chronic disease that lowers the resistance of a dog will predispose it to development of certain bacterial infection. Some bacteria are found almost invarially as a component of mixed infection.

BRUCELLOSIS: An infectious disease caused by bacteria of the genic and transmitted by animals. Both sexes are equally susceptible and there is no age preference. Common signs of infection in bitches have been abortion, failure to whelp and enlarged lymph nodes. Male animals may have epididymitis, swelling of the testicle or scrotum and maybe atrophy of one or both testes. Bacteria may circulate in the blood of infected animals for longer than a year and organisms are shed in great numbers from aborted discharges and vaginal excretions. Vaginal discharge may persist more than month after an abortion. These materials are highly infective and greatcare should be taken not to touch such materials with bare hands, for it can spread to human beings. A Brucellosis test should be done on animals before breeding.

PSEUDOMONAS: A genus of gram negative motile bacteria with polor flagella, occurring in soil, water, sewage and air. Also can be passed through a breeding.

AERUGINOSA A species found in feces and skin and causes blue pus infection of wounds and burns and may cause infection in other parts of the body through the use of instruments, as in the urinary tract or in the subarachnoid space through lumbar puncture: some strains produce a blue conpound soluble in chloroform: others produce a greenish compound soluble in water.

MALLEI: A species causing glanders in horses, sheep, and man.

PROTEUS: A genus gram negative bacteria motile only at 25 degrees C, most commonly associated with urinary tract and wound infection, may also be seen in diarrhea and gastroenteritis.

ESCHERICHIA COLI: A genus of bacteria containing short gram negative rods, the motile species are covered with flagella: they ferment glucose and lactose with acid and gas formation, are present in feces and may cause disease.

E COLI: A motile variety normally present in the intestines of humans.

One of the most perplexing and not yet fully understood problems is unaccountable loss of young puppies. Although some cases of early deaths may be due to viral diseases, bacterial infection appear to be far more common. They result in fulminating, often fatal, infection of pups up to two weeks of age, with the majority dying the first few days of life. Fading pups or puppy septicemia may be caused by streptococci or staphylocci which produce umbilical infections. bacteria such as PSEUDOMONAS the bacillus of green pus, or ESCHERICHIA COLI, common bacterium of the intestinal and gential tract of dogs, produce severe hemorrhagic enteritis. Puppies affected by those bacteria often become weak and die within a day or two of birth.

MYCOPLASM: A genus of bacteria lacking a rigid cell wall, having instead a triple layered membrane (thus occurring in many shapes) the smallest free living organisum presently known, being intermediate in size between viruses and bacteria: some species are pathogenic.

STAPHYTOCOCCUS: A genus of gram postive non motile usually pathogenic bacteria which tend to aggregate in irregular grap like clusters. AUREUS: A species containing the pigmented coagulase postive variety which causes carbuncles, abcesses and other suppurative inflammations.

STREPTOCOCCUS: A genus of gram postive round or ovid bacteria, pathogenic and or non pathogenic occurring in pairs or chains, classified according to their hemolytis activity on blood agar. CREMONIS: nonpathogenic speicies isolated from raw milk and milk products.

FECOLLS: an exterococcus normally found in the intestinal tract: a cause of subacute bacterial endocarditis.

LOCTIS a species which is the most common cause of the souring of milk. PNEUMONIAE: a rarely spherical species which causes labr pneumonia and other acute pus forming conditions.

PYOGENES: a species which is the cause of several acute pyogenic (pus forming) infection.

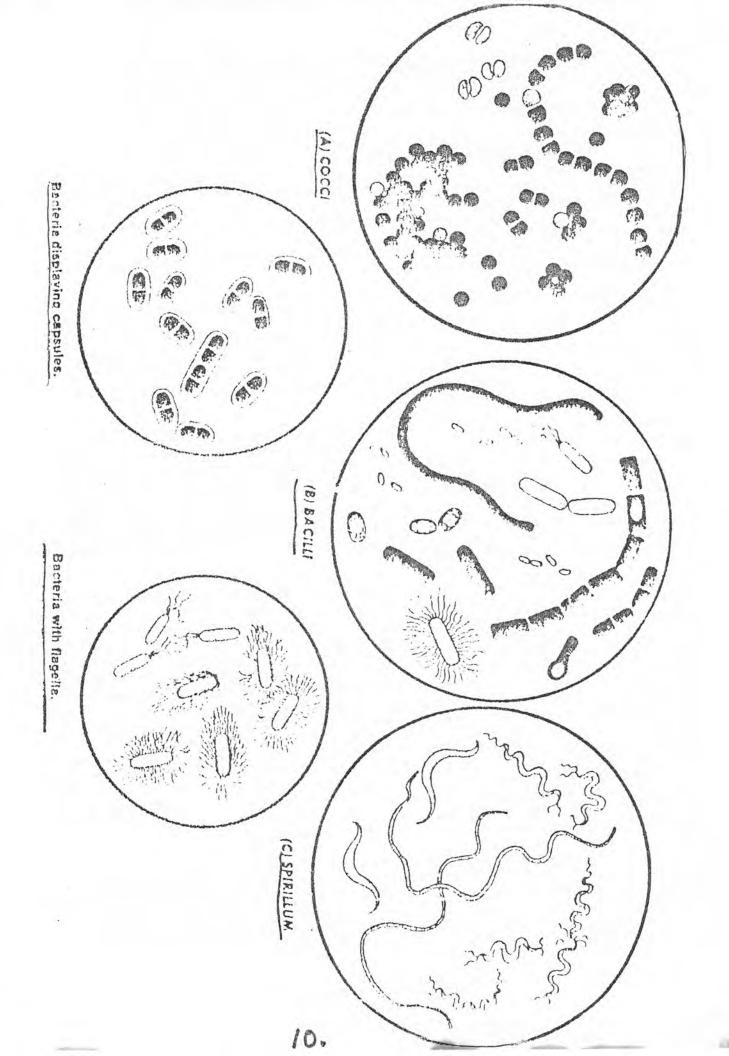
SALIVARIUS: a species found in saliva and throughout the intestinal tract, generally non pathogenic.

CANINE HERPES: Often referred to as the "fading puppy syndrome". Canine herpes affects one to three week old puppies, who can die within hours. A formerly healthy, vigorous pup will suddenly become acutely ill, crying and not nursing. Often there is no fever. Affected bitches may have nodules on the vagina, accompanied by infalmmation. The puppies who do recover will remain carriers for months. Treatment simply involves supportive care.

CANINE VENEREAL GRANULOMATA: This disease, characterized by soft tumors, has been found only in the muccous membranes of the genital tract of dogs. Both sexes of all breeds seem susceptible. It seems to spread readily, either by coitus, from one sex to the other, or by a susceptible one licking an infected one, of either sex. Muccous membranes of the mother may help transmit infection, but it has not been transmitted conclusively by cell free filtrates of tumor material according to present records. The viral nature of this infection has not been proven beyound doubt.

PYOMETRA: is a collection of inflammantory material and fluid within the uterus that is functionally considered an abscess and can only occur in unspayed bitches. The toxins from the bacteria and pus cells are what makes the dog sick. Pyometra most commonly occur two to three weeks after a heat cycle, and symptons are loss of appetite, vomitting, diarrhea, depression, possible fever and often increased thirst and urination. Pyo can take two forms. The cervix may remain closed and the pus accumulates within the uterus or the cervix opens and a very purulent, occasionally bloody and sometimes malodorous discharge appears from the vagina. Diagnosis is based on history, examination, and radiographic confirmation. In cases of open pyo, drainage through the vagina aids in diagnosis. Treatment is surgical removal of the uterus, and the prognosis is good for otherwise healthy dogs. Exceptions are those dogs who have suffered from toxic kidney changes caused by released toxins or in those cases where the uterus has ruptured as a result of weakened walls or severe distention, releasing pus into the dog"s abdomen.

AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE can make a bitch infertile. The most common illnesses that can prevent a bitch from conceiving are BRUCELLOSIS, HERPES VIRUS, And CHRONIC ENDOMTRITIS or UTERINE and VAGINAL INFECTIONS. Your vet can help you deal with these diseases. Careful isolation of the causative organisms, via cultures and the appropriate therapy can often result in a return of fertility if NO Permanent damage has occurred.



Dear Club Secretary,

Holding the responsible position of secretary for your club is an honor that your fellow members have entrusted to you. Therefore, I'm sure you take your responsibilities seriously and are always looking for opportunities for the advancement of your club, its members and most importantly, the benefit of responsible ownership of pure-bred dogs.

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Rita L. Davis

Director of Promotions

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German Shepherd Dog Club of America Cause of Death Survey

A.	Please answer each question.	
B.	Please use one questionaire for each dog reported.	4
C.	Mail completed questionaire to:	
	Dr. Joseph Giardina 5529 Reseda Boulevard Tarzana, California 91356	
1.	. What age was the dog at the time of death?	
	(years) (months) (days) circle one	
2	. Sex	
	(1) □ male (2) □ male, sterilized (3) □ female (4) □ female, sterlized	
3.	. Weight pounds (if unknown, then estimate)	
	. Check if any of the following problems lead to the death of the dog:	
	1. □ Arthritis 8. □ Hit by car	
	2. □ Bloat 9. □ Intestinal parasites	
	3. □ Cancer 10. □ Kidney disease	
	4. □ Corona virus 11. □ Liver problem	
	5. ☐ Heart problem 12. ☐ Parvo virus	
	6. ☐ Heartworm 13. ☐ Skin problems	
	7. □ Hip dysplasia 14. □ Spondylitis	
6.	. Was the disease entity that lead to the dog's death confirmed by (check those applicable) (1) □ Veterinarian (2) □ Laboratory tests (3) □ Pathology report (4) □ Other	
7.	. Was the dog euthanized? (1) □ Yes (2) □ No	
	The following questions are to evaluate the respondant and need not necessarily be answered	ered.
8.	 How long have you been involved in the German Shepherd Dog breed? (1) □ Less than one year (2) □ One to five years (3) □ Five to ten years (4) □ Over ten years 	
9.	. Up to date, how many German Shepherd Dogs have you owned?	
10.	. Up to date, how many German Shepherd Dog litters have you whelped?	



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PARENT CLUB REPORTS FOR REGIONAL CLUBS

Release #176 January 1, 1987

Cause of Death Committee Joseph F. Giardina, DVM

The GSDC of A has inaugurated the Cause of Death (COD) Committee to collect information from our membership for a study to determine the health problems in our breed which lead to death. In short, what we are surveying are the different health problems in the German Shepherd Dog breed which lead ultimately to the dog's death.

This survey questionaire has been designed to record the cause of death in a GSD that you owned. We are not interested in names or blood lines. We want this survey to be solely factual, and free of any names/blood lines. Every effort has been made to keep the questions in this form concise and pertinent in order to minimize response time. Please answer each question as a response to each question is essential to data analysis.

Use a separate questionaire for each German Shepherd Dog reported. Should you be unable to Xerox a copy of a blank questionaire, then write to me and I shall send you as many blanks as you may need.

The data will be collected for three (3) months and the results of the survey will be published in the German Shepherd Dog Review.

I want to take this opportunity to Thank You all. NOTE: Dr. Giardina's address is 5529 Reseda Blvd., Tarzana, CA 91356. A copy of the questionaire is enclosed. Make a copy for each of your members and rush the replies to Dr. Giardina as soon as possible. *********

NEWSLETTER

Annual Alan Stone, Chps. It has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to be the 1986

newsletter editor judge. For the past year I have received newsletters from nineteen very hard working editors that have spent many long hours

keeping me busy reading.

Since this was a new committee for me, I relied on the criteria for newsletter editors, as advised, for evaluation and judging of the newsletters. Once the newsletters started arriving, the committee had no problem judging them based on the five categories: parent club reports, content, print, layout, and original articles. I was disappointed that all nineteen clubs did not meet the four issue minimum requirement for competition, but realized that this had also occurred in 1985.

When it came time to determine winners in each of the two categories, (semi or professionally printed and mimeo, ditto, or copy) the committee was faced with an unhappy dimemma. Although it isnice to have two first place winners, we found that out of nineteen newsletters only three fit into the semi or professionally printed category, leaving the remaining sixteen all lumped together in the mimeo, ditto, or copy category. When all the points were added up for tabulation we were again dismayed. Since the categories were not evenly balanced, we felt that some excellent newsletters would be out of the running based on category not necessarily merit. is the opinion of this committee that the two category grading system, (semi or professionally printed and mimeo, ditto or copy) should be eliminated and that the placings should revert back to first through fifth.

I praise all of you for your hard work and devotion to the breed.

1986 NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNERS

CATEGORY I- Semi or Professionally Printed

FIRST PLACE: GAITWAY, GSDC of Central Massachusetts

Editor: Debra Ann Hokkanen

SECOND PLACE: KALIFORNIA NEWS, GSDC of San Gabriel

Editor: Carol Czadek

CATEGORY II - Mimeo- Ditto- or Copy

NORTHWEST SHEPHERD NEWS, GSDC of Washington State FIRST PLACE:

Editor: Joanne Nord

SECOND PLACE: NORTHLAND SHEPHERD NEWS, GSDC of Alaska

Editor: Jane Spalding

THIRD PLACE: THE JOTTER, GSDC of Western Pennsylvania

Editor: Bonnie Thiel and Ed Melone **********

NOTE: The new Newsletter Judge is Peggy Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 2041, Duck

Creek Rd., Cleveland, TX 77377 (713-592-7983) *****

ROM SIRES

Kathleen Potter, Chps. I am very pleased to be your new R.O.M. Sire Chairman. Forthe last several months since I have had the project I have been busy organizing my records and procedures, as well as keeping up-to-date on the compilations.

We have two new R.O.M. sires for 1986, and many new candidates and qualifiers. Since there are so many majors at all breed shows, I would like to appeal to the winners of those majors to mail tear sheets to both R.O.M. Sire and R.O.M. Dam chairmen. It has become very difficult to obtain the names of the sires and dams of the winners of these shows.

In the future I will be automating the R.O.M. system. Currently, I am in the process of learning all of the intricacies, so that my programming effort will be accurate. Connie Beckhardt, and I, together will define and design the system. Some of the things we are keeping in mind are:

* Development would be geared toward PC or PC Compatible so that it would be easier to pass on to future chairmen, or share with other

committees.

* Choose a database product which could accomplish the data handling aspect of the project, and which could also provide us with the added features of data transportability and data communications.

Hopefully, when either Connie or I are no longer doing R.O.M., our efforts with this project would result in a system which, with a single entry, could apply the necessary information to both the sire and the dam. *****

Kathleen Potter's address is 5660 SE 45th St., Tecumseh, KS 66542. *****

ATTENTION NEWSLETTER EDITORS. Send both Peggy Douglas and Blanche Beisswenger copies of your publications, each edition; the former needs them for the judging contest and the latter for regional club liaison.

ATTENTION REGIONAL CLUB SECRETARIES. As Board approved several years back to insure members of the regional clubs are exposed to the Parent Club Reports, the reports are mailed to the club secretaries over whom there is a better opportunity to maintain the correct addresses. Secretaries with a newsletter should immediately forward a copy when received to their editor for publication. If there is no editor, the secretary should disseminate the information in whatever way is feasible.

THE GRIFFIN BANDITA, T.T.

"Dee Dee"

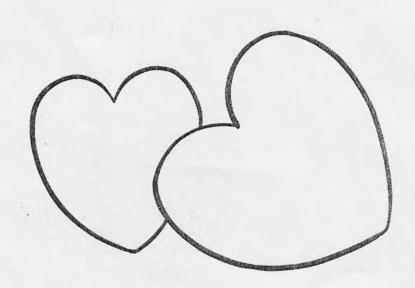
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My pretty girl -this was one "fight"
I could not win for you.

I will miss you -I love you.

Nancy Yadon Kearney







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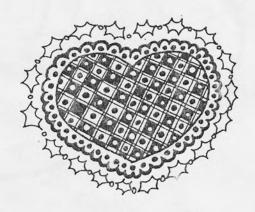
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Janet Wood 1010 Lakeview St. Louis, MO 63138



OBEDIENCE TRAINING & THE BREED RING

by Olive Lombard reprinted from the Gazette March 1986

Dogs shown in conformation need preliminary training. They will have to be groomed—some for hours, remain motionless holding any pose that their handlers desire, be examined by judges without cringing or biting, and appear to be happy in the ring while ignoring the surrounding confusion. These requirements may be learned in obedience classes under the instruction of a good trainer, since obedience is taught in an environment similar to a dog show.

In addition, teaching obedience routines to a dog assists those who intend to handle their dogs in the breed ring. Owner-handlers are at a disadvantage when competing with professionals because they have less show experience. The latter are usually self-confident; amateurs are apt to be nervous, and nervousness can be transmitted to their dogs. An obedience class not only teaches the dog what is expected of them, but it helps the owners gain self-assurance.

It is <u>essential</u> for a dog to be well-mannered while being shown. This may be difficult for inexperienced dogs, since they may be frightened or overly excited by the noise, flurry, and presence of so many unfamiliar humans and dogs. Obedience trained dogs behave better, due to developing a habit of responding to commands under any condition.

If possible, obedience training should start at about four monthsafter the puppies have had their last shots and are old enough to have the necessary attention span, yet are too young for the development of bad habits.

THE GROUNDWORK FOR CONFORMATION

All show dogs must walk properly, hold a pose, and allow judges to examine them. Obviously, these can be taught individually. The advantage of the dogs learning this in an obedience class is that they grow accustomed to behaving correctly in the presence of other puppies. They have to heel on a lead at any speed, while repeatedly circling a hall; sniffing is forbidden when "working", so they hold their heads erect and ignore interesting smells.

Ideally, the "stand-stay" command implies that dogs take a typical well-balanced pose and hold it until they are released by a verbal, or hand, signal. Thus, this exercise may ge carried one step further than required for obedience. After the dog understands and obeys the order, it may be posed in the respective breed stance and directed to stay. A well-trained dog will remain motionless in the required standing position, watching alertly to be released.

This lesson also is useful when the dog is being groomed. Since show dogs must be trimmed meticulously; if one fidgets, there is a chance that it may be clipped, or scissored, too close or in the wrong spot.

Furthermore, proper training to "stay" followed by the "standfor examination", which is included in an obedience course, will help
to make dogs more emotionally stable, since they become accustomed to
being handled by many strangers. Even those that attempt to draw back
when first approached discover that the hand presented for them to
smell is not going to strike them. This is a very important lesson.
An animal with the best conformation and gait probably would not be
"put up" if it shied away from the judge. Certainly it would be
eliminated after biting the judge's hand!

There is a singularly valuble benefit which results from training breed dogs in an obedience class. Some animals are nervous at a show and dejectedlyhide their tails between their legs, or attempt to twist their bodies watching to be sure that the dog following does not get near. These signs of insecurity may be concealed by the handler when the dog is "set up", as the head and tail can be held, but their is no way to hide an unhappy animal when it is being gaited. Obedience training may correct the behavior. Frequently, a puppy who is so timid he has to be dragged around the "ring" during the first lesson, soon discovers that the special attention he is receiving is pleasurable instead of frightening, and he starts to enjoy the classes. Most obedience trained dogs have been trained that they cannot fight, sniff, nor be sniffed while under the handler's orders, so they lose any inherent anxiety. Without apprehension of the unexpected, they stop protecting themselves by cringing, lowering their tails, or trying to watch the dog behind them. When they have nothing to fear and have learned that "working" in a ring is fun, dogs pull their tails erect in pleasure, just as the cornors of a human's lips are drawn up into a smile.

ANY NEGATIVE ASPECTS?

Some breeders believe that obedience training may make animals lose their natural animation. Proper coaching will not "break a dog's spirit". Actually the reverse effect may be observed. A sense of security is developed from the constant repetition of a desired behavior pattern.

Historically, many people used severe punishment for training. Animals that were beaten into submission might appear cowed when shown. Since then, kindness and affection have been found to be more effective than roughness. Rigid discipline is necessary only for the most stubborn animals, those that are so domineering that a deliberate attempt to subjugate them would have little impact. For most dogs, a disappointed tone of voice and words such as "shame" or "no", usually are sufficient reproof for misbehaving.

Frequent gentle handling of young puppies make them better adults. Touching older puppies during obedience training is an extension of this method of socialization, since praise for a well performed exercise is accompanied by pats and loving slaps.

Dogs must be taught with firmness, consistency, gentleness, patience, and much praise. Correct obedience schooling should be "fun" --a happy time--for both dog and handler.

Because a dog is obedience trained does not mean that he must compete for points in trials. Good manners are the primary aim; good manners help the owner, as well as the dog, in any situation.

There is one minor problem when an "obedience animal" is taken into a conformation ring. To prevent the dog from sitting automatically, each time the handler stops the "stand-stay" command must be given instantly. However, this is only a slight inconvenience compared with the numerous benefits which result from obedience training.

Finally, it is important for the animals to learn obedience lessons under the expertise of a good instructor. If there are any questions as to where to take a show quality dog, the owner should obtain the opinions of people familiar with the field and visit the available classes as a spectator to see how they are conducted. Although the owner, or handler, of each dog will do most, if not all, of the actual training, the type of coaching and discipline will be an indication of the success of an obedience course for the dog. After the best "school" is chosen, the trainer's instructions should be followed carefully. The dogs need to learn the basic exercises. When they understand and respond to all required commands, and have discovered that the lessons are enjoyable, they are ready to be shown in conformation. Proper obedience training will result in behavior which should augment a dog, presenting his appearance and gait to the best advantage.

WHICH ARE YOU?

Some members keep their club strong While others join just to belong.

Some volunteer and do their share While some lie back and just don't care.

On meeting nights some always show While there are those that never go.

Some do their best...some build...some make,
Some never do, just sit and take.

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THANKS!!

January 21st the Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis was kind enough to ask me to address their membership on the Canine Defense Fund and the American Dog Owners Association. One justified criticism I received was that I did not make it plain that donations and memberships were needed. So I decided to summarize my talk for their newsletter, the *Gateway Gazette*. After some thought, I decided it might be a good idea to touch up the article for the German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis.

American Dog Owners Association deals with issues of importance to all members of the dog fancy community in this country; trying to educate dog owners and legislators. They are instrumental in overseeing regulations for shipping dogs; working to make it safer. Another project is seeking to allow the elderly in federal housing projects to keep their dogs, whatever the size. (There is a definite link between the attitude of public housing directors and the two major legal battles facing the dog fancy today.) Many goals are on the agenda, but two of the most pressing at this point in time are fighting the limiting dog legislation, and the laws that would make owning a particular breed a crime. The Canine Defense Fund deals solely with this latter issue.

For the average person to fight these type of laws individually is impossible. The municipality/local government has resources far beyond any single person's ability to cope. They can force you to run to court over and over again without accomplishing anything at all, except to make your employer angry and scare you to death. The wear and tear on you emotionally from this kind of stress is overwhelming. Many times they (the local government body) are not the least bit interested in your civil rights, because they realize that you probably are not in a position to call their hand on the issue. It can be years before a case reaches the higher courts. The expense is staggering. Attorney fees mount at a rate that takes your breath away; and you are not even on the agenda of a higher court where a decision will carry more weight.

Everyone involved with the legitimate sports associated with dogs must band together and support American Dog Owners Association and the Canine Defense Fund. You believe that because your neighbors have ignored the fact that you have 3 or 4 more dogs than you are supposed to have protects you. You are living in a fool's paradise because any change in neighbors or circumstances could pull down your safety. Perhaps you believe that the breed of dog of which you are particularly fond is so well thought of by the general public that no one would ever think to try to make owning one against the law.

Nonsense! Whatever the size, whatever the reputation of your breed - IT IS ENDANGERED! It is just farther down the list than the Bull Terriers, German Shepherd Dogs, etc. But be assured that someone out there thinks your breed is a nuisance that should be be legislated out of existence. What is more, given today's climate, they can and will try to do just that - OUTLAW YOUR BREED OF DOG!

There has been some success at this point in fighting breed restricting legislation. The law in Broward County, Florida (includes part of the city of Miami) applying to Bull Terriers and Staffordshire Terriers was declared unconstitutional by the state court. But cities all over the United States are contemplating similar laws about several different breeds. The German Shepherd Dog ranks about third on the list of breeds that would be eliminated. The Canine Defense Fund is leading this battle and the expense is spectacular.

Canine Defense Fund/American Dog Owners Association (Continued)

Contributions to this fund are desperately needed. Checks should be made out to The Canine Defense Fund and can be sent c/o American Dog Owners Association, Inc., 1920 Route 9, Castleton, New York 12033.

Because of the fantastic expenses associated with these two major projects, money is a constant problem. Please join American Dog Owners Association as an individual. The German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis is a member club and I believe our parent club is also a member and has donated funds. We urge German Shepherd Dog clubs all over the country to join. Checks for dues should be made out to American Dog Owners Association and sent to 1920 Route 2, Castleton, New York 12033. The cost is \$25 for a club, \$10 for an individual, \$15 for husband and wife, or \$100 for a business. (A membership form is on the bottom of this page. When you are a member you receive several copies of the newsletter throughout the year that keeps you up to date on ADOA activities and the status of legislation throughout the country.)

ADOA has available free of charge (for the cost of the postage only) educational brochures, various forms, etc. I have included a form showing the various items available. Some clubs have donated the proceeds from a fun match or other fund raising activity. Some have indicated in their premium list that a portion of the proceeds of their dog show would go to American Dog Owners Association or the Canine Defense Fund.

Please send donations to the Canine Defense Fund, and join and support American Dog Owners Association. The monetary viability of both organizations is crucial to the survival of the dog fancy community in the United States!

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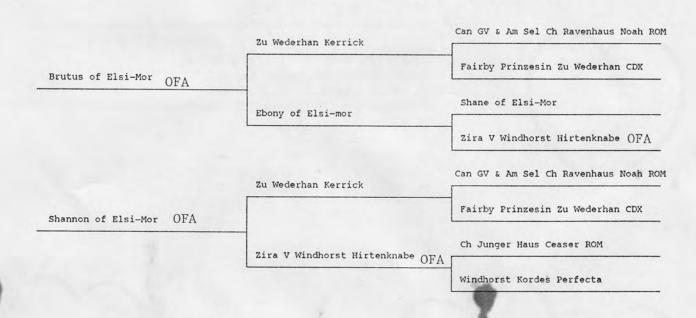
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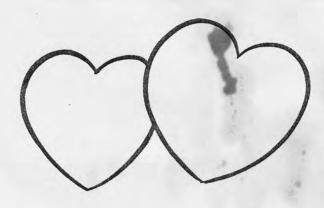
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