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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 the Brentwood Rec. Center, 2502 South Brentwood Blvd. Brentwood, Mo. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

The Regular Board of Governors Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at a location to be announced.

CLUB MEMBERS: Please send your puppy and stud service customers' name and address (including zip code) to the Editor, and they will receive two issues of WAG 'N' TONGUE... Complimentary.

All material that is in the Editor's hands by the first day of each month will be printed in the current issue. Late material will be printed if time permits. Send check or money order with ad.

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CLUB NEWS NOTES

The February meeting is our annual awards. The dogs invited to attend are:

Thunder Dobbins	Chisum&Katie O'Connor
Satana Hadley	Nina Pearson
Toby&Kari Harper	Bear&Jessie Redford
Dee-Dee Harrison	Brandi Rockman
Duke&Penny Horn	Hobo Shearin
Sonny Kessler	Zeke,Kahla, Kena&Nikkon Szczuka
Onyx Kearney	

The next issue will include an advertising form for the members to use for the Spring Specialty catalog. The rates will be listed. Due by June First will be your Stud Dog and Breeder's Listing renewal. Upcoming themes: March/April-Puppy Issue May/June-Brood Bitch&Stud Dog July/August-Obedience, Schutzhund&Herding September/October-Health&Show Issue November/December-Holiday Issue. If you want to advertise or have articles pertaining to any of these subjects the deadline is the first of the month. Remember you get a free ad for every article we use.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 1992

approved
as read
1/7/93
KR

The monthly meeting of the Board of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President Helene Bridges at the Shoney's Restaurant on S. Linbergh.

The roll was called. Visitors to the meeting were Fred Balsman, Gina Black, Don Bridges, and Barb Gambill.

The minutes of the November 12, 1992 Board meeting were approved as read.

The minutes of the November 20, 1992 regular meeting were read.

The Treasurer's report was read. There was a discussion on what to do with the money from the Futurity/Maturity. There was also a discussion on last year's tax returns.

Marilee Wilkinson, Corresponding Secretary, has papers for the Fall '93 Specialty on October 10. She wrote to Oxendale and Wylie about judging assignments - Oxendale will not be able to judge, so Marilee will contact Ruth Foster. A thank-you note from the OFA was received for the Club's donation.

President Bridges read a letter from the Munkland's.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Marilyn Balsman reported that graduation had been held, there will be a training meeting on December 17, and new classes will begin January 6.

Wag-N-Tongue: Marcia Hadley reported that the November Wag had been mailed and she's ready to print the December issue. The typewriter still needs repair, she will contact Harold Beckham about this. Marcia thanked Judy Deane, Barb Gambill, and Marilee Wilkinson for helping her put the November issue together.

Royal Hecht: Marcia Hadley reported she has a total of 14-15 applicants so far. She also mentioned that the only dogs who should attend the February meeting are the dogs receiving an award.

OLD BUSINESS

Judy Deane reported on advertising in the Post Dispatch. A five line ad in the Sunday paper would cost \$22.55 per week. It was decided to run this ad in the months of December and January on a trial basis.

NEW BUSINESS

President Bridges announced that we have no Chairmen or Secretary for the '93 Spring or Fall Specialty. Kathy Redford volunteered to be Show Secretary for the Spring Specialty.

There was a short break.

Bud Leistner will serve as Show Chairman for the Spring Specialty.

The list of members eligible to vote at the January meeting was read.

Marcia Hadley reported on dog-nappings going on in the area.

Marilee Wilkinson mentioned she has two CD's that need name changes. It was decided to get a safe deposit box again for storing the Club's important paperwork.

Barb Gambill mentioned that someone needs to take over the coffee pot.

There being no further business, Marilyn Balsman moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Marilee Wilkinson and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Redford

Kathy Redford
Recording Secretary

approved
as read
1/15/93
KC

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 1992

The regular monthly meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order by Vice-President Marcia Hadley at 8:15 p.m. at the Brentwood Recreational Center.

The roll was called. Helene Bridges and Rosalind North were absent.

The minutes of the October 1, 1992 Board meeting were read.

The minutes of the October 16, 1992 regular meeting were approved as read.

Marilee Wilkinson, Corresponding Secretary, read a letter from Dr. Tichenor and letters from AKC concerning show papers and judges fitness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Marilyn Balsman reported there would be no conformation or obedience refresher classes. The regular obedience classes will resume January 6.

Veteran's Day Parade: Jim Devers thanked all those who participated in the parade.

Wag-n-Tongue: Marcia Hadley stated that the November Veteran's issue will be a little late. She also mentioned that the typewriter needs repair.

Royal Hecht: Marcia Hadley mentioned that the only dogs who should attend the February meeting are the ones receiving an award.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Duerbeck questioned. the AKC letter stating that our Fall show is on Sunday October 10.

Tony Szscuka mentioned that there was a motion tabled. The motion concerned advertising the Club in the *Post*. Judy Deane mentioned that it would be cheaper to run an ad every Sunday for a month as opposed to once a Sunday. Bill Harper moved we table the motion again. The motion was seconded by Tony Szscuka and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of judges for the 1993 Fall Specialty was held.

There was a short break.

The results of the election were: Conformation - Dean Wylie
Obedience - Bill Oxendale

Tony Szscuka moved that the tally be kept and the ballots be destroyed. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Balsman and passed.

Sandy Wolk reported on a problem her family has had with home-owners insurance.

Don Bridges moved that the Club make a \$100 donation to OFA. The motion was seconded by Dyan Harper and passed. Judy Deane mentioned that Dr. Keller would be in town again in February to speak to the Golden Retriever Club about hips & elbows.

The Guest list was read.

A raffle for the K-9 awards netted \$53.

There was a brag box.

Don Bridges moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Jim Devers and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Redford

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Recording Secretary

Client Relations

Top Ten Signs Of A Bad Veterinarian

Submitted by David Ramsey, DVM
Helene Bridges

10. When you hand him your cat, he asks uncomfortably, "monkey?"
9. Two weeks later, your dog coughs up a rubber glove.
8. Big sign in waiting room: "No Pets Allowed".
7. Diploma looks a lot like menu from Chinese restaurant.
6. Always saying, "Where did I leave my leeches this time?"

5. Sends you a card every Spring: "Time for your dog's annual neutering".
4. First question is: "What ails your varmit?"
3. He has a lot of posters advertising bullfights.
2. He personally wears one of those big, funnel-shaped dog collars.
1. He bites.

Modified from "Late Night with David Letterman"

1993 G.S.D.C. of St.Louis Meetings

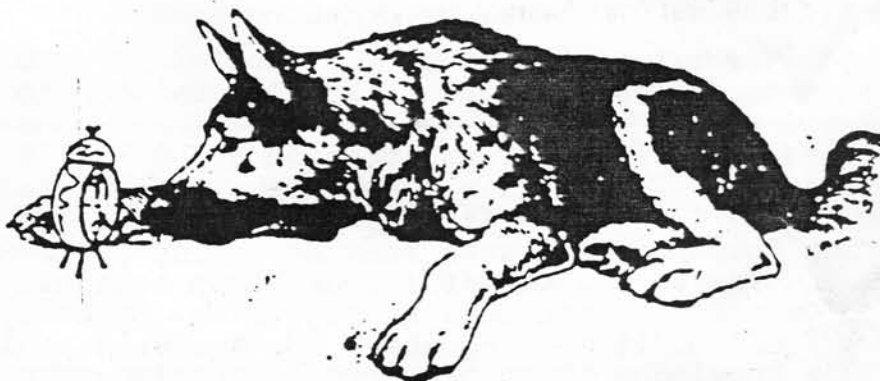
Board Meetings

February 4
March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3
July 1
August 5
September 2
October 7
November 4
December 2

Regular Meetings

February 19
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 18
July 16
No Meeting
September 17
October 15
November 19
No Meeting

*It's
time to
pay your
Dues!*



" SAD FACTS "

By: Helene Bridges

What I have seen in the past three years, tells me we need to help the novice, and "pet person" a little more. It also tells me, that the breeders of this fine breed need to get their act together when it comes to hips, elbows, and temperament. Most everyone knows that I work for Dr. Geisman, DVM, and that he cares for the St. Louis City Police Dogs. I hate to tell you how many dogs are rejected due to:
1.-BAD HIPS # 2.-BAD TEMPERAMENT # 3.-BAD HEALTH.

Almost all of these dogs are donated, and a few are purchased. The temperament problems could have something to do with the way the dogs are raised, but the hip problem has everything to do with the way they are bred.

If you missed the October meeting, when Dr. Keller, DVM, from O.F.A. was here, you missed alot. Even some of the "older" members are still learning. There was alot of new information, and Dr. Keller was on "a roll." We really hated to stop him, but time was a factor. Maybe we should consider having a seminar by Dr. Keller, and Dr. Corley. We could set up a day, or evening, just for that. We could put an ad in the paper, invite other clubs, and our puppy people. (In other words- Educate the public- it could only help.

It isn't just the city having problems with dogs, it's the municipalities as well. In fact, some departments have begun to import dogs. I find that sad, when so many good dogs are right here in Missouri.

For the past few years, I have watched our breed go down-hill, and it breaks my heart. Whatever happened to the good old dogs of years past, good strong temperament, sound bodies, and minds, and healthy?

You tell me, I'd really like to know. Remember, it takes more than just a few people to educate the public about our breed, and to breed good dogs.

The Police Departments are helping make us look good. They put on demos, take their dogs to trials, and the dogs are getting titled for various Police duties. Let's continue to help the Police with good German Shepherd Dogs, so they won't have to go to another breed. (And some units have already done, just that.)

Our breed has the learning ability of a seven year old child. With intelligence, good temperament, and sound structure---What other breed can come close to these fine animals? There are no perfect animals out there, but we CAN help, by breeding good hips, elbows, and temperament.

(Note: I still have some of the booklets from O.F.A. on hips and elbows if anyone needs one, call, and I'll be glad to send you one.)

Editors Note: A few of us attended Dr. Keller's talk at the Golden Retriever Club. He did a much more extensive talk on Elbows there.

One of the Golden people commented that she was glad she didn't have German Shepherds, because they do not have elbow problems! In reality, the Goldens have a higher incidence of both hip and elbow dysplasia than German Shepherd Dogs at this time. Maybe by closing your eyes to a problem, it will go away? Dr. Keller also stated that there is to his knowledge NO ONGOING RESEARCH BEING DONE NOW ON ELBOWS!!)

All the Breed people need to work on this problem, and maybe help to fund some research, before we wake up one day to dogs who are sound in the rear, but cannot function because of bad elbows.

I traveled to Perry with Larry Sisson, to help out at the Australian Shepherd Club's Herding Trials, and at the GSDCA Herding Trials, which followed two days of an AKC Herding Clinic at the show site.

I helped by being a stock handler, which involved moving the sheep from the stock pens into the arena. After doing this for five days, I feel I am now a qualified stock handler.

I met quite a few people from all over the Country who are Herding enthusiasts, and all of them were very nice. I met, and dined with Roberta Cambell, who is in charge of all AKC performance events, and with the large entry in all three trials, I think Herding has attracted a large following.

The show site was wonderful for the dogs, and exhibitors, and the hotels were very close by. The Specialty show, and Obedience trial were held in separate buildings on the fairgrounds, and horse stalls were available for rental, and even a few people stayed in them with their dogs. The barn has showers, and electricity to each stall, and folks had TV, and electric heaters. It did rain a few of the days we were there, and there is nothing quite like wet Georgia clay. Larry and I were camped on the camp grounds in a self contained camper, and the evenings were usually spent at the abodes of fellow campers, sharing pot-luck dinner, and great dog talk.

I was pleased to be able to see, and touch some of the GREAT dogs I had only seen pictured in the Review, and was moved to tears by the Stud Dog/Brood Bitch presentation class, and the Passing Parade of Shepherd Greats, which were both preceded by beautiful renditions of the songs, Wind Beneath My Wings, and Memories, sung by a talented young man.

I was able to give a hug to the Great dogs, GV Quik, and Sel. Ch. Lothario, and feasted my eyes on some of the finest German Shepherds I have ever seen. Some of the St. Louis club members in attendance were Gertrude Kessler, Judy Deane, Marilee Wilkinson, Larry Duerbeck, Scootie, Sherlock, Dr. Pat Parsons, John & Nancy LaFata, Ricky Harrison, Laura Shearin, Mark Gilmore, and Judy DeRousse. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show, and Scootie and Pat were presented with the Connie Bechardt Award. Newly elected Treasurer for the GSDCA is Tom Sherman, and the new Board are: Helen Sherlock, Ted Bechardt, Betty Winthers, Jim Cusick, Marion Lawrence, Kathleen Steen, and Fred Schmidtke.

Judges for the 1993 National to be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, on November 4, 5, & 6, 1993 are: Best Of Breed: Peggy Douglas, Bitches: Betty Radzevich and dogs: Barbara Amidon. Obedience Judges: Dalene McIntire, and Patricia Sculley. (The 1994 National will be October 20, 21, and 22, 1994 at Kansas City, MO.)

We, unfortunately left early in the day on Saturday, and I missed Best Of Breed competition. We drove home via Olive Branch Mississippi, where Larry purchased a young son of the High In Trial GSD, Dussel, from his owner/breeder, Nancy Obermark. The youngster, named Deisel, will be Larry's competitive Herding dog, and should do him proud.

I finally arrived home late on Sunday night, and was happy to see my own kids, and all the dogs, who seemed to have missed me as much as I missed them. Dancer in particular, I think was convinced that I was never coming back, and screamed in delight when she heard my voice.

It has taken sometime to recover from the rigors of the trip, but my Doctor has me on a new arthritis drug, which seems to be working.

I popped so many aspirin in Georgia that I developed some nose bleeds, but all in all it was a great pleasure to have gotten to attend.

The Perry National will now be filed to Memory, and I look forward to Nationals to come.

GSDCA NATINAL SPECIALTY RESULTS

BEST OF BREED/US GV CH. CAMPAIGNER'S GATEWOOD UZI

By; Carmil's Stetson X Ch.Campaigner's Gatewood Haganah * Murray & Joan Fox

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX/ WINNER'S BITCH/BEST OF WINNERS/BEST IN FUTURITY

GV TR'S GUINEVERE V KENLYN

By; Ch. Pete Of Fran-Jo X Ch. Jerland's Rosalita *Lucy Nordenstrom & Lynette Boyles.

SELECT DOGS:

#2.) CH. SATERHAUS MCKINLEY,CD

By;Ch.Hoheneichen Conan Survival X Ch.Saterhaus Sheraton *Donna Sater

#3.) CH. HOHENEICHEN CONAN SURVIVAL

By; Sel.Ch.Stuttgart's Sundance Kid,ROM X Hoheneichen's Bliss *Alan & Leslie Wood, Gloria Birch & Cappy Pottle.

#4.) CH. WOODHAVEN'S IN SEARCH OF

By; Woodhaven's Ashley X Leah Of Woodhaven *Joe & Maria Bihari

#5.) CH. STEIGERHAUS BO JACKSON

By;Dolmar's Kodiak X Mardon's Pia Of Steigerhaus *T. & Rosemary Motta

#6.) CH. SURIGO'S REACTION V NIGHTWIND

By; Ch.Surigo's Kadence X Nightwind's Cheyenne *D.&S. Godek & R.& M. Ross

#7.) CH.SCHARO'S SPELLBINDER

By;Sel.Ch.Brentaryl's Gunner,ROM X Scharo's Fiesta *K., C, & B. Moore

#8.) CH. ARDRIC'S STROMBERG

By; Ch.Hylock's Prosecutor X DuChemin's Jane Of Langenau*S., & S. Raymond

SELECT BITCHES:

#2.) CH.ALTANA'S MYSTIQUE

By;Ch.Proven Hill's Up N Adam X Ch.Covy's Altana Of Tucker Hill *Jane Firestone.

#3.) CH. STONEHAVEN'S MANDOLIN WIND

By;Ch.Belrick Edge Of Night V Danja X Doppelt-Tay's Nice N Easy *Penny Hughes & Jennifer Hughes

#4.) CH.CONCHO ANGELINA

By; Ch.Cross Timber's Basic X Ch.Brentaryl's Fury * Kathy Casteel, Charlie Williams, Erin & Nancy Nellis.

#5.) CH. SILTRA'S CHARLIE BABBITT

By; Von Saar's Headliner X Silstra's Maum Sally*Diane & Andy Strasser

#6.) CH.UTOPIA'S DEBUT FROM MARINER'S

By; Hillside V Weiden Tradewinds X Mariner's Augusta *Kathy Aubrey

#7.) CH. KAIMACHA JAMAICA V MCCOY,CD

By; Ch.Lairolyn's Fantasy Island X Ch.McCoy's Rachelle *Mary & Andy Decker, and L.J. Greer-Reed.

#8.) CH. SIGNAL OF NORDLICHT

By; Ch.Nike Clayfield Andretti X Hearts Desire Of Nordlicht *Barbara Amidon

WINNER'S DOG:

JEMENI'S LAREDO OF REJOY By; Ch.Sharlen's Hot Copy X Covy Tucker Estee Nordlicht * James & Michelle Hall

RESERVE WINNER'S DOG:

CIRCLE WALK PRESIDENT By; Ch.Omega's Chief Cochise X Circle Walk Majesty * M. Albert & Aleitha Walker.

RESERVE WINNER'S BITCH:

DAY O DATA'S BLACK ROSE By; Ch. Von Grunewald's Taurus X Kaleef's Coaldust of Day O Data * Robert Rollins & Charlie Mardecz

BEST PUPPY:

TOURNALINE KENA KEN-DELAINE By; Ken-Delaine's Mastercharge X Ken-Delaine's Puma * Cheryl & Rick Olson.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA HERDING TEST/TRIAL RESULTS

HERDING TEST (HT) 12 Entered 1 Qualified (Judge: Bob Vest)
Pa-Gair's Kaiserin Chelsea, CD....James & Diane Wright

PRE-TRIAL TEST (PT) 15 Entered 2 Qualified (Judge:Bob Vest)
Pa-Gair's Kaiserin Chelsea, CD....James & Diane Wright
Nordwind's Sundance Scamp, CDX... Julie Degen

STARTED COURSE A (HS) 14 Entered 1 Qualified (Judge:Bob Vest)
Bark N Holler Greta Of Trapelo, HT.. Mary Jean Wylie

INTERMEDIATE, COURSE A 2 Entered 1 Qualified (Judges; B.Vest & Dr.McDaniel
Bubba Of Keon, HS...Peggy McKee

ADVANCED, COURSE A (HX) 1 Entered 1 Qualified (Judge: Bob Vest)
Dussel Vom Meinhof, Sch.H.I, AD, TC, VB, WH...Nancy Lee Obermark
Score: 92 Also:
High In Trial, High Scoring Veteran, High Scoring Obedience Titled
Reserve High In Trial, Highest Scoring With Herding Title:
Bark N Holler Greta Of Trapelo, HS

Highest Scoring Breeder/Owner/Handler: Bubba Of Keon, HS

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA OBEDIENCE TRIAL RESULTS:

NOVICE A JUDGE: Ruth Foster

- 1st.) (191) Connie Vom Babstenhof....Claudis M. Rudolf Barrett
- 2nd.) (189½) Starview's Ferrari...P. & W. Douglas & L.McClure
- 3rd.) (183½) Trommel's Lyric Meister...Mary Alice Owen
- 4th.0 (178) Wynthea's Sabrina...Pauline Rose

NOVICE B Judge: Lucy Neeb

- 1st.) (196½) Falkrigia's Inciting A Riot...H.Mosely & L.Workman
- 2nd.) (196½) Trommel V Tiffany's Jena...David Maurer
- 3rd.) (193½) Harmony Haus I'm Tuffer'Nhel...Sandy Yost
- 4th.) (193) Nickolas vom Hasenborn...G. & C. Graham

OPEN A Judge: Ruth Foster

- 1st.) (194½) Altmark's Amara, CD...Dr.Kurt Pilgrim
- 2nd.) (189) Hawk's Hunts Mark Of Zorro...Susan Sopranzi

OPEN B Judge: Lucy Neeb

- 1st.) (196½) OTCH Schneiderhof's Storm Trooper..David Mauer
- 2nd.) (195½) Von Jenin's Cody, CDX...Larry Jenkins
- 3rd.) (195½) Germantown's Joker's Wild...Patrice Zarnoth
- 4th.) (195) Kinderknoll's Deo' Favante, ud..Cheri Kalinowski

UTILITY A Judge: Ruth Foster

- 1st.) (185) Missy Anya Vom Fuerstenburg, CDX....Mary & Loc Cheatham

UTILITY B Judge: Ruth Foster

- 1st.) (195) Kinderknoll's Deo' Favante, UD..Cheri Kalinowski
- 2nd.) 192½) Lutzhaus Gretchen, UD...Holly Ann Leas
- 3rd.) (Berna Of Heartwick, UD, TDX...Mary Thorne
- 4th.) (190) Windridge's Cool Hand Luke, UD..Jean Rodowski

VETERANS

- 1st.) Diane's Ilisa Chantz, UDT...D. & D. Matricia
- 2nd.) Chelsea VD Schwartzwald, CD...Elizabeth Stedham
- 3rd.) Bark N Holler's Chelsea, UD, HS..MJ Wylie
- 4th.) Ezekiel Of Elsi-Mor, CDX, TC, TDI, CGC...Daphne Szczuka

PUPPY TALK

By: Dancer

The "MaMa" has been acting weird. She doesn't take the time to play with us dogs much, like she usually does. If we bump into her hands, she screams and cries, and she loses her temper with us if we jump up on her. She hurts. I don't know what is wrong with her - maybe she has Pano, like R.B. had? I did get to go with her to the Club meeting, and got to see everyone, and eat cake and play with the other pups there. I was good and lay on the floor by my MaMa, until "break time", when I got to kiss all my friends. I didn't pull on the hands. The next day, "Uncle John" came over with his pup, Indy, and we went to a "puppy match". I did not want to ride in that crate, but they made me. We went Fast! The puppy match was fun, and there were lots of cousins there, and pups of other strange breeds. I won a 1st. place ribbon for the MaMa and Indy won one for John. My little baby half brother got Best Puppy. The Judge Lady was blind, (I am the Best Puppy, you know!) The MaMa said that Aunt Gert is sick. I hope its not Parvo ! Gus is staying with Aunt Scootie, and Aunt Gert moved in for awhile with her human son. I'm sure that poor Gus is missing his MaMa, as much as he is missing him. I'm saying puppy prayers that they will soon be together again as no pup should have to be seperated from their MaMa. I also send lots of love and kisses to Aunt Gert, so she will feel better real soon. She brings cookies just for ME, I love her! I have a new "game". It's called "Dig It Up". I showed R.B. how to play. We dig great, huge holes in the ground. The ground is squishy and soft, and the smells under there are good. Sometimes we eat some of the ground. When the MaMa catches us playing "Dig It Up" she scolds us, so we mostly play when she's in the house. I like to be up on my doghouse so I can see everything. R.B. & I play "King Of the Mountain". I always win. He can't get his fat butt up on the doghouse - besides if he tries I nip his nose !

The MaMa says Spring will be here soon and I can hardly wait to eat the new grass and taste the flowers. I will tell you more neat stuff next time.

Love Dancer





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Release #210

Health Report, July 1992
Helen Sherlock, Chp.

As one prime focus of the July Board Meeting will center on an analysis of the Futurity System, duplicate copies of the Juvenile and Adolescent Genetic questionnaires are included. The forms were designed, in part, for inclusion in Futurity Nomination packets, as well as Futurity & Maturity entry forms. Pending Board approval, the Juvenile form would be integrated into the Nomination package, and the Adolescent form would accompany both the Futurity and Maturity entry blanks. The questionnaires will also be distributed via the Committee Annual Report and other GSDCA outlets such as the "Review", Futurity Shows, Seminars which involve Board Members or committee chairs, Temperament Tests, the Redbook and Bluebook, W.D.A. and Herding events. It is vital to open up more avenues to gather information on general Breed health, increasing problems in young and aging Shepherds, genetic and congenital defects. Some new and increasing disorders are being un-diagnosed or mis-diagnosed; identifying patterns and getting information to the Fancy and to veterinarians is of great importance.

There are some new trends developing during the first half of this year, as well as a constant stream of telephone calls and correspondence regarding the Carpal (hyperextended pastern) Syndrome. On the increase are calls regarding many type-descriptions of seizures, suspected epilepsy, "Blue" puppies and spinal demyelination --affecting middle-aged and elderly Shepherds; also, reports of what may be a juvenile demyelination or other syndrome causing lack of control weakness and deterioration in the hind-quarter in young animals.

Seizures are often absolutely linked in many people's and veterinarians' minds with Epilepsy, yet there are many other factors which can cause a dog to convulse. While it is true that the German Shepherd, as well as the Beagle, Belgian Tervuren, and Keeshond are four breeds appearing to have a potential hereditary basis for Epilepsy, other factors--some common --are often overlooked or underestimated.

1) Early, severe Roundworm infestation (1 to 6 weeks of age)--larvae can invade the brain and liver, as well as the intestinal mucosa and the outer skin layer of other organs. Brain and liver damage can cause seizures.

2) Severe infestations of the Coccidia family of protozoa, especially cystoisospora Parvum and Toxoplasma Gondii. These organisms also invade organs OTHER than the gastrointestinal tract and, in some cases, may affect the brain or liver, causing seizures. Toxoplasmosis is a serious disease which can also affect humans. An infection may involve the liver, lungs, spinal cord fluid, brain, eyes and other areas. In dogs, Toxoplasmosis can also be contracted in utero. Invasion of the brain and spinal cord fluid, or the organism's impairment of liver function, can cause seizures, paralysis, aggressive behavior and many other serious symptoms.

Through Committee work, we were involved in one case with a breeder experiencing 3 litters having seizures, from the same bitch. Naturally, there was a concern regarding hereditary epilepsy. Affected pups had been euthanized. Different bloodline combinations were tried. When the third litter began to have --at the same age as previous litters --pups which

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seized, the breeder contacted the Health Committee. After experimenting with some new ideas, Toxoplasmosis was diagnosed. The pups were treated with the drug of choice, Clindamycin. Seizures stopped. Toxoplasma organisms are most commonly picked up via contact/ingestion of cat feces; also via freshly killed animals or carrion, raw or poorly cooked meat.

- 3) Liver Shunt Defect - Possibly hereditary. Liver shunt defect is a congenital, developmental defect affecting circulation of the blood to the liver. A shunt blood vessel, which should NOT be present, disrupts the normal exchange of blood carrying toxins through the liver. The defect allows some un-detoxified blood, carrying ammonia and other poisons, to be directed back to the heart and into general circulation. A build-up of toxins in the overall bloodstream causes seizures. The seizures relating to Liver Shunt defect are usually timed 15 -30 minutes after a meal. The typical age of onset is 6 weeks to 5 months of age, although there have been some dogs with a variation of this defect which started symptoms after one year of age.

Seizures can also be related to allergic reactions, poisons ingested or contacted, deficiencies of vitamins A & B, low blood calcium or sugar levels, intestinal obstructions, overheating and infection from ticks which can later cause paralysis. One-time seizures can be caused by severe pain from cramping or gas build up.

Obviously, seizures are a complex subject. Epilepsy itself has many faces and is characterized by recurring seizures. Convulsions from epilepsy may begin in the first year of life but most commonly start in the second year of life, or shortly thereafter.

"BLUES" -The genetics for this condition in the German Shepherd involve a recessive dilution factor which inhibits the full expression of pigment depth in the areas of the body which should have black coloration. "Blues" can be slate-grey ("Blu-ish"), brown, chocolate or cinnamon at birth. As adults, some 'blues' are so nearly normal in appearance that a close "squint" in bright sunlight is necessary to detect a "smokey" look or off-color. The dilute puppies are generally obvious at birth. As older animals, eye-color remains light, often 'Weimaraner'-like; nose and foot-pad color typically remain deep charcoal grey or brown. Both parent animals must carry the recessives in order to produce dilute puppies. As in many recessive traits, the factors can be inherited from distant ancestors and may not have been expressed through a combination of recessive factors for many generations. It appears that our Breed is either experiencing a greater number of dilute puppies at this point in time; or that the level of education is currently generally lacking to permit breeders to recognize and understand off-color pups as being recessive-factor inherited dilutes.

"SPINAL CORD DEMYELINATION" - Symptoms are loss of control in the hindquarter, scuffing gait, loss of muscle tone and mass in the hindquarter, ultimate loss of tail and bowel/bladder control. There has been much discussion of this tragic syndrome, which is peculiar to the German Shepherd. The bottomline in this report is the depressing news that animals seem to be being affected at earlier middle ages more often these days; and we've had some reports that seem to indicate there may be a juvenile form of this disease which can affect 3 to 6 month old Shepherd puppies.

The Health Committee will deal in depth with these and other areas of concern in the Annual Report. Your ideas for content for the report ARE WELCOME. I will be present at the Board Meeting for discussion and questions.

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(Pre-lims good)

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"Pete" is a medium-sized, black and copper-red young male, with a high wither point, and an iron back, strong ears, masculine head, and full, correct bite combined with a sound temperament, and driving sidegait.

JUDEEN'S IMAGE OF PHANTOM

O.F.A. #GS-29081F34M

Sire: CH Caralon's Nicholas of Judeen, C.D., O.F.A., ROM GS-EL869
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O.F.A. GOOD

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Now we'll grow old together
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So here's to our eighth, Hon
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Love,
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