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German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis,

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December 15, 2000 - Christmas Party, starts at 5:00. The party will be in Eureka at Joe Boccardi's. Directions: I-44 West exit at 109 go left to 2nd light turn right and then right again. Joe's is right in the middle of town, can't miss it. Parking is in the back of building and you can come through the back. Everybody bring a \$5 wrapped gift. Just let me know if attending as I have to let them know a week in advance. Judy DeRousse 636-390-2177

January - Election of Officers
February - Royal Hecht Awards
March - Dr. Steve Hannah Molecular Nutrition and DNA
April - How to put on a dog show.
The rest of the year not scheduled as of now. Lee

Mission

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

Join the GSDC of America

German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Application for Membership

Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Membership includes subscription to *The German Shepherd Dog Review*.

Membership Type: (check one)

Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00

Dues are not tax deductible.

*Family is defined as same household or significant other.

*Make checks payable to GSDCA.

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Weeeeeeeere Baaaaaaaack.....We arrived home mid morning this morning safe and sound....hope to see soon that all other listers have done the same. What a week it was...for those of you in attendance you know what we mean. All the functions from the Halloween party on Tuesday to the banquet on Saturday were very well attended. Debbie Hokkanen simply outdid herself this year...wonder what is on tap for next year. We are sure that will be a don't miss as well. We kept tabs on the internet site for the GSDCA and were so glad to see the almost immediate posting of photos and results to keep the curious at home well informed and up to date. Not quite the same as being there but it helps. For those of you who don't yet know the judges for next year are Jack Newton, intersex and a tie between Joe LaRosa and Lew Bunch for the classes. The GSDC of Greater Kansas City won the BEST newsletter award (special thanks to Evan for all the wonderful articles that helped make this possible) for Division II and our bordering friend in St. Louis won the Best newsletter in Division I for their newsletter. The educational seminar put on by our VP, Lana, was entertaining and thought provoking and very well attended by in excess of 200. The tape was made and would be worth having for sure. The dinner had an exquisite ice sculpture of a posed GSD that was out of this world. A tape played of past nationals for nostalgia, and pictures hung in the gallery of many excellent dogs. A sight to behold. Soon as we find all our notes, if it hasn't been posted already, we will bring you further up to date on meeting data. Take care all and glad to be back....Ken and Patty Abraxas where...

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Hiccups, Hiccoughs, and More Hic-cups

by Race Foster, DVM and Marty Smith, DVM Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc

Puppies quite commonly get hiccups. When puppies eat and drink, they tend to ingest large quantities of air. Air, as it enters the esophagus and stomach, tends to trigger the hiccuping response. The authors have never seen an instance where hiccups was the result of any disease disorder. Consider hiccuping normal and

common in dogs, and especially in puppies less than eight months of age.

There is really nothing you can do for a puppy with hiccups, other than have him rest quietly until the hiccups are gone. If you find certain circumstances such as extreme excitement seem to trigger the hiccups, you can try to avoid those types of situations.

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2001 Futurity/Maturity Judges

South West – Sunday, April 1, 2001 Sally Hayden, Judge; Ginny Altman, Alternate

Southeast - Sunday, April 22, 2001 Doris Farrell, Judge; Dean Wylie, Alternate

Great Lakes - Sunday, May 6, 2001 Kathleen Strong, Judge; Kathy Aubrey, Alternate

Northwest – Friday, May 11, 2001 Scootie Sherlock, Judge; Twyla Miner, Alternate

Northeast - Sunday, May 13, 2001 Helen Fisher, Judge; Sue Godek, Alternate

Mid-West – Saturday, May 19, 2001 Sandy Dancosse, Judge; Ken Downing, Alternate

Mid-Atlantic - Friday, May 25, 2001 Mary Ann Imhoff, Judge; Kathy Potter, Alternate

South Pacific – Friday, June 8, 2001 Gail Hardcastle, Judge; John Vaught, Alternate

Mid-Pacific – Friday, June 29, 2001 Jean Whalen, Judge; Connie Bissonette, Alternate

Kennel Cough

by Joe Bodewes, DVM Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc. Veterinary Services Department

Kennel Cough is the most prevalent upper respiratory problem in dogs in the United States. It is highly contagious in dogs. The disease is found worldwide and will infect a very high percentage of dogs in their lifetime. There are many different names for the disease, many of them reflecting the most prevalent infectious agents or the symptoms. A few common names are tracheobronchitis, canine infectious tracheobronchitis, and Bordetellosis or Bordetella.

Infectious agents involved

There are many different agents that contribute to the disease process of kennel cough. The most common are parainfluenza, Bordetella bronchiseptica, and mycoplasma. Canine adenovirus, reovirus, and canine herpes virus are thought to possibly contribute to the disease. Although any one of these organisms can cause symptoms of the disease, the majority of cases are the result of more than one organism.

The most common viral agent is parainfluenza virus. This common virus will cause mild symptoms lasting less than 6 days unless there is involvement with other bacteria as is usually the case. Most 5-way vaccines and kennel cough vaccines offer some protection against this virus.

Bordetella bronchiseptica is the most common bacteria isolated from this disease. Clinical signs of Bordetella infections occur three to four days after exposure and, if uncomplicated with other agents, will last around 10 days. However after the infection has been resolved, the affected animal will continue to shed the bacteria for 6

to 14 weeks and can spread the disease to other susceptible animals during that time. Bordetella is one of the agents protected against through the use of intranasal kennel cough vaccines. Parainfluenza and Bordetella most commonly appear together in kennel cough infections, creating a disease that normally last from 14-20 days.

Symptoms

The most common symptom is a dry hacking cough sometimes followed by retching. Many owners describe the cough as having a 'honking sound'. A watery nasal discharge may also be present. With mild cases, dogs continue to eat and be alert and active. Many times there is a recent history of boarding or coming in contact with other dogs. In more severe case the symptoms may progress and include lethargy, fever, inappetence, pneumonia and in very severe cases even death. The majority of severe cases occur in immunocompromised animals, or young unvaccinated puppies.

Diagnosis

Diagnosis is usually based on the symptoms and a history of recent exposure to other dogs. Bacterial cultures, viral isolation, and blood work can be performed to verify individual agents of the disease but due to the characteristic nature of the symptoms are not routinely performed.

Treatment

There are two treatment options depending on the severity of the disease. In the most common mild (uncomplicated) form of the disease, antibiotics are usually not used. If the dog has a good appetite and is alert but suffers only from a recurrent cough we will often let the

disease run its course just as we would with a cold in humans. Treating the mild case does not shorten the length in which the animal will be a potential spreader of the disease. Many times prednisone is given to help reduce the severity and frequency of the cough and to make the dog more comfortable. In addition Bronchodilators like aminophylline or cough suppressants may also be used.

In more severe (complicated) cases where the animal is not eating, running a fever or showing signs of pneumonia, antibiotics are often used. The most common ones are tetracycline or trimethoprim-sulfa. However many other choices are also available. Steroids or cough suppressants aren't usually recommended because of the risk of immunosuppressive with steroids and the need to continue to clear extra fluid or mucous in pneumonia patients. Bronchodilators and even aerosol therapy can be used. In moderate or severe cases veterinary care should be instituted, as the resultant pneumonia could become life threatening if not treated properly and promptly.

Vaccination and prevention

The best prevention is to not expose your dog to other dogs, especially young puppies. If this can't be avoided then proper vaccination is the next best option. Chances are that if your dog is regularly vaccinated with a standard 5-way or 7-way vaccine, he is already being protected against several of the agents in kennel cough, mainly Parainfluenza and Adenovirus. However these vaccines alone rarely provide protection against con-

Kennel Cough (Continued)

tracting the disease, although they will help reduce the severity of the disease if the animal becomes infected.

More commonly, for best protection an intranasal vaccine containing both Parainfluenza and Bordetella is used. Intranasal vaccines create localized immunity that greatly reduces the incidence of clinical signs and illness. There are several precautions and warnings that need to be observed pertaining to this vaccine. Some dogs will develop mild signs similar to kennel cough when given this vaccine. Very often the symptoms will last for several days and the dog will recover without treatment. Dogs that are vaccinated can also shed the virus and cause other dogs to become mildly infected and show mild signs. This shedding usually last less than 72 hours. In addition it takes up to 4 days after vaccination for dogs to develop protection. When you combine these facts you will see why I strongly recommend that a dog not be given intranasal vaccine within 72 hours of coming into contact with other susceptible dogs. Do not give the vaccine the day before a dog show, boarding etc. Try to give at least four days before contact with other dogs and preferably 7 days. This way you'll protect your dog from becoming infected by other dogs, and protect those dogs from becoming infected by yours.

This vaccine is not without it's problems. It is a very effective vaccine but it must be used carefully and is generally only recommended for dogs that are at high risk. If your dog is not shown, boarded, or comes into contact with stray dogs, your dog is considered low risk.

In kennels where kennel cough is a problem, strict hygiene with thorough cleaning and disinfection of cages and food and water containers is essential. In addition, kennels that are indoors should have good ventilation with an air turnover rate of at least 12 times an hour. Kennel cough can be transmitted on hands and clothing as well as through the air so infected animals must be isolated and handlers should wear gloves and use proper hand-washing to help prevent spread. Vaccination of all animals especially puppies is indicated in problem kennels. After initial vaccination as puppies a yearly booster is recommended. However some dogs that are at very high risk are vaccinated every six months.

Human health risk

Until recently, kennel cough was considered to not be a human health risk. Recently however, research indicates that Bordetella bronchiseptica may cause disease in some humans, primarily those with compromised immune systems. In normal healthy adults there doesn't appear to be a risk factor but young children and immunocompromised individuals should take precautions against coming into contact with animals that have symptoms of kennel cough.

Summary

Kennel Cough is a widespread disease caused by several different viruses and bacteria. It is usually a self-limiting disease and most animals don't require treatment. Intranasal vaccines are effective but due to some possible side effects are recommended for animals that are at higher risk. Kennel cough is a disease of dogs and wild

God Created Dog

On the first day of creation, God created the dog.

On the second day, God created man to serve the dog.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth (especially the horse) to serve as potential food for the dog.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the dog.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but He had to walk the dog.



The American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Background

Each year the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. receives requests for contributions to worthy projects but without a tax exempt status it cannot solicit tax deductible funds. A need for an independent organization to fund projects beneficial to the German Shepherd Dog was recognized and, thanks to some dedicated GSD enthusiasts, The American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1984. The Foundation is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and thus gifts are tax deductible. Your help is needed now to continue funding valuable research studies on various medical problems that affect the German Shepherd Dog.

Objectives

Our goal is to reduce the incidence of many types of adverse medical conditions and increase the education of treatments. The medical conditions the Foundation is interested in include: cardiac defects, esophageal defects, pancreatic insufficiency, spinal cord demyelination, toxic gut syndrome, bloat, degenerative myelopathy, hypo-thyroidism and others. Your help is urgently needed now. Enter in the fight by contributing generously and follow your initial gift by annual donations. Please show your support for the goals of the Foundation and take pride in its charitable purposes.

Donations

If you go to our Guidestar web page there is additional, current information that includes the Foundation's Mission, Programs, Goals, Results & Financials, and allows you to donate using your credit card. Donations can also be sent to the Foundation's Treasurer, Eugene E. Tenges, 775 Janacek

Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045-6054, phone number 262-786-5290. The Foundation recognizes that charitable gifts can be structured in many different ways and two of the Foundation's board members would like to talk to you or your advisors on various possibilities: Peter T. Cacioppo, 415-808-8181, EagleGSD@aol.com and Karen E. Sugihara, 818-550-8989, Ksugihara@nextclient.com. The Foundation's email address is AGSDChFoundation@aol.com.

Management

The Foundation's officers and board members are: President Sue Godek, Vice President Robert Williamson, Secretary Helen Fisher, Treasurer Eugene Tenges; other board members, Peter Cacioppo, Debra Hokkanen, Ralph Roberts, Helen Sherlock, Karen Sugihara and Ken Downing (ex officio).

Bequests and wills

Many German Shepherd Dog people include The American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc. in their wills. You may make a specific bequest, giving a fixed dollar amount or a specific piece of personal or real property. You may also leave a residuary bequest, naming The American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc. to receive all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate after specific bequests have been fulfilled.

When planning your will, remember that the full value of your estate (including pension funds, individual retirement accounts, life insurance, and the value of real estate) is considered when determining whether estate taxes will apply. Estate taxes can top 55% in some circumstances, meaning more than half your assets may go to a government. Gifts to the Foundation, however, are deductible in determining the value of your estate and reduce your estate tax liability. For example, a donor whose estate is subject to tax at the 55% rate can save

\$275,000 in estate tax by making a \$500,000 bequest to the Foundation.

How to include the Foundation in your will:

You may include the Foundation in your will in a variety of ways. Keep in mind the provisions of wills are fulfilled in this order:

- 1) a specific bequest of a specific item or items, or piece of property;
 - 2) a cash bequest of a specific sum of money, and;
 - 3) a residuary bequest, which is taken from the remainder of your estate after specific and cash bequests are fulfilled.
- To make a bequest to the Foundation, you may use the following sample language (please note that this is an example only; you should work with your attorney to find language that is right for your purposes and appropriate for your state):

I give (describe the assets, specific sum of money, or percentage of estate remainder) to The American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc., a Wisconsin not-for-profit corporation with offices at 775 Janacek Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045-6054. This gift is made to help further the objectives and purposes of the Foundation.

For more information about including the Foundation in your will, contact your attorney or legal advisor, or call the Foundation directly at 415-808-8181. Please also notify the Foundation if you have included the Foundation in your will so that you will be listed in our annual report.





Be especially patient with your humans during this time

1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know: Don't pee on the tree - don't drink water in the container that holds the tree. Mind your tail when you are near the tree-if there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open - don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree.
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part: Not all strangers appreciate kisses and leans - don't eat off the buffet table - beg for goodies subtly - be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa - don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach.
6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important: Observe all the rules in #4 for trees that may be in other people's houses. Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house - tolerate children - turn on your charm big time.
7. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. **DON'T BITE HIM!!**

Congenital Megaesophagus in the Dog

by Race Foster, DVM and Marty Smith, DVM
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The esophagus is a small hose-like tube which connects the mouth to the stomach. As it leaves the mouth, it follows a straight path through the neck and chest, passing near the heart through the diaphragm muscle and finally entering the stomach. The esophagus walls are composed of muscles which move in wave-like contractions to push food into the stomach. In the dog, it takes about five seconds for food to move from the mouth to the stomach. Surgery on the esophagus is always difficult because of its location within the chest and its slow rate of healing.

Megaesophagus describes a

situation in which the esophagus has lost muscle tone. Rather than appearing like a muscular hose, it dilates into a thin "bag-like" tube. Most cases are congenital and probably caused by a faulty nerve supply.

What are the symptoms?

Shortly after eating, the dog tends to regurgitate its food. The diseased esophagus lacks the muscle tone to move food to the stomach. Food is swallowed, but sits in the esophagus until regurgitated. Some food, particularly liquids, may pass into the stomach.

What are the risks?

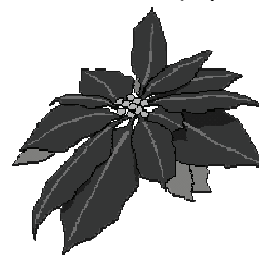
Megaesophagus is usually a permanent situation. An infection or irritation of the nerve supply may only cause temporary symptoms, but this is rare. Megaesophagus is generally a permanent condition that must

be managed.

What is the management?

Congenital megaesophagus has no known cure. Dogs affected with megaesophagus must be fed liquid diets. The food is usually placed in an elevated position so dogs eat while standing on their hind limbs. This elevated eating stance allows liquid food to travel to the stomach via gravity. With these precautions, many dogs can survive and do well.

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2001 BOARD MEETINGS

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IMPORTANT NOTICE! Recently there was a mailing to each of our homes that utilized our club's roster. Each club member received a letter from "German Shepherd Dog Rescue of St. Louis". This rescue organization is NOT the rescue organization that our club supports. April Kornfield (314) 296-7225 is the contact person for The German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis rescue program. The letter the you received is not from anyone af-

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Giant Breed

You Know You Are A Giant Breed Owner when:

- the sound of running water makes you jump up and yell, "OUTSIDE!"
- you tell your dog to sit, and he backs up until he finds a chair
- it takes 3 people to get your dog on the scale at the vets
- you walk your dog and everyone knows him by name, but you have no idea who these people are
- you can carry on a conversation with a dog's muzzle firmly in your crotch
- you own a dog capable of pulling someone from a porta potty
- your dog can hide an entire tennis ball (among other things) fully inside his lips and give you that innocent look that says, "What? I'm not eating anything!"
- you carry a tape measure with you when shopping for a new vehicle
- you keep at least one color-coded "drool towel" in every room of your house
- after banishing your husband, the snoring in your bedroom still keeps you awake
- you are hiking with a friend who later suggests that you ought to have an environmental impact statement done on your dog
- visitors enter the house holding their privates protectively
- you toss your dog a ball and cringe when he almost hits his head on the top of the doorway
- you take your dog for a ride and he rests his head on your arm, causing you to make random right turns
- you have given up on water dishes and you just use the bathtub
- your two dogs decide to play in the house, and they end up pulling the ceiling fan down -- for the second time
- you have to move over when brushing your teeth because your dog wants a drink
- you show a picture of your dogs and kids together, and the first person you point out is your dog
- while stopped at a stop light, everyone stares as your car rocks back and forth because the dog is panting out the window
- you go to vacuum your car and most of the fur is up there on the ceiling
- you avoid the dogs on your way out the door, so they won't smear your makeup
- you've learned to force a smile when asked "do you have a saddle for that thing?"
- the monthly dog budget exceeds your home mortgage payment
- your veterinarian has been able to put in a swimming pool, build a large home, buy jet skis and a personal plane
- you have had to train your dog not to lick dishes, and the dishes are in the sink
- the donuts you put on top of the refrigerator are gone when you get home and your dog has powdered sugar on his nose
- your dog can see what you're cooking, and he tries to assist you in the preparation
- you're holding him straddled between your legs when the doorbell rings, you take a short (but fast!) ride straight to the door
- the pizza delivery people tell you to meet them at the end of the sidewalk
- your dog stands in your lap and reaches over you to stick his head in the drive-through window at McDonald's and nearly gives the cashier a heart attack when she turns around to give you your change
- you purchase a large screen TV and you still can't see the program when he stands in front of the television
- after surgery, your bored pup decides to get up and cruise around the vet's office-- pulling the rolling IV stand behind him

The Handler (To "The Gambler")

On a train bound for Houston,
I met up with a handler,
We were headed for the dog
shows,
The same circuit bound.
We talked about the dog game,
Of this addiction that had claimed
us,
I, the bright young novice,
He, the pro renowned.
As the train began its journey,
I asked the handler questions,
Like how to get your dog to shine,
The way he does at home for you.
He said, "If you don't mind my say-
ing,
I can see you need these majors,
So listen close and I will tell you
All you need to do."

Chorus:

You've got to know when to gait
'em,
Know when to bait 'em,
Know how to move 'em out,
And make it look like fun.
You never count your ribbons,.
When you're at the steward's ta-
ble,
There'll be time enough for
counting,
When the judging's done.

When the dog you've got's a good
one,
You want to show him to ad-
vantage,
You need to move him out with
style,
Don't string him with the lead.
For ev'ry dog's a winner,
And ev'ry dog's a loser,
And the best that you can hope
for's
To exemplify the breed..

(Repeat Chorus)

Now the handler he

Reverse Sneezing in Dogs

Dogs have a condition we call a "reverse sneeze". It gets its name because the dog rapidly pulls air into his nose, whereas in a "regular" sneeze the air is rapidly pushed out through the nose.

If you witness a dog having a reverse sneeze it may seem alarming, but it is not a harmful condition, and there are no ill effects. The dog is completely normal before and after the episode. During a reverse sneeze, the dog will make rapid and long inspirations, stand still, and extend his head. A loud snorting sound is produced which may make you think the dog has something caught in his nose.

A reverse sneezing episode can last for several seconds to a minute. Some claim that an episode can be shortened by closing the dog's nostrils for several seconds with your hand.

The cause of a reverse sneeze is unknown.

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TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twass the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; The children were nestled all snug in their beds; With no thought of the dog filling their head. And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Knew he was cold, but didn't care about that. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Figuring the dog was free of his chain and into the trash. The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow, Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But Santa Claus - eyes full of tears. He unchained the dog, once so lively and quick, Last years Christmas present, now painfully thin and sick. More rapid than eagles, he called the dogs name. And the dog ran to him, despite all his pain; "Now DASH-ER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER! and VIXEN! On, COMET! on, CUPID! on, DONER and

BLITZEN! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Let's find this dog a home where he'll be loved by all" I knew in an instant there would be no gifts this year, For Santa Claus had made one thing quite clear, The gift of a dog is not just for the season, We had gotten the pup for all the wrong reasons. In our haste to think of the kid's a gift there was one important thing that we missed. A dog should be family, and cared for the same, you don't give a gift, then put it on a chain. And I heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight, "You weren't given a gift! You were given a life!"



There's a guy with a Doberman Pinscher and a guy with a Chihuahua. The guy with the Doberman Pinscher says to the guy with a Chihuahua, 'Let's go over to that restaurant and get something to eat.'

The guy with the Chihuahua says, 'We can't go in there. We've got dogs with us.'

The guy with the Doberman Pinscher says, 'Just follow my lead.'

They walk over to the restaurant, the guy with the Doberman Pinscher puts on a pair of dark glasses, and he starts to walk in.

A guy at the door says, 'Sorry, mac, no pets allowed.'

The guy with the Doberman Pinscher says, 'You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog.'

The guy at the door says, 'A Doberman Pinscher?'

He says, 'Yes, they're using them now, they're very good.'

The guy at the door says, 'Come on in.'

The guy with the Chihuahua figures, 'Why not,' so he puts on a pair of dark glasses and starts to walk in.

The guy at the door says, 'Sorry, pal, no pets allowed.'

The guy with the Chihuahua says, 'You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog.'

The guy at the door says, 'A Chihuahua?'

The guy with the Chihuahua says, 'You mean they gave me a Chihuahua?'

BEFORE DOGS.....

I never had to fix liver for anything!

I lived in the city, had extra money and thought I was sane.

I bought clothes for going to dinner, instead of for dog shows.

I didn't own a pooper, scooper, grooming table, 5 crates or 4 exercise pens, grass carpet or scissors that cost a fortune.

I thought a major was an army officer.

I could come home from a party at 4:00 a.m. and not leave for a dog show.

I didn't owe the vet more than the family doctor.

I had long hair and time to groom it.

I thought "bitch" was a swear word.

I didn't worry if my skirts didn't have pockets.

I had a phone bill I could afford.

I thought politics only took place in Washington.

I didn't have to worry about dog shows conflicting with whelpings.

I thought "in season" referred to the latest fashions.

I thought bait was used for fishing.

I thought a professional handler was an agent for a fighter.

I never worried about parasites or kennel cough.

I thought if someone was finished" they were 6 feet under!!!

The Dog Rules

By William Thomas

1. Dogs are never permitted in the house.

The dog stays out side in a specially built wooden compartment named, for very good reason, the doghouse.

2. Okay, the dog can enter the house but only for short visits or if his own house is under renovation.

3. Okay, the dog can stay in the house on a permanent basis provided his doghouse can be sold in a lawn sale to a rookie dog owner.

4. Inside the house, the dog is not allowed to run free and is confined to a comfortable but secure metal cage.

5. Okay, the cage becomes part of a two-for-one deal in the lawn sale, and the dog can go wherever the hell he pleases.

6. The dog is never allowed on the furniture.

7. Okay, the dog can get up on the old furniture but not the new furniture.

8. Okay, the dog can get up on the new furniture until it looks like the old furniture and then we'll sell the whole works and buy new furniture on which the dog will most definitely not be allowed.

9. The dog never sleeps on the bed. Period.

10. Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed only.

11. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, but he's not allowed under the covers.

12. Okay, the dog can sleep under the covers but not with his head on the pillow.

13. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, under the covers with his head on the pillow, but if he snores, he's got to leave the room.

14. Okay, the dog can sleep and snore and have nightmares in your bed, but he's not to come in and sleep on the couch in the TV room, where you're not sleeping. That's just not fair.

15. The dog never gets listed on the census questionnaire as "primary resi-

Sneezing and Nasal Discharge

by Race Foster, DVM and Marty Smith, DVM
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When we sneeze, it's usually caused by something such as an allergy or the ever present "common cold". Sneezing is defined as a "sudden expulsion of air through the nasal passageways and mouth". It is an effort of the body to eliminate the source of irritation within the nose or pharynx. This latter area is the common crossroads of the digestive and respiratory systems, or as one of our clients said "where the air we breathe passes the food we swallow". There are many causes of irritations in these areas. Examples would be a cold or sinus infection, inflammation brought on by pollen grain allergies or paint fumes, or inhaled foreign bodies such as rug fibers or grass that are caught in the nose.

In dogs, all the same reasons for sneezing apply. Most dogs do not exhibit this behavior as often as we do but it does occur and is frequently a cause of some concern. Although theirs are shaped differently, the same basic anatomical features exist as in humans. Their nasal passageway can be much longer than ours (as in a Collie) or relatively short (as seen in the Pug). The digestive and respiratory systems still cross in a common pharynx. Dogs are also equipped with those excellent sources of headache and congestion, the sinuses.

Causes of sneezing in dogs

If your dog ever has a bloody nose, always contact your veterinarian.

Excessive sneezing in dogs is usually caused by allergies, infections, foreign bodies or tumors. They are all very different and present predictable signs and patterns.

Allergies: Allergies are usually seasonal and the most common ones are in response to pollen grains and other plant fibers. Tree pollens are most abundant in the late spring and early summer, grass pollen is usually a mid-summer ordeal, while the weeds and other plants generally liberate their pollen in the fall. Each type is present for only two to four weeks. Since a dog is usually only allergic to one of these, sneezing is limited to a certain period. Combine the sneezing with some watering of the eyes, chewing on the feet, and scratching on its sides, and that is about all you need for a diagnosis. There are a few animals that are allergic to things that are inhaled such as rug fibers or cigarette smoke. In these cases, it's fairly easy to recognize the relationship between the sneezing and the presence of these

types of allergens.

With any allergy-induced sneezing it will be bilateral, which means that it affects both the right and left nasal passageways. There will be a discharge from both nostrils however there will rarely be any blood or pus-like material in this discharge.

Patients with allergies suffer but generally show no other signs. They eat, drink, and remain as active as they always were. Infections that cause sneezing are probably more common in humans than in dogs. Our canine friends have nothing comparable to our common cold that affects their nasal passages. Their most common respiratory infection is Kennel Cough Syndrome but it affects the throat and windpipe, resulting in a hacking cough, i.e. without sneezing.

Infections: Infections that do induce sneezing in the dog are usually more serious. It may be an infection from a tooth or its root that protrudes upward and drains into the nose. There are infections that occur on membranes within the nose or sinuses but, with rare exceptions, they are just pathological organisms that happen to end up there and are not limited to this area of the body (as is the cold virus in humans). Dogs that suffer from a bacterial, viral, or fungal infection of the nose can have the condition at any time of the year. In most cases they turn into long term, chronic conditions. There is almost always a bloody or pus-like discharge from the nose and it may affect one side only or both sides.

Foreign Bodies: Foreign bodies, a picturesque term referring to an inanimate object that has gained access to the dog's body, can cause some horrendous sneezing fits in the dog. As an explanation of this phenomenon, let us tell you about a case that we treated a few weeks ago. An elderly client brought a Rottweiler into the clinic that was sneezing about 10 to 20 times per minute. The sneezing had been occurring for three days and the dog only stopped to eat, drink and maybe take a very brief nap. The animal was totally exhausted. There was some blood coming from the left nostril on some sneezes and a lot of blood at other times. We sedated the animal, gave it a short-acting anesthetic agent, and looked up the left nasal opening with a small, lighted probe. About an inch back from the external opening, we saw a dark spot that shouldn't be there. Using a small alligator clamp we reached back, attached it to the phantom dot, and pulled out a 5-½ " stick. That's right...5-½ " long. The next time you

look at a Rottweiler from the side, try to figure out where the stick was. What probably happened was the dog was charging through the woods chasing something and accidentally ran the stick up its nose. After administering injections of an anti-inflammatory medication and antibiotics we sent the pet home with its owner. Within a day he was back to his normal self.

Over the years of our veterinary practice, we have removed from the noses of dogs lots of sticks, a few dead insects, some string, Christmas tinsel, a paper clip and much more we have forgotten. Finding a foreign body in the nose of a dog is not a rare occurrence. It always causes sneezing and there is usually some blood in the nasal discharge. As would be expected, this discharge only comes from the injured side of the nose.

Tumors: In the older dog, usually eight years of age or older, we may encounter another cause of sneezing – a tumor. They are not very common but we still see two or three cases every year. Dogs with an intranasal tumor usually exhibit a bloody discharge from only one side and the sneezing, unlike the animal with a foreign body, starts out as only an occasional occurrence. Over a period of several weeks or months it becomes more frequent. It is a slow process, causing no rapid changes within the area. These tumors are typically malignant and therefore difficult to treat. Surgery and chemotherapy are always available but surgical intervention in this area of the body is extremely difficult.

Unlike people, if your dog ever has a bloody nose it is always cause to see the veterinarian. And if sneezing is causing discomfort for the animal or concern for you, a visit to the veterinarian is also recommended. Chances are that it probably won't be anything serious but, like so many conditions, the sooner treatment is initiated, the easier it is to eliminate the problem.

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Rolling in Foul-Smelling Things by Holly Frisby, DVM Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc. Veterinary Services Department

It is thought that dogs may choose to roll in foul-smelling things to mask their scent, just as wolves do. Wolves may roll in decomposing carcasses or the feces of herbivores (plant eating animals) to disguise themselves. They want to cover their own odors so their prey won't be alarmed by their scent. This way they can sneak up on their prey and have a better chance of making a kill. Some behaviorists feel dogs may roll in smelly things to "advertise" what they have found to other dogs. No matter the reason, unfortunately some of our domesticated friends have held onto this trait. How many of us have given a dog a bath only to find him running outside to again roll in something foul?

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Stool Eating (Coprophagy) and How to Prevent It

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Coprophagy (pronounced kä - präf ' - je) comes from the Greek copro which means feces and phagy which means eat. And that's what it is – eating feces. A habit of dogs we all find disgusting, but as we say, dogs will be dogs. Some dogs especially like feces from herbivores like rabbits, deer and horses. Others love to raid the cat's litter box. Still others only eat dog feces if it's frozen.

Why do dogs eat feces?

A lot of theories have been suggested as to why dogs eat feces. Are they missing something in their diet? Generally not.

Dogs who eat their feces usually do not have a dietary deficiency. Some medical problems, however, can contribute to coprophagy including severe disorders of the pancreas (pancreatic insufficiency) or intestine, severe malnutrition from massive parasitic infestations, or starvation. These cases are rare.

Some dogs, especially those in kennel situations, may eat feces because they are anxious or stressed. One researcher suggests that dogs who have been punished by their owners for defecating inappropriately start to think any defecation is wrong, so they try to eliminate the evidence.

Another theory is that coprophagy is a trait passed down through the ages. Dog's cousins, the wolves and coyotes, may often eat feces if food is in short supply. Feces from herbivores (animals that eat plants for food) contain many of the B vitamins. Some researchers suggest that wolves (and some dogs) may eat feces to replenish their vitamin supply.

In some instances coprophagy may be a behavior learned from watching other animals. It may also become a habit in the course of play and puppies having to try out the taste of everything.

There is a stage of life in which coprophagy is common and expected. Can you think of what it is? Bitches and queens normally eat the feces of their offspring. This is presumed to occur in an attempt to hide the presence of the litter from predators.

Finally, some dogs may eat feces

just because it tastes good (to them).

How do we prevent coprophagia from occurring?

The best way to prevent the problem is to keep yards and kennels free of feces.

Some owners find it successful to use something to make the feces taste horrible. Products such as For-bid and Drs. Foster and Smith Dis-Taste are added to the food of the animal whose feces are being eaten (it could be the food of the dog with coprophagy if he eats his own stool; or the food of the cat, if the dog with coprophagy eats the cat's feces). The product is digested by the animal, and results in giving the feces a very bad taste. Some people try putting Tabasco sauce or cayenne pepper (chili powder) on the feces (not the food!). Unfortunately some dogs have acquired quite a taste for Tabasco. These methods work best if the behavior has just started. Once coprophagy has become a habit, it is very difficult to break.

Dogs should be on a leash when walking, so you have control over the dog in case a luscious pile of feces is found along the way. Sometimes the only way to prevent coprophagy is to fit the dog with a wire muzzle. The dog will be able to sniff, pant and do most things dogs do, but the dog will not be able to eat with the muzzle on. DO NOT LEAVE A MUZZLED DOG UNATTENDED.

Adding toys and other diversions to the environment may be helpful. We need to find something that is more fun for the dog than eating feces. A dog may find a Kong toy laced with peanut butter a better alternative. Also give the dog lots of exercise to help it ultimately relax.

In situations in which the behavior may be linked to stress, the cause of stress should be eliminated or at least reduced. In some instances of extreme anxiety or if the behavior becomes obsessive-compulsive, medication may be necessary to try to break the cycle.

One researcher recommends checking the dog's diet to make sure

she's getting enough B vitamins and is not getting an excess of carbohydrates.

Some dogs will improve if they are fed more often, so you may want to increase the number of meals (but keep the total daily intake about the same).

There have been anecdotal reports that adding Prozyme to the diet may aid in eliminating this problem.

For dogs attracted to litter boxes, you may need to be quite creative. Using covered litter boxes and placing the opening towards a wall may help. Some people put the litter box up high. Others put the litter box in a closet and secure the closet door so that the opening is big enough for the cat but will not allow the dog to enter. Keep in mind that if we make the litter box too difficult to reach, the cat may not go to it either!

Above all, do not punish the dog for eating feces. This may reinforce the behavior. General work on obedience is sometimes helpful. If the dog knows what is expected of him and looks to you for cues, he may be less anxious and less likely to start or continue the behavior.

What are the health risks of coprophagy?

Many parasites can be transmitted through eating stool. Generally herbivores have parasites specific to them; these parasites will not cause disease in carnivores. But dogs eating the feces of other dogs or cats can infect themselves repeatedly with parasites such as giardia, Filaroides, coccidia, and if the feces are around for 2-3 weeks or more, roundworms and whipworms. Such dogs should have regular fecal examinations and dewormings with the appropriate medications depending on the parasites found.

Summary

We are not sure why dogs eat their own feces or the feces of other animals. We do know that if a dog starts this behavior, the sooner we implement prevention measures, the better the chance of success.

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Cold Weather, Traveling and Outdoor Safety

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Hypothermia is a major concern during cold weather. Inadequate shelter, calories, or becoming wet can make a pet much more susceptible to this condition. There are additional indoor and outdoor hazards associated with cold weather. We hope this article will help you become more aware of how you can keep your pet comfortable and safe during the cold weather season.

Outdoor housing

Make sure doghouses aren't too large. A correctly sized doghouse should allow your dog to comfortably lie down and that's it. A doghouse that is too large will not provide proper insulation to keep your dog warm and frostbite on tails and tips of ears can occur in severely cold weather. Preferably the doghouse will be placed on top of styrofoam insulation and the dog will have a mat or bed inside the doghouse.

Pets who are outside in cold weather will need extra calories to keep warm. When the temperature is below freezing, you may need to increase calories by as much as 30%, depending on the pet and housing conditions.

Shivering is a sign your pet is too cold and indicates the start of hypothermia. A shivering pet should be slowly warmed until signs of hypothermia are gone.

Provide your pet fresh, unfrozen water available at all times. Avoid stainless steel or metal bowls; instead use heated buckets or bowls.

Walking in the cold

Sidewalk ice melters like salt, magnesium or calcium chloride can cause irritation to paws and are toxic when ingested causing stomach upsets and, if enough is ingested, nerve damage. To prevent salt from hurting your pet's feet, we recommend using dog boots and a non-toxic ice melter like Safe Paws for your own sidewalk. If your pet has walked on a salty area, wipe off his paws with a moist towel.

Snowballs can be fun unless they're between your toes. Snow collecting between the toes of dogs and cats can be very painful, and if large enough, obstruct blood flow to the toes. Help your pet remove these collections of snow while you are out walking. Dog boots would help eliminate this problem in dogs.

Thin ice on lakes is hazardous for people and animals. Keep your pet away from lakes or other bodies of water which may have thin ice.

In the northern



United States, remember that snowmobile trails can be dangerous places. Be sure to keep your pets off of the trails. One of the most seriously injured dogs I have cared for was hit by a snowmobile.

Ice on walks is not only dangerous for us two-legged creatures, but for our four-legged friends as well. Slipping on the ice is of special concern for older dogs who may already be stiff due to arthritis.

Keeping warm

Speaking of arthritis, as in people, cold can increase the discomfort of arthritis. Providing an orthopedic bed in a warm part of the house, using a dog sweater and providing some indoor exercise can help arthritic pets be more comfortable.

Warm vehicles can attract cats who may jump up into the engine compartment to get closer to the heat. This can be fatal if a person starts the vehicle, unaware of the presence of the cat. It's a good idea to knock on the hood of the vehicle or blow the horn (if it's not too disruptive to the neighborhood) before starting your car or truck.

During the cold winter months, many people use space heaters and wood-burning stoves. Do not allow unsupervised pets in areas with space heaters which could be bumped over by the pet. Wood burning stoves are especially dangerous for cats who may try to jump up on them. Train kitty to stay away from the stove by using a squirt bottle of water or throwing a pop can filled with coins near the stove when the cat approaches it. (Please have a good aim and don't hit the cat!) Placing "Scat mats" on the floor may also be helpful in keeping pets away from stoves and heaters.

Antifreeze

Antifreeze should be out of pet's reach. Antifreeze, which contains ethylene glycol, is extremely poisonous; a few teaspoons can be lethal. Its sweet taste attracts pets and ingesting even a tiny amount causes fatal kidney toxicity. In the body, ethylene glycol is metabolized into 3 major compounds. Some cause central nervous system (CNS) and respiratory depression, others cause metabolic acidosis, and oxalate which combines with calcium to form crystals causes blockage of the tubules in the kidneys. So,

when tuning up your car for that holiday trip, make sure your pet does not have access to antifreeze containers and clean up any spills immediately. Better yet, use the new types of antifreeze such as Prestone LowTox and Sierra Antifreeze Coolant that are not poisonous. If you think your pet has consumed antifreeze, contact your veterinarian immediately. Time is of the essence.

Boarding and Traveling

If traveling with your pet for the holidays, be sure to make the necessary plans early.

Pet carriers and crates are the best way to restrain your pet while traveling. Check the condition of your pet's crate and, if traveling on public transportation, be sure the crate meets the carrier's requirements.

Clip your pet's nails so they will not become caught in the crate door or other openings.

Reservations with airlines and hotels should be booked early. Be sure they know you are bringing your pet so they can advise you of any special requirements.

A health check-up for your pet and up-to-date vaccinations are important. An interstate health certificate and a copy of the vaccination records may be necessary in some cases.

Pack your pet's medications and special diets where they are easily accessible. Be sure your pet has water available.

Place a harness on your cat and a collar on your dog. Always have a pet identification tag attached to your pet's collar or harness. Make sure the address and phone number are current.

Some pets are afraid of traveling and others may have motion sickness. See our article Car Sickness and Fear of Driving in Pets for help with these issues.

If heading South, remember it will be warmer and make allowances for your pet. Protect your pet against fleas and heartworms, too.

When traveling into snow country, your pet may need a sweater. Boots can help protect your pet's feet from ice, snow and salt.

If you are traveling during the holidays, and need to leave your pet(s) at home, start to make accommodations for your pet(s) early. Many boarding facilities fill up very fast. Responsible pet sitters are a good alternative. If they are unfamiliar with your house or pet(s) have them come over and get acquainted before you leave.

Wherever you may be with your pet this winter, we hope it will be a happy and beautiful season for you.

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Top Signs Your Pet is an Alien from Space

Carefully spoons "Tang" into the toilet before he drinks out of it.

Last month's bill had \$135 worth of unexplained long distance calls to David Duchovny's cell phone.

The scratches in your sofa look suspiciously like crop circles.

Most dogs: sit, stay, roll over. Your dog: levitate, balance checkbook, help Junior with calculus homework.

Polly wants a crollop of phylloxera... Polly wants an Illudium Q36 Explosive Space Modulator..."

Always arranges his Kibble 'N' Bits in the shape of the Andromeda Galaxy.

Shares your intense hatred of all earthlings.

Fido wakes you up every morning by bursting out through your abdomen.

When your son faked throwing a stick, Fido vaporized his happy ass.

Rover has an irresistible fascination with airborne plastic replicas of flying saucers.

You find pieces of the missing Mars landers buried in your backyard.

Constantly using the Vulcan leg hump to render the postman unconscious.

Author Andy Rooney

I've learned.... that when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned.... that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned.... that I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned.... that when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned.... that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned.... that being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned.... that you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned.... that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned.... that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned.... that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned.... that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned.... that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned.... that money doesn't buy class.

I've learned.... that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned.... that under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.... that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned.... that to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.... that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned.... that love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned.... that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned.... that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned.... that there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

I've learned.... that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned.... that life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned.... that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned.... that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned.... that one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned.... that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned.... that I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

I've learned.... that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned.... that it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life-threatening situation.

I've learned.... that the less time I have to work with, the

Car Sickness and Fear of Driving in Pets

by Dr. Marty Smith, DVM Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc.

"Not every pet loves a face-in-the-wind car ride."

For some pets, car rides produce a great deal of anxiety.

A combination of fear and not understanding what is happening will cause drooling, shaking or even vomiting in some cats and dogs. In humans we refer to this as car sickness or motion sickness; however, true motion sickness is a result of an inner ear problem. Some pets truly do have motion sickness, and for these animals products such as Dramamine can be used under the supervision of a veterinarian. For most pets, however, the sickness is strictly an over-reaction to the fear and apprehension of the car noise, motion, etc. If your pet would rather be anywhere besides in the car, here's how you can help her overcome the fear of car rides.

Get your pet used to the car environment. Get in the car together and have a treat. Talk. Be happy. Make it a fun time. Don't have the car running, just share a treat and make it a positive experience. Repeat this a number of times on different occasions. You may want to feed your pet in the car. If your pet is afraid of even getting into the car, try feeding or giving a treat close to the car.

Get your pet used to the car while it is running. Repeat step one, only this time start the car. Give a treat before and after. If she looks or acts nervous, reassure her that everything is OK. Take your time and make sure she is relaxed before ending the session.

Get your pet used to the motion of the moving car. Once she is used to the car running without any fearful reaction, back the car to the end of the driveway, then forward again to the garage. Give her a treat and praise her. Repetition is the key. The more you do this the more confident your pet becomes that cars are no problem. In fact, to her it becomes a great place for attention, praise and even treats.

Now it's time to take a short trip around the block. Treats and praise before and after, and calm, reassuring talk throughout the ride are a pre-requisite. Gradually increase the distance traveled until your pet is calm no matter how long she's in the car.

Some animals still need something to calm them. There are non-prescription products such as Serene-um, Pet Calm and Rescue Remedy. In severe cases, even stronger prescription anti-anxiety medications can be dispensed by your veterinarian.

Pets make excellent traveling companions so it's well worth the training now for the years of enjoyment it will bring both of you once you get over this ob-

Pet's Prayer

Dear Lord.....

Please watch over our humans, they are so weak. They have no claws or teeth, they can't run fast or fly away, neither can they burrow or build a nest in which to be safe. They smell bad, do strange things that aren't altogether intelligent, have no real ability to communicate with us, although we are able to figure out what they want.

Lord, grant US the ability to watch over our humans, care for them, cheer them when they are down, make them laugh, smile, and shower them with our love. We pray that we can bring a little joy into their otherwise mundane existence...

Lord...please let them know that when we insist on getting attention, its so we can check their emotional well being and boost their morale when we pester them for different foods, toys, etc, its so they will learn to see us in ways they hadn't considered, bringing them closer and back into the fold...which they are part of but keep forgetting about. They expect us to know what they want even though sometimes they don't know what we want.

Some of them really try and we know they love us but some of them are so dumb yet our love for them remains intensely unfaltering.

Lord, when we die, please make sure to send us ahead to where ever our humans are going to be, so we can pave the way for them, vouch for them and be there for them when they too die.....please allow us to continue proving the humans are worth the effort. You placed these humans in dominion over us, but you charged us with the task of caring for them and SHOWING them your love every one of them.

God bless these mere mortal humans, they know not that we are their guardian angels sent in love to task them so that they may grow to be part of your plan.

Impressions of the American National

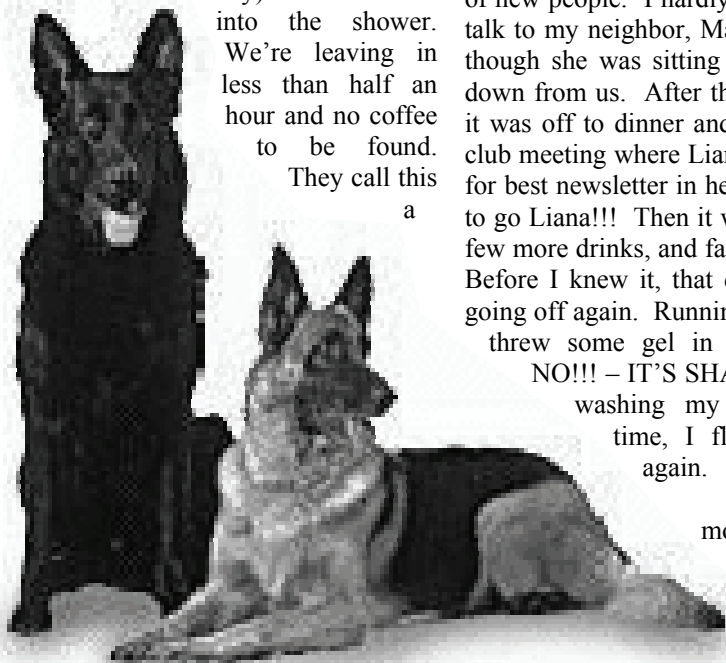
The American National Specialty Show of 2000, what can I say? It was awesome? A blast? Nothing could have prepared me for it, that's for sure. I took a week's holiday to really do it up right. It was my first American National, and I had to do it up right. To start with, I left a day earlier than I had planned – just had to get to the hospitality night. Halloween costumes and lots to drink – a good start to any party. I was no sooner unpacked in my room when the obnoxious honking of a car horn sounded outside of my room. Who's the bone head – whoops, it's Liana letting me know the party is in full swing. Off to the host hotel and the partying starts.

Drink, giggle, drink, laugh, drink, and roar. The costumes were out of this world. Everyone was someone they weren't. That doesn't make a lot of sense, but when you walk into a room where you know virtually no one, it would really make sense. How was I going to figure out who was who when I didn't know most of these people to see them anyway? A weird introduction to the National, but not one easily forgotten. We slipped away for a bite to eat and came back to see the party fade. Tomorrow is the start of the show!!!

The alarm goes off (oh so damn early) and I stumble into the shower.

We're leaving in less than half an hour and no coffee to be found.

They call this a



party? Before I know it, we're at the show grounds. Easy to get to, but not easy to find the right building. Once we're in, it's an amazing sight. Lots of booths, catalogue table and dogs to die for. Getting to our seats is an adventure in itself – Liana has to stop and talk to everyone. How can one person know so many people? We've got great seats thanks to Marilee Wilkinson – the middle of the arena, half way up. We're not going to miss a thing. I watched the futurity class with great interest. My Wiley's nemesis was in the ring – how I love that dog, Survival's Tuff Decision, but I digress. I met Judy and Betty, Fran and Carl, Ricki and Greg, Terry Rock, Keith Hitt, Carl and Gail, Tom and Peggy, Gail Rutter – well, almost the whole darn club!! I was slightly disappointed that the ring was split in half for the younger classes but understood that we'd be there all week if one class were judged at a time. A great entry and great quality everywhere you looked.

The lister's party was great. Good food and good people that yatter constantly on the list. I met dogs that have been discussed at length and people that go with the dogs. Everyone had a great time. I did too, even though I didn't win a prize. Off to dinner and our bodies seemed to be fading – not surprising with all the excitement.

The next day brought more of the same – great dogs and meeting lots of new people. I hardly had a chance to talk to my neighbor, Mary Vurma, even though she was sitting just a few rows down from us. After the day's judging, it was off to dinner and then the parent club meeting where Liana won an award for best newsletter in her division – way to go Liana!!! Then it was off to have a few more drinks, and fall into bed again. Before I knew it, that damn alarm was going off again. Running out the door, I threw some gel in my hair – OH NO!!! – IT'S SHAMPOO!!! After washing my hair a second time, I fly out the door again.

Friday was more relaxed with everyone's anticipation growing. Tomorrow was

going to be THE big day. Best of Breed and Best of Opposite. I could hardly wait. Friendships were made so easily – it was a delight to just stop and talk to people. Find out more about them and their dogs. We went in a large group to a local restaurant and had another great time with lots of laughs. After that, another local bar was visited to kick back and relax. It suddenly dawns on me that I'm not 20 years old anymore!! Off to bed for the big day.

Saturday, the big day, has arrived. Along with the exhilaration, comes a slight depression, knowing that this is the last day – the party is coming to an end. The specials bitch class is amazing. I'd love to own almost any one of those girls. A nice long break for lunch, and everyone relaxes with wine or beer. The specials dog class I'll never forget – when the judge had all the dogs leave the ring so they could be shown in smaller groups, the sight was one of the most awesome I've ever seen. That is a sight I'll never forget as long as I live. All those gorgeous dogs running towards a single point (the entrance) in all of their magnificence was truly awe inspiring. The outcome of the show was the same as all shows – hotly contested by people who wanted their favorite to win. All in all, a truly wonderful show.

My disappointments – well, I really missed having the grooming area to walk through like we have at the Canadian National. It's another awesome sight watching these wonderful animals being readied for the big show. I also thought there would have been more to buy. Some of the quality at the booths had much to be desired. But buy I did!! Shirts and a wonderful statue to remind me of my first American National Specialty Show. Will I be back? Of course, I have to meet with all of my friends again – after all, what's a dog show without the wonderful friends we make!!!

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Dog Houses: Their In's and Out's

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Building a doghouse that is just right for your dog can be fun and rewarding. However, if it's done without a plan and an understanding of how it fulfills its purpose and function, it can be a disaster. Talk to ten different dog people and you will probably get at least ten different plans for dog houses, all of which are promised to be perfect. If you do construct a house that fulfills your dog's needs perfectly, none of these ten experts will be ready to quickly criticize your architectural dream. We deal with many breeders who have outdoor facilities and they get to the same end in many different ways. Some just make more mistakes than others along the path. When building a dog house you must consider the proper size, design, building materials, construction, placement and bedding for the dog house.

To fulfill the needs of its canine occupant the house need not be plush or complicated. A doghouse's purpose is to allow its occupant to be dry, out of the wind, cool in summer, warm in winter, and provide it with a place to feel safe. Remember, we practice in northern Wisconsin where temperatures can easily range from 100° to -40° F.

Therefore, a dog

house built in this climate to accomplish these purposes will probably function anywhere in the United States.

How dry I am

The primary function of a doghouse is to be dry and stay dry. Nothing can stop Rover from tracking in some water on a rainy day but that really is not the main concern. Assuming the house is waterproof, the major problem from water in a house (or in any enclosed kennel building) is humidity. When humidity rises, bacteria and viruses can easily become airborne and carried in atmospheric microdroplets. This is obvious in a kennel building housing several animals where there is inadequate air exchange or turnover. It gets stuffy and humid and disease problems increase, especially respiratory ones like bronchitis, and pneumonias. Even parasites are more of a problem with humidity at these levels. Clean this building with a high pressure hose using hot water and it gets even worse! Kennel buildings need a way to get rid of the humidity and replace it with fresh air. Sometimes this can be accomplished by opening windows and doors but often it is necessary to utilize exhaust fans. It is the same in a single house. Put one dog in the correct-sized house with a tight door and you will see problems caused by excess humidity. The house has to breathe...either through the walls or via a door that is partially open or with some form of louvers. Wood houses because of the properties of this material, usually breathe to a certain degree. Add a cloth or canvas flap type door or a metal one with vents and you have eliminated humidity as a problem.

It's too hot in here

Every year, we have a client that has just moved into the area and builds the ultimate canine pal-

ace." He builds a very large, wooden doghouse, puts 3 to 4 inches of fiberglass insulation in the walls and roof, paints it to match their home and adds an electric heat pad or lamp to keep it at a toasty 72° . Winter arrives and on nights when the temperature drops below zero, the owner turns on the heat. However, the shorthaired Doberman, understanding his own needs and comfort level, decided to sleep in the snow. He is probably more comfortable there than he would be in the palace.

People often do not realize just how well their dog can cope with the elements. Dogs, unlike humans, have their own built-in insulation in the form of body hair. Shorthaired dogs have the same ability to keep warm as longhaired dogs. This is because their hair is different. Take the Doberman for instance. Its hair is short but very stout. In fact it's hollow. In the shaft are air pockets, the perfect insulating material. Now look at an English Setter. It has lots of fine, longer hair. Its insulation is provided by the air pockets between layers of hair, sometimes referred to as undercoat and outercoat. We are not saying the Dobermans will not shiver on a cold day (which is nature's way of increasing body heat), but we have seen Setters and Malamutes do the same.

All the Doberman above wanted or needed was a place to get out of the cold, and to him that probably meant getting out of the wind. He curls up inside a snowdrift to protect him from the wind and provide insulation, allowing the use of his body heat to stay warm. He did not want to be hot and after becoming used to the decreasing temperature during the fall, he was ready to deal with winter. Unless a doghouse is going to be used for whelping, we never put any heat source in it.

Too-o-o-o-o- big

Other problems with the above "palace" were probably its size and the use of the insulation. Look at the amount of space your dog takes up when he curls up and lies down. Draw a rectangle around him that is three inches larger on all sides and it's probably the perfect size for the inside of his house (twelve inches on all sides if the house will be used for whelping). Remember, his body is going to provide the heat that will keep his home warm. If it's too large, that cannot be done. For height, four to six inches taller than his shoulders is perfect. He will not mind lowering his head.

Insulation is a poor bedtime snack

The insulation, if it is exposed, can be a disaster waiting to happen. If the dog becomes bored, he is liable to eat it and the stiff material consistently forms partial or complete obstructions in the intestines. Insulation is fine, but the best is the same we found in the hair coats of the dogs. That is a hollow wall formed by an inner and outer layer with dead airspace in between. It will help keep the dog warm in the winter and cool in the summer. But most importantly, it will breathe, permitting excess humidity to pass through the walls. Fiberglass insulation can actually trap moisture leading to rotting wood and even sicker dogs.

The lucky dog has a house of wood or plastic

The materials we prefer for the homemade dog house can be purchased at any building supply store or lumber yard. As the primary constituent, wood is preferred for at least the inside layer. It can be disinfected to a certain degree but this can be improved with enamel and/or epoxy paints. Some of the new prefabricated, high impact plastic's houses possess the same excellent

features. They use a double wall thickness, have good ventilation and are very easy to clean and disinfect. We have seen concrete blocks used by those who are attempting to build a permanent, never-to-be-replaced model. But they are damp in any weather and still impossible to disinfect or even clean (even with epoxy paints) as their porous nature allows material to work its way into the surface. All-metal houses are easy to disinfect and clean but can be very cold in the winter. Solid fiberglass liners are sometimes used and they are easy to clean and disinfect but are expensive. They can also become brittle and break and crack at cold temperatures.

Two last construction points: Whether you make it with single or double wall construction, we would prefer the outer wall to be metal-covered like the heavier material used in travel trailers. It is usually aluminum bonded to wood. It's non-toxic, easy to clean, will not rust, does not need painting or waterproofing and is fairly resistant to chewing. Also, make the roof, or a large portion of it capable of being opened to facilitate cleaning. Fiberglass shingles can be used but the metal covered wood we recommend for the walls is definitely the best. It's strong, waterproof and easy to work with.

How do I get in?

What about the opening for the door? Do not make it any larger than necessary to further cut down on draft problems. As a rough guideline, a 70-pound dog should have an opening about 12" wide by 14" high. In really hot areas you might want it larger to increase ventilation. Also have the bottom of the opening 4" to 8" higher than the floor to help keep bedding and newborn puppies inside. Finally, put the door on the side of the house opposite the direc-

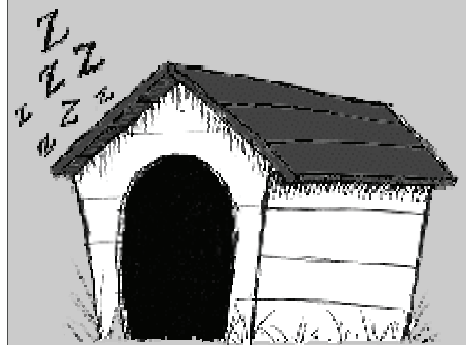
tion of the prevailing winter winds.

This bed is just right

Bedding? We will surprise you by saying we hate to see our clients use straw, marsh hay, or wood shavings. Several times we have seen the first two provide an entire kennel with a case of sarcoptic mange, no to mention fleas and ticks. Hay comes from farms and if they have livestock you can bring their problems to your door. Any of the three are impossible to disinfect and become tracked into a kennel, helping to clog drains and gutters. If you think bedding is needed, we would rather see you use old blankets or pads that can be washed. Some dogs use them for toys or drag them out of the house but it's comfort they want, they will learn!

Now, where to put it?

Use common sense for summer and hot weather climates. Place the house in the shade! Even in our Northern area, we have seen houses with inside temperatures of over 100 degrees simply because they were exposed to direct sunlight. That's the same as a car with the windows rolled up and left in a parking lot. For the same reason, we usually prefer white or light colored outer surfaces. Again, remember to place the side of



the house with the door opposite the direction of the prevailing winter winds.

In conclusion, we certainly understand that there are many correct way

Exercise For the Health of Your Dog

by Dr. Marty Smith, DVM Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc.

Dogs need exercise. We all do.

Here's what exercise does for dogs (and you):

It strengthens respiratory and circulatory systems

Helps get oxygen to tissue cells

Wards off obesity

Keeps muscles toned and joints flexible

Releases energy, relieves boredom, and keeps mind active

Aids in digestion

Good health includes daily exercise, whether it's a walk around the block, jogging on the bike path, playing frisbee or fetch, swimming, or whatever. Make it a part of your every day so it becomes a routine.

Older dogs, in particular, need exercise to keep their body and systems functioning properly. Not as strenuous a program as younger pups, of course, but enough to keep them active, alert and healthy. Increased activity will add months or even years to their lives.

Some breeds also require considerably more exercise than others. If you're considering buying a pet, be sure you know the exercise requirements for the breed you're interested in and are willing to devote the time necessary to give your pet what it needs.

Do yourself and your pet a big favor -- get out there and have fun. It's a great way to spend time together.

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Restraining Your Pet While Traveling

by Dr. Race Foster, DVM Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc.

"Even a sudden stop or sharp turn could seriously injure an unrestrained pet."

Pets, like children, should be safely restrained while traveling. All it takes is a sudden stop or turn to seriously injure your pet. Not to mention what could happen if you got in an accident.

Unrestrained pets are also the cause of many accidents as they can distract or even interfere with the driver's ability to control the vehicle. We once had a client crash through the wall of our clinic because her pet was underfoot and prevented her from braking. (Fortunately, no one was injured.)

Today's pet restraints and car seats quickly and easily attach to a vehicle's seat belt and provide plenty of freedom for the pet to sit up or lie down. Wire cages or plastic crates are also excellent choices to protect pets while traveling as they shield pets from falling objects.

Please, don't let pets ride unrestrained in the bed of pickup trucks. Many cities now prohibit this practice, and it is a law that, in our opinion, is very late in coming. Many parts of the country are considering laws making pet restraint mandatory in all vehicles.

You protect yourself and your family with seat belts, shouldn't you do the same for your pet?

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Outdoor Time is Important for Dogs

by Dr. Race Foster, DVM Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc

"Give your dog as much outdoor time as possible, even if you can't be with him."

Like people, pets get bored if there isn't enough "new" or change in their lives. And with boredom often comes laziness, non-participation in family activities, irritability, depression and, often, behavior problems.

Unfortunately, in the majority of U.S. homes today, dogs spend the better part of every day in an empty home. And even when the owners do get home from their workday, they are often too exhausted to provide the kind of outdoor stimulation and exercise dogs need.

Changing your pet's surroundings is critical to its good health--both mental and physical.

For most dogs, outdoors is where they prefer to be, especially after being cooped up all day in a quiet house with nothing to stimulate their senses. And don't think letting them outside to go to the bathroom while you prod them to hurry up is enough to fill their needs.

Give your pets as much outdoor time as possible. Walks or playing with them outside are best because of the exercise

they get, and should be a part of every day. But even if you don't have time right then for a walk or play, let them stay outside for awhile for the sensory stimulation.

The sights, sounds, and especially the smells of the outdoors keep your dog's mind alert and active. The outdoors is interesting and it's a place to learn.

There are, of course, a number of things you should and shouldn't do when you give your pet outdoor time:

Don't leave him alone outside for extended periods. Remember, dogs are very social animals. They need human interaction--the more the better.

Don't let him run free. Dogs should always be contained in an exercise pen, on a tie out, or in a fenced-in area. In addition to the dangers running free poses to your dog, it is against the law in most municipalities.

Make sure he is always wearing a name tag, even when contained.

Provide for his needs. Fresh water, shade, and a few chew toys or bones are all he'll need for the time he's outside.

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2001 FUTURITY/MATURITY INFORMATION

2001 REGIONAL CHAIRMEN AND HOST CLUBS

Futurity Puppies Oct 1, 1999 - Sep 30, 2000
Litter Nominations Close 1/1/2001
Senior Class Whelped Oct 1-Dec 31, 1999
Intermediate Class Whelped Jan 1-Mar 31, 2000
Teenage Class Whelped Apr 1-Jun 30, 2000
Junior Class Jul 1-Sep 30, 2000

Maturity Dogs & Bitches Whelped Oct 1, 1998 - Sep 30, 1999
Junior Maturity 18-24 Mo Apr 1-Sep 30, 1999.
Senior Maturity 24-30 Mo Oct 1, 1998-Mar 31, 1999.

REGION #1 NORTHEAST Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut
Host Club: Iroquois GSDC,
Show Chairperson: Cheryl Olson, 1189 North Rd., Tully, NY 13159, (315)-696-5687
Date & Location: Friday, May 11, 2001. Rodman Lott & Sons Farm, Seneca Falls, NY.
Judge: Helen Miller Fisher

REGION #2 MID-ATLANTIC New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia
Host Club: GSDC of Anne Arundel,
Show Chairperson: Joy Dahler, 414 Stepney Road Ext., Aberdeen, MD 21001, (410)-575-6202.
Date & Location: Friday, May 25, 2001. Churchville Recreation Center, Churchville, MD.
Judge: Mary Ann Imhoff

REGION #3 SOUTHEAST North Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Puerto Rico

Host Club: Tampa Bay GSDC, Inc.,
Show Chairperson: Sue Sherwood, 17150 Benes Roush Rd., Masaryktown, FL 34609, (352)-799-1181.
Date & Location: Sunday, April 22, 2001, Florida Classic Park, Brooksville, FL.
Judge: Doris Farrell

REGION #4 GREAT LAKES Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky
Host Club: GSDC of Northern Ohio,
Show Chairperson: Karen Teplitzky, 8379 Martingale, Russell, OH 44072, (440)-338-1744
Date & Location: Friday, May 4, 2001, 8557 Limeridge Rd., (between Ohio routes 303 and 88) Ravenna, OH
Judge: Kathleen Strong

REGION #5 MID-WEST Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota
Host Club: GSDC of Minneapolis / St.Paul,
Show Chairperson: Verna Kubik, 274 Scout Camp Rd., Houlton, WI 54082, (715)-549-6365.
Date & Location: Saturday, May 19, 2001, Animal Inn Training Center, Lake Elmo, MN
Judge: Sandy Dancosse

REGION #6 SOUTHWEST Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arkansas, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico
Host Club: Central New Mexico GSDC,
Show Chairperson: Russell Godby, P.O. Box 91685, Albuquerque, NM 87199-1685, (505)-792-9656
Date: Sunday, April 1, 2001, Hoffman Town Park, Albuquerque, NM
Judge: Sally Hayden

REGION #7 SOUTH PACIFIC Arizona, Las Vegas, Nevada, *Southern California (*All counties south of and including San Luis Obispo;

Kern and San Bernardino), Hawaii
Host Club: San Bernardino/ Riverside GSDC,
Show Chairperson: Dick Whalen, 11405 Knoll Vista St., Moreno Valley, CA 92555, (909)-242-4188.
Date & Location: Friday, June 8, 2001, Ramada Inn, Claremont, CA
Judge: Gail Hardcastle

REGION #8 MID-PACIFIC Nevada (except Las Vegas), Utah, *Northern California (*All counties north of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino)
Host Club: Golden State GSDC of San Jose
Show Chairperson: Edwin Hill, 22626 Northview Dr., Hayward, CA 94541, (510)-881-1606.
Date & Location: Friday, June 29, 2001, Cuesta Park, Mountain View, CA
Judge: Jean Whalen

REGION #9 NORTHWEST Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, Oregon, Montana, North Dakota, Alaska, all of Canada
Host Club: GSDC of Washington State,
Show Chairperson: Bonnie Smith, (Temp address) 31620 SE Kent-Kangley Rd., Ravensdale, WA 98051 (Temp #425)-432-3033.
Date & Location: Friday, May 11, 2001, Carco Park, Renton, WA
Judge: Helen (Scootie) Sherlock

DOGGIE DEFINITIONS.....

ANGULATION - Degree to which dog handlers will bend over backwards to impress the judges.

BALANCE - How to arrange the checkbook so your husband won't know how much money you spent on dog shows last month. Usually done in the bathroom with the door locked.

BALL: That wonderfully round object that you can use to show how much your person loves you. If they will throw it for hours, you are well loved. It is also good for meeting your persons friends and finding out if they are dog people. The trick is, (to find out if they truly are dog people or just saying they are to get on your persons good side), you drop it into the guest drink, and if they laugh about it and throw it for you, they are dog people, if not... well.

BATH: This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and >themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

BITCH - A. Name for a lady dog.

B. Name often overheard at dog shows, not always to describe a lady dog.

BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

CAT: That wonderful ball of fur with teeth and claws. They are great fun to chase up trees. Be careful though, sometimes they chase you, and their bite and scratch can be a bit painful if you aren't fast enough to get out of the way.

COAT - The hairy covering of a dog that usually falls out about one week before the Specialty show.

DAM - A. A lady dog with children.

B. Expression frequently overheard at dog shows as losers leave the ring.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

DOG BED: any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.

ELBOW - Method of getting to ringside when late.

EXPRESSION - "Sweet" look adopted by dogs while staring ravenously at chunks of liver.

FANCIER - Degree to which some gentlemen handlers dress more than others.

FEATHERING - What winners are accused of doing to judges' nests.

FLEAS: Those nasty little biting bugs. To get rid of them, roll around on your persons floor until a great number are deposited there. After awhile he will not only get rid of them in his house but on you as well.

FRONT - Part of the dog often stacked toward the outside of the ring.

GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

GOOSE BUMP: A maneuver to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require.....especially effective when combined with The Sniff. See below.

HEEL - A. You feel like when your dog beats the one you had just sold to an eager novice.

B. Expression often screamed to attract the attention of deaf dogs.

HEIGHT - As in "Maximum Allowed," a measurement which all champions fall under by AT LEAST 1/8 inch.

HOCK - A way of financing your dog shows by the use of jewelry such as wedding rings.

KENNEL - Where you go when the kids fight and your husband yells at you.

LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "Sit !", especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

LITTER - Trash left all over the building and parking lot after a dog show.

LOVE: Is a feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.

MASK - What to wear when you have to show the pet you sold six months ago.

MUZZLE - What to put on your kids at a dog show to prevent them from calling your competition what they overheard you call him last night.

NOSE PRINTS - Cute marks left all over your French doors.

OUTCROSSING - What your husband tells the minister you are doing out in the kennel with the dog and the bitch.

POINTS - Minute, invisible awards for winning which you cannot convince your spouse are more important than cash prizes.

PUPPIES - Small, dog like food-processing machines with the ability to stink up an entire house and collectively deafen a band of magpies (These creatures have not yet been perfected, as they come with a leaky system, and can also be dangerous to weak hearts and bank accounts.)

SNIFF: A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times until your person makes you stop.

SOFAS: Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

VET: The one person in the world you hate the most. Upon hearing the word VET, it is permissible to run, hide, or do whatever possible to avoid this menace to dogdom. Sometimes excessive drooling helps, but unlike the earlier definition, you must add a look of total panic.

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrapper. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2000

The monthly Board meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 7:20 PM by President Gail Stiefferman at the Brentwood Recreation Center.

The roll was called. Marilee Wilkinson and Liana New were excused. The minutes of the August 3, 2000 Board meeting were approved as read. President Stiefferman mentioned that some trophy donations still needed to be paid.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, had a letters from AKC about matches and obedience judges and United Airlines pet embargo, flyer on awards and ribbons, a MB-F newsletter, a book from Voyageur Press to purchase and flyers on upcoming events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Lois O'Connor reported that the obedience classes would be held at the Nottingham School, beginning September 20 at 8:10 -9:10 PM.

Education: Lee Trapp stated that Dr. Garber would be speaking at the October meeting.

B-Match: Ann Douglas reported that the match would be held November 11, possibly at Kirkwood Park. The judge will be Joey Perez-Guerri.

K-9 Awards: Kathy Redford thanked the board members who had called in their votes on the awards nominees, she also reminded the others that the calling deadline was this Sunday.

Conformation Class: Ricky Harrison will not be able to attend the upcoming classes, therefore, a head person is needed.

Silent Auction: Gail Rutter will make the sign with this auction. Some of the auction gifts have started to arrive.

Alice Becker mentioned that the club has not yet heard from Michael Carlucci for judging the Obedience ring at our '01 Spring Specialty. Alice may need to contact Virginia Kinnion.

'00 Fall Specialty: President Stiefferman

mentioned that the entries were low. She also mentioned that the catalog ad on the center spread would be one page in honor of the club's Life Members and the other page in honor of Bob & Sally Haas for making and donating the clubs banner.

Club Banner: President Stiefferman stated that there had been trouble getting the banner finished at Meramec Trophy. Bob and Sally Haas had volunteered to freely make the club's banner. It should be finished by the 50th Show.

OLD BUSINESS

Ann Douglas asked about the Cunningham trophy - it is being worked on.

There being no further business Bud Leistner moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ricky Harrison and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Redford
Recording Secretary

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2000

The monthly meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 8:30 PM by President Gail Stiefferman at Brentwood Recreation Center.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the July 6, 2000 Board meeting were read.

The minutes of the July 21, 2000 Regular meeting were approved as read.

The minutes of the August 3, 2000 Board meeting were read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, shared a flyer from the Edwardsville KC about conformation classes and a book for sale from the Voyageur Press Co.

President Stiefferman gave an unofficial Treasurer's Report and reminded that trophy donations need to be paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Lois O'Connor reported that obedience classes would begin on Wednesday, September 20 in Nottingham School at 8:10 - 9:10 PM.

Education: Lee Trapp mentioned that Dr.

Garber would be speaking at the October meeting and he asked for any suggestions for the next year's meetings.

Silent Auction: Lee Trapp reported that donations were coming in and Gail Rutter has made a sign for the auction.

B-Match: Ann Douglas reported that the match would be held on November 11 with Joey Perez-Guerri possibly as the judge. Helpers are needed.

K-9 Awards: Dyan Harper stated that there were 17 officers and dogs being nominated for these awards which would be held at noon during the Fall Specialty. She also thanked the Board members who had already called in their votes on the nominees and reminded the others that calling deadline was this Sunday.

Rosalind North is organizing the lunch buffet for the officers and judges; dishes of food are needed. There was a discussion of dinners at the Specialty.

'00 Fall Specialty: Marcia Hadley announced that this was the 50th show and that the total entries were less than one hundred. There will be a special cover for the catalog in honor of it being out 50th show. The club has received many items donated by companies using ads in the catalog. President Stiefferman stated that helpers were still needed at the food booth. The dinner will be \$6.00 per plate with a drink. Karen Hyneck will be the Chief Ring Steward. Judging will begin about 10:00 AM.

Refreshments: Barb Gambill mentioned that refreshments were needed for the October meeting.

Club's Phone Line: President Stiefferman reported that the club's phone line has been moved to Barb Gambill's home. The club's phone number is 314 -772-8885.

OLD BUSINESS

President Stiefferman brought up the change in the club's By-Laws. There was a discussion. Voting on the By-Law changes will be held at the October meeting.

Voting for the '01 Fall Specialty judges was

held.

NEW BUSINESS

Rosalind North mentioned that there would be K-9 Olympics at Purina Farms on September 16.

Judges for the '01 Fall Specialty:

Conformation - Pat Robinson

Obedience - Ed Haas

Bill Harper moved that the ballots be destroyed and keep the tally. The motion was seconded by Barb Gambill and passed.

Elaine Bisbing shared some flyers on upcoming events.

President Stiefferman mentioned that the banner is being worked on and pictures of dogs working was needed for the banner.

Theresa Manzara was welcomed as a new member.

A raffle netted \$41.

A brag box was held.

Ricky Harrison moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dyan Harper and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Redford

Recording Secretary

The monthly Board meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 8:10 PM by President Gail Stiefferman at Uncle Bill's Restaurant.

The roll was called. Ann Douglas and Terry Rock were absent.

The minutes of the September 15, 2000 Board meeting were read and corrected. The minutes of the September 15, 2000 Regular meeting were read.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, had \$10 gift certificates from Sam's for club membership, flyers for upcoming events and a note from AKC approving the show date of Saturday, April 7, 2001. Alice then read an e-mail note about the '00 Fall Specialty judges. President

Stiefferman explained the

conformation judge problem that had occurred at the '00 Fall Specialty.

President Stiefferman thanked Marcia Hadley for the fine job she had done with the Fall Specialty. She also thanked everyone who had helped with this show. There was then a discussion on the K-9 awards and officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Silent Auction: Lee Trapp reported that the auction had netted \$491.25. The money has been sent to the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation. Lee thanked Gail Rutter for making the sign and Jo Ann Leistner for tallying the money and everyone else who had also helped.

Conformation Class: Ricky Harrison asked if the classes had been held, there was one last week. It was decided that the classes are over until spring.

Training: Lois O'Connor reported that there were ten dogs in the class. The school is charging the club \$23/student plus more for the puppies. A new sight is needed.

Education: Lee Trapp mentioned some possible upcoming presentations for the future.

'00 Fall Specialty (Trophy & Ads): Marcia Hadley gave a financial report.

Christmas Party: Judy DeRousse is working on this party.

Wag-n-Tongue: Liana New stated that the next Wag is almost ready. Liana stated that the Wag would need a new editor starting in January. Liana will continue as the Wag's editor through December.

OLD BUSINESS

Lee Trapp asked about the club's banner...it is not finished and pictures are still needed.

NEW BUSINESS

President Stiefferman and Vice-President Harrison will not be at the October regular meeting, therefore, that meeting will be chaired by Marilee Wilkinson. The by-law changes will be voted on at that meeting. President Stiefferman also noted that the '01 Spring Specialty still needed volunteers to serve as the Show Chair-

person and Show Secretary.

Gail Rutter mentioned how other specialty clubs nominated judges for their shows.

President Stiefferman presented a letter sent by Pat Robinson about the mileage on the club's contracts.

President Stiefferman will serve as the Chief Ring Steward at the '01 Spring Specialty.

The November Board meeting will be held on the second Thursday.

There being no further business, Marilee Wilkinson moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Alice Becker and passed. The meeting was adjourned at

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2000

10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Redford

Recording Secretary

The monthly meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 8:10 PM by Acting-President Marilee Wilkinson at Brentwood Recreation Center. Marilee mentioned that Bill Pearson is in a hospital and welcomed Dr. Garber and guests.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the September 15, 2000 Board meeting were read.

The minutes of the September 15, 2000 Regular meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, read an apology note from Jerry Graham about not making the judging assignment. Alice has written Pat Robinson about accepting the '01 Spring Specialty. Ed Haus has not accepted being a judge. Alice also had many flyers from AKC, upcoming events and new clubs.

Bill Harper moved that the regular business be put aside for the educational program. The motion was seconded by Dyan Harper and passed. Lee Trapp then introduced Dr. Garber

who spoke on degenerative myelopathy. Dr. Garber was then thanked for his presentation.

There was a short break.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Lois O'Connor reported that there were 9 puppies and 11 dogs in the Novice class. Linda Campbell was thanked for helping with the classes clean-ups.

Silent Auction: Lee Trapp thanked everyone for helping with this auction - it netted \$491.25 for the American German Shepherd Dog Foundation.

K-9 Awards: Dyan Harper thanked everyone for making the Officers feel welcome. She thanked Rosalind North and all the others who had taken care of their luncheon buffet. Dyan also thanked Bud Leistner and Lee Trapp for taking the pictures, Gail Stiefferman for doing the award presentations and Kathy Redford for all her help. Kathy Redford thanked Bill & Dyan Harper for their marvelous organization of the K-9 Awards.

Club Phone Line: Barb Gambill stated that members should call her if they have any puppies for sale.

Refreshments: Barb Gambill reported that November and January need refreshment volunteers.

Sydell Pollack mentioned an upcoming Boy Scout event that would have a table for learning about dogs. Call Sydell if you would be interested in participating in this event.

Christmas Party: Judy DeRousse reported that the party would be held on Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 at Joe Boccardi's in Eureka. She will need to know how many are attending the party at least one week before the party. Bring a \$5 gift.

Education: Lee Trapp is planning next years programs.

By-Laws: Marcia Hadley stated that there were still several errors in the by-law change, therefore, voting on the by-law changes would need to be held until the errors were corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Marcia Hadley moved that the by-law change voting be tabled until next month. The motion was seconded by Steve Dobbins and passed.

A Show Chairperson and a Show Secretary are needed for the '01 Spring Specialty.

A nominating committee is also needed. Sydell Pollack will serve as this committee's chairperson with Terry Rock, Jo Ann Leistner, Dotty Borreson, Ilona Horn and Helen Rockman.

Lee Trapp stated that the next meetings guest would be Dr. Cook.

Marcia Hadley stated that some trophy donations were still unpaid.

The Guests were welcomed

NEW BUSINESS

Terry Rock is taking donations for a memorial to Rapid Fire.

Rosalind North showed a Heartland KC premium list.

Carl Foster asked about the by-law committee and changes. The committee will be Marcia Hadley,

Marilee Wilkinson, Ricky Harrison, Lois O'Connor, Carl Foster and Rosalind North.

A raffle netted \$82.

Marilee Wilkinson showed the proclamation that was presented to the club by Governor Carnahan.

There was a brag box.

Bill Harper moved that the meeting be



Hear about the man who brought a very limp dog into the veterinary clinic?

As he lay the dog on the table, the doctor pulled out his stethoscope, placing the receptor on the dog's chest. After a moment or two, the Vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm sorry, but your dog has passed away."

"What?" screamed the man. "How can you tell? You haven't done any testing on him or anything. I want another opinion!"

With that, the vet turned and left the room. In a few moments, he returned with a Labrador Retriever. The Retriever when right to work, checking the poor dead dog out thoroughly. After a considerable amount of sniffing, the Retriever sadly shook his head and said, "Bark".

The veterinarian then took the Labrador out and returned in a few moments with a cat, who also checked out the poor dog on the table. As had his predecessors, the cat sadly shook his head and said, "Meow." He then jumped off the table and ran out of the room.

The veterinarian handed the man a bill for \$600. The dog's owner went postal. "\$600! Just to tell me my dog is dead? Why this is outrageous!"

The vet shook his head sadly and explained. "If you had taken my word for it, it would have been \$50, but with the Lab work and the cat scan..."

MEMORIES OF THE SIEGER SHOW

Written by Dania Karloff for the Virginian Newsletter

Lana and I just got back from a wonderful visit to Germany and France. We went to the Sieger show and then to visit the "wine country" in France. I took my computer along but was never able to connect to the Internet while there. However, I wrote notes about things I saw and noticed (dogwise and otherwise) and thought I would share these with you. I wrote on the back of napkins, on little pieces of paper, and in the back of my catalog. These are my personal views/perceptions - do not take them as gospel. You may also disagree - Thank God this is a free country. The notes are free form - I just wrote things as I saw them - not necessarily in any particular order. I hope you enjoy them as much as I enjoyed the visit.

We flew from Dulles to Frankfurt and then to Bremen - the site of the Sieger show. At the Frankfurt Airport I saw:

Lots of women on high heels - women's legs looked great on them but I just loved walking on my non-glamorous Easy Stride flat shoes.

A couple of policemen (a woman and a man) walking calmly among the airport crowd with what appeared to be old WWII carbines strapped across the front of their chest. No one seemed to be concerned.

Several people riding bicycles inside the airport walkways - among the pedestrian traffic.

It seems that everyone spoke at least two or more languages - I felt very inadequate. Images of the "ugly American" crossed my thoughts (Why don't you speak English in MY country and why don't you speak English in YOUR country?) I have vowed to learn another language.

Lots of mixes of nationality and races. Uhummmnn, I think I have been living in the upply" South much too long.

Cars parked diagonally on the sidewalk - you must drive over the curb to park.

Lots and lots of ugly little cars - they must be economical but they are UGLY.

The Frankfurt Airport is HUGE and you can walk around lost for day - the fact that I spoke/read no German did not help.

The autobahn is the dream place of every manic driver - no speed limit.

If you have to be lost in a desert island - make sure you do it with Lanalee. She has every conceivable gadget for every possible occasion in the world (battery operated hand held fan; electricity transformer for every European country; maps of every place in the world; list of recommended gourmet restaurants in each corner of the universe; inflatable neck pillow; digital camera; video camera; CD player; DVD movie player; regular camera; currency conversion computer; dictionary for every occasion; and more...) However, make sure you do not have to carry her bags.

The traffic lights change from red to yellow to green - a caution yellow before it turns green. It gives you time to sprint to the green light.

People smoke a lot - everywhere and constantly.

No matter where we went in Europe, they did not

serve water. If you asked for water, they gave you a choice of "sparkling or flat" and they bring you bottled water. No ice either.

This was my first experience at German style judging so I was most interested in looking at the differences and similarities of both styles. I tried to look at things with an open mind. I am sure I probably misunderstood some portions of their judging format - if I did, please set me straight.

The Bremen show was held at a soccer stadium - similar to our National set up at Del-Mar - with additional huge grassy areas surrounding the stadium.

The stadium had covered bleacher seats with an uncovered grassy ring (real grass-no sod). There were also a couple of very large open non-grassy fields with a few covered bleacher seats around it (where they judged the courage test). The weather was absolutely perfect all three days - maybe even a bit too warm for the dogs.

The sheer number of people and dogs was unbelievable - I estimated there were between 6,000 and 7,000 people attending the last day. At this show there were only three classes for dogs and bitches (12-18 months; 18-24 months; and dogs over 2 yr. of age with at least a SchH1 title). I have no idea how many animals were entered during the three days but I estimated they were close to 7,000 dogs entered. The "doggie" shopping was wonderful - lots of tents with colorful T-shirts, books, toys, dog treats, handmade leashes, etc.

It was nice to see quite a few familiar faces. Lana and I went out to dinner one evening with Dick and Jean Whalen and Lynnette and Kent Boyles - lots of fun.

The young classes were judged outside in beautiful grassy rings approximately 200' X 150'. They used portable aluminum bar fencing panels around 3' high to outline the ring and then a short rope and stake to create another inside ring (only inches above the ground). This short roped ring is about eight feet from the aluminum fence to create a path where the handlers and the animals run (no one can cut the ring this way). Imagine one ring within another ring. Only the adult classes (males and bitches) were judged inside the stadium.

The Germans have raised the art of double handling to an incredible degree. Everything you have heard is true and more. Every possible LOUD noise is used - owners run around the ring with water buckets, food and toys to entice their dogs to keep on moving. And they move and move and move - if you value your life, you stay away from their path. I kept wondering, with amusement, what AKC would think of this.

The first thing I noticed when I walked into the grounds were the beautiful feet - their dogs have beautiful tight feet with short toes and strong pasterns. Also gorgeous ear sets.

They were many ugly banana backs but there were also some good, correct strong backs. Pigment was beautiful and so were heads although some of the bitches were a bit "doggie" for me.

I saw many bad flat short croups and poor shoulders. As a rule, our dogs are much

better in these two areas.

Black and tan is their color. I saw no black dogs entered at the show and only one bi-color. Just a handful of sables - almost all of them sired by the same male (VA #2 - Timo vom Berrekasten).

Their dogs are very well behaved and there were dogs milling around with little children in very crowded conditions - no one seemed concerned. The dogs seem to be calm and assured. I saw no hyper acting dogs although they exhibited a lot of energy in the ring.

It was a pleasant surprise to see so many young people enjoying the sport.

There were families involved - what appeared to be children and wives double handling and enjoying the dogs. Their huge classes had handlers of all ages - from young teens to older men. To me, it appears that handling was not the "art" that it is made to be here - the dogs were walked and ran but seldom if ever posed. Dogs were sometimes running on the wrong side of the handler but no one seemed to care. Endurance was the big issue. Handlers dressed "very casual" - T-shirts, shorts and jeans.

Judging of the younger two classes (12-18 and 18-24) is done concurrently and the judging of each class spreads over the three days of the show. I was focusing on the 18-24 ms bitch class - too confusing to try to see it all. The first day they did individual examinations and the gun-test where they fired a blank pistol at about 10'-15' from the dogs. They looked at teeth; mouth; appeared to measure angles (I never saw a wicket); and the animals were gaited around several times - also coming and going - the ring steward took written notes for the judges. The animals were then separated into several groups according to the scores gathered from the individuals (lets us say - Good, Better, Best - or whatever - I just made up these categories but that was the gist of it). Then they brought these separated groups one at a time over the next two days, starting with the lesser quality so that the best dogs were judged in the last group (Sunday morning). I saw one little bitch that I liked a lot in the individuals and tried to keep up with her - she ended up 15 in the top group in her class. All animals were placed - not just 1 through 4 but every animal was judged and placed. The classes were just huge - this particular class had 449 animals entered. They finished judging all the young classes at about noon on Sunday and then everyone switched to the big stadium where they were completing the judging of the adults.

There were people from many nationalities at the show - you could hear many different languages as you moved along the crowds. When the younger classes were finished judging, you could see the rush of people running to the tent where the dogs were exiting. The appearance was that they were trying to buy dogs. Some of the prices I heard were outrageous - but then..... What do I know?

I was so naive that I saw someone with a jacket that said "GSDC of Phoenix" I got excited and started talking to the fellow. I felt pretty foolish when he told me he was from the GSDC of Phoenix in South Africa - hehehehehehehe.

I did not see any great big handler's

van with many dogs (American style). Most Dogs seem to travel in small trailers which are pulled behind the car. I saw these trailers for sale at the show and they were well constructed and air-conditioned - they had different sizes but it seems that the largest held 3 dogs. Lana and I saw several in the highway on the way out of Bremen. Many had their kennel names painted on the side. Still.... I could never put my dog in a trailer.

I saw few, if any, airline crates. Most dogs traveled in the trailers described above or in portable aluminum kennels (with bars rather than mesh) that were "built-in" in the back of the Owner's station wagons or sedans. Since most cars were fairly small - they seemed to only carry one or two dogs.

I loved their portable runs. I believe someone could make money if they started a franchise here. All complete to be put together in a short period of time. The runs are made out of aluminum bar panels (unlike our usual chain link fencing) with built in doors (sliding or regular). The flooring was made of wood decking in preset sizes and they had optional corrugated roofs. The bar side panels also came with special openings to hang water and food dishes - which could be removed without going inside the run. It really looks like even I could put it together and the wood flooring looked very comfortable and easy to keep.

The monetary exchange and variety of coins made shopping a bit challenging you should have seen me trying to buy a T-shirt. I just opened my wallet showed them a handful of bills and coins and let them pick whatever they wanted. They were honest.

I loved the fact that they had wonderful fresh fruit in one of the stands. They even had a big bucket of water so you could rinse your freshly purchased grapes and nectarines. YUMMY

I saw huge hot dogs inside tiny little buns.

Did you know that Germans eat French fries with mayonnaise - YUKKKKKK

Did I tell you that Lana rented a car and we could not get it out of the parking garage? She could not put it in reverse, could not open the electric windows and the parking machine would not accept our ticket. To make matters worse, we had someone behind us who was anxious to get by the gate. So I did what every red-blooded Cuban-American would do - jumped out of the car, lifted the bar, let her through, jumped back in the car and told her to gun it. Hehehehehehe

Every animal entered in the adult conformation class must pass the "courage test". The courage test is administered the first two days of the show and animals that do not pass cannot continue in competition. The test consists of two exercises. In the first one, the handler and the animal heeling next to him enter the ring and walk to the middle of the ring where they stand. A

stranger comes in from behind one of the blinds acting menacing toward the dog (waving arms wildly, screaming and shaking a stick). At the command of the handler, the dog must attack/ bite the sleeve and hold on - the stranger screams, waves his arms wildly and many times the dogs are literally lifted up in the air while still holding on to the sleeve. The owner then gives

a command of "Out" and the dog releases the sleeve but keeps watching the stranger intently and barking menacing until the handler gets the dog and walks him away. It is noted that the animal is not supposed to attack until given the command but you can see that the dogs are anxiously waiting for the command and some just can't help themselves but bolt. For the second exercise, both dog and handler stand at one end of the ring while the stranger comes running from the other end of the ring and towards the dog - again waving arms, using a stick (hitting the dog), screaming and acting menacing. The dog is supposed to run to the stranger, attack the sleeve and hold on until the owner gives the "Out" command. The crowd loves it when the dog takes off at lightning speed toward the stranger and bites with gusto - dogs that hesitate during the run or who circle the stranger rather than biting are disqualified. That is the end of the courage test - the judge then announces whether the dog passed or failed and perhaps a very brief comment about the performance. I saw an official note attached to the SV tent that said that they were trying to address the criticism of biting dogs and dogs that do not "Out" properly will be failed during the courage test. I watched only some of the males being tested and thought that they were somewhat lax in this area. All dogs were allowed two "Out" commands and some dogs were forgiven and passed when they did not properly "Out" after the second command. There were more than one judging of the "courage test" going on at any one time but not in the same ring. I was told that the judge that was doing bitches was very strict on the "Out" and failed 61 bitches out of a total of 201 tested (that is more than 25%). The general comments that I heard were that the handlers will be much better prepared and the dogs much better trained next year to ensure the passing of the courage test. It appeared that the dogs were having a good time biting the sleeve - I am not sure that this is a true courage test and the sleeve is their toy and they go for it with "gusto" - it appears to be a big game to most of them. However I appreciated the strength of the dogs.

The stadiums had a few features that I really appreciated - two very large TV screens at each of the ring that showed the video that they were taking in the ring. At the beginning they showed advertisement of dog food and dog equipment. The video camera man was also very creative - he had a hand held camera that he kept at knee height (right at the dog's shoulders) and kept running alongside the dog - he did get some great footage that way. And if you were sitting in an awkward place, you could always look at the big screen.

Although there were 353 dogs entered in the adult class, I only counted 58 coming in to be judged on Sunday afternoon. They were 271 bitches entered and only 52 came into the ring. I do know that over 60 bitches failed the courage test - mostly for not "outing" properly. I don't believe there were that many males that failed the test. Perhaps someone will enlighten me on this one.

The dogs were walked and walked and walked (many of them paced). The dogs

were gun tested in groups of six (a steward shoots a blank pistol at about 10'-15' from the dogs)- keeping the same order they had when they came in the ring. They were also viewed coming and going in the same group of six.

After all the extensive walking - the owners came into the ring and took the dogs from the handlers. They took the leashes off the dogs, grabbed their collars and started gaiting, they then released the dogs and ran the whole stadium at the fastest speed possible (without breaking the dogs' gait) this again was done in groups of six. It was a sight to behold to see

males (also bitches) run alongside their owners, free and loose. I kept wondering how many of us had the stamina to do that. One owner pulled a hamstring that brought him right down to the ground.

They judged bitches first and used half the stadium for them but they opened the whole stadium ring for the males. They again used the ring within a ring idea with short stakes - no need for the "cone patrol" <VBG>. They left an outside perimeter for the double handlers.

When the adult animals came in the ring on Sunday afternoon, they had already gone through the courage test and the individual examination on the previous day and then the progeny class on Sunday morning. And when they came into the ring, they were already placed according to the three previously mentioned criteria (individual examination, courage and progeny).

I was told that it is difficult to change placings at this point but I did see some changes -however not in the first two dogs though.

In the adult classes, I liked the bitches better than the dogs. I thought they were more correct. But then..... in this country I also like the bitches better than the dogs.

Overall I must agree with Fred Migliore's remark - the good ones in Germany could compete and win over here. Our good ones could compete and win over there. The lesser quality in either country would not be competitive anywhere.

On the lighter side - the Germans have us completely beaten on the "pooper scooper" arena. They have a bright shiny green motor scooter than a guy rides around the ring. It has a small built tank in the back and a hose with a vacuum head at the end and which is attached to the side of the scooter. I could not believe my eyes when I saw the guy vacuuming poop - clean and easy. Ohhhhh - German ingenuity !!!

I will not make any comments on the VA (Select) dogs/bitches, as I am sure that others have done so. However it seems to me that the crowd just loved the Grand Victrix (which by the I believe she hailed from another country, which I can't just remember right now). She was absolutely lovely and a powerful correct mover.

In the males, the VA2 dog, a dark gray



Keeping the Holidays Happy and Safe for Your Pet

by Marty Smith, DVM and Holly Frisby, DVM
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We want the holidays to be a happy time for you and your pet, not a time for an emergency visit to your veterinarian. The food and decorations that make the holidays so much fun for us can be dangerous for your pet. We don't want this article to dampen your holiday spirits, but we do want you to be aware of the dangers and plan carefully to avoid these potential hazards.

Food - Related Items

Holiday foods we enjoy cooking and eating can be a problem for your pet.

Rich, fatty foods, like gravy or grease, can cause problems ranging from stomach upsets to pancreatitis, which is an inflammation of the pancreas resulting in pain, vomiting, and dehydration. Pets with this serious condition often require hospitalization for treatment.

Alcohol can cause serious intoxication's in pets, and many pets are attracted to it. Every year hundreds of dogs die after a single bout of alcohol consumption. Clean up glasses after Christmas parties. Pets are often attracted by the sweet taste of drinks, especially eggnog.

Chocolate, coffee, and tea all contain dangerous components called xanthines, which cause nervous system or urinary system damage and heart muscle stimulation. Chocolate, with theobromine, is especially a problem because pets love its flavor. Problems from ingestion range from diarrhea to seizures and death. Unsweetened baking chocolate and dark chocolate are the worst culprits, but all chocolate, fudge and other candy should be placed out of your pet's reach.

Uncooked meat, fish and poultry can contain disease-causing bacteria, such as *E. coli*, and parasites such as *Toxoplasma gondii*. These uncooked foods should not be given to your pet. For your own health, as well as your pet's, wash utensils that have been in contact with raw meat, and cook meat thoroughly.

Bones from fish, meat or poultry can also cause problems if

swallowed. Even small bones can splinter causing lacerations (tearing) throughout the intestinal tract. So no matter how big or how little they are, be sure to keep bones (other than those that are specially sterilized and treated) away from your pet. Rawhides, Kong toys and hardened, sterilized bones would be better alternatives.

Remember that pets have an exceptional sense of smell - juices on plastic or aluminum foil left on countertops are very tempting. If ingested, they can cause choking or intestinal obstruction.

Meat-soaked strings from rump roasts are also enticing. Ingestion can cause a surgical emergency called a "linear string foreign body" in the intestines.

To be safe, put away food immediately and pet-proof your garbage. Garbage contains all kinds of other hazards for your pet such as plastic wrap and bags, 6-pack beverage holders that could cause strangulation, fat trimmings, bones, and pieces of ribbon or tinsel.

Feed your pet(s) before a party so they will not be so apt to beg or steal food.

Poisonous Plants

We all like making our homes more festive for the holidays. We enjoy the green foliage and colorful flowers of plants. Unfortunately, many of the plants we have in our homes during the holidays can be poisonous to pets. If ingested, Holly causes stomach upset and can be potentially fatal to both dogs and cats. Mistletoe upsets stomachs and can cause heart collapse. Poinsettias also can cause stomach upset, especially to cats. Hibiscus causes diarrhea. So when you brighten up your home, place these plants well out of your pet's reach, or use imitation holiday plants.

Decorations and Wrappings

All that glitters is not gold - it could be dangerous for your pet.

Ribbons, yarn and string can cause intestinal obstruction and bunching of the intestine along the length of the string. These conditions require surgery, and can be fatal. Ribbons around your pet's neck may be cute, but they can also be dan-

gerous.

Adhesives and glues can be toxic and are often attractive to animals, especially cats.

Potpourri contains oils that can be toxic to pets if eaten. We may not think of eating it, but some curious pets may.

Candles can cause burns and fires. Never leave lighted candles unattended or within reach of your pet.

Few things are more tempting to a playful dog than a game of tug. This is not a good game, however, to play with the end of a tablecloth. Try to keep items such as tablecloths, table runners, etc. from hanging too low to the ground, and tempting happy dogs running by to grab an end and pull!

Gifts Under the Tree

Rawhide or other edible items left under the tree can be very tempting. And remember that companies (even Drs. Foster & Smith!) often package rawhide or other pet gifts wrapped in ribbon. Make sure to remove ribbons or ties before you present gifts to your pet. If played with and swallowed, yarn, ribbon or string on gifts can cause intestinal obstruction, requiring surgery.

Perfumes and after-shaves contain ethanol (alcohol) and perfume also contains essential oils which can be very toxic to pets.

Batteries for toys or other gifts can be toxic and cause intestinal obstruction. Keep in a safe place until they are ready to be inserted in the gift.

Christmas Trees

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how careful we must be. Christmas trees and their decorations can create hazards for pets.

Place Christmas trees in a stable stand, and attach it securely to a window or wall. We've known others who have hung their tree from the ceiling! Use a Scat Mat to keep pets away, make sure your pet is always supervised when in a room with a tree.

Tree needles can be toxic and cause stomach irritation. Be sure your pet

isn't chewing on branches or eating fallen needles.

Tinsel's shininess is attractive to cats. When eaten, it can cause blockages, which often require surgery to remove. Leave it off the tree altogether.

Angel hair, flocking and artificial snow are mildly toxic. Try decorating with something less likely to cause a problem.

Chewing on electrical cords can cause problems ranging from burned mouths, to electrical shock to death by electrocution. Unplug decorative lights when you're not there, use Pet-Proof Extension Cords, or spray cords with a product such as Bitter Apple or Chew Stop.

Dogs will often play with glass ornaments as if they were balls and serious oral lacerations can result. Cats may knock them off, which could cause cuts on paw pads and a trip to the emergency clinic. Sharp ornament hooks can get imbedded in pet's mouths. Place ornaments that are shiny, or could be swallowed or broken high up on your tree. Larger, less intriguing ornaments can go near the bottom.

Decorating trees with food is asking for problems. Candy canes and gingerbread people can be as enticing to your pet as they are to children. We know of one diabetic dog who ran into some problems with regulating her disease because she was stealing candy canes off of the tree. Popcorn, raisin, or cranberry garlands are beautiful, but can cause an obstruction when eaten, requiring surgery.

Because tree preservatives are often sugar-based (and inviting to pets) and because the water stands so long, the water in the tree stand often harbors potentially harmful bacteria.

Visitors

Some pets love visitors and behave very well. Others may be fearful or aggressive. Some puppies may urinate when meeting people. Still others may be too full of holiday cheer and over-exuberant. Plan for how your pet will react to visitors.

A quiet room, away from the commo-

tion, with water, food (and litter box) available will help fearful pets be more comfortable.

Brushing up on obedience training before the holidays may help a pet who has become a little rusty. Be sure to inform your visitors of any household "rules" or problem behaviors concerning your pets, e.g., sneaking out the door, jumping up on the couch, getting food from the table, etc.

For pets who may not behave or could be aggressive, placing them in a separate room, using pet gates or having them stay at a friend's house during a party may be necessary. Sometimes boarding a pet in a kennel may be the safest alternative.

Cleaning products such as disinfectants get a lot of use during the holidays as we spiff up our homes for visitors. Remember, many of these products can be toxic.

When inviting visitors, make sure they know you have a pet. If these people have allergies, you could help them by using a product such as Allerpet to decrease the dander in the house.

If you are traveling during the holidays, and need to leave your pet(s) at home, start to make accommodations for your pet(s) early. Many boarding facilities fill up very fast. Responsible pet sitters are a good alternative. If they are unfamiliar with your house or pet(s) have them come over and get acquainted before you leave.

New Pets

New pets may not be the best holiday gifts. Don't consider giving an animal as a gift unless you are sure the person wants one. It may be better to give a gift certi-

cate so the person can choose his or her own pet after the holidays.

Similarly, if thinking about getting a new pet for yourself, remember pets need routine and a time to bond with you. With its noise, commotion and special hazards, the holiday season is anything but routine. Think about getting your new pet after the holidays. We guarantee you won't have an after-holiday let down!

Why not make the holidays more enjoyable for homeless pets? Contact your local animal shelter to see if you can donate food, kitty litter, toys or time.

Pet Gifts and Treats

When choosing a holiday gift for your special friend, be sure it's safe - no small pieces that could come off and be swallowed. Choose healthy holiday treats for your pet and give them in moderation.

With all of the festivities, don't forget to relax and spend some quality time with your pet. Your pet will think that's the best gift of all.

Holidays are a time to be joyful and

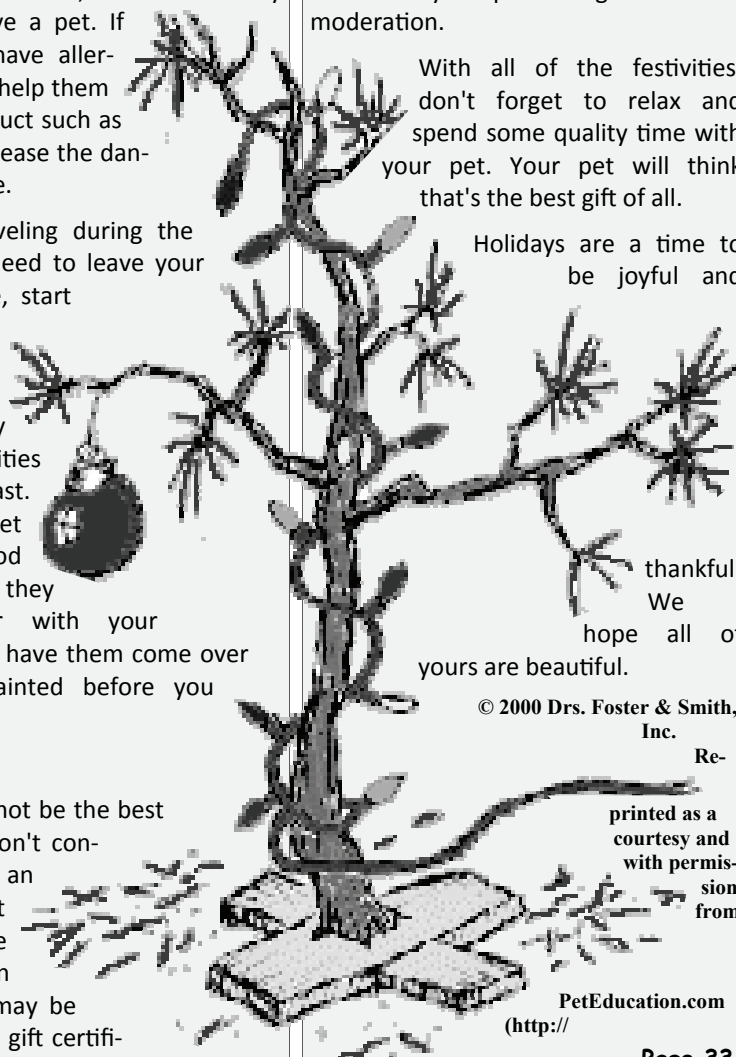
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He Up and Died and Broke My Heart

My dog, Catfish, the black lab, died Thanksgiving night. The vet said his heart gave out. Down in the country, they would have said, "Lewis's dog up and died."

He would have been twelve had he lived until January.

Catfish had a good life. He slept indoors. Mostly he ate what I ate. We shared our last meal Tuesday evening in our living room in front of the television. We had a Wendy's double cheeseburger and some chili.

Catfish was a gift from my friends Barbara and Vince Dooley. Vince is the Athletic director at the University of Georgia. I named him driving back to Atlanta from Athens, where I had picked him up at the Dooley's home. I don't know why I named him what I named him. He was all curled up in a blanket on my back-seat. I looked at him and it just came out. I called him "Catfish." I swear he raised up from the blanket and acknowledged. Then, he severely fouled the blanket and my back-seat.

He was a most destructive animal the first three years of his life. He chewed things. He chewed books. He chewed shoes. One day he went to my closet and chewed up my best pair of Gucci's. Catfish chewed television remote control devices. Batteries and all. He chewed my glasses. Five pairs of them.

One day, when he was still a puppy, he got out of the house without my knowledge. The doorbell rang. It was a young man who said, "I think I hit my dog with my car, but I think he's okay." He was, he had a small scar on his head and he was frightened, but otherwise unhurt.

"I came around the corner," the young man said "and he was in the road chewing on something. I hit my breaks the second I saw him." "Could you tell me what he was chewing on?" I asked. "I know this sounds crazy," the young man answered, "but I think it was a beer bottle."

Catfish stopped chewing while I still had a house. Barely.

He was a celebrity. I spoke recently in Michigan. Afterward a lady came up to me and said, "I was real disappointed with your speech. You didn't mention Catfish."

Catfish used to get his own mail. Just the other day the manufacturer of a new brand of dog food, with none other than George Jones's picture on the package, sent Catfish a sample of it's new product. For the record, he still preferred cheeseburgers and chili.

Catfish was once Grand Marshall of the Scottsboro, Alabama, "Annual Catfish Festival." He was on television and got to ride in the front seat of a police car with it's siren on.

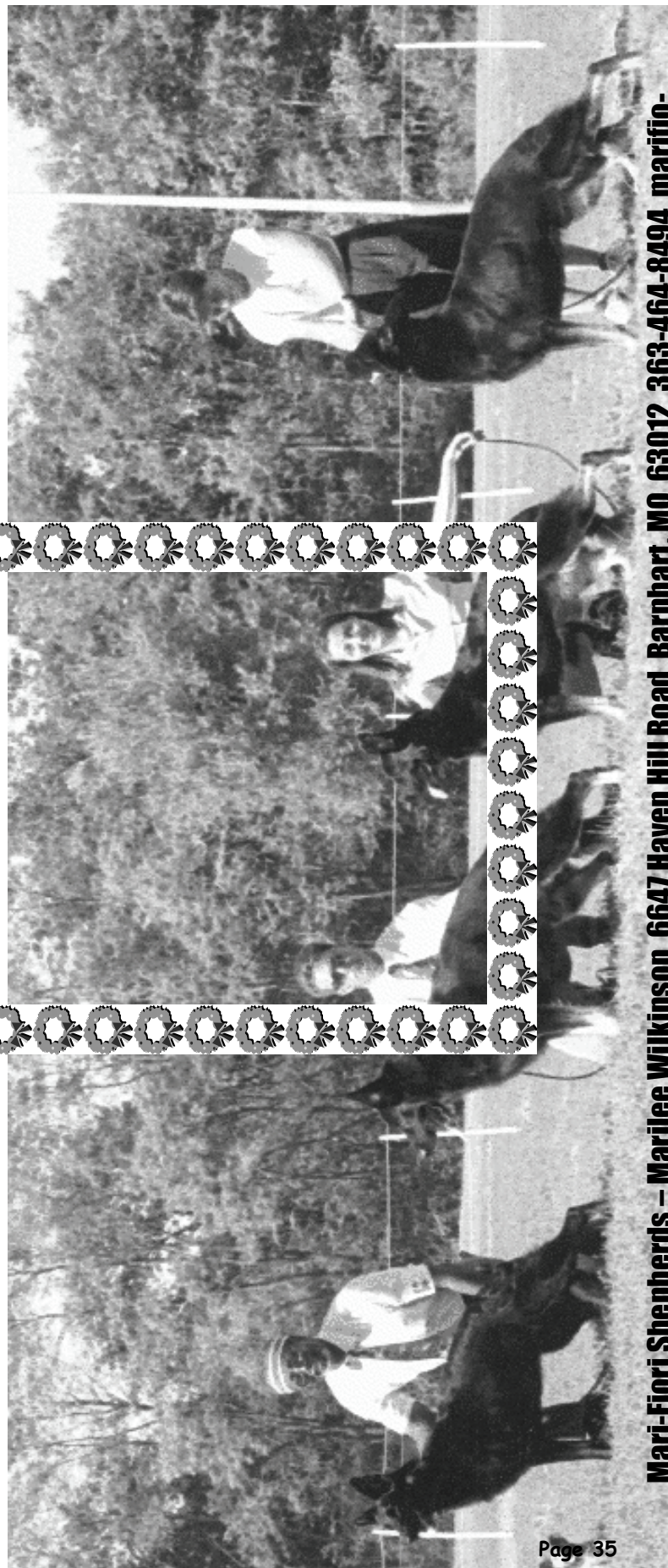
He was a patient, good-natured dog, too. Jordan, my best friends daughter, who is five, has been pulling his ears since she was two. She even tried to ride him at times. He abided with nary a growl.

Oh, that face and those eyes. What he could do to me with that face and those eyes. He would perch himself next to me on the sofa in the living room and look at me.

And love and loyalty would pour out with that look, and as long as I had that, there was very little the human race could do to harm my self-esteem. Good dogs don't love bad people.

He was smart. He was fun. And he loved to ride in cars. There were times he was all that I had.

Happy Holidays!! Marilee, Annie and the gang



| German Shepherd Specialty Shows | Breed: Mr. Thomas L. McPheron Obedience: N/A Jr. Showmanship: N/A Sweeps: N/A | Triangle. Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Frederick D. Migliore |
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| <p>JANUARY 4 - THURSDAY FL Jacksonville (PL) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF DAYTONA, INC. Florida Community College North Campus 4501 Capper Road CLOSES: Dec. 20, 2000 Fee: \$18.00 Carlene Hammons ,SHW SEC, 1769 County Rd., 75, Burnell, FL 32110-9619 Motels: Admiral Benbow Inn-Airport, 800/451-1986 904/741-4254. 14691 Airport Road. Holiday Inn Airport 904/741-4404. Call direct for Group rate. Dogs allowed. La Quinta Inn 800/531-5900. 904/751-6960. Dogs allowed. Red Roof Inn Airport 800/843-7663 904/741-4488. Dogs allowed Judges Assignments Breed: Rita Sandell Obedience: Mrs. Ethel G. Dwyer Jr. Showmanship: Rita Sandell</p> <p>JANUARY 5 - FRIDAY FL Jacksonville (AKCW) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF NORTH FLORIDA. Florida Community College North Campus 4501 Capper Road CLOSES: Dec. 20, 2000 Fee: \$18.00 Dorothy Baetcke, SHW SEC, 4525 Palm Valley Rd, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. Motels: Admiral Benbow Inn-Airport, 800/451-1986 904/741-4254. 14691 Airport Road. Holiday Inn Airport 904/741-4404. Call direct for Group rate. Dogs allowed. La Quinta Inn 800/531-5900. 904/751-6960. Dogs allowed. Red Roof Inn Airport 800/843-7663 904/741-4488. Dogs allowed Judges Assignments Breed: Charles Chester Obedience: Mr. Stephen A.D. Picciuolo Jr. Showmanship: Charles Chester</p> <p>JANUARY 6 - SATURDAY FL Orlando (AKCW) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB of ORLANDO Lake Fairview Park, Lee Rd & Hwy 441 CLOSES: Dec. 22, 2000 Fee: \$20.00 Daria Paolillo, SHW SEC, PO Box 520520, Longwood ,FL 32752-0520 Judges Assignments</p> | <p>JANUARY 27 - SATURDAY CA Mountain View (AKCW) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG FANCIERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Cuesta Park CLOSES: Jan. 10, Fee: \$20.00, Sharon Thompson ,SHW SEC, 1521 Union Avenue Redwood City ,CA 94061 Judges Assignments Breed: Mrs. Kathy Field Casteel Esq. Obedience: Mrs. Lois W. Seibak Jr. Showmanship: Mrs. Kathy Field Casteel Esq.</p> <p>JANUARY 28 - SUNDAY CA Cupertino (AKCW) GOLDEN STATE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SAN JOSE, INC. Cuesta Park Mountain View, CA CLOSES: Jan. 10, Fee: \$20.00, Sharon Thompson,, SHW SEC, 1521 Union Avenue, Redwood, CA 94061 Judges Assignments Breed: Mrs. Edwina C. Trocki Obedience: Noelle J. Pilat Jr. Showmanship: Mrs. Edwina C. Trocki</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2 - FRIDAY IL Elgin ILLINI GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB Held at Elgin Ramada Inn Elgin, IL, 345 W River Road, CLOSES: Jan. 13 Fee \$22.00, puppy classes are \$12.00 Show time is 4PM to 11:45PM Emmy Skripek SHW SEC c/o 7824 Marquette Dr. N., Tinley Park, IL 60477. 708-429-3713 or fax 708-429-6892 Hotel: Ramada Inn, 345 West River Rd, Elgin, IL 847-695-5000. Judges Assignments Breed: Mrs. Edwina C. Trocki</p> <p>FEBRUARY 3 - SATURDAY IL Elgin SHORELINE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB Elgin Ramada Inn, Elgin, IL., 345 W River Road. CLOSES: Jan. 17, Fee \$22.00, puppies \$12.00. Valerie C Harrington, Event Secretary, 7824 Marquette Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Hotel: Ramada Inn, 345 West River Rd, Elgin, IL 847-695-5000. Mention Midwest</p> | <p>FEBRUARY 4 - SUNDAY IL Elgin GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB of WISCONSIN Elgin Ramada Inn, Elgin, IL., 345 W River Road CLOSES: Jan. 13 Fee \$22.00, puppies \$12.00. Paulette Gallatin SHW SEC 2853 S. 50th St., Milwaukee, WI 53219. 414-321-2218 fax 414-266-2635. Hotel: Ramada Inn, 345 West River Rd, Elgin, IL 847-695-5000. Mention Midwest Triangle Event. Judges Assignments Breed: Ms. Lanalee Jorgensen</p> <p>FEBRUARY 10 - SATURDAY TX San Antonio (AKCW) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB of SAN ANTONIO Seven Oaks Hotel & Conference Center, San Antonio, TX, 1400 Austin Highway CLOSES: JANUARY 24 Fee \$16.00 Al Booty, SHW SEC, Po Box 23177, San Antonio, TX 78223 Judges Assignments: Breed: John F DeHope Obedience: Col. Michael Q. Chester Jr. Showmanship: John F DeHope</p> <p>FEBRUARY 11 - SUNDAY TX San Antonio (AKCW) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB of SAN ANTONIO Seven Oaks Hotel & Conference Center, San Antonio, TX, 1400 Austin Highway CLOSES: JANUARY 24 Fee \$16.00 Al Booty, SHW SEC, Po Box 23177, San Antonio, TX 78223 Judges Assignments: Breed: Mr. Edmond (Ed) W. Barritt Obedience: Mrs. Christine Wright Jr. Showmanship: Mr. Edmond (Ed) W. Barritt</p> <p>FEBRUARY 12 -13 - MONDAY - TUESDAY NY New York WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB Madison Square Garden., CLOSES: Dec 13. Fee \$50.00 MB-F SHW SUP Judges Assignments GERMAN SHEPHERD Breed: TBD</p> <p>FEBRUARY 17 - SATURDAY LA Destrehan (AKCW)</p> |

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| <p>GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF LOUISIANA St Charles Recreation East Bank Park, River Road. CLOSES: Jan. 31 Fee \$20.00, puppy classes and Bred By \$11.00. Jr Showman no fee. Ann M. Irwin, SHW SEC, 612 Sadie Ave, Metairie, LA 70003-4848 Motels: Days Inn, New Orleans Airport. (\$55.00 per night 1-4 persons (with dog in room) 1800 Veterans memorial park, Kenner, LA 1800-368-3297 Activities: These shows are 2 weeks before Mardi Gras. Information will be available as to parade and other activities. Judges Assignments Breed: Mrs. Cyndi Flautt Obedience: N/A Jr. Showmanship: N/A FEBRUARY 18 - SUNDAY LA Destrehan (AKCW) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF LOUISIANA St Charles Recreation East Bank Park, River Road. CLOSES: Jan. 31 Fee \$20.00, puppy classes and Bred By \$11.00. Jr Showman no fee. Ann M. Irwin, SHW SEC, 612 Sadie Ave, Metairie, LA 70003-4848 Judges Assignments Breed: Ms. Peggy Lee Jr. Showmanship: N/A MARCH 3 SATURDAY NJ Ramsey (I) (CORRESPONDING EVENT) NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GSDC Wesley Tisdale School, Island Ave, Ramsey, NJ CLOSES: Feb 14 Fee \$20.00 Janet M. De Luca, 806 Larkfield Road, E. Northport, NY 11731 SHW SEC, C/O Anne Soll, Canine Compositions, PO Box 2011, Aston, PA. 19014-0011 or Fax 610-497-3136 Howard Johnson, Ramsey 201-327-4500 or The Inn at Ramsey 201-327-6700 Judges Assignments Breed: Dr. Robert S. Kish MARCH 4 - SUNDAY AK Anchorage GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ALASKA Held at Alyeska Canine Trainers Anchorage, AK 549 W International Airport Road Closes:</p> | <p>Feb 14, Fee: \$18.00 Sue Striebich, Event Secretary, 12041 Jerome Street, Anchorage, AK 99516 Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Frank H. Grover Obedience: Mr. Frank H. Grover Jr. Showmanship: Mr. Frank H. Grover MARCH 10 - SATURDAY CA Pleasanton (O) Diablo Valley GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB. Held at Alameda County Fairgrounds Pleasanton, CA, Bernal Ave, 4501 Pleasanton Ave CLOSES: Feb. 21, Fee \$20.00 Joan Nordstrom, Event Secretary, 656 Christine Drive, Danville, CA 94526. Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Fred C. Schmidtke Obedience: Mrs. Susan B. Bluford Jr. Showmanship: Mr. Fred C. Schmidtke MARCH 10 - SATURDAY OK Bethany* (O) (PENDING APPROVAL) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF OKLAHOMA, INC Eldon Lyon Park, NW 36th St. CLOSES: Feb. 21, Fee \$20.00 Mrs. Sue Jeffries, Event Secretary, 4612 N. W. 30th Oklahoma City, OK 73122 Judges Assignments Breed: TBD Obedience: TBD Jr. Showmanship: TBD MARCH 11 - SUNDAY OK Bethany* (O) (PENDING APPROVAL) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF OKLAHOMA, INC Eldon Lyon Park, NW 36th St. CLOSES: Feb. 21, Fee \$20.00 Mrs. Sue Jeffries, Event Secretary, 4612 N. W. 30th Oklahoma City, OK 73122 Judges Assignments Breed: TBD Obedience: TBD Jr. Showmanship: TBD MARCH 16, FRIDAY KY Louisville (o) KENTUCKIANA GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center (West Wing) Phillips lane CLOSES: Mar. 7 Fee: \$20.00 Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C., Superintendent, PO Box 25764 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764 Note: This is an evening event. Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Jon R. Clapp</p> | <p>Obedience: N/A MARCH 17, SATURDAY AZ Tucson GSDC of SOUTHERN ARIZONA, INC. Ramada Inn, 1601 N. Oracle RD. CLOSES: Feb. 28 Fee: \$18.00 Lynda Montgomery SHW SEC, 5411 E. El Sendero Dr., Cave Creek, AZ 85331 Judges Assignments Breed: Mrs. Karin E. Wagner Obedience: Mr. Ray Gates Jr. Showmanship: Mrs. Karin E. Wagner MARCH 17 - SATURDAY PA York GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF GREATER YORK, INC. York Interstate Fair Grounds, Rt 74, CLOSES: Feb 28, Fee \$18.00 Stacy Smith, Event Secretary, 3809-A Prospect Road, Street, MD 21154 Judges Assignments Breed: Michel Chaloux Obedience: Mrs. Marie V. Huffman MARCH 17 - SATURDAY TX Irving FORT WORTH GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB Held at Red Roof Inn Irving, TX, 8150 Esters CLOSES: Feb 28, Fee \$17.00. Puppy and Bred By are \$7.00. Additional entry of same dog is \$10.00. Russ Osburn, Event Secretary, P.O. Box 110958, Carrollton, TX 75011-0958 Motels: Red Roof Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Jack D. Newton Obedience: Ms. Lynn F. Eggers Jr Showmanship Mr. Jack D. Newton MARCH 18 - SUNDAY PA Macungie (PL) LEHIGH GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB Macungie Memorial Park, Route 100, Poplar St. CLOSES: Mar. 7, Fee \$20.00, Puppy classes \$10.00, Sweeps \$7.00. \$18.00 for additional entry of same dog. Jim Rau Dog Shows Ltd, SUPT, PO Box 6898, Reading, PA 19610. Fax entries (\$4.00 fax charge) 610-376-4939. Motels: Days Inn Allen Town, PA. Mention Lehigh Show for discount 610-395-3731. Activities: Country style breakfast will be served on Sunday Judges Assignments</p> |
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| <p>Breed: Mrs. Edwina C. Trocki Obedience: Mr. H. Edward Whitney Sweeps Puppy: Mrs. Brenda Newby MARCH 18 - SUNDAY TX Irving GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF DAL- LAS, INC. Held at Red Roof Inn Irving, TX, 8150 Esters CLOSES: Feb 28, Fee \$17.00. Puppy and Bred By are \$7.00. Additional entry of same dog is \$10.00. Adrianna Grimes, SHW SEC, 1710 Ran- dom Rd, Carrollton, TX 75006 Motels: Red Roof Inn Irving, TX, 8150 Esters. Judges Assignments Breed: TBD Obedience: TBD Sweeps Puppy: N/A MARCH 24 - Saturday CA Placentia (O) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF LONG BEACH. Kraemer Park, 210 N.Bradford, CLOSES: Mar. 7, Fee \$18.00 Ms. Marie Bevacqua, SHW SEC. 13058 Bon View, Ontario, CA 91761 Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Francis Lee Ford Sr. Obedience: N/A Jr. Showmanship: N/A MARCH 24 - SATURDAY LA Haughton GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB. of GREATER SHREVEPORT River Point Arena, (Area is covered with packed dirt surface) 1101 River Point Rd., CLOSES: Mar. 7, Fee \$17.00. Puppy and Bred-By classes \$7.00. Additional entry of same dog \$10.00. Judy Spears, SHW SEC. PO Box 5024, Shreveport, LA 71135, 318-797-5982. Hotel: Quality Inn, 4300 Industrial Drive Exit, Bossier City, LA. 318-746-5050. There is a \$10.00 non refundable dog charge. Dogs must be crated in rooms. Plastic will be available at front desk to place under crates. NO BATHING DOGS IN ROOMS!!!! Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Robert H Funk Obedience: Ms. Melinda Giles MARCH 25 - SUNDAY CA Placentia</p> | <p>MAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB. Kraemer Park, 210 N.Bradford, CLOSES: Mar. 7, Fee \$18.00 Ms. Marie Bevacqua, SHW SEC. 13058 Bon View, Ontario, CA 91761 Judges Assignments Breed: Ms. Kay A. Reamensnyder Obedience: N/A Jr. Showmanship: N/A MARCH 25 - SUNDAY FL Fort Myers FORT MYERS GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB . Schandler Hall Park, 419 Florence Ave, CLOSES: Mar. 7, Fee \$20.00 Carol M Taylor, Event Secretary, 182 Cres- cent Lake Drive, N Ft Myers, FL 33917 Motels: Budgetel Inn, 2727 Colonial Blvd 941-275-3500 or Days Inn 11435 Cleve- land Ave., 941-936-1311. Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Charles A. Chester Obedience: N/A MARCH 25 - SUNDAY LA Haughton GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB. of GREATER SHREVEPORT River Point Arena, (Area is covered with packed dirt surface) 1101 River Point Rd., CLOSES: Mar. 7, Fee \$17.00 Puppy and Bred-By classes \$7.00. Additional entry of same dog \$10.00. Judy Spears, SHW SEC. PO Box 5024, Shreveport, LA 71135 Hotel: Quality Inn, 4300 Industrial Drive Exit, Bossier City, LA. 318-746-5050. There is a \$10.00 non refundable dog charge. Dogs must be crated in rooms. Plastic will be available at front desk to place under crates. NO BATHING DOGS IN ROOMS!!!! Judges Assignments Breed: Mrs. Rose H. Quigley Obedience: Mrs. Paula P. Barras MARCH 30 - SATURDAY NM Albuquerque CENTRAL NEW MEXICO GSDC Held at Hoffman Park, Albuquerque, NM CLOSES: Mar. 14, Fee \$18.00. Kathy Gonsey, Event Secretary, 429 Shirk Lane SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105 Judges Assignments Breed: Mrs. Kathy O. Potter Obedience: Mrs. Gail F Brown MARCH 31 - SUNDAY AR Forrest City GSDC of LITTLE ROCK</p> | <p>Held at Best Western Colony Inn, Forrest City, AR 2333 North Washington CLOSES: Mar. 17, Fee \$18.00. Mrs. Clara Dean Hope, Event Secretary, 7280 Oak Run Dr., Germantown, TN 38138-2757 Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Lewis P. Bunch Obedience: Miss Donna R. Albro Jr. Showmanship: Mr. Lewis P. Bunch MARCH 31 - SUNDAY NM Albuquerque CENTRAL NEW MEXICO GSDC Held at Hoffman Park, Albuquerque, NM CLOSES: Mar. 14, Fee \$17.00. Puppy and Bred-By classes \$7.00. Additional entry of same dog \$10.00. Kathy Gonsey, Event Secretary, 429 Shirk Ln SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105-7543 Judges Assignments Breed: Ms. Mary Ann Imhoff Obedience: Mrs. Christine Wright Jr. Showmanship: Ms. Mary Ann Imhoff MARCH 31 - SATURDAY NC Knightdale GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB of GREATER RALEIGH Raleigh Police Club, 301 Leonard Rd., CLOSES: Mar. 14, Fee \$20.00, puppies, Bred-By and Veterans \$12.00. Bill Pfeiffer, SHW SEC. 5001 Lenoraway Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613-1402 Motels: Red Roof Inn 3520 Maitland Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610 Call 800-874-9000 Use GPB176000212 \$52.99 per night. Airport: Raleigh/Durham International (RDU) Served by most major carriers. Especially helpful are US Air, American, Delta and Mid Way Airlines. All major rental car companies are available at the airport. 40 minutes drive from airport to Red Roof. Judges Assignments Breed: Mr. Dick Jones Obedience: Ms. Margaretta V. Patton</p> |
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Letter's To The Editor

Note from the Editor:

The Wag'n Tongue welcomes all responses to articles printed in our club's newsletter. The letters that are received are published in the Wag'n Tongue. The opinions or views that are submitted and published are from reader's and should not be considered the opinion of our club or view point on the topic discussed. If you have a response that you'd like published send via email to Liana@prodigy.net or send to my snail mail to this address: 707 Cheshire Road Troy, IL 62294.

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing in response to an article that appeared in the September/October issue of the Wag'n Tongue. it was titled "pet owners rights". The so called "suggested techniques of response" I find down right deceitful! our state of Missouri , and the counties we live in, do have laws and ordinances to abide by. I don't feel that a member of our St. Louis club should be informing the club members of how to get around the law. Isn't it odd that Nancy Kearney's friend was turned in by a telephone repairman? What exactly did he see? Was it more then 3 intact females, any intact males, and how many puppies? Or could it have been the living conditions of the animals? I, for one, could not imagine the living conditions of animals that must be hidden all day so a repair or utility person does not see them. The article states what to do if a person shows up unexpected at your home, if they call on the phone asking about puppies, how not

to answer any too "inquisitive" questions. My question is "what about the living quarters for these animals that are either kept in your garage, basement or full run of the home?"

The laws of the state and county are for the health and welfare of the animals, and the people who are responsible for housing them. My advise is to start looking for a real estate agent who can help you find property available for a kennel. they do have ads in the german shepherd review. If people are trying to avoid paying the state taxes, county taxes, licensing fees, insurance, heat and cooling expense, and every other expense that comes along with being a responsible dog breeder, give it up! When you have more then 3 intact females you are considered a breeder. with that, comes the state and county inspectors. They are going to inspect your premises whether you want them to or not. that is their rights to look after the welfare of the animals! You should welcome them to your place , that is, unless you really have something to hide! "Pet owners rights" should have really been titled "backyard breeders beware". There is too much of this going on. What does the person do who is hiding the litter of puppies they have in their basement after, let's say, 7 weeks? Do they sell the ones they haven't placed into pet homes to the pet store, or a broker? How long can you hide your puppies? What a shame it must be, to fear who might be knocking on your door next.....is it a genuine puppy buyer, or a county official ready to shut you down!

Gena Trapp



Board-O-Gram

Approved by Ken Downing, President

Written by Ginny Altman

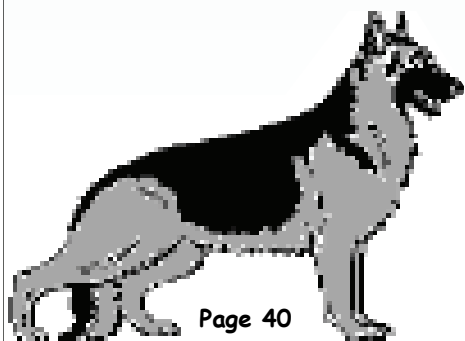
The fourth regular GSDCA Board of Directors Meeting was held on November 5, 2000 at the Holiday Inn, Worthington in Columbus, Ohio. It was preceded by The National Specialty, the Annual Membership meeting and the Victory Dinner.

Highlights of the Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America was held on Thursday, November 2, 2000 with a quorum present.

Financial Turnaround

Treasurer, Gene Tenges noted that the finances of the GSDCA continue to improve each quarter and that the GSDCA budget at this time is operating favorably as compared to this time last year. Part of the financial success of the Club is due to improvements started by Jack Newton, former Chairman and continued by Bob Eaton, current Chairman of the Review Management Committee. Expenses have been reduced by 5% and revenues have been increased by 8%. A round of applause was given to Gail Sprock, editor, for her work in continuing to give the membership a wonderful magazine, The German Shepherd Dog Review.



Connie Beckhardt Award was presented to Frank and Carolyn Martello.

LaMar Kuhns Award was presented to Ken Tank.

Education: Wednesday evening several hundred members attended the educational program "Who is the Guardian of the Breed". This was a thought-provoking panel discussion moderated by Bob Drescher. Panel members were Dave Rinke, Lori Nickeson, Joan Ford, Cappy Pottle, and Jerry Guzman. This program was videotaped and copies will be available for purchase. Contact Lanalee Jorgensen, Education Chairperson for details.

Hero dogs: Pet Hero Dog is Stepany Joy-Newman's New Skete's X NewJoy Elke. Elke is a therapy dog and visits nursing home residents, the developmentally disabled, and the emotionally troubled in Macondo, Illinois. The Service Hero Dog is Blitz from the Lafource Police Department in Thibodeaux, Louisiana who saved the life of Officer Kirk Rodriguez while officer was apprehending a criminal in a swamp. The criminal was attempting to drown the officer when the dog intervened to save his life. Please send your nominations for Hero Dogs to Blanche prior to the July Board meeting when Hero Dogs are selected.

Newsletter Awards were announced by the Newsletter Chairperson, Ann Mesdag, as follows:

Newsletter Awards for Category I-Quarterly Newsletters.

Best Newsletter: GSDC St. Louis "The Wag' n' Tongue" Editor: Liana New
First Runner-up: GSDC of Eastern Virginia "The Shepherd Virginian" Editor: Jackie Morasco.

Second Runner-up: GSDCA-WDA Newsletter Editor: Shannon Cutler

Third Runner-up: GSDC Western Pennsylvania "Jotter" Editor: Jack Mild and Nicki Hood.

Fourth Runner-up: GSDC of the Pacific NW "Pacific Northwest Shepherd Pages" Betsy Reinier

Newsletter Awards for Category 2-Monthly Newsletters.

Best Newsletter: GSDC of Greater Kansas City "Schaferhunde News" Editor: Kim and Patty Downing.

First Runner-up: Lincolnwood Training Club for GSD "Tales of Lincolnwood" Editor: Rosemary Minzghor and Judy Braginsky

Second Runner-up: GSDC of Southern New Jersey "Speak" Editor: Liz Lenard

Third Runner-up: GSDC of Atlanta "Guardian" Editor: Judith Aguilar

Fourth Runner-up: GSDC of Raleigh "The Newsletter of the GSDC of Greater Raleigh" Editor: Pat Embrey.

Herding: The herding instinct test had a record entry this year. There are usually about 50 entries and this year there were 72 entries and the committee had to turn away 30.

Policy and Procedures: It was announced that the Policy and Procedures manual is now on the Web site behind the membership wall and can be accessed by any members.

Temperament Test: The temperament test was held on Tuesday of this week. Fifty-five dogs were tested and 85 percent passed.

Dual Award: A presentation was made to those members who had earned Dual Awards in the year 2000. The dogs and owners were listed in the National Catalog and group photographs were taken in recognition of this achievement. These group photographs will appear in the Review. The plaques for Dual Awards and ROMs were mailed to the recipients prior to the National.

Register of Merit Sire and Dam Awards Presentation was made to the owners of Dogs and Bitches featured

in the July and August 2000 German Shepherd Dog Review and listed in the National Catalog.

Don Cliff Memorial Award for Good Sportsmanship: Ken Downing announced that prior to the membership meeting the Board approved the addition of a new award which, in the future, will be presented at the same time that the Connie Beckhardt and Lamar Kuhns Awards are given. This award will be known as the Don Cliff Memorial Award for Good Sportsmanship and the first award was presented to Don (posthumously) and Pat Cliff.

World Championship: Ken Downing announced that the bid to hold the 2013 World Union Championship Trials has been awarded to the GSDCA.

Election Results

Treasurer: Bill Pfeiffer

Corresponding Secretary: Blanche Beisswenger

Directors:

Gail Hardcastle

Debbie Hokkanen

Lew Bunch

David Landau

Gary Szymczak

Rita Sandell

Didier Ardoin

Highlights from the Victory Dinner held on November 4, 2000.

Award of Excellence plaques were awarded to:

AOE GV Ch. Caraland's Unlimited, CD, TC Owners: Jack Newton and Mary Lou Middleton

AOE GV Ch. Inflight's Heaven Only Knows, PT, TC Owner: Kathaleen Strong

AOE Can. GV Select Ch. Castlehill's 'Cuz I Want To, PT, TC Owners: Gail Hardcastle, Mary Stoll and Karen Taylor

AOE Select Ch. Phil-Car's Juliet, CD, TC, CGC Owners: Carol and Philip Riegert

President's Award was given to Debbie Hokkanen with Ken Downing's expression of deepest gratitude for the assistance that she has been to him this past year.

Megan McFarland was recognized as the Best Junior Handler, winning from the Open Senior Class.

Results of the election of judges for the 2001 National Specialty:

Obedience:

Melinda Giles 623

Howard Ward 457

James Ham 258

Conformation:

Jack Newton 335

Lew Bunch 240

Joseph LaRosa 240

Roll of Honor: Winfred Strickland was named to Roll of Honor. Send your name and address to Ginny Altman (ginialtman@aol.com or call 651 481 0704) if you wish to obtain a copy of Ken Downing's Victory Dinner remarks recognizing of her accomplishments. Also refer to the June 2000 Review for an interview of Wynn by Lori Nickeson.

Highlights of the Board Meeting

President, Ken Downing expressed appreciation to the entire Board for their work during this past year and welcomed incoming Board Members. He offered thanks to the Board members Ted Beckhardt, Barbara Lopez and Helen Franklin, who were retiring. He noted that Eugene Tenges had ably assisted with the turnaround in our financial position. He thanked Ellie Goede who had left mid-term and Charlotte LaRosa who completed the term of Corresponding Secretary. He expressed appreciation for their contributions.

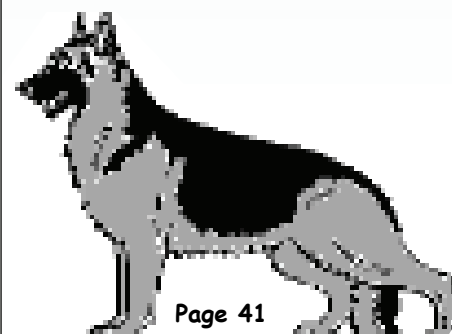
Futurity: Bob Penny reported regarding the Board request that the Temperament Committee work with Futurity Committee to offer recommendations

regarding enforcement of the loose lead temperament examination. The GSDCA has a contract with judges and this committee will make recommendations that will assist the Club in assuring that this contract is followed.

Education: Lana suggested that the GSDCA look into the feasibility of updating the Illustrated Standard of the German Shepherd Dog. This will be considered in 2001.

Membership: Gail Hardcastle noted that sixty seven 25 year membership pins have been distributed. The renewal process is underway and she is requesting complete information with the responses including email addresses.

Board Meeting The January Board Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Wentzville in St. Charles, MO on January 20-21, 2001. The Budget and Finance Committee meeting will precede the regular Board meeting. General Membership is welcome to attend the Board meeting.



I stood by your bed last night, I came to have a peep.
 I could see that you were crying, you found it hard to sleep.
 I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear.
 "It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."
 I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea.
 You were thinking of the many times your hands reached down to me.
 I was with you at the shops today, your arms were getting sore.
 I longed to take your parcels, I wished I could do more.
 I was with you at my grave today you tend it with such care
 I want to reassure you I'm not lying there.
 I walked with you towards the house as you fumbled for your key,
 I gently put my paw on you, I smiled and said "It's me."
 You looked so very tired and then you ! sank into a chair,
 I tried so hard to let you know that I was standing there.
 It's possible for me to be so near you everyday
 And say with certainty, "I never went away."
 You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew
 that in that stillness of that evening I was very close to you.
 The day is over...I smile and watch you yawning
 And say, "Goodnight, sweet dreams, God bless,
 I'll see you in the morning."

And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide
 I'll rush to greet you and we'll stand together side-by-side.

I have so many things to show you, there's much for you to see.

Be patient, live your journey out
 Then come home and be with me.

Author Unknown

Dedicated with love
 to the memory of "Wannabe"
Miss Huslyn's
Judeen of Tushay
 May 1, 1979 –
 November 2, 2000
 Dan and Liana New,
 Ricco (her soulmate),
 Mac, Cigar and Jazzy

Thank You Scootie Sherlock for
 the letting us own Wannabe



"With a dog, not only can you make a fool of yourself without him laughing at you, but he'll be glad to make a fool of himself with you!"

I only want to be loved

I didn't mean to snap,
 I didn't mean to bite.
 The abuse was just too much to bear,
 Through endless days and nights.

I don't know why they hit me,
 I guess they didn't care.
 Tied up and forgotten,
 Some say it isn't fair.

I don't know what has happened,
 I was sent away.
 I only want to be loved,
 I only want to play.

Ten days now I've been here,
 in my tiny cage.
 Not much room for a pup,
 Barely months in age.

I wait to be adopted,
 I know, I'm sure, I will
 Who wouldn't want a homeless pup,
 A house with love I'll fill.

Thirty days now I've been here,
 My spirits are so grim.
 A man chose my neighbor over me,
 I would have gone with him.

Here comes the vet who works here,
 To sadly lead away.
 To a big room she takes me,
 Is this now where I'll stay?

I only want to be loved,
 I only want to play.
 Will someone take me away from here?
 May I go home today?

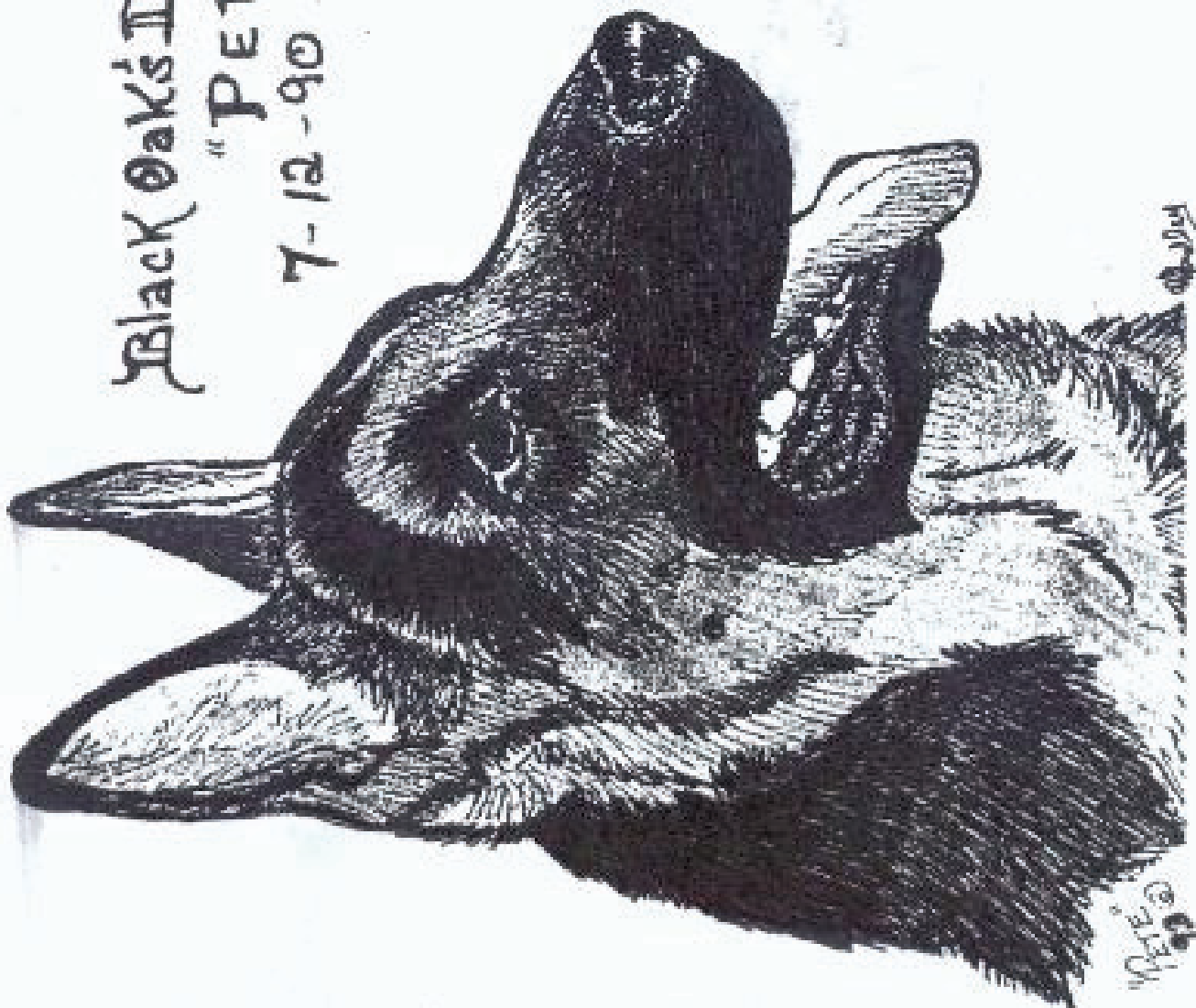
Now to sleep my little one,
 With love I'll guide your way.
 No more pain you're safe with me,
 You came home today.

Black Oak's De'Niro Judeen

"PETE"

7-12-90 — 11-13-00

Waiting for me at
the Rainbow Bridge...



Obedience Classes for All Breeds and Available to the Public

Novice Classes 8:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Next Novice class starts January 10 and runs for 10 weeks.

\$40.00 for Club Members

\$60.00 for Club Member's puppies

\$65.00 for non-members

Dog has already been through the Novice class and needs a refresher?

Refresher Class starts the 5th week of training for \$35.00

Puppy Classes 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Next Puppy class starts January 24, 2001 and runs for 6 weeks.

\$25.00 for Club Members

\$35.00 for Club Member's puppies

\$40.00 for non-members

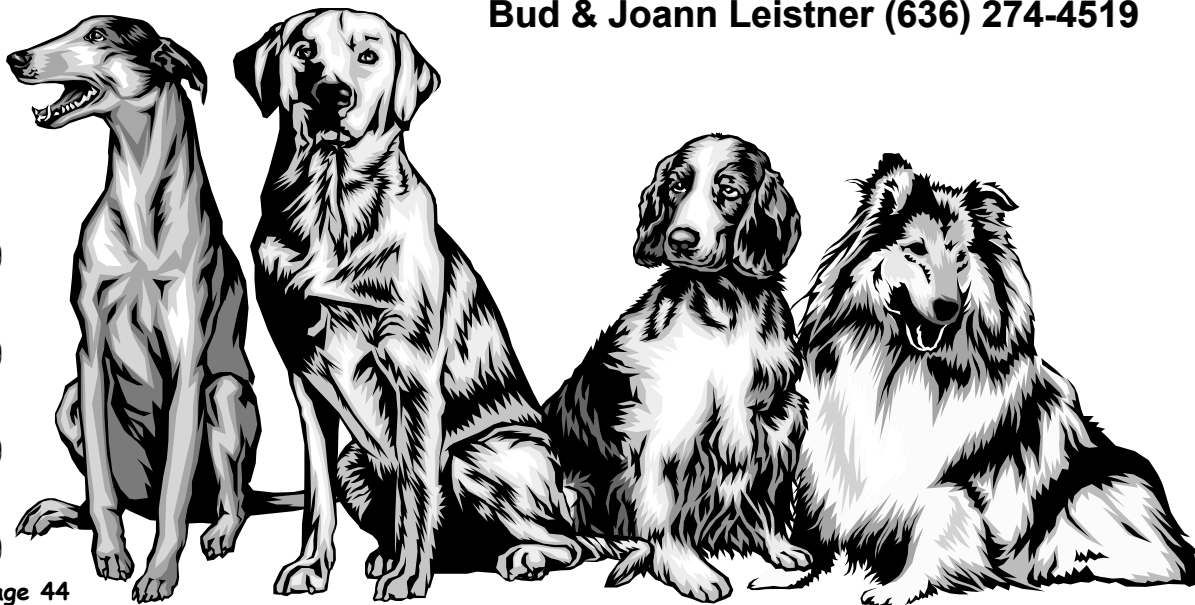
Please Come Visit, Anytime! Next classes will begin in January, 2001.

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GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS ANNUAL AWARDS



The Royal Hecht Award was initiated several years ago in honor of a past member. The initial award has been expanded upon to include a wide variety of titles and/or achievements.

Rules and Regulations

The following are the requirements which must be met to compete for and/or be awarded a plaque or a certificate as set forth by the German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc.

I. General

A. Owner: In order to receive an award, a member must meet the qualifications which would enable them to vote in the election of officers in January. (i.e., attendance requirements, work hour requirements and financial requirements as designated in Article V, section 4 (s.) of the German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Constitution and By-Laws (1-17-86).

These requirements could be met by an Associate Member as well as a Regular Member. Under unusual and/or extraordinary circumstances, a member may petition the appointed committee to waive any of the above requirements.

B. Dog: Your dog must be an AKC registered German Shepherd Dog, and must be six months of age or older.

C. Titles from Nationally and Internationally recognized organizations (e.g., AKC, CKC, GSDCA, ATTS, SV, USA, DVG, etc.) will be considered. (See section III below for specific titles.)

D. Titles will be recognized if the owner was a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc. at the time the title was earned.

II. Special Achievement Awards

A. Royal Hecht Bred By Exhibitor Award: You Must be the breeder and owner or co-owner. You or a member of your immediate family or co-owner must handle the dog only. (Immediate family includes father, mother, sister, brother, wife, husband, son or daughter.) Points toward the Royal Hecht Bred By Award will be awarded in proportion to the competition entered in each individual class. Note: All entries count, not just those who show.

B. German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Best Puppy Award: You must be the owner or co-owner of the dog. Points toward the German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Best Puppy Award will be awarded in proportion to the competition entered in each individual class (i.e., the 6-9 months and 9-12 months puppy classes only). Note: All entries count, not just those who show.

Example for tabulating points for BBE/Best Puppy Competition:

Class of six entries:

| | | |
|-----------|---|----------|
| 1st place | = | 5 points |
| 2nd place | = | 4 points |
| 3rd place | = | 3 points |
| 4th place | = | 2 points |

Class of two entries:

| | | |
|-----------|---|----------|
| 1st place | = | 1 point |
| 2nd place | = | 0 points |

Must have competition to count.

C. German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Obedience Awards:

German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Novice Obedience Award: This award will be awarded to the dog with the highest combination of scores from the three OFFICIAL legs for the Companion Dog Title.

German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Advanced Obedience Award: This award will be awarded to the dog with the highest combination of three scores in the open and/or utility classes in a calendar year. If the scores from only the three OFFICIAL legs of a newly earned advanced title (example CDX or UD) are used for this award, points (5) will be added to their total, and the calendar year restrictions are waived.

D. German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Dual Achievement Award: The German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Dual Achievement Award will be awarded to the dog with the highest score. The score will be based on the number of dogs defeated while placing in any regular class (as in the Bred By Award) plus the total of three qualifying scores in any regular obedience class in a calendar year.

E. German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Junior Handler Award: Junior Handlers are eligible whose parent(s) meet the membership requirements as delineated above (Section I. A.) Points toward this award will be awarded in proportion to the competition entered in each individual class (Junior Handler Classes Only).

F. German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Service Dog Breeder Award: An award will be given to the member who is the breeder of a dog who enters service during the calendar year (example K-9, Guide Dog, Military, Support Dog, etc.). The dog must be considered in full time service to be eligible for this award.

III. Recognized Titles And Plaques

The following are guidelines for the standardization of plaque size for specific titles/awards. Four sizes have been awarded. (Small, medium, large and extra large.)

Small Plaques will be awarded for the following:

| | |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| CD | Companion Dog |
| TD | Tracking Dog |
| HT | Herding Tested |
| PT | Pre-Trial |
| CGC | Canine Good Citizen |
| TDI | Therapy Dog International/Incorporated |
| NA | Novice Agility |
| BH | Beiglieten Hund |
| WH | Wachen Hunde |
| AD | Ausdauerdruefung (endurance test) |
| Service Dog Breeder Award | |
| BIF/BOF Best/Best Opposite Regional Futurity | |
| BIM/BOM Best/Best Opposite Regional Maturity | |

Medium Plaques will be awarded for the following:

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| CDX | Companion Dog Excellent |
| Sch.H.I | Schutzhund I |
| HS | Herding Started |
| HI | Herding Intermediate |
| OA | Open Agility |
| Royal Hecht Bred By Exhibitor Award | |
| German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Best Puppy Award | |

German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Novice Obedience Award
 German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Advanced Obedience Award
 German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Dual Achievement Award
 German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Junior Handler Award
 Futurity-Maturity Victor/Victrix

Large Plaques will be awarded for the following:

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| CH | Champion |
| UD/UDX | Utility Dog/Utility Dog Excellent |
| TDX | Tracking Dog Excellent |
| HX | Herding Excellent |
| HCH | Herding Champion |
| Sch.H II/III | Schutzhund II/Schutzhund III |
| FH/FH II | Farhtenhund (German Advanced Tracking Degree) |
| MAX | Master Agility Excellent |
| VST | Variable Surface Tracker |
| Select | |
| Hero Dog | |
| The German Shepherd Dog Club of America Dual Award | |
| Top Winning Dog, Review System | |
| Placement in International Sch. H. Competition | |

Extra Large Plaques will be awarded for the following:

ROM
 AOE
 OTCH
 Grand Victor/Grand Victrix
 Sch. H. Victor/Victrix

The Club reserves the right to make special awards to unusual cases and achievements not usually considered.

Note: Starting in 1998, Instinctive/Inherent titles (i.e. TT/TC; Temperament Tested/Certified, HIC; Herding Instinct Certified) will receive a parchment certificate of achievement.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOG'S OWNER TO CONTACT THE AWARD CHAIRPERSON, AND PROVIDE THE CORRECT NAME, TITLE(S) EARNED, THE DATE THE TITLE WAS OFFICIALLY AWARDED, SCORES IF APPLICABLE, OR ANY OTHER NECESSARY INFORMATION. THE CHAIRPERSON IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAKE CALLS AND INQUIRIES ABOUT DEGREES, TITLES, ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC.

Note: The existing Award Rules and Regulations were modified by a majority vote of the members in attendance at the regular monthly meeting on July 17, 1998.

**Official Form for the German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc.
Annual Awards for 2000**

Name of Dog: _____

Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____ OFA #'s: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Breeder(s): _____

Owner(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Have you attended 5 meetings in 2000? _____

Have you served 4 hours club service time? _____

With which committee? _____

Title earned in 2000: _____

If Obedience, List 3 leg scores: _____

If applying for Royal Hecht Bred By Exhibitor Award, or GSDC of St. Louis Best Puppy Award,
list total number of dogs defeated in these classes: _____

Date Title Achieved: _____

***Biography:** On a separate sheet, please submit a short (200 words or less) biography on
your dog to be read at the Awards Ceremony.

Send to:

**M. J. Hadley, Awards Chairperson
11753 Castle Ranch Road
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Win*Place*Show*Brags

Just heard from Ricky Harrison, whose dog, BIF/BOM (Southwest) Hadori's Stone Cold AUSTIN went winners dog and Best of winners in Alabama, for his second MAJOR. Congratulations to Ricky & Greg Harrison, Austins Breeder/Owners. Austin is sired by Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire, and out of Hadori's Chattahoochee....Marcia

It is with GREAT pleasure that I brag on the GSDC of St. Louis banner taking 2nd place in the presentations on Saturday at the National. It was awesome to see all the Clubs and their banners represented, and our Club WON SECOND PLACE!!!! The banner was designed, created and donated by former Club members Bob & Sally Haas. They did a beautiful job of incorporating some of the aspects of our great breed's capabilities. And what a beautiful head study!!!! If any body is interested in contacting the Haas's for any of their beautiful work, you can contact me. ALSO BRAG on our Newsletter that took FIRST PLACE IN DIVISION ONE. This is the first year that Liana New undertook the grueling job of doing the newsletter and it has been a long time since our newsletter received any honors. BIG BRAG ON LIANA NEW for doing a great job. Several of our members did well in competition at the National but those results have already been posted by others previously. BIG PAT ON THE BACK---GSDC OF ST. LOUIS!!!!!!!!!! Way to go!!!!!!!!!! Marilee

Ricky called again... She said she was tired and going to bed so I guess I'll post a brag. <G> BIF-BOS Maturity HADORI'S STONE COLD was Winners Dog and Best of Winners again in Alabama today under Charlie Chester! This is Austin's third major specialty win with very limited showing. Kent Boyles has done a fantastic job with him.
Sire: Can. Sel. Am. & Can Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire
TC Dam: Hadori's Chattahoochie
Breeders: Ricky Harrison & Marcia Hadley
Owners: Greg Harrison and Ricky Harrison
Gsdman / Tom Langlitz

You and your club surely deserve the awards you received! We all loved watching the parade. Congratulations on your hard work!

Good Morning to all.....Hope every one had a safe trip home and a little time to relax before they had to return to their normal routines.....We are very proud and happy to have been awarded the honor of taking first place in a heavy quality filled American Bred Dog class. Hadori's Stone Cold sired by Langlitz's Ch. Rapid Fire and Hadori's Chattahoochee, Bred by Ricky Harrison and Marcia Hadley. Owned by Ricky and Greg Harrison, Thank you to Kent Boyles for the time and effort you put into conditioning and training this young dog and having the faith in him.....Thank you to Jim Moses for the expert job of handling you are the master I have always been told you are. Thank you to the fancy that cheered him on.....I can't begin to tell you how much it meant to us.....A big thank you with all the love I have for my son Greg who loves this dog and is always ready to run that mile for him....You are indeed special.....And to a young dog who will learn to pose, we love you and will keep you..Last but certainly not least to Joan Fox who in my opinion did a fantastic job of judging we love and respect you and want to say :

THANK YOU.....Ricky

I'd like to get my two cents in and brag about the following:

- * Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WD, BOW, and BOB out of the bred by class under Lee Reasin at the Lawrence Jayhawk KC on 10-14-00.
 - * Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WD and BOS out of the bred by class under Robert Brown at the Lawrence Jayhawk KC on 10-15-00.
 - * Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWB out of the bred by class under judge Robert Brown at the Lawrence Jayhawk KC on 10-15-00.
 - * Ch Cimarron's Rhiannon, OFA, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, got her first leg toward her CD under judge Floyd Harding at the Lawrence Jayhawk KC on 10-14-00.
 - * Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWD out of the bred-by class at the Mattoon KC on 10-20-00 under Joseph Mercera.
 - * Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WB and BOW out of the bred-by class at the Mattoon KC on 10-20-00 under Joseph Mercera.
- Steve Dobbins

Win*Place*Show*Brag

Congrats to your club!!

Thought I would do this in the morning but at this point I am so excited I have to do it now. We just arrived home from the Alabama shows and are thrilled to death with the entire week ends outcome. Hadori's Stone Cold aka Austin Sired by Ch Langlitz's Rapid Fire and Hadori's Chathoochee, bred by Ricky Harrison and Marcia Hadley owned and loved by Greg and Ricky Harrison had a great three days.....Friday Mary Gat-tone.....RWD.....Saturday Dr. Didier Ardoine.....3 pts and BOW.....Sunday.....Charles Chester 4 pts and BOW.....I want to thank both of the judges for awarding majors to Austin. This gives this fella 11 points all majors. Kent Boyles his best buddy a big hug for all your hard work. To Michael Sherman for taking him into winners and bringing back the gold Thank you. A big thank you to Trish Wylie and Linda Bankhead for picking up the Bow's. Last but not least A big thanks to Nancy Schneider for the great grooming he looked beautiful.....A huge thank you to ringside for your generous support and nice compliments. The entire weekend was wonderful wish all of you had been there to enjoy. Ricky Hadori Shepherds, Home of 1999 S.W.BIF and 2000 S.W.BOSM Hadori's Stone Cold, Ch Jadon's Weekend Rendezvous

Ashley Douglas worked her heart out (and mine too) for a WIN at the national! Filled with emotion and pride, I'm happy to announce Ashley took first place in her class Open Jr. She also worked very hard for that best Jr's win but with no help from our hormonal male Simon, who fell in love with the bitch in front of him. There's always next year. Ann Douglas

Way to go St. Louis, Congratulations to all the winners Carlene Pearson

WWW (Wow What a Week!!!!!!) FaithRock-Langlitz Joshua HH by CH. Langlitz's Rapid Fire, TC-Esmeralda of Basic Four Owner: Terry Rock & Tom & Peggy Langlitz 2nd PLACE 9 - 12 Puppy Dog. Birthday 1-27-00 putting him in the 9 - 12 month class by 5 days! 1st Show, Best Puppy. 2nd Show: Best Opposite Puppy. 3rd Show: 2nd Place 9 - 12 Puppy Dog First Show Away From Home! Can I do anymore bragging about this magnificent dog? <VBG> Thank you Joan Fox Thank you Everyone for the wonderful crowd support! Congratulations to all the other winners! And one last thought:.....Look out Bull, here comes Fire progeny!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Terry Rock FaithRock German Shepherds

I would like to do some more brags about the following:

* Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WD and BOS out of the bred-by class under judge Lee Reasin at the LaPorte KC on 11-2-00.

* Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WD, BOW, and BOB out of the bred-by class under judge Victor Boutwell at the Sturgis KC on 11-3-00.

* Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WD and BOS out of the bred-by class under judge CE Trotter at the Marion KC on 11-4-00.

* Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WD, BOW, and BOB out of the bred-by class under judge Thomas Kilcullen at the Northeastern Indiana KC on 11-5-00. Steve Dobbins

I have heard that our St. Louis members are having a good time at that National...Terry Rock's 9-12 puppy Josh, co-owned with Tom & Peggy Langlitz was second in his class. Austin, owned by Ricky & Greg Harrison won the American Bred dog Class. (Both Josh and Austin were sired by The Langlitz's dog, AM/& Sel. Can. Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire. Ashley Douglas won the Open Jr. Class, her first time showing in Juniors at a National...And our President Gail Stiefferman's little nine year old daughter, Elizabeth handled their bitch, Ch. Dandi in Conditional Bitches, which she won!!! Heard tonight that our newsletter, the Wag 'N' Tongue was the First place winning newsletter in it's category. Wow...we are blessed. Now if some of our Obedience & Agility folks did well, and our Specials do well on tomorrow, we will really be doing the "HAPPY DANCE" Marcia in Missouri

Everyone talks about getting the Review, the Great job Gail does, and I agree. Well.....I just received the September/October edition of the Wag 'N Tongue, the St. Louis Specialty Club publication. Wowser! What a great issue! Thank you, Liana New, for another fabulous job!!!!!! It is truly a first class publication!!!!!!!!!! Not to mention the Win*Place*Show*Brag on page 56 featuring FaithRock-Langlitz Joshua HH. Liana thanks for all the hard work! Looking forward to the Nationals, talking dogs and a few beers. Do they have tatoo parlors in Columbus?? Terry Rock

Win*Place*Show*Brag

Hadori's Stone Cold Owned by Ricky and Greg Harrison went to Alabama for the weekend, while there they were able to return home with one Major Reserve from the Gsdc of Gr Chattanooga, one three point major from the Gsdc of Gr Birmingham and one four point major from Gsdc of N. Alabama.....This together with the four point major he already has puts him at eleven points all Majors. Austin went on to the National in Columbus only to Make us all proud when he won the quality filled American Bred class.....Maybe next time he will stand still and pose when he makes it to winners....
... Hadori Shepherds

Home of 1999 S.W.BIF and 2000 S.W.BOSM
Hadori's Stone Cold, Ch Jadon's Weekend Rendezvous

Just heard that the young dog I co-bred with Ricky Harrison, SWBIF & SWBOM Hadori's Stone Cold, sired by Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire, and out of my Hadori's Chattahoochee was First place in American Bred Dogs at the National!!!!!! "Austin" is owned and loved by Ricky Harrison, and her son, Greg Harrison. Austin has 11 Points (All Majors) in very limited showing, his litter sister Chyna is also major pointed. Mama Chattahoochee is working on her ROM. CONGRATULATIONS TO GREG & RICKY

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Marcia (Holding Down The Fort At Mar-Fiori)

"Austin is owned and loved by Ricky Harrison, and her son, Greg Harrison. " This male was moved up at the last minute, (was always in the front four) and the crowd went wild. He never took a bad step, but Rickie was a wreck, and kept running back and forth, and finally looked like she might faint. She couldn't stop grinning when Joan pointed to Austin, and he might even go all the way. I didn't discuss her picks, but I did spend some time talking to Joan and the ever lovely and sexy Linda B, who reminded her mother to leave for the presentation class. Evan, From the lap-top, out of town .

Liana , I just got my copy of the current Wag and I must send you a Sincere "THANK YOU" for the beautiful job you did for my memorials for my Toby & Isis . I wasn't sure if the pictures would work but you really did a great job with them. THANK YOU so much. Keep up the good work Barb Gambill

Hi everyone, I just have to brag on my solid black girl Ashes. After trying to get her pregnant three previous times without any success we have finally done it. I had bred her to two other males and even with AI's could not get her to conceive . Did all kinds of tests and they came back that there should be no reason why she could not conceive. After 3 unsuccessful attempts to get her pregnant I had decided to give it one Last" chance and if she did not take this time then she would be spade. I went thru this with my other solid black girl Candy having bred her 5 times to 3 different males and never getting a litter out of her. (Candy was a Ch. Caralon Phantom Granddaughter.) I never did get her to conceive and lost her at nearly 10 years of age last May. I had made up my mind that I was not going thru this again with Ashes. Ashes came into season 3 weeks early this time so I decided to run the usual tests and give it one last try. I contacted my good friends Butch & Gail Stiefferman and they agreed to let me breed to their young Bi-color Ch. CaralonQED Sword V Lebarland Son --- Forest Knoll Black Tie Affair ,litter mate to Forest Knolls Formal Attire and Forest Knoll's Broken Promises . We were able to get three good inside ties on her which we had "NEVER" been able to get before. I palpated her on the 27th day from each of the 3 ties and felt puppies on the one from the second breeding. I took her to the local vet here in St. Louis that does Ultrasounds this past Wednesday the 15 ,her 35th day from the last breeding, and "YES" she is indeed Pregnant. She definitely has 8 puppies with a "VERY" good possibly of 3 or 4 more. She kept moving on the vet every time he tried to check her other side. The vet says everything looks super . Needless to say I am estactic . I am hoping for a really nice solid black or Bi-color female to show. This is my most treasured dream to have either a solid black or bicolor carry my kennel name to the ever elusive title of CHAMPION . Ashes---Victorys Burning Love is a Schneiderhofs Fleetwood Mac daughter from my and Butch Stiefferman's black co-owned girl Forest Knoll Nala who goes back to Forest Knolls Giant Killer . Ashes is OFA Certified both Hips and elbows with a "GOOD" rating on her hips . Ashes is due on or about Dec. 12-13th so I am keeping my Fingers crossed that she will give me my hope for the future. This hopefully will be a really good Christmas for me here at Victory Shepherds. Thank you for allowing me to brag about my very special girl "ASHES" and a VERY BIG THANK YOU to Butch & Gail Stiefferman for allowing me to breed "Ashes" to their beautiful, handsome male "Tux" .

Congratulations on your Wag 'n Tongue Win!!!!!!!!!!!!
Gail Rutter

Win*Place*Show*Brag

I agree with most of your post, sad as the implications are. I'll have to disagree with the "not enough side gait" part though. There really is no reason to give up ground coverage for clean coming and going. In fact, it should be exactly the opposite. Weak ligament, especially when it causes a dog to be sloppy going away, is only destructive to rear drive, and therefore hinders the potential for a powerful, ground covering, side motion <IMO>. Although I'm definitely partial, I'd point to the first American Bred dog at the national.... Hadori's Stone Cold. I think all of the judges and onlookers who've found him so far, would tell you that he is quite the powerful side mover, and that he covers a ton of ground with each step. He is also strong in ligament and good coming and going, very much like his sire was... and very much my idea of what the physical part of a total dog is. Also, although I have to agree (from experience) that showing an extremely sound dog is more difficult than showing a flighty one, I don't think that is as much a matter of temperament as it is good overall GSD character. In the end, you can train both to move at the end of the lead and stack when asked, but the dog with stronger character will naturally be more difficult, and loyal only to the people he knows and trusts. Unfortunately, I'll again point to Austin (Hadori's Stone Cold) <G>. You can't spook this dog, but good luck getting his attention if he doesn't know you. See the definition of "aloof," and then ask Jimmy about the winners class in Columbus <lol>. The standard is pretty clear, and absolutely relevant in my opinion. The difference between your friend and me is that I'd wave the standard in front of that day's judge's face (at least in my dreams), and take my losses in good conscience. Gsdman / Tom Langlitz

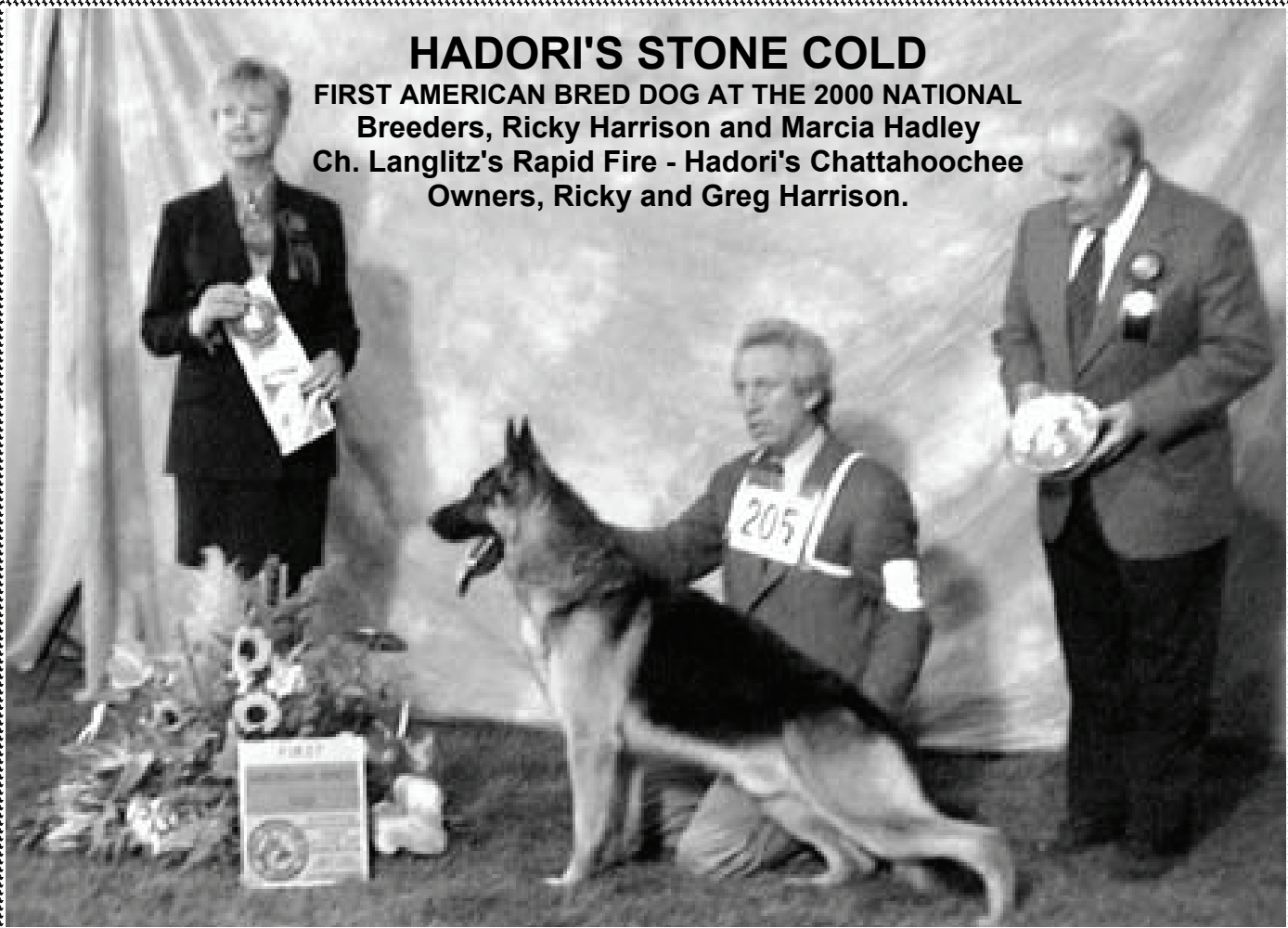


FaithRock-Langlitz Joshua HH
Can. Sel. Ch. Langlitz's Rapid
Fire TC ex Esmerelda of Basic
Four (litter sister to Sel Ch. Via)
Thank you Mrs Joan Fox!! Josh
is pictured here placing second
in the 9-12 month puppy class
at the 2000 National Specialty.
We were thrilled with this place-
ment as he was only a few days
over nine months of age on the
day of the class, (the catalog
has his birthdate wrong...
should be 1/27/00), and this was
one tough class! Someone at
ringside told me that week, that
placing at the National is like
winning a ten point major. I'll
have to agree. <G> Owner:
(Mrs.) Terry Rock Co-Owner:
Tom & Peggy Langlitz, Breeder:
Wilma Miller, Josh's Handler:
Kent Boyles. Thank you Terry...
for trusting me. Stay tuned for
more stars from this breeding,
and the repeat: Langlitz's Jeze-
bel- - - new owner ---Ken Tank,
Stonebrook's Sloe Gin Fizz

(Pick bitch from the repeat litter) --- John & Rachel Piquard Langlitz's Stinger (Pick male from the repeat litter)---
Possibly available in the spring of 2001 PS> Thank you Gail Rutter, for making sure this breeding happened.
You have a great future ahead as a breeder.
Tom Langlitz

HADORI'S STONE COLD

FIRST AMERICAN BRED DOG AT THE 2000 NATIONAL
Breeder's, Ricky Harrison and Marcia Hadley
Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire - Hadori's Chattahoochee
Owners, Ricky and Greg Harrison.



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EXPECTED LITTER

Victory Shepherds is proud to announce that my solid black Schneiderhof's Fleetwood Mac, daughter, Victory's Burning Love, OFA Hips & Elbows, has been bred to The Stiefferman's, Forest Knoll Black Tie Affair, the Bi Color son of Ch Caralon QED Sword v Lebarland "Cutter" X Schneiderhof Zima Forest Knoll. Puppies are due Dec. 14 th 2000. I am expecting and hoping for Blacks and Bi's. For information please contact me at 314-773-2839 or on the web BEG48@AOL.com or VICTORYGSD@AOL.com.

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Am/Can Ch Mari-Fiori's Bold Ruler Judeen

OFA HIPS GS50384G25M-T MC, ELBOWS SGEL7590-T

Sire: Sel Am/Sel Can Ch Winning Way's Chimo OFA, H/E/T/Cx

Dam: Can Sel/Am Ch Mari-Fiori's Ruffian of Judeen, OFA, H/E/T/C HIC

Medium sized, extremely masculine bi-color, with noble head/expressive eyes (and produces) plush coat, high wither attached to a strong back and long saber tail. He produces his clean correct movement, nicely curved stifles and good forehands. Carries recessive for solid blacks.

A young Champion, his pups are awesome!!

Mari-Fiori Shepherds – Marilee Wilkinson

6647 Haven Hill

Barnhart, MO 63012

636-464-8494

**Email: marifiori@quakky.net
Mari-Fiori's Cigar**

OFA HIPS GS54734G24M-T, ELBOWS GSEL9414-T

Sire: Sel Am/Sel Can Ch Winning Way's Chimo OFA, H/E/T/Cx

Dam: Can Sel/Am Ch Mari-Fiori's Ruffian of Judeen, OFA, H/E/T/C HIC

Large, balanced young dog with deep, rich pigment a sweet temperament and a great sense of humor. Cigar has a beautiful forehand and a powerful athletic side gait, a nice dark eye and full and correct dentition. He should provide improvement in size and masculinity, proper angle, lay back of shoulder and of course movement and temperament.

Dan and Liana New and Marilee Wilkinson

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Troy, IL 62294

618-667-7145 or 636-464-8494

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Hadori's Stone Cold

BEST IN SOUTHWEST FUTURITY 1999

Sire: Sel Can/Am Ch Langlitz's Rapid Fire

Dam: Hadori's Chattahoochee

Beautiful black/red male, long out reaching forequarter, masculine head, large bone, super temperament. BIF Southwest 1999. Temporary stud fee \$300 to approved bitches.

Hadori German Shepherds

Ricky and Greg Harrison

11 Donald Drive

St. Charles, MO 63304

636-441-4559

**Email: Hadori@quakky.net
Lytibar's Akecheta**

Sire: Ch Jodon's Viper V Hopson OFA

Dam: Ch Tartan's Rochill Georgie OFA

Lytibar's Akecheta (Warrior) is a Lothario and Zorba grandson, a black and red dog. He is OFA Good hips and elbows. He will be three years old on March 22nd and he has three points towards his championship. Warrior was proven on 10-31-99 when Ch Don Chris's TNT whelped 7 puppies, 4 males and 3 females.

Lytibar Kennel – Ken Hummel

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Lonedell, MO 63060

636-629-2049

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Stud Dog Directory

Ch Majors Max of Jennabeau

GS51920G38M-T GS-EL8223-T

Sire: Champion Caralon's Beau of Judeen ROM

Dam: Caralon's Jennabrix DeRousse C. D.

Max is a big boned, low stationed black and tan with a large masculine head. He carries the black recessive and has a good shoulder.

DeRousse Shepherds

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OFA HIPS GS57521G29M-T, ELBOWS GSEL10625-T

Sire: Black Oak's De'Niro of Judeen OFA GS E44M-T

Dam: Hadori's Chattahoochee, Prelims Normal

Joey is a correct to the standard, masculine young dog (25 1/2" and 85 Pounds) Joey has alot to offer including a bold fearless temperament, iron back, beautiful black and red plush coat, and correctly angled shoulder (Seldom seen today). A two year old with valuable old blood lines. Including Select Champion Lothario of Heinerburg, CD ROM AOE, Select Champion Bel Vista's Joey Baby ROM, and is heavily line bred on Champion Kubistaum's Kane ROM.

Whose phenotype he reflects. Available to approved liches. Must provide negative brucellosis and vaginal culture. NO EXCEPTIONS. Photo/Pedigree and Terms by request.

Black Oak Shepherds

Marcia Hadley and Gina Mills

11753 Castle Ranch Road

DeSoto, MO 63020

Jokare's Captain Hook v Blu Bella

OFA HIPS GS-55182G24M-T, ELBOWS GS-EL9616-T

Sire: Schokrest Santa Cruz (Ch Pete/Schokrest Vision ROM)

am: Odds On Obie (Am BIF/Can BOF Am/Can Ch Woodsides Country Music OFA, CD, TC, HIC/Langlitz Pascha-Zeto Grandaughter)

ok is an average size male, masculine head, large bone, plush, strong back, topline, powerful sidegait, very dark blk/tan

Jokare German Shepherds

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Schokrest Vision

OFA HIPS GS-55434E24M-T, ELBOWS GS-EL9729-T

Sire: Sel Ch Schokrest Denver OFA H/E

Dam: Schokrest Vogue OFA H/E

MONTY is a replica to his Father. Large Blk/Tan/Red male, masculine head, large bone, topline, strong back, very powerful sidegate. Monty has a very strong OFA background. Like his mother, he also OFA'd EXCELLENT Vogue is a full litter sister to Schokrest Vision, ROM. Monty does not carry the coat factor.

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Puppies, Conformation Training
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Obedience Instructor

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