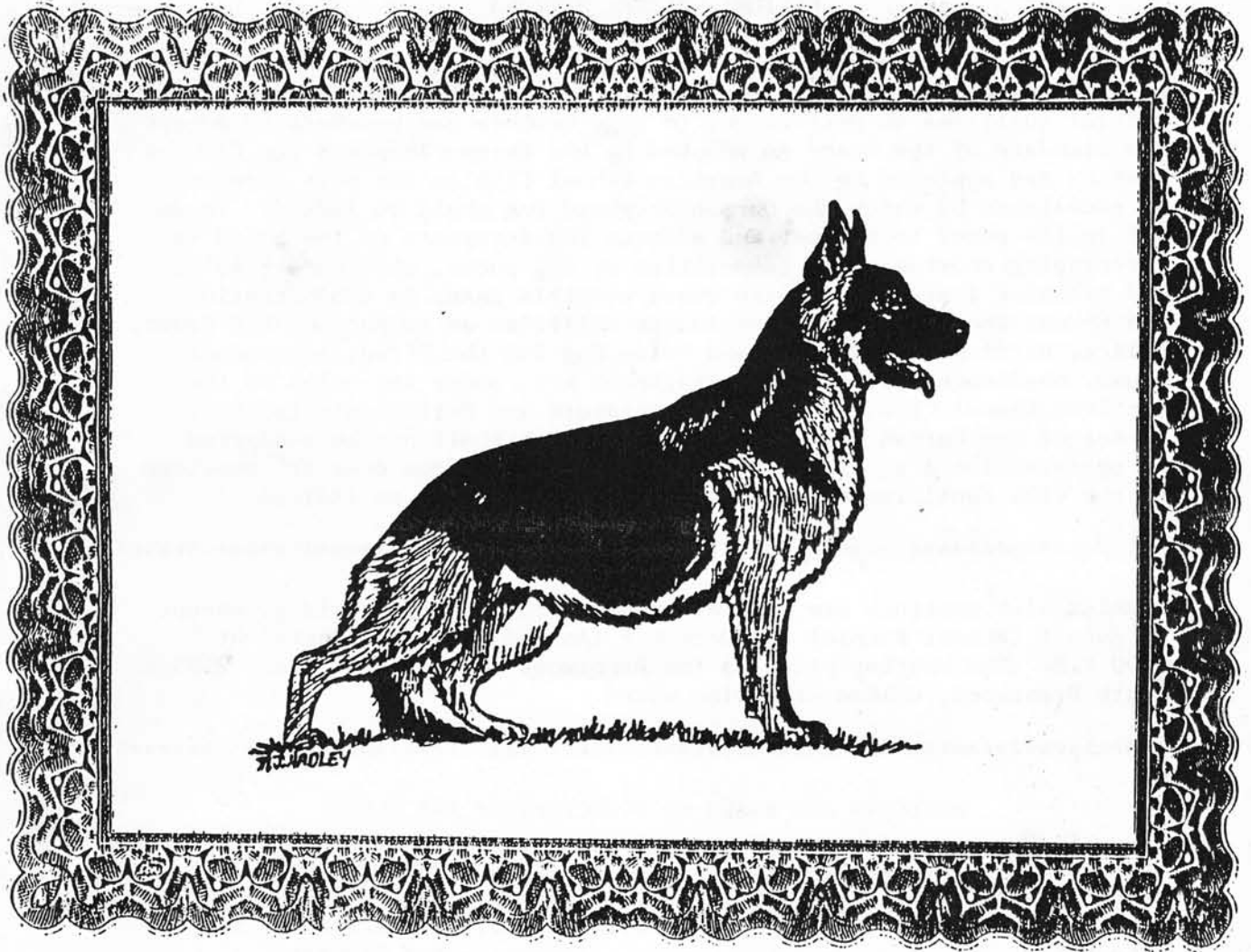


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Regular club meetings are held every month on the third Friday, except in August (Annual Picnic) and December (Annual Christmas Party) at 8:00 P.M. The meeting place is the Brentwood Recreation Center, 2505 South Brentwood, unless otherwise noted.

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FROM THE

EDITOR'S DESK

This is my last issue as editor of the Wag-N-Tongue, as I have resigned - effective immediately. If anyone is interested in taking over as editor, please contact me @ 355-5455. If no one is interested in being editor and taking the copier, the club will have to rethink the need for the copier.

I would like to take the time to thank the people who supported me during my stint as editor: Helene - thanks for all of the articles, Don & Alice - thanks for all of the hours of collating and mailing, and a special thanks to my husband Tony who spent hours printing, collating, stapling, and mailing.

DAPHNE

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 1990
Brentwood Recreational Center

CALL TO ORDER: By President Bud Leistner at 8:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bud Leistner, Harold Beckham, Terrasita Cuffie, Don Bridges, Helene Bridges Marilyn Balsman, Louise Leistner, Daphne Szczuka, Lori Schwartzbeck, Alan Rooney.

General Meeting Minutes of June 15, 1990 were approved with the following correction: Helene Bridges was absent. The Board of Governor's Meeting Minutes were read.

TREASURER REPORT

President Bud Leistner presented the treasurer report for June 1, 1990 to June 30, 1990 and it was filed for audit.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

We received a letter from AKC stating that it would allow us to move the Spring show date to February 29th in conjunction with Dog Breeders and JCKC at Keil Auditorium, rent free. Discussion as follows:

Louise: What would be the cost to have it someplace else?
Judy Deane: The soccer house would be \$300 which is cheaper than the past.

Joyce Gray: We moved it from that weekend to get away from the bad conditions at Keil. A lot of people won't show there. Obedience is impossible. We have Daley and McIntire lined up to do temperament tests and if we do it at Keil we can't do the tests.

Bud: The reality is that we can't continue to lose money on shows and we need to make a decision tonight.

Don: The decision should be the show secretary's.

Bud: We're talking about the show date instead.

Helene: We'll pull an entry. People will have 3 days to show and in the past we always had majors.

Harold: A lot of people won't show but you have a chance to get two legs.

Ricky: Always had strong 5-point major. People complained but they showed anyway.

Lydia: Is Jefferson County also using Keil?

Kathy: Has anyone looked anywhere else?

Bud/Daphne: Yes. Charlie Wolford checked and the cheapest

would be \$500-\$600.

Larry Sisson: Savings of having the show at Keil v. convenience and profit on the temperament tests.

Ricky: But can we afford another loss?

Daphne: The entries for the temperament test is \$20. The parent club gets \$3 and we will make \$17 per dog. There's a problem with changing dates. If we don't set a date and keep it we'll lose out. If we bounce the date around, there's the danger of coming in conflict with a show within 200 miles radius.

Charlie and Nick will run the show if we book it at Keil.

Lydia: We should go with February 22nd even if we forfeit obedience.

Bud: Sacrifice obedience to draw a 5-point major. Free rent, and in conjunction with two other shows. In the past we didn't have stud dog, brood bitch and veterans because the entry was so large.

Helene: Doesn't like Keil either, but she still shows. If you have an obedience dog, it should do its obedience regardless.

Lori: What are the obedience entries in comparison to to confirmation.

Harold: 31 for the spring show which was a lot. We even cancelled a judge one year because there wasn't enough entries. If we have the show at the soccer house we have to do the clean up and they didn't have good equipment.

Marsha Hadley moved that we have the spring show on Friday night February 22, 1991 at Keil Auditorium in conjunction with Dog Breeders and JCKC. Helene Bridges second. Motion passed with one vote in opposition. Bud will call Charlie to get paper work started.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAINING

Harold Beckham reported that the obedience classes are over for the summer. They will start again in September. Thanks to trainers for diligent efforts to class, the club and the community.

HERDING

Larry Sisson reported that he will attend a 3-day herding seminar in Indiana and will be doing a herding demonstration.

WAG N TONGUE/COPIER

Daphne Szczuka reported that the newsletter will be lat because there are problems with the copier. We need a new drum which is \$500 and is not covered in the maintenance contract. Daphne moved that the club allocate \$500 for the purchase of a new drum. Second: Marsha Hadley. Lori Schwartzbeck asked whether we can afford the new drum and obedience mats. Daphne replied that the training committee would soon present the club with \$1400 from the obedience classes. Motion passed without opposition.

FALL SHOW

The fall show date is October 7, 1990. We need volunteers. A puppy match chairman is also needed. Nancy Kearney has a deal with the Hazelwood Kouray League to use their ball field as the show site. It's located on Missouri Bottom Road near Tesson Ferry.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The proposed changes have been submitted to the board and after the committee incorporates the board's recommendations they will submit the proposed by-law changes to the membership by first class mail in September.

PICNIC

The Picnic is August 5th at Love Park and we need volunteers. Please call Louise for reservations.

Break: 9:15 p.m.

President Bud Leistner welcomed guests.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Bridges: Moved that the club fund \$150 for transportation to a seminar for the search and rescue dog association founded by club members. The have twelve members and it is a not-for-profit organization. Second: Lois O'Connor. Marsha asked who was in charge and what was their qualifications. Alan Rooney is the director. The seminar trainers have 17 years experience. The seminar instructors will discuss technique and how to set up the organization. The seminar will be held at Lewis and Clark Community in Godfrey, Illinois on September 1, 1990. Ricky Harrison mentioned that we turned down WDA and the Schutzhund in the past and if we do this we would be setting a precedent. The search and rescue association meets Tuesdays at 7 at Lewis and Clark Community College and every other Thursday.

The community college had made them an affiliate and list them as an adult continuing education class which gives the organization access to their facilities. Alan Rooney mentioned that in our by-laws it states that our purpose is to promote the German Shepherd Dog as a working dog. Motion Passed.

September 3rd is the date for the Maddenfest and we could participate in the parade as a club. Judy and Bud mentioned that that was a big dog show weekend.

August 4th is the date for the demonstration and reception sponsored by the canine corp. Daphne mentioned that this month's review has an article submitted by Nancy Kearney about the canine crime busters.

Larry mentioned that we should be selective about demonstrations with bite work because we could be in danger of losing our license. Dyan Harper mentioned that the restrictions will effect other groups besides schutzhund. Larry Sisson mentioned that the animal rights activist are leaning on AKC. Bud said we need a more active parent club.

Motion to Adjourn: Alan Rooney
Second: Tony Szczuka

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:05 P.M.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS, INC.
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 1990

CALL TO ORDER: By President Bud Leistner at 8:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Bud Leistner, Harold Beckham, Charlie Wolford, Terrasita Cuffie, Don Bridges, Helene Bridges, Marilyn Balsman, Louise Leistner, Daphne Szczuka, Lori Swartzbeck, Alan Rooney.

The board voted to formally to excuse Don Krueger due to his illness.

The Board of Governor's Meeting Minutes of July 5, 1990 were approved with the following correction: The proposed by-law changes will be mailed first class and not published in the Wag.

TREASURER REPORT

Daphne Szczuka presented the treasurer report and it was filed for audit.

WAG 'N TONGUE/COPIER

Daphne presented the copier report and informed the board that we still don't have the drum yet.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

AKC has accepted the judge assignment for the show. The Christmas party will be at Meyer's Deli on Ballas and Olive.

NEW BUSINESS

Lemay Day Parade is Saturday September 22, 1990, 9:30 a.m. It will be 1.2 miles. However, that's the weekend of a dog show.

Bud will get mat samples.

Motion to Adjourn: Alan Rooney
Second: Helene Bridges
Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:05 P.M.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS, INC.
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 1990
Shoneys in Maplewood

CALL TO ORDER: by President Bud Leistner at 8:16 p.m.

PRESENT: Harold Beckham Bud Leistner, Tony Szczuka, Charlie Wolford, Terrasita Cuffie, Don Bridges, Helene Bridges, Louise Leistner, Alan Rooney, Marilyn Balsman, Lori Schwartzbeck.

Visitor: Fred Balsman.

Because of Don Krueger's illness, the board has approved Tony Szczuka interim treasurer. The board meeting minutes of September 6, 1990 approved with the following corrections: The report was on the fall show instead of Spring show; Don Krueger excused not absent. Motion to accept Canine Officer David Gaghyan as an associate member passed.

TREASURER REPORT

Presented by Tony Szczuka and filed for audit.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Nothing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CARDS/FLOWERS

Nothing.

TRAINING

Obedience classes are in their fourth week and puppy kg is in its third week.

SHOW

Hospitality room at 8:00.

32 dogs; 43 bitches; 6 best of breed; 2 veteran dogs; 1 veteran bitch; 1 junior handler; 42 obedience. Novice A will be judged first.

WAG 'N TONGUE/COPPER

Tony reported that the copier drum came in; however, there's two other broken parts which fortunately are covered by the maintenance agreement. Daphne is no longer interested in keeping the copier and the Wag and her last issue of the Wag is

for October.

OLD BUSINESS

Tony reported that all by-laws passed except for the absentee ballot. Do we want to rework and resubmit the absentee ballot clause. Board members replied "no." Tony will get the new by-laws drafted in a complete package which will include the breed standard.

The board next voted on Roy Oliver's membership application.
Motion: Helene Bridges.
Second: Harold Beckham.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the training committee by-laws. Lori
Second: Marilyn
Motion passed.

Lori mentioned that we should start thinking about earthquake emergency shelter for dogs.

Charlie mentioned that we need to submit list of 5 judges for 1992 futurity.

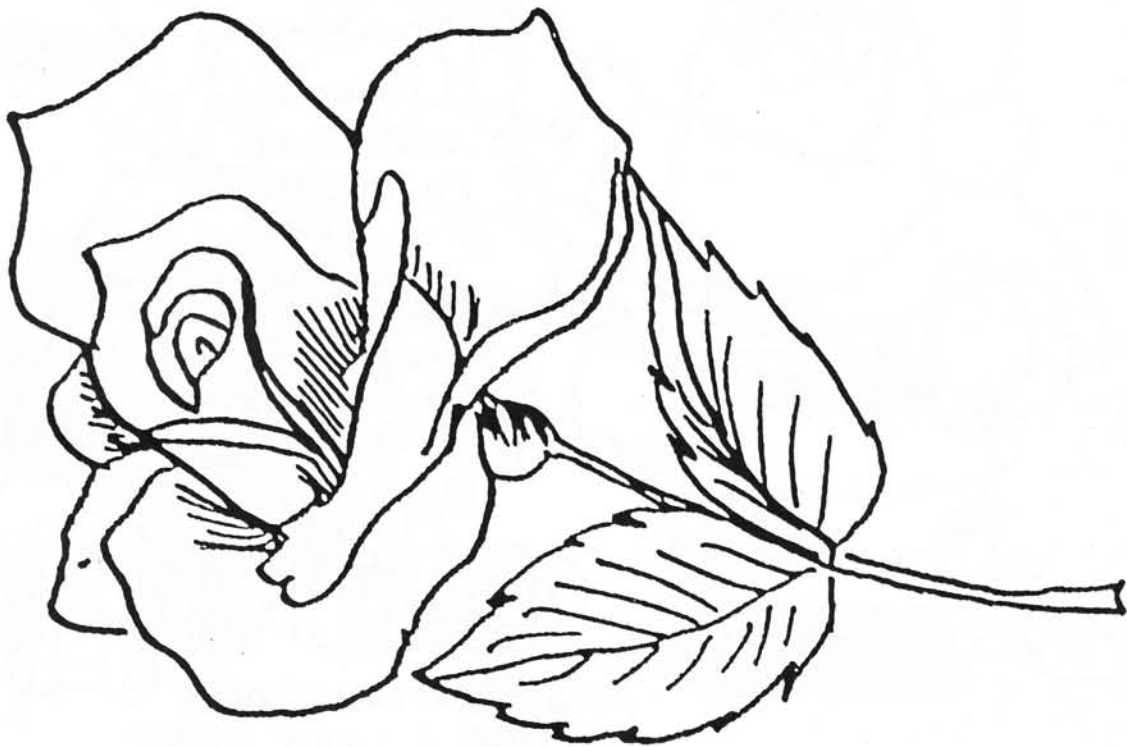
Daphne Szczuka has resigned as Wag 'N Tongue Editor.

Motion to adjourn: Don Bridges
Second: Marilyn
Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10.05 P.M.

WITH SYMPATHY FOR PAT, SCOOTIE, AND LARRY ON THE LOSS OF YOUR

"POPPY"



Bud, Louise, and Terri

DECEMBER 14, 1990

ANNUAL PARTY

8:00 P.M.

AT THE MILL HILL
FATHERS

12101 GRAVOIS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HORS D'OEUVRES
TABLE

SHEET CAKE



RESERVATIONS DUE
BY DEC. 1, 1990. SEND
TO GLORIA BECKHAM
5269 PITCHER DR.
HOUSE SPRINGS, MO. 63061

MENU: ROAST BEEF
MOSTACCIOLI
MASHED POTATOES/GRavy
CORN

BEER - SODA - COFFEE

\$12.00 PER PERSON



INTRODUCING.....BLACK OAK'S DE'JEDDAH JUDEEN

Having earned his first MAJOR handled by his co-owner, Judy, De'Jeddah becomes his Sire's 9th. ROM qualifier, and his Dam's 1st! From his first point at 12½ months from the Bred By Exhibitor class handled by our 14 year old Jr. Handler, Gina Black, to his wonderful Sedalia weekend, where he doubled his point total in two days, handled by his new friend, Fran Foster, this handsome young dog continues to thrill us, and win the hearts of ringside.

Watch for De'Jeddah at upcoming shows this fall with Fran & Judy.

De'Jeddah is at limited stud to experienced bitches. Vaginal culture and Brucellosis Culture a must.

Breeder/Owner; Marcia Hadley

Co-Owner: Judy Deane

BLACK OAK'S SHEPHERDS

JUDEEN SHEPHERDS

2245 COMPI LANE

5201 WINDMILL ROAD

ARNOLD, MO. 63010

IMPERIAL, MO. 63052

(314) 296-3126

(314) 464-1084

AGENT: FRAN FOSTER

De'Jeddah's Dam, "Satana, TC OFA" has two sons sired by: u s "Select" Ch. Lothario Of Heinerburg, CD, ROM OFA, whelped July 12th. A repeat breeding is planned for October. Interested persons may request a pedigree, and more information.

Judeen has available some beautiful puppies, and young adults at this time. Call Judy for Details.

Also: At Stud At Judeen are;

Ch. Caralon's Beau Of Judeen... Ch. Caralon's Donovan Of Judeen... Zederland's Caralon Booker T (Solid Black) (Pointed) ALL CH. NICK SONS.

For more information, Pedigrees and photos of the "boys" contact Judy.

Flash.....The 1st. Black Oak's CORGI, Caralon's Pocket Rocket, continues her winning, having recently earned a Group II, and a Group III, at large all breed matches, and will enter her first "real" show in September. Watch for her in the puppy classes, and in Open Sr. Jr. Handling with Gina.

"Bunny" is proudly co-owned with her breeder, Dr. Pat Parsons of Caralon!

P.S. Thanks to all our Friends for ringside support of "Jed" and "Bunny!" xxx oo

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K I L L E R

WANTED FOR THIRTEEN COUNTS OF MURDER

(UNBORN GUINEA BABIES)!!!

Royal Hecht Awards

(Revised 11/18/88)

The Royal Hecht Awards were initiated several years ago in honor of a past member. The initial awards have 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 Royal Hecht as set forth by the German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc.

I. GENERAL

- A. Owner: In order to be awarded a Royal Hecht Plaque, 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, Sec. 4 (a) of the GSDCSL 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 Sec. III below for specific titles)
- D. Titles will be recognized if the owner was a member of the GSDCSL 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. There is no restriction as to the number of dogs. NOTE: All entries count, not just those who show.

- B. ROYAL HECHT BEST PUPPY AWARD: You must be the owner or co-owner of the dog. Points toward the Royal Hecht Best Puppy Award will be awarded in proportion to the competition entered in each individual class (i.e., The Puppy Classes Only). There is no restriction as to the number of dogs. NOTE: All entries count, not just those who show.
- C. ROYAL HECHT OBEDIENCE AWARDS:
- ROYAL HECHT 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.
- ROYAL HECHT 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 (i.e., CDX or UD) are used for this award, five (5) points will be added to their total and the calendar year restriction is waived.
- D. ROYAL HECHT DUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: The Royal Hecht 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. ROYAL HECHT JUNIOR HANDLER AWARD: Junior Handlers are eligible whose parent(s) meet the membership requirements as delineated above (Sec. I, A). Points toward this award will be awarded in proportion to the competition entered in each individual class (Junior Handler Classes Only).
- F. ROYAL HECHT SERVICE DOG BREEDER AWARD: An award will be given to a member who is the breeder of a dog who enters service during the calendar year (e.g., 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 sized of plaques have been awarded (small, medium, large and extra large).

Small Plaques will be awarded for the following:

TT/TC	BH/WH/AD	Service Dog Breeder Award
CD	GCC	
TD	HIC (when approved)	

Medium Plaques will be awarded for the following:

CDX	Bred By Exhibitor Award
SchH I	Best Puppy Award
FH	Novice Obedience Award
Herding Titles	Advance Obedience Award
(when approved)	Dual Achievement Award
	Junior Handler Award
	Futurity-Maturity Victor/Victrix

Large Plaques will be awarded for the following:

CH	Select CH	Top Winning Dog, Review System
UD	SchH II & III	International CH
TDX	Hero Dog	Placement in international SchH competitions

Extra Large Plaques will be awarded for the following:

ROM	Grand Victor/Victrix
OTCH	Obedience Victor/Victrix
	Schutzhund Victor/Victrix

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

IV. RESPONSIBILITY: It is the responsibility of the dog's owner to contact the person responsible for the Royal Hecht Awards 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 Royal Hecht Rules and Regulations were modified at the regular monthly meeting on November 18, 1988, after the revisions had been presented during the October 21, 1988 regular monthly membership meeting and were published in the Wag 'N' Tongue (Nov. 1988 issue).

ROYAL HECHT AND GSDC OF ST. LOUIS ANNUAL AWARDS FORM FOR THE YEAR 1990

OWNER:

BREEDER:

NAME OF DOG:

TITLE EARNED IN 1990

OBEDIENCE SCORES IF APPLICABLE:

TOTAL DOGS DEFEATED (FOR BEST PUPPY OR BRED BY EXHIBITOR):

SIRE:

DAM:

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS:

HAVE YOU ATTENDED THREE MEETINGS IN 1990?

HAVE YOU PUT IN FOUR HOURS OF SERVICE TIME IN 1990?

IF SO, WITH WHICH COMMITTEE?

ARE ALL YOUR CLUB DEBTS PAID?

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO CHAIRMAN OF AWARDS COMMITTEE:

MARCIA HADLEY

2245 COMPI LANE

ARNOLD, MO 63010

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BY JANUARY 1st!

TRIBUTE TO A POLICE DOG By Nancy Yadon Kearney

Hogan has been gone about 2 years now. At the time he died it was too hard to write about him. He was 13-1/2 years old and lived the last 3-1/2 years in retirement. During all his time on the street Hogan was a dignified, hard working narcotics dog. He had a very distinguished career and was a credit to the department and his handler, Bill Claeys. His retirement years are the ones that will be dealt with here.

Almost as soon as he retired, Hogan took Bill to obedience school to try to get him in shape for AKC trials. Bill worried that Hogan wouldn't adjust to so many dogs and people around him at the class. Hogan loved it. That dog was the biggest HAM in the room. The trainers adored him and Hogan ate it up. He really didn't even notice the other dogs. He was the big show and he knew it. Hogan didn't get to compete in AKC trials because even though he enjoyed good health, he was too old to be comfortable all day at a dog show. It was just too hard on him.

Hogan did let Bill attend a lot of other events. They marched in several parades with Hogan wearing his coat saying K-9 retired. When the movie, K-9, came out at one theatre Hogan was in the lobby of the theatre so people could see that canine dogs really were pretty wonderful. Bill and Hogan visited some scout troops with other club members and Hogan would steal the show.

About one year after retiring Hogan and Bill had participated in several of the events at K-9 Corps Days at Purina Farms. It was lunch time and some of us were sitting on the ground under a tree relaxing. Hogan had conned us out of some bites and was half dozing along side of Bill. Dan Crowe, the trainer at the school, came up and stamped his foot and pointed his finger like a gun at Hogan just for fun. Hogan immediately responded with raised hackles, a fierce growl, lunging at Dan. Bill told him down and Hogan dropped instantly. I could see Hogan's face. That dog was playing every bit as much as Dan. His eyes were laughing and he was having a great time. Of course, he would have put a couple of holes in Dan just for fun if Bill hadn't called him off; but Hogan was playing.

The last time I visited Hogan he would stick his head between my arm and my side to get a bite of what I was eating. Bill would correct him and Hogan would march into the other room as he was told; he'd just turn on his heel and come right back into the kitchen. We played a little ball. When I would forget to kick the ball Hogan would take my foot in his mouth and shake it so I'd remember to pay attention to him. After all, he was the star.

Whenever Bill took Hogan anywhere during retirement Hogan was friendly and playful, but never compromised his dignity. He made the German Shepherd Dog as a breed and police dogs look fantastic. So even in retirement, Hogan performed a service for K-9 dogs everywhere.

Thank You

TO

THE ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE

CANINE CORPS

LT. JOSEPH RICHARDSON

SGT. MICHAEL McCRAW

OFFICER DANIEL CROWE AND BRUTUS

OFFICER ROBERT INDELICATO AND SCORPIO

OFFICER KEVIN MELCHLIOR AND CHAMP

OFFICER JOHN UNDERSINGER AND MAJOR

**THE DEMONSTRATION AND RECEPTION ON
AUGUST 4TH WERE GREAT!**

THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS



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

NOMINEES FOR THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ST. LOUIS TWENTIETH ANNUAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE PERFORMED BY A K-9 DOG BELONGING TO THE ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE FORCE - To be presented Sunday, October 7, 1990.

Bert handled by Officer Joseph Micciche (DOB 3/19/83 - DSD 6/14/85 - Retired 12/1/89) is narcotics trained and is responsible for the seizure of a great deal of drug money. Bert is also responsible for bringing to justice many burglars. He fell 3 stories while searching for burglars at the old City Hospital No. 1 and almost died from his injuries.

Buck handled by Officer Michael F. Johnson (DOB 4/11/86 - DSD 5/29/87) followed a track from a blood stain to locate a subject that had shot at police officers. The area had been searched extensively by a number of officers thereby contaminating the track.

A gun was taken from an officer in one of the municipalities and was used to fire at the officer. Buck located the subject hiding behind shrubbery in a fenced area. Since flushing the armed suspect could have resulted in officers being shot, Buck was sent in and he pulled the man out into the open so he could be subdued without danger to the officers. Buck is also narcotics trained.

Champ handled by Officer Kevin Melchior (DOB 1/2/86 - DSD 8/7/87) Champ tracked a suspect to a large commercial trash dumpster. The person did not respond to Officer Melchior's order to leave the dumpster. When Champ tried to enter the dumpster the subject kicked him in the head. The man then tried to exit the dumpster and Champ was able to catch him and knock him to the ground even though the man was punching and kicking him. Champ is narcotics trained and has been responsible for the seizure of over \$100,000 in currency and narcotics.

Con handled by Officer Lawrence M. Keating (DOB 12/3/84 - DSD 5/29/87) tracked a homicide suspect through some very difficult areas. The exceptional track (about 350 yards) and the effort put forth by the dog resulted in pertinent evidence being found, the suspect being apprehended, and the murder being quickly solved. Con is trained in bomb detection.

* Maxx handled by Officer Peter St. James (DOB 6/23/88 - DSD 12/22/89) responded to an area where a person had been shot by subjects who left the scene in an automobile. When officers attempted to stop the vehicle they were shot at and a high speed chase resulted. One person in the car threw out a silver handgun over the railing of a viaduct. Maxx subsequently located the handgun in extremely difficult terrain thereby assuring a successful prosecution.

Ranko handled by Officer Dennis McLin (DOB 10/30/87 - DSD 12/22/89) Officers had searched for a knife used in a homicide to no avail. A 24 hour rain had made weather conditions dreadful and following a track difficult. Two minutes after receiving the information Ranko went directly to the blood stained knife. Due to the dog's effort the juvenile was certified to stand trial as an adult and charged with Murder First Degree, receiving a 65 year sentence.

Rex handled by Officer James R. Cox (DOB 5/27/87 - DSD 5/6/88) is responsible for the seizure of many thousands of dollars worth of drugs. Rex's talent also resulted in the seizure of thousands of dollars in cash because he indicated that the money had been contaminated with narcotics. He has also been used by other police departments to help them get drugs off their streets, as well as recover drug money.

* Sarge handled by Officer John Leak (DOB 9/7/84 - DSD 5/29/87) was called in to assist officers in St. Louis County. He tracked a robbery suspect through difficult, thick bushy terrain to a barn type building. The subject ignored an order to come out so Sarge was sent in after him because it was felt the person might still be armed. The man subsequently confessed to five other robberies. Sarge is narcotics trained.

DOB = Date of Birth - DSD = Date of Street Duty

* Winner of Award.

DYSPLASIA'S END

by

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Roughly one in four hunting-dog pups become victims of hip dysplasia. Some of these dogs suffer a lifetime of crippling pain. Others are destroyed. But it is now a virtual certainty that if you take some preventative measures, your pup will not get hip dysplasia. Is that a strong statement? Read on, and judge for yourself.

SCURVY AND HIP DYSPLASIA

San Jose, California veterinarian Dr. Wendell O. Belfield was visiting a friend. On the table was a reprinted copy of the 1753 book, "A Treatise On Scurvy", by Captain James Lind, a surgeon in the British Royal Navy. While waiting for his friend, Dr. Belfield began reading. The symptoms described were: bleeding gums, loose teeth, foul breath, nose bleeds, swollen eyelids, brittle bones...And then came an autopsy report made in 1699 at St. Louis Hospital, Paris: "The ligaments of the joints were corroded and loose. Instead of finding in the cavities of the joints the usual sweet oil mucilage, there was only a greenish liquor, which by its caustic quality had corroded the ligaments."

Recognition flashed across Dr. Belfield's mind. This 300-year-old autopsy of a dead human being described hip dysplasia in dogs. Could chronic hip dysplasia be a form of scurvy? Simply a lack of vitamin C?

No, it's accepted that a dog's body makes its own vitamin C. Everybody knows that. Canine hip dysplasia is hereditary. Everybody knows that, too.

But why does everybody know that dogs don't need extra vitamin C? Because back in the 1930's, some dogs in testing laboratories suffered no ill effects when denied all vitamin C in their diets.

We can't help but observe, however, that very little happens in the controlled environment of a experimental laboratory that would cause dogs to need more vitamin C than its body can manufacture. In the real world, a dogsled racer brought a bitch to Dr. Belfield after other vets in the San Francisco area had failed to help her. She has a swollen tongue, bleeding gums, and often fell and dragged herself about with great difficulty.

Dr. Belfield recognized the trouble as scurvy, although not the true clinical scurvy that brings death to humans. The dog was making enough C to keep the scurvy on a chronic subclinical level. After a month on ascorbic acid (another name for vitamin C--simply meaning not having scurvy), the bitch could run as long and hard as any dog on the client's team.

Why didn't other members of the racing team have scurvy? They had been eating the same food. This happened because of another factor usually ignored by those who believe that dogs never need more vitamin C than their bodies make. In one group of 104 dogs tested, vitamin C levels varied from .02 milligrams per cubic centimeter of blood to .84 milligrams - a 42-fold variability! Obviously, one dog's body can be starving for C while another dog makes enough to get by.

This variability also leads us to the heredity factor. Breeding programs to eliminate CHD have worked to a certain degree. For instance, the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon breeders eliminated half the problem in just ten years through selective breeding. But no breeding program has come close to being 100% effective. If we assume that Dr. Belfield is right in believing that hip dysplasia is connected to a vitamin C deficiency, it all begins to make sense. The variable ability to make ascorbic acid is certainly inheritable. While selecting parents for lack of hip dysplasia in the hereditary, we may have unknowingly selected for the real factor that inhibits CHD - Good Vitamin C production.

NATURE AND NUTURE

It seems clear, however, that all CHD is not entirely genetic. Selective breeding has been too inconsistently successful to believe otherwise. Dr. Belfield says that he constantly sees sound parents. A Swedish doctor who x-rayed army dogs concluded that dysplastic dogs produce only ten percent more dysplastic pups than normal dogs. But again, if we accept Dr. Belfield's vitamin C theory, it all makes sense.

Vitamin C does 300 different jobs in the bodies of animals, including humans. one of the most important is collagen production. If you think of cells as bricks, collagen would be the mortar. Without enough collagen, you can't build muscle tissue. You can't build bone either, because collagen forms the honeycomb holding the minerals in place in bones. Furthermore, it's possible to have not quite enough vitamin C to manufacture quality collagen. Weak collagen builds weak muscles and bones.

A second function of ascorbic acid is to cope with the effects of stress. It does this by nourishing the adrenal glands and by helping the body produce its own cortisone, which combats histamines produced by dying cells. A rat can multiply its vitamin C output tenfold when stressed. Humans can't make any at all, much less increase it, so we must eat all that our bodies need or supplement our diets. Apparently, our ancestors ate huge amounts of fruit containing vitamin C, so unlike most animals, our livers didn't develop the ability to turn glucose into ascorbic acid. Dogs are poor producers. A goat can make five times the vitamin C produced by a dog of equal size. A rat, small as it is, makes nearly four times the vitamin C produced by a grown dog.

I hate the term "conventional wisdom". Too often, it means believing what everybody else believes, no matter how foolish, for fear of being ridiculed. But in this case, the definition is accurate. Conventional wisdom has it that dogs need no more vitamin C than their bodies make. Dr. Belfield asks why, if that is the case, do dogs or wild canines, when left to their own devices, act like they need more? When possible, canines do eat fruit, berries, and vegetation containing vitamin C.

In my experience, there are two times when dogs eat large amounts of grass and other available vegetation. One is when they've run long and hard, and there's no water to be found. At such times, the chew and swallow vegetation for the moisture. The other time is when they have been kenneled too long. Even some hard-running bird dogs and hounds often stop and eat green vegetation before taking off to hunt. We've always wondered why. We even thought up several explanations, but they didn't ring true. Could this simply be caused by a need of additional vitamin C?

Keep in mind that there is no extra vitamin C in most commercial dog foods. That's not a criticism, either. Ascorbic acid oxidizes rapidly when the lid is off the container. It probably would oxidize rapidly as a minor ingredient in a large bag of dog food. Also, the high heat during the extruding process would probably destroy most of the vitamin C added to the food. One manufacturer that does add ascorbic acid makes no claims for its benefits, nor is the amount specified or guaranteed to be in the bag.

To sum up so far, our dog is a poor producer of vitamin C, there is no extra C in his usual food, and like us, he needs far more in proportion to size than we do to achieve normal growth. While our growth is stretched out over two decades, most of theirs takes place during the first year. The bigger the breed or strain, the more rapid the growth, and the greater the demand for ascorbic acid, the greater the incidence of hip dysplasia.

Dr. Belfield suggests that we should also consider the stress assault on a domesticated pup. It's weaned, separated from its mother and litter-mates, involuntarily carried to a new and unfamiliar location, stuck with needles, mildly poisoned to eliminate worms, and possibly operated on to remove dewclaws or part of the tail. All of this happens while the animal is already stressed by teething and phenomenal growth. The growth factor induces a very high demand for ascorbic acid through additional stress and the massive need for collagen.

The wild canine pup, by contrast, stays with its mother, keeps its tail and dewclaws, suffers no early separation, is not hurt by hypodermic needles, and has not been bred overlarge by foolish humans. Diseases and worms are its stresses. But the wild pup does get extra vitamin C from the livers of animals the mother kills, some green vegetation, and sometimes from fruits and berries. The domestic pup gets none because we have decided that he doesn't need any.

Our pup -- in a condition perhaps bordering on subclinical scurvy -- runs, plays, and jumps with muscles and bones weak from lack of quality collagen. Muscle growth may not be keeping pace with bone growth. The pectineus muscles become taut. Suddenly, during one great leap or unusual jolt, the weak muscles fail, and the balls of the leg bones are pulled away from the hip sockets. The lubricating synovial fluid leaks out, and the balls grate on the sockets. In hours, maybe less, the dog has hip dysplasia. It will not recover.

THE SOLUTION

Dr. Belfield thought that the solution was obvious. Prevent hip dysplasia by supplying enough vitamin C. He tried it with several litters of German Shepherd pups, a breed with serious CHD problems. The parents either had hip dysplasia themselves or they had produced dysplastic pups.

The first bitch had very bad hips, and according to Seeing Eye dog standards, should have been neutered. Dr. Belfield gave her 2,000 mg (2 grams) of C daily as soon as she was pregnant. Eight pups were born, and

they were given 50 to 100 milligrams of liquid C from birth until weaned. From that point to four months, 550 milligrams of powdered C were added to their food. This was increased to 1,000 milligrams, then 2,000 until the pups were 18 to 24 months old. None of the pups were dysplastic.

Another bitch had been bred twice to different studs that were certified free of CHD. Each time, half of her pups were dysplastic. She was bred again and vitamin C was administered under Dr. Belfield's guidance. She produced eleven pups with perfect hips. In all, eight litters were handled in this manner over a five-year period. When x-rayed at two years of age, all pups were free of CHD.

The testing ended in 1976, and as far as Dr. Belfield was concerned, the CHD threat was defeated. He published a paper in a professional journal.

Was it truly over? Hardly. Dr. Belfield had attacked the popular genetic theory that everyone "knew". Instead of simply trying the treatment and finding out for themselves, most of the professionals ridiculed Dr. Belfield for not conducting a better experiment with double blinds (some dogs not given C). He was even called a crook and a charlatan.

"That really hurt," Dr. Belfield told me. "I'm just a little one-man practitioner who looked for better ways when conventional means weren't working. Proof is up to the universities. I really want to help these animals, not wait around for further proof while the dogs suffer."

Those are my sentiments exactly. Dr. Belfield has since upped the dosage of C somewhat and has combined it with other vitamins and minerals. He also mixed some with Ester-C. I'm Currently testing both mixtures on hard-running Foxhounds.

Whatever you do, if you're raising a litter, provide the needed vitamin C. If you're buying a pup, put it on C the moment you take it home. There's no sense risking dysplasia just because absolute proof hasn't yet been established for seriously attempted.

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