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October 20, 2000 - Regular Club Meeting at 8:00 P.M. Bruce Garber, DVM of Belkin Animal Hospital will be talking about Degenerative Myelopathy, (degeneration of the spinal cord)

November 17, 2000 - Regular Club Meeting at 8:00 P.M. Educational Program will feature James L. Cook, DVM, Ph.D., he will have a Power Point program showing methods of Orthopedic Surgery on hips and elbows.

December 15, 2000 - Christmas Party. Location to be announced.

Mission Statement

The object of the Club shall be to encourage and promote the breeding of purebred German Shepherd Dogs and to do all possible to bring

their natural qualities to perfection, to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as adopted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the German Shepherd Dog shall be judged. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, and tracking tests, to



aid with every possible means in demonstrating the German Shepherd Dog's conspicuous ability as a companion, war, Red Cross, po-

lice, herding, rescue dog, and lead dog for the blind. To conduct shows, obedience trials, demonstrations, etc., under the rules of the American Kennel Club, to publish literature and periodicals in the interests of the German Shepherd Dog. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for a profit, and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

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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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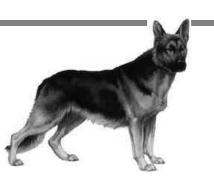
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Thank you Bill Harper

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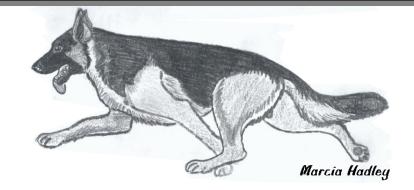
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Reasons why dogs are in its mouth. better than kids...

25. Kibble and water are cheaper than formula and nappies.

24. They have more hair when thev are 23. Dogs never forget to "go" before they leave. 22. Dogs can go on long trips without velling "MUM HE'S TOUCH-ING ME!!!"

21. Dogs never grow out of being kissed in front of 14. It's OK and even en- er to get off the wall than 2. Dogs don't grow out of their friends.

20. Dogs don't wear holes in the knees of their 13. The older a Dog gets, trousers.

19. It doesn't matter how much dog hair a Dog gets Dogs don't ask why. Dogs 6. Dogs have tails, making neutered.

without going to jail.

Dogs don't 17. "backwash" crackers when sharing your soda. 16. Dogs will watch classic Star Trek with you and won't laugh at the special effects.

15. Dogs hide rather than dragging them around in public.

couraged to tattoo your crayon. Dog

the more they like you. 12. Dogs don't ask why.

don't ask why.

18. You can cage a dog 11. Dogs don't roll their they run away. eyes when you insist Dogs today have it easier.

> 10. Dogs stick tongue deep inside your treasure in the litterbox. ear canal; children use a pencil.

bed; they just quietly shed their in them and lay on you, "blankies" in their crates considerately adding to your warmth.

8. Dog markings are easi-

7. When Dogs don't listen months ... And the numto you, it is because they ber one reason? cannot understand the 1. Dogs, when entering complex human language. those teen

it easier to grab them as

5. No one passes you a Dog with a loaded diaper.

their 4. Dogs dig for buried Kids won't even dump the litterbox.

9. Dogs don't jump on the 3. When Dogs interrupt you making love, you don't have to explain that the two of you are wrestling to see who does the dishes."

their shoes every 2 1/2

vears,



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, Alter-

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

Northeast - Sunday, May 13, 2001 Helen Fisher, Judge; Sue Godek, Alternate Mid-West - Saturday, May 19, 2001 Sandy Dancosse, Judge; Ken Downing, Alter-

Mid-Atlantic - Friday, May 25, 2001 Mary Ann Imhoff, Judge; Kathy Potter, Alternate South Pacific - Friday, June 8, 2001 Gail Hardcastle, Judge; John

Pet Owner's Rights

Article submitted by Nancy Kearney and taken with permission from the ADOA web site. Thank you Nancy, very informative.

"When you reprint the information on warrants, please point out that my friend was turned in by a telephone repair man. People should be careful just what they let repair and utility people see. Limit their access to what they know about your home and the number of dogs - put up the animals when something has to be checked or repaired. Thanks, Nancy Kearney"

The following text outlines methods of inquiry and enforcement which may be used by local officials in attempts to enforce anti-dog ordinances in your community and suggested techniques of response. These techniques are entirely legal and based upon the rights of citizens as stated by the U. S. Constitution.

A: TELEPHONE INQUIRY OR THREAT: You may receive telephone inquiries concerning the number of dogs you own and whether any dogs or puppies are for sale. Other questions may also be asked.

Your response should be to inquire "Are you interested in a puppy?" If the answer is "yes", ask that person for his name, address and phone number. Suggest that you or a responsible breeder will contact that person at a more convenient time for you.

If the answer is friendly and genuinely inquisitive, invite the person to look at your puppies.

If the question is asked "What price is each puppy being sold for?", simply say that puppies

of this type are being

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sold for be-

tween "X" and "Y" dollars. Never say that you are selling them.

If the question is asked "Are these your puppies?", you should ask "Why do you want to know?"

If your conversation indicates that the person is representing the county clerk's office or allegedly representing an official body, ask the caller for:

- * FULL NAME, TITLE, PHONE NUMBER
- * SUPERVISORS FULL NAME,
- * PHONE NUMBER
- * AGENCY'S FULL NAME AND FULL ADDRESS
- * NATURE OF THE INQUIRY (what it is about)
- * WHY THE INQUIRY IS BEING MADE
- * HOW YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER WERE OBTAINED
- * ASK THAT ALL FUTURE QUESTIONS FROM THAT AGENCY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING

If you believe that you are being harassed, do not give your address or your name; it is not your problem to send the letter. Make a complete record in writing of the date and time of each phone call and all the information that was requested by you and the caller. Keep these records with your dog records so they may be referred to in the future.

Under no circumstances should you volunteer information or admit any action which may be in violation of the ordinances over the telephone. You should not attempt to mislead or otherwise lie to a caller nor should you treat such a caller with any more respect than you would a magazine salesman. You do not have to incriminate yourself under the Fifth Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and you should certainly not make such statements over the telephone.

Do not bother to call back to verify identities or information simply because you are requested to (you are under no obligation to spend money to aid a criminal investigation of yourself).

B: PERSONAL INVESTIGA-TION: If you are confronted with some official demanding to investigate your property, the following responses are recommended:

If the person presents a badge, you should ask for:

- * HIS FULL NAME AND PHONE NUMBER
- * HIS SUPERVISORS FULL NAME, PHONE NUMBER
- * THE AGENCY HE REPRESENTS
- * HIS BADGE NUMBER
- * WHY HE IS THERE TO SEE YOU
- * IS THERE ANY COMPLAINT

Pet Owner's Rights (Continued)

INVOLVED

WHO MADE THESE COM-PLAINTS (he probably won't answer)

WHETHER HE HAS A WAR-RANT FOR A SEARCH REQUEST A COPY OF THAT WARRANT (probably he won't have one)

You should answer no guestions but ask that he send or deliver all questions in writing. You should write down the answers to all of these questions as the conversation proceeds. A simple notebook will do the job.

your home will lead to threatened confiscation of a dog or a criminal complaint you should refuse entry to your home unless the sheriff or police are present with a search warrant. If he says that he can get one easily, then tell him to do so. Remain cool and polite. Call your attorney as soon as possible

threatened seizure without court hearing or court order, call the police immediately. Also obtain the names of all persons involved, including police officers. This may prevent seizure. Please understand that seizure of property, without due process of law, is unconstitutional, and due process of law should include a court hearing in every action relating to such seizure. If the animal control officials or police seize a dog, they may not destroy the

Call your attorney at the

after a full hearing.

time of threatened seizure and ask him to help you. Do not answer any questions from the police without legal advice. Do not offer any explanations regardless of what they may be (police and enforcement officials have a bad habit of misinterpreting such explanations!). Remember, everything you say can and probably will be used against you. Do not volunteer any dogs or other property.

area to warn them and inform them of the occurrence.

COOPERATION: Remember If you feel that a search of that cooperation will not usually avoid prosecution. Also remember that seizure of one of your dogs

without court action, under protest, amounts to prosecution without trial. We repeat - anything you say or do in regard to the attempted seizure or inquiries may be used against you in a criminal or quasi-criminal action. Everything you say or do will probably be used against you. Write down everything that is said or done as it happens. These notes can be valu-Call other breeders in the able evidence to defend yourself at a later time.

> Try to avoid anger and avoid violence at all costs. Try to obtain as much information as you can; the informers, enforcing officials, officers, etc. Require enforcing officials and officers to may not do it but you can ask.



Board O Gram Approved by Ken Downing, President Written by Ginny Altman

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. held its third official regular Board Meeting of the year in the Pawnee Room at the Thunderbird Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota on Saturday and Sunday, July 29, and 30, 2000.

The meeting was called to order following a closed session in which nominees to the Roll of Honor were named. Any recipient to the Roll of Honor will be announced at the National. During this closed session the Board voted to submit the name of Winifred Strickland to the AKC for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ken Downing announced that he continues to have communication with Mr. Messler regarding the Standard. Ken expressed his disappointment that the proposed Standard that the Standard Ad-Hoc Committee worked so diligently on, would not meet with their approval. He requested a copy of the Official SV Standard together with an English translation. The SV standard was sent but an English translation was not. Ken has engaged a well qualified volunteer translator who was willing to donate her time to translate the SV standard into English. Ken has informed Mr. Messler of this and asked that when this work was completed if it would be considered the Official English Translation? Ken Downing requested a two-hour meeting with Mr. Messler during the Sieger Show but when this was not confirmed, Ken a made a decision not to book travel to Germany until an appropriate time when Mr. Messler would be able to meet in person with him. David Landau was named to represent the GSDCA at the World Union meeting.

Ken Downing announced this exciting news. The AKC Board has agreed (unanimously 12-0) to honor our request to hold a Schutzhund Exhibition at the 2001 National Specialty in Perry, GA. The judges and exhibitors will consider this an Official event, use the Official Score Books, scores will be counted, and the competition will be conducted in the usual manner of a Schutzhund event. The GSDCA may use German judges, if so desired. (Following the regular GSDCA Board meeting the GSDCA-WDA Board met and named this event the GSDCA Schutzhund Invitational)

On behalf of the GSDCA, Ken expressed our thanks to Carmen Battaglia for his diligence and hard work to bring to fruition our ability to offer this Schutzhund Exhibition in conjunction with the 2001 National.

By action of the Board, the ROM plaques and Dual Award plaques will be mailed to members in order to eliminate the confusion of missing or undelivered plaques. The GSDCA will continue to honor Club Members by recognizing these individual achievements in a special way at the Annual Membership Meeting.

The following judges names which meet the criteria of being able to judge at least one group have been submitted to the AKC for the American Classic Dog Show event: Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Kathy Steen, J. Donald Jones, Helen Miller Fisher, Norman Herbel, Lee Brown, Col. Wm. F. Gish, Margaret Mickelson, Betty Krause, and Chris Walkowicz.

The Budget and Finance Committee met on Friday to review the financial statements. The GSDCA is in a very favorable position as compared to last year at this same time. Revenue over expenses is a favorable \$8,756.

Debbie Hokkanen reports that she expects this National to be very well attended. In order to secure prime seating, purchase of seating will be necessary. There can be no standing on the floor or in the aisles at this years National. The dinner tickets are approximately two-thirds sold. Watch for more information on the Tuesday, October 31st Hospitality. You may wish to dust off your favorite costume.

The Herding Committee received very sad news just prior to the Board meeting. A virus decimated a good part of the flock intended for the C Course

at our National Herding Trial. There

have been enough sheep salvaged to put on runs for the A Course and for HT and PT runs so the trial will go on, but we will not be able to offer B and C Courses this year. The Victor Trophy will be awarded on GSD Day to the highest scoring dog from the advanced classes only on the A Course as designated in the criteria. It is to Show Chairman, Carol Lorenzon, credit that the National Trial has been salvaged. The virus that caused the loss of the sheep is highly contagious. While some have speculated that new sheep could be brought in, this is not possible because of the highly contagious nature of the virus. The new sheep would be subjected to illness and death caused by this virus, and no sheep owner would want to bring these contaminated sheep back onto their own property.

Review Editor, Gail Sprock, and the Review Editorial Committee have developed a German Shepherd Dog Review Reader Survey which will be distributed to members of the GSDCA for completion. Please watch for your copy. We urge you to complete it and return it promptly.

The following 2001 Futurity Judges/Sites/Dates have been approved:

NORTHEAST- Helen Miller Fisher, Judge; Sue Godek, alternate- Seneca Falls, NY - 5/13/01

MID-ATLANTIC- Mary Ann Imhoff, Judge; Kathy Potter, alternate - Churchville, MD - 5/25/01

SOUTHEAST - Doris Farrell, Judge; Dean Wylie, alternate Brooksville,... FL - 4/22/01

GREAT LAKES - Kathleen Strong, Judge; Kathy Aubrey, alternative - Medina, OH - 5/6/01

MIDWEST - Sandy Dancosse, Judge; Ken Downing, alternate - Lake Elmo, MN - 5/19/01

SOUTHWEST - Sally Hayden, Judge; Ginny Altman, alternate - Albuquerque, NM - 4/1/01

 - Albuquerque, NM - 4/1/01
 SOUTH PACIFIC - Gail Hardcastle, Judge; John Vaught, alternate - Claremont, CA - 6/8/01

MID-PACIFIC - Jean Whalen, Judge; Connie Bissonnette, alternate-Mountain View CA - 6/29/01

NORTHWEST - Scootie Sherlock, Judge; Twyla Miner, alternate Renton, WA - 5/11/01

The GSDCA Board spent considerable time in discussion of the complaints regarding infractions and/or violations of the AKC rules and regulations that govern our Futurities. The Board has taken steps to establish a process to inform exhibitors of these rules and regulations and a system to review complaints that are received by the Futurity Chairper-

GSDCA members have come to expect that evaluations will be made of dogs based on the loose lead temperament test that has been in place for Futurities and the National Specialty Show. As a result of complaints and comments from members, the Board has charged the Temperament Committee and the Futurity Committee to develop a plan to present to the GSDCA Board to reinforce and ensure that the loose lead temperament test is actually used and used properly at the Futurities and at the National. The condition that the judge must sign the contract agreeing to use the loose lead test as described in the judges contract has been in place for a number of years and will continue to be required.

The GSDCA Website continues to expand information and services to the membership. A complete set of minutes is now available going back to January 1999. Soon the Membership Roster, the Policy and Procedures Manual, committee reports and financial statements will be available. Board Members and Committee chairpersons will be able to use the Website for exchange of information. Plans are underway to implement and expand the use of credit cards over the next year. Regional Club information will soon be on the Website.

GSDCA members who have their email address on record will have noticed that they got an electronic copy of the Board-O-Gram in addition to this bulk rate mailed copy.

Bylaws Committee chairpersons, Barbara Lopez, submitted a proposal of for bylaws change to Article V. Section 2 Voting. The Board approved changes for voting at the Annual Meeting that will be submitted to the AKC for their approval and, if approved by the AKC, to the membership for their vote. These changes, if approved by the membership, would provide for a majority

vote by the members on an issue, to place that issue as a special order during the Presidents report at the January Board of Directors meeting.

Lanalee Jorgensen continues to work on the development of educational material and seminars for members, breeders, and aspiring judges. Watch for the September and October Gazette which will feature columns on GSD Rescue Dogs and Hero Dogs. Be sure to attend the educational program that will be offered at the National.

Members can receive a GSDCA Team jacket by offering a donation of \$250 or more to the GSDCA team which will compete in the world championship trials in Wavre, Belgium. Contact Martylou Plinski if you are able to contribute to supporting the team with any size donation.

Hip dysplasia research is being conducted at University of Michigan and VetGen, one of the foremost canine genetic research laboratories. They have a very good record for DNA canine research and DNA test development and are researching the genetic causes of Canine Hip Dvsplasia in German Shepherd Dogs, among other breeds. They are seeking the help of dog owners and breeders willing to participate in this research. Once they have located the mutant or deviant gene, and have developed the test, puppies can be swabbed with DNA brushes and the owner which will know which dog is affected, carrier, or clear. VetGen is looking for two affected dogs within a family group and DNA from available unaffected close relatives to the affected dogs. The research is free and totally confidential. Anyone willing to participate can contact Cheryl Hogue at VetGen at 1800 483 8436 or by e-mail that healthydog@VetGen.com.

The parade of Regional Clubs will take place Saturday, November 4, 2000, immediately preceding the judging of Specials. This year the parade will be judged with the first-place club receiving one free page of advertising in Review and the second place club will receive a half page. Clubs that have not responded and wish to do so may send club name, the name of contact person and phone number to Kris Fasano at 515 987 1327 by August 20.

Please Note: Change of Address of the Membership Chairperson: Gail Hardcastle 49 Lake View Road White Salmon, WA 98672 509 493 2114 hardcastle@gorge.net GSDCAMembership@aol.com

Calendar of Events: August 24 through 26-Sieger Show-Bremen, Germany. Sept. 28-Oct. 1 WUSV World Championship-Wavre, Belgium. Oct. 30 through Nov. 4-National Specialty Show-Columbus, OH. Nov. 5-GSDCA Board Meeting-Columbus, OH. January 2001-GSDCA Board Meeting-Lake St. Charles MO. April 2001-GSDCA Board Meeting-Los Angeles, California. July 2001-GSDCA Board Meeting-Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate: Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Allbright Treasurer: Eugene Tenges. Board of Directors: Didi Ardoin, Lew Bunch, Gail Hardcastle, Debbie Hokkanen, David Landau, Rita Sandell, and Gary Szymczak. Additional nominations may be made by written petition, addressed to the Corresponding secretary (Charlotte LaRosa) and received at her regular address (1721 Borror Rd. Grove City, OH 43123) by September 2nd, signed by 25 members in good standing and accompanied by a written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his/her willingness

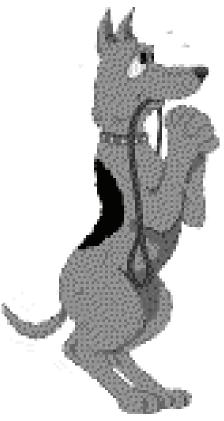
to be a candidate. If the candidate wants to have a biography included, they should submit the bio—limited to 100 words—to the corresponding secretary by the same date in order to have it included in the mailing to members. Arrangements may be made to fax these petitions and information by calling the corresponding secretary by phone (614 875 0473).

Where To Bury A Dog

We would like to say that there are various places in which a dog may be buried. we are thinking particularly now of a hound who, so far as we are aware, never entertained a mean or unworthy thought. This dog is buried beneath a cherry tree, under four feet of garden loam, and at its proper season, the cherry tree strews petals on the green lawn of his or her grave. Beneath such trees, such shrubs, they slept in drowsy summer, or gnawed at a flavorous bone, or lifted head to challenge some strange intruder. These are good places in life or in death. Yet it is a small matter. For if the dog be well remembered, if sometimes he leaps through your dreams actual as in real of life, eyes kindling...laughing...begging...it matters not at all where that dog sleeps. On a hill where the wind is unrebuked, and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream he knew in puppyhood...or somewhere in the flatness of a pasture land, where most exhilarating cattle graze. It is all one to the dog, and all one to you, nothing is gained and nothing lost...if memory lives. But there is one best place to bury a dog.

If you bury him in this spot, he will come to you when you call...come to you over the grim, dim frontiers of death, and down well remembered paths, and to your side again. And though you call a dozen living dogs to heel, they shall not growl at him, nor resent him coming, for he belongs there. People many scoff at you; who see no lightest blade of grass bent by his footfall, who hear? no whimper, people who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them, for you shall know something that is hidden from them, and which is well worth knowing. The one best place to bury a dog is in the heart of his master.





Imagine if you will, a different life of water then returned to your than the one you live.....A life without the freedom to come and go at will. Perhaps your day starts with being released from your tiny room and allowed to relive yourself, then grabbing a quick drink of water and being returned to your "room". Picture your "room" as just large enough to sit up, turn around and lie down. There you sit in your "room" while life goes on around you. You watch from your room-longing for the freedom to join in-hours pass. At some point, you are again released for a "potty break"-maybe a drink

"room. You receive food-in your room. Hours pass -one more ten minute potty break then back to your room until morning when the cycle repeats itself. Day in, day out, maybe a total of thirty minutes in 24 hours to stretch your legs, every day for weeks on end. For months......Sound like a prisoner in solitary in Siberia?! NO! It's the life of an awful lot of our dogs. Crated, to much! Are you guilty?

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The Bridge

Unlike most days at Rainbow Bridge, this day dawned cold and gray, damp as a swamp and as dismal as could be imagined.

All of the recent arrivals had no idea what to think, as they had never experienced a day like this before. But the animals who had been waiting for their beloved people knew exactly what was going on and started to gather at the pathway leading to The Bridge to watch.

It wasn't long before an elderly animal came into view, head hung low and tail dragging. The other animals, the ones who had been there for awhile, knew what his story was right away, for they had seen this happen far too often.

He approached slowly, obviously in great emotional pain, but with no sign of injury or illness. Unlike all of the other animals waiting at The Bridge, this animal had not been restored to youth and made healthy and vigorous again.

As he walked toward The Bridge, he watched all of the other animals watching him. He knew he was out of place here and the sooner he could cross over, the happier he would be.

But, alas, as he approached The Bridge, his way was barred by the appearance of an Angel who apologized, but told him that he would not be able to pass. Only those animals who were with their people could pass over Rainbow Bridge.

With no place else to turn to, the elderly animal turned towards the fields before The Bridge and saw a group of other animals like himself, also elderly and infirm. They weren't playing, but rather simply lying on the green grass, forlornly staring out at the pathway leading to The Bridge. And so, he took his place among them, watching the pathway and waiting.

One of the newest arrivals at The Bridge didn't understand what he had just witnessed and asked one of the animals that had been there for a while to explain it to him.

"You see, that poor animal was a rescue. He was turned in to rescue just as you see him now, an older animal with his fur graying and his eyes clouding.

He never made it out of rescue and passed on with only the love of his rescuer to comfort him as he left his earthly existence. Because he had no family to give his love to, he has no one to escort him across The Bridge."

The first animal thought about this for a minute and then asked, "So what will happen now?"



As he was about to receive his answer, the clouds suddenly parted and the gloom lifted. "Watch, and see.", said the second animal.

Approaching The Bridge could be seen a single person and among the older animals, the whole group was suddenly bathed in a golden light and they were all young and healthy again, just as they were in the prime of life. A second group of animals from those waiting, came to the pathway and bowed low as the person neared. At each bowed head, the person offered a pat on the head or a scratch behind the ears.

The newly restored animals fell into line and followed him towards The Bridge. They all crossed The Bridge together.

"What happened?"

"That was a rescuer. The animals you saw bowing in respect were those who found new homes because of his work. They will cross when their new families arrive. Those you saw restored were those who never found homes. When a rescuer arrives, they are allowed to perform one, final act of rescue. They are allowed to escort those poor animals that they couldn't place on earth across The Rainbow Bridge."

Author Unknown

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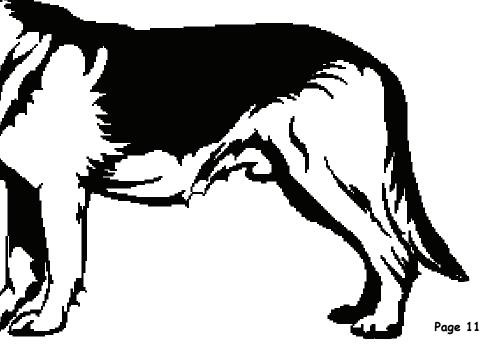
It was a cold late fall afternoon. It was raining hard and the fallen leaves were plastered to the sidewalk. Travis and I ran up the granite steps into the old brick building and shook the raindrops from our coats, mine vinyl, his glistening black German Shepherd. We were there for our monthly pet therapy visit to the Geriatric Therapy Unit. We walked into the cheerful community room and there was an appreciative "Ah!" as the group saw us. Travis commands a lot of admiration -- he's a big, black dog with a regal bearing, very intelligent eyes and a gentle nature that belies his size and breeding. His full name is Travis Charles Lifesaver because he was just that. came into my life at a time of divorce and life changes. He was a source of protection and strength, a steadfast and loval presence during the three consecutive terminal illnesses of close family members. He gave uncondime

tional love and a reason to care again. That's why we were here today. There were eight people in this session, none of whom we'd met before. Normally, we try to interact with all them who want to meet Travis. But today, one attractive lady in her early 60's monopolized him. She called him to her as soon as we entered and looked him over closely. He immediately sat and offered to shake hands with her. I tried to apologize for the muddy feet but she said, "Nonsense," as she took his big wet

paw in her hands. handsome dog!" she declared. depressed. She has been com-"You don't see all black Ger- ing to this counseling session man Shepherds very often. for quite a while, and today is He's German bred, isn't he? the first time she ever spoke a What's his line? name? How old is he?" I an- work today." swered, and she began to tell firmed about six months later me about her dog Max, a Ger- when I received a hand written man Shepherd she and her note from that lady: husband used to show and the ribbons they won. I kept my Dearest Carol and eye on the counselor in charge I have enclosed a picture of me who kept nodding for us to and my dog at the show recontinue with this lady. We cently. He didn't get his CDX talked of the many shepherds this time, but he will soon. I they had over the years while thought you would like to she petted Travis and occa- know I took your visit to heart sionally dropped a kiss on his that day. I'm living my life noble head. She said that her again thanks to you two. You husband had died a few were God's gift to me at a time months ago and it was time for when I thought He had deserther to give herself "a kick in ed me. Your dog certainly lives the pants" and get on with her up to his name. My dog and I life. She said she missed work- are very grateful to you both. ing with her dog and she need- With love, Maxine and Max ed to get him back in raining for an upcoming obedience The innate qualities of unconshow. As usual, the visit was ditional love, attunement and over far too quickly. Travis understanding that animals shook hands with each person draw upon to help people heal and we said our good-byes, always makes me and then the counselor walked Travis Charles Lifesaver is truus out. She said, "I don't think ly aptly named. you know what just happened -- Carol Munroe in there. That woman's hus-

band died eight months ago

"What a and she has been extremely What's his word. Travis did incredible This was con-



I WASN'T A PUP WHEN I CAME TO YOUR HOME, I'D BEEN DUMPED ON THE ROAD, LEFT TO ROAM. DON'T REMEMBER THE PEOPLE EXCEPT THE PAIN. THEY LEFT ME TO DIE IN THE COLD AND THE RAIN. YOU WERE DRIVING DOWN THE HWY, IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT WHEN YOU SAW THE FAINTEST GLIMMER OF LIGHT. YOU TOOK A CHANCE AND TURNED AROUND GOT OUT OF THE VAN AND KNELT TO THE GROUND. MY QUIVERING BODY FELT THE GENTLEST OF HANDS. I KNEW I NEED NOT MAKE ANY DEMANDS. IN YOUR HEART, AND YOUR HOME, THERE WAS ALWAYS ROOM FOR THOSE WHO WOULD FACE CERTAIN DOOM. YOU HEALED MY BODY AND YOU HEALED MY HEART. YOU GAVE ME WHAT I NEEDED, A FRESH START. WHEN I CRIED AT NIGHT, YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE WITH SOFT WORDS, A KISS, A HUG TO SHARE. WHEN I MISBEHAVED AND WOULD COWER WITH GUILT YOU ONLY SHOWED LOVE.....UP TO THE HILT. YOU LOVED AND CARED FOR ME IN SICKNESS AND HEALTH OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER WAS MORE PRECIOUS THAN WEALTH. EVEN WHEN YOU WERE TIRED AND HAD A BAD DAY YOU'D ALWAYS COME HOME TO ME AND SAY, "I MISSED YOU MY BABY. I'M GLAD TO BE BACK." THEN YOU'D GIVE ME KISS, A HUG AND A PAT. WE'D HAVE A NICE DINNER THEN GO OUT TO PLAY THERE WAS SO MUCH LOVE I WANTED TO STAY. BUT MY EYES, THEY FADED AND MY HEART GREW WEAK AS MY TIME GREW CLOSER YOU COULD NOT SPEAK. YOU HELD ME TIGHT, TEARS FLOWED FROM YOUR EYES WE BOTH HAD TO SAY OUR SAD GOOD BYES. THE RELEASE FROM PAIN WE KNEW MUST END NO MORE TIME ON THIS EARTH WOULD WE SPEND RUNNING IN THE FIELDS, PLAYING BALL SITTING QUIETLY TOGETHER AT THE END OF IT ALL. BUT OUR TIME TOGETHER IS NOT THROUGH BECAUSE I'LL BE THERE WAITING FOR YOU AT THE EDGE OF THE RAINBOW BRIDGE I'LL STAND UNTIL I ONCE AGAIN SEE THOSE GENTLE HANDS. I'LL RAN TO YOU WITH TAIL HELD HIGH WE WILL NEVER AGAIN HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE. MY LOVE AT DEATH, IT DOES NOT END BECAUSE YOU ARE, INDEED, DOGS BEST FRIEND.





A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PUPPY

This morning, I woke up & kissed my dad's head. I peed on the carpet, then went back to bed. "The life of a puppy, oh my, this is great." Then I thought about breakfast, "I hope it's not late." Mom took me outside, we walked for a while. This never fails, to make Mama smile. I sniffed of everything, that we did pass, I ate something weird - it gave me gas. I'm sure God loves me, I know that is true. He gave me so many great things to chew. Rugs, plants or rocks, I really don't care. What I truly like best, is Dad's underwear. That obedience book, was sort of yummy. Though it didn't sit well on my poor puppy tummy. I threw up a bit, but that was all right, when Mom found it later, I was well out of sight. I made streamers of T.P., while running at full speed. Mom is pretty quick-but I was still in the lead. I flew under the bed, and Mom flew past, She stopped-shook her head, and breathed, "You're too fast." Mama later phoned Daddy, and said, "It was frightening!" That afternoon, she was sure I'd pooped lighting. She'd sat at the computer, while I chewed the cord, She thought I was mad, but I was just bored. When Mama had enough, couldn't take anymore, that's when my tushy got shoved out the door. I love it inside, but outside is best. Lay in the cool grass, and had a good rest. That didn't last long, there was too much to docan't quite remember where I hid Daddy's shoe. I found an old bone, and scratched at a flea, I watched the dumb squirrels as they jumped in a tree. I barked at the kids, when they got off the bus. I can't figure out why this makes Mama fuss. I barked at the neighbor, I barked at the wind. I barked and barked, till Mom yelled, "COME IN." The sun dipped in the west-soon Daddy would come! I sure love my daddy: we always have fun. I barked at my daddy, then turned on my charms, I woo-wooed, "Hello," then jumped in his arms. Sitting under the table - it's sooo hard to wait. Daddy slipped me a goodie right off his plate. I raced through the house, and scattered my toys, ricocheted off the furniture, and made lots of noise. Mom found her purse - the one I abused. Daddy let loose a chuckle. Mom asked "Amused??" I cowered down low, I must be in trouble. Dad said, "Wasn't MY boy, it must be his double!" Mom turned off the TV, and said, "Time for bed." Dad said "Let's go boy," and patted my head. I got in my spot, between Mom and Dad, I thought 'bout my day and what fun I had. Mama kicked out my bone from the covers below, then let loose a sigh - a sigh deep and low. She gave me a kiss, and snuggled me tight,





VICTORY'S ICE CRYSTAL (May 5, 1987- June 2, 2000)

In the May /June Wag N the GSDC of St. Louis, I had

word as if she understood getting up from a laying pothem. She was a good listen- sition for about a month. I with everyone but if she ac- she was down and couldn't cepted you into her private get up . As I went out to world then you were there help her I noticed that she and she would do anything looked bloated. I immedifor you. She had her favor- ately called my vet loaded ites and let them know it. her in the van and literally She was the best watch dog flew to his office. We made I had. You knew something it in record time but due to was not quite right because her age and advanced conshe would only bark if dition it was too late. She something was wrong. She had torsioned and bloated. was an outside dog for most The only thing I could do of her life as she didn't real- was to send her to be with ly like being inside unless Toby, her one and only dog she was with me. Being friend, and release her from Tongue, the Newsletter of white she was easy to see at the pain. Isis was my friend, night but a little hard to see confidant, and keeper of all a brag about my old girl in the snow which she loved my secrets. She was the old-Isis . She had reached her to burrow under and hide est German Shepherd I have 13th birthday. She was still from me. Even at 13 years of ever had the honor and happy and able to get age she still wanted her spe- privilege of not owning but around fairly well for a dog cial time and tried to act sharing my life with. I only of her age. She had original- like a puppy till the end. hope that we will meet ly been bought for my She was very special to me. again on the other side and mother in Tampa ,Florida. We had just gone for a short she will once again be that Before I could get her obe- walk up the street the day Happy, Energetic dog that I dience trained and house before I lost her on June miss so much. Good bye my trained my mother passed 2nd She dearly loved her "friend" till we meet again. away .I decided to keep her walks with just me and her. even though she was white. She had started to slow Isis and I had been through down a bit and I knew her some really rough times to- time was getting short. 13 is gether. She was really quick pretty good for a shepherd to pick up on when I was these days. On the afterdown in the dumps or just noon of the 2nd I had let needed someone to talk to. her outside to potty as I had She would sit there with been keeping her inside her head in my lap concen- due to her legs acting up on trating on every her and her having trouble

Isis did not make up went to let her back in and





VICTORY'S TOBY TYLER (August 4, 1989- March 16,2000)

As some of you may remember many years ago when I wrote an article for the Wag N Tongue entitled "There's No Place Like Home", the story of the rescue from the mean streets of St. Louis of a male Mostly German Shepherd puppy that had been deserted and left to fend for himself. The person that had left him had tried to cut his tongue out after having killed his litter sister by crushing her head in a can. This was my dog, Toby Tyler as he was to be named. He was barely 6 weeks old when we rescued him from this person a n d certain death. Toby lived with me and became my friend and yes my protector. He was my HERO DOG as he saved my life on at different two occasions .Once when I was walk-

were walking to the Quik side. alleyway behind the store and lunged in that direction. I was not aware of this person either as he was wearing all black clothes . As this person approached I knew he was intoxicated and warned him to back off. Toby wasn't as polite about it and nearly got him when he got too close. We continued on to the Quik Trip where I told a St. Louis police officer about the person and he was questioned and taken into custody. Un-

ing him around the block in known to me this person had the city where I live. he be- been in trouble before for came very agitated and re- robbing people as I was told fused to obey the sit com- by the officer. Toby had mand when we came to the sensed something and had corner. He kept looking be- saved me again. Funny how hind us and turning around. our friends know when things What I did not know was just aren't right. I lost Toby that there was an individual on March 16 of this year. He acting very funny coming was 10 years and 7 months towards us. Toby had spot- old. Although not purebred ted him and even though he he had the heart and spirit of a was still a young dog, he put "True" Shepherd. He had a himself between me and this chronic ear infection in his finally right ear that I had been treatcaught glimpse of this per- ing for over 7 years. It had son Toby had already decid- gotten to the point where he ed that he was up to no good would not let me clean or and should there for be dealt treat it. He was in constant with and not allowed any and severe pain and try as I closer. He got the message would I could not get it to and immediately went across clear up. He would dig and the street and on his way. To- rub it constantly and cry. Fiby did this on his own never nally I think he was trying to having been trained in any tell me it was time to relieve way for this. The second time his pain. I took him to my Vet he saved my life was when we and let him pass to the other Toby was my best Trip near my house after friend ,companion ,Hero and dark. He again alerted to protector till the end and someone hiding in the dark there will NEVER be another





Rapid Fire threw up a few pieces of metal. There is a metal cover over an old blocked in coal chute in the side of the foundation of this old house, and he apparently was chewing on it. It's been there for years and I've never thought anything of it. We watched him as per instructions, and he was fine. We arrived home from a dog show and Fire had torsioned. I suppose that someday there will be some relief in knowing that an intestinal blockage was the cause of this, but today is not that day. It is extremely important to me though, for those of you who truly care about this wonderful breed, that the cause of this is known, and that it should never be thought of as genetic. I love this breed for what it is intended to be, and I loved this dog for everything that he was. I have twenty-three years of my heart invested in the German Shepherd Dog, and Fire was one of the greatest representatives of that vision that I have ever known. We buried Herding Group winner, 95 SE Futurity BOS, Canadian Select, Am & Can Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire TC OFA hips and elbows, un-

Page 18 der the apple tree in our back yard. This was a fitting

place since that tree descends from a seedling that was given to Peggy by her grandfather many years ago. That spot contains even more memories now, and those memories will always bring a smile of pride.

A few of you took the time to know Rapid Fire, and I will always be grateful that some of you saw him for the good that he could give this breed. Although he was not a heavily used dog, he was known, and you will all be seeing a small wave of his progeny over the next few years. Several of his pups might impress you with their powerful, balanced motion, but please make an effort to look beyond even that. The most important things that Fire gave as a sire are true German Shepherd Dog character and vigor. The type of character that he passed on is what grabbed each of us in our beginnings with this breed. It is my sincere hope that his influence will have been a better understanding of the importance of that one particular trait. I thank Joan Fox and Harolyn Van Every, the breeders/owners of Fire's sire and dam, for being stubborn enough to not lose sight of these most important things. Without their sincerity, there could not have been a Rapid Fire. Without dogs like him, there could not be a breed. With all of my torn heart...

There is no way to express our gratitude for the amazing outpouring of kind thoughts that Peggy and I have received over the past weeks. We are both sincerely humbled, and encouraged, by the hundreds of emails, the dozens of telephone calls, and so many pats on the back. I wish I could answer each of them privately, but I think that would be impossible. I have printed each of these emails and plan to keep them. Someday, when a novice is sitting in my living room dreaming of having a superstar, I'll hand this book of emails to them. In it, is a real understanding of what it is to have a great one, and so little of that has to do with winning dog shows. There is a certain reassurance, which I cannot even describe, in the total of these thoughts. I am left with no doubt that Rapid Fire was very much appreciated by a large number of my peers for his correct structure and awesome character. A breeder cannot ask for more than this, and no accomplished dream could be more fulfilling. With our most sincere thanks to each of you, Tom ~How Many Titles Does Your Dog Have?~

AD = Attention Deficit

ARB = Ace Refrigerator Bandit

BW = Butt Wagger

BWX = Butt Wagger Excellent

CC = Cat Courser

CCX = Cat Courser Excellent

CP = Couch Potato

CPX = Couch Potato Excellent

CSX = Counter Surfer Extrordanaire

GFIY = Go Fetch It Yourself

HHP = House Hold Pet IDDI = I Didn't Do It

ILF = I Like Food

LLLF = I Like Lots Of Food

IWFF = I Work For Food

LD = Lap Dog

LDX = Lap Dog Excellent

OWTH = Oh, What The Heck

TBF = Thick But Friendly

TGS = Terribly Good Snorer

TGAN = Terribly Good At Nothing

TSIM = That Seat Is Mine

TTIM = That Toy Is Mine

UTCD = Under The Covers Dog

UTCDX = Under The Covers Dog Excellent

WM = Who Me?



Dog or Dawg?

To all you dog lovers out there and those who understand the difference between Yankees and Southerners...

A Translation Of Yankee Dogs To Southern Dawgs

(Yankee) German Shepherd Dog

(Southern) Poh-leece Dawg

(Yankee) Poodle

(Southern) Circus Dawg

(Yankee) St. Bernard

(Southern) "Thank Gawd, Here Comes The Whiskey Dawg."

(Yankee) Doberman Pinscher

(Southern-2 versions) Bad Dawg, or Dobimin Pinches

(Yankee) Beagle

(Southern) Rabbit Dawg

(Yankee) Rottweiler

(Southern) Bad Dawg AND Mean As Heck Dawg. Good dawg to guard the still.

(Yankee) Yellow Lab

(Southern) Ol' Yeller Dawg

(Yankee) Black Lab

(Southern) Duck fetchin' Dawg

(Yankee) Greyhound

(Southern) Greased Lightnin' Dawg

(Yankee) Malinois

(Southern) Another kind of Poh-leece Dawg

(Yankee) Blue Ticks, Red Bones, etc.

(Southern) Prize Coon Dawgs

(Yankee) Pekinese

(Southern) Mop Dawg

(Yankee) Chinese Crested

(Southern) Nekkid Dawg

(Yankee) Dachshund

(Southern) Wienie Dawg

(Yankee) Siberian Husky

(Southern) Sled-Pullin' Dawg

(Yankee) Bouvier, Komondor

(Southern) "What The Heck Kinda Dawg Is That?"

(Yankee) Great Dane, Mastiff

(Southern) Danged BIG Dawg

(Yankee) Any dog that raids the hen house

(Southern) Egg-Suckin' Dawg

(Yankee) Any lazy dog

(Southern) Good fer nothin' Dawg

(Yankee) Any dog that's dead & buried & gone to Rainbow

(Southern) Best danged Dawg I ever had

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- ⇒ Real breeders don't eat quiche; they don't have time to make it.
- Real breeders know that their shoes and slippers are probably in the backyard or under the sofa.
- Real breeders often have muddy floors, dog hair on rugs, and clean dogs.
- Real breeders know how to get stains to come out of shag carpets.
- ⇒ Real breeders have traded in their cars for vans.
- Real breeders always have shoe laces that are frayed.
- Real breeders don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up.
- Real breeders discuss subjects over meals that would make most people sick.
- ⇒ Real breeders love puppy breath.
- ⇒ Real breeders have more dog grooming items that makeup.
- Real breeders sometimes ask "why me?" and get their answer when a big tongue is run across their face saying "I love you best."
- Real breeders know that a puppies growth is not measured by height or weightit is by the understanding they share...the love.....and the companionship they have.



- 2. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.
- 3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
- 4. People who want to tell you all about their religion, never seem to want to hear about yours.
- 5. The main accomplishment of almost all organized protests is to annoy people who are not in them.
- 6. You should not confuse your career with your life.
- 7. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
- 8. When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.
- 9. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- 10. Never lick a steak knife.
- 11. Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
- 12. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.
- 13. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
- 14. And when God, who created the entire universe with all of its glories, decides to deliver a message to all of humanity, He WILL NOT use, as His messenger, a person on cable TV Page 20 with a bad hairstyle.



To Foster Families Everywhere

Your home may have been a The first kind one I'd ever seen; Your voice the first to teach, to praise, To guide me through confusing days. You're the one who taught to me What the life of a good dog ought to be.

Your patient persistence all the while May have won my very first doggie smile.

And now that I am off to roam With the family of my "forever" home, Yours is the home I will always dream of;

Your gentle hands, your smiling love, The way you coaxed tangles out of my coat,

The sound of your voice, yes, every note.

If they learn to love me the way that you do

I will know that I owe my acceptance to you.

Though my paws may wander far away,

Yours is the home where I learned to stay.

Karen Ellery, 2000

Getting To Know You......

I recently sent out some emails to club members asking them to answer a couple of questions for me:

- 1. How did you get started in German Shepherds?
- 2. How long have you owned a German Shepherd?
- 3. Tell me about your most thrilling experience with one of your dogs.
- 4. Tell me the most challenging part of owning or showing German Shepherds.
- 5. What are you most interested in? (Conformation, Training, Tracking, Agility, etc.)
- 6. Who mentored you as a novice to the breed?

Thank you all for taking the time to submit your information to me so that the club may get to know you better. For those of you that have not submitted yet, please either email me at Liana@prodigy.net or snail mail me (my address is listed in the Wag Info) and I'll be happy to get the story into the next issue of the Wag. Again, thanks to all and thanks in advance!

BARB GAMBILL Victory Shepherds

Hi ,Let me introduce myself tell and you why love ,breed ,train, and show German Shepherd dogs. My name is Barbara Gambill and I have been

> involved with this beautiful and intelligent breed for over 30 years now. I fell in with love this breed

and my first experience with a Purebred German Shepherd happened in Augsberg, Germany in 1956. My father was stationed there in the U.S. Air Force . We were living in Govt. rented housing in the town of Augsberg. Next door to the apartment complex was a house with a very high fence around it. Inside this fence was a German Police dog that we were told to stay away from. He was a very large gray colored dog . I loved dogs and would always look through the fence at him when I could and not get caught. He never barked at ME. On my birthday that year as I was trying out my new roller skates this German Police dog managed to escape from his handler and came bounding towards me in front of the complex. The officer yelled commands at him but he just came towards me knocking me down. He never attempted to bite me just kept licking me. The officer grabbed the dog putting him back in his yard and then came over to me . He picked me up and carried me into the apartment complex. I was crying and hurt but not by the dog as when I fell I had broken my left arm in two places. This was my introduction to the German Shepherd Breed.

After I got older and left home I wanted a pure bred Ger-

Shepherd and finally got my wish. I didn't know much about shows and showing

but went to a show that was held at the Washington University field here in St. Louis. This was the Mississippi Valley Kennel club show held in 1966. I was Hooked. This was my beginning into the won-

derful world of showing dogs.

My first show dog was a male named Satin of Victor. He was the Victory

as a young girl of 7 years of age an accident and went in search of a new dog. This was to be my first Solid black female, Lady Midnight of Victory. She was bred to an English import, Druidswoods Advertiser - "Argus" for short ,owned by Butch Stiefferman. On Butch's advise I kept the pick male and named him Midnight's Chief of Victory. He was shown for me by Butch who later sold me my foundation and top producing female " Forest Knolls Quiet Lady" . Ladybug ,as I called her would be shown for a while making some nice wins but never receiving any points . She would prove her wealth in the whelping box after sustaining an injury at a dog show. I retired her from the ring and Butch Stiefferman, her co-owner at the time and I decided to breed her to the solid black Hein son Ch. Caraion's Phantom v

> Lebarland . This would be the first of three breedings to this wonderful dog. Out of this first litter of 9 came the solid black male .Forest Knolls T N T better known as Teddy, who would later gain points and when later bred would produce Ch. Forest Knolls Giant Killer and Ch. Caralon's Nicholas of Judeen CD. The second breeding to produced one female Phantom out of 7 puppies. This girl I kept naming her Victory's Bit O Flicka. She was Quiet Lady's best daughter that I showed getting many Reserves until I sold her to Caralon Kennels as I was repeating the breeding hoping for a solid black female. After this third breeding and not getting what I really wanted ,a super ,show quality Solid black female. Quiet Lady was bred to other males producing some nice puppies, but not as well as she had when crossed with Phantom. Phantom seemed to be the best click for her.

When I lost Ladybug to cancer in 1988, I just kind of gave up on breeding and showing. I lost that One Special dog and a very reason big part of my life. I eventually after nearly 6 years found I had to Shepherds, I have another show dog, I went in lost Satan to search of a black female and found what was a Ch. Caralon's Trefferhund Judeen and Phantom daughter's puppy. She was to become Victory's Hershey's Kiss. I lost "Candy" last year at almost 10 years of age.

I now have a solid black female, Victorys Burning Love, that I hope will do some winning once she is shown. We will see. My true love as far as color goes is solid black with Bi-color right behind it.

(Getting To Know You Continued) Thanks to one of my mentors and good friend, Butch Stiefferman, who has taught me a lot over the years and refused to let me give up showing and breeding, along with his wife Gail, I now have my first Champion that was" my pick "in her litter, Ch. Chlomxsi Estilita Forstknoll.

My other mentor ,who taught me a lot about bloodlines was Judy Deane of Judeen Shepherds. We had many deep discussions about what type and bloodline would produce the kind of dog I wanted. She was a wealth of information.

The most thrilling experience I have ever had with one of my dogs

was when Quiet Lady won the brood bitch class at our specialty with her son, Forest Knolls TNT (Who went Winners Dog that same day for a major) and her daughter, Victory's Bit O Flicka ,(Who had taken her class and won Best Opposite Puppy at the Puppy Sweepstakes the day before) representing her progeny. This same day Quiet Lady had gotten her first leg on her C.D. title. I was so very

proud of her and her kids.



The most challenging part of owning and showing this great breed is the ability to find judges that will look at a solid black and see the total dog. Also to be able to maintain and keep these dogs in the top form they need to be in, in order to be shown. This takes time ,commitment, work and the funds to accomplish your goals.

Why do I breed German Shepherds and what are my goals? I breed because to me .the German Shepherd is Number 1. I love the beauty, trainability, versatility, and inborn courage of this Noble breed. They are what a dog to me is supposed to be . Loving, caring, ready to defend their property if needed, leader of the blind, helper for the handicapped and disabled, and an all around great family dog. They are great showman when they get out there and strut their stuff and there leaves No Doubt in anyone's mind that this is The German Shepherd Dog.

My goals are to breed, train and show Quality dogs in both conformation and obedience that will be an asset to the breed. Dogs that I can be proud of with good hips and elbows ,good temperaments, and trainability that will carry the Victory name into the next generations. Dogs that are not only nice to look at but are also nice to live with and be a part of a family. In short "Beauty with Brains". Anything short of this would not be worth the effort.

Have I really accomplished anything worthwhile? I can only say

that I have done my best and this is not for me to say. It is up to those that know me and can judge me on what has come out of my breeding program. I will continue to do my best for the Best Breed in my book "The German Shepherd Dog until I leave this world.

MARGARET O'NEILL

My father brought home a German Shepherd puppy after I was born for me to grow up with. My mother wasn't too excited about having to raise two babies

together. Princess & I were constant companions. Had a severe head injury @ 3 years of age & she was certainly my closest friend.

I have owned a German Shepherd or part German Shepherd almost all of my life. There were a few years in between dogs that I didn't which was rare to not have a dog.

My most thrilling experience is so very hard to pick - there are soooo many!!! My dog Burt putting weight on his hind leg after having the head of his femur bone removed (prior to hip replacement - 1976) First leg on Kaiser's CD after hip replacement w/#195. Kettie's puppies born - all over 1 lb. Reba's first major win, 2nd & 3rd. New Champion that I showed myself. Showing @ the National. Winning with a young dog.

Owning a GSD is challenging in itself - My older coated male from Kettie's litter can open all of the doors in the house. He lets himself in or out if it is unlocked. Finally I put dead bolts on to prevent this. He still opens the patio door & all the dogs tell on him when he does. Once I locked myself out & went to the door telling him to open the door from inside & he did!! Showing is so unpredictable. When your dog is naked you win. When you think you have a good shot a better dog shows up. When a judge places you Reserve & you go back to him you don't even win your class (If they didn't like your dog enough the first time - why go back!) You win and the major breaks because 1 puppy doesn't get shown. The judge looks @ the handlers more than the dogs. The judge that absolutely LOVES your dog!!

Conformation is the most important aspect of training and showing to me although every thing else is essential because the GSD is capable of all of these things.

My father mentored me while I was very young and I went on to buying a horse @ 13 that we trained each other. Then I became the training rider at farm that is

VICTIMS OF GREED

by Wayne Mayes

Driving down the winding back roads of America's heartland our eyes take in the beauty of the world around us as we listen to the radio and forget about the cares of the world we live in. We feel the warm sun as it shines down around us and look at all the trees and wild flowers and wonder how things could get any better than this as we roar on down the highway to our destination.

If we were to turn off the highway on to almost any one of the millions of miles of back roads in the heartland of our country, turn the radio off, roll down our windows and drive slow we would hear a much different sound. We would hear the sounds of song birds singing in the trees, we would hear the sounds of cattle as they called to each other, and we would hear the sounds of gravel as it crunched under our tires as we drove.

We wouldn't have to drive very far before we would hear a much different sound way off in the distance. This isn't the sound of some happy bird or the sound of any cow as it calls to its calf. It is the sound of an animal in distress. It is the sounds of hundreds of poor defenseless animals held prisoner because of greed. If you followed the sound it would take you to some locked gate with a sign that said, NO Trespassing, or Keep Out and what lies behind the gate would be left up to your imagination as you slowly turn around and drive away.

Let me tell you what lies past that gate and just out of sight. The first thing you would hear is the sounds of hundreds of animals whimpering and crying, begging for someone to help them. Your stomach would turn over as the intense smell of ammonia drifted out through every crack in the dilapidated buildings where the cries from help came from. Your heart would be breaking as you reached for the handle to the door of the first building, take a deep breath and try to hold it and rush inside.

As the light streamed inside the building, the sounds of the animals gets louder as some bark while others too weak to bark just lay and whimper. You would see rows of tiny wire cages stacked one on top of the other where the urine and feces of the animals above fell down on the animals below – the piles of animal waste all along under the bottom row of cages. You would see them crammed full of animals almost unrecognizable by any breeds you know of.

You would see adults and puppies with missing limbs from being attacked by other animals while trying to get enough food to eat, injury from getting their limbs caught in the holes in the cages, and from mutilation by the miller. You would see animals that are terrified of people because all they have ever known was pain and exploitation at the hands of the millers. You would see diseased and dying and dead animals in some of the cages. One look in their eyes and you can see their plea for help. "Please help me."

If you haven't already lost the cheese burger you had for lunch in the first building we could venture into the next building or room of the puppy mill.

Behind that door you would see rows of cages full of mothers with puppies. You would quickly notice the deformed faces of many of the mother dogs and when you asked, I would explain how the millers break the jaws of the mother dogs if they try to

defend their puppies when the brokers come. How most of these animals have never had proper medical care and the broken bones are left to heal on their own. You would see puppies so far from the breed standard they looked like a totally different breed than the one they were supposed to be. You might see dead or sick puppies laying in the cages as the others walked over them. Like the rock song says, "The smell of death is around you."

If we had time to hang around we could wait for the puppy broker to come. You would see a truck or van stacked full from the floor to the ceiling with tiny plastic cages - many of them already crammed full of puppies of every imaginable breed - all stacked in there like cord wood. The sounds of hundreds of terrified puppies waiting in those dark cramped quarters waiting for their ride into the unknown. The broker will take most of the puppies if

they aren't too sick or so deformed he can't sell them. He will take any puppy the millers say is 8 weeks old. Many of the animals are under 6 weeks but they are the right weight and size so they are torn away from their mothers, by force at times, and sold to the broker.

As we walk away from this place you remember back in school when you read about the concentration camps during WWII. This place is just like that. The animals are abused and exploited until they are no longer profitable to the miller and then they are sold and most are killed. The females are bred every cycle from the time they first come in heat until they die. The puppies are sold to unsuspecting pet buyers all over the world as registered animals and no mention is ever made about the hell holes the parents live in or the genetic problems the puppy has. The Animals in the puppy mills are truly prisoners of greed.

The next time you walk by a pet store, stop and listen. If you try, you will be able to imagine the suffering and pain it took to put that puppy in that window. The broken jawed mother as she struggles to eat so she has enough strength to go on another day. The tiny puppy with the lower part of its leg missing because it was torn off while trying to free itself from the holes in the wires of the cage it calls home or was eaten by another dog because it was starving to death. The whimpering of the animals as they beg for the tender touch of a humane hand. The cries for as they slowly from neglect and starvation.

People wonder why some rescue people do puppy mill rescue and now you know. They do whatever has to be done to help end the suffering of the animals in these places. You may not be able to go to a puppy mill and see the things many of us have, but you can help end the suffering right where you live. Tell everyone you know not to buy products from pet stores that sell puppies and kittens. When the demand goes away, the mills will close. Help by promoting rescued animals as an alternative. Every animals that finds a new home from a rescue group makes room for another to be saved by rescue. Donate money to help purchase the freedom of a puppy mill baby. The animals at auctions can and many are being rescued when the funds are available. Send a little note to a rescue person, thanking them for what they do to save animals. It's easy to become burned out in this business when we keep seeing so many animals that desperately need our help.



The Last Will and Testament of an Extremely Loved Dog

I, Silverdene Emblem O'Neill (familiarly known to my family, friends & acquaintances as Blemie). because the burden of my years and infirmities is heavy upon me, and I realize the end of my life is near, do hereby bury my last will and testament in the mind of my Master. He will not know it is there until after I am dead. Then, remembering me in his loneliness, he will suddenly know of this testament, and I ask him to inscribe it as a memorial to me.

I have little in the way of material things to leave. Dogs are wiser than men. They do not set great store upon things. They do not waste their days hoarding property. They do not ruin their sleep worrying about how to keep the objects they have, and to obtain objects they have not. There nothing of value I have to bequeath except my love and my loyalty. These I leave to all those who have loved me, especially to my Master and Mistress, who I know will mourn me the most.

I ask my Master and my Mistress to remember me always, but not to grieve for me too long. In my life, I have tried to be a comfort to them in time of sorrow, and a reason for added joy in their happiness. It is painful for me to think that even in death I should cause them pain. Let them remember that while no dog has ever had a happier life

(and this I owe to their

love and care for me),

now that I have grown

of

smell fails me so that a rabbit could be right under my nose

blind and deaf and

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and I might not know, my pride has sunk to a sick, bewildered humiliation. I feel life is taunting me with having over lingered my welcome. It is time I said good-bye, before I become too sick a burden on myself and on those who love me.

It will be a sorrow to leave them, but not a sorrow to die. Dogs do not fear death as men do. We accept it as part of life, not as something alien and terrible which destroys life. What may come after death, who knows?

I would like to believe that there is a Paradise. Where one is always young and full-bladdered. Where all the day one dillies and dallies. Where each blissful hour is mealtime. Where in the long evenings there are a million fireplaces with logs forever burning, and one curls oneself up and blinks into the flames and nods and dreams, remembering the old brave days on earth and the love of one's Master and Mistress. I am afraid that this is too much, for even such a dog as I am, to expect. But peace, at least, is certain. Peace and a long rest for my weary old heart and head and limbs, and eternal sleep in the earth I have loved so well. Perhaps, after all, this is best.

One last request, I earnestly make. I have heard my Mistress say, "When Blemie dies we must never have another dog.

I love him so much I could never love another one". Now I would ask her, for love of me, to have another. It would be a poor tribute to my memory never to have a dog again. What I would like to feel is that, having once had me in the family, she cannot live without a dog! I have never had a narrow, jealous spirit. I have always held that most dogs are good. My successor can hardly be as well loved or as well mannered or as distinguished and handsome as I was in my prime. My Master and Mistress must not ask the impossible. But he will do his best, I am sure, and even his inevitable defects will help by comparison to keep my memory green.

To him I bequeath my collar and leash and my overcoat and raincoat He can never wear them with the distinction I did, all eyes fixed on me in admiration; but again I am sure he will do his utmost not to appear a mere gauche provincial dog. I hereby wish him the happiness I know will be his in my old home. One last word of farewell.

dear Master and Mistress. Whenever visit my grave, say to you yourselves with regret but also with happiness in your hearts at the remembrance of my

> long, happy life with you: "Here lies one who loved us and whom we loved". No matter how deep my sleep I shall hear you and

not all the power of death can keep my spirit from wagging a grateful tail. I will always love

you as only a dog can."

by Eugene O'Neill

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Impressions of the Canadian National - Written by Les Salowski

Well, the big show is over up here in Canada and it was a great one. Now, I'm not saying this just because it was a very successful show for us, but because it was so much fun and there were so many nice and interesting people to talk

After driving for an hour and a half to the show, joking back and forth with Mary Vurma, we finally arrived at 7:45 a.m. to the sound of splashing water and the whir of blow dryers. The smell of shampoo, conditioners, coat fluffer-uppers and hair spray pervaded the air. Now the guilt starts for me – why did I bath the dog the day before and just let him air dry? Should he be bathed again? Blow-dried? Never mind, worry about it later. There are people to see, dogs to ogle, and my dear friend Liana New to meet for the first time – gee, have we talked for almost two years and we're really going to meet? The excitement builds before the show has even started. This is going to be a hectic day, but fun nonetheless.

Upstairs to breakfast and who do I meet almost immediately? Of course, Liana is there as promised. Breakfast is inhaled and it's time to meet our respective babies - you show me yours and I'll show you mine! We joke and kibitz and ask each other when we're going to get our dogs ready. Of course, neither one of us knows what our plans are - we'll figure it all out later. Now I just have to meet Marilee and Bob and then dash off again with Liana into the mist and rain to check on our dogs. On the way to the car, she asks if I brought some of the wine I made. Well, yes, but only four bottles. I introduce Liana to Listerine breath sheets packs a powerful punch in a paper-thin wafer. No Liana, there's nothing wrong with your breath, but aren't these awesome!! A laugh and a giggle and we're off to the arena again. The dogs are fine in the cars. Futurities have started and it's time to check out some of the competition. Beautiful animals, tough competition. Oh well, we can't be thinking those negative thoughts now.

It's time for Liana to meet some of my Canadian friends. The constant shaking of hands and the so-often used phrase "I've heard so much about you" make you think you're at a dinner party for the rich and famous. In this case however, the phrase is all too true. The people you haven't met, you've heard about. As a matter of fact, you've heard everything about them, as though you've known them for years. You know who has what dogs, what they've produced, or what shows they've judged. Oh my God, it's lunchtime!!! Eat fast everyone, show time is this afternoon.

Another meal is inhaled and people are asking for wine. Ah, now they're talking my language. Back out to the car to get the wine, and I'd better take the little guy out for a while. Let's see, wine, corkscrew, and glasses. Oh God, don't forget the dog!! Laugh, joke, giggle and guffaw all the while watching the classes. Drink a little more, worry a little less that's my motto for this afternoon. I keep telling myself "It's just a dog show, relax."

Well, time has caught up to us and the inevitable can't be put off any longer. It's time to groom these babies and get them into the ring. Jazz needs a bath and a diet, Wiley just a little mousse and spray. Wow - Jazz looks awesome. How did you get that coat so shiny? Can I try some of that coat gloss? The big moment has arrived and my baby goes to the slaughter, I mean the ring. Evervone wishes us luck and off we go.

Just what I wanted!! Great!! Now we have to go in against the Futurity Victor. Hide, ring the bell, call Wiley's name. Go to this end, run to that end, what? call him louder? My angel steps up beside me and takes my elbow. It's Janice Armstrong who very carefully placed each of Wiley's hairs and hid his cowlick. She floats beside me, steering my right, left, forward, backward, and telling me to call, call louder. My eyes don't leave my boy for a second, and I have no fear of falling or tripping. I can hear all my friends clapping and whistling. The reassurance and support they give is unwavering. I feel so blessed to save such good friends and a nice dog. Even the people I have just met that very morning are clapping and cheering. What? We're in second spot? What? Moved into first? Around and around and back to the center. Around again and moved back to the second spot. It's over, time to relax. We're in second place to the Futurity Victor. I'll take that and I'll even be delighted with it. I loved that dog when I saw him in the morning. A victory lap, congrats to the winners and off to take pictures. I give Wiley a big hug and kiss and we're off to watch two of his sisters in

the 12-18 class.

Everyone is coming up to me and talking. I can't see the class except for little snippets. Jazz looked nice coming and going but I didn't see her go around. She's a lovely mover but a little pudgy – NO Liana, that's NOT a heavy coat. Her sister Lannie I see go around but not coming and going. She too, looks lovely, although has no coat and a rat's tail. Lannie places fourth and more cheers from our section. This is all too exciting and I need more wine to relax. What??? All gone??? Time to leave???

Oh well, tomorrow is another day. Day two brings more wine, bloody Caesar's (a new drink for Liana) and another big win for us taking the Canadian Bred Bitch class. But even better than the wins, comes the friendships that have started. Our support for them and their dogs. Budding friendships that will continue to bloom for years I hope. After these Canadian Nationals, I have these friends to look forward to meeting at the American Nationals as well as others I have met over the net and the phone. The excitement continues to grow.

"Into every life, a little rain must fall." The night of the victory dinner, a friend called, who's male placed in the Bred By Exhibitor class. Her dog died that evening of mesenteric torsion. Two years ago at the national, we had a dog go select. Six days later he died tragically in a fire. The day after this year's national, I turned on the computer to hear of Rapid Fire's death and sent Tom and Peggy a note of condolence. With all of the joy comes sorrow. Only our friends can get us through these tough times. Two years ago, I could have said that was it for us here. But our friends wouldn't let that happen. Our everyday friends, internet friends and dog show friends all gave their support as they did at this last National. This is what our sport is all about. Everyone says "Give your dog a hug today." Well, I hug my dogs every day. How about giving your friends a hug today, and let them know how much you appreciate them being there for you. I made many new friends at the an Na-Canadi-

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The Veteran Dog

Author Unknown

In the 24 hours since the following occurred, I can hardly believe the outpouring of comments and feelings that it has evoked.

It all began 6 months ago and came to a head when I attended vesterday's meeting of our local breed club. This incident caused me much heartfelt pain that it made me wonder why I should "even bother".

I came close to not renewing my membership - and I am a founding member of this club. To be perfectly honest, the ONLY reason I renewed was because I am the Rescue Coordinator for the club. And I had not attended a meeting since "what happened" happened.

I wasn't even going to attend the meeting until I noticed when checking the entries on-line that there was a certain lone entry listed... I knew then that I must attend and I must finally speak my mind...and my heart.

I sat down at my computer and carefully composed my thoughts. Tears came to my eyes as I wrote it and I feared that I could not read it aloud to the membership. And that was the case. As the President called out a request for "meeting adjourned", I stood up and said "I have one more thing" and handed the copy to a good friend who was seated next to me. "I'm afraid I won't be able to read this to you all, but if Lynda would, I'd appreciate it."

As they say: "All names and breed have been changed to protect the innocent".. I can't honestly say that anv-

one concerned in this incident is innocent. but the purpose of this is not to further embarrass anyone involved. This, BTW, did not occur at a Specialty, just at an All-Breed Show, in a non-regular class.) following is what I wrote:

"I see that the *Smiths* have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered.

Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class. Not one person applauded. Not one person came up and said anything. Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat. Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days".

He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of there, I felt it must be done. Was it worth anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here it? are some suggestions:

"It was nice to see him out there". Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy". Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him.

Those aren't exactly compliments, but they will please his owner and make him glad that they brought him. I don't think that's asking too much. One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do.

Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in The sun - their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring.

My old dog is a Fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. have thought about this for 6

months now, and wasn't going to say anything. But on his behalf, and that of any other Veteran, I hope that something like this never occurs again.

As a Club of (Breed) Fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you Are glad to see him. It will

make his day. You may never get the chance again. Thank you."

As Lynda began reading it, the hush that fell over the room was incredible. Bless her heart, my friend Lynda broke into tears as she struggled through reading this. EVERYONE in the room lowered their heads, and many of them began to cry also, including the President (who is a man).

I tried my best to hold my head up and refrain from tears, again. President strode over to where I was sitting and in a broken voice "Terry......I am SO sorry. He is such a wonderful dog. There is no excuse for what happened to you. And to him."

As I started to say that I "wasn't going to say anything" again, the room nearly burst with everyone trying to talk at once. The discussion that followed was both eye-opening and of valuable purpose. Many came up to me in tears, with hugs and apologies.

I am a very private and shy person, not given to sharing my deepest Feelings easily. This had been an incredibly difficult thing for me to do, but in honor of my Veteran and all the others out

When *Mr. Smith* took his lovely 12 1/2 year old dog (neutered due to testicular cancer) into the ring, our entire membership remained - and applauded and "whooped and hollered" him with every move. The Judge moved to the center of the ring on his final go round and applauded, as did her ring stewards. Others nearby, watching other breeds, came over and remarked on how wonderful it was to see a Veteran being treated like that. Many (including me) asked to take his picture. Everyone complimented him and his owners.

If only my old dog had enjoyed such a day...Was it worth it? You tell me...

Sorry for the length of this, but so many in other breeds who heard about what happened have already asked me for a copy of my written paper that I thought perhaps it was something that needed to be shared. Amazing how quickly word spreads amongst us dog people.

It's often said "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". But I know one old dog who taught something of great

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES June 16, 2000

The monthly meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 8:20 PM by President Gail Stiefferman at the Brentwood Recreation Center.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the May 4, 2000 Board meeting were read.

The minutes of the May 19, 2000 Regular meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, read letters from AKC, parent club on advertising for the National, a copy of the St. Louis Pets magazine, and a flyer for a two day program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-Match: Ann Douglas stated that the match would be held on September 2 with Don Smith as the judge. Ring stewards and other helpers are still needed. DesPere park may be the shows site.

Obedience Training: Bud Leistner mentioned that graduation had been held. He then read a contract that the Nottingham school was expecting us to sign. The Obedience class location was discussed.

'00 Fall Specialty (Trophy): Marcia Hadley will be passing around a trophy donation sign-up sheet.

Club Banner: Marcia Hadley is still looking into colors for the banner.

By-Laws: Marcia Hadley reported that changes have been made in the By-Laws, but have not yet heard back from AKC.

'00 Fall Specialty (Advertising): Marcia Hadley is getting some companies to place ads in the catalog. Here are the fees for placing an ad:

	Members	Non-Members
Full Page	\$30	\$60
1/2 Page	\$12.50) \$30
Business	\$6	\$12
Card Cover	\$50	\$100
2 Pages	\$50	\$100
September	1 is the d	eadline for these
ads.		

Marcia thought that the AKC statement about late entries should be placed in the premium list. Entries fees will be \$19, \$10 additional classes for same dog and \$10 for Puppy classes, Bred-By, Stud, Brood, and Veterans Lee Trapp volunteered to handle the silent auction.

'00 Fall Specialty: President Stiefferman mentioned that this is the 50th Show and pins will be given. Helpers call President Stiefferman.

Conformation Class: Marilee Wilkinson reported that the classes were on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at Des Pere park and there had been good turn outs so far. Last week had been canceled due to the weather. President Stiefferman said that an ad had been put into the Post Dispatch about these classes.

Picnic: President Stiefferman mentioned that the annual picnic will be August 13 and everyone should bring a dish of food. The club will provide the meat.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Alice Becker made a motion that the club place a full-page ad in the National catalog. The motion was seconded by Ricky Harrison and passed.

Alice Becker stated that due to the lack of cooperation of the S.I.G.S.D.C., she felt that our club should consider doing back/back shows starting with the Fall '01 Specialty. This was followed with a discussion.

Terry Rock read an invitation to a 'talk' on June 28.

Bud Leistner mentioned that Bill Pearson has been ill with cancer and then moved

that the club donate \$500 to the Pearson's. The motion was seconded by Sydell Pollack and passed.

Guests were welcomed.

A short break was held.

Barb Gambill moved that the educational program begin. The motion was seconded by Ann Douglas and passed. Marcia Hadley then explained the GSD breed standard.

President Stiefferman reported that the only dogs that will be allowed to attend the next meeting were the dogs that would be getting a TDI.

Marilee Wilkinson moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Gail Rutter and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 6, 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 8:15 PM by President Gail Stiefferman at Uncle Bill's Restaurant.

The roll was called. Marcia Hadley was a visitor to the meeting.

The minutes of the June 1, 2000 Board meeting were approved as read.

The minutes of the June 16, 2000 Regular meeting were read.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, had an ad for the 2001 dog show guide, a letter from the Support Dogs, and an AKC update on show results.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Lee Trapp mentioned that September and October were still open for suggestions. President Stiefferman stated that she felt that Marcia Hadley had done a very good job with the breed standard lesson at the last regular meeting. However, she was disappointed that some of the members had left the meeting before the program began. There was a discussion on program and conformation class attendance.

Obedience: Lois O'Connor reported

that a meeting had been Page 27

last night and the school's contract is not signed. A few places are being checked into for the classes. The tentative dates for the next obedience classes are: Sept. 20, Jan, 10 (Meeting Minutes Continued)

and March 21.

By-Laws: President Stiefferman read a letter from AKC concerning the By-Law amendments.

B-Match: Ann Douglas stated that the B -Match would be held September 2 at Kirkwood Pool/Park. Ann is waiting to hear back from the judge, Don Smith, because the club will not pay for his gas money.

'00 Fall Specialty (Trophies): It was stated that an additional trophy may be given at this show.

Phone: Alice Becker has purchased a new phone answering machine for the club's line. Ricky Harrison moved that Alice be paid back for the answering machine that she had purchased. The motion was seconded by Kathy Redford and passed.

Club Banner: Marcia Hadley stated that she was still looking for a blue color for the banner.

OLD BUSINESS

President Stiefferman has called AKC about back/back shows. The S.I.G.S.D.C. will have to give up a show date in 2001

for us to have the back/back shows. There was a discussion.

President Stiefferman has contacted Barb Williams about possibly changing her contract date if we go to back/back shows. Barbara Williams then informed President Stiefferman that she wanted to withdraw from judging our Spring '01 Specialty. Therefore, we will need to contact D D Ardoin to judge.

Terry Rock thanked Marilee Wilkinson for some advertising ads she put on the "List".

Bud Leistner mentioned that there were still some items left that we had received from Purina Farms at our last show - it was decided to bring them to meetings. Gail Rutter asked what trophies at the

National would be from our Club - this is not known until the catalogs are available at the National.

President Stiefferman mentioned that a members dog had not been listed in the Club's recent ad in the Review.

NEW BUSINESS

Marilee Wilkinson had received a letter from the American Dog Owners Assoc., Inc., it was Marilee's opinion that the club should give this organization more than the \$35/year. Ricky Harrison moved that we give the Am. Dog Owners Assoc. one hundred dollars. The motion was seconded by Liana New and passed.

Ann Douglas mentioned that she felt some of the club's money should go into a CD.

Ricky Harrison moved that at the end of the year, half of the Conformation classes money be given to GSD Rescue.

The motion was seconded by Ann Douglas and passed.

The membership application of Jeanne North was consid-

ered. Bud Leistner moved that the membership of Jeanne North be accepted. The motion was seconded by

Liana New and passed.

President Stiefferman reported that at the July regular meeting a TDI demonstration

would be held and you should bring your dog if you wanted to get a TDI.

There being no further business, Marilee Wilkinson moved that meeting be ad-

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 21, 2000

journed. The motion was seconded by Liana New and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 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 8:25 PM by President Gail Stiefferman at the Brentwood Recreation Center.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the June 1, 2000 Board meeting were read.

The minutes of the June 16, 2000 Regular meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, read a Thank-you note Bill & Carlene Pearson, a Thank-you note from the Am. Dog Owners Assoc. for the donation, a Thank-you note and explanation of judging denial from Barb Williams, '00 Fall show approval from AKC, and a letter from the Support Dogs.

President Stiefferman reminded everyone to sign the Book.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-Match: Ann Douglas reported that the Match was being postponed. It may be held the weekend after the National.

Training: Lois O'Connor reported that the next Obedience class would begin September 20, however, the location is unsure. Lois presented a \$1000 check from the Training Committee.

Club Banner: Marcia Hadley reported that a banner has been ordered through Meramec Trophy.

'00 Fall Specialty (Trophies): Marcia Hadley has made some calls for donations and the sign-up sheet will be passed around again tonight.

'00 Fall Specialty (Ads): Marcia Hadley needs some stationary and envelopes to sent out some letters. Karen Hynek volunteered to be the Chief Ring Steward for the Fall Specialty.

Public Relations: Nancy Kearney has paper with tips on legislation and a flyer for an upcoming Temperament Test.

'00 Fall Specialty (Silent Auction): Lee



Trapp mentioned that we could bring our gifts for this auction on the day of the show.

Publicity: Nancy Kearney stated that she had been on TV (Show Me St. Louis) with her GSD.

Picnic: Bud Leistner stated that the *(Meeting Minutes Continued)*

annual picnic would be held in Lang Park in Arnold on August 13. Those who attend should bring a dish and the club will provide the meat.

OLD BUSINESS

President Stiefferman explained how our Club could do back/back shows on Saturdays and Sundays. There was a discussion. There was a ballot passed out for voting yes/no on the club holding back/back shows. Steve Dobbins, Ken Cunningham and Nancy Downing will count the votes.

Judges for the Fall '01 Specialty were nominated.

Conformation Judges:

Jamie Walker (Lois O'Connor)

Carol Smith (Ricky Harrison)

Pat Robinson (Gail Stiefferman)

Gail Rutter moved that the nominations be stopped. The motion was seconded by Carl Foster and passed.

Obedience Judges:

Ginger Kinion (Ilona Horn)

Ed Haus (Bud Leistner)

Doris Forman (Marcia Hadley)

Roland Speck (Kathy Redford)

C. David Maurer (Kathy Redford)

Marcia Hadley moved that the nominations be stopped. The mo-

tion was seconded by Gina Mills and passed.

The voting of the Club holding back/back shows was voted as No.

President Stiefferman mentioned that she had called a Special Board meeting that had been held tonight because there are helpers needed for the '00 Fall Specialty.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeanne North was welcomed as a new member.

Elaine Bisbing donated a video to the club - "Breed All About It - German Shepherds".

There was a short break.

Lee Trapp introduced Nancy Kearny who then demonstrated and discussed TDI.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 3, 2000

There was a brag box.

Bud Leistner moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ann Douglas and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

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. Judy DeRousse and Lois O'Connor were absent. Marcia Hadley and Margaret O'Neill were visitors to the meeting.

The minutes of the July 6, 2000 Board meeting were approved with changes.

The minutes of the July 21, 2000 Special Board meeting were approved.

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

The Treasurer's report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, had received notice on upcoming shows. Alice read a letter that she had written to Tom Langlitz about our club not doing back/back shows and having our '01 spring show site in Illinois. Alice has ordered some envelopes with the clubs

logo attached. She also received a letter about the banner parade at the National - President Stiefferman will be the

Chairperson for that event - and the St. Louis Dog Breeders Directories.

President Stiefferman has called DD Ardoin and he will be the conformation judge at the '01 Spring Specialty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Bud Leistner reported that the Obedience classes would be held at the Long Middle School. The first class would begin September 18 (Monday) at 7:00 PM. Bud will be purchasing items that are needed by obedience judges to be placed into the show box.

Education: Lee Trapp mentioned that the October meeting is still open for suggestions and James Cook will speak at the November meeting.

K-9 Awards: Kathy Redford mentioned that we were receiving letters nominated officers and their dogs for the awards.

Silent Auction: Lee Trapp mentioned that the money from this auction would be going to the GSD Charitable Trust Foundation. It was suggested to have Scootie Sherlock come to a meeting to explain how that money is used. Lee would like to get some gifts from companies for this auction.

'00 Fall Specialty (Ads): Marcia Hadley has letters going out to get ads for the catalog.

'00 Fall Specialty (Trophy): Marcia Hadley mentioned that the cost of the trophies is close to being covered. A few classes are still open for donations. All exhibitors will be getting a button.

'00 Fall Specialty (Show Secretary): Marcia Hadley reported that the premium list is being finalized.

Club Banner: Marcia Hadley stated that the banner has been ordered. It's colors are blue, silver and black.

Marcia Hadley stated that she felt this show should be dedicated to the club's lifetime members.

By-Laws: It was stated that the By-Law changes would most likely be ready

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to be voted on at the September regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Redford presented the club membership application of Theresa Manzara. Marilee Wilkinson moved that the application be accepted. The motion was seconded by Terry Rock and passed with one abstention.

The revision of (Meeting Minutes Continued)

the club membership application was discussed.

Lee Trapp stated that Nancy Kearney was willing to conduct a TDI, but she felt that classes should be held before the test was given.

There was a discussion on the club's Conformation Classes. These classes will begin again on August 23 at 7:00 PM at DesPere Park.

President Steifferman mentioned that only three families had signed up for the clubs annual picnic. After a discussion, it was decided to cancel this years picnic.

NEW BUSINESS

Ann Douglas mentioned an upcoming Arnold Day Parade and asked if anyone would be interested in marching in the parade as members of the GSD club.

Bud Leistner had talked with April Kornfeld ,GSD Rescue, about becoming an Honorary member of the club. Bud Leistner moved that we award a one year (Sept. - Aug.) Honorary membership to April & Rich Kornfeld, because of the GSD Rescue work that they have done. The motion was seconded by Ann Douglas and passed.

President Steifferman reported that the Cunningham Memorial trophy had been destroyed in the flood that Ken Hummel's home had gone through last summer. According to AKC the trophy cannot be retired, it must be replaced. The only way for the trophy to be eligible to retire is if the club were to write a letter to every winning name on the trophy and they were then to agree that is OK for the trophy to retire. Presi-

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dent Stiefferman felt

After a While After a while you learn the subtle difference between holding a hand and chaining a soul and you learn that love doesn't mean leaning and company doesn't always mean security. And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts and presents aren't promises and you begin to accept your defeats with your head up and your eyes ahead with the grace of a woman not the grief of a child. And you learn to build all your roads on today because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans and futures have a way of falling down in mid-flight. After a while you learn that even sunshine burns if you get too much. So you plant your own garden and decorate your own soul instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers. And you learn that you really can endure that you really are strong and you really do have worth and you learn and you learn, with every goodbye, you learn. Written by Veronica Shoffstall

Caring for Your Aging Pet

The Aging Process and How We Can Help Older Dogs Adapt by Holly R. Frisby, DVM Drs. Foster & Smith Veterinary Services Department

As our pets grow older, we come to value even more, the love, companionship, and true friendship we have shared. Our faithful, time-honored friends have earned the most attentive nurturing and best care we can provide them. In the following articles we discuss issues important to the health and care of older pets, how owners can become prepared for the age-related changes in their pets' lives, and how these changes will affect them.

We expect certain changes to occur in an animal's body as the animal ages. These changes may not be the same in each animal species. In some animals (e.g., toy breeds of dogs) changes in the heart are common, whereas in other animals (cats), the kidneys may be one of the first organs to show signs of aging. We can help older animals to adapt to these changes in a variety of ways: diagnosing problems early, use of appropriate medications and supplements, modifying the dog's environment, and changing the way in which we interact with our older friends.

Change in nutritional needs As dogs age, their metabolism changes and their need for calories decreases. In general, their maintenance energy requirement decreases by about 20%. Because their activity usually decreases as well, their energy needs are decreased by another 10-20%. If we feed older dogs the same amount we fed them when they were young, they will gain weight. As the body's metabolism changes, it is more common for the body to lay down fat. This tendency can also contribute to obesity in older dogs. Obesity is one of the main health problems of older dogs. In addition to calories, there are other nutritional needs of older dogs, including an increase in fiber and a decrease in fat. Especially if an older dog is not eating as he should, or has certain medical conditions, supplements are often recommended.

Skin and hair coat changes

As with people, older dogs may start to show gray hair, especially on the muzzle and around the eyes. The hair/coat may become thinner and duller, however this can also be a sign of disease or nutritional deficiency. Fatty acid supplements may help restore some of the luster to the coat. If the hair coat of an older dog changes significantly, the dog should be checked by a veterinarian. Older dogs may need to be groomed more often, with special attention given to the anal area. Grooming is a great way for you to spend some enjoyable time with your older dog. He'll love the attention.

The skin of the older dog may also become thinner, less elastic and thus more subject to injury. Some older dogs develop multiple benign tumors of the skin, which are generally not removed unless easily traumatized. Cancerous tumors of the skin can also occur. Dry skin can be a problem for older dogs, and again, fatty acid supplements may be beneficial.

Calluses

It is common for older large breed dogs to develop calluses on their elbows. Part of the reason for this is the tendency of older dogs to be less active and lay down more. Especially if they lay down on hard surfaces, calluses are likely to develop. Providing a dog bed, especially an orthopedic bed, can help prevent calluses.

Brittle nails

Just as we see changes in the hair/coat, we can also see changes in the nails of older dogs. They may tend to become brittle. Care must be taken in clipping the nails of older dogs, and they may need to be clipped more often since older inactive dogs are less likely to wear their nails down through activity.

Decreased mobility

Arthritis is a common occurrence in older dogs, especially large breed dogs and breeds which have a tendency to have intervertebral (IV) disc disease such as dachshunds and bassets. Dogs who injured joints earlier in their life also have a tendency to develop arthritis as they age. As in people, arthritis in dogs may only cause a slight stiffness, or it can become debilitating. Dogs may have difficulty going up and down stairs,

jumping into the car, or walking through snow.

Chondroitin and glucosamine as found in such products as Drs. Foster and Smith Joint Care and Cosequin can be beneficial. Some anti-inflammatory pain relievers such as aspirin and Rimadyl are often recommended.

As with muscles in people (if you don't use them, you lose them), older dogs who are inactive will lose muscle mass and tone. This may make it more difficult for them to move, so they move less, etc. and a viscous cycle starts. Exercise for an older dog is important for the health of the muscles, as well as the heart, digestive system and attitude. Exercise routines can be adapted according to the dog's abilities. Swimming and several short walks a day may help maintain and strengthen the dog's muscles.

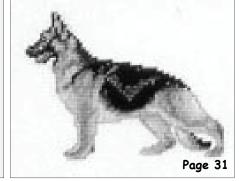
Ramps, elevated feeders and orthopedic beds may help a dog who has decreased mobility or pain on movement.

Dental disease

Dental disease is the most common change we see in older dogs. Studies show that even by age three, 80 percent of dogs exhibit signs of gum disease. Routine dental care including tooth brushing, can help keep dental disease to a minimum. Dogs who have not received proper dental care can develop significant dental disease as they age and may develop lifethreatening complications. A dental care program should consist of tooth brushing, regular dental checkups and professional cleaning as needed.

Decreased gastrointestinal motility (constipation)

As dogs age, the movement of food through their digestive tracts



slows. This can result in constipation. Constipation is more common in dogs who may experience pain while defecating such as those with hip dysplasia or anal gland disease. Inactivity can also contribute to constipation. Constipation can also be a sign of some serious disease conditions, and a dog experiencing constipation should be evaluated by a veterinarian. Laxatives or diets containing increased fiber may be prescribed. It is important these dogs drink plenty of water.

Decreased ability to fight off disease. As a dog ages, the immune system does not function as effectively and the older dog is more prone to develop infectious diseases; and the infection in an older dog is usually more severe than a similar one in a younger dog. It is important to keep your older dog current on vaccinations.

Decreased heart function

As a dog's heart ages, it loses some efficiency and can not pump as much blood in a given amount of time. The valves of the heart lose some of their elasticity and also contribute to a decreased pumping efficiency. The most common valve involved is the mitral valve, especially in small breeds. Some of these heart changes are expected, however, more severe changes can occur, especially in dogs who had minor



heart problems when they were young. Diagnostic tests such as radiographs (x-rays), an electrocardiogram (EKG) and an echocardiogram can be used to diagnose heart disease. Various medications are available depending upon the type and severity of disease.

Lung capacity decreased

Lungs also lose their elasticity during the aging process, and the ability of the lungs to oxygenate the blood may be decreased. Older dogs may be more prone to respiratory infections.

Decrease in kidney function As animals age, the risk of kidney disease increases. This may be due to changes in the kidney itself or result from the dysfunction of other organs such as the heart which, if not functioning properly, will decrease blood flow to the kidneys. Kidney function can be measured through chemistry tests on the blood and a urinalysis. These tests can identify a kidney problem well before there are any physical signs of disease. The most frequent sign of kidney disease first noted by an owner would be an increase in water consumption and urination, but this generally does not occur until about 70% of the kidney function is lost.

If the kidneys are not functioning normally, the diet and dose of various medications and anesthetics may need to be changed to assist the body in getting rid of the breakdown products. Preanesthetic blood tests are recommended to identify any potential kidney problems before anesthesia is administered.

Decreased liver function

Although the liver has an incredible and unique way of regenerating itself when injured, the liver does age just like all other organs in the body. It's ability to detoxify the blood and produce numerous enzymes and proteins gradually decreases with age. Sometimes the liver enzymes measured in a chemistry panel may be abnormally elevated in an apparently normal animal. On the other hand, some animals with liver disease have normal levels of liver enzymes circulating in their blood. This makes interpretation of these tests very difficult.

Because the liver metabolizes many medications and anesthetics, the dose of these drugs must be decreased if

the liver is not functioning as it should. Pre-anesthetic blood tests are also recommended to identify any potential liver problems before anesthesia is administered.

Changes in glandular function

Some glands tend to produce less hormones as they age, and other glands may produce more. Hormonal problems are a common disorder in many older dogs, and the propensity to develop a problem is sometimes linked to breed. The Golden Retriever, for example, has a much greater risk of developing hypothyroidism. Blood tests help to diagnose these diseases and many of them are treatable with medications.

Prostate enlargement

When an un-neutered male dog reaches 8-years of age, he has a greater than 80% chance of developing prostate disease, but it is rarely cancerous. In most cases the prostate just enlarges. The prostate enlargement, however, can cause problems with urination or defecation. Older male dogs, especially those who are not neutered should have their prostate gland checked as part of the regular physical exam. The risk of prostate disease can be greatly reduced if the dog is neutered.

Changes in mammary glands

Female dogs may develop some hardening of the mammary glands due to the infiltration of fibrous tissue. Breast cancer in un-spayed dogs is common, just as common as it is in humans. Mammary cancer is the single most common tumor of the female dog, and also the most common malignant one. Older female dogs should have their mammary glands checked as part of the regular physical exam.

Bone marrow replaced by fat

Earlier we discussed the tendency of older dogs to lay down more fat. Fat may also infiltrate the bone marrow. The bone marrow is responsible for making red blood cells which carry oxygen, white blood cells that fight disease, and platelets which help the blood to clot. If the bone marrow is significantly replaced by fat, anemia can develop. This is one of the reasons

it is recommended that older dogs have certain blood tests such as a complete blood count (CBC) performed as part of their annual exam.

Nervous system and behavior changes. As animals age, nerve cells die off and are not replaced. In some cases, certain proteins can start to surround nerve cells and cause them to malfunction. The communication between nerve cells may also be altered. For some dogs, the changes in the nervous system are severe enough to change their behavior. If certain signs are present, we call this behavior change "cognitive dysfunction". According to Pfizer Pharmaceutical, the manufacturer of Anapryl, a drug to treat canine cognitive dysfunction, 62% of dogs age 10 years and older will experience at least some of the symptoms of canine cognitive dysfunction. These include confusion or disorientation, restlessness at night, loss of house training abilities, decreased activity level, decreased attentiveness and not recognizing friends or family members.

Older dogs have a decreased ability to cope with stress, and this can result in behavior changes. Separation anxiety, aggression, noise phobias, and increased vocalization can develop or worsen in older dogs. Various medications combined with behavior modification techniques can help solve some of these behavior problems.

Since older dogs do not handle stress well, getting a new puppy when you have an older dog who is showing signs of aging may not be the best idea. It is usually best to get a new puppy when the older dog is still mobile (can get away from the puppy), relatively pain free, is not experiencing cognitive dysfunction, and has good hearing and vision.

Increased sensitivity to temperature changes. As dogs age, their ability to regulate their body temperature decreases. This means they are less adaptable to temperature changes. Dogs who could handle cold temperatures when they were young, may not be able to as they age. Monitoring the environmental temperature around your dog, and making adjustments will help your older dog be more comfortable. You may need to

move his bed closer to a heat register, or keep him indoors during hot weather.

Hearing loss

Some dogs will experience hearing loss as they age. Slight hearing loss is hard to evaluate in dogs. Often hearing loss is severe before the owner becomes aware of the problem. The first sign noticed may look like aggression. In reality, it may be the dog was unaware of a person's approach, became startled when touched, and instinctively reacted. Owners may also report the dog is no longer obeying commands (the dog no longer hears them).

The hearing loss generally can not be reversed, but some changes in interaction with the dog can help reduce the effects. One of the reasons to teach dogs hand signals for various commands while they are young, is that these hand signals are very useful if the dog develops hearing loss. The use of lights to signal dogs (e.g., flashing the yard light when you want the dog to come in from outside) can be useful. Dogs with hearing loss can still sense vibration, so clapping hands or stomping on the floor may alert the dog you are trying to communicate with him.

Changes in the eye and vision loss

Many dogs develop a condition of the eye called nuclear sclerosis. In this condition, the lens of the eye appears cloudy, however the dog can usually see quite well. Many owners are concerned their dog has cataracts (which do affect vision) when the dog really has nuclear sclerosis. Cataracts are common in older dogs of certain breeds, though, as is glaucoma. Any sudden changes in vision or appearance of the eyes could signal an emergency; contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. Ophthalmic exams should be part of the physical exam in older dogs.

Summary

Older dogs can experience many changes in the functions of their bodies. Some dogs may have more pronounced changes than others, and in some dogs the changes may start to occur at a younger age. Knowing what changes to expect can help you and your dog adjust to them when and if they do come. There are many ways we can help the older dog

adapt to these changes.

You will need to monitor your older dog more closely. Don't disregard a change in your dog's activity or behavior as "just being old age". Many of the changes can also be signs of a more serious disease. If you are in doubt, consult your veterinarian and be sure to discuss with her/him any concerns you have about your older dog during his regular physical exam.

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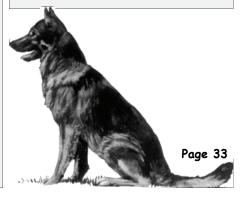
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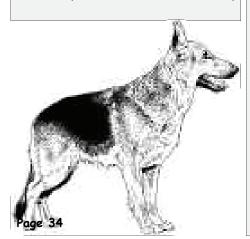
Common Behavior Changes and Problems in Older Dogs

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Puppies have their behavior problems, and older dogs have theirs. For older dogs, in many cases it's not that they don't understand the "rules", but that they may, for many reasons, be unable to follow them.

Separation anxiety

Separation anxiety is one of the most common behavior problems seen in older dogs. A dog who has separation anxiety will become very anxious when he senses his owner is about to leave. When the owner does leave, the dog often becomes destructive, barks or howls, may urinate or defecate, and may



salivate profusely. A dog with separation anxiety will often be overly exuberant when his owner returns.

Older dogs may have a decreased ability to cope with changes in routine. Vision or hearing loss may make them more anxious, overall, but especially when they are separated from the owner. Neurologic changes may also limit an older dog's ability to adjust to change. Some of the main considerations in treating separation anxiety are:

Don't make a big deal about leaving or coming home - that simply reinforces the behavior.

Teach your dog to relax. If your dog can learn to relax in a "stay" for extended periods while you are there, he will be more likely to learn how to relax while you are gone.

Change your departure cues. Many dogs know as soon as the alarm goes off, that it is a work day and you are going to leave. They start getting anxious as soon as they hear the alarm. We need to change our routine so the dog does not know we will be leaving. For instance, pick up the car keys and then go sit on the couch; on a Saturday, get up and dress like you are going to work, but stay home.

Start with very short departures. Determine how long you can leave your dog before he gets anxious. It may be only 10 seconds, so start there. Leave for 5 seconds, return, and if the dog has remained calm, reward him. Gradually increase the time you are gone, always returning before the dog becomes anxious, and rewarding him for staying calm. This may take weeks to months, so patience is the key.

Associate your departure with something good. As you leave, give your dog a hollow toy such as a "Kong" filled with a wonderful treat. This may take his mind off of you leaving. Anxiety tends to feed on itself, so if we can prevent the anxiety from occurring when you leave, the dog may remain calm after you leave. Make sure your dog's environment is comfortable: the right temperature, a soft bed, sunlight, "easy-listening" music. Some dogs will be more relaxed if they can see the outside world, others may become more anxious. Similarly, some

older dogs are more anxious when left outdoors, and do much better when they can stay in the house. Determine what is best for your dog.

Break up the dog's day. If you are gone for extended periods during the day, you may want to think about having someone come in during the day to let your dog out and give him some exercise. Older dogs, especially, may need to go outside more often to urinate and defecate. Giving them this opportunity may decrease their anxiety.

Crate your dog. Many dogs feel safe in a crate, and being in a crate will help reduce their destructiveness. This will make it safer for them and your house!

Use a team approach. Antianxiety medications such as Clomicalm are often needed to break the cycle of separation anxiety. Medication alone, however, will not solve the problem. Work with your veterinarian and an animal behaviorist to develop a plan that will work best for you and your dog.

Aggression

Older dogs may become aggressive for several reasons. Aggression may be the result of a medical problem such as one causing pain (arthritis or dental disease), vision or hearing loss which results in the dog being easily startled, lack of mobility so the dog can not remove himself from the irritating stimulus (e.g. an obnoxious puppy) or diseases having direct effects on the nervous system, such as cognitive dysfunction (see below). Stresses such as moving, a new family member or a new pet may make an older dog more irritable and more likely to be aggressive. In a multi-dog household, and older dog who was the "dominant" dog in the past, may find his authority being challenged by younger dogs in the household.

By determining what factors may be contributing to the aggression, we may be able to eliminate or reduce those factors. Treating medical conditions which contribute to the aggression is paramount. Watch the dog for signs of stress (increased panting), and

remove the dog from the stressful situation which could cause aggression. Using a "halti" head collar and leash may provide more control over an older dog, especially one who has decreased hearing or vision. In some cases, a basket muzzle may be needed to assure safety of human and non-human family members. DO NOT LEAVE A MUZZLED DOG UNATTENDED. Medications can be helpful in reducing aggression that may be due to fear and anxiety. As with separation anxiety discussed above, medication alone will not solve the problem. Work with your veterinarian and an animal behaviorist to develop a plan that will work best for you and your dog.

House Soiling

Some older dogs who have been house trained for years, may start having "accidents". As with other behavior problems in older dogs, there may be multiple causes for this change in behavior. Medical conditions which result in an increased frequency of urination or defecation may be the underlying cause for this behavior problem. These conditions include: colitis, inflammatory bowel disease, diabetes mellitus, bladder stones or infections, inflammation of the prostate, Cushing's disease, and kidney or liver disease. Medical conditions which cause pain or make it difficult for the dog to go outside to eliminate can also contribute to the problem. These conditions include arthritis, anal sac disease, loss of vision, and some forms of colitis. Treatment of these medical conditions may help to resolve this behavioral problem. Some medical conditions can result in a loss of control over bladder and bowel function and include hormone responsive incontinence, prostatic disease, and cognitive dysfunction. As discussed earlier, separation anxiety may result in defecating and urinating when the dog is separated from his owner(s).

Any older dog with a house soiling problem should be examined by a veterinarian and the owner should be able to give a detailed history of the color and amount of urine (or stool) passed, the frequency at which the dog needs to eliminate, changes in eating or drinking habits, the dog's posture while

eliminating, and whether the "accidents" only occur when the owner is gone.

Medical conditions contributing to the house soiling problem should be treated appropriately. If arthritis or painful movement is involved, an owner may want to build a ramp to the outside so the dog does not need to maneuver on stairs. Slick floor surfaces should be covered with non-slip area rugs or other material. Areas in the house where the dog has urinated or defecated should be cleaned with an enzyme cleaner. For dogs who need to urinate or defecate frequently, owners may need to change their schedules or find a pet sitter who can take the dog outside at appropriate intervals. A dog's food may contribute to difficulty defecating, and attempts should be made to determine if this could be a reason for the house soiling. Other medical conditions such as diabetes mellitus, bladder stones or hormonal incontinence should be treated accordingly.

Noise phobias

Some older dogs become overly sensitive to noise. One may think the reverse would happen since many older dogs will acquire some hearing loss. Cognitive dysfunction, immobility resulting in an inability of the dog to remove himself from the source of the noise, and the decreased ability of an older dog to manage stress may be factors contributing to noise phobia.

It is important to identify which noises the dog may be afraid of. It may be noises we can hear, such as thunderstorms, but remember that a dog can hear frequencies humans cannot; the dog may be fearful of a sound we can not hear. For this reason, also try to relate the dog's behavior with other occurrences in the environment (e.g., a train whistle which may produce some high frequency sounds).

Treatment of noise phobias can include medication, desensitization and counter conditioning. For instance, if the sound is identified, play a recording of the sound at a very low volume level and reward the dog if no fear is displayed. Gradually (over days to weeks) the volume can be increased and rewards given appropriately.

Increased vocalization

Stress in an older dog may translate itself into increased barking, whining or howling. This can occur during separation anxiety, as a means to gain attention (if the dog can't come to you because of decreased mobility, he may be asking you to come to him), or because of cognitive dysfunction.

The cause of the increased vocalization should be identified, if possible, and medication should be given if appropriate. If the dog is vocalizing in order to receive attention, he should be ignored. It may also be helpful to use



"remote correction", such as throwing a pop can containing a few coins or pebbles toward the dog (not at the dog!), which may startle him and stop him from vocalizing. He should not associate you with the correction or he may increase his vocalization just to get your attention. If the increased vocalization is an attention-seeking behavior, review the amount and type of attention you are giving the dog. Maybe you need to set aside some time for you and your dog (on your terms).

Nocturnal restlessness - changes in sleep patterns. Some older dogs may become restless at night, and stay awake, pacing through the house, or vocalizing. Pain, the need to urinate or defecate more often, the loss of vision or hearing, changes in appetite, and neurologic conditions can contribute to this behavior.

Any medical condition contributing to this behavior problem should be treated. Again, remote corrections may be helpful, or it may be necessary to



confine the dog in a location away from the bedrooms during the night.

Cognitive dysfunction

According to Pfizer Pharmaceutical, 62% of dogs age 10 years and older will experience at least some of the following symptoms which could indicate that he has canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD):

Confusion or disorientation.

The dog may get lost in his own back yard, or get trapped in corners or behind furniture.

Pacing and being awake all night, or a change in sleeping patterns. Loss of house training abilities. A previously house trained dog may not remember and may urinate or defecate where he normally wouldn't.

Deceased activity level.

Decreased attentiveness or staring into space.

Not recognizing friends or family members.

When other factors are ruled out (if decreased activity is due to an advancing arthritic condition, for instance, or his in-attentiveness due to vision or hearing loss), and your veterinarian has determined that your dog has CCD, a treatment for this disorder may be recommended. The new drug called Selegiline or L-Deprenyl, (brand name Anipryl), although not a cure, has been shown to alleviate some of the symptoms of CCD. If the dog responds, he will need to be treated daily for the rest of his life. As with all medications, there are side effects and dogs with certain conditions should not be given Anipryl. For instance, if your dog is on Mitaban for external parasites, Anipryl should not be given. If you think your dog may have CCD, talk to your veterinarian.

Adapting to new pets in the household. Since older dogs do not handle stress well, getting a new puppy when you have an older dog showing signs of aging may not be the best idea. It is best to get a new puppy when the older dog is still mobile (can get away from the puppy), relatively pain free, is not experiencing cognitive dysfunction, and has good hearing and vision.

Summary

Many of the behavioral changes

we see in older dogs can be due to medical conditions. If your dog's behavior is changing, have your dog examined by a veterinarian. Your older dog is more easily stressed, so attempt to reduce stress by making any necessary changes in routine gradual, and decreasing the exposure of your dog to stressors. With patience, understanding, and treatments recommended by your veterinarian, you can help make your dog's older years a quality time for you and him.

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Health and Veterinary Care of the Older Dog

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Regular professional veterinary care is essential to the health of your older dog. Not since your dog was a puppy have regular checkups and vaccinations been so important. Preventive veterinary care can add years and quality to the life of your older dog. Consider yourself, your dog and your veterinarian and staff a team whose main goal is to keep your dog happy, healthy, and in a loving relationship with you for as long as possible.

Because many of our pets are living longer, and we recognize that the earlier in a disease process we can make a diagnosis and start a treatment, the better the outcome, many veterinary clinics and hospitals have developed special preventive care programs for older animals. These are often called "geriatric panels", "geriatric wellness programs", "geriatric screens", or "senior care programs". These can include combinations of various diagnostic tests including blood tests, urinalysis, fecal exams, radiographs and EKGs. Ask your veterinarian which tests are appropriate for your dog. The various tests, exams, procedures and services a veterinarian may recommend for an older dog are described below.

Wellness starts at conception Your dog's health today is partially determined by the health of his father and mother on the day he was conceived. The vaccinations, nutrition, dental care, wormings, heart worm prevention and other parasite control your dog has had through his life have a direct bearing on his current health. The healthier we can keep a dog when he is young, the more likely he will be healthy as he grows older.

Weight management, diet and nutrition counseling

Every visit to your veterinarian should include a measurement of your dog's weight. Weight gain and unexplained weight loss may be the first signs of disease, and remember, obesity is one of the most common (and preventable) diseases in older dogs. The dose of most drugs, wormers and heart worm preventatives are based on weight, so having a current weight is important. If your dog's weight changes, consult your veterinarian about changing the dose of any medications or supplements your dog is taking. If you are concerned about changes in your dog's weight or appetite, be sure to let your veterinarian know.

Your veterinarian or veterinary staff should be able to recommend which foods and supplements your dog should receive based upon his weight, health status, and breed. The digestive systems of older dogs do not react well to sudden changes. If a change in diet is recommended, make the change slowly over the course of a week or more, gradually adding the new food to the old.

Medical history

One of the main tools your veterinarian uses to determine if a disease process is occurring in your dog, is an accurate medical history. Monitoring your older pet and keeping records of signs of disease will be valuable in making a proper diagnosis early in the course of a disease. Questions such as "When did this symptom or sign first appear?", "Is it getting better or worse?", and "Is the sign or symptom always present, or is it intermittent?" are questions only you will be able to answer. If you are not sure whether a certain behavior or observation is indicative of a disease, ask your veterinarian.

Physical exam

Older dogs should receive regular physical exams. How often these exams should occur depends upon the health status of your dog, but they should be at least annually. For some older dogs, two or more exams per year may be recommended. Be sure to tell your veterinarian about any conditions you have observed and want evaluated. If you do not understand what your veterinarian is doing during an exam, ask.

Oral and dental exam

A physical exam should include an examination of the mouth, teeth, gums, tongue and throat. Depending upon the personality of the dog, this can be very easy to do, or it can be virtually impossible without sedation. Getting a puppy used to having his mouth opened while he is young, will help tremendously as he grows older.

Rectal exam

A rectal exam is an important



part of a physical exam for a dog. Your veterinarian will examine the inner pelvic area, internal lymph nodes, the lining of the colon, and in the male dog, the prostate. Portions of the urinary system can also be evaluated at this time.

Ophthalmic exams

As dogs age, routine ophthalmic (eve) exams are recommended. Older dogs are at more risk of developing cataracts, glaucoma and "dry eye", a condition in which there is insufficient tear production. Ophthalmic exams, including tonometry (measurement of the pressure in the eye), will help identify these problems and may prevent permanent damage to the eye.

Hair and coat care

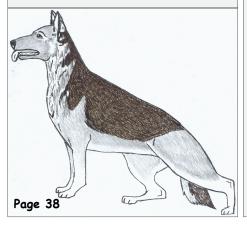
During the physical exam, your veterinarian will evaluate the health of the skin and coat of your dog. Special shampoos, additional grooming, supplements, or certain diagnostic tests may be recommended.

Control of ectoparasites (parasites on the outside of the body)

The physical exam should include an examination of the skin and ears for any signs of external parasites such as fleas, ticks, lice or mites. Your veterinarian will be able to recommend products to protect your dog from these parasites or treat your dog if parasites are found.

Control of endoparasites (parasites on the inside of the body)

A fecal exam should be run routinely to identify any intestinal parasites that may be present. Checking the fur around the anal area may help determine if your dog has tapeworms. Your veterinarian will be able to recommend



which wormers your dog should receive.

Heartworm prevention

The frequency of heart worm tests depends on the type of preventative your dog is receiving, whether your dog has missed any doses of the preventative, the frequency of heart worm disease in your geographical area, and whether your dog is showing any signs of heart worm disease. Ask your veterinarian any questions you may have regarding the type of heart worm preventative to use, the dose, and frequency of administration.

Vaccinations

Because the immune system of an older dog may not be functioning as well as when he was young, it is very important to keep your dog up to date on his vaccinations. Consult with your veterinarian regarding which vaccines your dog should receive, and how often.

Urinalysis

Many veterinarians will recommend a urinalysis be performed on older dogs. A urinalysis is really a series of tests which provide a wealth of information. The sample is generally easy to obtain, and the test can be run in your veterinarian's office in a short amount of time. If you have noticed any change in the color, odor, or amount of your dog's urine, you have noticed him having difficulty urinating, or he has had "accidents", it is very important that a urinalysis be performed.

Blood count

There are many tests which can be performed on blood. Several common tests which evaluate the cellular portion of the blood are included in a complete blood count. In some cases, your veterinarian may recommend that only one or two of these tests be performed.

Chemistry panel

The number of tests evaluating the various chemicals, enzymes, proteins, hormones, waste products and electrolytes in blood is in the hundreds. Generally, a chemistry panel which will evaluate 6-12 of these components will be performed. This chemistry panel is a valuable tool in identifying diabetes mellitus, liver disease, kidney disease, and several hormonal diseases. The number of tests in the panel and how often they are per-

formed will depend upon the age and health status of your older dog.

An electrocardiogram (EKG) can be performed quite easily on dogs. There are new instruments available which can merely be held at the animal's side to obtain an EKG - with no wires leading from the machine needing to be attached (uncomfortably) to your dog. Again, whether your veterinarian recommends an EKG for your dog will depend upon results of the physical exam (were heart murmurs present?), the age and breed of your dog, and any signs of heart disease your dog may be experiencing.

Thyroid testing

Thyroid testing may also be recommended by your veterinarian, again based upon the results of the physical exam, the breed of your dog, and any signs of thyroid hormone deficiency or excess. Dogs who need to take thyroid medication will need to have their thyroid hormone levels checked at regular intervals.

Radiographs

Especially if your dog is showing signs or has a history of heart, lung, kidney, liver, or gastrointestinal disease, radiographs (x-rays) may be recommended. As a dog grows older, it is often helpful to have a radiograph of the chest and abdomen taken while the dog is healthy. If the dog develops signs of disease, these "normal" radiographs are valuable in providing a baseline by which to evaluate the radiographs taken after a disease process has started. In most cases, a dog who has or has had cancer will have radiographs taken, especially of the chest, to look for any spread of the disease.

Preanesthetic screening

An older animal is generally at greater risk for having adverse reactions to anesthetics. An evaluation of liver and kidney function, blood components, and electrolytes are recommended for older dogs who are going to be anesthetized. Knowing a problem exists beforehand is much better than finding out about the problem when your dog is in the middle of a surgical procedure. If abnormalities are found on the pre-anesthetic screen, the procedure requiring anesthesia may be post-poned, the types and amounts of anesthetics used may be altered, or the method of performing the procedure may be changed.

Options for diagnostic tests and treatments

Newer procedures which are less invasive, shorter in duration, or may be performed with local anesthesia are becoming increasingly available in veterinary medicine. These include laser surgery, endoscopy, ultrasound and electrosurgery. These can be excellent alternatives for older dogs whose health problems may preclude them from the more traditional procedures.

Blood pressure monitoring

Until recently, measuring the blood pressure of animals was a tedious procedure, and unavailable in many veterinary hospitals. New instruments and techniques have made blood pressure measurement less cumbersome, and more veterinarians will have this diagnostic and monitoring procedure available.

Pain control

The issue of pain control in animals is being addressed more by veterinarians and in the veterinary literature. New medications have become available which can help older dogs be much more comfortable. These medications are also valuable in the treatment of animals who may have a terminal and painful disease.

Pet loss, euthanasia and grief management

Euthanasia continues to be an option for many pet owners who do not want their terminally ill pet to suffer, or who may find the veterinary costs for continued treatment of their pet to be prohibitive. It is often helpful to discuss the process of euthanasia with your veterinarian well in advance of its occurrence. Which family members will be present during the procedure, when and where it will take place, options for handling the pet's remains, how the family members may want to say good-bye or provide a memorial for their pet, and how and with whom they will spend time immediately after the euthanasia are all important issues which should be discussed.

Home-based hospice care is becoming available through some veterinary hospitals and volunteer organizations. The concept behind pet hospice is to provide comfortable care for a terminally-ill pet at home. Such care may be helpful when the family members of a pet need more time to adjust to the imminent death of their pet. Hospice can be especially helpful in providing children time to understand that the family pet is dying, or giving time for a geographically distant family member to come home to say good-bye and provide mutual support to the other family members.

Your veterinarian may be able to provide you with a referral to grief counseling services, pet loss support groups, or assist the family in other ways, such as helping them explain to young family members what has happened. Pet loss hot lines, books to help people grieving the loss of their pet, and other resources are also available to help family members through the grief process.

Summary

Older pets need regular veterinary care to prevent disease and/or diagnose it early in its course. Many veterinarians have special programs to monitor dogs in their later years of life. Good communication between the owner, dog and veterinarian can keep the dog healthy and make his senior years be wonderful years. At the end of your cat's life, your veterinarian can help you in making decisions, provide support, understand and share your grief, and celebrate, with you, the life of your pet.

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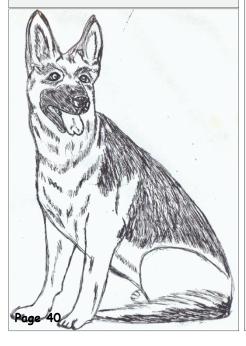
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Older Dogs: Their Nutritional Needs by Joe Boewes, DVM

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I generally consider a dog to be "older" if it is in the last third of its normal life expectancy.

Dogs are living to a much older age than they did 30 years ago. There are many factors contributing to this including better vaccines and veterinary care but one of the most important factors is better nutrition. The older dog is undergoing many physiologic changes, and because of these changes it is recommended that you feed them differently than when they were a puppy. I am often asked, "What is the definition of an older dog?" I generally consider a dog to be "older" if it is in the last third of its normal life expectancy. For example, a large breed dog such as a Great Dane that normally lives to be nine years old would be considered older when it reached 6. A poodle that normally lives to 15 years would be older at 10 years of age. There are many exceptions to this rule of course and if a dog is active and in good shape it should continue to be fed and exercised as a younger dog would. I know many 11-year-old sled and hunting dogs that need to be treated and exercised like three-year-olds.



Changes as a result of aging

As your dog ages they will undergo several different changes. They may undergo behavioral changes associated with arthritis or old age cognitive dysfunction. They may not be tolerant of small children and may have restless sleep, accidents in the house (urinary incontinence) or occasional periods of disorientation. Their vision may begin to fade a little and they may have difficulty seeing in low light situations. They also may have a loss of hearing and may be easily surprised or startled. They won't have the muscle strength or mass that they had as young dogs. They are going to be less active and need a warm comfortable bed. Their teeth are going to be worn and they may loose some teeth or be prone to dental disease. In addition, they might start to develop conditions associated with old age such as kidney failure or heart disease. For all of these reasons special care must be given to their diet.

Tendencies to be overweight

Because of decreased activity, many older dogs will gain weight. Obesity is a common problem in the older dog, and because they don't exercise as much, weight loss can be very difficult. It is much better to not let your dog get overweight than to try to make her loose weight when she gets older. But if she is overweight then work very hard to get the extra weight off. It is one of the single most important things you can do to increase the quality and length of life for your pet.

Characteristics of "senior" diets

The older dog needs a well balanced diet that is lower in calories, protein and fat and higher in fiber. The older dog is going to need a good well balanced diet that is lower in calories, protein and fat, and higher in fiber. For some older dogs we can continue to feed their regular food but in a smaller quantity. Specially formulated senior diets are lower in calories and help to create a feeling of fullness while providing fewer calories. Commercially prepared senior diets have a protein of around 18% where diets for dogs in renal failure are around 14% protein. If your dog has significantly decreased kidney function then a diet that is lower in protein will lower the work-load for the kidneys. Lower fat usually translates to lower calories so many senior diets have a fat level of around 10 to 12 %. Older dogs are more prone to develop constipation so senior diets are higher in fiber at around 3 to 5%. Wheat bran can be added to regular dog food to increase the amount of fiber. If your older dog will eat dry food it will help to control tartar build-up and reduce gum disease.

Getting older dogs to eat

Some older dogs suffer not from obesity, but from the other extreme of old age obesity: lack of weight gain and disinterest in food. If your dog is getting thin and not eating well he should have a complete veterinary exam to rule out any possible disease problems. If everything checks out then trying to get the dog to eat is the next challenge. If a dog normally eats dry food he may have decreased consumption because he has a hard time chewing the large kibble. By feeding a kibble with smaller pieces or moistening the food with water it will be easier to chew. Adding canned food or gravy to the food will make it more appealing. Some dogs can tolerate a small amount of milk or eggs added to the food. Homemade diets of boiled rice, potatoes, vegetables and chicken or hamburger works well with others. Some dogs prefer cat food and will eat that readily, but this is often quite high in protein and should be avoided, if possible. With an older dog that won't eat it may be time to break the rules to get him to eat. Better that he has table scraps than nothing at all. Use common sense, however, and stay away from fatty foods.

Supplements for older dogs

Aging dogs have special nutritional needs and some of those can be supplied in the form of supplements. A large percentage of older dogs suffer from arthritis. By feeding a daily supplement containing glucosamine and chondroitin you can reverse and prevent future damage to the cartilage in the joints. These supplements have been shown to be very safe and effective and do not require a prescription.



Three handsome male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful, enticing, female Poodle. The three male dogs fall all over

themselves in an effort to be the one to reach her first, but end up arriving in front of her at the same time. The males are speechless before her beauty, slobbering on themselves and hoping for just a glance from her in return. Aware of her charms and her obvious effect on the three suitors,



she decides to be kind and tells them "The first one who can use

the words "liver" and "cheese" together in an imaginative, intelligent sentence can go out with me. "The sturdy, muscular black Lab speaks up quickly and says "I love liver and cheese. ""Oh, how childish," said the Poodle. "That shows no imagination or intelligence whatsoever." She



turned to the tall, shiny Golden Retriever and said "How well can you do?"" Um. I HATE liver and cheese," blurts the Golden Retriever." My, my," said the Poodle. "I guess it's hopeless. That's just as dumb as the Lab's sentence." She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, "How about you, little guy?" The last of the three,



tiny in stature, but big in fame and finesse, is the Taco Bell Chi-

huahua. He gives her a smile, a sly wink, turns to the Golden Retriever and the Lab and says, "Liver alone. Cheese mine.

RESCUE HELP NEEDED ASAP !!!!!!!

Please help! After two long years of being on a waiting list for an exotic rare breed dog, we were finally notified by the breeder that at long last, our number has come up, and... WE'RE HAVING A PUPPY! We must IMMEDIATELY get rid of our children now, because we just 👯 $\mspace{0.05cm}{}^{\odot}$ KNOW how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be! Since our puppy will be $\mspace{0.05cm}{}^{\odot}$ g_0 arriving on Monday, we MUST place the children in new homes this weekend!!! They are g_0 described as: One male, white, blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Name is Tommy. Temperament tested. Current on all shots. Tonsils removed already and very healthy condition! Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house $\overset{*}{*}^{\mathbb{Q}}$ ${}_{\phi}^{\otimes 0}$ trained and gets along well with ${}_{\phi}$ others. Does not run with scissors and with a little time ${}_{\phi}^{\otimes 0}$ g_0 and training, he will do well in a new home One female, strawberry blonde hair, green g_0 eyes. Three years old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Her name is Mary. Tomperament tested, but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on the contraction of the c all shots, tonsils out, and is very healthy and happy (mostly.) Gets along well with little $^{\sharp 0}$ $\slash\hspace{-0.6em}^{\# 0}$ boys, but does not like to share toys. She is house trained, and would do best in a one child $\slash\hspace{-0.6em}^{\# 0}$ household. We really LOVE our children, and want to do what is best for them. I hope you 👯 understand, that ours is a UNIQUE situation, and we have a real emergency here! They MUST be placed by Sunday night at the latest.

THIRTY MINUTES TO A CLEANER HOUSE

You're getting company in 30 minutes. Your house is a mess. WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to the first session of Housekeeping Tips for Regular People. If you're a Martha Stewart type of housekeeper, this column is NOT for you.

However, for the rest of you, this is your chance to learn 15 Secret Shortcuts to Good House-keeping that your mother never told you.

SECRET TIP 1: DOOR LOCKS - Time: 2 seconds

If a room clearly can't be whipped into shape in 30 days--much less 30 minutes--employ the Locked Door Method of cleaning. Tell anyone who tries to go in the room that the door is intentionally locked.

CAUTION: It is not advisable to use this tip for the bathroom.

SECRET TIP 2: DUCT TAPE - Time: 2-3 minutes

No home should be without an ample supply. Not only is it handy for plumbing repairs, but it's a great way to hem drapes, tablecloths, clothes, just about anything. No muss, no fuss.

SECRET TIP 3: OVENS - Time: 2 minutes

If you think ovens are just for baking, think again. Ovens represent at least 9 cubic feet of hidden storage space, which means they're a great place to shove dirty dishes, dirty clothes, or just about anything you want to get out of sight when company's coming.

SECRET TIP 4: CLOTHES DRYERS - Time: 2.5 minutes

Like Secret Tip 3, except bigger.

CAUTION: Avoid hiding flammable objects here.

SECRET TIP 5: WASHING MACHINES & FREEZERS – Time: 3 minutes – Like Secret Tip 4, except even bigger.

SECRET TIP 6: DUST RUFFLES - Time: 4 minutes

No bed should be without one. Devotees of Martha Stewart believe dust ruffles exist to keep dust out from under a bed or to help coordinate the colorful look of a bedroom. The rest of us know a dust ruffle's highest and best use is to hide whatever you've managed to shove under the bed. (Refer to Secret Tips 3, 4, 5.)

SECRET TIP 7: DUSTING - Time: 3 minutes

The 30-Minutes-To-A-Clean-House method says: Never dust under what you can dust around.

SECRET TIP 8: DISHES – Time: 1 minute

Don't use them. Use plastic or paper and you won't have to.

SECRET TIP 9: CLOTHES WASHING (EEWWW) - Time: 3 seconds

This secret tip is brought to you by an inventive teenager. When this teen's mother went on a housekeeping strike for a month, the teen discovered you can extend the life of your underwear by two ...if you turn it wrong side out and, yes, rerun it.

CAUTION: This tip is recommended only for teens and those who don't care if they get in a car wreck.

SECRET TIP 10: IRONING - Time: 5 minutes

(including curling your hair) If an article of clothing doesn't require a full press and your hair does, a curling iron is the answer. In between curling your hair, use the hot wand to iron minor wrinkles out of your clothes. Yes, it really does work, or so I'm told, by other disciples of the 30 -Minutes-To-A-Clean-House philosophy.

SECRET TIP 11: VACUUMING – Time: 5 minutes, entire house; 2 minutes, living room only. Stick to the middle of the room, which is the only place people look. Don't bother vacuuming under furniture. It takes way too long and no one looks there anyway.

SECRET TIP 12: LIGHTING - Time: 10 seconds

The key here is low, low, and lower. It's not only romantic, but bad lighting can hide a multitude of dirt.

SECRET TIP 13: BED MAKING - Time: 0

Get an old-fashioned waterbed. No one can tell if those things are made up or not, saving you, oh, hundreds of seconds over the course of a lifetime.

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Good Evening. My name is ***** and I AM a dogaholic. I would like to welcome all of you to this month's meeting of Dogaholics Anonymous. Some of you are here tonight because a friend or relative brought you here. You may be sitting here thinking that you are OK and that you really don't need any help. It is not easy to admit that you are a dogaholic and it is even harder to bring yourself to a DAA meeting for help. DAA is here to assist you.

I have some questions to ask. If you can answer YES to more than three of the following, you have come to the right place.

- * Can you say "Bitch" in public without blushing?
- * Do you drive a station wagon, van or 4x4 when everyone else drives a real car?
- * Do others eye your strangely when you speak of your dog's yeast infection?
- * Do you have more than one car? One for you and one for the dogs?
- * Do you spend your vacations and holidays going to shows, specialties and seminars when everyone else goes on a cruise? If you do go overseas, is it to London in March to attend Crufts?
- * Do you discuss things at the dinner table that would make most doctors leave in disgust?
- * Do you consider formal wear to be clean jeans and freshly washed tennis shoes?
- * Is your interior decorator R.C. Steele?
- * Was your furniture and carpeting chosen to match your dogs?
- * Are your end table really dog crates with tablecloths thrown over them?
- * Do you know the meaning of CGC, TDI, CD, CDX, UD, CGC, HIC,WC, JH, MH, CH, and OTCH?
- * Is your mail made up primarily of dog catalogs, dog magazines and premium lists?
- * Do you get up before dawn to go to Training Classes? Dog Shows? Seminars?
- * If you do have dresses, do they all have pockets?
- * Do those pockets often contain freeze dried liver, Rollover or squeaky toys, combs?
- * When you meet a new person do you always ask them what kind of dog they have and pity them if they don't have one?
- * Do you remember the name of their dog sooner than you remember their name?
- * Do you spend hours grooming your dog and 5 minutes on your hair?
- * Did you use the same comb/brush?
- * Do you find most non-dog people boring?
- * Do you subscribe to more then one internet dog mailing list?????
- * If you answered YES to one of the above, there is still hope.
- * If you answered YES to two, you are in serious trouble.
- * If you answered YES to three or more, you have come to the right place.

My advice to all of you with three or more YES's is to sit back and smile, turn to the smiling person next to you and know that your life will always be filled with good friends and good dogs and it will never be boring.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis 50th Anniversary Fall Specialty

DOGS

6-9 Puppy Dogs

1 Faithrock-Langlitz Joshua HH

Breeder: Wilma Miller Sire: Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire Dam: Jerr's French Fryz

Owners: Terry Rock, Tom and Peggy

Langlitz

2 Chablis Quarterback Draw

Breeder: Owners

Sire: Ch. Lin-Ter's Tiburon of Chablis Dam: Nitewyd's Desire of Dan Ann Owners: Cindy and Ardlin Bartley 3 DeRousse's S'More Nite Fire **Breeder: Judy DeRousse** Sire: Ch. Langlitz Rapid Fire Dam: DeRousse's Nite Magic Owners: Karen Miller

12-18 Dogs

1 Lebarland's Getty Lee

Breeders: Barbara and Lee Trapp Sire: Ch. Lin-Ter's Tiburon Of Chablis

Dam: Jerr-Wen's Fresca

Owners: Alice Becker and Barbara

and Lee Trapp

2 Jalamor's On The Sly

Breeders: James and Laverne Moore Sire: Wes Andra's Magic Shadow Dam: Tartan-Luros Alluring Lies Owners: Judy and David Bryson

Novice Dog

1 Jalamor's Gunslinger **Breeders: Owners**

Sire: Wes Andra's Majic Shadow Dam: Tartan-Luros Alluring Lies **Owners: James and Laverne Moore**

American Bred Dogs 1 Romano Of Oh My

Breeders: Owners

Sire: Ch. Ponca Hill's Jessie II Dam: Ch. Hadori's Joan Rivers Of Oh

Owners Myra and Howard Shear 2 Mari-Fiori's Ransom Paid

Breeder: Marilee Wilkinson and Judy

Deane

Sire: Am/Can Sel. Can Ch. Winning

Ways Chimo

Dam: Am and Sel. Can Ch. Mari-Fiori's

Ruffian of Judeen, HIC Owner: Donna Riehm

3 Baehmann's Elijah DeRousse

Breeder: Judy DeRousse

Sire: Am/Can. Ch. Mari-Fiori's Boldrul-

er Judeen

Dam: Ch. DeRousse's Nite Majic Owner: Mark Baehmann

4 Langlitz's Sniper of RB

Breeder: Diane Zeppo Brown and Carl

Sire: Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire

Dam: Ch. RB's One Moment in Time of Sire: Ch. Karizma's Heartbreaker

D&L

Owner: John and Rachel Piguard

Open Dog

1 Gracefield Bonanza

Breeders: C. Miller, L. Schowalter, R.

Sire: Leiter's Firecracker Dam: Schokrest Amazing Grace Owners: John and Nancy LaFata 2 DeRousse's Tom Cruise Judeen

Breeder: Wilma Miller

Sire: Ch. Judeen's Deano DeRousse Dam: Caralon's Classical Jaz Judeen Owners: Judy DeRousse, Betty Smith

and Margaret O'neil

Winners Doa

Lebarland's Getty Lee Breeders: Barbara and Lee Trapp Sire: Ch. Lin-Ter's Tiburon Of Chablis

Dam: Jerr-Wen's FrescaOwners: Alice Becker and Barbara and Lee Trapp

Reserve Winners Dog

Gracefield Bonanza

Breeders: C. Miller, L. Schowalter, R

Ivens

Sire: Leiter's Firecracker Dam: Schokrest Amazing Grace Owners: John and Nancy LaFata

BITCHES

6-9 Puppy Bitches

1 Jan-Mar's Aint No Angel

Breeders: Owners

Sire: Ch. Lin-Ter's Tiburon Of Chablis Dam: Ch. Ja-Don's Obsession v Tartan Owners: Janet Ingalls and Gerald Mar-

2 Caralon QED Gotta Believe

Breeders: Owners

Sire: Sel. Ch. Bredwell Jakester Of

Joelle, CD

Dam: Caralon QED Red Quenn Judeen Owners: H. Sherlock, P. Parsons, L.

Duerbeck

9-12 Puppy Bitches

1 Lebarland's Sensation

Breeders: Barbara and Lee Trapp Sire: Ironwood's Alpine Apparition

Dam: Jerr-Wen's Fresca

Owners: Alice Becker and Barbara

2 Schneiderhofs Highland Spirits Breeders: Gail and Herman Stiefferman and Nancy Schneider

Sire: Ch. Schneiderhofs Highlander HIC

Dam: Schneiderhofs Zima Forest Knoll

Owner: Nancy Schneider

3 Nimh's Pandora Box Von Schultz

Breeders: M and K Schultz

Dam: Karizma's Sherry II

Owners: Keith Hitt and Michelle Sher-

wood

12-18 Bitch

1 ReKa's Mystical Melody

Breeder: Owner

Sire: Carben Copy's Braveheart

Dam: ReKa's Liberty Belle v Judeen,

TT. CGC

Owner: Kathy S. Redford

Novice Bitch

1 Rivendell's Demitasse

Breeders: Tracy Rodigan and Cindy Tellefsen and Paul and Jennifer Root

Sire: Ch. Bihari's Houdini

Dam: Ch. Rivendell's Jezabelle, HT Owners: Frank and Kris Fasano

2 Stew's Destiny Child **Breeder: Larry Stewart**

Sire: Tartan's Vindicator v Judeen

Dam: Stew's Miss T Banks

Owners: Tom Healey and Larry Stewart

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch

1 Lebarland's Ginzi

Breeders: Barbara and Lee Trapp Sire: Ch. Lin-Ter's Tiburon Of Chablis

Dam: Jerr-Wen's Fresca

Owners: Mercedes and Thurban War-

rick and Barbara and Lee Trapp

2 Anndee's Bedazzled **Breeder: Ann Douglas** Sire: Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire

Dam: AnnDee's Amarillo News Owners: Ann and Ashley Douglas

3 Cimarron's Margarita

Breeder: Owner

Sire: Ch. Aztec's Kodak Dam: Kingdom's Tornado Owner: Steven D. Dobbins 4 RB's GiGi of Lakeside

Breeder: Owner

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

Dam: RB's Pandora of Lakeside

Owner: Diane Zeppo

American Bred Bitches 1 Loralhaus Windsong

Breeder: Owner Sire: Loralhaus Baby He's Mine Dam: Clayfield Jimeni Afrika Owner: Lori Schwartzbeck

2 Langlitz's U.K. **Breeders: Owners**

Sire: Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire, TC Dam: Langlitz's Onceuponatime D&L Owners: Tom and Peggy Langlitz

3 Cloverleife's Wildfire

Breeders: Jerry and Natalie Stewart Sire: Ch. Lin-Ter's Tiburon Of Chablis

Dam: Cloverleife's Lickety Split Owner: Jeanine Garner

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4 Forest Knoll's Broken Promises

Breeders: G. Stiefferman, H. Stieffer-

man Jr. and N. Schneider

Sire: Ch. Caralon QED Sword v Lebar-

land

Dam: Schneiderhof Zima Forest Knoll Owners: Gail and Herman Stiefferman

and Barbara Gambill

Open Bitch

1 Pilgrim's Chamique

Breeder: Owner

Sire: Ch. Hickoryhill's Bull Durham Dam: Pilgrim's Maiden Voyage Owner: Shirley Raymond 2 Summitwood's Haviland

Breeder: Owners

Sire: Survival-Alator's Frontiersman Dam: Summitwood's Genevieve Owners: Tom and Patti Brown

Veteran Bitch

1 Ch. DeRousse's Becca Fave Abbott,

Breeder: Judy DeRousse Sire: Ch. Zorba Vom Bleitreu

Dam: Caralon's Jennabrix DeRousse,

CD ROM

Owners: Judy and Michele DeRousse

Brood Bitch

1 Am. Ch./Can. Sel. Ch. Mari-Fiori's

Ruffian of Judeen

Breeders: Marilee Wilkinson and Judy

Deane

Sire: Ch. Caralon's Jedi of Brookwood Dam: Mari-Fiori's Ciara of Judeen Owner: Marilee Wilkinson and Judy Deane

2 Ch. RB's One Moment In Time of

D&L

Breeders: Lois and Dan O'Connor and

John Lafata

Sire: Ch. Winwalker Jolly Roger Dam: Chlomaxsi's Talitha v D&L CD Owners: Lois O'Connor, Dianne Zep-

po, Julie Foster

Winners Bitch Loralhaus Windsong

Breeder: Owner

Sire: Loralhaus Baby He's Mine Dam: Clayfield Jimeni Afrika Owner: Lori Schwartzbeck

Reserve Winners Bitch

Langlitz's U.K. **Breeders: Owners**

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Best Of Breed

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Ch. Hickoryhill's Wells Fargo v Pilgrim

Breeders: Christine Shirley Grainger and

Raymond

Sire: Ch. Hickoryhill's Bull Durham Dam: Pilgrim's Thalia v Chablis **Owners: Steve and Christine Grainger**

Best Opposite Sex Loralhaus Windsong Breeder: Owner

Sire: Loralhaus Baby He's Mine Dam: Clayfield Jimeni Afrika Owner: Lori Schwartzbeck

Best Of Winners

Lebarland's Getty Lee

Breeders: Barbara and Lee Trapp Sire: Ch. Lin-Ter's Tiburon Of Chablis

Dam: Jerr-Wen's Fresca

Owners: Alice Becker and Barbara

and Lee Trapp

Best Puppy Lebarland's Sensation

Breeders: Barbara and Lee Trapp

Sire: Ironwood's Alpine Apparition

Dam: Jerr-Wen's Fresca

Owners: Alice Becker and Barbara

Best Opposite Puppy

Faithrock-Langlitz Joshua HH

Breeder: Wilma Miller

Sire: Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire Dam: Jerr's French Fryz

Owners: Terry Rock, Tom and Peggy

Langlitz

JUNIOR HANDLING

Novice Juniors

1 Becca Dovle

Ezzie's Oscar Of Basic Four

Breeder: Wilma Miller

Sire: Tartan Jadon Afirmative Action Dam: Esmeralda Of Basic Four Owners: Becca Doyle and Linda Doyle

Novice Seniors

1 Brittany Piguard

Andaka-Zederland's Streisand

Breeder: D. Szczuka and B Sheeslev Sire: Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire

Dam: Ch. Andaka's Pharra of Zeder-

land

Owners: Rachel Piquard and Daphne

Szczuka

Open Junior **Ashley Douglas**

AnnDee's Simon Says Ima Keeper

Breeder: Ann Douglas

Sire: Ch. Schokrest Playboy v Chlo-

maxsi

Dam: AnnDee's Amarillo News

Amm. Ashley and Mike Owners:

Douglas

Open Senior **Rachael Kent**

Breeder: Rachael and Mary Kent

Ken Maera's Seldom Seen

Sire: Oak Mtns Bachelor Party Dam: Oak Mountain's Anastasia

Owner: Mary Kent

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Novice A

Ina Vom Schmitz

Breeder: Harold and Jan Schmitz Sire: Nick Vom Laacher-Haus Dam: Johanna Vom Haus Miller Owner: Murlian E. Hagan and Tanya

Hagen Score: 175

Open A

Independence Vom Spzialblut **Breeder: Mary Lee Coppage** Sire: Ch. Neumann's Jim Dam: Paula v Trafalga Owner: John Hoffman

Score: 184

Lil' Maggie Always On My Mind, UDTX,

AX, NAJ

Open B

Breeders: Paul and Joyce Wendt

Sire: Kerry von Arlett

Dam: LuJon's Siskeston Lil Maggie

UDTX

ing Dog



Dog people know they've waited too long to find a mate when...

- -you think stripping is something you do to a terrier
- -you meet a guy named Bob and instantly visualize purple and gold rosettes
- -you think nothing about loudly discussing studs and bitches in a fancy restaurant
- --the first thing you notice about a guy is what breed of dog he has
- -your biggest turn-off is a guy with an obnoxious, untrained dog
- --you have ever ruled out a guy as a prospective date based on the breed of dog he owns
- 🤻 -you dismiss all the guys your mother introduces you to as "not breeding quality"
 - -you never could stick to a diet to impress a guy, but you can do it to get through that TDX track

- -your only nice jewelry features either dogs, dumbbells, or rosettes
- -you have a video on how to artificially inseminate your dog but last watched a dirty movie in jun-
 - -when you talk about "scoring" you mean how you did at last weekend's obedience trial
 - -your dog has more letters after his name than the last ten guys you've dated, and actually completed obedience school
- -you start using operant conditioning techniques to get what you want from your boyfriend, and you won't let him read your copy of "Don't Shoot the Dog"
 - -you think that maybe your current guy has potential if you use the proper combination of positive reinforcement and the occasional well-timed ear pinch
 - -you "people watch" at the mall by making mental lists of the conformational faults each by passer has to contribute to the gene pool
 - -you think if you ever did marry and have children that you wouldn't have to buy a playpen be-cause you already have an extra x-pen. And why buy a crib??? Crates are cheaper and they're enclosed on all sides
 - -you give all of your married friends child-rearing advice based on your extensive background in dog training
- -your mother's worst fear is that you'll have a child and make it wear a pinch collar
 - -your mother's second worst fear is you'll get married and your dog will be in the wedding party
 - -you actually have friends whose dogs HAVE been part of the wedding party
 - --when your cousin tells you how much her wedding costs you think how many show-quality puppies that could buy you
 - -all of your friends always include your dog in any invitation they issue to you. Of course, you reciprocate because you only have doggy friends left, the others have stopped inviting you places because you insist on bringing the dog
 - --when you read the personal ads you skip past the vital statistics and rule out any that don't say "animal lover"
 - -you know your dog's cholesterol but not your own
 - -when you lament to your friends about chronic yeast infections, they don't know you're talking about your dog's ears
 - -you last had a professional portrait done for your high school graduation, but you just spent 50% of your dog's purchase price having his done by the best canine photographer in the country
 - -you and your dog use the same kind of hairbrush, and you never can keep straight whose is whose
 - -you spend 8 hours grooming your dog for a show the day before, and 1.25 minutes pony tailing your hair the morning of
 - --you think that people with bad bites shouldn't be allowed to breed
 - -your mother is ecstatic to see you browsing the aisle with the hair coloring, after hounding you for three years to try highlighting, only to be disappointed when she finds you are looking for per
 oxide to "touch up "your dog's drool marks
 - 。- -when someone mentions single bars, you wonder if they are talking about utility or agility jumps
- in -when you go "clubbing", you have your choice of the all-breed club, the specialty club, the obedience club, or the tracking club
 - -you once made earrings out of old rabies tags, and all your friends wanted a pair

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Sometimes, IGNORANCE IS BLISS!

Don't take this the wrong way, but for the longest time now, I have been trying to imitate my dog. Not his look, which is furry and chestnut brown. Not his walk, which, as with most dogs, can be more of a waddle.

And not his tail. I don't need a tail. I have enough trouble buckling my pants as it is. Also, I can live without his bathroom habits, which can be summed up this way: "Tree or bush? Tree or bush? Aww, how about right here on the grass..."

No, what I admire about my dog is, his fascination with the simple routine of life. Every day for him is like boarding the space shuttle.

For example: In the morning, I tumble out of bed, grumble, yawn, open the door, and ta-da! There he is, the canine answer to Richard Simmons. He is so worked up, he doesn't know which way to go, toward me or away from me. So he does both.

"Oh boy oh boy!" he

seems to pant. "It's morning and I'm gonna eat!" Never mind that he has eaten every morning, since he was born.

Or that he's had the same food every morning, since he was born -- and that was 11 years ago.

Never mind. He pulls me downstairs and waits breathlessly as I scoop yet another helping of boring brown nuggets into his bowl. "Oh boy oh boy! Food, food, food!" I yawn.

Three minutes later, he is off the food thing and into a new obsession . . . going out. Again, he runs forward and backward. "I'm going out! I'm going out! Is this great or what?" Never mind that going out has not changed one bit, since we've lived here.

He is so thrilled by the notion of "exit" that he almost bites the doorknob off. He bolts into the backyard as if heading for Tomorrow land with a sack full of "E" tickets. I slouch and yawn again.

Then comes the "bathroom" routine, which I already have described. Humans deal with these functions be-

grudgingly. Not my dog. It's a real thrill for him. He scouts for the perfect spot as if looking for beach front real estate.

"Tree or bush? Tree or bush?"

Then, once his business is taken care of -- and I make a mental note of where I'm going to have to shovel, come summer, he is off the going out obsession and onto a new one . . . going back in. It doesn't matter than he was in just two minutes ago. "Things have "Things changed! have changed!" he seems to pant. "I gotta get in there! I gotta check it out! Hurry up, hurry

up!"

When I open the door, he bolts in, races back and forth -- looking for space aliens, I suppose -- and when he doesn't find any, he isn't disappointed. Instead, he snarls at some ratty toy he's played with for months.

he throws it into the air with his teeth, and watches it land. "Look at that!" he seems to say. "It goes up, it comes down!"

As I make a cup of coffee, he jumps up to watch. "Whatcha doin? Whatcha doin? Coffee, huh? That's amazing!" He then clamps onto my leg and does a dance that, were it the early '50s, I might call the "Hootchie Coo." I am not sure what he gets out of this -- "Oh boy, a leg! Oh boy, a leg!" -- but he seems to be having a better time than many of the dates I've had.

When I disengage and disappear behind a door, he lies down outside and waits for me to come out again. If it is only 30 seconds later, he will still react as if I were a released hostage.

The sunny side . . . Now, my dog does not work. He does not pay taxes. He does not create anything new (unless you consider the bushes outside). But he also doesn't need clothes, doesn't covet cars or jewelry, and he doesn't care about houses. As long as he can find a sunny spot on the floor and lie there for a few hours, he's happy.

Meanwhile, I am bored with my same routine. Getting up is a drag. I can't get excited about breakfast. And going out then coming back only makes me wonder how many flies I've let in.

So I'm trying to imitate my dog. I'm trying to find wonder in the everyday. After all, when you think about it, it is pretty remarkable that you open your eyes each morning. And since every few hours you get to quench your hunger, well, that's a thrill, when you consider the alternative.

So while I can't match my dog's drool, I am trying to match his zeal. Don't worry. If you come to visit, I will not clamp on your leg and do the Hootchie Coo. On the other hand, that sunny spot on the floor looks pretty



HOW TO SPEND A TWO DOG NIGHT

I will address myself mostly to the rules for sleeping with two dogs. For the few who have already mastered this technique, I will later add a cat, although I urge beginners to leave the cat out.

To achieve any sort of success, certain arbitrary conditions must be assumed - the first one being that you must have a king-sized bed. There is no point in lying down in anything smaller. While the size of the breed of dog is not important (people who sleep with dogs know that before the night is over everybody collects into a pile), the condition of the dogs may be. Very thin dogs, for example, are lumpier.

I have selected the two-dog minimum because, as we shall see, it is the only way to stay in bed at all. The key word here is LEVERAGE. All dogs spend the night pressed tightly against their human bedfellows, but no two dogs ever sleep on the same side. This is, in part, an expression of the "Let Sleeping Dogs Lie" principle. It is also to create leverage.

Because the human being is always in the middle, held tightly in place by the dogs and by her blanket (which the dogs are sleeping on top of), restlessness and recurring cramps are difficult to handle. Here is the tip: When you first lie down, AND BEFORE THE DOGS SETTLE AGAINST EACH SIDE OF YOU, spread your legs three inches apart. Stiffen and hold out NO MATTER HOW GREAT THE PRESSURE! When the time comes to turn over, bring the legs together quickly under the now slightly slackened blanket and revolve BEFORE THE DOGS WAKE UP. As soon as you have assumed a new position, allow for those crucial three inches again - otherwise, you're a mummy for the rest of the night.

NEVER SPREAD THE LEGS MORE THAN THREE INCHES. A dog's favorite place to sleep is in the hollow created by legs too widely spread, and, once settled, he and you are frozen into position until morning. (There is a way out of this trap, but it is difficult to describe without slides).

Dogs who prefer to sleep on their backs MUST BE GIVEN SPACE THREE TIMES THE HEIGHT OF THE DOG AT THE SHOULDER. Dogs who like pillows may be accommodated if you sleep on your side with the legs scissored so that each dog has an ankle for a chin rest.

Above all, BEWARE OF CURLING! When the curl is reversed, both dogs are dislocated, resulting in low growls on both sides of you.

When you are ready to add a cat, position is all important. All cats prefer to sleep in hollows, but NO CAT WILL SLEEP ON THE SAME SIDE AS A DOG. (Remember, you have only two sides). YOU MUST THEREFORE BECOME A TRIANGLE! Do this by assuming a horizontal diver's crouch, thereby creating not only three more-or-less exclusive sides but two hollows as well. With one dog at your front, and the other against your back, the cat can curl into the hollow at the back of your bent knees, separated from both dogs. All will then sleep soundly.

This entire technique still needs a lot of refinement. A method that deals with early morning scratching needs to be developed, and the problem of pretending to sleep while being closely scrutinized by various animals needs to be solved.

Obedience Dog's Point of View

I've got a headache

I'm not deaf, I'm ignoring you

I never heard that command before today

My handler is having an off day

You want me to jump how high?

Let's sit the handlers in the sun for 3 minutes and we'll hide in the shade

But I told her/him I had to go for a walk

People with clipboards make me nervous

My handler was standing on my tail

Mother told me there would be days like this, she went to obedience trials too

Does O.T.CH. stand for "Our turn chumps?"

Cats don't have to do obedience, they still get fed

If you wanted the dumbbell, why did you throw it away?

My handler doesn't like to work when its too hot or cold

Even when handlers flunk, they still blame the dogs

If you think that last exercise was creative, watch the next one

So you signed the check and mailed the entries Ha, Ha!

Whether they win or lose, dogs are always good sports

My handler is ring wise. She knows she can't correct me

My handler doesn't know his right from his left

If handlers are so smart, why can't they do scent discrimination?

Dogs need two left feet, handlers should only have one

My handler get bored heeling, so I never get to practice

You'd think by now she'd know how to throw the dumbbell

The devil made me do it

A Breeder (with a capital B) is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all, one who wrestles with decisions of conscience, convenience, and commitment.

A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interests, finances, time, friendships, fancy furniture, and deep pile carpeting! She gives up the dreams of a long, luxurious cruise in favor of turning that all important Show into this year's "vacation".

The Breeder goes without sleep (but never without coffee!) in hours spent planning a breeding or watching anxiously over the birth process, and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry. The Breeder skips dinner parties because that litter is due or the babies have to be fed at eight. She disregards birth fluids and puts mouth to mouth to save a gasping new-born, literally blowing life into a tiny, helpless creature that may be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.

A Breeder's lap is a marvelous place where generations of proud and noble champions once snoozed. A Breeder's hands are strong and firm and often soiled, but ever so gentle and sensitive to the thrusts of a puppy's wet nose.

A Breeder's back and knees are usually arthritic from stooping, bending, and sitting in the birthing box, but are strong enough to enable the breeder to Show the next choice pup to a Championship.

A Breeder's shoulders are stooped and often heaped with abuse from competitors, but they're wide enough to support the weight of a thousand defeats and frustrations.

A Breeder's arms are always able to wield a mop, support an armful of puppies, or lend a helping hand to a newcomer.

A Breeder's ears are wondrous things, sometimes red (from being talked about) or strangely shaped (from being pressed against a phone receiver), often deaf to criticism, yet always fine-tuned to the whimper of a sick puppy.

A Breeder's eyes are blurred from pedigree research and sometimes blind to her own dog's faults, but they are ever so keen to the competitions faults and are always searching for the perfect specimen.

A Breeder's brain is foggy on faces, but it can recall pedigrees faster than an IBM computer. It's so full of knowledge that sometimes it blows a fuse: it catalogues thousands of good bonings, fine ears, and perfect heads... and buries in the soul the failures and the ones that didn't turn out.

The Breeder's heart is often broken, but it beats strongly with hope everlasting... and it's always in the right place ! Oh, yes, there are breeders, and then, there are BREEDERS!!



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A New Sport For The Olympics
"Kennel Cleaning Octathalon"
The feed bag toss;

The crate scrub and disinfect (crates must be taken apart)
The Great Dane crate lift (options with or without tray)
The high jump (removing hair, cobwebs etc. off hanging lights)
The long vault (over crates to answer phone)

The power washer floor exercise (must include walls and wire pens)

The squeegee sweep and scull and finally, the relay (getting the kennel set up and dogs in before the rain starts again)

Time-outs may be called to allow pressure tank and hot water tank to replenish.

Contestants will be disqualified if the well runs dry or the electrical service shorts out.

The two person decathlon would include the surface scrub (including cupboards and woodwork) and the wire panel free style (wire pen panels must be taken apart, steam cleaned and reassembled.)

Run pickup, disinfect and power wash may be substituted for one exercise.

Bonus points for minor repairs.

The Official Dog "Don't" List

DON'T let your dog sleep in your bed. It will cause aggression problems down the road.

DON'T make your dog sleep in a crate. Crate is just another word for small cage.

DON'T let your dog sleep outside at night. If God had wanted dogs to sleep outside, he would have covered their body with hair to keep them warm.

DON'T let your dog sleep. You should be playing with him all the time.

DON'T keep more than two dogs. Each individual dog requires considerable time and energy, and it is impossible for a responsible dog owner to spend quality time with more than two dogs.

DON'T keep less than five dogs. Dogs are pack animals and five dogs is the minimum number for proper socialization.

DON'T feed your dog kibble. Kibble is the invention of evil capitalists who want your money, and kibble has no nutritional value whatsoever. You might as well feed your dog sawdust. DON'T cook your dog's meat or chicken. Cooking destroys all the nutrients.

DON'T feed your dog raw meat or raw chicken. Raw food contains salmonella, e-coli, and other harmful bacteria.

DON'T let your dog drink out of a plastic bowl. It will turn his nose pink.

DON'T post messages to a dog list. You will surely get bopped on the head for thinking that someone else cares about your silly little opinions.

DON'T poke your eye with a sharp stick. It has nothing to do with dogs, but it's a good rule nonetheless.

DON'T microchip your dog. A nearby cell phone can cause a microchipped dog to explode, or so says the lady running the tattoo booth.

DON'T tattoo your dog on the ear.

A dog thief will cut off the tattooed ear

DON'T tattoo your dog on the thigh. He'll be a tripod before you can say Ginsu.

DON'T keep a collar on your dog when unattended. He could get caught on something and choke.

DON'T leave your dog unattended without a collar. He could run away without any identification.

DON'T transport your dog in a plastic crate. Plastic crates don't allow sufficient air flow.

DON'T transport your dog in a wire crate. In a car accident, a wire crate transforms into a doggie skewer. On days you plan to have a car accident, it's acceptable to use a plastic crate. DON'T let your dog drive. It's against the law in many states.

DON'T enter your dog in conformation. It's b-o-r-i-n-g for the dog. DON'T enter your dog in obedience. It's B-o-r-i-n-g with a capital "B." DON'T enter your dog in agility. The jumps will injure his joints.

DON'T send your dog out with a handler. Only a psychopath would send their beloved pet with a complete stranger.

DON'T handle your dog yourself. You've got a great dog and he deserves a much better handler than you will ever be.

DON'T get a purebred dog. Too much inbreeding has produced dogs with temperament and health problems

DON'T get a mutt. You don't know anything about their pedigree. In fact, if you're thinking about getting a dog, get a cat instead.

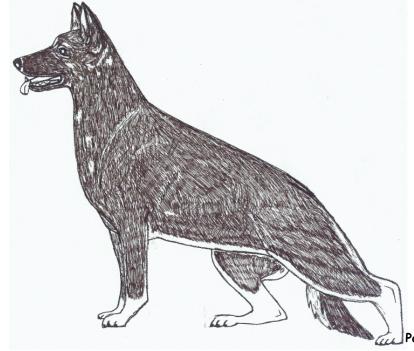
DON'T don't. That's right, you heard me, just don't!

DON'T leave your dog's dewclaws intact. He will rip one off jumping a log or something, which is quite painful.

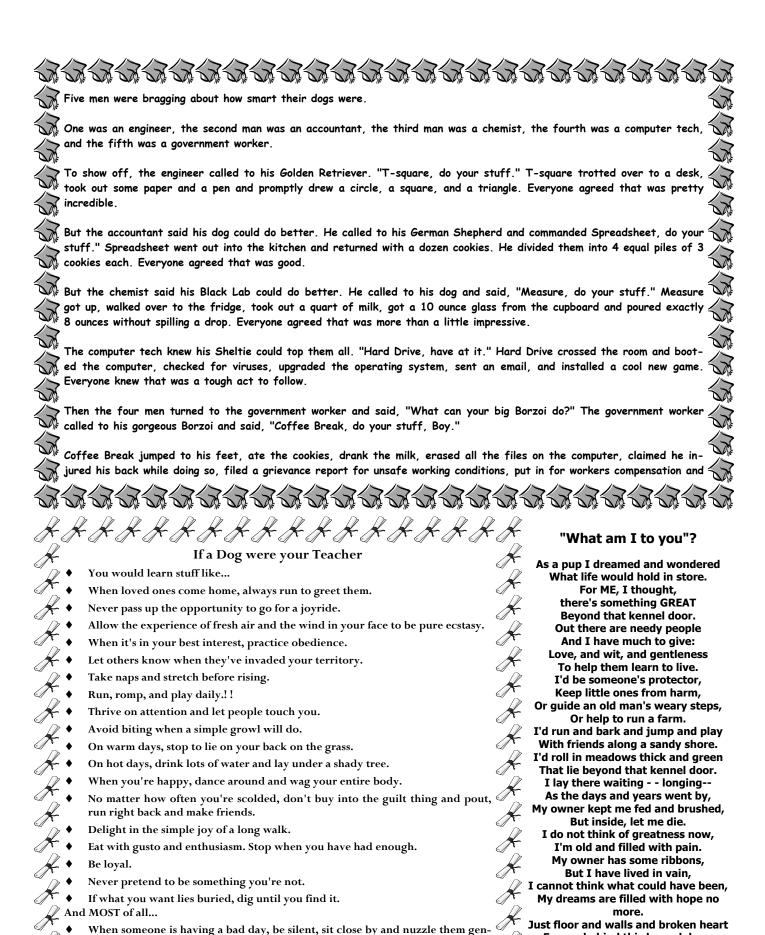
DON'T remove your dog's dewclaws. Dewclaws are acupuncture points that are needed for proper functioning of the kidneys.

AND the #1 DON'T

DON'T trim your dog's whiskers. Dogs use their whiskers to determine the size of their head, which is important when they are out shopping for a new hat.



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Source - - Unknown

For me behind this kennel door.

Things that I have learned as I get older and wiser

- 1. I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow is not looking good either.
- 2. I love deadlines. I especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by.
- 3. Tell me what you need, and I'll tell you how to [⊋]get along without it.
- 4. Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days the statue.
- 5. Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn't there the first time, chances are you won't be needing him again.
- 6. I don't have an attitude problem, you have a 🕏 5 perception problem.
- 🥱 7. Last night I lay in bed looking up at the stars in 🥞 $m{\tilde{s}}$ the sky, and thought to myself, where the heck is $m{\tilde{s}}$ ∽ the ceiling?
- 5 8. My reality check bounced.
- 🥏 9. On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger 🥞 🕏 on the escape key.
- ঽ 10. I don't suffer from stress. I am a carrier
- ঽ 11. You are slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter.
- Ś 🔁 12. Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons, because you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.
- 2 13. Everybody is somebody else's weirdo.
- 2 14. Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down 3 to their level, then beat you with experience.
- 15. A pat on the back is only a few centimeters from a kick in the butt.
 - 16. Don't be irreplaceable if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
 - 17. After any salary raise, you will have less money at the end of the month than you did before.
- $\stackrel{ extstyle >}{ extstyle <}$ 18. The more crap you put up with, the more crap $\stackrel{ extstyle <}{ extstyle <}$ 5 you are going to get.
- 🕏 19. You can go anywhere you want if you look seri- 둘 us and carry a clipboard.
- 🕏 20. Eat one live toad the first thing in the morning 🥞 🗲 and nothing worse will happen to you the rest of the 🥞 ঽ day.
- 🕏 21. If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would 🤩
- 23. When you don't know what to do, walk fast and Solook worried.
- 24. Following the rules will not get the job done.
- 25. When confronted by a difficult problem, you can solve it more easily by reducing it to the question, "How would the Lone Ranger handle this?"

DOG'S DICTIONARY

BATH: This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigfrequently. orously 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. BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

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 the living

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, their on

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

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 above.

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.

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.

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.

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 makes you person

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.

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

How to Read a Dog Advertisement: Noted JudgeHe put up our dog Respected JudgeHe put up our dog twice Esteemed JudgeHe puts up anything that crawls Shown Sparingly Only when we had it in the bag Show ProspectHe has 4 legs, 2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 tail Finished in 5 showsAnd 89 where he failed to win a ribbon He has good points......His head is shaped like a carrot Won in heavy competition......The others were revoltingly overweight Multiple group winner..... At 2 puppy matches Specialist JudgePuts up anything that looks like his own breeding Well BalancedStraight as a stick, front and rear Quiet gentle naturedAfter 4 valiums Excels in type and style......However, moves like a spider on speed Personality Plus...... Wakes up if you put liver up his nose Large boned.....Looks like a Clydesdale Good bite Missed the judge, got the steward Lovely head.....2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 mouth, 1nose Excels in movementIf he gets loose, put on your running shoes Gorgeous Coat..... If the hair spray lasts until the class finishes Handled brilliantly by..... Nobody else can get near him Won in stiff competition.....Beat 4 puppies and a 9 year old novice dog At stud to "approved" bitches.....Those bitches whose owners check is "approved" by our bank Line bred from famous champions.....Ch Whoozitz appears twice in 6th generation Good Obedience prospect....Smart enough to come in from the rain but he's UG-LEE Terrific brood bitch.....Her conformation is the pits, but she throws big litters Great stud dogMounts anything that can fog a mirror Loves childrenFor breakfast, lunch and dinner Wins another Best In ShowHis second, under the same judge, our uncle

The Silent Auction at our 50th Anniversary Fall Show was a success. We collected \$491.25. This money was donated to the American GSD Charitable Foundation, Inc.

This Foundation was formed in 1984 to receive contributions and distribute funds to those charitable organizations which further the human use, knowledge, and skill involved in adapting the German Shepherd to charitable, scientific and educational uses. On September 16, 1988, the Foundation received formal approval to be treated as an exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

I wish to thank all the donors for the wonderful gifts, and there were many. I believe it merits special recognition to the donors whose gifts went for the highest bids. The two "Cut Out Dogs" donated by Marcia Hadley who hand painted one, and to Bob Braue and Mr. Moore from Memphis who did the woodwork garnered the most individual income. Also high on the bid list was the beautiful Biswick Ceramic, made in England of a GSD Sitting. This was donated by Dr. Robert Tichenor who by the way showed up early Sunday morning to drop it off. Since Doc could not stay, only a few of us got to thank him and wish him well. For the most items donated to the auction, we thank Ralston Purina whose gifts totally added up to over 25% of the total income. Thank you everybody who donated.

It would have been impossible for me alone to acquire the 50 gifts we had donated, and to display them on the 4 tables, along with the Silent Auction sign. Thanks to the following members and friends who helped:

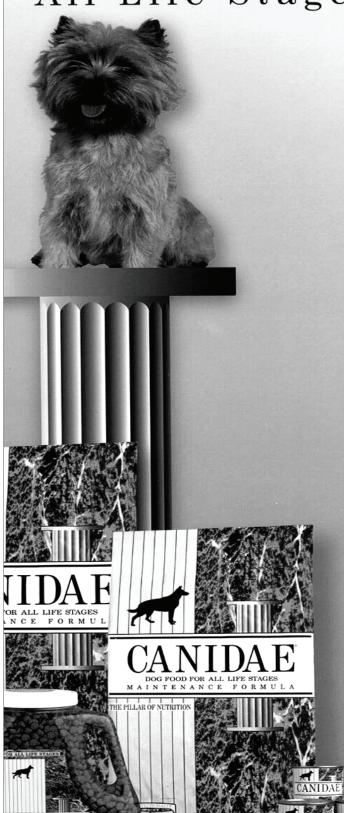
Gail Rutter—Sign, Pat Parsons—Table helper and cashier, Joann Leistner—Money counter, Casee Trapp (Granddaughter) and her friend Katie Page—Table workers, Elizabeth Stiefferman and her friend—Table workers

Again, Thanks to all the donors, and we look forward to next year!

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Just trying to recoup from a long fun filled weekend \$\frac{2}{3}\$ To: <Liana@prodigy.net> in Wisconsin......I am happy and proud to say that & Subject: Please Read..... on Saturday at the Shoreline German Shepherd Spe- Date: Thursday, August 31, 2000 11:45 PM cialty under Mr. Dick Whalen Our bitch Ch Jadon's Please put in Next Wag......CORRECTION Weekend Rendezvous went breed over eight other 3 Jadon's Weekends Rendevous showing her with such pride.....Ricky

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

Chlomxsi Estilita Forstknoll is now a CHAMPION. She finished with 4 Majors under Breeder Judges. She is Gail's First Home bred champion and My first Champion ever. She is owned by Gail Stiefferman, Barbara Gambill & John LaFata.

The O'Fallon (Missouri) Police Department's Tom gional held in Sauget, Ill. Their score was 674.33 points out of 700. This is their second consecutive year to win, and they compete again at the National Trails in Port Charlotte, Fla. in October. Nice article was published in today's paper of the St. Charles Journal. Sunday, May 14, 2000)

I Have A BRAG! Rosalind (Roz) North is very proud to announce that RR Bar'Shannon Shadow Willy, owned by club members Glennon and Kelly Murphy won the Open Dog and Winners Dog classes for a 4pt. Major, his first championship points 9/8/00 at JCKC. Roz North is the breeder. Thank you Gina Mills handler! Bravo! Bravo! Go Willy Go!

Low and behold, just came in the mail: Dyna's OFA #GS - 59473G24F-T She got a GOOD!! **Terry Rock**

Lucy got reserve both days at Bloomington, that's 4 reserves in a row. Judy DeRousse

🖁 From: <GStiefferm@aol.com>

beautiful specials.....Meg is sired by Ch Shaquille of & Barbara Lopez critique: "American Bred Bitch - Win-Old OakHer dam is the wonderful Palamors Haley are Bitch, Best of Winners. Best of Opposite Sex. Ja-ROM....Breeders Jerry Markowitz and Janet Ingalls. & don's Weekend Rendevous. By Ch. Shaquelle of Old She is owned by both Janet Ingalls and myself.... [Oak and Palamors Haley. A clear winner in a beautiful want to thank Janet for really letting me kidnap this gelass of bitches. A strong sable bitch that looked as if bitch when she was just four months old. Meg is a see sould have gaited all day. Clean coming and going. true show dog in every sense of the word but she is Good feminine head; dark eye; good proportion; short my constant buddy at all times. Thank you to all of hocks; correct length and angle of croup. Very strong you at ringside who supported her and to the won- back... a real working animal. I understand this finderful people who always make the triangle weekend ished her Championship. An honor to have judged so much fun. A special thank you to Tim Trapp for her." Owned By Ricky Harrison and Janet Ingalls, finished in Grand Style...four points Bob Funk, five points. Allen Stone and five points Barbara Lopez, with two points from Charlie Chester. One of the best critiques from Barbara that I've seen in a long time, we're really proud of our girl. Thanks, Gail Stiefferman

> DeRousse's Tom Cruise Judeen got WD at Three Rivers KC Sept 17. Baehmann's Elijah DeRousse got RWD the same day.

DeRousse,s Cut Loose Caralon OFA Good H&E has gotten Reserve Winners Bitch at the last 4 shows in Iowa.

Cimarron's Majician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WD and BOW from the bred-by class under Glen Fancy at the Manitowoc County KC(1) on 9-16-00.

Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWB from the bred-by class under Glen Fancy at the Manitowoc County KC(1) on 9-16-00.

Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWB from the bred-by class under Lester Mapes at the Manitowoc County KC(2) on 9-17-00.

Cimarron's Majician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWD from the bred-by class under Marian Hodesson at the Packerland KC on 9-18-00.

Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWB from the bred-by class under Marian Hodesson at the Packerland KC on 9-18-00.

Cimarron's Majician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWD from the bred-by class under Jean Fancy at the Oshkosh KC on 9-19-00.

Cimarron's Majician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WD, BOW, and BOS from the bred-by class under Bernard Esporite Winniegamie KC on 9-20-00.

Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWB from the bred-by class under Bernard Esporite Winniegamie KC on 9-20-00.

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Win*Place*Show*Brags



The G Litter is sired by Can. Sel./Am. CH Lin-Ter's Tiburon of Chablis' x Jerr-Wen's Fresca, and bred by Barbara and Lee Trapp. What a weekend!!!! Saturday, LeBarland's Getty Lee went 1st 12-18 Class, and RWD under Gary Szymczak with Steve Grainger handling. Sunday, LeBarland's Getty Lee won the 12-18 Class, WD, and BOW (3 pt. Major) under Kathy Potter with Bart Bartly handling in the class, Michael Sherman taking over the lead in the Winner's ring and in the Breed ring. Thank you Steve, Bart, Michael and especially Tim who keeps our charges in such fine condition. Thanks also to Christine and Cindy for your grooming jobs, you make them look great, especially Ginzi who was very much out of coat. GETTY is owned by Alice Becker and her support and confidence in Getty is very much appreciated. Alice, hope you had fun! Saturday and Sunday, the beautiful LeBarland's Ginzi won her BBE Class both days. Ginzi is owned and very much loved by the Warrick's, Mercedes and Thurban. Tim Trapp handled GINZI, who showed like a dream. Thank you ring side for the wonderful comments, and we were happy to see the Warrick's and Ginzi, and look forward to being together at the National. Thank you Gary and Kathy for awarding these two youngsters, (15 months old) these wins in quality competition, both days. Thank you Kathy for dropping all your plans, and judging our show on last minute notice. Lee Trapp

Well, I had a fun weekend in Freeport, IL. Steven Gladstone was the judge. Fran Foster handled Jazzy and did a wonderful job....as always <G> and Jazzy got her very first point. She got a little crystal dish shaped like a leaf too! At first when she got the point, I wasn't sure what happened, but when I asked what had happened I was totally tickled!! I know this may seem silly for some of you, but this is also the first point we've ever had on any dog we've owned. So, we had fun....Fran and Jazzy did great.....just had to do a little brag <G> Liana

Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went Bred-By Herding Group II at the Packerland KC under DO Hutchinson on 9-18-00.

Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWB out of the Bred-By class at the Greater Freeport KC under Anita Cuneo on 9-30-00.

Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went Bred-By Herding Group II at the Greater Freeport KC under S Gladstone on 9-30-00.

great.....just had to do a little brag <G> Liana group 55 great.....just had to do a little brag <G> Liana group 55 great.....just had to do a little brag <G> Liana group 55 great group 55 great group 55 group

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I'm probably going to make co-owner Terry Rock do the brags on this puppy from now on <g>, and I'm sure there will be many. Actually, I've been biting at the bit all night hoping she would log on, and I left a message on her answering machine asking if she was going to post the brag... I guess Terry is still out celebrating though, and this one is too special for me to wait any longer. <G> Today, at the Southern Illinois GSDC, under judge Gary Szymczak, FAITHROCK-LANGLITZ JOSHUA HH was shown for the first time in the 6-9 puppy dog class. Josh went BEST PUPPY! It would be impossible to explain how much this award means to Peggy and I right now, but I can tell you that it was more than a pleasure to see the pride on Terry's face today. My thanks to Gary for the nod, and to Kent Boyles for an expert handling job. I am proud to say that Josh is sired by Can Select Am & Can Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire TC out of Esmarelda of Basic Four, a litter sister to Sel Ch Via. Josh's breeder is Wilma Miller and this was indeed a very special litter. I can't wait to see the repeat and make my pick in a few weeks. Unless there is a small miracle, and our Glass Palace daughter's one outside tie to Fire takes, that repeat will be his last litter. My most sincere thanks to everyone at ringside who offered so many nice comments about Josh, and to Terry for being anxious and willing to share in the fun we're going to share with him. Gsdman / Tom Langlitz

Some of you would call this a late brag and I have taken a lot of slack for not posting this brag earlier but...I'm just coming down from cloud nine and somewhat back to reality. What a weekend! And Tom was correct. I couldn't post because I was out celebrating a little too much. Paid for it the next day when it came time to take dogs into the ring. First Time in the Ring: FaithRock-Langlitz Joshua HH Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!! TO: Gary Szymczak for Best Puppy on Saturday, Kathy Potter for Best Opposite Puppy on Sunday, Kent Boyles for the Excellent Handling, All the Southern IL Club Members for their support, All the St. Louis Club Members for their support, My husband Larry (a non-dog person but so supportive), All the wonderful fans from Da List, A special thanks to Tom & Peggy Langlitz for having the conversation with me on the way back from the Memphis show about wanting to co-own with them, BUT MOST OF ALL WITH TEARS IN MY EYES, TO RAPID FIRE FOR HELPING PRODUCE SUCH A WONDERFUL BREED SPECIMEN AND GIVING ME JOSH TO REMEMBER HIM BY. I miss you, Fire, so much. And, life after a great dog show weekend spent with great people and great dogs is the pits. (I'd elaborate a little more but afraid that is not acceptable List language.) Looking forward to the Nationals and a whole week

of dog talk. Doesn't get any better than that. Terry Rock FaithRock German Shepherds

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FOREST MOLLSHERDS Ch Chlomest ESTLETA Forst Mol



Oh Scholrest Playboy Chlomaxel ex Schneitlerhof Final Appeal

Estileta Finishes her Championship in Grand Style, all under Breeder judges with four majors. A Big Thank You to the Judges: Connie Bissonette, Pat Robinson, Bill Robinson, and Jonn Clapp. Estileta is at home awaiting her first litter by Carben Copy's Braveheart aka "Gibby" (Nearing his Ch).

Breeders-Owner: Gail & Butch Stiefferman

Co-Owner: John LaFata

der

Co-Owner: Barbara Gambill Co-Breeder: Nancy Schnei-

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and long saber tail. He produces his clean correct movement, nicely super temperament. BIF Southwest 1999.

"urved stifles and good forehands. Carries recessive for solid blacks." Imporary stud fee \$300 to approved bitches

A young Champion, his pups are awesome!!

Hadori German Shepherds

Ricky and Greg Harrison

11 Donald Drive

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Dam: Hadori's Chattahoochee

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Dam: Ch Tartan's Rochill Georgie OFA

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🖏 ire: Champion Caralon's Beau of Judeen RON

Dam: Caralon's Jennabrix DeRousse C. D.

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 a bold learness temperature, which was a strong of the str 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.

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

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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 anale, masculine head, large bone, topline, strong back,

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