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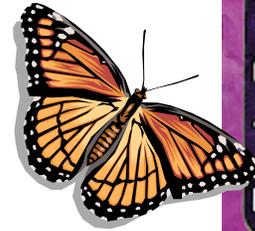
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**Make Plans To Be At
Our May Club
Meeting on
June 12th
at 8 PM**

**Our guest speaker will
be Dr Joyce Boozer
from Cobb Veterinary
Internal Medicine .
She will be speaking
on canine foot care.**

**DON'T MISS OUT
ON THIS ONE !**



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property or records,
please contact
someone from the
Board with what they
have so that we can
document it and make
sure it is where it
should be.**

The **German Shepherd Dog Club of Upstate SC** is holding a Herding Fun Trial on June 17,2006. ALL Herding breeds are welcome to participate and everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Location: Red Creek Farm; Townville, SC
(www.redcreekfarm.com for directions to farm).

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Ringside Chat

Let's Talk About Judging
By Fred Migliore



Let's talk about judging. First we will talk about the two most popular types of judging. Judging from ringside and judging from the center of the ring. I recall a show I attended not too long that was judged by a specialty judge, at which I was an observer. Naturally I judged the show from ringside. The class that stands out in my mind is the six to nine puppy dog class. In this class is what I considered an outstanding specimen. The judge after examining all the dogs individually did not seem to like this dog. This upset me quite a bit. Finally I noticed the judge eyeing him and moved him up to fourth place. This to me seemed worse than losing him altogether. The dog had an excellent side gait, was sound coming and going and was also very beautiful standing. The judge after another examination ended the class leaving the dog in fourth place. Needless to say, I was very disappointed in the judging. In any case the show was over and I soon forgot about it. About two months later this same dog was brought into the ring at a show where I was judging. I was pleased to see the animal. I said to myself, now this dog will get a placing that he deserves. The dog was about fifth or sixth in catalogue order as they came into the ring. When I approached the dog for individual examination, I noticed that he cringed back just the slightest bit. Probably not enough to see from ringside. And as I approached closer, I could see his eyes rolling. There definitely was a temperament problem here, as well as a well trained dog, but not a sound one. The handler quickly grabbed the dog's muzzle and began to show me the teeth (before I asked to see them) . This is always a good cover up on a dog that is about to break. I looked into the dog's mouth and noticed that the dog had a dead level bite. This is also impossible to see from ringside. As I examined further in his mouth I noticed he had two missing teeth. Another thing I did not see from ringside at the previous show. You might say that my ringside judging at the previous show had been quite poor. Later that evening I began thinking about what had taken place and I wondered how many times this same set of circumstances or similar ones had taken place. How many times had I sat at ringside and completely disagreed with the judge in the center of the ring, when truly the animal should not have been placed higher. You might ask yourself the same question.

The German Shepherd Dog was designed to be a functional, versatile working dog. Not a fancy pet or show dog. And when I judge , I judge each fault or virtue relative to this ultimate goal. For instance, say I am judging a class and in the class there are two dogs very close in quality. One has an excellent shoulder angulation and front assembly. The other not quite as good but still very good. Naturally on pose, the one with the more perfect front assembly has the edge. But if in motion the animal does not use what he has, does not open up in front, and the other dog that is not as perfect in front uses everything he has, and as a result moves more balanced and covers more ground, then the edge must shift to the lesser constructed animal. There may be contributing factors as to why this well constructed animal does not use all he has. But the fact remains, the lesser constructed animal this day must be judged better, all other things being equal. Let me give another example. I have observed in the ring an animal with a slightly steep croup. I would expect this animal in motion to lack follow through and finish in the rear. But I have noticed in an extremely well angulated hind quarter, that in motion the extreme angulation tends to compensate for the slight steep ones in croup. Consequently, the animal has a balanced side gait. I believe when this situation takes place, the fault must diminish in importance in the final judging.

I would be remiss if I did not mention what I consider the most prevalent fault in the breed today. The lack of true German Shepherd temperament. The Standard gives a pretty clear picture of what a German Shepherd temperament should be and no matter how perfectly constructed a dog is, no matter how beautiful, he can not function as a working dog if his temperament is unsound. It is not enough that he be trained to stand and submit to an examination in the ring by the judge. The judge should observe and decide. Let me conclude by borrowing these words from a well known author: " A German Shepherd Dog without character is not a German Shepherd Dog ".

Note: Mr Migliore has stated that he feels the same way
and with the same conviction today about the above article.....
as he did when he originally wrote it for the
Detroit German Shepherd Tales in May of 1968.



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Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month ,
except July and December , at
The Atlanta Humane Society,
981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM.
The GSDC of Atlanta encourages visitors to attend.
Our next meeting is June 12, 2006.

**June—Dr Joyce Boozer from Cobb Veterinary Internal
Medicine will speak to us about canine foot care.**

Club Meeting Minutes

Club meeting minutes can be found in the
members only section of the club website
at www.gsdcatlanta.us

Nominate Your Fellow Members !

*Nominate your fellow members for
GSDC of Atlanta's Most Valuable Member
and*

*Most Valuable New Member
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(or call her at 678-581-1102) by June 12.*

*Be sure to tell us why you're
nominating your nominees.*



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President's Corner

Wow, has this year flown by!! The club year officially ends June 30th and what a year its been. The club has survived another year, because of or despite my presidency (I'm not sure which) and hopefully we will pass it on to the new board a bit stronger than we were before. Its been a year of roller coaster rides.... all the hard work by every club member to put on multiple events and everyone basking in the glory of a job well done. I can proudly say that last year I challenged the club to become INCLUSIVE and the response has been overwhelming!

Things that I am proud of:

- I am proud of the members who pulled together to make the club SHINE in the 2005 Parent Club competition.
- I'm proud of all the new titles our members earned.
- I'm proud and HAPPY to say that the club has supported two new sports in Rally and Agility.
- I am especially proud of the Guardian and all the work done by Denise Groenewald to make our newsletter, and our club, shine!!

While this year has been wonderful, let us not forget that we are an organization, a club, of friends. Many of us have been in this club for over a decade. Through the years we have held each other while we laughed and while we cried. We've been there for each other when a shoulder was needed. We've taken a stand, stood shoulder to shoulder, to support fellow members in need. This is the club I know and the soul of this club that needs to be shared with the next generation of members. As we move into the next club year we need to continue to be INCLUSIVE of new members and new events. We need to welcome fellow GSD owners with open arms. We need to be proud and supportive of our fellow club members!!

The thing that I'm the most proud of, you might ask? I'm PROUD to be a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of ATLANTA!

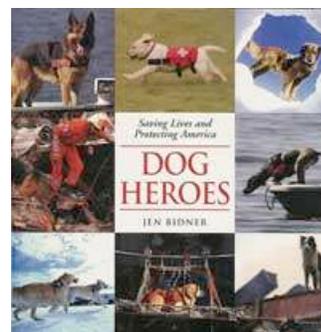
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Dog Heroes

Author: Jen Bidner

Publisher: Lyons Press

The images of heroic dogs working to find victims of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks captured the hearts of Americans - and brought attention to the important role that these working dogs play in our nation. In addition to these high profile "disaster dogs," the United States has a wealth of search dogs performing critical and often surprising jobs. You may know of law enforcement and military dogs that sniff out bombs, drugs, land mines, and criminals but you'll also find professional and volunteer dog teams that are instrumental in finding lost or abducted children, identifying unmarked Civil War gravesites, recovering avalanche victims, discovering dangerous gas line leaks, or pulling drowning swimmers to shore, or detecting termites in your new home. Search dogs have even been used to find skin cancer with better accuracy than doctors! Search-dog trainer and photographer Jen Bidner brings her knowledge of the field to *Dog Heroes*, the first book to celebrate these brave dogs and their handlers and highlight their capabilities with dramatic photographs. In addition to rousing real-life tales, Bidner writes about the history of canine search and rescue, complete with photos and artwork from the turn of the century. She reveals the wide range of breeds being successfully used as search dogs, from the small and feisty Jack Russell terrier to the huge 150-pound Newfoundland. Dozens of breeds are featured here, including many mixedbreeds rescued from shelters. Detailed information on getting started in canine search and rescue rounds out this terrific book. (8 1/4 x 8 1/4, 144 pages, color photos) Jen Bidner is an active member of the volunteer Canine (K9) Search & Rescue community, training her own dogs and moderating an online training newsgroup of dog handlers worldwide.



I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Mr. Allen Padgett of Independent Search and Rescue in Jesup, Georgia, for taking time out of his busy schedule and creating the following articles which are so generously written .

His website at <http://www.orgsites.com/ga/k9searchandrescue>, contains a wealth of information that all of us can learn from.

SEARCH

The phone rings at the 911 center, someone is missing. What happens next? It might be a missing four year old who wandered off when mom answered the phone, it may be an overdue hiker from a weekend trip, it might be an elderly Alzheimer's patient who simply walked away. As varied as search incidents can be the approach follows the same sequence. This ten step sequence is used as a start order for its various components. Each step in the sequence starts in order and continues for the entire life of the incident. Think of the sequence as a starting lineup for a race. Each step begins after the one in front but continues to the finish.

PREPLANNING is the first step in the sequence. It is easier to make plans and formulate responses before someone gets lost. Search teams train in searching, they gather maps, visit potential sites, and get ready for the call. Throughout the search, planning takes place, what have we done so far, what do we do next and what have we forgotten?

INTERVIEW is the next step. 911 dispatchers are trained in which questions to ask and which resources to send. Interviewing begins here. Once on the scene interviewing continues. The more we know about the lost person and the circumstance of their loss the easier it is to find them. The standard question form is seven pages long! Our goal is to get inside their head and predict their behavior and current location. If we find a gum wrapper in the woods we need to know if the lost person chewed gum and what brand did they prefer. If we find a footprint is it theirs?

CALLOUT of resources is required. We want trained, clue conscious searchers to assist in this effort. How many should we call? All search is an emergency and gets harder over time but there are differences. Do we have a report of an experienced backpacker who is 4 hours overdue from a week long trip or do we have a three year old child thirty minutes missing after dark on a freezing night. The interview process develops information to allow us to determine urgency. Who responds to a search? It depends on where you are. Most likely the first official to respond would be a policeman to confirm the report and begin the response. If you are on a park it would be a ranger, then the local fire department-rescue squad would arrive. In the mean time they have called other search resources to come assist. This might include search dog teams, trained search managers, helicopters, mantrackers, and other nearby search teams. Things are happening fast and often the lost person is spotted by someone responding to the incident. Everyone is relieved and more than happy to turn around and wait till next time.

ESTABLISH THE SEARCH AREA is the next step. This requires a starting point. You have to know where they were last known to be. It may be a vehicle at a trail head, the back yard, the old folk's home, whatever but you can't begin without a starting point. We do not ever have enough resources to instantly search the world so we have to set limits to enable us to plan the search and make sure we find the lost person in a timely manner. We get out the maps and do several things. First we mark the last known point on the map. Next we look at the theoretical distance they could have traveled in the time they have been missing in any direction. This circle can be huge on our map. Humans are creatures of habit; if we are looking for an Alzheimer's patient we look in our data base of hundreds of cases and examine the data. The mean distance that a missing Alzheimer's patient is found regardless of time missing is only two tenths of a mile from the point last seen and 95% off all cases were within 5 miles. Now we have some much smaller rings on our map. Then we use subjective data in establishing the search area. Within the ring we have drawn is a river. We know this is a barrier that could not be crossed. Therefore we have eliminated the land across the river from our search area without even having to search it. Now using roads, creeks whatever we actually define the area we think the lost person statistically has to be located in. This is our search area. What do we do first?



From left to right in the rear are : Karen Padgett, Allen Padgett, Tim Gilbreath (Law enforcement for Pigeon Mountain) Left to right on the front are : Susan Andes and Eddie Brooks with Bredex.

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CONFINEMENT is the crucial next step. With our first arriving resources we patrol the boundaries of our search area and even within it to make certain that if the lost person wanders out of our search area we know it. Search without a subject is nonsense. In reality, confinement resources find the majority of lost persons. These confinement resources also seek to bring the lost person to them. They blow their siren or yell the lost person's name. If the lost person is disoriented they can respond or make their way to the sound and the search is over.

In a search there is usually only one lost person but there are clues that will lead us to them. It is easier to find those thousands, if not millions of clues than simply to look for one big clue. To do this searchers must be clue finders not clue erasers. Often times well meaning neighbors and relatives have tramped all over the footprints leaving the yard. They may have ridden their four wheeler ATV down the trail obliterating any hope of finding where the lost person left the path. Search dog teams now have to sort through all of the confusing tracks to locate the lost person's true direction. Often well meaning folks simply head off to search in the woods. The lost person is found quickly and then teams have to spend hours rounding up these free lance searchers.

HASTY SEARCH is the first step in the active search mode. We send trained clue finders into the most likely places to locate clues or the subject. We know in Alzheimer's cases that 80%+ of cases are located in drainages and thickets to the South East of the point last seen with the majority of them found about two tenths of a mile away. Quick moving searchers look for footprints, obvious signs of travel and cover the obvious places. If on an Alzheimer's search you see a place and think there is no way they could be in that briar patch. Look there as often that is where they are! Trailing dogs make excellent hasty search resources as they can give you a direction of travel and allow you to put resources out in front to quickly locate the lost person. Hasty teams are constantly reporting back to base over the radio about the terrain and features they are finding that are not shown on the map. The great majority of searches are solved right here in the hasty mode. But when the quick and easy method doesn't work out we move to the next step in the sequence.

WIDE SEARCH is the next step. The search managers after using the maps to define the search area are preparing for this step in the sequence. Using the map they divide the large search area into smaller working segments using features and landmarks that teams on the ground can recognize. These segments are typically about 160 acres and can be searched by a team in about 4 hours. After they have established these segments they use a statistical method to prioritize their efforts. As resources arrive they are assigned a segment and begin searching. You put your best clue finders in the highest probability segments. Wide searching uses trained searchers to most efficiently cover the assigned search area. These crews move through the woods widely spaced and looking in all the obvious places. They are looking for clues and often all stop and call and listen for the lost person. The goal here is to cover as much ground as possible with the resources at hand. As areas are searched the statistical probabilities change and resources are directed to new high priority segments. Clues found that are relevant can shift the focus of the search very quickly. Air scent dog teams are an excellent resource for this step in the sequence.



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excellent resource for this step in the sequence. With just a dog, a handler and possibly a support person they can search a segment. This frees up a ground search team to search another high probability segment. The more ground you cover efficiently the more likely the search will be successful.

GRID SEARCH is the next step in the sequence. It is not efficient but rather thorough. It is slow, highly systematic search using very thorough methods. The problem with this method is that it takes a huge amount of manpower, these are often untrained, they are destructive of any clues that might be present, they typically generate tons of false clues and are hard to manage. You often see this on TV as a horde of camo clad volunteers carrying large sticks move into the woods in front of the camera beating the woods into submission. You only get one chance to grid search a segment and often searchers get separated and miss parts of the search segment and you never know it. Most trained search managers avoid grid searching like the plague that it is. If forced to use this method it is employed in areas either already well covered by wide searching or even areas outside the established search area.

RESCUE/SUSPENSION is the next step. When we locate the lost person we have to get them out of the big woods. If they are injured we must care for them and transport them carefully. If they are deceased we must assist the investigation of their death. Overall on searches nationwide about a third of cases the lost person is found alive by some part of the search effort. In one third of cases the lost person is found dead. Not a happy ending but the search is resolved. In the last third there is no resolution, the lost person is not found and the search effort is curtailed. If we have carefully searched our search area we either expand the area or suspend the effort.

CRITIQUE is the final step. We examine the effort to learn how to do it better next time. We learn from our mistakes so it is important to identify them and develop solutions. We get ready to do it next time. We always keep in mind we do these things so that others might live.

Next is how search dog teams prepare and how they fit into this system.

HOW SEARCH DOGS WORK

Trained search dog teams are a vital part of the response to a lost person incident. In looking for a lost person it is easier to look for numerous clues that lead us to their location than to just look for that one large clue the missing person. Search dogs use their sensitive noses to locate the most numerous clue source, human scent.

You have seen them on TV and in the press, the heroic dog and handler atop the collapsed building, entering the woods to save the missing child, or in some other striking pose. Search dogs capture the imagination of both the media and the public. Few ever understand the commitment required to become a search dog team. After a high profile event many people with a "really smart" dog contact search dog groups wanting to become that figure on the front page. Few if any of these types ever successfully complete the required training.

There are two parts to the dog team, the dog obviously, and the handler. Often training the handler is the hard part. Unlike training for the show ring, having a bad day means more than not getting a ribbon. It means someone very well may die because of your performance that day. A commitment to excellence in all things is required. For the first time handler the process to becoming mission ready takes about two years. Both the handler and the dog require a lot of training. The handler on a mission must possess the assorted skills of an entire ground search team plus be able to work their dog efficiently.

The handler must be able to move comfortably through the wilderness or urban setting in all weather, night or day. They must navigate using maps and know where they are at all times. Radio communications with base and other teams is required. When they find the lost person they must medically assess them and treat any injuries. They must understand the Incident Command System and work within it. They must have the physical stamina to search difficult terrain for many difficult hours and days. They must have the mental strength to remain focused and then deal with untold death and destruction on many scenes. They must be able to communicate with their K-9 partner to interpret what the dog is telling them. In case the dog is sick or injured they must be able to deal with emergency care for the animal. As is sometimes the case they should be able to testify in court about their findings. Then as a volunteer they have to remain humble and continue to train for the next callout.

Search dogs are usually volunteer groups that official agencies call to assist with lost person incidents. These dog teams are licensed by the state and only respond when requested by an agency. There are different kinds of search dog resources. If you have been to a large ski resort you may have seen an avalanche dog there. These dogs are trained to quickly respond to an avalanche scene and detect a person buried under the snow. After 9-11 you may have seen dogs working on the collapsed buildings. These disaster dogs are trained to move on rubble and locate survivors in these dangerous conditions. Earthquakes, bombs, and collapses are their field. There are not a lot of calls but when called they are a critical asset.

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German Shepherd Dog Club of America



Board O Gram

April 2006 Board Meeting

Written by Tom T. Mesdag

Edited and approved by Lew Bunch

Highlights of the April Board Meeting

The second regular Board Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America for 2006 was held on April 28 – 30, 2006 at the Wentzville Holiday Inn in Wentzville, MO. It was preceded by a very successful Strategic Planning Session on Friday, chaired by Carmen Battaglia. Many ideas and opinions were shared.

The following Officers in attendance were: Lew Bunch, President; Gary Szymczak, Vice President; Bill Pfeiffer, Treasurer; Sharon Allbright, Corresponding Secretary; Board Members: Carmen Battaglia, Lee Brown, Kris Fasano, Joan Fox Helen Gleason, Nancy Harper, Dania Karloff, David Landau, Carolyn Martello, Tom Mesdag, Paul Root, Rita Sandell and Tish Walker

Absent: Margery Golant, Recording Secretary;

Board Meeting At A Glance:

Approved duplicating 500 copies of the 2005 Judges' Seminar to be sent to all Regional Clubs, Judges' Seminar participants and other students of the Breed.

Nominated Lee Brown and Helen Gleason as prospective judges for the AKC American Classic Dog Show.

More positive changes to the Futurity Judging Requirements

Discussed a Regional Breeders Showcase held in conjunction with the Futurity that would be open only for Amateur Exhibitors, no professional handlers permitted.

The 2006 GSDCA National Specialty Show will be dedicated to our members with over 50 years continuous service.

Executive Committee Report:

The Executive Committee met one time to approve the production of fifty (50) DVDs of the 2005 GSDCA Judges' Seminar, Dave Rinke, Presenter and Moderator. Cost of \$228.14 was approved by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Board. These DVDs will be used for a Herding Group Judges Seminar in Louisville presented by Helen Gleason, Education Chairman.

President's Report:

Purina Alliance Program: In 2005 the GSDCA had 3132 Pro Club Members declared for the Purina Parent Club Partnership program. However, only 1130 GSDCA Members redeemed weight circles from January thru December of 2005. We strongly encourage everyone to become Pro Club Members and send in those weight circles. The 2005 PPCP generated \$13,270.23 for the GSDCA, \$13,207.23 for the Canine Health Foundation which was matched by AKC, total value of the 2005 PPCP with the GSDCA was \$39,621.69. The funds received by the GSDCA support education, health, and rescue efforts for our Breed. Please do your part to make 2006 an even better year, send an email to Laura Gilbert at PurinaAlliance@aol.com. This is a three step process #1 Tell Laura about your litters bred but not whelped yet. #2 Tell Laura about your litters whelped since October 1, 2005 and Futurity nominate those litters. #3 Tell Laura about your dogs that were futurity nominated in 2002 or later which have finished their AKC Championship. It is not that difficult, all you need to do is send an email or make a phone call, Laura does all the work.

The GSDCA will be writing AKC asking them to increase their limit of 50 dogs for specialties held after Best In Show judging at All Breed Shows to 75 dogs so that clubs may still have the opportunity for strong majors.

Approved Helen Gleason as Education Committee Chairman

Corresponding Secretary Report:

Sent Parent Club approval to AKC for five clubs this year.

Received 683 e-mails this year requesting names of breeders around the country for puppies. It was recommended that breeders with puppies might want to advertise in the GSDCA website, if they have puppies available for placement

AKC Approves Working Dog Sport

[Wednesday, May 10, 2006]

Board Approved Parent Clubs Request for New Competition

The American Kennel Club® Board of Directors has granted the request of four Parent Clubs to approve the Working Dog Sport (WDS), effective January 1, 2007 with regulations to be approved by the AKC Board. The breeds approved to compete in AKC®'s newest sport are the Bouvier des Flandres, Doberman Pinscher, German Shepherd Dog, and the Rottweiler. The regulations will be finalized by a committee consisting of a representative from each of the four Parent Clubs and AKC staff. Upon completion, the regulations will be forwarded to the AKC Board for approval.

"The Working Dog Sport is designed to enable dogs of applicable breeds to demonstrate the physical and mental abilities needed to perform scent and protection work, while maintaining a high level of control and a strong degree of obedience," said William Speck, AVP Performance Events.

The AKC Delegate Parent Club Committee endorsed the WDS and recommended four criteria that have been incorporated into the program:

- Each Parent Club - the American Bouvier des Flandres Club, the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, and the American Rottweiler Club - is directly responsible for its own events and may not assign this responsibility to others.
- The Parent Clubs involved are directly responsible for this program. A WDS Advisory Committee will be formed with representatives from the participating Parent Clubs.
- Each Parent Club may run up to five events in a calendar year.
- The program will be run on a test basis for three years and then reviewed.

The WDS will be held only at the allowed breeds' National Specialties and not at All-Breed dog shows. For more information please reference the Frequently Asked Questions below.

The Working Dog Sport - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Working Dog Sport (WDS)?

A: The Working Dog Sport is a competitive AKC Performance Event designed to demonstrate the progress that has been made in breeding for the physical and mental abilities necessary for performing scent and protection work, while maintaining a high level of control and a strong degree of obedience.

Q: Why is this an AKC event with AKC titles rather than strictly a Parent Club program?

A: The same question could be applied to any AKC Performance event. The sponsoring of events that enable breeders and owners to demonstrate the progress that has been made in breeding for type and quality, and/or for practical use, stamina, and obedience, is part of the mission of AKC consistent with the provisions of its Charter and Bylaws. AKC approval and AKC titles also give an event more national and international credibility than it would otherwise reflect.

Q: These events are now limited to four breeds. How many other breeds will become eligible to compete?

A: This is a Parent Club driven program. Only AKC breed Parent Clubs may hold these events and only breeds represented by Parent Clubs in the program may participate. Any Parent Club wishing to participate must document that:

- Historically the breed was developed to have these characteristics tested for WDS.
- There is sufficient interest within the Parent Club's membership to support this activity.
- The WDS competition will be held only at National Specialties with a largely breed-specific expert audience in attendance. The WDS will not be held at All-Breed dog shows.

Q: Is it unusual for breeds from different Groups (Working and Herding) to participate in the same Performance Events?

A: It is in fact common for breeds of different Groups to compete in the same Performance Event. The Groups are a dog show classification. There are many cases where dogs assigned to different Groups were developed to perform similar tasks. AKC's Herding, Lure Coursing, and Earthdog events all have participants from more than one Group.

Q: The Parent Club is responsible for the conduct of these WDS events. How will the Parent Club ensure that their club members entrusted with handling events are capable?

"BRACKETT'S FORMULA"

by
Carmen L. Battaglia

By the early 1950's, Lloyd C. Brackett had become a legend in his own time. In part because of the quality of the dogs he produced and in part because of his candor when addressing problems related to the breeding of canines. He had much to say about the selection of sires, how to correct problems and how to make improvements. Brackett was considered one of the fathers of the German Shepherd breed in the United States. At the time of his death he was the oldest living continuous fancier of the breed (since 1912). His kennel was called Long Worth and he is remembered throughout the dog world for his theories about breeding methods. Brackett was well read and a quick learner. Through his writings he shed light on the confusion and misunderstandings associated with line and inbreeding. One of his greatest achievements was to have produced over 90 champions in twelve years.

All of his methods and ideas were not new. For example, he combined the study of pedigrees with the results they produced. After years of watching what combinations produced the better offspring he refined his ideas about how to select breeding partners. Out of these experiences came a formula that later he would make him famous. The formula was not new but his ideas about how to use it attracted attention. Breeders of domestic animals had used it for years. It relied on the principles of line and inbreeding. But it was Brackett and his approach to planned breedings that made it well known. Brackett believed in pedigree analysis, litter evaluation, the use of line and inbreeding and a record system that was easy to use. Those ideas are what set him apart from others who did little more than practice the art of breeding. While Brackett is best known for his emphasis on the use of line breeding he was not afraid to inbreed if the situation dictated it. Brackett believed that it made no sense to go forward with breeding before the needed information about the sire and dam had been collected. He placed great emphasis on health, temperament and breed characteristics. His planned breedings were based on the results that occurred in his pups. In other words, he learned from his mistakes.

Brackett understood the value of using quality dogs that were related to each other. This approach allowed him to concentrate the genes needed to produce desired traits. His techniques for reducing error and improving quality focused on the careful selection of breeding partners. They were central to maintaining and improving specific traits while at the same time reducing disease and other unwanted problems. Brackett became famous for breeding quality dogs with consistent type. His strategy relied on a series of breedings using relatives. Often times he was quoted as saying, "never outcross when things seem to be going well, do it only as an experiment or when some fault or faults cannot be eliminated". He was careful to study each stud dog and their offspring, eliminating those who did not measure up and those who produced faults. Close inspection of his pedigrees show that many of his sires were themselves inbred or line bred and most were usually related in some way to the bitches in his breeding program. Brackett's success helped to make line breeding popular. He demonstrated how to make improvements by retaining a common pool of genes through the use of related dogs. He believed that out-crossing was the least desirable method because it introduced new genes into his pedigrees, which in turn produced differences and genetic variations among the offspring.

It has been well documented that two full-brothers usually do not have the same genetic potential even though they both come from the same two parents. One sibling might inherit one set of genes from his father and the other might get a different set from an uncle through his mother. While each pup always receives half of its genes from the sire and half from the dam it does not mean that they each will get the same set of genes. This explains why littermates do not always look alike or have the same capacity to produce quality. Brackett kept detailed records on the differences between siblings. He was well read on this subject and occasionally mentioned the works of Aristotle and Mendel in his articles. In practice they all shared similar beliefs.

Brackett was usually quick to comment on what he observed and how things could be improved. In a statement taken from one of his articles, he said, "whenever two or three dog fanciers get together there is almost sure to be talk about linebreeding. The term may be used without anyone of them having a real understanding of what it means. There seems to be much confusion even in the minds of experienced dog breeders about the actual meaning of the terms and how to differentiate between them". He referred to this dilemma in several articles in a variety of scenarios. He once raised several questions when he heard two breeders discussing a line breeding. He referred to the breeder who recommended it with the statement, "linebred to what? He knew that the answer to the question would be a measure of what the breeder actually knew about the term. It was his way of evaluating the wisdom of others. He knew that line breeding can mean many things. For example, a dog can be line bred on its sire's side of the pedigree or on its dam's side. Those who use the term usually understand it to mean only that the dogs are related to each other.

Brackett was concerned about the future of breeding better dogs and the lack of breeder education programs. He believed that "the majority of dog breeders formulate no breeding plan and seldom if ever, when making a mating consider how or what they will mate any of the resultant progeny."

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The formula Brackett preferred concentrated genes in a pedigree. He did this by placing emphasis on the sire of the sire. In Figure 1, notice that the same dog appears on the sire and the dam's side of the pedigree. Brackett liked to use one important dog and have it appear twice in a three-generation pedigree. The basic formula he preferred can be stated as follows, "Let the sire of the sire become the grand sire on the dam's side". Said another way, "let the father's father become the mothers grandfather".

FIGURE 1 PEDIGREE OF A BRACKETT STUD DOG



The sire that is circled appears on both sides of the pedigree. Because it is the same dog it must be an outstanding dog free of disease because his genes are being preserved on both sides of the pedigree and carried forward to the new stud dog.

Brackett knew that Mendel was able to consistently predict the traits in his offspring especially when he knew what characteristics were carried in the pedigrees of the parents. They both knew that when two individuals with known ancestry are bred there is more certainty about what they are likely to produce than when there is missing information about them. Mendel demonstrated these principles in the 1860's. Brackett used these ideas because he knew that the unexpected is more likely to occur when there are gaps in information about the ancestors and their littermates. While heredity has the tendency to produce resemblance's, the science of genetics teaches us to search beneath the superficial resemblances of the phenotypes for the important clues in the genotypes. Thus, when an individual is said to be dominant for a trait, it should be taken to mean that a large percentage of their offspring were observed to have a certain trait. It does not mean that all of their offspring will have that trait. Figure 2 illustrates how Brackett would approach breeding a hypothetical bitch called "A". The Stick Dog Color Chart pedigree described in Battaglia's book, *Breeding Better Dogs* is used to illustrate Brackett's approach. The stick dog pedigree illustrates how the strengths, weaknesses and trends in a pedigree can be recorded and then easily coded. Notice that each stick figure is drawn with seven structural parts. Using the breed standard each of the seven structural parts are color coded to show there quality or lack thereof. The color-codes for quality:

COLOR	RANK	QUALITY
Blue	First Place	Ideal based on the standard
Black	Second Place	Less than ideal based on the standard
Red	Third Place	Faulty based on the standard
Gray	Fourth Place	Faulty based on the standard

Figure 2 illustrates how Brackett would begin collecting information about "A". The notes that were collected about "A" indicate there are warning signals about several traits. Circles around a trait or ancestor are used to show what information is missing.

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Conformation Judges nominated by the Board for the National Speciality 2007 are:

LaMar Frederick Charlotte L Rosa Kathleen Potter
Robert Funk Dick Jones Thomas McPheron

Obedience Judges nominated by the Board for the National Speciality 2007 are:

Janice Anthes Stephan Piciuolo Dee Dee Rose
Dr. William Beauchamp Susan Oviatt Linda Stanley

Herding Judges nominated by the Board for the National Speciality 2007 are:

Judy Vanderford Mary Weir Anderson

Treasurers Report: The Board approved two Requests for Proposal (RFP) documents to be made available to all interested parties. They are an RFP to obtain an Editor for the GSD Review magazine and an RFP to obtain an Election Tally / Management firm for our 2006 elections. Copies of the RFP can be obtained from Bill Pfeiffer via email to treasurer@gsdca.org or by writing to GSDCA Treasurer & Contracts Chair at 5001 Lenoraway Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613-1402. Replies to both RFP's must be back for evaluation by the respective recommending committees by 1st week of July 2006. An email to the membership referencing the RFP's was also approved and has been sent to the Membership.

The Financial records of the GSDCA for 2005 were examined by our auditors (Rhea & Ivy). Rhea & Ivy stated "In our opinion", the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the GSDCA, Inc. as of December 31st, 2005 and 2004, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Tim Wheat, the Rhea & Ivy principle auditor also discussed in detail the provisioning of a \$40,000 reserve account and charge against 2005 operating income for GSD Review expenses of this amount. He pointed out that it met all appropriate accounting tasks and standards as a charge against 2005 financials. This was rather than have these charges expensed and reflected in the 2006 operating financials. Tim also pointed out that in 1998 / 1999 we had an almost \$80,000 non-recurring expense related to acquiring a new Review Editor at that time. This contributed to a net loss in 1998 of \$54,000 and a net loss in 1999 of \$32,000.

AKC Delegate Report:

The American Kennel Club ACE award is a national honor, given to only five dogs each year that have performed an exemplary act or series of acts. One award in the following five categories: Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Therapy, Service and Exemplary Companion Dog. Honorable Mentions will be reserved for exceptional entries in each category.

Anyone may submit a nomination. Submissions for the American Kennel Club Awards for Canine Excellence for 2006 must include: A non-returnable, original photograph of the dog. A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence. Dog's call name, registered name if applicable, breed, age and sex. Owner/Nominator name(s), address, phone number. E-mail address if available. *Please note that to be considered, dogs must be AKC registered or registerable.

Nominations will be accepted until June 15, 2006 and should be sent to: The American Kennel Club, C/O Ronald N. Rella: ACE Awards 2006, 260 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, New York 10016. For more information you can also contact Ronald Rella.

Surrogate Dams: The AKC Board approved a request to allow the registration of a litter produced using a surrogate dam. The request involved a Portuguese Water Dog litter produced from eggs harvested from a now spayed bitch using a surrogate dam of the same breed.

AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund has been established as a permanent charitable fund with the goals of providing resources, support, funds, and other assistance to:

1. Not-for-profit Canine Search and Rescue organizations.
2. Not-for-profit veterinary units providing support to the canine rescue teams.
3. Not-for-profit animal shelters and similar not-for-profit

Please note: The maximum amount awarded for any Support and Relief grant is \$5,000.

To apply for a grant, please download the application at <https://www.akc.org/dognv/grants.cfm> or contact the Fund Administrator, Kim Macklin at (919) 816-3564.

Budget and Finance:

The final 2006 budget was approved by the Board.

National Specialty: The National Show will begin with move-in day on Tuesday, October 17. Puppy classes and 12-18 will be judged beginning Wednesday the 18th at 7:45 AM. The Futurity/Maturity finals will follow one hour after regular judging ends. Stalls available to rent.

The Advance Brochure will be mailed to all members in May. Reservations, committee chairs, trophy donation and advertising information for hotels and transportation will be included. Please support your National by advertising in the catalog, contact

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(Patty Szymczak Pagairs@aol.com), purchasing reasonably priced reserved seats, attending the Gold Page luncheon on Saturday, (\$60 for 2) and donating trophies (Jan Coleman Rocknolgsd@aol.com). Contact Dania Karloff (DKARLOFF@AOL.COM) to reserve a booth space. Plan to attend our Membership welcome party on the mezzanine at the show site immediately after the Futurity/Maturity finals on Wednesday afternoon. Good eats, good friends, good time to celebrate the day's winners. The victory dinner will be held at the show site Saturday, October 21 with the cocktail hour beginning immediately after Select photos are taken. The menu is BBQ and all the fixins. Put your dogs in your stall or RV and come as you are.

There are twelve official host hotels listed in The Advance Brochure this year. Please make your reservations with one of them as they are offering special reduced room rates and arrangements for all who attend the National. The annual meeting will be held at the host hotel, Holiday Inn Wentzville on Thursday, October 19 at 8 p.m

Agility: Please email Julie Degen at EJDegen@aol.com or Jane Jeter at j-five@webtv.net if you are an agility competitor, interested in agility, or would like to serve on the agility committee. Members of the GSDCA who are interested in receiving information about GSDCA agility via email, send an email to subscribe to this informational list to: Julie Degen at EJDe-gen@aol.com or Jane Jeter at j-five@webtv.net

Additionally, if you would like to support agility with a trophy donation, please contact either Jane Jeter, Julie Degen or Nanci Nellis, thank you for your support.

Obedience: Anyone interested in stewarding for obedience at the 2006 National, please contact Dalene McIntire at 253-852-0605 or dalene.mcintire@verizon.net. Linda Booker is taking care of the obedience trophy solicitations for the 2006 National. To donate an obedience trophy, please contact her at 318-641-9877 or legatogsd@earthlink.net.

National Show Sites Selection Committee - (Joan Fox) The 2009 National show site should be in the East as per membership requests. Therefore, since the last board meeting I have driven over 3600 miles and have visited sites in Va., Md., 3 in Pa., Ga. and Fl. I contacted sites in Mass. and Conn. as well. All proved unsuitable for one reason or another except the site in Jacksonville, Fl. I also contacted Concord, N.C. to be penciled in for 2009 in case the Fl. site will not suit the Board. The July Board meeting will be in Jacksonville, Fl. in order to view this site. Some members have contacted me as to possible sites as well and I am currently looking at these. I am currently planning on visiting sites in Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Tenn., Scottsdale, and Las Vegas.

Futurities: Futurity Chair, Nancy Harper, presented the outline of a proposal for a new venue to be held in conjunction with the Regional Futurities. The name of the new venue would be, "The GSDCA Regional Breeders Showcase". **ON THE SAME DATE AND IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THE FUTURITY**

- * Professional Handlers will not handle in the Breeders Showcase venue.
- * All entries would come from litter nominated litters.
- * You may enter your Futurity nominated progeny in either venue BUT not both venues.
- * Owners may enter as many litter mates as they want.
- * A best in Breeders Showcase, BOS, & Reserve will be awarded in each region.
- * The winners from each region will compete at the National for National Best In Breeders Showcase.

The Board has directed the National Futurity Chair to present all details pertaining to the rules and administration applying to the "Breeders Showcase" at the July Board Meeting. If approved, the new Breeders Showcase Venue would begin in 2008.

Approved 2008 Regional Clubs dates and chairs

Region #1, Northeast

Iroquois GSDC of Syracuse, NY, Saturday, May 10, 2008, Cheryl Olson.

Region #2, Mid-Atlantic

Delaware Valley GSDC, Monday, April 7, 2008, Chairman, Dean Wylie.

Region #3, Southeast

GSDC of Memphis, Sunday, April 20, 2008, Chairman, Clara Dean Hope.

Region #4, Great Lakes

GSDC of No. Ohio, Friday, May 2, 2008, Chairman, Madge Kling.

Region #5, Mid -West

GSDC of WI, Saturday, June 14, 2008, Chairman, Dave & Martha Rinke.

Region #6, Southwest

GSDC of Austin, Saturday/or Sunday, April 12/or 13, 2008, Chairman, Mary Tripp.

Region #7, South Pacific

GSDC of Long Beach, Friday, April 7, 2008, Chairman, Tedi Ginsburg.

Region #8, Mid Pacific

Sacramento Valley GSDC, Friday, March 28, 2008, Chairman, Sharon Allbright.

Region #9, Northwest

GSDC of Pacific Northwest, Saturday, June 14, 2008, Chairman, Kathleen Strong.

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Carpal Subluxation Syndrome

By Helen "Scootie" Sherlock

Terms: Carpal- involving the front pastern or rear pastern (hock).

Subluxation- incomplete or partial dislocation. In a joint, displacement or abnormally loose-fitting of joint parts.

Definition: Carpal Subluxation is a condition affecting young German Shepherd Dogs. It has been reported occasionally in other breeds, especially Shelties, Rottweilers, and Wolfhounds. CSS is also referred to as subluxated pastern/hyperextended hock syndrome. Symptoms of CSS include excessive outward extension of the front pastern joints either with or without accompanying inward hyperflexion (letting down) of the rear pasterns (hocks).

Age of Onset: Most typically 13-16 weeks of age.

- 1.) The stress of teething, repeat bouts with parasites, and respiratory or urinary tract infections can be precipitating factors. Diet, Health and adjustment stress (such as changing homes) should be carefully monitored.
- 2.) Some pups are completely down on their carpal joints from the time they first start to walk. They use their legs like "FLIPPERS."
- 3.) Some pups go completely down or near total wrist collapse between 6-9 weeks; if there is a history of CSS through the sire or dam, or the litter is a repeat of a breeding which produced CSS, careful management should be practiced through the entire weaning process and changes in diet. It may be wise to take blood samples from the pups, with "softer" appearing pasterns, to compare blood serum phosphorus and calcium levels between pups, as well as checking for anemia, abnormal liver enzyme levels, and total protein.

Diet: does make a difference, review feeding practices-check the kibble or frozen, fresh food product for/ % of fat,/ % of protein,/ % of phosphorus,/ % of calcium. There are different ways to calculate and list percentages. You may need to consult your distributor or pet store or use the "800" numbers available for most major dog food companies.

Eliminate or greatly reduce any other food additives such as meat, eggs, chicken, yogurt, buttermilk, goat's milk, milk, and cottage cheese, which are all high in phosphorus and calcium.

Keep additives minimal to the pup's basic diet. Stay generally with in the limits of 12-14% fat and not more than 23% protein. Science diet maintenance or lamb and rice are excellent.

One inherited factor in this CSS may relate to a basic inability to assimilate (use) certain critical minerals, like calcium and phosphorus, in a correct ratio for proper development of muscles, cartilage, tendons and ligaments during times of stress such as teething, rapid growth rate, parasitism, or infection. Factors such as very high protein and fat foods, over-supplementation, poor pancreatic or thyroid function appear to "overload the circuits"

High risk animals are generally males in a single or double dog home- which are fed premier puppy foods, allowed to get over weight, and are fed "extras" in terms of meat, cottage cheese, chicken or goat and vitamins/mineral products. The other high-risk group seem to be the breeders choices as "top show" prospects-males or females, generally of the more extremely angulated type; this may be linked to bloodline factors.

If there is a family history of CSS take your puppies off puppy diets at 10 weeks of age. Substitute a quality 23 to 25 % protein adult diet. If pasterns become soft, go to 21 to 23 %.

In general, if a puppy shows signs of CSS or is from a definite risk background, it might be wise to use an enzyme like prozyme or P.B.F. in every feeding. These products contain enzymes which assist in breakdown of protein, promoting better digestion. If the pup shows signs of stool problems, check pancreatic function and consider switching to Viokase, a more expensive enzyme product containing Trypsin, a critical pancreatic enzyme. Yogurt encourages healthy intestinal flora for better digestion and absorption. Probios 180D culture powder is the best additive- available from Omaha Vaccine Co.

Some of the findings indicate that using Selenium, a trace mineral might have some value; in sheep and some other large animals, a deficiency in selenium can cause a similar condition to CSS.

KEEP YOUR OBJECTIVITY

or
*"HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR ENTHUSIASM WHILE
 PLACING FIFTH"*

Through the years, after exhibiting a dog at a fun match or point show, I have often asked myself, "Why are you here, stupid? .. You're smarter than this. .. What are you getting out of it?" Then, in Chattanooga, I looked around and realized that most of the people at the show had "my" look on "their" faces. It is understandable. After all, most of us lose, don't we? Why should we come back?

I decided to list what the dogs and dog shows had provided me through the years. I hope that my list will help you realize that all is not in winning, but in participation. Think hard now and share with me the things I would have surely missed, were it not for my preoccupation with things canine.

- Hair on the couch;
- Nose marks on the sliding glass door;
- Going to a formal dance in a station-wagon full of empty crates;
- Quiet summer evenings picking ticks off of my eight-year-old son;
- The puppy throwing up on my motel room bed in Louisville;
- Handler's fees;
- Creative excuses;
- The crunch of Purina Hi-Pro underfoot in the kitchen;
- The odor in the back of a van with six Bloodhounds during a downpour;
- Hair on my chair;
- Chewed antenna wires;
- Looking to see if the worms had passed;
- Hearing at ringside who did what to whom .. when .. why .. how .. with what .. and how many times;
- Hair on my sandwich;
- Taking temperatures;
- Building whelping boxes;
- Taping ears;
- Dusting for fleas;
- Scratching for fleas;
- Hair on my new black topcoat;
- Clipping nails;
- Being distracted by mini-skirted handlers, especially the females;
- Looking undisturbed while sitting in a pile of "doggy-do" in a quiet grassy area near the concession stand;

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CH LORIEN 'S LIGHTS OUT TC HT PT TDI OFA H & E

TRAINER HANDLER : DOYLE IVIE

OWNERS: MIKE & HELEN CHAMBLEE & TWYLA MINER

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TRAINER HANDLER : DOYLE IVIE

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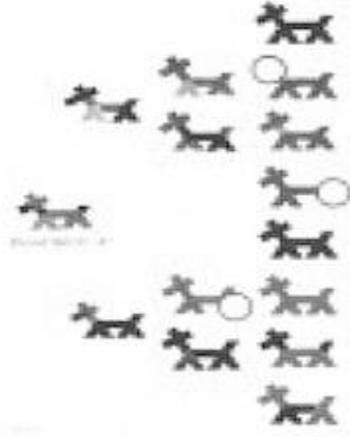
A breeder's notes might read:

"Her parents were of good quality, one of her four brothers was dysplastic, another a monorchid. Two others had missing premolars, one sister was white. All six of her littermates were of average quality".

It must be remembered that the value of a bitch must also be determined by what she has produced. The breeder's notes about her pups might read:

"Her first breeding was to a quality dog with an open pedigree. All four of her pups were of poor quality, one had a disqualifying color; two others had an undershot jaw, one was dysplastic. Her second breeding was a line breeding to another quality dog. This dog was related to her sire. Two of eight pups died of heart disease, one was diagnosed with clinical hip dysplasia, and two others had missing pre molars". The summary notes about bitch "A" are useful because they present an overview of the bitches qualities.

FIGURE 2 STICK DOG PEDIGREE



Note 1. **First breeding**, N=4, to a sire with an open pedigree. Pups produced: 1 with a white coat, 2 with undershot jaws, 1 dysplastic, and 4 of poor quality

Note 2. **Second breeding**, N=5, A line breeding. The pups: 2 of 8 died of heart problems, 2 had missing pre molars, and 1 was dysplastic, all of average quality

Note 3. **Littermates of "A"** (N=6): One monorchid, 2 had missing premolars, one sister was white. All average in quality

Note 4. **The sire and dam of "A"** - Both were of good quality but her dam only produced average offspring when bred to three different quality sires. Little is known about her sire.

Brackett and Mendel would have kept similar notes about the breeding partners of "A" and her offspring. After two breedings that produced unsuitable conformation, health problems and a disqualifying color (white), neither Brackett or Mendel would have bred her a third time even if a top-producing stud were available. Experience suggests that she should not be bred. However, if producing an occasional pup of some quality were the goal, this is still a risky bitch because her pedigree has the potential to produce unhealthy and mediocre pups, many of which are likely to be carriers. Brackett was concerned about these bitches because he knew that most buyers want to know that their puppy is genetically healthy and that it will not become aggressive or so nervous that it will spook at anything unusual. One of the best reasons for not using "A" is that most of her pups are likely to become someone's house companion and require a lifetime of costly veterinary care.

Formula Variations

Breeders quickly learned that variations could be made in Brackett's preferred formula based on the strengths and weaknesses of the bitch. While they were not as productive as the preferred formula they did work to concentrate the genes needed. The variations of the formula can be stated as follows: Let the sire of the sire be the grandsire of the dam on the sire's side instead of on the dam's side. Another variation let the sire be the result of either a full or half brother and sister mating and thus inbred. In each case selecting a mate for a faulty bitch such as "A" whose wide-open pedigree offers no strength would not be a good use of these formulas.

The selection of breeding partners must always focus on correcting weaknesses in pedigrees and making improvements. To do other wise is a waste of time.

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Review Editor: Susan Casey is serving as the Interim Editor of The Review while the Board solicits bids for a permanent editor. Please send all Review correspondence to Susan at 2884 W. Oakland Drive, Sedalia, CO 80135. Susan can be reached at 303-660-0535. Clubs submitting show results are asked to submit them electronically to The Review just as they do for the Web site. This will allow results to be published in a more timely fashion. Show pictures should be submitted in jpg or tif formats at 300 dpi.

Advertisers are reminded to include postage when requesting return of photos. If an envelope with postage is included, be sure to affix stamps only. Metered postage must be mailed on the imprinted date; the post office will not accept metered mail after that date. Inquiries regarding missing issues of The Review should be addressed to Gail Hardcastle, who maintains the membership database.

Award of Excellence and Select Excellent Pins: The Board has approved a AOE and Select Excellent Pin. These new pins are now available and being distributed. One free pin will be awarded to the first dog owned by a GSDCA Member that receives one of these titles. Additional pins may be purchased for breeders, co-owners and for additional dogs who achieve these titles, contact Jane Kerner, AOE Chairman or Patty Szymczak, Select Excellent Chairman for details.

Award of Excellence and Select Excellent Policy Change:

The board has also approved a change in certification requirements for the AOE and Select Excellent Award.. Certification will now include the OFA, OVC and SV "a" stamp (Normal). Certification cannot be done before 24 mo. of age to stay inline with OFA. Please feel free to contact Jane Kerner, AOE Chairman or Patty Szymczak, Select Excellent Chairman with any questions.

Hero Dog: As of April 22, 2006 no Hero Dog nominations have been received. If none are received by deadline of June 1, 2006, the program will be kept, but no awards given.

Select Excellent Report: 2005 Sel. Ch. Breals Easy Does It, TC, has completed the requirements for the Select Excellent Award. Congratulations to Select Excellent Breals Easy Does It, TC and her owners Manuel Campo, Kevin Reynolds and Barbara Hefner.

Education Committee: Helen Gleason Chair. The Board has approved the link on the website for Education. The link will contain the following:

1. Education Committee Members, their phone #'s, and their email addresses.
2. List of Educational seminars for Judges and members of GSDCA.
3. Education materials on the German Shepherd and where to obtain them.
4. List of Judges who are members of the GSDCA, additionally, Judges who are willing to give educational programs in conjunction with judging assignments or to local clubs. The Judges will be listed in the different Futurity regions.
5. Annual Education Program for the National Speciality-topics for discussion and speakers who will be on the panels.
6. Judges Seminar which will be held in conjunction with the National Speciality for those people planning to judge German Shepherd's. Program includes in-depth study of the Breed Standard, hands on evaluation, etc.

Health and Genetics: I would appreciate everyone sending their favorite health website addresses to me Glen Sherwood at glenwood@tampabay.rr.com so I can sort through them and get them approved and listed as a reference by the GSDCA. I would appreciate folks sending them to me with Health Link in the subject so they can be placed in the correct folder. Please no articles etc. Just the link where the information is contained.

Membership Chair Report: We are in the midst of publishing a new Membership Handbook which will be partly financed by selling ads. We expect to have the new handbooks in the hands of the membership by late May or early June.

1. As we did last year, the Membership Committee will follow up (by e-mail and by phone) on members who did not renew their membership. The goal is to encourage renewal and gain information of what we can do to keep members' commitment.
2. We have outlined a Golden Members' program to honor and recognize members who have supported our breed and our Club through uninterrupted membership for 50 years.
3. We have outlined a Welcoming Membership program to assign mentors to new members and thus ensure a point of contact and assistance to new applicants.
4. I am soliciting ideas, opinions and volunteers for a new Outreach Program where we would sponsor free memberships (no cost) for long ago members that may have fallen on hard times. In addition, this committee will attempt to get in touch with these old/past members.

Out Of The Crate

77.7 million dogs were owned in the US in 2003. Of those, 6-8 million ended up in shelters. 85 % of those in shelters are bred by Jack & Jane so that King & Queenie can produce such lovely sweet dogs as themselves and end up being owner surrenders for reasons from “he got too big, I’ve going to have a baby, we are moving , to, he doesn’t match the new carpet”. There are 2 types of people who take care of these disposable animals in our ever increasing throwaway, not responsible for anything society. Animal Welfare types whose only goal is to help clean up the mess and either get the animals responsibly placed in responsible homes or to humanely put them out of their misery if they are ill or ill tempered. This type cares about the welfare of the animals and realize they are animals. Then we have the Animal Rights type whose goal is to end not only dog ownership with the fallacy that by making spay/neuter mandatory nationwide, that the shelters will suddenly empty out and no more dogs will ever suffer. Fact is, mandatory spay/neuter will make all dogs extinct within 10 years and their actual goal of observing ALL animals from afar, will be reached. Day by day these AR types erode the public opinion and bring them over to their side by careful manipulation. They have the money, they know how to hit the heart strings and grab attention. And now, they are strongly in the political arena . We have allowed it to happen and still turn our heads to what is going on. The Animal Rights people have snuck in while you were playing in the park with your dogs or in the show ring. Their biggest ally ? The media. The media’s job is to grab your attention with headlines that turn your head and make you want to see what’s next. Is what you see all there is ? No. Welcome to creative editing 101.

Which of these photos grab your attention ?



Animal Rights proponents bet on photos 1 and 4 to grab your attention and so does the media. Now of those 2 photos, which one is abuse and which one is not ? Both ? Not so. Photo one is a dog brought in for flea dermatitis by his owner. He was treated and had a full coat 10 months later. Photo 2 dogs owner died and his relatives didn’t know what to do and just couldn’t part with his beloved dogs, so they threw together something in the backyard for them until they could find homes for them. Their housing wasn’t the best, but they were well cared for and they are healthy. AR nor the media will tell you that. You just get the photo and the lines that the AR people give. What the owner said about photo 1 wasn’t news, so it doesn’t matter and doesn’t get printed. A dog with a common treatable ailment is boring. Abuse is news. The abuse photo is photo 3 two weeks after the puppies were abandoned, dehydrated and starving. But they look healthy and have lots of unfenced room , so it isn’t news. Seeing a box of 3 week old puppies on a damp concrete floor is horrifying and newsworthy. No mention that the owner surrendered them the night before and signed over for them to be euthanized. The photo of the box of pups is newsworthy, the truth isn’t because the owners are unknown and there must be someone to blame. So it’s the person who has possession of the box on the damp floor. Seeing as above a dog with a flea allergy is news. Knowing the owner treated the dog for a common ailment is not. The person with the dog has to be guilty of abuse because the responsible party is not there. Never mind that the location of these animals holds 300+ daily and has a staff of 5 daily to care for them all with more arriving during the day. That isn’t news, it’s boring, so you aren’t told. Clip.... Clip.... clip , to the editor’s floor it goes. Photos of all the other 298 + healthy dogs.....clip ...clip... clip , to the editor’s floor it goes.. Never mind that the person in charge of where all these abused animals are housed, gives reams of why the pups are there, the dogs have been treated and healing and that with 300+ animals daily to care for, the runs have to be washed down with the animals in the front of the runs because there is no place else to put them. Clip... clip ... clip ..., to the editor’s floor it goes. Hey ! What we see is what we see and what we hear is what we hear and John Q Public who put those animals there doesn’t know otherwise because gee, why would the media not tell the whole story. Those ladies who reported this stuff are nice looking , well educated and well groomed ladies who look like your friendly neighbor. They wouldn’t lie. They look too respectable.

The 6 o’clock news airs, the community is outraged, the 11 o’clock news is aired and the editor smiles because his e-mail is chirping and his phones are ringing. His ratings just went up.

And the nice looking ladies with tears in their eyes and sorrowful tales walk away hiding their smiles and giving each other high fives. Animal Rights and their best friend the hungry headline grabbing media.....struck another blow. Another animal refuge is dead on target for Animal Rights to take over. Another refuge to be used to further their agenda and burrow deeper into the unsuspecting public’s minds and hearts. And another community passes a mandatory spay/neuter law. And another community bans hunting and fishing. And Animal Rights marches on to their goal of admiring animals from afar.

Will you open your eyes and see the other side of the story ? Or will you sit back and watch the march ? Look around. This is in every town, every county and every state. You in Georgia say that can’t happen here ? Read pages 30 and 31.

THE 2006 GSDC OF ATLANTA AWARDS DINNER

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2006



Details about the location, menu and cost will be provided in the coming months.

If your dog(s) earned any conformation or performance titles between June 2005 – May 31, 2006, you are eligible for an award.



For titles in conformation, send, in writing, the names of the dog, title, and owner(s) (exactly as you want them to appear on the plaque) and a copy of the titling certificate(s) to Susan Morabit via email at slmrn98@bellsouth.net.

For performance titles in obedience, Rally, agility, herding, tracking or other dog sport, send, in writing, the names of the dog and the owner(s) (exactly as you want them to appear on the plaque), title, and verification of the title to Susan Morabit via email at slmrn98@bellsouth.net.

If you want a picture of the dog on the plaque, please let Susan know when you send in your title information.

All title information must be received by June 1 in order to receive an award at the banquet.

Nominate your fellow members!

Nominate your fellow members for GSDC of Atlanta's **Most Valuable Member** and **Most Valuable New Member** (members are eligible for this honor during their first two years of membership). Email your nominations to Faith Wallace at faithwallace@earthlink.net (or call her at 678-581-1102) by June 12. Be sure to tell us why you're nominating your nominees.

Let's have some fun!

Send any funny stories, anecdotes, goofs or gaffs about your fellow members that you would like shared with everyone at the dinner to Mary Gattone at destinogs1@aol.com or call her at 770-922-2172.



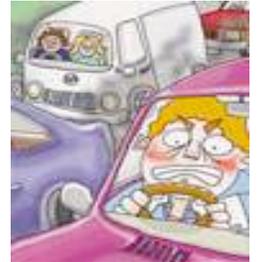
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My radio plays. The car in front stays.
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That man close behind, he's in this big bind,
But he simply stares ahead froze.
He could not care less that we clear this mess,
He's content to be scratching his nose.

What's the cause of this pause
In my daily routine?
A big crash? .. A small bash?
Wait! .. Eyes aren't too keen.

Now I can see .. Just past that tree.
Why, one of them looks like our pup.
Big business must wait .. Employees be late.
After all, those dogs are hung up!



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Aspen

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aka "da Cookie Monster"

Completed her PT on May 14, 2006 This is Cookies 3rd 'dual title' this year!!

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William & Denise Groenewald want to formally welcome Peggy Kurz to the family. AKC finally sent the papers making her co owner of our Greenwood's Achilles
William & Denise Groenewald & Ken & Delaine Thomson & Peggy Kurz say that on May 13th and 14th Greenwood's Achilles took on the big guys at the St Louis Shows and won 5 point major reserves both days under judges Dick Jones and Sally Hayden !
Can he hang with the big guys ? OH YEAH !!!

May 14th, Suzanne Kinman says that at the North Georgia All Breed Herding Dog Association Cookie completed her final PT leg to become CH Tsali Destino Show Me The Cookies HT RN TC CGC PT What a girl!!!! This is her THIRD dual title this year!! Cookie is co-bred with Mary Gattone. She gets blamed for all the bad behavior and I take credit for all the good, and good looks, and finishing, and.....Typical co-breeding!! LOL

Mary Gattone says that Charlott von Haus Walderbach got her BH on May 6th in Athens, Georgia

Helen Chamblee says that Curfew got his first two legs on his Herding Started on May 14th at the North Georgia All Breed Herding Dog Association

Suzanne Kinman says that Yancy got his BH on May 6th in Athens, Georgia

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Chicken-Beef Crunchers

3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups whole wheat flour
1 cup rye flour or 1/2 cup wheat flour and 1/2 cup cornmeal
1 cup cornmeal
2 cups bulgur
1/2 cup nonfat dried milk
1 tablespoon salt
1 package yeast in 1/4 cup warm water
2 cups chicken or beef stock
1 egg mixed with 1 tablespoon milk



Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.

In a large bowl combine dry ingredients. Add dissolved yeast and stock. Mix together. Knead for about three minutes into a stiff dough. Roll the dough into 1/4-thick sheets. Cut with cookie cutter and place on baking sheet. Bake for 45 minutes; turn oven off and leave biscuits to cool overnight.

Makes approximately 30 cookies.

Blueberry-Oatmeal Breakfast Cake

1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup oatmeal
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup blueberries

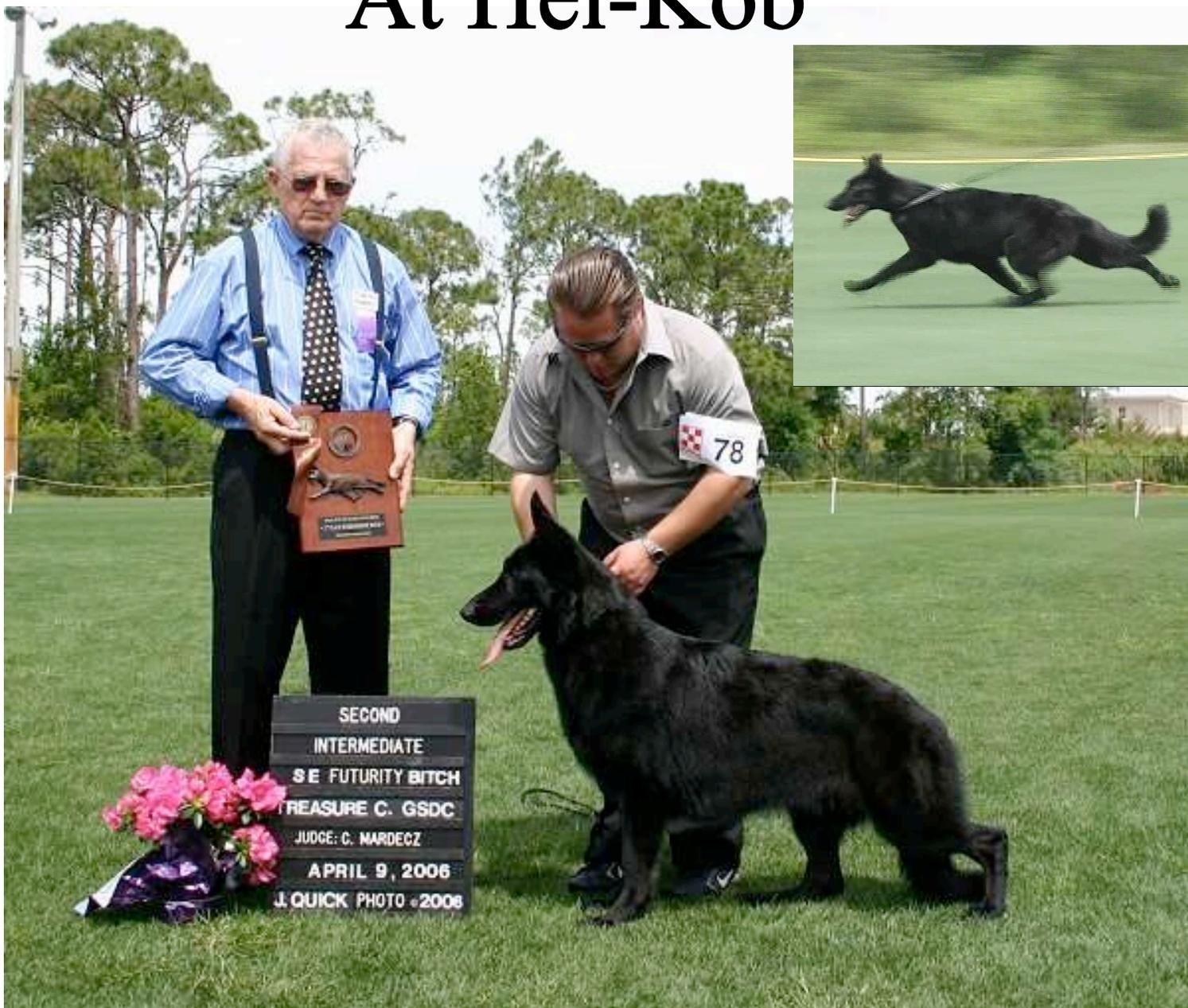
Combine sugar, oatmeal, flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add oil, egg and buttermilk; mix well.

Pour into a greased 8-inch square pan; sprinkle with blueberries.

Bake at 375 degrees F for 35 to 45 minutes or until brown.

Serve with syrup.

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- Hearing my pants split in the ready ring;
- Being told that I'll have a winner when she matures, after having shown my nine-year-old brood bitch;
- Hair on my beer can;
- Stealing an ice bucket from the Holiday Inn because it makes a great water dish;
- Feeling guilty sitting on the john knowing that Bowzer is waiting for a drink;
- A cold, wet nose thrust into a warm, dry armpit;
- Hair on my pillow;
- Stains on the rug;
- Bourbon-enhanced discussions of the relative merits of "double handling";
- Close friendships, .. some lasting a week;
- Vet bills;
- Magazine subscriptions;
- Long distance telephone bills;
- Hair on my black socks.

See? .. Don't give up. .. If you can't taste the "thrill of victory", savor the "agony of defeat". .. Where would the points come from without us? .. We're important. .. Who would clap? .. Somebody should study the pedigrees. .. Who would clean up afterwards? .. Who would meet the handler at the airport? .. Who else would buy the, "Caution Show Dogs" bumper stickers? .. We're not getting discouraged. We're just feeling the weight of the industry on our shoulders. .. Be objective! .. It's fun!

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A: WDS personnel must have experience in participating in this activity. They must also attend an AKC approved WDS Institute/Seminar and successfully complete a written exam on the regulations and procedures of the WDS. AKC may establish additional requirements. The regulations specifically provide for WDS personnel to have extensive experience in this activity.

Q: Who may judge these events?

A: An individual who is in good standing with AKC, and who meets the following criteria, may judge WDS events:

- Documented experience in this activity.
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Successful completion of an AKC-approved WDS institute/seminar.
- Two references from among the President, Training Director, or Director of WDS judges for a Parent Club in the program. Additional requirements may be added by AKC, based upon recommendations from the Parent Clubs in the program.

Q: How is the WDS different from the program proposed two years ago?

A: The previous proposal put forward by AKC was open to all AKC-registrable breeds with events held by all AKC clubs. The current WDS was requested by four breed Parent Clubs (the American Bouvier des Flandres Club, the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, and the American Rottweiler Club). The events may only be held by these Parent Clubs, and only these breeds are eligible to enter. The program has been endorsed by the AKC Delegate Parent Club Committee, with certain provisos that have been incorporated, as follows:

- Each Parent Club is directly responsible for its own events and may not assign this responsibility to others.
- The Parent Clubs involved are directly responsible for this program. A WDS Advisory Committee will be formed with representatives from the participating Parent Clubs. This is consistent with the administration of other AKC Performance Events.
- Each Parent Club may hold up to five events in a calendar year.
- The program will be run on a test basis for three years and then reviewed.

For the past five years, a number of these events have already successfully been held by the Doberman Pinscher Club of America and the German Shepherd Dog Club of America as special attractions with AKC permission.

*We extend our sympathies to
Mary Gattone
on her loss of Nash*

Fragile Circle

*"We who choose to surround ourselves with lives
even more temporary than our own, live within a
fragile circle, easily and often breached.
Unable to accept its awful gaps, we still would live
no other way.
We cherish memory as the only certain immortality,
never fully understanding the necessary plan."*

Irving Townsend.

Echolan's Nash v Merivern

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Parent Club Office: Notice to all Regional Clubs; the GSDCA office has moved - new address is GSDCA Office, Laura Gilbert, 2448 Johnstown Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322. Phone: 757-421-7854. Email address is GSDCAoffice@gsdca.org. Please be sure to add this address to your clubs premium list mailing to request the Bronze Medals awarded at the GSDCA Regional Specialty Shows.

Policy & Procedures: The Policy & Procedure is up and printable from the GSDCA website. I continue to update and revise the P and P on an almost daily basis. The index has been redone. The National, Futurity, Awards and Pins, and SV sections have been done again. It is also, updated after each Board Meeting. Bill Pfeiffer is going to attempt to put it all into a pdf file but for now it is easily worked with using Word Pad.

Products Committee Report: Please visit the GSDCA website and "SHOP TILL YOU DROP".

RALEEF: The GSDCA is committed to educating it's members about the threat these Animal Rights groups pose. We have formed a committee called RALEEF - Responsible Animal Legislation Education Effort Federation - designed to educate our members and advise them on national, regional, and local legislation that could affect their dogs and our sport. The Animal Rights groups are very well organized and very well funded. Every piece of restrictive legislation that is introduced and passed brings them a step closer to their goals. We must fight them, or our Parent Clubs will become extinct.

RALEEF has members in each region of the country. These members will appear at multi-day events in every venue to bring these groups' goals to light. They will hold seminars or speak to groups whenever possible. Our RALEEF Committee is available to assist your club in getting started or to advance your existing efforts. I urge you to contact the committee chair, Paul Root, at raleef@bellsouth.net.

Regional Club Website Committee: Is your club participating in the Regional Club Website Competition? For information and to enroll contact Amy Safdir, Chairman at (772) 286-3801 or email Almanya@bellsouth.net.

GSDCA-WDA Liaison:

The GSDCA-WDA is soliciting contributions for travel support for the GSDCA Team at the World Championship in Denmark. Checks should be sent to GSDCA-WDA treasurer, Martylou Plinski, 245 Deerhill Dr., Bogart, GA 30622, and marked for the GSDCA World Team Fund. The North American Sieger Show will be held in St. Louis from Oct. 27-29, 2006.

COAPA Liaison: The 2006 COAPA Sieger Show and Congress will be in Quito, Ecuador from Oct. 27-29.

SV/WUSV Liaison: The Dutch Sieger Show will be Aug. 18-20 in Limburg. The Austrian Siegerschau will be August 19, 20 in GMunden-Regau. Judges will be Dr. W. Tauber (Austria), G. Schwedes (Germany), H.-J. Dux (Germany), F. Kampenhuber (Austria), H. Wehinger, and E. Bosl (Germany).

SAR Committee Report: The main focus of this report is to make you aware of a wonderful tribute in the planning called Our K-9 Heroes. The ceremony is going to be held at Campbell's Field in Camden, New Jersey on Sept. 9, 2006 at 6 PM. The ceremony will be honoring those dogs involved in the 9/11 tragedy plus service dogs from every aspect, ex. SAR, mobility assistance dogs, hearing ear dogs, dog guides for the visually impaired, seizure alert dogs, and emotional support dogs. The sponsors plan to pay the entry ticket for each participant and would like to present a medal and some type of present for the dog. As you can see, this event will need outside support as programs must be printed also. 100% of all donations will be spent on producing this event. Any monies not spent will be donated to SAR.

Please send your donations to this wonderful event, honor all SAR and 9/11 dogs with your support. Please contact Lillian Kline at 856-435-8494 or lilliankline1@comcast.net. Or, you can contact Barbie Balyeat for more information. Thank you.

The American German Shepherd Rescue Association: The AGSRA is a fund raising/educational organization. The funds we receive are used to advance the work of organizations rescuing German Shepherd Dogs. This meets our goal of protecting the German Shepherd Dog from suffering due to cruelty, homelessness, ignorance, neglect and misuse.

Diane Roberts will be representing AGSRA and will testify before Congress during Pet Week in May. She will be sponsored by Purina. A full report will be in the Review.

End of April 2006 BOG

Nutritional Factors and the Immune System

by Dr Jean Dodds

As alluded to above, an adequate nutritional state is important in managing a variety of inherited and other metabolic diseases as well as for a healthy immune system. Examples where nutritional management is important in inherited disorders include: adding ingredients to the diet to make it more alkaline for Miniature Schnauzers with calcium oxalate bladder or kidney stones; use of the vitamin A derivative, etretinate in Cocker Spaniels and other breeds with idiopathic seborrhea of the skin; management with drugs and diet of diseases such as diabetes mellitus and the copper-storage disease prevalent in breeds like the Bedlington Terrier, West Highland White Terrier, and Doberman Pinscher; and treatment of vitamin B-12 deficiency in Giant Schnauzers. Other nutritional influences include the vitamin K-dependent coagulation defect elicited in Devon Rex cats following vaccination; hip dysplasia in puppies fed excessive calories; osteochondritis dissecans in dogs fed high levels of calcium; and hypercholesterolemia in inbred sled dogs fed high fat diets.

Nutritional factors that play an important role in immune function include zinc, selenium and vitamin E, vitamin B-6 (pyridoxine), and linoleic acid. Deficiencies of these compounds impair both circulating (humoral) as well as cell-mediated immunity. The requirement for essential nutrients increases during periods of rapid growth or reproduction and also may increase in geriatric individuals, because immune function and the bioavailability of these nutrients generally wanes with aging. As with any nutrient, however, excessive supplementation can lead to significant clinical problems, many of which are similar to the respective deficiency states of these ingredients. Supplementation with vitamins and minerals should only be given with the advice of a professional nutritionist and should not be viewed as a substitute for feeding premium quality fresh and/or commercial dog foods.

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Jointly sponsored by the OFA and the AKC CHF, the CHIC DNA Repository collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding pedigree and phenotypic health information to facilitate canine health research.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To facilitate more rapid research progress by expediting the sample collection process
- 2 To provide researchers with optimized family groups
- 3 To allow breeders to take advantage of future DNA based tests as they become available
- 4 To foster a team environment between breeders and researchers, improving the likelihood of scientific discovery

SUBMISSION BY BLOOD SAMPLE

Blood is the gold standard for genetic material; the yield of DNA is sufficient for all research methods, including technologies on the horizon. Moreover, the stability and purity of the DNA is of the highest caliber, which offers many benefits. The drawback of banking blood samples is cost – drawing, shipping, storing, and extracting DNA from blood are more expensive endeavors than the alternative.

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LABORATORIES

The CHIC DNA Repository has partnered with the Veterinary Genetics Lab at the University of California-Davis and the Small Animal Molecular Genetics Lab at the University of Missouri. UC Davis receives and stores all swab samples, and Missouri receives and processes all blood samples.

PARTICIPATION

To participate, please visit the CHIC website at www.caninehealthinfo.org to download the DNA Bank application form. In addition to providing basic information on the dog, the owner will be asked to select their sample submission via blood or cheek swab. Once the application is processed, the owner will receive a swab or blood “kit” containing collection instructions, mailing labels, bar codes for the samples, and shipping labels.

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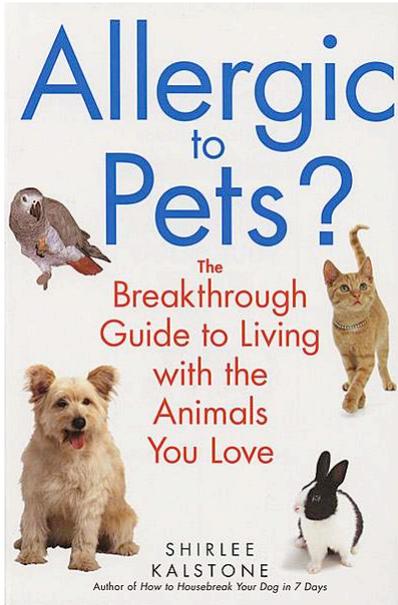
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Another separate type is the cadaver dog, trained to find buried human remains. They spend a lot of time assisting law enforcement agencies with investigations.

The bread and butter of search dog work are lost person searches. From old folks to small children, from vast wilderness areas to suburban neighborhoods, people get lost in many places. There are two primary types of lost person search dogs, trailing dogs and air scent dogs. Both have their strengths and weaknesses.

The trailing dog uses his nose to locate heavier rafts of skin cells that are constantly being shed by humans. These fall to the ground and onto vegetation. The dog can detect this scent, determine direction of travel, and follow it to its source. They typically work on a 20 foot lead in harness often dragging the handler along when hot scent is found. Trained to scent discriminate the trailing dog can be asked to find a certain individual regardless of confusing cross tracks or other scents present. A typical minimum standard is for the mission ready dog is to be able to successfully complete a 24 hour old track of at least a half mile in length. There are numerous turns and bends with numerous cross tracks of various ages present. An experienced dog can work a track after 24 hours on a public golf course and locate the subject in the club house at the end.

The air scent dog uses his nose to detect light skin cell rafts carried on the wind like smoke thru the woods. These dogs work off lead, usually wearing a uniform vest, and often range out of sight of the handler. Once they encounter scent they follow it to the source, return to the handler and indicate that they have indeed located the lost person. Then on command take the handler back to the lost person. These are smart, curious, independent dogs moving quickly through vast amounts of ground. A

typical mission ready test is to locate a hidden subject located in 160 acres of forest within four hours.

To train the search dog it is best to start with a puppy and begin socializing at an early age. These dogs need to remain calm in stressful situations and aggression is a washout criteria. The positive training methods teach that finding a human is the most fun game in the world. They are taught to use their nose to play the game. Over time the game gets more and more complex. The dog always succeeds. The handler knows where the scent is. For training the air scent dog it starts with a familiar person running a short distance away and ducking behind a tree. For the trailing dog it is a familiar person laying a straight track to the conclusion. The handler using knowledge of scent, weather, k-9 behavior and learning gradually makes the problems harder and harder. The track may start on nice grass; move to forest then to a paved road. The air scent may be coming from a stranger hiding under the water or inside a building.

To learn how to do this there are several excellent "cook books" to assist the handler in training. For trailing there is "Scent, Training to Track, Search and Rescue" by Milo Pearsall, for air scent there is "Ready! The Training of Search and Rescue Dog" by Susan Bulanda. To better understand scent there is "Scent and the Scenting Dog" by William Syrotuck. These and other items are available from the National Association for Search and Rescue bookstore at www.NASAR.org

For the handler there are classes to take and books to read. The first should be "Fundamentals of Search and Rescue" by Cooper, 2005. The handler must also become first aid trained to the First Responder level. They must also become certified as a Search Technician II by NASAR. The state requires Rescue Specialist certification and several on line Incident Management System classes. (www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/crslist.asp) starting with IS 100 & 200.

In reality there are dog handlers and their partners who quietly train their skills to come at a moments notice to help those in need. They use their skills to help bring folks out of harms way. They enjoy their training and work but never lose sight of its serious nature. They are constantly frustrated by the hero types who think just because they have a dog and want to help they are the answer to every search. Don't be turned off if the experienced groups don't seem to want to recruit new members. They are constantly contacted by housewives in mid life crisis with a really smart two year old dogs. Read the books and see if it is right for you. The good ones persist, you never hear from the others. If you are looking for something fun to do with your dog, go do something else. We are serious in our work in that we do this that others might live.

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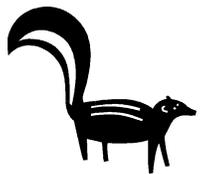
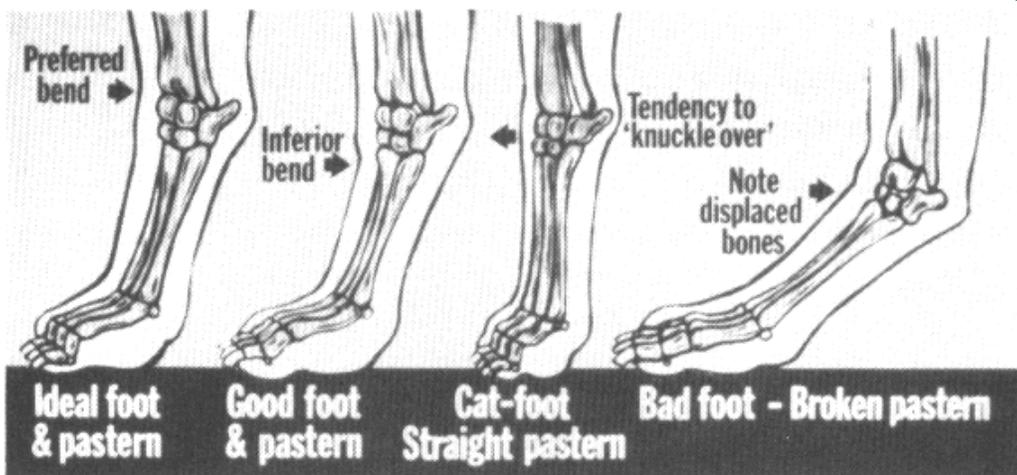
Also consider running a thyroid function T3 and T4 functions; we recommend using the lab in Michigan State; Dr. Nachreiner, associated with this lab, is exceptionally knowledgeable regarding thyroid function in the dog. Please request a written explanation from the lab of the test results.

Also consider doing a general blood panel plus a trypsin level blood serum test (TLI). The Trypsin test can be sent to any of these labs Texas A&M, Antech and IDEXX. Trypsin is a vital pancreatic enzyme for protein digestion which is often deficient in the German Shepherd Dog.

Fecal sample checks are not adequate for accurate measurement of trypsin levels. Fecal checks on CSS pups should be done for parasites which can also cause intestinal inflammation and malabsorption.

Courtesy of the GSDCA Illustrated Standard

8 month old male with CSS



Improved Skunk Odor Remover

Submitted to [Recipe Goldmine](#) by Jay S. Tung, Elan Pharmaceuticals, 800 Gateway Blvd., South San Francisco, CA 94080

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Mix hydrogen peroxide with water. Add baking soda and dog shampoo. Mix and pour into a squirt bottle/sprayer. Spray entire bottle onto dog, being careful not to get it directly into his eyes/nose. Let everything stand for 5 to 10 minutes while working the solution into his fur. Rinse.....your dog will have NO odor. You can have him sit on your lap and you will not smell ANYTHING.

NOTE: Vinegar and [tomato juice](#) are acidic solutions which can solubilize and wash away the stinky components of the skunk. However you can never really wash away 100% of the stench which is a sulfur containing compound. The peroxide oxidizes the sulfur (thiols) to a compound that has no odor.

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XXXXXX area animal welfare advocates are warning XXXX County pet guardians about the XXXXX Humane Society's management of the XXXXX County Animal Control Shelter. City of XXXX and XXXX County taxpayers pay \$2.1 million dollars a year to the XXXX Humane Society to run the XXXX Animal Shelter at XXXXX. However, under XXXXX Humane Society management, the public is not even allowed to enter the XXXXX County Animal Control Shelter in order to adopt a pet. Because of XXXXX Humane Society policy, **almost every dog and cat not reclaimed by its caretaker at the XXXXX Animal Shelter is killed within 3 days** - about 11,000 pets each year.

The vast majority of pets killed at the XXXXX Shelter are not vicious strays, wild or unadoptable animals. They are friendly, personal pets lost from their homes - including homes in XXXXX XXXXX, XXXXX and XXXXX.

Only 5% of animals at the XXXXX County Shelter are ever given the chance of being seen for adoption. The rest of the animals not quickly reclaimed by their guardians are usually dead in 72 hours, without even being scanned for a microchip. Other local XXXXX animal shelters of similar size scan all pets for microchips and adopt ten times as many animals as XXXXX does under XXXXX management!

XXXXXX County has never scrutinized its animal control contract with the XXXXX Humane Society in its nearly 20 years of existence. County officials so far have refused to hire an experienced animal shelter evaluation organization to assess and make recommendations for change.

Janet Weiss, president of local animal welfare organization Stopping Pet Overpopulation Together, Inc. states "the XXXXX Animal Control under the management of the XXXXX Humane Society is nothing more than a pet slaughterhouse with 11,000 pets killed there annually. These dogs and cats are killed without ever being given the chance of finding a new adoptive home. Not only is the county remiss in contracting with the XXXXX Humane Society to operate this facility, but it is hardly ethical for a humane society to take on a contract to kill pets without allowing them an opportunity to be adopted."

SPOT in no way endorses breeding of any kind, whether it be by "responsible breeders" or otherwise, at this time when our society kills millions of loving pets due to homelessness. 30% of these casualties are purebreds. We believe that the breeding should stop until the killing stops.

SPOT doesn't believe that pets should die so that people can pursue the hobby or glory of breeding the perfect dog or cat. These are living creatures, as are you and I, and we don't believe that they should suffer due to human greed or egotism.

Though some of you might want to breed your pets, please refrain as your doing so will contribute to the tragic deaths of millions of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in our nation's shelters.

Mandatory spay/neuter program. All dogs and cats over 6 months of age must be spayed or neutered. Those who keep intact animals must pay 100.00 per animal.

In XXXXX, Amendment 6 would establish a program that would curtail dog and cat overpopulation to reduce the number of animals killed at animal shelters. The program would subsidize spaying and neutering across the state and would be paid for by the voluntary purchase of special license plates.
Each year in the United States, 27 million cats and dogs are born. Over 10 million of them are euthanized because homes are unable to be found for them. It is a tragic end to these healthy young lives. Through the routine procedure of spaying and neutering dogs and cats, there would be fewer unwanted animals, which would reduce or eliminate the heartbreaking process of killing innocent animals in our overcrowded shelters.

6. inclusion of increased differential licensing for altered and unaltered animals as well as the guarantee that all animals be physically spayed or neutered prior to their release from the XXX facility for adoption. These methods are meant to introduce legislation to discourage the irresponsible breeding responsible for the extreme pet overpopulation problem. Some counties across the country (altho none in the state of Georgia..) have instituted a full county-wide mandate for all animals to be spayed or neutered. This has done much for reducing both the shelter kill rates and many other societal problems. This is something we would like to work for and as such want to encourage XX County to convene a multi-disciplinary spay/neuter to begin work towards this goal.

NAME THIS GROUP

We hope that with the public support for improvement (thanks to all who have contacted XXXXX officials, the media and other animal welfarists as well as to those who have taken time out to attend XXXXX Commission Mtgs... you have already made great strides in bringing these issues to light!!) as well as the bit of media attention (thanks XX for her two great Creative X XXXX Articles! as well as local TV channels 2 and 5 and Phyllis from XXXX for several appearances on Animal Rights Now Cable channel 24) that our pleas for better treatment of animals in XXXXX County will be heard and responded to. We look forward to continued involvement on your part as well as expanded involvement from PETA and other shelter reform advocacy groups.

many communities across the country now include mandatory spaying/ neutering of all dogs or cats over six months of age and without health concerns that make the surgery inadvisable. These communities include: Asheville, North Carolina, Los Angeles, California, Camden, New Jersey Denver, Colorado, Bloomington Indiana, King County, Washington & more!

Example improvement in shelter statistics through corresponding county-wide Spay/Neuter Mandate initiated:

In King County Washington since the 1991 Mandatory Spay/Neuter law went into effect, the King County Shelter noted a 20% decrease in reclaims, a 60% increase in adoptions, a 52% decrease in euthanasia and a 68% decrease in DOA's.

Other Examples of Spay/Neuter Mandates/Differential Licensing:

Denver, Colorado

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Los Angeles, California:

Spaying/Neutering is mandatory for all dogs and cats within the city limits unless the guardian has obtained a \$100.00 annual unaltered animal permit.

Buncombe County, North Carolina:

Guardians of unaltered animals are required to hold a \$100.00 unaltered pet permit.

Camden, New Jersey:

Dogs and cats over six mos. of age must be spayed or neutered . Animals with extreme medical conditions are exempt. Guardians of animals kept unaltered for any purpose must meet certain animal care requirements and obtain an annual permit from the city for \$100.00.

St. Louis, Missouri:

Differential licensing charges are \$50.00 for unaltered animals and \$4.00 for spayed or neutered animals.

A grassroots group of animal rights activists meeting in XXXXX

XXXX was formed in the spring of 2003 by a handful of local activists who believed XXXXX would benefit from an organized, cohesive animal rights group. Our membership has now grown to over 350 participants, and it continues to grow. Since our inception, we have held public meetings, and we have organized many demonstrations, tabling events and campaigns.

Our efforts focus on animal acts (i.e. circuses and rodeos), factory farming, hunting, fur, vivisection and Georgia animal cruelty laws. Our tactics include setting up information tables, making school presentations, leafleting, demonstrating, lobbying for stronger anti-cruelty legislation and speaking to the public through the media. In our efforts, we at XXXXX only utilize legal methods; we do not tolerate the use or discussion of violence. By organizing and working as a group, we are able to create change much more effectively than if we all act on our own: we are able to pool resources and support each other in order to reduce burnout.

Page 46 1. Fulton County Georgia Animal Control (now run by an Animal Rights Organization), 2. Spalding County, Georgia ordinance proposal, 3. State of Georgia 2001 spearheaded by Animal Rights Groups (defeated then) , 4. Dekalb County Georgia

Page 47...Name That Group **Georgia Animal Rights and Protection (GARP)** A grassroots group of animal rights activists meeting in Atlanta

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Have you ever asked yourself: Why does my performance dog constantly have sports injuries? Is my show dog truly going to improve my breeding program? Why does my working dog lack endurance when he seems to be in peak condition? Is my obedience dog physically capable of giving me perfectly straight sits, or is he just lazy?

Answers to these questions and many more can be found at Pat Hastings' exciting one-day seminar, which combines the Puppy Puzzle Presentation with her discussion of the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition. Included is a veterinarian's perspective on how to reduce the risk of structural injuries in working and performance dogs. **PAT HASTINGS** is well respected in the dog world as an educator, author and AKC judge. Well-known for her "Puppy Puzzle" video and her book "Tricks of the Trade", she evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters per year. Assisting her in Columbus will be **SHANNON WYLIE, DVM**, a '97 graduate of Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Wylie's primary focus is small animal medicine. She has practiced in an AAHA accredited clinic in Cumming, GA and currently practices in an AAHA accredited clinic in Phenix City, AL.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN:

- Effectively evaluate your litters to better place your puppies in Show, Agility, Obedience, Working, or Pet homes.
- Determine which puppies/dogs to keep in your breeding program
- Evaluate your adult dogs for structural weaknesses that may be causing poor performance
- Evaluate potential mates for your dogs, with the focus on structural soundness

AGENDA:

- How to evaluate the structural quality of puppies
- The basics of canine structure
- The weakest links
- How to evaluate the structural quality of your adult dog
- What your dog can do and should not be doing
- A vet's ideas on how to strengthen structure and reduce the risk of injury
- Questions and hands-on work with attendees' dogs

This seminar is a MUST DO for anyone involved in dogs! If you breed dogs, show dogs, participate in any type of performance event (agility, field trials, obedience), or have a true working dog (herding, hunting), YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM PAT HASTINGS!

Date of Seminar: Saturday, July 22, 2006
Location: Columbus Conv. & Trade Center
801 Front Ave. Columbus, GA
Cost: \$85 per person

Special Note: Attendees are welcome to bring one dog to be evaluated, but there is no guarantee your dog will be chosen by Mrs. Hastings. Due to time constraints, Mrs. Hastings will only be able to evaluate approximately 15 to 20 dogs. Dogs must fit the following guidelines in order to be evaluated: Dogs should be considered fully developed ADULTS for their breed, not adolescent. Generally speaking, dogs should be over 1 year old and their growth plates should be closed in order to be properly evaluated.

- ✓ Dogs must be crated unless being exercised outside or evaluated by Ms. Hastings.
- ✓ All vaccinations should be current.

- ✓ Due to the nationwide spread of Canine Influenza, dogs showing ANY signs of coughing or illness must be removed from the seminar building immediately.

FOR MORE INFO CALL 334-291-2067 OR VISIT WWW.COLUMBUSKENNELCLUB.COM
 PLEASE CHECK AVAILABILITY IF REGISTERING AFTER JULY 1, 2006

-----Clip and Mail-----

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bringing Dog? Yes No If yes, Breed/Sex/Age _____

Enclose a check made payable to Columbus Kennel Club and mail to Trish James, 4508 Sandfort Rd., Seale, AL 36875

STUD DOG DIRECTORY

Ch Melana's Murphy's Law OFA GS-71518F25M-PI EL17633M25-PI

Sire: 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam: Melana's Obsession v Clihu HIC ROM OFA H/E

Murphy finished with wins from both the specialty (2 majors) and the all breed rings, picking up a 2nd Senior MA, Sr Maturity and 2nd GSDCA National placing along the way. He is a large, stallion male with heavy bone, masculine head, full dentition, coal black eyes and strong feet and pasterns. His stride is very long, low and powerful with an exceptional forehand, strong ligamentation and he is squeaky clean coming and going. Bred very sparingly, he has multiple young progeny with many class wins, including 2 with reserves from the puppy class and a 2nd NE Jr Futurity Bitch. His progeny are typically large boned, plush, richly pigmented, well angulated with nice toplines, correct secondary characteristics, strong ligamentation, nice movement and sound temperaments. Please call 1st day of season.BC/VC required.

Breeder/Owner : Melissa Campbell, 140 Tyson Rd. Villa Rica, GA 30180

(770) 459-4330 Mjc114@bellsouth.net
www.melanashepherds/murphy.html



BIS/BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D von Marquin TC HIC CGC HT PT RN BH

Sire : 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam : Schneiderhof's Highland Treasure (Ch Highlander ROM daughter)

Yancy is a medium sized, dark sable male, with a head to die for ! He has won under Specialty and All Breed judges alike, amassing a win record that is still growing. So far, Yancy has titled at every event for which we've trained with more performance titles coming in the next year! His first crop of youngsters have just hit the ring with one major reserve winner from the 6-9 class and several pointed. Yancy is producing his body style and working ability ! BC/VC/DVC is required.

Owner: Suzanne Kinman 2320 Georgia Hwy 20 S E Conyers, GA 30094
 (770) 761-5748 tsalisgds@comcast.net www.tsalishepherds.com



Ch Kagen's Boston Pops OFA GS-69003G28M-PI GS-EL16290M28-PI

Sire: Farmil's Stealth of Kagen HIC
 Dam: Kagen's Ragtime, HIC OFA

Boss is a medium sized, deep bodied male with a dark plush coat, excellent bone, strong pasterns, tight compact feet, strong back, good ligamentation and a long striding correct gait.

He has proven proficient in both rings with multiple herding group wins as well as specialty breed wins. Boss, with limited breedings, is producing heavy bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics, dark plush coats and excellent temperament. To date, he has not produced long coats or off colors. VC/BC is required

Breeder/Owners : Gene & Kaye Valentine
 1542 Narroway Church Circle Dallas, GA 30094
 (770) 443-8600 kagengsd@aol.com
<http://members@aol.com/kagengsd>



Breeders and Litters

STUD DOG DIRECTORY

BIM Greenwood's Achilles

Sire: 2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Helmic's Cassandra OFA H & E (Mastercharge daughter)

Killy is a handsome black & tan, medium sized male with medium bone, strong back, handsome head, good shoulder layback, excellent temperament, strong secondary sex characteristics, fully extended front and rear with a long reaching, exciting, low to the ground side gait. He is clean on both ends and has a promising career ahead of him. Killy has several best puppy wins, a 3 point major, 4 point major, three 5 point major reserves and was 2nd Novice dog at the 2005 National Specialty. His 1st litter of 6 males and 3 females is on the ground and taking after him.

Owners/Breeders: William & Denise Groenewald
 Killy is proudly co-Owned with Margaret Kurz
 6652 Vaughn Rd Canton, Georgia 30115 Phone : 770-720-0125
 e-mail: Rikers123@aol.com www.greenwoodshepherds.com



Ch Lorien's Lights Out TC HT PT TDI OFA H(E) & E

Sire: AOE 2x C/A Sel (E) Ch Elvaston's Southern Byrne TC PT OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Geor-Jan Lorien's Ice Castles ROM (4 champions) OFA H(E) & E

"Curfew" is an impressive very correct solid black with good head and bone, clean coming and going with A strong, easy side-gait. He has a sound temperament that makes him comfortable in any environment. He is the second of 3 in his litter to finish and his Championship gave his dam her ROM. His pedigree is solid and is already showing in his progeny with a black male from his first litter getting a major reserve under an all breed judge and younger progeny showing great promise.

His breeding also shows in how he doing so well in herding and other activities outside the conformation ring. Proof of BC/VC required
 Owners: Helen & Michael Chamblee and Twyla Miner (Breeder)
 2979 Old Broadnax Mill Rd. Loganville Ga. 30052 Tel. 770-466-0157
 Email: Hel-Mic@att.net



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ABOUT GSDCUSC

We invite you to become a part of a dynamic club dedicated to the versatility and magnificence of our breed. This is an inclusive club that supports all aspects of the German Shepherd Dog. Our members interests and activities vary widely. Some participate in performance and conformation events. Some are K-9 handlers. Some are interested and enthusiastic pet owners. Some are simply interested in learning more about the breed. Everyone has a place in this club as we learn from each other, and most of all, LOVE

OUR DOGS!

For more information contact:

- Beth Dunn – vondodgingso@bellsouth.net (President)
- Phil Miller – hilopettransport@aol.com (Vice President)
- Catherine Morton – managsd@yahoo.com (Secretary)
- Barb Hefner – BARBMARK@aol.com (Treasurer)

DIRECTIONS:

From South:

I-85 North to Exit 4 (Fair Play). Turn Left and cross over bridge. Take first Right onto Grubs Rd. At the Yield sign, turn Right onto Hwy 243. Go 2 miles (cross bridge and go up a hill) and turn left onto Fair Play Rd. Go 1.8 miles and turn right onto Ramage Rd. Farm is 1st drive on the left #1395.

From North:

I-85 South to Exit 11 (Townville). At the end of the exit ramp go Straight across onto Hwy 243. Proceed for approximately 3 miles and turn Right on Jolly Rd. At the end of Jolly Rd, turn Tight onto Fair Play Rd. Go about 1/2 mile and turn right on Ramage Rd. Farm is 1st drive on the left #1395.

From Northwest:

Rte 24 to Townville-turn right onto Fair Play Rd. (just past Post Office). Go 2 miles, at top of hill turn left onto Ramage Rd. Farm is 1st drive on left #1395.

For information on nearby lodging, please visit

www.redcreekfarm.com

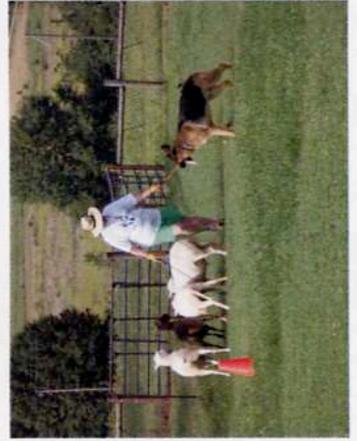


Herding Fun Trial

June 17, 2006
9:00 A.M.
Rain or Shine

Entries close June 10

Open to all Herding Breeds



Herding Fun Trial

CLASSES OFFERED:

Instinct Testing: The dog is tested on gentle sheep in a small area to see if the dog shows herding interest and working ability. When the test is complete, the judge will advise the owner about the dog's herding potential.

Pre-Trial: The Pre-Trial Test is designed to help guide owners into a knowledge of, and participation in, herding activities, and will provide a dog that, while not fully refined by training, is demonstrably capable of performing herding work at a level just below the beginning trial level.

Course A (Started, Intermediate, Advanced): This is an all-around farm or ranch course designed to show the versatility of the herding dog.

Detailed information on these classes is available on the American Kennel Club Website — www.akc.org/rules/herding.cfm

FACILITY AND

JUDGES:

The fun trial will be held at Red Creek Farm in Townville, SC. Red Creek is a working sheep and cattle facility owned by Carol Anne and Jon Tholkes. The Tholkes are experienced trainers and AKC herding judges. We are delighted to have this event at their farm and to have them participate as the judges for this event. Visit them at www.redcreekfarm.com.

Electrical hookups are not available. Water is available and attendees should bring their own chairs. Parking is in an open pasture with minimal shade, so consideration should be given to the comfort of the dogs.

ABOUT THE EVENT

The purpose of this event is to provide handlers and dogs with an opportunity to practice for sanctioned trials in a forum that closely approximates trial conditions.

Awards:

- Instinct Testing Certificate
- Pre-Trial Ribbons 1st—4th
- Course A: Trophy—HIT
- Started Ribbons 1st—4th
- Intermediate Ribbons 1st—4th
- Advanced Ribbons 1st—4th

Herding Fun Trial

Sign up for: (One form per dog)	Members	Non-members
<input type="checkbox"/> Instinct Testing	\$30.00	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Trial	\$30.00	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Course A—Started	\$30.00	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Course A—Intermediate	\$30.00	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Course A—Advanced	\$30.00	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Runs Qty: _____	\$10.00	\$15.00
	Subtotal: _____	
	Total: _____	

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Email Address _____
 Dog's Name _____
 Breed _____

Concessions Available

All proceeds go to the GSDCUSC Assistance Fund to subsidize care for GSDs and their families in need. All donations are tax-deductible.

**M a k e c h e c k s p a y a b l e
t o : G S D C U S C**

Entries close: June 10, 2006

Mail entries to:
 GSDCUSC—Herding Fun Trial
 C/O Barbara Heimer, Treasurer
 912 Old Easley Highway
 Pelzer, SC 29669

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