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The initials DVG stand for Deutscher Verband der Gebrauchshundsportvereine, or the German Association of Working Dog Sport Clubs.

This is not an exact translation, but one that is most meaningful in English. While attracting breeders of all working dogs, DVG exists for only one purpose - the training and titling of dogs of all kinds. In addition to IPO titles, DVG offers Obedience and Tracking titles, providing competition opportunities for all people who love to train dogs, even the smallest of breeds.

If you are interested in finding out more about LV/DVG America, please visit our website for more complete information.

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Why DVG?

The training purist and competitive breeder can look to DVG for many benefits not offered by any other organization in the US or Canada.

- Over 100 years experience in the training of all breeds of working dogs
- All judges are German Kennel Club (VDH) and FCI recognized. Currently there are 11 certified judges residing in LV America. In addition, visiting judges from Germany may assist with local trials and championships.
- Trial decoys are certified and on-going training and testing are required.
- It is the only organization whose members are qualified to compete in a German National Championship.
- All titles and scorebooks are recognized by the VDH, allowing a DVG member to compete in any local trial in Germany.
- An annual American Championship for levels 1, 2 and 3.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LV PRESIDENT

Annetta Cheek

This is my first magazine message as President.

Hopefully most of you have heard from me in an email before (and if you didn't, it's because I don't have your email . . .).

If you didn't see it you can find it, and future messages from me, on our new website at www.dvg-america.com/fromprez.html.

I'm enthusiastic about this opportunity to serve DVG and its members. I'll need your help and your ideas, because this is a big job and there's a lot we need to do.

Please send me any questions, suggestions, complaints, and of course compliments - annettacheekdogs@gmail.com.

By the time you read this in the magazine, I'll have been to Germany for my first annual business meeting. When I get back I'll send out a message with a summary of what happened.

If you didn't get my first email and want to get future ones, just send me an email and ask me to add you to the list, or click the link on the website near my message and fill out the form to be included on the email list.

Yours in the sport,

Annetta Cheek

UPDATE:

It is official, the General Membership meeting held in Eugene, Oregon last year, has been determined to have been an official meeting. The actions and votes made there are also approved. The updated bylaws have been posted to the new site and you should access and download a copy there.

www.DVG-America.com/forms.html



Most of you know by now that we have a new website, www.DVG-America.com. The new website has many functions—I hope you find it useful. If you haven't seen it, take a few minutes and have a look. We'd like to hear what you think of it, and what you think we should do to improve it.

Just write to me at annettacheekdogs@gmail.com. Shelly Timmerman donated her time to do this site for us. If anyone out there would be willing to help us maintain and improve it, let me know. I'm sure Shelly would appreciate some help.



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MEET YOUR NEWEST OFFICERS



President: Annetta L Cheek

I joined DVG in the mid 1980s. Since then, besides training my dogs in Schutzhund, I've served DVG as a club president, as a member of the bylaws committee, and as an author of multiple articles in the magazine. I have also served the greater working dog community as an AWDF breed representative, on the AWDF board, and, for 25 years, as a UKC obedience judge. Since I have one of those other breeds, I believe that one of DVG's great strengths is that all breeds are welcome. I have had four Schutzhund 3 dogs (I got all 3 titles on only the last 2). With these same four dogs I also earned a UD, 2 CDXs, 1 U-Agility 2, a conformation grand championship, and 2 championships. I am currently training a 15 month-old-old pup. I'm excited to take on the job of President of DVG America for the next two years. I hope my extensive experience as a Federal manager and my long-time dedication to clarity of communication will help me be effective and to move DVG America forward.



Secretary: Debra DeFrank

I'm Debra DeFrank and I've been elected to serve as your LV Secretary. I became a member of LV/DVG America in 2000. I've titled 8 German Shepherds and I've have had a lot of fun and made a lot of friends along the way. If you need any assistance, my door is always open.



LRO, (Director of Judges): Lisa Little

Greetings, my name is Lisa Little and I have been a member of DVG America since 1990. The club I belong to is the Working Rottweiler Association of Canada and I have belonged to this club since I joined DVG. I live in Ontario, Canada, about two hours north of Toronto. I have been very active in the sport since joining. I have titled German Shepherds, Rottweilers and Malinois and have competed at club, regional and National levels and also in Germany at the BSP Championship. I became a judge in May of 2006 and enjoy travelling to the different clubs and seeing the many different breeds being shown. I am a retired Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer after 20 years of service. I look forward to meeting all of you on and off the field.

Feedback!

Have you joined DVG America Magazine on Facebook yet? Over 600 of your friends and fellow DVG America members have and the numbers are still growing! The first issue of 2014 was well received! Here are some of the nice things we've heard in the past few months.

CJ Masarati via Facebook

I just got my magazine today and its quality has improved 10 fold.

Richard Gasaway via email

I have been involved with DVG America for 27 years and you are now producing the best (by far) magazine ever. Keep up the good work

Michelle Testa via Facebook

The magazines are really awesome!

Waine Singleton via Facebook

Best year of the magazine EVER. You really turned it around ST. And now I look forward to getting my mags again.

Anne Marie Appel via Facebook

Reading my new DVG magazine now and I had to stop and tell you that Sarah's article about Gretel actually made me cry! This dog has made such an incredible recovery under Sarah's guidance - this was so beautiful to read! Thank you!

Francine Lee via Facebook

"Just received the first quarter 2014 DVG Magazine. Love it! Thank you all for such hard work and making this great magazine for us to enjoy!"

Scott Bakkala via Facebook

Best photo layout for a nationals ever. Nicely included so many people.



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Submitted by Shelly Timmerman. .

‘Cause You Don’t Know Jack...

That’s what I have written on t-shirts with his picture on them. The picture I took of him the very first time I saw him. Him, and a dozen or so others that were looking for a home. All good dogs I’m sure. And we got them all adopted out. But Jack (at that time known as Foghorn) had this little habit of nipping. Well, he is a cattle dog after all, it is his nature. But that little habit meant he wasn’t adoptable to a typical pet home and had him scheduled for euthanasia.

But some sparkle in that brown eye, some little something in that 35 pound bundle of wiggling, jumping and yes, even nipping, blue spotted madman, made me unwilling to let that happen. You see, Jack isn’t mean. Doesn’t have a mean bone in that little body. But he has a lot of energy. No, I mean a LOT of energy. 24-7. It shuts off when he’s sleeping, (which I’m sure he does daily, but I’m not sure I’ve ever actually seen it). And that energy needed an outlet. And a manager. And, as it turned out, I was the lucky human to be able to do it and Schutzhund was the avenue for it. I’ve written before about Jack and how he came to me, and will just recap as I think the last time I wrote about him, he’d just received his TR 1 and PR 1 under retiring Judge Carole Patterson in December, 2010.

Since then, we’ve lots of new stories to share. In March of 2011, when I finally felt he was ready for all three phases, I entered him for his VPG 1 at the North Florida Schutzhund Club trial. This was my “club”, but on a field that we don’t train on and was new to him. We had a couple days of practice on it and then, before I could chicken out, it was trial day. Lisa Little was

judging and while OB is always our Achilles heel, we managed to get by with a respectable 82. Tracking, well, he does it with his own style, but does a good job generally and we earned 95 that morning. His protection is always a crowd pleaser, and that day was no exception, Apprentice Judge Melissa Hepler announced that he had “V” rated with a 96 pronounced. Wow! You couldn’t wipe the grin off my face that night. 273SG!

After that success, I got brave enough to enter him into our SEKG Championship the following fall. I did mention that OB was our Achilles heel didn’t I? Well, the pressure was a bit much for us, as well as the stormy weather, and we didn’t quite make a passing score in obedience. Passed tracking and brought home a 90a in protection.



In the summer of 2012, once again I got brave and decided his training had advanced enough to trial for his IPO 2. Peace River Schutzhund Club was the host and while their field is a pretty good haul (about 3 hours each way), I was able to get down there often enough to get him comfortable on the field.

Starting the trial off with tracking, and Judge Ted Hartman and I head over to our flag for our start. I joked to Ted to "hold on, this could be a bumpy ride." (Little did we know that the flag we started at was put out to mark the end of the track on a very tight field, and the scent pad was much further down the way!) Jack heads out about 12 paces and platzes. ? Huh? I look at Ted, who just reassures me to not worry about it... and Jack after a moment, gets up and continues his track. Right on out to the end of the leg and makes his turn. Ted and I think he's probably walked an article, as the available space had made it necessary to have two extra-long legs and a shorter second leg. So, knowing the article had to be on the longer leg, we said, oh well, the track layer will find it. We made our second turn, and after about 15 paces, Jack does a quick platz for an article indication. Hmm.. shouldn't be an article there, but, sure enough, there was. Which is when it dawned on both Ted and me, we had started the track from the wrong end, and were tracking it backwards! Ted asked if I wanted to finish, and I said yes, of course, (the end was too close at that point to chance a retrack!) But, I said, "There won't be an article for him to indicate at the end"? So Ted went back to the start/end and finds the article (now we understand the downing at the start) and picks up the article, taking it over to the end/start and tosses it on the scent pad, and removes the flag at the same time. All the while, Jack has been platzing, waiting for me to restart him on the track. Ted gets back out to us, we start and off he goes, right on down the track to the new "end" and platzes. Thank goodness this was on video, or no one would believe it! So, after all was said and done, another 90 points and one heck of a good story! Then it was back to the field for the other two phases. Obedience once again gave us a few issues, but we managed to get 78 points this day for a passing score and once again, protection was a nice routine with 89a. So, IPO 2 on my little blue spotted dog and I was once again a grinning fool.

I entered him for his three at the open trial in conjunction with our SEKG Championship in February last year. Then really got brave and decided to upgrade to the Championship instead. The trial venue was relatively close and I figured we had a good shot of passing, so I went for it. Pretty nice practices and figured we'd be able to pull it off. But then, once again, our Achilles heel came back to haunt us and there were just too many "Jack momemnts" to make a passing grade in obedience. His tracking wasn't too bad considering his articles were buried under blowing sand and, while he indicated the first and last one, the second, he stopped, dug up, kicked it off to the side of the track and kept right on going... Ahhh, the cattle dog style strikes once more! Still our best phase was protection (that trend again?) and once more, the crowd really enjoyed the show he puts on. 87a.

Fast forward to December 2013... The time had come. Not sure his age when I got him, but I adopted him in 2008 and we estimated his age at 2-3 years then. He's not acting any older, but time goes by and the years add up for all of us. Sometime this summer he broke an upper canine off and that was a sure sign that I didn't want to wait any longer. It was now or never. So the Highway Schutzhund Club folks have a trial scheduled and I enter one last time for that three. I take him over to practice on the club helper(s) and the trial helper in the weeks leading up to the trial to get him comfortable with them, and them familiar with him!

Trial day dawns and the weather holds...and Jack and I are the last team up. The other team takes the field and wouldn't you know it, that Achilles heel pops up its ugly head one more time. Jack decided that he didn't need to stay on the



long down... but thanks goodness came right to me when I called him. 10 points gone in a flash! Judge Lisa Little watched us one more time when it came our turn for working, and bless his little heart, he did all the rest of the exercises, cattle dog style, but did them. So we squeaked by with 73 and a huge sigh of relief on my part! Before I knew it, it was time for protection...and while the blind run left much to be desired (Blinds? We don't need to run no stinkin' blinds!), the rest of the routine was pretty darn good, if I do say so myself. Lisa told the crowd during the critique that he's a little dog with a big heart...and that's a very true description. Two phases down and tracking isn't until the next day...so I have the whole night to worry!

The next morning it was another long drive to the tracking grounds, but they were in very good condition with a rain overnight and a bit of dampness left in the air. I watched the first track and saw a 100 point routine... then the second track and it was not successful ... so I just didn't know what would happen. I walked him up in his well used red harness, and said "Such" and his nose went deep into that dirt and never came back up until he was downing on the first article. A few cross tracks threw him off a bit here and there, and he's a speed demon when he restarts, but three more legs and two more articles, and 91 points later, we had done it. IPO 3.

GRIN. PLASTERED. ON.

So, to borrow a phrase from The Grateful Dead, "What a long, strange trip it's been." He still likes to nip, and sometimes gets a little bit of human along with the clothing he's grabbing. He still lives in a kennel as he just isn't a good candidate for house dog status, but from scheduled for euthanasia, to IPO 3, he's come so very far!. He's never trialed on the same field twice and never a "home" field. 35 pounds of heart in a blue spotted body... I've learned so much from this guy and feel like he was brought into my life for a reason. Maybe to help teach me how to overcome some different challenges and to never, ever quit! Oh, and did I mention it was my first IPO 3 title too?

To all the people who helped me get here with the little guy, THANK YOU!

To the helpers, in no particular order, Steve Gregalunas, Noel Coward, Mike Cuttone, Phil Hoelcher, Randy Theen, Jason McNew, Wayne Kemper, Luis Rodriguez, Mike Lorraine and I'm sure a dozen others who I can't think of right now. To everyone who supported me when he was making me question my judgment in the endeavor, thanks for the encouragement! To, my dog sport friends for being just as devoted to this crazy hobby as I am, and to my family for supporting my involvement in it, even though you don't really "get it", thank you! To my first mentor in the sport, the late Jim Glenney and to Renee Glenney for showing the first cattle dog I ever saw in Schutzhund, thank you for introducing me to this passion.
Go cow dog, go!

2014 WKG HELPER SEMINAR & CERTIFICATION

Steven Lemmer & IPO 3 USA



Article by Amy Elias of Coast SchH Club, Photos by Amy Gibson & Steve Parsons

January 25-26, 2014. Coast Schutzhund Club in Fontana, California hosted a DVG Helper Seminar & Certification with judge & WKG-OFV: Ted Hartman. We had beautiful weather all weekend making it really enjoyable for the dogs, helpers, handlers and spectators alike. Dozens of our club members came out to support the event and also have their dogs worked, which came in handy with (10-12) helpers per day.

Ted drilled the helpers on mechanics over and over pushing their individual envelopes, first on a line, then with slow dogs, moving them forward only when it was safe. The (2) national, (1) regional, and (3) club level guys did excellent work with some very fast and strong dogs. Ted commented on how well everyone performed all weekend and that he was very proud of the (6) basic level helpers progress and potential.

After the introductions, Ted

started training young the dogs showing how to develop drives, grip, and the transition as they mature.

The helpers and

After a long day the club had a nice BBQ dinner, talked dogs, and then called it a night. First thing in the morning we got right back to training the helpers and getting them ready for certification, upgrade or regional selection. Ted reviewed all of the helpers work one by one but felt none of the basic level guys were quite ready for testing or certification at this point.

Steve Parsons (national level) from Utah DVG, and Weston Kester (regional level) from Wild West Dog Sport, both had great routines with some very fast and strong dogs, IPO3 Mal Drogo & IPO3 Dobe USA. Ted stated in his critique that Steve made the best catches all weekend and Weston was doing a super front half. Ted also judged Steve at the USRC Nationals and Weston at the UDC Nationals.



Weston & IPO 3 Drogo

handlers expressed great appreciation for the training aspect of this seminar as well as the opportunity to see many different breeds being properly worked according to their age and temperament.

Steve & Weston have both done an excellent job at trials, seminars, and certifications the past few years, earning them this selection. The WKG Championship will be hosted by Coast Schutzhund on



Steven Lemmer & IPO 3 USA



Weston driving Razor



Weston Kester, Ted & Razor



Weston Kester & IPO I Krypto



Steve, Cecil & Drogo

June 20-22, 2014. Tracking will be on plowed dirt, obedience and protection in the evening. Helpers: Steve Parsons IPO 3 back & IPO 1, Weston IPO 3 front & IPO 2.

A Special thanks to the helpers for participating in this event and our club members for bringing them plenty of dogs to work.

Helpers:

Ted Hartman (level I) Coast SchH Club

Steve Parsons (level I) Utah DVG

Weston Kester (level 2) Wild West Dog Sport

Daniel Bosco (level 3) Sierra Vista Hundesport

Cecil Terry (level 3) Coast SchH Club

Danny Melillo (level 3) Coast SchH Club

James Cosey (basic) Laguna Working Dog Club

Steven Lemmer (basic) Coast SchH Club

Jory Hawkins (basic) Coast SchH Club

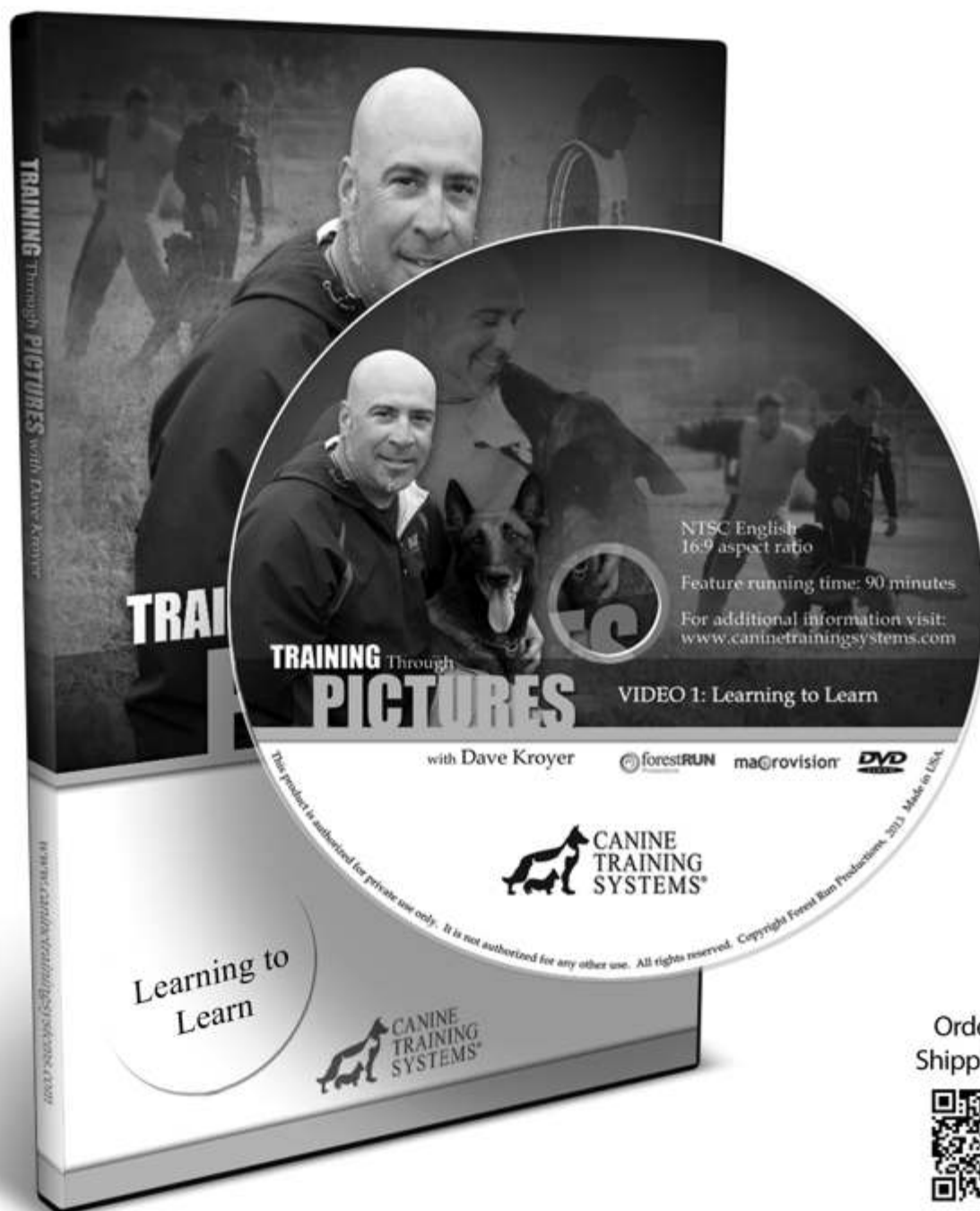
Jerry Harris (basic) Coast SchH Club

Feather Cresciman (basic) Wild West Dog Sport

Ivan McGeo (youth) Coast SchH Club

Trial & Event Calendar

DATE	CLUB/EVENT	CITY/STATE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	JUDGE
Apr 12-13	Tulsa Schutzhund Club	Tulsa, OK	Mike Rickman	918-620-6332	clr62491@aol.com	Amanda Hoskinson
Apr 19-20	Endeavor Working Dog Club	Los Alamos, NM	Marsha Boggs	505-672-1063	marschaboggs@cybermesa.com	Melissa Hepler
Apr 19-20	Wild West Dog Sport	Delano, CA	Jeanita Davis	661-393-6983		Melissa Hepler
Apr 24-27	DVG Bundessiegerprüfung	Emscherbruch Gelsenkirchen, Germany				
Apr 26-27	Commonwealth WDC	Washington, DC	Lisa Freeny	301-758-1389	freenyl@verizon.net	Ted Hartman
Apr 26-27	Mid Tennessee Schutzhund Club	McMinnville, TN	Beverly Press	931-839-7452	troyeros@frontiernet.net	Fred Marashi
May 03	Hondesport Ohio	Columbus, OH	Julie Smiley	614-268-4849	julie_smiley1@yahoo.com	Ann Dolen
May-14	SEKG Helper Seminar	Carrsville, VA	Nadar Abouelgubein	972-743-2386	jnadera17@verizon.net	
May 04	OK Metro Working Dog Group	Oklahoma City, OK	Bob Armstead	404-810-8588	luftwolf@cox.net	Amanda Hoskinson
May 04	Centennial Schutzhund Club	Lakewood, CO	Jeff Uhrlaub	303-910-5688	topdog@dogboyz.com	Melissa Hepler
May 10	South Valley WDC	Eugene, OR	Chris Lloyd	541-520-1177	llifgozon@hotmail.com	Amanda Hoskinson
May 17-18	MWKG Championship, T-Town Working Dog Association	Tulsa, OK	Scott Bakkala	918-791-5911	scottbakk@hotmail.com	Hartmut Beckmann
May 17	Copper Creek DVG	Milton, GA	Annette Holbrook	770-772-6555	info@coppercreekdvg.net	TBA
May 24	Salem Schutzhund Club	Salem, OR	Janice Reid		dvgjudge@msn.com	Klaus-Jürgen Glüh
May 25	Cascade Schutzhund Club	Rochester, WA	Les Flores	360-259-9192	csc@dogequipment.com	Klaus-Jürgen Glüh
May 31	Judge's Workshop with Klaus-Jürgen Glüh				No trials scheduled	
Jun 7-8	Peace River Schutzhund Club	Punta Gorda, FL	Melissa Hepler	941-234-6182	jmhepler@comcast.net	Gottfried Dildei
Jun 7-8	Washington DC Area Gebrauchshund Group	Waldorf, MD	Jennifer Zembower	240-355-7915	jenniferzembower@gmail.com	Ted Hartman
Jun 7	Black Diamond Schutzhund Club	Denver, CO	Diann Yandrich	303-828-5196	john@twobearsinc.com	James Akin-Otiko
Jun 8	Ponderosa Schutzhund Club	Denver, CO	Marlene Gassaway	303-646-3369	rlmg8762@aol.com	James Akin-Otiko
Jun 13-15	Helper Seminar/Classification	Pembroke, IL	Waine Singleton	708-257-9246	jsweetcornkennel?s@yahoo.com	
Jun 14	Cache Valley Working Dog Club	Salt Lake City, UT	Joanna Pawlick	801-718-7498	asia@xmission.com	Hartmut Beckmann
Jun 21-22	WKG Championship - Coast Schutzhund Club	Fontana, CA	Ted Hartman	909-350-3501	wck9ted@gmail.com	Fred Marashi
Sep 6-7	Front Range Hundesport Club	Denver, CO	Carole Patterson	303-674-4655	caroledvg@mindspring.com	Lisa Little
Sep 13-14	Working Rottweiler Association of Canada	Stayner, Ontario	Joanne Fleming	705-428-2258	joannefleming13@sympatico.ca	Ann Dolan
Oct 4	Tidewater Schutzhund Club	Carrsville, VA	Nadar Abouelgubein	972-743-2386	naderA17@verizon.net	Ann Dolan
Oct 5	Ponderosa Schutzhund Club	Denver, CO	Marlene Gassaway	303-646-3369	rlmg8762@aol.com	TBA
Oct 11	Salem Schutzhund Club	Salem, OR	Janice Reid		dvgjudge@msn.com	James Akin-Otiko
Oct 23-26	2014 DVG America National Championship - Arkansas Schutzhund Club				Little Rock, AR	



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SANDI PURDY, A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sandi Purdy, long time DVG America member, judge, LV Secretary and friend, passed away in October last year. In March, her friends and family gathered to celebrate her life and legacy.

Contributed by Lisa Little

First of all, on behalf of Sandi's family, I would like to thank you all for coming today. I know that your presence here today means a lot to them as it would have to Sandi.

All of us know how much Sandi will be missed as she touched many people in many ways. I believe there is one thing in common amongst all her friends. If you look around you right now, you will understand what I am about to say. We are all big hearted, caring, giving and loyal people. These are the kind of people that Sandi believed were her true friends. Sandi touched and helped so many people, not just those of us that are in the sport that she loved and dedicated a huge part of her life to, but in everyday life.

Sandi led a very interesting life. From putting herself through college by barrel racing to being a legal secretary and then of course, her dog sport, which led to many other adventures. Travelling when she became a DVG judge and also holidays to exotic destinations such as Africa.

I bet not many of you can remember where you were fifty years ago. Sandi could, she was standing on the street corner in Dallas as President Kennedy's motorcade passed through, just seconds before he was assassinated.

One thing about Sandi, whether you had two legs or four, if you arrived at her house, you could guarantee to be fed and sometimes even get a place to stay. We always

joke that was what happened with Joanne and I. One winter we arrived here, and she fed and lodged us and then we just kept coming back! Another of Sandi's passions was helping rescue organizations and adoptions. A lot of the strays that came in contact with Sandi ended up here on the farm as is evidenced by the 15 resident dogs of all shapes and sizes.

LV/DVG America was another organization that Sandi devoted countless hour to. Sandi was a DVG judge for 25 years and the LV secretary for 28. If you had a question or a problem, Sandi was the go to person. She always had time to help solve a problem or just give moral support. On September 28, 2013, during our LV Championship, Wolfgang Pahl, VP of DVG Germany, called Sandi during the board meeting and presented her with the highest award that DVG gives,

the Golden Badge of Honor with Wreath. Wolfgang Pahl (current VP,) Christa Bremer (DVG past president,) and Christoph Holschneider (current President of DVG) jointly wrote a letter which was read to Sandi. The funny part of this was at the start of the presentation, Wolfgang said that he had gone to the museum of DVG to find the facts, museum being the direct translation of the "archives".

Later that evening, when I spoke to Sandi, I said to her, "Boy, you know you are old when they have to go to the museum to the get facts about you!" Sandi laughed until she almost cried.

At the 2013 General Membership meeting, at the request of Wolfgang, I repeated the presentation that had been given for Sandi at the board meeting. Joanne Fleming and I had created a memory board for Sandi that was on display at the GM for everyone to see. Monday morning, Ray Reid and I mailed it to Sandi. It arrived on the following Wednesday and Sandi called me as soon as she got it. I was still in Oregon at the time. Poor Sandi was in tears when she called. In order to make light of it, I said to her, "Why are you crying? You must not have had a good look at those pictures. You better look again. There's fat Sandi, skinny Sandi, blonde Sandi, brown haired Sandi, young Sandi, old Sandi, big boob Sandi and no boob Sandi." Sandi's laughing reply was, "I should have known you would embarrass me." Even at the point, with only a few weeks to live, her spirit was still there. Sandi would always laugh as hard at herself as anyone and through her battle with cancer, her sense of humor never left her.

One thing we will never lose are our memories of her. Sandi on the field with her red finger nails and infectious laugh. So many people have stories of their first time doing a BH under Sandi, some crazy thing that she said or had done or how she had touched them in some way. Sandi was a larger than life person and her passing has left a huge hole in many of our hearts. She was a very special person to so many and it is indeed a tragedy that she had to leave us far too soon. Again, I want to thank everyone for coming out to today and sharing in this celebration of Sandi's life. I am pretty sure she is smiling down on us and saying, "Have at it."



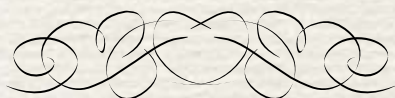
My Mom, by Carla Griffith

What can I say about Sandi Purdy; from the moment we met, I knew she was something special. She became my mentor in life and in the sport of Schutzhund. We have spent so many great times over the years, traveling to trials, talking on the phone for hours and training dogs. Sandi was so entertaining when she would show her dogs. I remember one time at the DVG national in Oklahoma City, (I believe she was going for her Schutzhund I), during her obedience she wandered all over the field, from one side to the other. That woman could not walk a straight line if you paid her. As a joke, I bought a compass for her and it still did not help. I always had so much fun teasing here, and I know she loved it.

She was a mother to me; she was always there with advice or to give constructive criticism. More criticism than advice usually, she never held her tongue about anyone or anything. You always knew where you stood with Sandi. When she became a judge, I was so proud of her. Of course, she pushed me to follow her lead and become one too. Sandi was so proud that I got my license; she went out and bought me a beautiful leather briefcase which I use to this day. I always had her to talk to on Friday and Sunday nights as I sat in the airport waiting for my flight. We would discuss what happened at the trial that weekend. Sandi was always willing to go and watch me judge trials, as long as the little white dogs got to go. What a distraction those two dogs could be. I used to get so mad; Chuckie would be humping my dog on the long down and Zena would be hunting all over the field for food. I would yell at her to put them away, and she would tell me to "SHUT UP and train your dog."

I have been blessed to have shared her love for the sport of Schutzhund, over 30 years together. I was very lucky to be with her at the end. That Wednesday night I lay on the bed and we talked about things we had done together. I was able to tell her how much she had meant to me. I had to leave and as she struggled to breathe, I told her I would be back. She looked me in the eye and said she would wait for me. I left knowing I did not have much longer with her. The next day, I came as soon as I got off work, and she was not coherent, but I felt she knew I was there. I read the DVG America magazine to her and teased her about all the nice things people had to say about her.

My Mom passed away quietly and peacefully. Not many of us get to say goodbye, I was lucky I did. There will be a forever void in me as I sit at the airport on Sunday night and remember my mentor. I will miss you Mom, and I love you.



TO SANDI, from Carole Patterson

You were always there when I needed you. You didn't fail to tell me when I was wrong ... but you also never failed to tell me when I was right.

You were special in so many ways ... your ability to laugh at yourself; your strong sense of right and wrong; your love of your dogs ... both the "little dogs" and the big ones; your desire to be the best you could be and how hard to worked to do that.

You were the best friend I ever had in my life, one I will never find again.

I miss you ... we all miss you. And wherever you are, I hope your dogs welcomed you with tails wagging and joy in their eyes when you arrived. Live long and prosper Sandi, you are and were one of a kind and the world and I were fortunate to have had you in our lives

Sheila Trecartin, animal communicator & holistic therapist for pets and people

Sandi says that she would like me to pen a letter directly from her. She says it is always better and more clear in the first person. So, here you go:

Dear friends, family, my loves.

What a long journey for one to walk without the realization that death is just a passing of one form of light to another. I am delighted with the love that was poured out to my being. I have been blessed with so many wonderful people in my life. I hold gratitude for all that each and every one of you provided to me during my life time and even now in my passing.

In my younger years I was quite the whipper snapper. I had a sharp tongue and a clear mind. I didn't back down from anything I felt was right and good. I worked hard to protect those that were unable to protect themselves. I used my intellect to provide a support for those who needed. I had a gift of words and placing them in a way that was heard and felt to the deepest of another's being. I know now that this was a talent that I imparted on myself for many reasons. As I grew I learned the art of compassion and came to understand that a softer, kinder heart was a better format for delivery and I softened my tongue. Advocating for what we believe in is not wrong. Doing it with love for all beings is far more accepting and impactful. I am fortunate. I was able to walk a long life and had many supporters and much love around me. I tell you this now to show you the depths of understanding that I have found in myself since my passing.

Let me talk with you a moment about humour...let me acknowledge this piece of me that I enjoyed so greatly. I laugh at myself now just thinking of it. I mean, a sharp wit is a strong and effective tool when used wisely. I like to

watch others, observe them. I enjoyed getting to know people and understanding who they were and how they thought. I always loved to approach another with curiosity for there was always learning held in another's experiences and relayed in their stories.oh, look at me...off on something else when I meant to talk about humour. Well, as you can see, some things just never change no matter how we alter our form. (smiles)

Humour - yes, it is the spice of life that I knew and applied at the best and the worst of times. It was what got me through and got me past my most difficult times. There is never any need to sit and dwell in something that you can not change by stewing in it. We must harness the bull by the horns and take the control of the ride for ourselves. (a little Texas reference for you). I tried to do this the best I could and I know that although I did not make it in the end, I did get a lot of living out of a short time when I was told I would have even less to work with. What I would really love for all of you to realize is just how important it is to embrace the time you have...how to make the most of what is provided for you and how to manage that time for the self in the way that best suits you. Do not allow anyone else to tell you what you can or can't do, what you should or should not be able to accomplish or what you can and cannot enjoy. Decide for yourselves. Hold your own mind and your own choices and live the way you want damn it. That is your right. That is the right we all have. It is never too late to learn that, to harness that thought and to put into action the practice of being in charge for the self. Your will is only as strong as you believe it to be.

I stand before you now, today, and always, the same being I was before, the same person that you knew. I am just transformed now to a beautiful lovely glow that holds no illness, that holds no regrets and that holds only love and joy and peace. I am a lucky soul. I learned a lot and I had many supporting me. All of you here today are expressions of that support. I mean, why else would you be here then? Why would you waste your time because Lord knows, I don't like time wasters. (smiles). To each and every one of you I wish to express my warmth and my joy for having had the opportunity to share some fraction of myself with you and some fraction of you with me. I ask that when you think of me to please do so in joy. Think of the good times we shared. Think of the hard time I gave you and smile. I mean, I was as stubborn as the best of you but it is all in good. We are all God's children and we are all love. When we can remember that we will know that nothing is lost and everything is gained. We are present and you are present because you have chosen. Love is expressed in many ways and love is shared at different levels during all times. There is always love there...sometimes you just need to find it.

Breathe your breath. Enjoy your loved ones.



FUELING PERFORMANCE

“ Integrative Veterinary Approaches in Working Dogs ”

Submitted by Janis Skeath

Justin Shmalberg DVM DACVN CVA CVCH CVFT

The need for comprehensive veterinary-supervised wellness and conditioning programs is increasingly recognized. The past ten years have witnessed an explosion in training programs for veterinary professionals, and a similar increase in demand from the owners of performance dogs. There is even a new veterinary board certification for canine sports medicine and rehabilitation, suggesting that access to professionals offering integrative approaches to the canine athlete will be increasing in coming years. The combination of conventional veterinary care and newer ancillary treatments is known as integrative medicine, a branch of veterinary practice which seeks innovative methods of rehabilitating injured performance dogs and improving their function in their respective sports.

Part 1

Nutrition: the foundation of performance

All working dog owners and trainers intuitively understand that performance requires energy, and that such energy is ultimately derived from food. Dogs have unique differences when comparing their nutritional requirements during activity to humans and other animals. Dogs have remarkable capacity for endurance exercise if fed proper diets, and this is illustrated at the extreme by long-distance sled dog racing. Interestingly, how many extra calories a working dogs needs is primarily determined by how far dogs travel, regardless of speed. Racing greyhounds, although achieving short bouts of phenomenal speed, consume only about 10% extra calories per day than when they are resting. Conversely, Iditarod huskies may need about 700% more food energy every day. The amount of activity a German Shepherd needs during training or working is therefore directly related to how far they move during their event.

Frequent questions arise about what is best to feed a working dog. In general, dogs use fat as a fuel at a higher rate than other working species, including humans. Initially when exercise starts, cells of the muscle use up small storage units of energy such as ATP and creatine-phosphate. These are exhausted after less than a minute of vigorous exercise, and the cell must use its sugar stores, known as glycogen, which is also used fairly rapidly at the outset of activity. The muscle cells will then rely primarily on fat stores in the muscle for vigorous activity lasting longer than a minute. This is why higher-fat diets are better for fueling performance canines, whereas carbohydrate intake may work better for humans.

The definition of a high-fat diet is complicated by the difficulty in comparing pet food labels. The guaranteed analysis on the bag, can, or package represents minimums and maximums of basic nutrients rather than actual

amounts. In addition, diets with different amounts of water (moisture) and fiber cannot be directly compared. This is why most veterinary nutritionists use a unit known as the gram per 1000 calories (or gram per Megacalorie). High fat diets are 50 grams per Mcal or higher. Fortunately, owners of working dogs can estimate these units using the information provided in Table 1. Working Shepherds should also receive diets with moderate to increased protein to preserve muscle mass (>60 g/Mcal). Most canned and raw diets as a general rule are higher in fat than commercial kibbled diets.

Nutrition also plays a role in the proper development of the potential working Shepherd puppies and in the older, but active, dogs. The biggest concern during growth is the development of hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, and other conditions known collectively as ‘developmental orthopedic disease’ (DOD). DOD arises from a number of different factors include genetic predisposition, conformation, growth rates, activity, and nutrition. Dietary factors which are thought to predispose to DOD include excess calcium in the diet and excess body fat during growth. Most large breed diets are formulated with calcium in the appropriate range (generally about 3-4.5 g/Mcal). Some all life stages foods may contain calcium levels that are more than required (4.5-7+ g/Mcal), and these should be avoided for growing German Shepherds. Raw and home-prepared diets fed to puppies should have known calcium contents within this ideal range to prevent issues. Regardless of the diet fed, puppies should maintain a lean body weight by adjusting the food as required.

Geriatric working dogs are predisposed to muscle loss associated with aging (sarcopenia). Food companies and some nutritionists previously advocated reducing protein with age based on a theory that this

prevented kidney disease. However, there is no evidence this is true. In fact, older dogs should probably be fed diets higher in protein (>75 g/Mcal) to prevent loss of muscle, which may predispose to increased injury like it does in older people. Dogs with osteoarthritis can be given diets high in the omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA which have been shown to reduce the pain and inflammation associated with the condition. The correct amount to add depends largely on the 'base' diet, but in general, a starting dose is about 1 fish oil capsule (containing 300 mg EPA+DHA) per 10 pounds of body weight.

The need for supplements in working Shepherds also depends on the job performed and the base diet. There is some evidence, for example, that detection animals benefit from supplementation with certain types of fats. Colleagues at Cornell determined that medium chain triglycerides like those in coconut oil decreased scent detection ability when compared to corn oil. Most working German Shepherds would not be expected to need electrolyte drinks or supplements. Dogs pant rather than sweat, and panting produces less electrolyte loss than does sweating. Most commercial diets also provide more than enough electrolytes. Fat supplements could be helpful if a diet low in fat is being fed. There is likely minimal use for sugar-based supplements (glycogen replacers) unless a dog is worked multiple days in a row, in which case, feeding carbohydrate after exercise each day may be helpful to replenish sugar stores.

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Table 1:
Estimation of the caloric basis (g/Mcal) from a product label

Conversion Process	
Step 1	Obtain guaranteed analysis
Step 2	Add 1.5% to protein minimum on product label
Step 3	Divide estimated protein % by [(kcal/kg)/10,000] to obtain g/1000 kcal estimate
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Step 5	Divide estimated fat % by [(kcal/kg)/10,000] to obtain g/1000 kcal estimate

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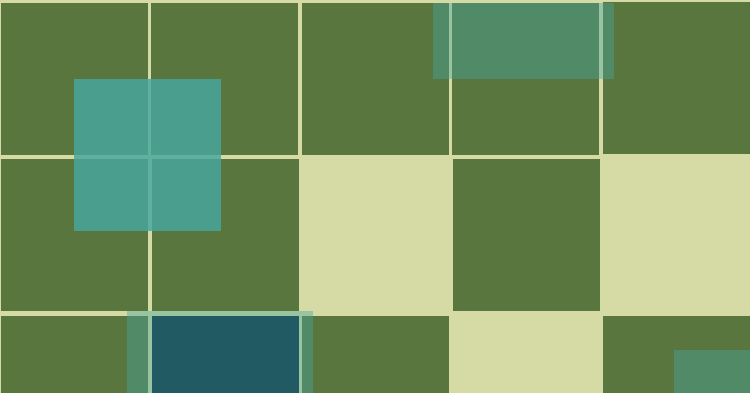
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Celebration of Life, continued from page 15

Embrace one another. A legacy of the self is only left through the impact our actions have on the memory of those that remain behind.

One last thing...Let it be known that I am still here. I am watching over you all and I am still loving with the light that I held in my heart. I am here for you all. You will not be alone when you cross for now I am here to greet you. Until then, do not weep for me. I am here. I am the air you breath and the sun that shines. I have embedded myself in all nature and I will always be here for whatever you need. Think of me and I will be with you. You are my friends, you are my family, you are my supporters. I love you all. Thank you, thank you, thank you. From my heart I thank each and every one of you. God bless. Now, go live! Live for you. That is all I hope, all I wish for. Thank you. Cheers to you!

I have all of your lovely pets and my pets with me now. I am the lucky one. I am surrounded by them all and have lived up to my promise I made to you and have hugged them all and shared in love with all of them for you. I am surprised that there were so many waiting. I sure am grateful. Being in the presence of them is a gift of death but don't rush here, I have them. In fact, it is kind of crowded here (she laughs).

Call me. I hear you. Love me. I feel you.
Be strong.

"strawberries" - this is a key word that she gives. She says to just tell you "strawberries" ...and she doesn't give any further information.

Bringing the Fun Back: Perspectives from a Novice

Somebody I used to know said, "of every 10 people that come out for training only one will stay." I used to think that was just the way it always was and the way it always would be. People would come with their dogs for a week or two and we wouldn't see them again. That was the norm and it was a shame... things changed. I'm fairly new to Schutzhund, but I've tried to learn as much as I could from as many people as I could. I learned that Schutzhund, like life, has some big egos, drama, politics, and all of the negative emotions that surround those things. When I took over as training director in the fall of 2012 I vowed not let myself or the club have the life sucked out of it by those things. I went to seminar after seminar, I visited clubs outside our area, region, and organization, and I tried to soak up as much of the good and leave out the bad.

There are far better dog trainers in this country than I am, there are far better handlers than I am, and there are far better helpers than I ever could be, but that doesn't mean me and my dog won't enjoy every moment of the journey. If we are to grow as an organization, we must bring the fun back to the sport and leave behind the politics. Here are a few things that I stole from other people that you can steal from me:

My first time visiting Ivan Balabanov in Plant City, Florida, before he began training he brought out a large speaker to play techno music in the background. Some people listen to music while driving to work to lighten up the

commute, others keep it going while in the office, but one thing I know for sure is that music uplifts emotions and provides a soundtrack to our lives. Training shouldn't be so serious that music interferes.

When visiting Armin Winkler in Palmyra, Virginia it was a cold rainy day. I was welcomed into their clubhouse, promptly given a hot beverage and fed a warm meal. Schutzhund is more than a sport we train our dogs; it's a camaraderie that transcends race, gender, and class. If we want to create a fun environment, it must be one of overwhelming generosity.

At a seminar with Pedro Jimenez he shared a piece of wisdom with me that someone shared with him, "my goals are not your goals, so don't push me as hard as you push yourself." Not everyone that comes out to train their dog will be a National or World competitor, but everyone that comes out wants to train their dog. Celebrating someone's success doesn't just mean titles or V ratings, it means celebrating and recognizing personal achievement and growth. I think it's great to be competitive, but it's important to remember that a team is more than just coaches and players.

I could keep sharing positive encounters and support I've received from so many in the sport, but I know anyone reading this has their own positive stories too. Let's take what we learn beyond just the dog stuff, and create a culture of fun, hospitality, generosity, recognition, and respect. Because when we have those things, the success is already there.

Nader Abouelgubein

Tidewater Schutzhund Club

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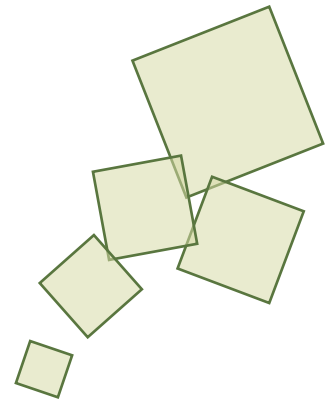
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“ In our last “In My Opinion” column, Chris Daugaard wrote: Cooperation vs. Collaboration: Is there a difference? ”

Here is some of the feedback from DVG America magazine's Facebook page. :

Ron Carter: EXCELLENT..... **Donna Toohey Gauvin:** well said! **Beth Whitcomb:** Agreed and so well written. Very thought provoking and thanks for caring and taking the time to write it. It makes us better.

Chris Daugaard: I dont think lack of comments on this particular column shows a lack of interest. There's not much to comment on besides either agreeing or disagreeing with it. What I really hope is that it makes people think long and hard about the people that they will be voting into office. We've seen both ends of the spectrum, complete and utter apathy and narcissistic power seekers. Neither one is good for this organization and the members that support it. We need people in office that truly want the best for the organization and more importantly, will follow the rules and not try and make them up as they go along. We also need members who are willing to stand up and object if the rules aren't followed.



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The German Shepherd is the world's most popular dog breed, with many uses as working dogs, companion dogs, show dogs and pets. The variability of German Shepherds makes the breed an intriguing focus of research for behavioral studies and also raises interesting questions concerning the genetic diversity of the breed as well as the possible differentiation between different breeding lines. These speculations have focused especially on "show lines" and "working lines." White Shepherd Dogs and Long Haired German Shepherds have previously been separated into distinct breeds.

Our research group has various ongoing genetic research projects aiming at the identification of disease genes in the breed, and as part of these projects we have been looking into the genetic differences between different breeding lines. Recognizing these differences is important for the validity of the research findings. According to earlier genetic studies dog breeds differ from each other significantly more than any of the human populations differ from each other. Cultivating purebreds has efficiently differentiated breeds into their own genetic populations. Individual dogs' genomes are often significantly more similar within the breed than between breeds. Considerable genetic differences, forming subpopulations, may also exist within a breed however. This is common in breeds with several different uses and where selective breeding is practiced with these uses in mind. The German Shepherd is a typical example of this type of breed.

We investigated the genetic differences of 62 Finnish German Shepherds from three different breeding lines. The dogs were divided according to the guidelines of a breeding specialist from the Finnish German Shepherd Association into three separate populations: the show line, the mixed line and the working line. A dog was defined as a working-line dog if there were known working dogs in its five-generation pedigree. Similarly, if a dog's pedigree contained known show dogs, the dog was defined as a show-line dog. If both lines were detectable from the pedigree, the dog was defined as being part of the mixed line.

An analysis of 172 000 genetic variants was conducted from the genomes of all 62 dogs in order to measure genetic variation (measuring allele frequencies). A so called similarity matrix was used to compare the genetic similarity between individuals, using the data received from the genome analysis. The results of the analysis are shown in **Figure 1**. In the figure similarity is represented by distances. Every point represents one dog, and the closer the dogs are to each other genetically the closer together the points are. Based on the results, the show-line dogs and the working-line dogs differ from each other genetically, and form their own clusters in the figure. The mixed-line dogs place in the middle in this figure, but with a closer proximity to the working-line cluster. In the figure one presumed show-line dog and one working-line dog are in opposite clusters, which could be due to an erroneous characterization of the dogs' pedigrees. Most of the mixed-line dogs place close to the working-line dogs, indicating that their genomes are "similar" to each other. A genome-wide analysis shows that these dogs selected from show and working lines differ from each other genetically.

Figure 1. The genetic differences of a German Shepherd population. Based on pedigrees and uses, 62 German Shepherds were selected from three different lines for a genome-wide analysis in order to detect possible genetic differences. The results indicated that show-line dogs (red points) and working-line dogs (blue points) differ from each other genetically. The mixed-line dogs (black points) place between the two other lines with a closer proximity to the working-line dogs.

After a similarity-matrix analysis was performed, we predicted the genetic probability for each of the dogs to belong to a specific population, based on the genome-wide marker data and the population division. The results of this analysis have been presented in **Figure 2**. The results were again surprisingly clear: all dogs predicted to belong to the show line did so also according to this analysis. The mixed-line and the working-line dogs had similar probabilities, but even there the division was relatively clear. (Figure 2.) The results indicate that the show-line dogs are clearly separated into their own population. In the mixed and working lines the probabilities vary, reflecting the actual “degree of mixing.”

In the future, the analysis can be taken even further by locating those gene regions where populations differ from each other most clearly and calculating different physical quantities which would indicate to what degree the populations have differentiated from each other. However, the division between the lines is clear in also this study, and based on this sample we were able to see a clear genetic interpopulation variation. The results of the genome analysis confirm the hypothesis of the existence of also a genetic intrabreed division into show and working lines. The different appearance and behavioral traits between the lines are another indication of this. Working line dogs are often bred with other individuals of the same line.

Figure 2. The probability of German Shepherds to belong to a predicted line. Samples from altogether 62 German Shepherds were examined in a genome-wide analysis (~172 000 markers) and based on the data received and an earlier population division (Figure 1.) the probability of each dog to belong to one of the three given lines was predicted. In the figure each dog has its own vertical bar and the probability (0-1) has been marked with different colors according to the corresponding line. Based on the genetic data all show-line dogs were predicted correctly (green bars, possibility of 1 = 100%). With the mixed-line and the working-line dogs the probabilities varied according to the “degree of mixing.”

This study conducted on a small data set opens up interesting avenues for further research into the German Shepherd breeding lines. The genetic differentiation of the breed by appearance and behavior (possibly also by diseases) into different populations enables a closer mapping of the genes related to these traits in a bigger data set. As a result of selected breeding the show line has developed genetic variants different from the working line and vice versa. In a larger study more specific genetic regions connected to the different lines could be identified from the genetic data. Some of the genes in these genetic regions explain the typical appearance and behavioral characteristics of the different lines.

German Shepherds have a significant role as working dogs in for example the police force and the border guard. These working dogs are required to have specific qualities necessary for each type of service in order to learn and manage the given assignment. Although dog training plays a vital role, there are differences in different dogs’ learning abilities and behavioral character traits, and some of these differences can be explained by genetics. Our particular area of interest for follow-up studies is to find out whether genetic analyses could help separate the potentially “extraordinary” working dogs from the good working dogs. If we were to successfully develop this kind of tool we could help select young dogs with the best potential to be trained as working dogs. In addition to domestic populations, the test could help identify dogs for breeding purposes in also international German Shepherd populations, which in turn would be a positive step towards increasing diversity in the breed. We are now investigating, together with the German Shepherd breed association and different working dog associations, possibilities for further studies. The research requires samples from dogs, but also technical equipment as well as reliable information on the participating dogs.

The research group would like to thank the more than a thousand dog owners who have participated in the study, as well as breeders and contact persons for breed associations for their support. Without your help the research could not go forward.

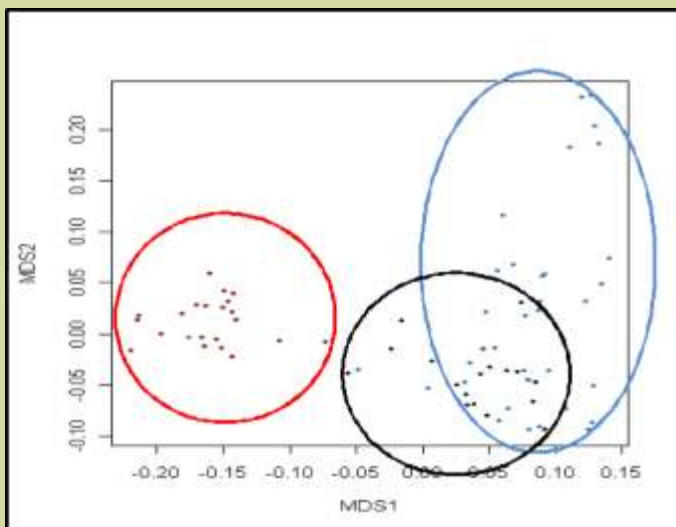


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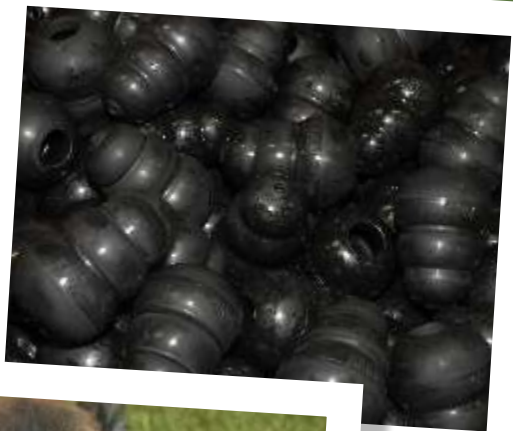
Figure 2

KONG The “King” of toys.

Since its inception, the KONG Company has endeavored to produce a desirable product for both dog and owner. Many pet enthusiasts willingly attest that their dogs absolutely adore their KONG toys. Consequently, several questions arise from pet owners on a regular basis. How did the original design manifest into a highly recognizable industry standard? Where does KONG develop its new ideas for products? What criteria are used to determine new production of toys? Finally, can toys really be used for training canines and other animals?



The original idea for Kong began 35 years ago as founder Joe Markham was working on his car in his Volkswagen repair shop. As he tried to work, he found himself being pestered by his German Shepherd dog. In order to receive a moment's peace, he tossed out a car suspension part made of hard rubber. The car part bounced and the dog happily chased it, and then proceeded to gnaw on the rubber suspension part. Thus began the next 35 years of products for Joe and his company when he decided to market his new found toy. Interestingly enough, the name KONG, originated from Joe's business partner, who commented that the large rubber shape looked like an ear plug for King Kong. The image is not easily forgotten and the name is currently recognized worldwide. That is called success.



Of course, all pet owners want to know where the ideas, designs, and shapes are formulated. The KONG employees are responsible for many of the new ideas but occasionally outside individuals have approached KONG with new designs and have entered into a partnership with them. The company works with Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists, Veterinarians, and test groups to ensure a better product. The United States does not have a set of animal safety regulations concerning pet toys, but KONG has set the standards in the industry by following child safety guidelines. According to the KONG Company, if a baby should not put that material in its mouth, neither should a dog. It is for this reason the company uses natural rubber for their classic toys. In addition, they expressed a desire to make pet toys that are interesting and stimulating for the animal as well as safe.



Jeff Uhrlaub's Mal, Denali

If time permits, it would be worth the effort to peruse the KONG website. The company is currently producing over 300 dog and cat products with an amazing array of colors. The large number of usable training toys for dogs was impressive. Mark Hines, the Canine Behavior & Training Specialist for KONG graciously set up an enormous display table in a conference room for the interview. The table was filled with an assortment of KONG toys. It was an active dog's dream room. Every Schutzhund dog would believe that heaven had arrived on Earth and it looked just like the KONG Company. In addition, adjacent to the administration offices were the production lines and shipping facilities. Walking through this part of the company would have caused insanity in our canine friends. Hundreds and hundreds of kongs were being produced in all sizes and colors. Yes, pink is a real dog toy color. It was a Kong addicted dog's fantasy land. Please skip Disney World and let your dog dream about the KONG factory instead. The products are available in over 60 countries so your beloved pet

should never need to go through withdrawal symptoms.

One of the most interesting aspects of the entire interview and tour was the dedication the staff seemed to exhibit. They seemed to believe in the product and truly want to sell a quality item. Do keep in mind, that KONG is a company and must ensure a profit; therefore, not all products can be marketed due to the cost of production and limited market for that product. However, it is noteworthy that KONG works with several unique organizations helping to provide a more stimulating life for animals of several species. Numerous animal shelters, rescue organizations, and military police groups regularly receive Kong toys as donations. Primate organizations like Dr. Birute Galdikas's Orangutan Foundation International in Borneo and the Jane Goodall Institute's ChimpanZoo also

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Trial Results

Dog's Name	Handler's Name	Breed	Prior Title	Attempted Title	A	B	C	Total	Title Awarded
Falconhurst Canine Corps (Corrected)		Judge: Ann Dolan			November 9, 2013				
Asia Vom Schwarstein	A.J. Slaughter III	ROT	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Fountain D'Or Keiko	G Lynn Winters, DVM	MAL	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Bruins Echo V Huffmaster	Mathew Hycki	ROT	–	BH	Nitch Bestanden				
Ukahn Fontaine D'Or	Mathew Hycki	MAL	IPO 3	IPO 1	99	90	90a	279 SG	IPO 1
Heelynn's Legend VH Slaughter	G Lynn Winters, DMV	MAL	IPO 1	IPO 2	89	78	82vh	249 G	IPO 2
Maximillian Von Frieland	Lee Dennehy	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	95	70	59vh	224 M	–
Tulsa Schutzhund Club		Judge: Lisa Little			November 22, 2013				
Image von Wolfstraum	Monty Steele	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Bumblebee vom Haus Dreisprung	Michael Rickman	GSD	–	BH	Nitch Bestanden				
Thor	Sarah Hemberger	MIX	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Sion Hardter von Boylan	Diane Lane	ROT	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Thayers Shadow Warrior	Donald Thayer	GSD	BH	TR 3	72			72 S	TR 3
Liesl von der Burg Austerlitz	Keli Harrell	GSD	BH	OB 1		80		80	OB 1
Valiantdale's Midnight Magic	Kathy Watson	GSD	BH	IPO 1	73	46			Pulled, injury
Ace of Kennels	Jason Murphy	MIX	BH	IPO 1	0	87	90a	177 M	
Blitz	Shelly Prince	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 1	86	76	92a	254 G	IPO 1
Zoe von der burg Austerlitz	Shar Moore	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	76	73	76vh	225 S	IPO 2
Jezebel VonVinzant	Herman Vargas	GSD	IPO 2	IPO 3	94	75	80a	249 G	IPO 3
Sprite's Jason Garrick	Sarah Hemberger	TERV	IPO 3	IPO 3	83	93	87a	263 G	IPO 3
Blaz von der burg Austerlitz	Shanna Burgin	GSD	IPO 3	FH	72			72 S	FH
Interstate Working Dog Association		Judge: Lisa Little			November 24, 2013				
Imzedrift's Axwell	Stephen Burgin	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Pepone vin Kirchberghof	Scott Bakkala	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Eros Haus Akins	Dennis Akins	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Justice vom Kaja Haus	Paul Kononoff	GSD	BH	BH	Bestanden				BH
Bond Tuchscherer von Hugelndale	Natalie Russell	GSD	BH	IPO 1	87	52	0	139 M	
Adelaide Schon Koitsenko	Rebecca Burgin	GSD	BH	IPO 1	87	46	84a	217 M	
Gage von Brukraft	Tim Mahoney	ROT	BH	IPO 1	21	58	80a	159 M	
Ace of X Kennels	Jason Murphy	MIX	BH	IPO 1	84	75	86a	245 G	IPO 1

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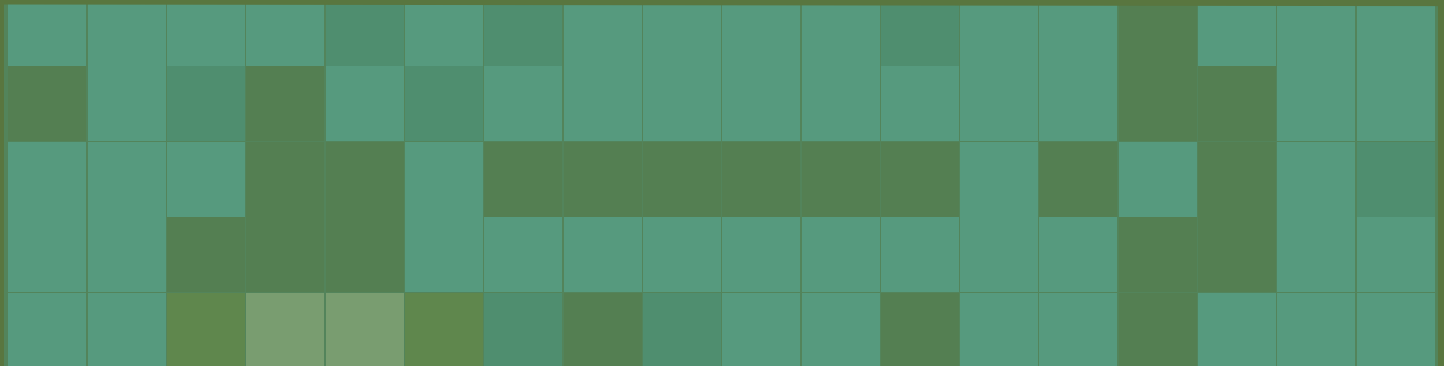
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Interstate Working Dog Association (Continued)		Judge: Lisa Little			November 24, 2013				
Endy z Neiberku	Tim Mahoney	GSD	SCH 2	IPO 3	72	65	87a	224 M	
Tyson Opavia Hof	Jacki Purdham	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	28	58	84a	170 M	
T-Boone von Boylan	Pam Felton	ROT	BH	OB 1		73		73	OB 1
Highway Schutzhund Club		Judge: Lisa Little			December 13, 2013				
Sushi	Oscar Adrian Palau	MIX	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Pyro v.d. Burgstatte	Catherine Lewis	DOB	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Graubaers Bruiser	Michael Lorraine	MAL	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Mace ot Vitosha	Jeff Goldsmith	MAL	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Van Russelhof Con at Sugarwind	Robert Galloway	MAL	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Neue Vision's Cash	Wm. David Collette	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Legally Blonde Elle	Oscar Adrian Palau	DOB	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Jock v.d. Tetiaroa	Matt Wharton	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Baffy vom Stapperweg	Helen Dumond	GSD	AD	IPO 1	84	88	92a	264 G	IPO 1
Duckie Vom Malwa	Walter Nasert	GSD	BH	IPO 1	92	85	91a	268 G	IPO 1
Kanduits Burke	Steve Gregalunas	MAL	BH	IPO 1	100	88	96a	284 SG	IPO 1
Dino	Joel Rhea	MIX	BH	IPO 1	72	91	84a	247 G	IPO 1
Ace Vom Beitels	Dan Beitelschies	GSD	BH	IPO 1	27	78	95a	200 M	
Bravo von Koewitz	Audwin Alexander	MAL	BH	IPO 1	35	64	88a	187 M	
Naberhaus Pharaoh	Anna Nabor	MAL	BH	IPOA 1		82	97a	179 G	IPOA 1
Kanduits Bristol	Helen Tyler	MAL	BH	IPO 1	78	70	80vh	228 S	IPO 1
Erkos vom Salztablick	Kurt Dumond	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	96	81	92a	269 G	IPO 2
Spoilenhaus' Ekim	Kelley Wells	MAL	IPO 1	IPO 2	73	93	92a	258 SG	IPO 2
Dux vom Schweizerhof	Thomas Kimball	GSD	IPO 2	IPO 3	38	84	85a	207 M	
Riddick	John Petitti	MIX	IPO 2	IPO 3	7	85	91a	183 M	
Rugar von Willowind	Kathleen Foster	GSD	IPO 3	IPO 3	100	85	94a	279 SG	IPO 3
Jumpin' Jack Flash (Timmerman)	Shelly Timmerman	MIX	IPO 2	IPO 3	91	73	86a	250 G	IPO 3
Copper Creek DVG		Judge: Jennifer Reid			January 11, 2014				
Eiger von Hugelblick	Robert Andes	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Jack	Emily Alderman	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Byron von Hugelblick	Pamela Waller	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Umarek von Hugelblick	Jack Rollins	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Isis von Hugelblick	D.M. Holbrook	GSD		IPO 1	85	86	83a	254 G	IPO 1
Lundgren Sido vom Haus Sevens	Marisha Steward	GSD		IPO 2	86	93	84a	263 G	IPO 2

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Copper Creek DVG (Continued)		Judge: Jennifer Reid			January 11, 2014				
Franta Anrebi	Rick Schair	GSD		IPO 3	97	87	95a	279 SG	IPO 3
South Florida Schutzhund Club		Judge: Fred Marashi			February 14, 2014				
Dutch	Fernando Cabeza	MIX	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Jada Vom Landgra F	Ludovic Teurbane	DOB	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Kye's Midnight Fire Show	Mark Hemmerle	DOB	BH	IPO 1	94	83	91a	268 G	IPO 1
Nocturne's Darius	Karen Grier	GSD	BH	IPO 1	100	88	94a	282 SG	IPO 1
Gunner vom Selehaus	Sara Discepolo	GSD	BH	IPO 1	60	79	91a	230 M	
Swift Run Showstarter v KKRO	Ludovic Teurbane	DOB	IPO 1	IPO 2	98	83	86a	267 G	IPO 2
Sharjets Star of the East	Susan Miller	DOB	IPO 1	IPO 2	100	86	64vh	250 M	
Cerk od Frenkyho	Artie Malesci	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	92	56	93a	230 M	
Callaway Cam ot Vitosha	Phil Hoelcher	MAL	IPO 3	IPO 3	95	98	98a	291 V	IPO 3
Smarty Marty	Sidney Arellana	MIX	IPO 3	IPO 3	90	89	88a	267 G	IPO 3
Marco	Eva Pusich	MIX	BH	TR 1	86			86 G	TR 1
Cronos	Ludovic Teurbane	MAL	IPO 3	FH 1	9			9 U	
Schutzhund Club of Orlando		Judge: Lisa Little			February 15, 2014				
Dizara's Wicked Game	Vanja Milic	BOX	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Bubba	John Montchal	MIX	–	BH	Nitch Bestanden				
Quade ot Vitosha	Steve Gregalunas	MAL	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Belziva DaKine	Pat Carpenter	MAL	–	BH	Bestanden				BH
Arak von Dorbeck	Ron Gilbert	GSD	BH	IPO 1	21	65	73vh	159 B	
Bruiser	Mike Lorraine	MAL	BH	IPO 1	98	96	95a	289 V	IPO 1
Bravo Von Koewitz	Audwin Alexander	MAL	BH	IPO 1	79	83	90a	252 GM	IPO 1
Kanduits Brick	Catherine Lemunyon	MAL	BH	IPO 1	82	76	91a	249 G	IPO 1
Dino	Joel Rhea	MIX	IPO 1	IPO 2	96	89	89a	274 SG	IPO 2
Kanduits Burke	Steve Gregalunas	MAL	IPO 1	IPO 2	98	77	99a	274 SG	IPO 2
Ufo von Tejgtosz	Mindy Ewing	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	80	82	80vh	242 G	IPO 2
King Dar Von Evman	Zenopia Boyle	ROT	IPO 2	IPO 3	79	87	77a	243 G	IPO 3
Spoilenhaus Ekim	Kelley Wells	MAL	IPO 2	IPO 3	84	90	92a	266 G	IPO 3
Daja van den heuvel	Nancy Aspinwall	GSD	TR 1	TR 2	70			70 S	TR 2

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Arkansas Schutzhund Club		Judge: Lisa Little			March 15, 2014				
Revie Vom Kraftwerk	Pamela Falls	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Kara Gretchen Vom Bairdhaus	Adriane Lippian	GSD	–	BH	Nitch Bestanden - dog aggression				
Zarek Von Der Sauk	Nicole Brown	GSD	–	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Enoch-Eitern Vomzenhof	Virginia H Rogers	DOB	–	BH	Bestanden			BH	
Wye K Von Den Hoehenluft	Kay Taylor	GSD	BH	IPO 1	89	85	97a	271 SG	IPO 1
Indiana Vom Landgraf	Linda Kye	DOB	BH	IPO 1	29	73	82vh	184 M	
Whiskey Bravo Vom Wesenhaus	Rick Delgado	GSD	BH	IPO 1	80	75	88a	243 G	IPO 1
Elko Vom Schattendal	Kenny Cleveland	GSD	IPO 1	IPO 2	61	75	83a	229 M	
Ola Vom Teufelhund	Karma Cleveland	DOB	TR 3	FH	96			96 V	FH



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also receive donations from time to time. The Mirage in Las Vegas even uses KONG's new Bounzer toy in the dolphin tanks. If the toys provide a better quality of life for the animals at the Mirage, then my two dogs are in good company.

A special thanks must be given to Joe Markham, the founder of KONG, and Mark Hines for his time spent giving a tour for the article. Upon entering the building an eight foot Kong greets every visitor, employees bring their dogs to work; and yes, the animals have an endless supply of toys. Sometimes being a dog has its advantages.

In conclusion, I would like to leave the reader with this thought: the essence of a good business is not how financially sound it is, but how much good it does while being sound.



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