

GRUNFELD GERMAN SHEPHERDS

Fred Lanting C.V.

One of only 2 conformation judges in North & Central America, and of 6 in the Western Hemisphere approved by the Schäferhund Verein. AKC: German Shepherd Dogs, Rottweilers, Boxers, Greyhounds, Whippets, and Junior Handlers.
Obedience: SKC, ARBA (all levels).

All-breed status: SKC, ARBA, Colombia, Trinidad, & other countries and registries

Multi-group status: UKC (United Kennel Club) Foreign: Able to award Challenge Certificates etc. to selected breeds in New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, England, Scotland, Japan, and to all breeds in much of South America and the Caribbean. Approved Japan Kennel Club judge.

National Specialties, Foreign, and "Rare" breeds judged: Has judged in more than a dozen countries, including the prestigious FCI Asian Show hosted by Japan Kennel Club, the Scottish Kennel Club, a Greyhound specialty in England, and more. National Specialties: 1994 GSD Club of America National; 1991 Tibetan Mastiff National; 1990 Shiba National; Fila Brasileiro Nationals (several times), Dogo Argentino National, Pyrenean Shepherd National. Numerous Chinese Shar Pei and Australian Shepherd specialties; regional Anatolian Shepherd specialty. Numerous GSD, Rottweiler, & Boxer specialties worldwide.

Familiar with most of the 130 or so breeds that AKC recognizes, plus the FCI breeds not AKC-recognized, including the "rare" breeds through SKC, ARBA, FCI, UKC, and specialty "rare breed" judging, observation, and showing.

BREEDER: First purebred dog: Toy Fox Terrier, 1937 First purebred litter (Smooth Fox Terriers): 1945 First German Shepherd Dog 1947. Active GSD breeder since 1966 Bred Whippets in the 1970s, Shibas in the 1980s & '90s Importer/owner of the #1 Shiba outside Japan for many years

Lectures and Educational Presentations

1. HD and Other Orthopedic Disorders: slide presentation touching on all aspects including genetics, nutrition, diagnosis, treatments, and more. Includes Question-&-Answer session. Total: 2 hours & up.
2. Analytical Approach to Evaluating Dogs: a unique gait-and-structure slide talk, describing how to choose studs, candidates for purchase, pick puppies, and judge dogs in the ring or from ringside. Also stresses why decisions are made between dogs. Live volunteer dogs, slide illustrations, audience "hands-on" participation. From two hours, depending on number of dogs and participants/learners. Can be expanded if ring conditions and more intensive practice is desired. Can make a one-day package (a.m., lunch, and p.m.) for a money-builder for club treasuries, or a one-lecture-plus-meal event. Fee plus expenses; if lectures are in connection with judging assignments, such costs can be divided.
3. Evolution of the American German Shepherd Dog (spec clubs).
4. Sr. Conformation Judges Assn. Institute (SCJA) key lecturer, anatomy.
5. Others by special arrangement: Grooming, Handling, Basic Genetics, etc.
(No fee beyond expenses charged for lectures in foreign countries).

SHOW EXPERIENCE: Started handling in 1966, got AKC handling license shortly thereafter, handled all breeds in Canada, and most in the USA, even some handling abroad, but primarily Working, Herding, Sighthounds, plus many Sporting, Non-Sporting, and a few Toys, Terriers, and others. "Pro" handler in show & obedience. rings in the '60s & '70s. Trained and titled in Schutzhund. Many times show chairman/secretary

CANINE AUTHORITY:

Has lectured in over fifteen countries on Gait-and-Structure, Canine Orthopedic Disorders, etc. Sr. Conf. Judges Ass'n (SCJA) Institute instructor. WV Canine College instructor & member, advisory board.

Canine behavior & structure consultant. Security & training consultant for Asesores Caninos (Columbia, South America). Obedience analyst.

Author: THE TOTAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG, CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA, CANINE ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS, technical and science books, books of poetry, and writer of innumerable articles in dog magazines. Columnist for many magazines in the U.S. and abroad; frequent contributor to a wide variety of publications. Serious student of canine anatomy and health; has assisted in veterinary surgery.

MEMBER: Schäferhund Verein (SV, world governing body for GSDs),
· Germany GSD Club of America (formerly on Board of Directors)

- GSDCA - WDA (Working Dog Association)
- Advisory Board, West Virginia Canine College
- GSD Club of Northern Alabama (charter member & former pres.)
- GSD Club of Northwestern Pennsylvania
- States K.C.; also charter member & founder, Dixie Dog Club
- NSCA; Shiba Club of America (officer and delegate to SKC)
- United Schutzhund Clubs of America
- Japan Kennel Club (also approved JKC judge)
- Formerly, Nihon Ken Hozonkai (Nippo) Japan breeds society
- Formerly held various leadership offices with other clubs.



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