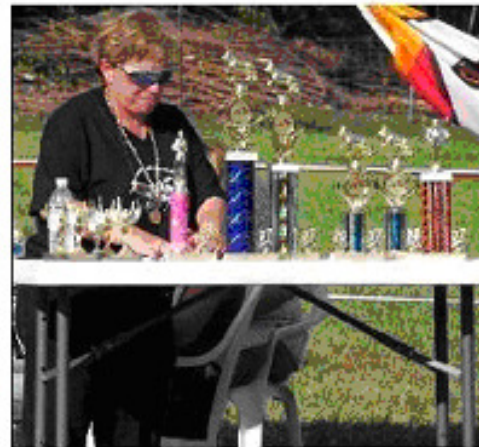

Broward SchH Club Trial and Conformation Show Dec. 2, 2007 Davie Florida



The Crowd Enjoying the Show



Miriam Displays the Trophys



Herr Maj Gives Instructions to the Handlers

It was again a privilege and pleasure to associate with fun-loving fanciers of the German Shepherd Dog and to enjoy the beauty of the breed, when I went to South Florida to handle dogs in a WDA show sponsored by the Broward SchH Club. The show ran well under the firm hand of Miriam Barkus, although not always “on time”. The sportsmanship on the part of all the exhibitors was at its customary high, compared to what you’d find at most AKC shows other than the WDA German-style ones. Thanks also to several photographers, for pictures of the many great-looking dogs at this small show.

I did not take part in the trial portion, except to watch and offer encouragement, but I was kept very busy handling one nice dog after another. Andrew Masia, one of South Florida’s most careful and successful GSD breeders, brought me to his area because he had several dogs he wanted shown, but also arranged for my services to be available to others.

The adrenaline that I get from competing and the extra shot from winning kept me hopping. With a little help from my four decades’ experience of showing dogs, but mostly because of the quality of dogs I was blessed with here, we won every class except the 3-6-month baby puppy classes. My charges there were just barely 3 months, and the bigger ones in these classes were more than a month older and much more developed. In Baby Puppy Females, two attractive Quai Sebeldsbruck pups from different dams took the first two placings, followed by the Wox Lentulo/Gigi Jagenstadt pup I showed. Her litter brother Jack, owned by Anne Wilson, took 2nd behind one of Martha Hunt’s handsome Quai sons.



Andrew with V-1 Leri Unesco Gina with V-1 Gigi v. Jagenstadt Rüdiger Mai Fred with SG-1 Leri Gallon Maureen with VP-3 Jette v. Jagenstadt

It was good to see my old friend Rudiger Mai (the judge) again. He well remembered my fantastic Timo Berrekasten daughter, with admiration, having judged and complimented her in New Orleans, then taking her to Europe for me where she lived and sent me pups. I put five

SchH titles on her by age 22 months; she was the fastest-learning of all the many dogs I have trained. Rudiger is two years away from facing the mandatory retirement age that SV is still holding to like a prehistoric relic. A stupid limit that has cut my own judging assignments tremendously. If I can run nine GSDs in as many classes in quick succession, I certainly am able to sit and stand with the little bit of movement that judging requires! Maybe I was born too soon, in two respects: age itself, and modern thought about health and strength in maturity.

I had a short break during Junior Puppies, classes of one each, featuring Danny Spreitler's youngsters, and then entered the 9-12-month Female class with Martha Hunt's Jaguar Arkanum/French-dam bitch, a nice-looking youngster who could not get more than a Promising rating in what turned out to be not only her last first place, but also her last show. Perhaps there is some cause for excusing the fact that in previous big shows, her missing lower left P2 premolar was not noticed, but if I had been running or judging those shows, I would not have allowed assistants to be so careless about dentition. It is customary in Sieger Shows to have visiting judges or, in these cases, club members, examine tattoos, teeth, and testicles to save the principal judge's time. Anything questionable should be brought to his attention so he can make a determination. Obviously, at least two people slipped up. An adult with a missing P2 can get no more than a "G" rating.



VP-3 Jette von Jagenstadt (Wox v. Lentulo-Gigi v. Jagenstadt)

In the Youth (12-18mo) female class, I got a blue ribbon for Sara and Ed Blood's Winner Assault daughter appropriately named Fayr (pronounced "fire") but call-named Kiri. A lively bitch but not trained to lead out, she should do pretty well based on her anatomy, if not her slightly masculine expression. Owners and dog are lucky to have each other — great temperament in all.



SG-1 Fayr van Corsalabroek "Kiri" a Winner Assault daughter



SG-1 Champ von Momax a Nobel Negus Son and the Buehl family

The Youth male class was won by the outstandingly promising Negus Holtkaemper-See son, Champ v. Momax. This aptly-named handsome dog will do a lot for the Buehl family. It was a delight to show him, and once he gets the hang of the ring, he will be a cinch for any handler to win with often.

Second was a fit Tor Casa Nobili son, Max Schonen Wippertal owner-handled by Rodrigo Barrientos. Behind him was the Danish import Leri Adriano, owned by the Mangiamele family who may have been giving him too many spaghetti dinners, considering his overweight condition. Fourth was Deborah Schwartz' Augustus Traumhof, from Kirschenal breeding.



SG-3 Leri Adriano "Jager" with owner's Lindsay & Anthony Mangiamele

I had nothing in the next class, and a single-entry Rosi Haus Brezel (by Hassan Schwalmbergtal) gave me a chance to get a drink of water in the shade and look for my next dog.



Waiting for my next class dog

Leri Xerox, another Danish dog, is half-brother of Adriano and sired by VA Chijas Weiko, Xerox is proudly owned by Joe Wirtel. I got an SG-1 with Xerox, the highest rating possible in his 18-24mo. age group.



SG-1 Leri Xerox "Tito" (Chijas Weiko - Leri Ulrikke)

In Adult untitled classes, club member Brittany Banus' single-entry coated bitch got a G-1 (Good) but the judge noted, "no structural faults". She was indeed very well put together.



G-1 Zambi von Haus Barkus

In Untitled adult (over 24mo.) males, I took SG-1 with Andrew's handsome high-drive dog who is for sale due to the fact that his importer-owner has another strong male (the sire) and it's a big job keeping them far enough apart on his small city lot. If I didn't have a male at home, I'd gobble him up in a New York minute! Leri Gallon is on the verge of getting his SchH-1 and already has a book full of clearances on hips, teeth, and health from A to Z.



SG-1 Leri Gallon (Leri Unesco - Leri Odessa) "Also completed BH & AD"

Behind us in this class were Modesto Echezarrezza's Fancho Billberg, then Dennis Cardinale's Lucas Haus Barcus, and Herb Pianin's very strong Kirschtal-lines dog, Quinn Alpenhof.

In the Working Female class, two Leistungs-line bitches owned by Chris Dugaard got G-1 and G-2: Kim Arbeiten Madchen and Enny Moravia Artex. I got the V-1 with Andrew Masia's Gigi Jagenstadt, the dam of a bitch I trained and titled for him several years earlier, "Ally", who had been bred to the tough and good-looking Leri Unesco to yield Gigi. Gigi has her mother's outline and pleasing gait, and likewise her high energy and boldness. She is the mother of the 3-month pups I showed earlier.

In the Working (adult, over 24mo., titled) class, Miriam Barkus' import son of the well-known Xato Bosen Nachbarschaft was SG-1, and in front of him was another of Miriam's dogs, V-2 Aik Saalfelder-Hohe, a Vantu Batu son. I handled Leri Unesco to his V-1. He is a son of Volvoro Arminius, and is a very strong-willed, powerful dog with a wonderfully impressive head --- massive but not coarse, and harmonious with his body.



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V-1 Leri Unesco (Little Man)
Sptz V in Denmark, Germany & N. America
(Volvoro v. Arminius - Leri Libelle)

V-1 Gigi Jagenstadt (Leri Unesco "Little Man" - Alegria Villa Musica)

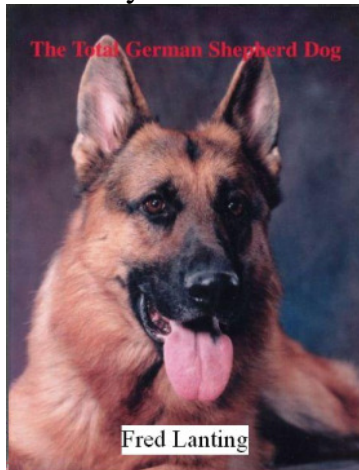
Needless to say, I was perspiring in the hot Florida sun, but pumped up with receiving so many blue ribbons and handling such nice dogs. Several people expressed hopes that I would be at the Tampa (Wesley Chapel) show the first weekend in February. If enough exhibitors get together to comfortably split my expenses (I charge no fee), I'm game. There's little more that I enjoy than "playing" with dogs. E-mail me, Fred Lanting, Mr.GSD@netscape.com



The Good, The Bad and The Ugly...Guess which is which?

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