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A Few Words from the Editor

Is it really a year since I last sat down to put the Year Book together? Well actually, no. Something like this is a year in the making and I have been sorting photos and saving articles for the past 12 months so this isn't the first time my I have had to put on my Editorial head. I can remember my Mum teasing me when, as a child, I complained that the wait until my next birthday was just too long. "You wait my girl – time will fly when you are older." How true those words are!

In the life of a Rottweiler, where the life expectancy is only 8 or 9 years, I guess 12 months is a much longer time than it is to a human. No wonder they jump up with delight when we come back in to the room after just an hour away. Dogs have no sense of time so it might seem like it has been hours. This makes me wonder how important our time together is for them and what we can do to add quality and substance to their lives.

As a Club, the SWRA is all about the welfare of Rotties and the joy they give their owners: doing things together whether it is showing, walking or teaching them new "tricks". A Rottweiler is an intelligent breed and exercising their brain is as important as exercising their bodies. An average dog has the capacity to learn over 400 words and yet how many of us think "stand", "come" or "no" is about it? A very good friend of mine has taught his dog the names of a dozen items in his house like "glasses", "wallet" and "remote". Just think how handy that is when we forget where we have left things! Not only has Dodi learnt to find and bring Graham these objects, he also puts his toys back in his toy-box and waits for you to tell him which one you want to play with before he retrieves it.

Showing is of course the activity that brings our Members together but at the grass-roots level, Open Shows are really struggling to maintain their Breed Specific classes. The Kennel Club need to see at a certain number of dogs entered in every class to justify the class and it would be a shame if puppies were deprived of this stimulation because Rottweiler classes were no longer on offer. It would be a disaster if new owners didn't enter our hobby because of the lack of Open Shows. Perhaps therefore we could all commit to enter just 3 or 4 local Shows a year, to keep the numbers up? The cost to enter is very low and I am sure we all have plenty to choose from within an hour of our home.

2017 is going to see dramatic changes within the Committee of the SWRA, with both Stuart Thompson and Nickie Longden standing down from the posts they have held for nearly a decade. Additionally, Kim & Sheri have struggled due to family commitments and we are therefore looking for new blood. Being on a Committee is not hours of work nor tedious: it is fun! If you think you can do something in an official capacity (i.e. join the Committee) or unofficially (i.e. help out at the Shows), please let me know and we will be delighted to welcome you on board. In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Stuart, Nickie, Kim and Sheri for their huge efforts and commitment over the many years they have acted for us.

Putting this book together, along with making our Website informative and the Face Book page engaging takes a lot of time an effort. It is therefore not just organising the 2 Shows we have a year, or attending meetings or seminars that is involved in keeping a Club alive. Can I therefore ask that if you are reading this book, PLEASE – support the Club by joining or staying a member. It is only £10 a year!

I do hope you enjoy this year's book but the task to consider 2018's is already underway so if you have any articles you would like to see next year, or just have something nice or funny you would be able to share with us, please let me know.

Nicola Marker nikki@hansfordbell.co.uk
Editor

Chairman's Report

I would like to start the Chairman's report by informing you that this will be my last. After 8 years as Chair and 10 years on the committee I will be stepping down as I can no longer put in 100% due to work and other commitments.

The club this year had again, had to move its venue for its champ show but I believe this was a move that benefited the show with the ability to have very good sized rings. We will be there again in 2017. The entries for 2016 were higher again than the average for the year.

The Open show maintained the level of entries from the previous year and we also had a good entry for the obedience.

Unfortunately, the club has also lost two long serving committee members, Kim Smart and Sheri Dean who have been on the committee for over ten years. I personally and on behalf of the SWRA would like to thank them both for all their hard work and commitment to the club and wish them all the very best in the future.

I am sure the present committee of the SWRA will take the club from strength to strength and I look forward to attending SWRA events as a member and not a committee member.

Remember SWRA needs members and more people to join the committee.

Thank you

Stuart Thompson
Chairman

The Treasurer's Report

As a Club, we are well supported at our Open and Championship Shows. This allows us to offer Membership at the very reasonable price of just £10 a year and the introduction of the Annual Standing Order has certainly helped members who might otherwise have forgotten. Included in the membership fee is a reduction on the entry fees to both Shows, a hard copy of this year book and the knowledge you are supporting both Rottweilers In Need and Rottweiler Welfare, both to which we make a monthly donation. Our Face Book page and Website are now actively managed and emails are sent out to members reminding them of important things such as closing dates. Without the Club, the two Shows would not be able to take place so thank you to everyone who pays on time!

Due to our tiny Committee, we do not get the opportunity to put on other events during the year, which is a shame. Although we did hold a seminar at the end of the year, it wasn't well supported and the Club actually lost money on it. We have considered planning back-to-back activities with our Shows, or even concurrently, but without someone to organise them, this isn't possible. Therefore, if you would like to create an "Event Secretary" role, please let anyone on the Committee know and we will work with you to make things happen.

Our Open Show made a small loss this year but the Championship Show has meant we have closed our accounts in a slightly better position than we opened with. However, it is our hard-core membership that we do all this for so please show your support and join the Club!

Nicola Marker
Treasurer

Secretary's Report

Well... This is my last Secretary's Report. I have really enjoyed being the Club Secretary for the last 8 years but have to hand over the reins to someone who will have more time than I to do the job justice in the future. Many of you will know the ongoing saga of my family's health & I need more time to look after them. However, I am not leaving the committee, you are stuck with me for a while yet...

The 2016 Open Show, both rings outside again, received a good entry over both disciplines. We had a visit from the Kennel Club Field Officer who was very complimentary about our show and graded us "Excellent" again.

Another new venue for our Champ Show in October, although I will remember to wear my thermals there in 2017! Good entries for our Judges, Beth Finlayson & Richard Chaffe with the final decision being made by our Referee, Pat Bryant.

I do have one request for our future shows; could you please not let your dogs pee up the ring posts! Please take pity on the poor committee member who has to transport them home, stinking in the back. An exercise ring is provided, but if there is an accident, disinfectant will also be available.

In November 2016 we held a Beginners Judging Seminar with Meg Purnell-Carpenter, open to all breeds. It wasn't as well supported as we thought it would be but the attendees found the seminar useful and there was the usual abundance of cake (although I am sure that bit was of secondary importance!)

For those of you who are breeding this year onwards, be aware that the Breed Council has finally convinced the Kennel Club Assured Breeders Scheme to include elbow scoring. The Breed Council has been pushing for this since at least 2010, so thanks to our Health Officer, Sarah Morgan. My understanding is that the changes will come into effect during 2017. Please keep an eye on the SWRA, Breed Council & KC websites. We will endeavour to keep you updated.

Best wishes to you all for 2017.

Nicola Longden
Secretary

Rottweiler Welfare Association



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Member of the ADCH and Dog Rescue Federation

We are a registered not-for-profit rescue charity, who find good homes for unwanted Rottweilers. The aims of the Association are to:

- Rescue abandoned and neglected Rottweilers and help those who are unwanted
- Provide all necessary care, treatment and rehabilitation
- Assess these dogs for adoptability and find suitable homes for them

It is our policy to consider each rehoming request that comes to us on its own merits, regardless of age or circumstances as we rehome puppies to oldies, although the older dog is more difficult to rehome. Due to funds, available kennel spaces and the number of dogs looking for new homes, it means we are normally full and are just not able to help every Rottie. Our dogs are cared for in kennels, but we try to foster puppies or young dogs.

Please note that we cannot rehome dogs that have been aggressive or have shown aggressive responses. If you have a temperament or aggression problem and you would like our help with regards to training and/or managing the problem, we are happy for you to telephone April, our advisor, on 07960 930864 or email rottelfare@outlook.com with a query which we will endeavour to answer. If you have serious concerns about your dog's temperament, we recommend you discuss this with your veterinary surgeon.

If we take in a dog for rehoming that displays aggression whilst in our care, we will discuss the dog's future with our behaviourist and vet.

Open Show: Judge's Critiques Sunday 10th April 2016

A big thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge, to the exhibitors for their entry and my stewards for doing a great job of keeping the ring running smoothly.

DOGS

Minor Puppy Dog



1st Dortmund Great Expectations - Coming up to 9 months and a lovely sized pup with great bone and substance, very nice head with dark eye giving a lovey expression. Level top line which he held on the move, moved steadily around the ring, was please to award him **BPD + RBPIS**

2nd Sundrifters Nite Watch - A little plainer in head that first but still a handsome pup, lovely tan markings that are a beautiful colour, held his top line on the move and like first, he was a very steady mover.

Puppy Dog No Entries

Junior Dog



1st Dortmund Double O' Seven at Beiderbecks - This dog caught my eye as he entered the ring and I was not disappointed when going over him. Beautiful classic Rottweiler head, in fact the best head of the day, with correct dark eye giving a gorgeous expression, correct front and rear angles and lovely tight feet, correct open side gait which is a joy to watch, he must have a very bright future. **RBIS**

2nd Pureaz Bob Marley - Another young dog with a nice head, medium eye colour giving desired expression. Well held top line and although he moved well he couldn't match 1st place.

ND No Entries



Graduate Dog

1st Majestic Spencer at Jetsball - Pleasing head but slightly light eye, correct bite, strong neck into level top line, he lacked a bit of substance and would benefit from better angulation, however he put everything into his movement and was at one with his handler



Post Graduate Dog

1st Pendley Ivanhoe - A lovely young dog with a very nice head just spoilt a little by having a lighter than desirable eye colour, strong neck into level top line, held on the move, very sound male that can set himself up and showed beautifully, he was in my final consideration for BD but couldn't match the movement of the winners.

Limit Dog Absent



Open Dog

1st Wolfbass Elvis at Annmar - Excellent size male with lots of bone and substance, rich tan and very nicely marked. He had a pleasing head with a dark eye giving a lovely expression. Very strong neck flowing into his high withers. He clinched **BD** and **BIS** on his superb open side gait, he is an effortless moving dog and a pleasure to watch

2nd Tiesto One Direction - Smaller than 1st but a very nicely proportioned dog who loves to show himself off, nice head with correct eye giving a very pleasing expression. Kept his level top line as he powered around the ring but just could not match 1st's reach and drive

Veteran Dog No Entries



Best Dog and Best Puppy



Our fabulous Stewards – Mike Light and Dave Jones

BITCHES



Minor Puppy Bitch

1st Beiderbecks Moneypenny - A very pretty baby with a lovely head although I would prefer a slightly darker eye, excellent clean neck which flowed into her withers, a very happy excitable young lady who enjoyed herself lots, she did eventually settle enough for me to see her lovely movement and I was please to award her **BPB & BPIS**

2nd Wolfbass She's Jazztastic - A larger pup than 1st and with a very clean outline, beautiful dark eye and a very

famine head. Level top line held on the move, another happy puppy who enjoyed her day out



Puppy Bitch

1st Montelago Dakota Days of Nakota - 11 months old very pretty bitch with a lovely strong head, dark eye giving a nice expression, she held her lovely top line on the move but I was unable to assess her any further as she kept pacing which was a shame as she has lots to like



Junior Bitch

1st Falkor's Wicked Secret - Young bitch with a pretty head and beautiful dark eye giving a lovely expression. Very nice outline with a correct top line which she held on the move



Novice Bitch

1st Gregorstan Genevieve TAF - A very pretty headed bitch who when settled had a very appealing outline, lovely clean shoulders and a level top line that she held on the move, a little unsettled today but a very nice bitch who just needs more time

2nd Montelago Dakota Days of Nakota



Graduate Bitch

1st Cheroot Shining Star - 2 1/2 year old bitch who had a really lovely head and a correct dark eye, lovely clean shoulders into a strong love top line, beautiful rich tan markings. She moved very well around the ring, was pleased to award her **BB**



Post Graduate Bitch

1st Minaelea Taylored for You - Very powerfully built young bitch with a strong head, strong neck into clean shoulders leading to a level top line which was held at all times. True coming and going and a correctly set and carried tail, in my consideration for BB but in the challenge I would have liked to see her move with a little move enthusiasm

2nd Dortmund Heatwave for Cheroho - A little plainer in head that 1st place but has lovely dark eyes with a very nice expression. Correct tan markings and a lovely top line, I would prefer her a little shorter coupled but she moved well



Limit Bitch

1st Bamabel Adriana at Roseryn - A nice substance bitch with a very clean outline, pretty feminine head, correct dark eye giving desired expression. Held her lovely top line on the move and she moved with reach and drive, pushed hard for BB, pleased to award her **RBB**

2nd Upend Yasmine at Desalinnah - A very nice bitch with a lovely head and expression, top line was held on the move but unfortunately she was dropping it on the stand spoiling her outline, correct coat and markings



Open Bitch

1st Westfalen's Miracle Design at Desalinnah - 4 year old bitch with a very nice outline, lovely head with correct eye and expression, very clean shoulders and held her top line and shape on the move, another nice mover that I considered for BB but today she could not match the winners

2nd Sundrifiers Tiffany Aching - 5 year old bitch who is well off for size and bore, a very pretty feminine head just spoilt by her ears, lovely markings and correct coat, held her top line on the move.

Veteran Bitch

It was lovely to see these 2 girls enjoying themselves, both a credit to their owners and I wish I had two 1st places.



1st Poncheens Mythical Vixen - A bitch who can still show the youngsters a thing or two when it comes to moving, very pretty feminine head with a gorgeous expression, correct top line which she held as she powered around the ring. Pleased to award her **BVIS**

2nd Thunderhead Heaven Sent - Very similar comments was 1st, she has a beautiful head with a lovely expression

and a fab outline when stood, fantastic top line held on the move, correct coat and markings, lots of bone and substance, a really nice bitch.

Dave Lambert – Seittor



Best Bitch and Reserve Best Bitch



Ladies at tea

Limited Obedience



Special Pre-Beginners (Dog & Bitch)

- 1st Falkors Wicked Secret
- 2nd Wolfbass Evita
- 3rd Majestic Spencer at Jetsball
- 4th Thunderhead Angel Heart
- 5th Sundrifters Ipslore the Red



- 1st Pendley Ivanhoe
- 2nd Brodecs Magic Dancer
- 3rd Falkors Wicked Secret
- 4th Cherocho Shining Star
- 5th Majestic Spencer at Jetsball



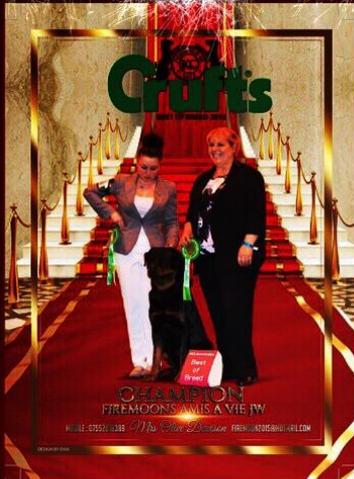
Special Novice (Dog & Bitch)

- 1st Thunderhead Heaven Sent
- 2nd Brodecs Magic Dancer

Judge: Ms Helen Fishlock

FIREMOON ROTTWEILERS

CHAMPION FIREMOONS AMIS A VIE (JW)



Happy Memories

14 CC'S
 BOURNEMOUTH 2013
 SOUTHERN COUNTIES 2014 + BOB + GROUP 2
 PAIGNTON 2014
 BOURNEMOUTH 2014
 WELSH KENNEL CLUB 2014 + BOB
 SOUTH WESTERN R ASSOC 2014 + BIS
 LASER 2014 + BIS

CRUFTS 2015 + BOB

THREE COUNTIES 2015
 BRITISH ROTTWEILER ASSOC 2015 + BIS
 WELSH KENNEL CLUB 2015 plus BOB
 SOUTH WALES KA 2015
 LASER 2015 + BIS
 MANCHESTER 2016 + BOB + GROUP 4

9 RCC'S
 PAIGNTON 2013
 EAST OF ENGLAND 2014
 CITY OF BIRMINGHAM 2014
 BOSTON & DISTRICT 2015
 MIDLAND ROT 2015
 CITY OF BIRMINGHAM 2015
 SOUTH WESTERN R ASSOC 2015
 EASTERN COUNTIES DOG OF THE YEAR WINNER 2015

BOSTON & DISTRICT 2016

OWNED, LOVED AND BRED BY
 OLIVE & NORMAN DAVISON

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Lovingly shown by Jodi Allen depicted in the photos

We would like to say a massive thank you
 to all the judges who have thought so highly of
 our CHUDLEY.



G4 the Rottweiler, Ch Firemoons Amis A Vie, what a sound moving dog this is, he caught my eye going round the ring & he did not disappoint on closer inspection, I really loved his head & expression, he is masculine without being too heavy, good of reach neck, well laid shoulders, correct body proportions & strong hindquarters, he certainly made the best of himself, another quality dog,
ANN INGRAM



Sian Dumbley

CHUDLEY NOW HAS 16 CCs AND 11 RCCs!

ALABAMA ROT- A FATAL DISEASE FOR DOGS

SYMPTOMS:

- Wound, lesion or blister on your pet dog's leg (particularly on the hind legs) or face
- Licking itself more than usual
- Starts vomiting or stops eating
- Pet dog becomes quiet
- Severe depression
- Signs of kidney failure like straining to urinate, disorientation, physical weakness; loss of coordination

Andy Downing, the principal vet at Banstead Village Veterinary Surgery said "the dogs that have survived this disease have been identified straightaway before kidney failure sets in."

David Walker, from Anderson Moores Veterinary Specialists in Hursley, near Winchester told the BBC News, "What I would say is that if you see a skin wound on your dog then don't just leave it. Ordinarily, you might say I'll leave that for 24, 48 hours but I would say don't do that - get down to your local vet immediately."

PET OWNER INFORMATION

Idiopathic cutaneous and renal glomerular vasculopathy, otherwise known as CRGV or Alabama rot is a disease that has been known about since the late 1980s. It was initially thought to only affect Greyhounds and the dogs reported with the disease in the USA presented with kidney failure and/or skin lesions. The cause of the disease remains unknown.

Since December 2012, many suspected cases have been seen in the United Kingdom. Some of these were from the New Forest. However, cases have also been identified in Dorset, Surrey, Cornwall, Worcestershire and County Durham. The skin lesions are a symptom of the disease rather than being traumatic wounds from an injury. Typically the skin lesions have been below the knee or elbow. They may present as a focal swelling, a patch of red skin or a defect in the skin (like an ulcer). Over the subsequent two to seven days the affected dogs have developed clinical signs of kidney failure which can include vomiting, reduced appetite and tiredness.

It is important to remember that only a very small number of dogs have been affected. Most skin lesions will not be caused by this disease and most cases of kidney failure will have another cause. However, if your dog is affected, early recognition of the disease and aggressive management is likely to lead to the best outcome. Without knowing the trigger for the disease, it is impossible to give specific advice about walking your dog and it is again important to stress that the case numbers are very low and that this disease is not isolated to the New Forest. The disease does not appear to pass from dog to dog.

If you are concerned about your dog please speak to your local vet.

**The Best night in the annual Rottweiler calendar...Eastern Counties
Rottweiler Club: "Dog Of The Year" (DOTY)**



DOTY 2016 did not disappoint. The committee and helpers did it again. A brilliantly run event - dogs and people equally well catered for. We had so much fun and laughter all around and it's so nice to see our dog-show friends for a good night out. I love the "Irish Bingo" and the dancing, might have had just a tiny bit too much to drink LOL. The food was lovely and plenty. If you've never been.....you HAVE to go. You'll love it.

Bryan & Cath Hindley

The Dog representative for SWRA was Victoria & Alistair Clapp's **ROCKSTAROTTS MINI CLUBMAN "Austin"** - a smart young dog. This was his 1st time at DOTY and he showed his socks off and did a fabulous job winning his first round: well done xx



Thank you Jessica Lewis-Shermer and Connor and Paul Perks for the photos.



First of all we would like to thank the SWRA for inviting **ESCORA'S PEGGIE SUE JW** and me to represent our Club as the Bitch representative. This was Peggie's 3rd time representing a Club at DOTY and she followed in her mother's footsteps, winning Best Bitch and Reserve Dog Of The Year...so very, very proud of my baby. Our surprise judge was breed specialist Irene Rattray "VARENKA" who 30 years ago won the first ever DOTY. Thank you so much for thinking so highly of our girl.

The winner and DOTY 2016 was Olive and Norman Davison's lovely Chudley CH FIREMOON AMIS A VIE JW, expertly handled by Jodi Allen...he also won DOTY 2015. Well done xx

Petra Thomas

“BEAR” the hero dog – OUR LOCAL HERO.



Olive, a little black pug, took off from her home when she was spooked by fireworks, set off in celebration of Guy Fawks Day. She became trapped in an old well where she likely would have died, had she been down there much longer. But luckily, “Bear” the Rottweiler found her, and now she is safe home with her family.

Nicola Jones of Bristol was walking her gentle giant he started behaving oddly.

“I have been following the story and we have been walking around the area trying to find Olive” she told the Daily Express. “I was just walking past a hedgerow and Bear stopped. He wouldn’t move. So I went through the hedge and I found a well and looked down and there was this black pug. It was Olive, just looking up. I couldn’t believe it. I climbed in and pulled her out. I was worried she might have hurt herself: she was petrified, but then her tail wagged. She was fine.”



Nicola took Olive home with her, where she happily snoozed on the couch while Nicola put out a Facebook alert about having found the missing pug. Sixteen year old Phoebe Mackeson had been badly missing Olive and worried about what might have happened to her, especially with it being so cold out. But the pair were quickly reunited after Bear’s discovery. “I’m so relieved. She’s lost a lot of weight but other than that she’s fine. We were so happy when we got the call” Phoebe said.

“People we don’t even know have been bringing treats round for Olive. She seems to be really happy to be home. One of her eyes is a bit sore. We don’t know how long she was down the well for. It must have been a terrifying experience”.

“Bear is amazing” said Phoebe’s mother, Zdenka Hole. “He is beautiful and has saved Olive’s life. He deserves a medal”>

This is an excerpt from the Daily Express, reproduced with Bear’s owner’s permission. There were several other pieces in the daily newspapers at the time, if anyone wants to read more about this amazing rescue.

Juvenile Laryngeal Paralysis and Polyneuropathy (JLPP) in Rottweilers

This article of Juvenile Laryngeal Paralysis and Polyneuropathy (JLPP) set out in detail what is in this severe disease, how it is inherited and how and why it must be fought. Although it is hoped that the disease is not yet widespread, complete testing of all breeding animals must continue. It is expressly emphasized that most adult dogs are carriers of the disease, even if they cannot fall ill, because the disease had shown at a young age.

What is JLPP?

The symptom of JLPP have become apparent in Rottweilers in recent years. I would like to begin with an outline of the symptoms that are characteristic for this disorder and its typical progression. I will start by explain where the term itself come from. Neuropathy is a word used to describe a severe disorder of the nervous system. The prefix “poly” indicates that neuropathies can affect many different parts of the body at the same time. In a healthy dog, nerve structure control muscles and perform a range of complex additional functions. In its fully expressed form, polyneuropathy causes control over the muscles to be lost to an ever-greater degree until it is ultimately lost entirely. Pronounced symptoms of paralysis of the larynx and the surrounding tissue comprise the second component of JLPP. The onset of the disease is typically marked by breathing problems in affected dogs, especially during physical exertion or when they are excited. Dogs may cough when eating or drinking and the sound of their bark often changes. This is followed, somewhat later, by a loss of coordination in the hind limbs and subsequently also the forelimbs. These symptoms worsen until the dog is unable to move. The disorder typically appears either shortly after weaning age or in somewhat older juvenile dogs. The risk of misdiagnosis cannot always be eliminated.

The disease causes immense distress to affected dogs. It is inevitably terminal: no cure exists. We can consider ourselves lucky, that its appearance can be avoided with absolute certainty. This situation represents the best possible scenario for everybody seeking a Rottweiler puppy.

What is the Genetic Basis for the Condition?

JLPP in Rottweilers is a hereditary disease. Its mode of inheritance is monogenic autosomal recessive. It is caused, in other words, by a mutation in a single genetic locus which is not located on the chromosomes deciding a dog’s sex (so not on the X or Y chromosomes). The concept of recessiveness relates to the natural laws which determine whether genes trigger disease symptoms or not. In order to understand how this works, we need to remember that every inherited trait we see in a dog that is controlled by a single gene goes back to two alleles. These are alternative forms of the same gene, one passed down from the dog’s father and one form its mother. Many other modes of genetic inheritance following entirely different principles also exist but t need not be explored here: as the focus of this article is on JLPP, aspects of genetics not relevant to its transmission can be ignored here. The following genetic constellations can occur in any dog, regardless of its sex.

What will happen if this is ignored and what action must Rottweiler breeders take now?

Fortunately, a reliable DNA test has come on to the marker. Discovering whether a dog’s genetic make-up is homozygous unaffected (“completely clear”), heterozygous (a carrier) or homozygous affected is now relatively straight forward and inexpensive. This test has demonstrated that the gene responsible for the disorder is present in our Rottweiler population: it has been shown that carriers exist. We don’t know how many fatal cases of the

disease have already occurred. Attempting to trace the problematic genetic heritage of dogs back to particular ancestors does not represent a fruitful approach to the issue: the best way forward lies in the adoption of genetic testing. As this point, let us imagine, for the sake of argument, a scenario in which very few Rottweilers were carriers. If that were the case, some people might reject the option of testing on cost grounds as well as for other reasons: measures to counteract a rare disease might strike them a disproportionate. In their innermost selves, they might also harbour deep-seated fears that they would no longer be able to breed from one of their most successful dogs without restrictions. A few people might handle the resultant stress by going into denial and refusing to engage with the issue or find out more about it. Knowing nothing about the disorder, they would then not need to factor it into their thinking. If you are in any way tempted to react in this way, please consider changing your attitude, even if you find this difficult, for the sake of the Rottweiler. Please wake up to the fact that responsible, ethically justifiable and legally compliant dog breeding must necessarily rest on more solid foundations. The risk of the mutant gene slowly but steadily spreading throughout the population is unacceptably high. Over years, the number of carriers would rise higher and higher, and sooner or later the number of fatal cases of the disease would also rise drastically. We know all this, and we must draw the logical conclusions from what we have learned.

From now on, or, more accurately, after an appropriate transition period, to allow time for the necessary tests to be carried out, every single breeder may only breed from dogs that have been identified as homozygous unaffected (“completely clear”) or as carriers. Carriers may only be bred with homozygous unaffected (“completely clear”) animals. Homozygous unaffected dogs may be bred with both homozygous unaffected dogs and with carriers. The procedure specified here ensures that NO more Rottweiler will develop JLPP.

To be clear: I want to stress here that it would not be at all wise to breed only from Homozygous normal (“clear”) dogs and bitches. If that were to happen, genetic diversity would be severely reduced and it would be virtually impossible to stave off the negative consequences of inbreeding.

The ADRK Board has quite correctly and after consultation with the breeding committee, now adopted a resolution to this effect. It will go on to produce a list of authorized genetic laboratories of assured quality. Independently of any club regulations, the same duty to take action can also be derived from the German Protection of Animals Act which each and every one of us is bound by. But let this be clear: our desire to breed healthy, sociable, energetic and fun-loving Rottweiler that are true to type comes from the bottom of our hearts. It is not something we do only for the sake of complying with legislation.

I perceive the same ethical duty to adopt precisely this approach in every country where Rottweilers are bred, be that Germany or any other nation. Diseases do not respect national borders. The suffering of animals does not stop at national borders. Friends of the Rottweiler across the world – on every continent and in every country – are challenged to act on this issue. Nothing and nobody can free any breeder from this duty. Whether the relevant local breeding regulations already contain provisions dealing with JLPP matters not a jot in this regard.

In conclusion, it may be noted that other dog breeds have already profited from the successful implementation of similar breeding programs. Several diseases with the same mode of inheritance have already been eliminated in this way. For example polyneuropathy in Greyhounds (a relatively similar form to the disease affecting Rottweilers) and progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) in Sloughis. Counter-measures against JLPP in Rottweilers are exceptionally likely to prove successful, not least because no other genetic tests are currently in routine use in their breeding.

Peter Friedrich

President of the German Kennel Club, breed judge and member of the breeding committee of the ADRK.

Championship Show: Dog Judge's Critique Sunday 23rd October 2016

I would like to thank the committee in the first instance for inviting me to judge the dogs at their Championship Show. Also, thank you for the hospitality afforded to me and a huge thanks for my lovely gift (and to Thelma and Louise - thanks for the road trip!!LOL.) I would like to thank the exhibitors for their entries, and for the gracious way my placings on the day were taken: I really could have done with more red cards in some of the classes! I would also like to say a big thanks to my two stewards who kept the ring running smooth all day. I thoroughly enjoyed my day in your company! Again a big thank you to all involved in making my day a very enjoyable one.

Minor Puppy Dog (5:1a)

James, Thompson & Purchase's BAMABEL GINO



A lovely baby, very raw at this stage but everything where it should be! Nice clear markings, tight feet, good top and underlines, topline held very well on the move for a youngster. Used his strong hocks well to cover the ground. Nice headpiece - dry, with dark eye, and earset close to head. Showed well

2nd Abell's BEVANRAY REGGIE

Another very nice youngster, slightly longer cast than 1. Lovely expression, dark eye, headpiece in balance at this stage of his development. Good rear angles well used on the move. He held his topline on the move, but tended to lose it a bit on the stand

sometimes. Liked his earset and tailset. Well-schooled, and did his mum proud

3rd Hucker's BEVANRAY RAFAEL

Puppy Dog (5:0a)



1st Lambert's SEITTOR WILD FIRE
Lovely lad who for me came in to his own on the move: very sound and positive for a youngster, aided by his balanced angles, and strong hocks and well held topline. Loads of chest room, nice clear markings, dark eye, good reach of neck following down to clean shoulders. Head in balance with well-filled cheeks, plenty bone and substance. **BPD & BPIS**

2nd Jones's WESTFALEN HOT FUZZ

Nice lad, also moved well. Dry head, muzzle and skull in good balance giving a very nice overall impression, earset close to cheek, tight feet, not quite the angles of 1. Liked his tailset

3rd Lewis-Shermer's BOTLIERSKOP SMOKI QUARTZ AVEC RIVERSROCK (IMP GKC)

Junior Dog (9:1a)



1st Franklin's NAGEEM HARIBO AT HACCASBROOK

A top sized boy who could not be ignored, loved his ring presence. Very well put together, plenty of rib and chest room, ample bone and substance. Excellent angles/strong hocks which enabled him to power round the ring, holding his topline as he went. Tight feet. Handsome headpiece with dark almond eye, ears set close to cheek. Pleased to award him the **RCC**

2nd Graham's DARKARMAR ADAM ANT

Exuberant lad, lively on the move, settled the more he did! Well balanced dog, good reach of neck, straight front, finished with tight feet, nice tight elbows on the move. Skull and muzzle well balanced to give a nice headpiece, finished off with dark eyes, and ears set close to cheek, dark pigment. Nice lad.

3rd Marker's SUNDRIFTERS IPSLORE THE RED

Yearling Dog (8:1a)



1st McMasters' DORTMUND DOUBLE O'SEVEN AT BEIDERBECKS

Very nice boy, well-marked, rich tan. Well off for bone and substance. Strong neck leading to well- angled shoulders, good rear angles also, allowing him to move freely with good extension, holding his topline. Dry head, dark almond eye. Handsome boy

2nd Clapp's ROCKSTAROTTS MINI CLUBMAN

Nice sized boy, dry head with dark eye, moved out well from his balanced angles on tight feet, retaining his topline. Clear markings, rich tan. Liked his height to length ratio, gave him a very nice overall shape

3rd Evan's FANTASA JUST DO IT AT MADDIECASS

Novice Dog (2: 1a)

1st Lambert's SEITTOR WILD FIRE - See PD

Graduate Dog (0: 0)

Post Graduate Dog (7: 4a)



1st Jacob's SALONGA GOODBYE MR CHIPS JW

Very busy workmanlike boy, well-muscled quarters, moved soundly, holding an excellent topline, powering from his strong well angulated rear. Clear markings. Strong muzzle but not overdone, well filled cheeks. Happy lad

2nd Hoole's DORTMUND FIRECRACKER FROM SCHONTRAGEN

Larger boy, lovely reach of neck into well angled shoulders. Rich tan, dark eye, all male dry head. Moved out soundly

3rd Davis's BEARWITHME FINIANS RAINBOW

Limit Dog (9: 3a)



1st Sirett's ALKIDO'S EINSTEIN

Loved this boy. Good type, very honest dog, nothing overdone. Dry handsome headpiece, dark almond eye, ample bone, plenty of substance. Straight front onto tight feet, strong neck down to clean shoulders, his excellent rear quarters and strong hocks allowed him to flow round the ring with loads of extension, retaining a strong level topline. Clear tan markings. Delighted to award him the **CC**

2nd Cartwright's STEIGEN CRIXUS

Another nice boy. Also, plenty of bone and substance, moved out soundly. Dry head, well filled cheeks, strong muzzle, good pigment. In fabulous condition and showed well

3rd Borne's DORTMUND DODGING BULLETS AT TREVEARL

Open Dog (8: 2a)



1st Osborne's CH CARSAL LEONARDO AT ICKLESBORNE

Substantial male, very handsome dry head, dark eye, expression to die for, dark pigment. Loads of forechest, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, good top and under lines. Moved out well using his excellent quarters to advantage

2nd Poole's CH ROSTOCK CLAAS

Lovely male, larger boy, dark eye in dry all-male head. Plenty of bone and substance, tight feet, straight front, strong neck with good reach, clean over the shoulders. Strong quarters and great front and rear angles allowed him free sound movement

3rd Topham & Maltas's VIRLEES CLAUDIUS JW ShCM

Veteran Dog (3: 0a)



Loved all 3 boys in this class, they all were a credit to the owners.

1st Trueman & Brownridge's CH JEZEVE SHERBET JW ShCM

The baby of the class at 7½. Outgoing boy who was enjoying his day. Lovely straight front, tight feet, good top and underlines. Dry head, dark eye, almond shaped. Strong neck with ample reach, leading to clean shoulders. Moved out well covering the ground with ease. **BVIS**

2nd Rowarth's DARKARMAR CURVED AIR JW

Middle boy at 8½! Plenty of bone and substance on this lad, straight front, tight feet. Held his topline on the stand, moved out well using his good rear angles to advantage

3rd Willison's JHAVA MONTAGUE OF SHANTASIA

The old boy of the class at 10½. Thoroughly enjoying his day, still has good drive from the rear and the tightest of elbows, moved out very well. A credit to his owners.

Judge: Beth Finlayson



Dog CC
ALKIDO'S EINSTEIN

Together with
judges
Beth Finlayson &
Richard Chaffe

ROCKSTAROTT'S



SWRA Dog representative DOTY 2016
Top Dog of Devon 2017 qualified

Rockstarotts Mini Clubman

(RockStaRotts Mini Red Hot x Gyrima The Aviator JW)
Lightly shown as a pup but has made us so proud in 2016
being placed highly at all champ shows attended.
Several Best In Breeds and Adult Working Group placings at Open show level.



Rockstarotts Mini Flame Red

(RockStaRotts Mini Red Hot x Gyrima The Aviator JW)
Placed well at Championship shows including 1st Junior Bitch
Paignton 2016. Many Best Puppy In Breed and
Puppy Group placings at open shows,
now giving way to her brothers success!

Thank you to the judges who thought highly of our dogs and we look forward to a fun and successful 2017

ROCKSTAROTT'S



RockStaRotts Rottweilers
handled, spoilt and adored by proud owners Alistair & Victoria Clapp
Plymouth, Devon

Championship Show: Bitch Judge's Critiques Sunday 23rd October 2016

Many thanks to the committee of South Western Rottweiler Association for asking me to judge bitches at their 2016 Championship Show: it was a great honour. Many thanks to my ring stewards who kept things running smoothly and a special thanks to everyone who entered their dogs.

I had the chance to go over some quality females. My main winners were of excellent type and there are a few younger females in the lower classes whose future I will watch with interest. I enjoyed my appointment I was given a very large ring which was used to its maximum. I like to move the dogs mainly because any dog can be conditioned to move up and down and a triangle. When a dog is moved more extensively you can see more the condition of the dog, if it has the drive level to keep moving and it wants to and enjoys being shown. Any faults that you cannot see at first soon come to the surface as there's no hiding place for them.

One point I did notice which needs keeping an eye on is not just the loss of mouth pigmentation but also the loss of pigmentation of the nose. Both needs bearing in mind when planning future breeding's at once taken hold it will be very hard to reverse. You should never take any point for granted because once you lose it, it's very hard to get it back.

Minor Puppy Bitch (8: 4a)



1st Hucker's BEVANRAY RITA

I don't think she will end up the biggest of bitches but what she may lack in size she will not lack in quality. Strong but feminine type head with well-defined stop, excellent expression, medium well set ears. I would prefer a darker eye but they are the correct shape, good fill under the eye and well developed muzzle, black tight lips, correct scissor bite, mouth pigmentation dark, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, strong level topline, correct depth of chest for age, width as expected at this stage and will develop with age. Good underline, short coupled, at this age moderate front angulation very good rear

angulation, bone correct for size, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, presents a very good profile standing. She has very good ground covering movement especially for her age, tail carriage correct, she has a very bright future ahead

2nd James & Thompson's BAMABEL GABRIELLA

Feminine head with moderate stop, medium well set ears, dark eye colour of correct shape, I would prefer more fill under the eye and more cushion on muzzle. Her head is still very much in development and needs more time to finish, black tight lip line, scissor bite, dark mouth pigmentation, strong neck, clean over the shoulders leading into a strong topline, very good depth and width of chest, good underline, short coupled, good front and rear angulation, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, medium tan, presents good profile on the stand, moves a little wide coming towards you on the move at the moment but she excels in side profile movement, tail carriage correct

Puppy Bitch (10: 3a)



bright future. **Best Puppy Bitch**

1st Mulhall's JUST ASK GRACE O'SHEA (IMP SWE)

Substantial quality female. Strong but feminine head of excellent type, stop well defined, presents excellent expression, large well set ears, darkest of eye of correct shape, good fill under the eye and well developed muzzle, black tight lip line, correct scissor bite, black mouth pigmentation, strong neck, clean over the shoulders leading into a strong level topline, good depth and width of chest for age, good underline, at this age moderate front angulation, very good rear angulation, excellent width of thigh, good bone, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, powerful ground covering movement, tail carriage correct. Another one who has a very

2nd Lambert's SEITTOR JITTERBUG

Feminine head, moderate stop, large ears which could be carried closer to the head, dark eye colour of correct shape, correct fill under eye and development of muzzle for head type, black tight lip line, scissor bite, dark mouth pigmentation, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, strong topline, slightly sloping croup, correct depth and width of chest for age, good underline, short coupled, very good front and rear angulation, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, very smart female who presents a very good profile standing, very good in side profile movement, tail carriage correct

Junior Bitch (7: 1a)



1st Ward's WARRIMEAD KUSTOM MADE

Small / medium strong but feminine female with excellent head type, well defined stop, excellent expression, large ears which could be carried closer to the head, dark eye of correct shape, good fill under the eye and well developed strong muzzle, black tight lip line, correct scissor bite, I would prefer mouth pigmentation to be darker, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, level topline which will strengthen more with age, good depth and width of chest, good underline, excellent front and rear angulation, excellent width of thigh, stands four square,

tight feet, correct coat, medium tan, presents excellent profile on the stand, moves well with excellent reach and drive, tail carriage correct, another bitch to watch as she has a very bright future

2nd Horton's JUFFTHER HAPPY BUNNY

Small / medium very compact bitch, strong feminine head, moderate stop, medium well set ears, dark eye of correct shape, correct fill under eye and well developed muzzle, black tight lip line, scissor bite, dark mouth pigmentation, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, strong topline, correct depth and width of chest for age, good underline, short coupled, very good front and rear angulation, stands four

square, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, presents excellent profile on the stand, very good movement, moves with excellent reach and drive, tail carriage correct

Yearling Bitch (6: 2a)



1st Ion's BEEA VOM HAUS FLO ROM JCH
Medium size bitch who ticks all the boxes that I am looking for. Strong feminine head, well defined stop, medium well set ears, dark eye of correct shape, good fill under the eye and well developed strong muzzle, black lips but slightly loose, correct scissor bite, dark mouth pigmentation, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, level topline which will strengthen more with age, good depth and width of chest, good underline, excellent front and rear angulation, excellent width of thigh, good bone, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, presents excellent profile on the stand, she moves with excellent reach and drive, she needs to be shown on a looser lead as the way she is shown on the move alters her topline making it look soft, tail carriage correct

2nd Tuttle's FALKORS WICKED SECRET
Large compact bitch, strong feminine head, well defined stop, large well set ears carried correctly, dark eye of correct shape, correct fill under eye and well developed muzzle, black tight lip line, scissor bite, mouth pigmentation

mainly dark but slightly mottled pink, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, strong short topline, slightly sloping croup, correct depth of chest and well developed, good underline, short coupled, very good front and rear angulation, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, presents excellent profile on the stand, very good movement with excellent reach and drive, tail carriage correct

Novice Bitch (8: 3a)

(My apologies Sandra and David – I missed the photo!)

1st Lambert's SEITTOR JITTERBUG

(See write-up for 2nd in Puppy Bitch)

2nd Mulhall's JUST ASK GALA O'SHEA (IMP SWE)

Litter sister to 1st in minor puppy bitch and a lot of the same virtues apply. Substantial female, strong but feminine head but not the same bred type as her sister, moderate stop, large well set ears, dark correct shaped eye, good fill under the eye strong well developed muzzle, black tight lip line, correct scissor bite, dark mouth pigmentation, strong neck, clean over the shoulders leading into a strong level topline, good depth and width of chest for age, good underline, good front and rear angulation, excellent width of thigh, good bone, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, I would prefer her tan darker and less prominent on the sides of her head and chest, powerful ground covering movement with excellent reach and drive, tail carriage correct

Graduate Bitch (4: 1a)



1st Bourne's TREVEARL BLACK VELVET
Medium / large sized substantial female with a very feminine bitch head, excellent expression, moderate stop, medium well shaped ears which need to be carried more forward could be carried closer to the head, dark eye colour of correct shape, correct fill under eye and development of muzzle for head type, black tight lip line, scissor bite, mouth pigmentation mainly dark but slightly mottled, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, strong topline, slightly sloping croup, correct depth / width of chest and well developed, good underline, slightly long in loin, very good front and rear angulation, stands four square, tight feet,

correct coat, rich tan, presents a very good profile standing, very good in side movement with ground covering gait, tail carriage correct

2nd Willis-Impey & Anthony's ABACAB'S PORTIA

Medium / large female with a strong but feminine head, well defined stop, large well shaped ears, she flies her right ear at times but when she does use them they are carried correctly, dark eye colour of correct shape, correct fill under eye, strong well developed muzzle, black tight lip line, scissor bite, dark mouth pigmentation, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, strong topline, correct depth and of chest width still needs to be developed, underline needs more development, slightly long in loin, moderate front angles, good rear angulation, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, she uses what she has and moves very well in side profile movement, tail carriage carried slightly high at times, more substance would complete the picture

Post Graduate Bitch (7: 2a)



1st Barnes's GUARDAMI UNLIKELY ANGEL AT GYRIMA

Medium / large sized female, very feminine bitch head, excellent expression, moderate stop, medium correct shaped ears which could be carried closer to the head, dark eye colour of correct shape, correct fill under eye and development of muzzle for head type, black tight lip line, scissor bite, dark mouth pigmentation, strong neck, very slight roll over the shoulders, strong topline, slightly sloping croup, correct depth and width of chest and well developed, good underline, very good front and rear angulation, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, presents a very good profile standing, steady mover with very good side profile movement with excellent reach and drive, tail carriage correct

2nd Brown & Carosin's BAMABEL ADRIANA AT ROSERYN

Medium / large female with a strong feminine type head, well defined stop, large well shaped ears carried correctly, dark eye colour of correct shape, correct fill under eye, strong well developed muzzle, black tight lip line, scissor bite, mouth pigmentation slightly mottled, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, strong topline, correct depth / width of chest and well developed, well developed underline, short in loin, very good front and rear angulation, at times the way she is shown she loses her very good fore chest, good width of thigh, stands four square, tight feet, coat carries a very slight wave, medium tan, moves with reach and drive with excellent side profile movement, tail carriage correct

Limit Bitch (8: 2a)



1st Robinson's GUARDAMI GUARDING TESS AT TAZMANIC

Small / medium sized female, very feminine bitch head, moderate stop, medium correct shaped ears which could be carried more closer to the head, correct shape eyes but I would prefer them darker, correct fill under eye and development of muzzle for head type, black tight lip line, scissor bite, mouth pigmentation slightly mottled, strong neck, slight roll over the shoulders, strong topline, slightly sloping croup, correct depth of chest, width of chest still developing, good underline, very good front and rear angulation, I would prefer better front foot placement / position on the stand , tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, presents a very good side profile standing, Her forte is her

movement. She has excellent side profile movement with excellent reach and drive, tail carriage correct

2nd Lambert's SEITTOR JELLY BEAN JW ShCM

Strong feminine head, well defined stop, large well set ears, dark eye colour of correct shape, correct fill under eye and cushion on muzzle for head type, black tight lip line, scissor bite, dark mouth pigmentation, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, strong topline, slightly sloping croup, correct depth and width of chest for size, good underline, short coupled, short in loin, good front and rear angulation, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, med tan, she present a good profile on the stand and on the move, very good side profile movement, tail carriage

Open Bitch (12: 6a)

1st Antich's CH LEEBEE'S WHAT A SENSATION JW

Small / medium sized female with correct body proportions, strong but feminine head, well defined stop, excellent expression, medium well set correct shaped ears, dark correct shape eyes, good fill under eye, well developed strong muzzle, black tight lip line, scissor bite, would prefer mouth pigmentation to be a lot darker, strong neck, very clean over the shoulders, strong short topline, slightly sloping croup, correct depth and width of chest, good underline, very good front and rear angulation, well-muscled first and 2nd thigh, stands four square at all times, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, presents a very good side profile on the stand and on the move, she has excellent side profile movement with excellent free flowing ground covering movement with excellent reach and drive whilst keeping her feet close to the ground, tail carriage correct. **Best Bitch CC & Best In Show**

2nd Lambert's CH SEITTOR FINAL FANTASY JW

Small / medium well-conditioned sized female, very feminine bitch head, excellent expression, moderate stop, medium correct shaped ears and well set, dark eye colour of correct shape, correct fill under eye and development of muzzle for head type, black tight lip line, scissor bite, dark mouth pigmentation, strong neck, clean over the shoulders, strong topline, slightly sloping croup, correct depth and width of chest for size, good underline, very good front and rear angulation, stands four square, tight feet, correct coat, rich tan, presents a very good profile standing, excellent side profile movement with excellent reach and drive, tail carriage correct. **Reserve Bitch CC & Reserve Best In Show**

Veteran Bitch (2:2a)

Judge: Richard Chaffe (Rougeau)



Bitch CC and Best In Show

CH LEEBEE'S WHAT A SENSATION JW

Together with judges
Beth
Finlayson &
Richard
Chaffe



**Best Veteran
In Show**
CH JEZEVE SHERBERT



Best Puppy in Show
SEITTOR WILD FIRE



Kim Cussans with Lillian, raising money for **Rottweilers In Need**



The Committee Ladies – Freya Longden, Nickie Longden, Kim Smart and Sheri Dean

Rottweilers In Need

At the end of March 2016 we will have reached a 'MILESTONE' by completing a decade of Rescue, Rehabilitation, Re-homing & Refuge. We feel, that, in itself is not really a cause for celebration, and desperately wished we did not have to exist. But sadly we do! However, we are happy to celebrate that in the past 10 years, we have managed to secure 'forever homes' or provide sanctuary for the rest of their lives within our organisation for 353 Rottweiler's (including the odd cross). Plus 6 Cats! (editor's note: "and some chickens"!)

The past year has been really hard at times, with the run up to Christmas 2015 being particularly bad, and the worst we have experienced thus far. It has had the touch of 'Herod' about it, as the great majority of those being cast-out have been young males, ages ranging from 5 to 18 months.

Their problems in general were little more than lack of effort on the part of the owner to instil a modicum of discipline, with the application of basic training, and or, directing their youthful energy in a positive way, through exercise and play...

Who sells these people dogs? Well I can assure you, and I am in fact pleased, to say, that in every case we dealt with it was not a reputable breeder...2 of the couples bred them themselves, from their own bitch, and still had the cheek to off load them when they could not 'cope' or were being threatened with eviction because these bored and frustrated dogs were causing havoc in the home/property.

The others were mostly purchased for a couple of hundred pounds from pet-dog owners/ breeders, with an illegal dock thrown in as well, in two cases! I am happy to report that all have responded well to our training regimes, some needing little more than a firm hand, and that most of them are now settled in sound permanent homes and doing well. Figures for the past year, are as follows; Dogs Re-homed = 30. Hopefully the total will be 32 by the end of month. They are 16 x Males & 14 Females, 16 were taken in from Pet Homes and 14 from Dog Pounds.

One bitch came into us from Greece (it is not our policy if I might add, to bring dogs in from other countries, as we feel we have more than we can cope with here, already).

We were approached by an English lady who runs a rescue in Greece, pleading for help to secure this poor dogs future. With the current climate in Greece so dire, she felt this young bitch, who had already suffered severe neglect, had no hope of a suitable home out there. The lovely 'Liza' came in to us, and is now in a loving home. We are currently Supporting 20 dogs, 6 of these are on our Sponsorship Scheme as long- term dogs: Gerry, Fynn, Ringo, Mr Darcy, Riley & Kelly.

The remaining 14 are 8 males & 6 females, 9 are from pet-homes & 5 from Pounds, ages ranging from 7 months – 8 yrs. Sadly we lost 3 of our precious older dogs to 3 different Cancers and 2 were from our Sponsorship Scheme, dearest Tess at 11yrs old, & Dustin (Dusty-bin) who was 8 years, and then our most handsome GSD x Rott. Coll, he was only 6½ years, not so old. They were so loved by us, as indeed they all are.

We have been overwhelmed by the financial support we have received over the past year, lots of lovely people with their own innovative ideas on how to raise money for our cause.

We have also been touched, and humbled by the number of people who have asked for donations in memory of their departed loved ones, to be given to us, to help our work. Many Breed Clubs now support our efforts, the BRA, LASER, Eastern Counties, South West Rottweiler Association, The Rott Club of Wales & The Rottweiler Club itself. We could not do what we do without all this kindly backup, which also serves as a great morale booster to us on the front-line, when we feel we cannot cope with the constant demands put upon us.

SO WE THANK EVERYONE...FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS

It has of course resulted in the afore mentioned 353 dogs, being the ultimate beneficiaries of your kindness and generosity, as all who work within our small group, are happy to be unpaid volunteers.

So please do continue to help us in any way you feel you can, so that we may help even more, ROTTWEILERS IN NEED

Ann Evans

CH Jezeve Gob Stopper JW

Ch Imor Von Der Blockhutte Mit Juffther x Ch Danjemar Emerald Beauty at Jezeve JW

3CC's, 2 BOB's, 8 RCC's

Hip score 5.3 Elbows 0
Eye & Heart tested clear

And his Daughters...



Mojo



India

Ch Jezeve Jezabel JW

12 CC's, 7 BOB's, 10 RCC's

Bevanray Quarts at Jezeve
(at 9 months)



Scarlett

Scarlett is co-owned with Tracey Hawkshaw



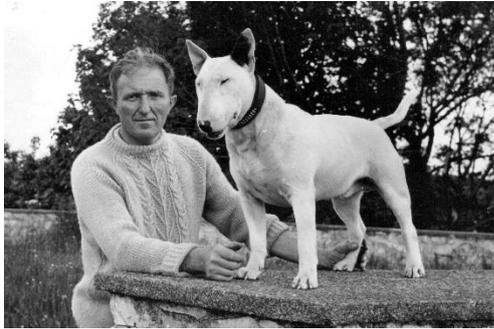
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Jezeve Back to Black
(at 5 months)

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Such stuff as dreams are made on?

It has been said of me I am a romantic as far as dogs and breeds of dogs are concerned and little wonder as a good deal of my boyhood was spent with my grandfather, a travelling farrier, around the hunt and racing stable yards of The Midlands. Here I met with both the crossed and the pure bred



Standard, sometimes called 'English', and The Staffordshire Bull terrier, as well as hunt terriers true to their strains who often were at least one eighth 'Bull' making them pretty well identical to the famed 'Bull and Terrier' of the pit, as opposed to the long legged 'broken' coated true 'Jack Russell' types who 'ran' with the pack, the girth of their chests behind the elbows that of a man's hands, proof of their ability to 'go to ground' in the average 'pipe' of a fox earth, their long legs tucked up, 'dead game' above and below ground.

Milo – noble in form and character

Pure or cross bred bull terrier, hunt terrier or hound, all of them with equanimity mixing and rarely quarrelling with their fellows. Loyal to their human family, calm and confident, never unpredictable, as gentle as lambs with the hunt servants or visiting children, yet at the same time good and never 'false' guards of home and stable yard.

Through them I learned and **dreamt** of desired character in the canine selected through the millennium for domestication, (save the toy breeds of different ilk, bred as baby substitutes) intelligent (learns easily and remembers), willing and biddable, with aptitude to train for 'work' i.e. tasks to assist man. No longer an animal subject to flight, skulking to scavenge around the fires of man when faced with a real or supposed threat to flee, conversely reacting when prevented by space, lead, or tether as a rat in a trap.

A dog of good character, in or approaching maturity is steadfast, standing his/her ground, ready to defend both their own space and their owners. Flight reaction brought about by breaching of critical distance is unknown to them.

Nothing gave me greater pleasure than to observe the brood bitches both hound and terrier with their pups. The hound bitches in a set aside horse loose box to whelp in a specially constructed whelping box with a pig rail to prevent over-laying, the terriers in a place of their choosing behind straw bales where they had dug a den. I noted how even as early as when the pups eyes opened how they were testing one another's strengths and weaknesses in regard to resources, bringing about status or dominance, call it what you will, (right of access to food, a favoured place at the milk bar or place to sleep) already apparent.

Forty nine days (seven weeks) is the optimum time, in a place unknown, to determine what is inherited and not made by exposing puppies individually out of sight and sound of their siblings to mild unusual stimuli. However, in all puppies between 8 and 16 weeks there is what I call a reticence period which is quite natural as in the wild at this time pups are as yet unable to accompany their dam to hunt, and in consequence are left alone for long periods waiting her return bearing food. Nevertheless, nervousness and abject subservience is foreign to good character. A good character puppy is born (innate and not learned) to be confident, accepting gently applied constriction with calm, and most of all looking for and inviting play, pouncing to kill, plunder and carry toy prey objects.

In regard to desired character one thing is crystal clear: environment, ownership, training, and experiences over time which by 14 months or so have influenced the outcome greatly are not

inheritable (in the genes) and as a result are incapable of being passed on in a future breeding programme.

True dominance cannot be assessed until puberty is complete, although an assessor with experience can make an educated guess. Pseudo-dominance bedevils true dominance in that it favours the nervous and the cowardly, such animal's unpredictable, blustering to appear bold and to fear-bite having learnt that a show of aggression makes a threat go away. Unfortunately pseudo-dominance is all too often seen in male Rottweilers and combined with excitability is commonplace in the pastoral breeds not least in the Working Sheep Dog, the Border Collie and the German Shepherd Dog. With desired character and working aptitude in mind, I read with interest to dream of the Continental working dog known as 'The Butchers Dog of Rottweil'. Rottweil is a German town founded by the Romans at the centre of the herding trails of Europe to which drovers from as early as that time herded cattle long distances at a slow pace with frequent stop-overs to maintain their weight, assisted by their dogs, the cattle to be marketed and processed in the abattoirs there. It was said that so great was their instinct to guard their master's possessions and not be coerced that the gold accrued when the cattle were marketed was by tradition hung around these dogs' necks in collar pouches to allow their masters to get paralytic drunk if they chose.



Dieter – a German Import. Truly dominant. A dream come true, who for 9 years gave me loyalty and companionship.

absolutely trustworthy, willing, biddable, and patient as they made their deliveries standing at strangers' doorways. Such was their fortitude and will to win that they were famed also as 'Holding' dogs, singly or working in pairs, to 'draw' the wild boar when he was brought to bay, usually in an almost impenetrable thorn thicket, to be held steady for the traditional huntsman's spear thrust down through the shoulder blades. No wonder at a later date the Rottweiler was regarded as the police dog par excellence.

The most prized of these dogs were mainly black and tan of mastiff type descended and refined from the German Mastiff who in turn sprang from the legendary 'War Dogs' of Rome, famed for their gladiatorial exploits in the arena and in battle as the Roman armies swept into Europe and with them cattle on the hoof as meat. It was therefore not surprising that such dogs trebled in their work and were bred to do so, for war, guarding and driving cattle. With the advent of the rail road the Rottweiler, (by this time adopted by and featuring in the town of Rottweil's coat of arms) were out of a job, to be taken up by the butchers to guard premises by night and to pull their carts by day. In this work, they indeed had to be dual purpose, guarding, yet

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Despite the fact that I was inordinately fond of dogs it may well have been but for fate Rottweilers would have remained for me a dream. So it was in 1962 fate decreed as Plymouth City Police's first dog handler I was on a course at Stafford Home Office Police Dog School where two Rottweilers purchased as puppies and walked on to fourteen months or so by Sussex police were under training. These dogs were of consuming interest to me and I became involved. Quiet and confident going about their business with purposeful calm determination, willing, biddable, easily taught and remembering, it seemed to me that they were born to do their work with verve not needing to rely on the association of the exercise or the training field. Tracking seemed to be second nature to them, with a low nose dreaming with 'track scent' so much so, that they would blunder into the track layer if he were at the end of the track. In open searching for a hidden person it was as if they could taste 'air scent' on the wind following it to its source. True, theirs was not the quicksilver nature of the German Shepherd but when it came to awarding marks for efficiency of performance they were always ahead, returning

to their force where they proved themselves in K.C. Working Trials, and as practical healthy long-lived serving police dogs.

As a direct result of my association with these two Rottweiler dogs on my return to Plymouth I can honestly say by their example they gave me a clear blue print of desired good character, true dominance and working aptitude. Particularly as I had the ever present comparison of my first police dog, a young German Shepherd Dog called Mark.

Mark could have well won in the show ring but in character he was sadly lacking. He was of a nervous disposition, frightened of reflecting surface and marching feet. His aggression in the face of a threat was learnt as the result of being constricted on a short lead and always winning, in every way such dominance as he had was pseudo and in the face of a threat if there was an avenue of escape he would flee. He had no initiative. The adage 'if you are in trouble get your dog on a lead' applied to him for sure. He could track well enough but when faced with difficulty would give up, he was everything The Rottweilers were not. Nevertheless, I persevered competing with some success in Regional Police Dog Trials and qualifying him up to W.D. Ex. in K.C. Working trials. Despite what he lacked, he was a nice dog and deserving of the kind companion home I found for him as soon as the opportunity offered.

Following on from that time, fifty five years brings me up to the present day where by dint of selection I have lived with and bred a succession of good character alpha dogs and feminine bitches, mainly Rottweilers and German Shepherds. 'Bitch' - proving the lie, the term 'Bitch' a compliment. It is through a form of selection which I will later explain that I wish to draw attention to all that has been lost during that time in both these breeds.

The Rottweiler has no longer the reputation of a bluff, thoroughly trustworthy, good natured fellow, capable and looking for work, i.e. tasks to assist man, willing and biddable. Former verve is all too often absent, and worse than that **there can be** an underlying concealed nervousness which makes for unpredictability. The males particularly are generally subject to both pain-induced and inter-dog aggression.

Now a days, the German Shepherd is split into two separate strains, 'work' and 'show'. The show strain in make and shape exaggerated in what is known as angulation to such an extent that it transgresses the rules of bio-mechanics and the dog is unsound. Both strains have a nervous excitability mistakenly called 'drive' which does not make them an easy dog to live with. The working strain is inbred for possessiveness and a doggedness of purpose for the 'hold' in the belief that the firmness and strength of a bite on a padded sleeve is a criterion for good character. Nothing could be further from the truth and what is more makes the teaching of the retrieve with a release more difficult, plunder instinct being so strong.

The show scene has done a disservice to pedigree dogs in as much it breeds for 'the shadow on the wall' i.e. beauty and fashion in the pursuit of red rosettes, with the result that we have gun-dogs' who no longer have the instinct to hunt or retrieve, setters who cannot set, pointers who cannot point, and pastoral dogs who have lost the aptitude to herd or guard. Few pedigree breeds' across the board are suitable as assistance dogs. In working dogs the world-wide Sport of I.P.O. and Ring-Sport, and to a lesser degree Competition Obedience, Agility, and Fly-ball is breeding an excitement that is off the scale in the belief that it is 'drive'.

In I.P.O. and Ring-Sport where the protection phase takes precedence over all else, the hard hitting dog who bites hard with possessiveness that is almost manic refusing to come off the padded sleeve gains the plaudits of the crowd, satisfying all that is macho in spectators and handlers alike. It is a sad state of affairs today in Germany or the Continent there is scarcely a Rottweiler or Malinois (Belgian

Sheep Dog) who is not trained on an electric collar to achieve that end, so dogged and persistent when their temper is roused is their **inbred** innate nature for this exercise.

For all those intent on understanding good character and regaining what is lost I have recorded in the form of an assessment which selects, (**before** environment, training and experiences over time has masked completely what is inherited) good character dogs aged between 10 and 14 months of age, suitable to undergo a police course, and should all other things be equal, to be bred from. For this assessment it is most important **no** prior protection training, even so much as tug-of war on a burlap puller has taken place. I would also point out that a dog who acquits himself well in such a selection process is in every way suitable to make an easy to live with loyal family companion, and is a credit to their breed.



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If you are interested in reading more on how to conduct an assessment for Good Character, please read my limited edition book “A Passion for dogs. A Journey of Discovery” or contact me through the Year Book Editor and I will be delighted to forward the details.

Graham Mabbutt

Do You Know the Best Way to Break Up a Dogfight and Come Out Unscathed?

If you're a dog lover and see two dogs fighting, your natural response is to want to physically separate them before someone gets hurt. And this is especially true when one or both dogs belong to you. However, as many, many people who have come before you will attest, it can be very risky business to try to break up a serious dogfight. Even though they evolved as pack animals and are genetically programmed to get along in social groups, but unfortunately, dogs do occasionally fight. When it happens, it can be a harrowing, dangerous situation for both the duelling dogs and their humans.

The first response of many people who encounter a dogfight is to scream at the top of their lungs to try to put a halt to the action. If this doesn't work - and it usually doesn't, and can even cause an escalation in the fighting - the next reflexive move is to try to reach between the dogs to rescue the one who's getting the worst of it.

Attempts to physically separate fighting dogs very often results in serious injury to the human, sometimes inflicted by his or her own dog – which only makes a bad situation worse. However, it's

not realistic to expect a dog lover to simply stand back and watch a vicious dogfight play out. So what's a person to do if and when a fight breaks out?

The Spit-and-Drool Match vs. the Serious Dogfight

According to acclaimed dog behaviourist, the late Dr. Sophia Yin, most fights between unfamiliar dogs or first fights between dogs who are housemates are simply "spit and drool matches" even if there's a lot of noise and fur flying. If either dog goes further, it's typically a quick bite-and-release.

The major concern in these situations is to get the dogs separated without being bitten, which means you must avoid grabbing the head or neck area of either animal. According to Dr. Yin, the safest method is to grab the dogs by the rear end and quickly pull them away from each other. Alternatively, and depending on where you're standing or how fast the dogs are changing position, you can place your foot on the rib cage of one of the dogs and push him away. This is NOT a kick to the dog - it's simply using your foot against his side as leverage to push him away. This approach is much safer than bending over either dog while trying to push them apart with your hands. It also leaves your hands free to get control of the other dog if possible. If you have dog leashes close by, looping the leash under the back two legs of both dogs and pulling them apart from their back ends can also work.

Other Methods of Breaking up a Dogfight

Other methods of separating fighting dogs involve distractions, including:

- Placing a board or other object between them
- Spraying the dogs with water
- Banking a noisy object near them, e.g. blowing an air horn
- Using an aversive spray like Citronella
- Tossing a blanket over one or both dogs
- Quickly inviting one of the dogs to go for a walk or ride in the car
- Lightly popping one or both dogs on the top of the head with a newspaper or magazine
- Ringing the doorbell or opening a door to the outside (if you have a fenced in backyard)

Dr Yin stresses that in all cases it's important to avoid taking any action that may cause the dogs to redirect aggression to you. It's also important to remember that no technique for breaking up a dogfight is fool-proof, and all involve a certain degree of risk to both the dogs and the humans who try to intervene. It's up to you to understand the risks, weigh the odds, and decide if the risks outweigh the potential for injury.

Once the dogs are separated, it's important to pay attention to whether one or both dogs want to keep battling, whether they calm down right away, or try to get away. If one dog clearly wants to keep fighting, he's in need of intensive positive behaviour modification training to prevent fights in the future. Low-level tussles can progress to more dangerous fights in dogs with undiagnosed or unchecked aggression. Also keep in mind that most dogfights can be prevented by attentive guardians who notice when one dog is tense around another, and take immediate action to separate the dogs.

Signs of Inter-dog Aggression

Inter-dog aggression becomes a problem when a dog behaves aggressively with dogs in the same household, or more commonly, with unfamiliar dogs. Some people consider a dog's aggression toward strange dogs to be normal, however, without appropriate intervention and training, some dogs can become disproportionately aggressive due to learning and/or genetic factors. Inter-dog aggression is more common in intact male dogs, and dogs of the same gender. The problem typically becomes apparent either when the dog hits puberty (from 6 to 9 months of age), or when he becomes socially mature at 18 to 36 months.

Common signs of inter-dog aggression include:

- Growling
- Crouching
- Lip biting
- Tucking the tail
- Snapping
- Licking the lips
- Lunging toward another dog
- Backing away
- Fearful or submissive postures

In the case of inter-dog aggression between dogs in the same household, there are usually preliminary signs that indicate one dog is attempting to exert social control over another. For example, a dog may stare at and block the other dog's entrance into a room. The best way to curb a dog's aggressive behaviour is to nip it in the bud while he's still a puppy.

Recognizing Aggressive Behaviour in Your Puppy

During normal play, a puppy may play bow (lower his head while raising his rear end), present his front end or side to you, hold the front part of his body up, wag his tail, zip back and forth, give high-pitched barks and growls, and spontaneously ambush you or another animal in the house. These behaviours are fun to watch and participate in with your puppy, unless they become too extreme. Little twists on normal play that can indicate a problem include:

- Prolonged, deep growling
- Fixed gaze
- Stiff posture

Aggression that is situational or stimulus-dependent rather than spontaneous

These aggressive behaviours may stem from fear, territoriality, conflict, or pain and should be evaluated immediately by you, your veterinarian, and/or a veterinary behaviourist.

How to Discourage Aggressive Puppy Play

In order to prevent a puppy with aggressive tendencies from growing into an aggressive adult dog, your puppy must learn how to play appropriately, and you can help him in the following ways:

- Side-track bad behaviour. Keep a toy on hand that will grab your pup's attention as soon as he engages in inappropriate behaviour. Offer him appropriate toys to mouth and chew on before he has a chance to make bad choices
- Give verbal cues followed by an action. If your puppy is biting too hard during play, loudly say "Ouch," and stop playing immediately
- Give a time-out. If your pup isn't responding to your attempts to stop a behaviour, put him and a few toys in a separate room or his crate until he settles down
- Don't engage in aggressive roughhousing or play. Some puppies have a low arousal threshold and can become very assertive, quickly. Avoid rigorous or intense play with these puppies, which can escalate into more mouthy play on their part, or nipping behaviours that are difficult to shut down
- Use leashes and head halters. You can use a leash indoors as well as outside to quickly stop a behaviour. Don't yank or jerk the leash – simply use it when necessary to gain control over the situation. Head halters sometimes provide a more natural sense of control than collars do, but it's important to match the collar, harness, or halter to the personality and training needs of each puppy

Dr. Becker

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THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURES OF JUDGING

APPLAUSE, applause! Another psychological pressure. It makes for a very sporting atmosphere and a happy experience when winners are applauded. In some breeds it is a matter of course and every class winner is applauded throughout the judging. In other breeds there is silence.

Be aware of the rather forced and tumultuous applause which greets the end of some classes. A very popular winner it might seem... or is it a very popular defeat of the consistent winner?

Applause can be very reassuring for a judge but sometimes misleading and often calculated to seduce the judge. It is important that the judge turns a deaf ear to this – he is judging to please himself, not to please the ringside.

In the US the whooping and hollering at the big shows, especially during the specials class (best of breed) judging has often been written about as a testament to the love the fans have for great dogs – and I'm sure that is often true. But look carefully at the ringside in some breed judging and it can be seen that handlers have placed their team of assistants and friends judiciously around the ring to cheer on their dog.

Unfortunately this has caught on over here when the group glitterati have their rent-a-crowd ringside to cheer on their dog. That is artificial applause, calculated to seduce the judge seeking security and popularity.

The aspiring judge must be aware of the strength of character needed in the competitive environment of the show ring, especially when there is bad sportsmanship and gamesmanship from some individuals – often well known for their behaviour – who try to intimidate judges.

The long, hypnotising stare practised by some exhibitors as the judge walks down the line trying to pressurise a judge is easily avoided by looking only at the dog. Any attempt by an unhappy exhibitor to be confrontational in the ring should be nipped smartly in the bud.

Bad losers

Bad losers are as they are because they have been allowed to get away with tantrums and sulks for too long. Stand firm and don't be tempted to put up their dog as an easy way out. Stand firm and ignore their looks of disbelief, raised eyebrows and shakes of the head – all theatrics to psyche out the judge and make him feel as if he doesn't know what he is doing. Be aware of their psychology and stand firm!

If advertising is calculated to influence judges to buy into a dog's success, then there is another method of influencing opinions of dogs but in a very negative way. Unfortunately there has been a growth in another agenda used by some exhibitors to damn the chances of rival dogs by criticism and malicious gossip. Sometimes this is done on chat lines and social networking sites, and I am really pleased that the Kennel club has taken a stand on this, but it is often done at shows in the presence of judges about to judge the breed and criticisms are just casually dropped in.

"How easy it is to judge rightly when one sees what evil comes from judging wrongly."

I find this insidious spiking of dogs, the spreading of rumours, the insinuating of faults and destructive criticism the most disgusting and abhorrent trend in the dog world at the moment – especially as it is a world supposedly populated by people who appreciate dogs. The agenda is to weaken a dog's chances and, unfortunately, there are some who can be brainwashed in this way against a dog.

What is even more disturbing is that people pass on rumours which are totally unfounded; they become embedded as fact and a dog is damned for something which is untrue. Sadly, there are judges who are influenced by their coterie leader's opinions, often subtly planted: "You couldn't like that head, surely?" or "You would want better movement than that, wouldn't you?"

This spiking of dogs often comes from a person who just happens to be showing a dog in the same breed or from someone who simply wants to try to have influence in a breed and seeks power over others and control a breed.

It is important that other exhibitors and judges are aware of the subtle psychology being used here and stand by their own opinions rather than those being foisted upon them. It might be reassuring to feel 'in the gang' but keeping your integrity means standing up for what you think rather than what someone has told you to think.

Ah, integrity, that much used word and that much valued quality. Can we teach it at seminars? Not at all – but we could warn future judges of the pressures that might try to undermine it. I feel strongly that we should do more to prepare our judges and harden them up for some of the scenarios I have outlined.

Judge the dogs

I believe we have many excellent specialist judges who, in the true tradition of breeders and stockmen, ignore all the pressures and all agendas and go in and judge the dogs. It is a pleasure to watch.

I was heartened to watch one such judge tackle her breed recently where she had a highly competitive open class with all the top dogs in the breed present. After the BOB judging her travelling companion and fellow exhibitor in the breed went up to her and said: "You poor thing – that open class must have been a nightmare for you." the response was instantaneous: "no, quite easy really – I just judged the dogs." Take heart!

An awareness of agendas and pressures is important in preparing to be a judge when there should be only one agenda – to judge the dogs on the day based on an interpretation of the breed standard and shedding all the other agendas such as reputation, ownership, friendship, favours, others' opinions... and so on. Shed the psychological baggage and JUDGE THE DOGS!

To wrap it up in a nutshell, take this moral from Elisabeth Gaskell, 19th century author and a keen observer of human nature: "How easy it is to judge rightly when one sees what evil comes from judging wrongly."

Frank Kane

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We started the day with Meg giving us a talk on her experiences as a judge, and what to do and NOT to do! A lovely folder with excellent information and projector visions on judging was given out to everyone who attended. This was very interesting as Meg has judged all over the country, Worldwide.

We stopped for a lovely lunch, before Debbie giving a demonstration on all the points of a dog, and a chance for all to ask questions.

Whilst Debbie was carrying out individual test on our examinees, Meg had 4 different breeds of dogs and made a ring for the remaining people to act as judges and go over them all individually and select their placings in order, but not to tell and write them down to compare at the end. Unknown to our examinees there was a champion, amongst them. Meg also did her placings without telling until the end. This was very interesting and a couple all agreed with Meg.

To celebrate we all had a drink with a lovely homemade cake. A good day was enjoyed by all that attended.

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Canine Degenerative Myelopathy

A dog with Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) often stands with its legs close together and may not correct an unusual foot position due to a lack of conscious proprioception.

Canine degenerative myelopathy, also known as chronic degenerative radiculomyelopathy, is an incurable, progressive disease of the canine spinal cord that is similar in many ways to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Onset is typically after the age of 7 years and it is seen most frequently in the German Shepherd, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, and Boxer though the disorder is strongly associated with a gene mutation in SOD1 that has been found in 43 breeds as of 2008. Progressive weakness and incoordination of the rear limbs are often the first signs seen in affected dogs, with progression over time to complete paralysis. Myelin is an insulating sheath around neurons in the spinal cord. One proposed cause of DM is that the immune system attacks this sheath, breaking it down. This results in a loss of communication between nerves in lower body of the animal and the brain.



Testing

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals has a DNA saliva test to screen for the mutated gene that has been seen in dogs with degenerative myelopathy. Now that a test is available the disease can be bred out of breeds with a high preponderance. The test is only recommended for predisposed breeds, but can be performed on DNA from any dog on samples collected through swabbing the inside of the animal's cheek with a sterile cotton swab or through venipuncture.

The test determines whether the mutated copy of SOD1 is present in the DNA sample submitted. It must be interpreted with caution by a veterinary clinician in combination with the animal's clinical signs and other lab test results.

The results reported are:

- Normal /Normal (N/N, or 'clear'): The dog does not have the mutation and is extremely unlikely to develop DM. There have been cases in which dogs that tested clear were found to have DM upon necropsy. This information was given to Dr Keller from the OFA. It is important to note the OFA statement on their website that states "Recent evidence suggest that there are other causes of DM in some breeds"
- Normal/Abnormal (N/A or 'carrier'): The dog has one mutated copy of the gene (is heterozygous) and is a carrier but will not have DM though there has now been some cases of heterozygous carriers developing DM. It will be possible for it to pass the mutation to offspring. A thorough examination of the dog's pedigree and DNA testing should be undertaken prior to breeding a dog with this result
- Abnormal / Abnormal (A/A or 'At Risk'): The dog has two copies (is homozygous) for the mutation and is at risk for degenerative myelopathy

Genetics

Breeding risks for degenerative myelopathy can be calculated using the Punnett Square:

- If both parents are clear (N/N) then all of the puppies will be clear.
- If one parent is a carrier (N/A) and one is clear (N/N) each puppy has a 50% chance of being clear and a 50% chance of being a carrier.
- If both parents are carriers (N/A) each puppy has a 25% chance of being clear (N/N), 50% chance of being a carrier (N/A), and 25% chance of being affected and carrier (A/A)
- If one parent is clear (N/N) and one parent is affected (A/A) then all puppies will be carriers (N/A)
- If one parent is a carrier (N/A) and one is at risk (A/A) each puppy has a 50% chance of being a carrier(N/A) and 50% chance of being affected and carrier (A/A)
- If both parents are at risk (A/A) then all puppies will be affected and carrier (A/A)

Symptoms

Degenerative myelopathy initially affects the back legs and causes muscle weakness and loss, and lack of coordination. These cause a staggering affect that may appear to be arthritis. The dog may drag one or both rear paws when it walks. This dragging can cause the nails of one foot to be worn down. The condition may lead to extensive paralysis of the back legs. As the disease progresses, the animal may display symptoms such as incontinence and has considerable difficulties with both balance and walking. If allowed to progress, the animal will show front limb involvement and extensive muscle atrophy and paralysis. Eventually cranial nerve or respiratory muscle involvement necessitates euthanasia or long term palliative care. Progression of the disease is generally slow but highly variable. The animal could be crippled within a few months, or may survive as long as three years or more.

Causes

The etiology of this disease is unknown. Recent research has shown that a mutation in the SOD1 gene is a risk factor for developing degenerative myelopathy in several breeds. Mutations in SOD1 are also associated with familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) in people. More than 100 SOD1 gene mutations are involved in human familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and the pathologic spinal lesions of ALS are similar to those of canine DM, making canine DM a potentially useful animal model of ALS. Known causes of spinal cord dysfunction should be excluded before accepting the diagnosis of degenerative myelopathy; disc disease (protrusions) or spinal cord tumors can cause compression of the spinal cord with similar signs to degenerative myelopathy.

Treatment

Degenerative myelopathy is an irreversible, progressive disease that cannot currently be cured. There are no treatments that have been clearly shown to stop or slow progression of DM.

Exercise

Exercise has been recommended to maintain the dog's ability to walk. Physiotherapy may prolong the length of time that the dog remains mobile and increase survival time. Canine hydrotherapy (swimming) may be more useful than walking.^[9] Use of a belly sling or hand-held harness allows the handler the ability to support the dog's hind legs for exercising or going up and down stairs. A 2-wheel dog cart, or "dog wheelchair" can allow the dog to remain active and maintain its quality of life once signs of weakness or paralysis of the hind limbs is detected.

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Dog Judge Profile:

I have owned Rottweilers for over 37 years and, with my wife Norma, we established the 'Hanbar' kennel and bred our first litter of Rottweilers in 1982. We have bred and/or owned numerous show Champions in the UK and we have also exported dogs overseas that have been very successful in countries such as Ireland, Australia, Canada, Norway, Sweden and Bahamas.



Since the introduction of the Pet Travel Scheme, Norma and I have taken full advantage of this freedom of movement in Europe both in our breeding and showing. We have successfully competed with our dogs in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. Our greatest achievement in mainland Europe was in 2014 when our male UK Ch Hanbar Matcho JW BH IPO1 won the much coveted Auslandssieger title at the ADRK Klubsieger show in Ratingen-Lintorf from an entry of 438 dogs.

I awarded CC's in Rottweilers for the first time in 1993 and have judged the breed many times since including at Crufts Dog Show in 2012. I have also judged at Breed Speciality Shows in Spain for both the Club Rottweiler de España and the Asociación Cinológica Rottweiler Club de España, the Belgische Rottweiler Klub Show in Belgium, the National Sieger Show in France for the Union Française pour le Rottweiler, the Victoria Rottweiler Club Championship Show in Australia and the Rottweiler Club (Auckland) Championship Show in New Zealand. I also award CC's in Finnish Spitz.

I am very keen on Dogsport (IPO) and I train my dogs at the East Anglia Schutzhund Club in the three disciplines of tracking, obedience and protection. I had the honour of being the captain of the first Great Britain team to compete at the International Federation of Rottweiler Friends (IFR) World IPO Championship in Rottweil in 2012 and also in Finland in 2016.

I also undertake a great deal of work for the breed away from the show ring and working field. I am currently the Secretary of the British Rottweiler Association and I am also the Treasurer of the British Rottweiler Sports Dog Club which is a member of the IFR. I am actively involved in the organisation of the BRSDC's annual Klubsieger Event, its National IPO Championship and promoting Breeding Suitability Tests and Breed Surveys. I am currently the British Delegate to the IFR.

I would like to thank the South Western Rottweiler Association for inviting me to judge at its 2017 Championship Show. It is always an honour to judge at a Breed Club show and I look forward to the appointment very much.

Chris Window - Hanbar

Bitch Judge Profile:

I bought my first Rottweiler in 1989 and the breed has been part of my life ever since. In 1995 I purchased a Dortmund bitch and a Cuidado bitch, and was introduced to the dog world in all its many forms - whether it was training at Barbara Butlers or attending dog shows and seminars. Eventually, I joining the Midland Rottweiler Club Committee: my interest had been captured and I wanted to learn all I could about the breed.



I obtained my affix, Teigan, in 1996, and began judging Rottweilers in 2004. I was passed by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in 2016. Having only kept a small number of dogs at home, I have been fortunate to have bred and/or owned several Stud Book Numbers and co-owned a bitch with Wendy Tate who gained her Champion title in 2014. I am also looking forward to getting back in the ring with my young bitch.

My passion for the Rottweiler over the past 28 years has never diminished and I strongly believe that you never stop learning. I am therefore delighted to have been asked by the SWRA Committee to judge Rottweiler bitches at their Championship Show in October 2017.

Lorraine Sylvester - Teigan**Attention!**

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- Details of JLPP and other important health issues
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- And much, much more!



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