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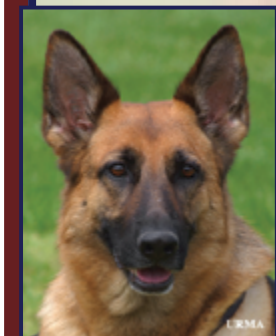
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May/June - March 20 - Youth Issue

July/August - May 20 - WDC issue

September/October - July 20 - Universal Sieger Show issue

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President's Message

This was to be the issue about the Working Dog Championships and a start to the trial season. Unfortunately, we have all been dealing with various levels of COVID-19, Federal, State, and Local restrictions and this has not allowed many of us to train and trial. There is a light at the end of the tunnel!

Many of us are looking forward to stepping on the trial field with our beloved dogs. As the country continues to reopen and as USCA events resume across the country, people need to feel safe while enjoying their dog activities. I urge all clubs to take appropriate precautions for the benefit of their participants and spectators. Please prioritize and emphasize safety of over efficiency.

USCA has published a list of suggested best practices that may be helpful when planning or attending an event. Event locations,

facilities and dates will differ. With a situation that is continually evolving, it is up to the clubs to determine the guidelines that best fit their event.

Please know that the Executive Board and our committees are working on questions and concerns that some of you have expressed. Expiring breed surveys/due dates, USCA Nationals qualifications, helper/tracklayer classifications and other concerns and questions will all be answered and communicated in real time.

To many of our members who were and are still engaged in the fight against COVID-19 – supporting research, critical infrastructure, first responders, doctors, nurses, grocery store clerks, restaurant workers, truck drivers, sanitation workers, and many others: we are so very grateful for your work and will continue to be in your debt!

Thank you for your membership and continued support of our great organization.

See you out on the field!

Vadim Plotzker,
USCA President



National Breed Warden's Message

The start of 2020 has been very interesting and challenging for our clubs and members due to the COVID-19 situation. World, National, and Local events have been cancelled in many countries, some postponed, we have never seen anything like this before.

We are now into summer with USCA events expected to start again after July 15, with several months lost for training for both working trials and shows due to state and local restrictions. Everyone will be happy when life and dog training is back to normal again.

The aftermath of this is that there have been no conformation events for members and breeders to attain their lifetime breed surveys on their dogs that are due in 2020. On my behalf, Vadim has been working with the SV to allow all dogs due for lifetime breed survey in 2020 to obtain a one year breed survey extension. USCA will also allow our USCA only breed surveys to have a one year extension since there have been no events for anyone to make any lifetime breed surveys.

Even when events do start up again, the reality is, SV Judges are not permitted to travel here by our government or theirs yet and we do not know when that will be allowed again. So please rest assured you will be granted an extension so you will not have to deal with a lapsed breed survey. As soon as we have full details from the SV, I will make a breed survey addendum for 2020 lifetimes for BAC approval and we will make an announcement of the details.

Best wishes to everyone for a healthy remainder of 2020 and hopefully events and training gets back to normal soon!

Heidi Theis

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On the occasion of last year's WUSV General Annual Assembly in September 2019 in addition to the WUSV Breeding Program a uniform procedure for the ranking EXCELLENT SELECTION V-A for the national winner shows of the WUSV memberclubs was approved of as follows:

From January 01, 2020 on, the following minimum requirements need to be met to obtain the ranking of EXCELLENT SELECTION V-A

- DNA* (registered or verified)
- HD and ED: normal, almost normal or still admitted = fit for breeding
- IPO 1 or IGP 1 or Sch H 1 or SV recognized examinations – for existing VA a transitional period until 2020 applies*
- First Breed Survey examination with TSB pronounced
- TSB pronounced, drops and releases on the occasion on the qualification trial
- parents with breed survey and examination verified (also for the grandparent-generation)

**according to its own country regulations*

In case that the minimum requirements as listed above are not met the officiating judge cannot grant the title V-A.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration.

With kind regards,

Your WUSV Secretariat General

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Corona Pandemic & Event Scheduling

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The situation in terms of the Corona pandemic is still very tense, and for all we know at this point we will be facing the necessity for prolonged measures that aim at the slow-down and containment of the Corona virus at a nationwide level.

And even though the events and competitions as scheduled by the SV as the main club seem to be rather far away on our current time-frame we cannot deny the fact that all preparations for the participation in these main events are currently already in full swing.

During the past couple of weeks many of our members enquired about the main events and competitions. Many people have become insecure and worry that short-term cancellations might affect them economically. This applies first and foremost for the competitors who are in charge of the planning and organization of the participation at the respective events.

Therefore, the SV Board of Directors is currently experiencing a situation that requires the hardest decision-making process they have ever seen in their career at the SV – in particular since the decisions they now have to work on are not only and exclusively based on reliable facts and findings.

But on the other hand, it is the responsibility of the SV Board of Directors to avoid and ward off any possible damages – either health-related or of economic nature – from the organizers of events, the participants and club members. This is of crucial importance against the background that many people are now facing an insecure future after the crisis coupled with worries about their personal health, their work places and financial situation, and thus it is even more important to provide the people with a clear perspective in terms of the short-term future planning.

For the reasons as outlined above, the Board of Directors discussed the issues pending with the respective expert committees which resulted in the following decisions we wish to inform you about.

- SV National Winner Show & International Championship for Rescue Dogs – SV-Bundessiegerprüfung für Rettungshunde & Internationales Championat – with venue in in Bamenohl (National Group of Westphalia) – scheduled for August 06th to August 09th, 2020
Cancellation of the event and postponement from November 05th to November 08th, 2020 – the venue remains the same.
- SV National Winner Show for Shepherding – SV-Bundesleistungshüten – with venue in Eimke (National Group of Lower Saxony) – scheduled from August 28 th to August 30th, 2020
Cancellation of the event and postponement to 2021 – the venue remains the same and the date subject to confirmation.
- SV Championship Rally Obedience with venue in Merseburg (National Group of Saxony-Anhalt) – scheduled from August 29th, to August 30th, 2020
Cancellation of the event and postponement to 2021 – the venue remains the same and the date subject to confirmation.

- SV Conformation Show BSZ – SV-Bundessiegerzuchtschau – with venue in Nürnberg (National Group of Bavaria North) – scheduled from September 03rd, to September 06th, 2020
Cancellation of the event and the WUSV Annual General Meeting for the year 2020.
- SV National Winner Show IGP & Agility – SV-Bundessiegerprüfung IGP & Agility – with venue in Meppen (National Group Waterkant) – scheduled for September 18th, to September 20th, 2020
Re-evaluation of the current situation – the final decision shall be taken by the end of May 2020.
- SV Championship Agility and National League Final – SV-Meisterschaft Agility und Bundesliga-Finale – with venue still to be defined – scheduled from September 26th, to September 27th, 2020
Cancellation of the SV Championship Agility and National League Final as a result of the cancellation of the VDH-DM Agility dated April 20, 2020
- SV National Tracking Dogs Examination – SV-Bundesführtenhundprüfung – with venue in Paderborn (National Group of East Westphalia-Lippe) – scheduled from October 23rd, to October 25th, 2020
Re-evaluation of the current situation – the final decision shall be taken by the end of May 2020.
- SV Championship Obedience and SV National Winner Show Obedience SV-Meisterschaft Obedience und SV-Bundessiegerprüfung Obedience – with venue in Hausen-Obertshausen – scheduled from October 24th, to October 25th, 2020
Re-evaluation of the current situation – the final decision shall be taken by the end of May 2020.

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter. We will immediately inform you by the end of May with regard to the issues still pending.

Hartmut Setecki

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Cancellation WUSV General Annual Assembly 2020 - Absage WUSV-Vollversammlung 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 28th, 2020 we informed you about the cancellation of events and competitions as hosted by the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. this year. Very much to our regret, also the BSZ Conformation Show in Nuremberg 2020 was affected by this decision. In order to be on the safe side and to avoid misunderstandings it goes without saying that the WUSV General Annual Assembly following the BSZ Show which was scheduled for September 07, 2020 was cancelled, too, for the same reasons.

Please inform all parties affected accordingly. We are looking forward to welcome your delegates next year again and send our best wishes,

Hartmut Setecki

Friday, May 08, 2020

Absage WUSV-Weltmeisterschaft - Cancellation WUSV World Championship 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with enormous regret that we need to inform you about the cancellation of this year's WUSV World Championship in Győr/ Hungary as a result of the Corona Pandemic. Given the insecurity of the circumstances that do not allow any of us to reliably arrange for any kind of travel planning – leave alone accommodation – and since nobody knows by this time whether travelling abroad will be an option at all in 2020, it was the best decision the Magyarorszagi Nemet Juhaszkutya Klub management could have possibly taken. After all, the health and safety of the participants and guests do enjoy absolute priority.

However, we also need to look into the future and there will for sure be a life in dog sports after the pandemic and Hungary volunteered to host the event in 2023 which gives us all something to look forward to. Please kindly inform your members and all other relevant parties accordingly. Thank you very much for your attention and if in doubt please contact us at any time.

With best wishes,

Hartmut Setecki

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- Judges Committee (x1 USCA Judge)

ALL NOTIFICATIONS OF INTEREST MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Message from the Nominating Committee

We are finalizing candidates for submission to the membership at the 2020 General Board Meeting. Selection will be based on the process and protocols which have been established by the Nominating Committee.

Notifications of interest for positions below must be received no later than September 1, 2020. Resumes of members who expressed an interest in being considered and submitted prior to our Magazine deadline of **July 9** will be published. Some candidates may not have submitted a resume but will still be considered as this is not a requirement.

Given that these vacancies will have been extensively advertised in several issues of the Magazine, we are hopeful that members will use the conduit of the Nominating Committee to fill any open positions and not circumvent it by having their names nominated from the floor.

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My proudest personal training achievement in the sport was training my dog Eik vom Haus Larwin to SchH3/IPO3 HOT. Eik was sent to me by a friend in the Netherlands where he was being trained as a counter terrorism K9.

Eik was a low medium drive dog in obedience, always a good tracker, and a lot of heart in protection work. Despite many doubts, we were able to raise Eik's drive in obedience, change his mind about IPO protection, and achieve SchH3/IPO3 numerous times. We competed in New England Regional Championships 2X and got to have fun at the USCA Nationals in Kansas City before Eik retired.

In the past 9 years I have titled three dogs from BH all the way to IPO3/IGP3 FH AD

1. Eik vom Haus Larwin (RETIRED) BH, SchH3/IPO3 HOT Competed in the New England Regional Championship twice and once in the USCA National Championship in Kansas City.
2. Natan Milvel BH, AD, IPO3, FH HOT
 - 2014, 2015 New England Regional Championship
 - 2014, 2015 USCA National Championship
 - 2015, 2016 AWDF
 - 2015 Working Dog Championship
3. Woody v.h. Zuidpark BH, AD, IGP3, FH
 - 2017 New England Regional Championship
 - 2018, 2019 WUSV Qualification Trial
 - 2018, 2019 WDC
 - 2018, 2019 USCA National Championship
 - 2019 WUSV

Mark Scarberry
Candidate for President

As the Vice President of this organization I am aware of the fact that we can achieve nothing if we do not work as a team. Our membership and our committees are essential for the progress and development of this organization.

Prior to my retirement I was employed as Business Manager and Job Apprenticeship coordinator. Responsibilities included; negotiating collective building agreements, developing financial policies and investments, representing members for grievance and arbitrations, and managing a budget of \$550,000.00. This experience provided me with expertise as a skilled negotiator and supervision strategies.

For 38 years I have been a loyal USCA member, serving 20 years as Regional Director, 8 years as Assistant Regional Director, teaching helper, created national tracking manual in 2013 and served on USCA Helper Committee at its first inception 1995.

In 1979 I first became involved with Schutzhund and in 1983 became Training Director of OG Buckeye. Our club has achieved 95 HOT SchH3 Club members.

Personal experience:

- Titled 15 dogs SchH3, 6 dogs FH
- USCA Master Gold Sport Medal, SV Master Gold with Diamonds, WUSV Class I Medal
- 2017 2nd place WDC FH Championship
- 2016 WUSV Universal Sieger Team, Paderborn
- 2001 FCI FH Team, Finland
- 1987 & 1988 – helper USCA Team Qualification Trials
- Since 1985 competed with 10 different dogs in National Championships
- 1983 – back half helper USCA Nationals, Peoria

I am fortunate to be completely aware of USCA's institutional history. Some of our leaders who are setting policies are not aware of institutional history. I believe that all of our actions must be directed at what is best for the GSD, the membership, and the sport. We have a process in place for every member to have a voice in making change. Our General Board is represented by each Club within the organization, you have the power to make changes and to support or not support the decisions made by the of the Executive Board. Not allowing USCA to govern itself through its member approved policies, rules and regulations is wrong. What is best for USCA comes from our membership, and our leadership working for the membership as a team.

I am motivated with a strong work ethic and exceptional knowledge and experience managing projects and team building skills. If I am elected as your new president, I promise that the leadership will be held accountable, I will make change. Having the president being accessible to membership will go a long way in achieving our membership/organizational goals.

JIM ALLOWAY

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I am seeking my 2nd consecutive term as treasurer. I have been involved with the sport for over 20 years and it has been, and continues to be, a great passion of mine. I became president in 2012 and treasurer in 2018. I feel that with the help of a large number of people, we've accomplished a great deal over the past eight years. I hope to continue that work over the next two years and ultimately help prepare the next treasurer. I appreciate and thank you all for your support.

USCA EXPERIENCE

- Member of United Schutzhund Clubs of America since 1998
- Helper since 1992
- President of Mid-Ohio Schutzhund since 1999
- Coached 15 dog/handler teams to National level competition
- Our club has hosted 3 National events, 1 Qualification Trial, and 1 Regional event
- 2012 USA WUSV Team Captain
- 2013 USA WUSV Team Captain
- 2015 WUSV Participant with Neo vom Grenzlager
- 2016 WUSV Participant with Neo vom Grenzlager
- 2009-2011 Mideastern Regional Training Director
- 2008-2010 USCA Board of Inquiry
- 2010-2012 USCA Director at Large
- 2012-2018 USCA President
- 2018 - Present USCA Treasurer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Union County Humane Society , – Marysville, Ohio <i>Executive Director</i>	8/15 – present
Lucky Dog Day Camp, LLC – Powell, OH <i>Owner</i>	9/10 – 9/15
Ross Builders and Design, LLC – Columbus, OH <i>President</i>	9/07 – 9/10
Automotive Distributors Warehouse - Columbus, OH <i>Operations Manager – (8/05 – 9/07)</i>	7/03 – 9/07

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (JD) • The Ohio State University • Columbus, OH
Bachelor of Arts in Economics (BA) • Vanderbilt University • Nashville, TN

Candidate Resumes - Candidate for Secretary

Please accept this letter as my request to be considered for reelection as USCA Secretary.

I have been a member of USCA since 2009 when I joined our local club, Way Out West Schutzhund Club (WOW). I have been an active member of WOW since I first joined and have been the President since 2011. I enjoy my role as President and feel WOW has benefitted from my organizational skills as well as my ease with which I can handle difficult situations or people. I have also held the position of Regional Secretary (2013-2015), currently I am the Assistant Regional Director of the Northwestern Region and the USCA Secretary (2016-present) and the Chair of the USCA Event Planning Committee (2017-present).

Growing up, my dad was a Deputy Sheriff for over 25 years. He was, and still is a great influence on my life. During his tenure, he had a couple German Shepherd's and was assigned to the Sheriff's Department K9 Unit. I have fond memories of going to police dog trainings and helping him at home with the dogs.



When it finally became time for me to get my own dog, of course, I wanted a German Shepherd. So, in 2008 I reached out to a local breeder and purchased my first GSD, Uzi vom Roten Wald. The breeder recommended that I attend Joel Monroe's basic obedience classes. Prior to attending the classes, I didn't know anything about the sport of Schutzhund. During the course of the classes the trainer suggested I bring Uzi out for Schutzhund training. I was hooked. Uzi and I had our ups and downs but we both enjoyed the sport. I titled Uzi for his BH and we attempted for our IPO1 and our TR1. Unfortunately I lost Uzi unexpectedly in July of 2017 to Bloat. This whole process has been a huge learning experience for me and I have enjoyed the up and downs of the sport. I currently have a 2 ½ year old that I am co-owning, Xtera Von Der Tetiaroa. I am enjoying working with her and trying not to make the same mistakes I made with Uzi, but I am sure there will be new ones. We earned our BH in February 2020.

I have been a Public Safety Dispatcher for over 25 years and was promoted to Unit Supervisor in December 2018. I supervise 16 full time employees. I served as Assistant Team Leader of our Crisis Negotiations Team for 13years. I feel this is where I learned the most in the area of dealing with difficult people and situations. I am currently the Team Leader for my department's Peer Support team. My years of experience in Law Enforcement have taught me patience, time management, organization skills and to be an effective leader. I have also coordinated and volunteered at several local charity events, such as Special Olympics' Polar Plunge, DARE Guns and Hoses Basketball Game, Tip-A-cop and many more. These skills gave me the tools I needed to spear-head the WOW team in hosting 2012 USCA Northwest Regionals, the 2013 USCA GSD IPO3 Nationals and the 2015 NW Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey and the 2016 USCA GSD IPO3 Nationals. I have also assisted other clubs in my region with trial secretary duties for regional championships. I was also asked to be the Trial Secretary for the 2017 Working Dog Championships, the 2017 USCA GSD National Championship, 2018 Working Dog Championships, 2018 NW Regionals, 2019 Working Dog Championships and 2019 USCA GSD National Championship.

Severing as the USCA Secretary for the last four years has been a lot of work but rewarding. I enjoy helping the organization grow and helping members with any questions they have. I believe my years of experience and organization skills have been a great benefit to USCA and I look forward to serving as the USCA Secretary for the next two years.

Michele Clubb

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Age: 52 yrs
Married: Lynn A. Vander Linde since 1992
Children: Addison (daughter) 24 yrs old, Ryan (daughter) 21 yrs old and Griffin (son) 15 yrs old

OBJECTIVE

To continue to serve the membership of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America as a Director at Large providing leadership, vision and critical thinking/decision making ensuring the United Schutzhund Clubs of America remains the steward for the German Shepherd Dog and the premier IPG organization in the United States of America.

CANINE EXPERIENCE

United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USCA)	1994 – Present
Director at Large	2010 – Present
Helper Program Director/Committee Chair	2009 – 2015
Helper Committee Member	2004 – 2015, 2018 - Present
Helper	
• Teaching Helper	2004 - Present
• Trial Helper (Trial Helper Record Book Number 276)	199 - Present
• Training Helper	1994 - Present
USCA Club Membership	
• Co-founder/President/Training Director Coal Mountain SchH Assoc., Cumming, GA	2005 – Present
• President (2000-2005) - Chattahoochee SchH Assoc., Winston, GA	1997– 2005
• Member German Shepherd Dog Working Alliance, Alpharetta, GA	1994 – 1996
German Shepherd Dogs Titled and USCA Sport Medal Award	1994 -Present
• Grosser Kola von der Linde, SchH 3, HOT (deceased)	
• SG Dyk Hedaland, SchH 3, Kkl 2a (deceased)	
• SG Eik von der Geissheide, SchH 3, IPO 3, FH 1, Kkl 1a, HOT (deceased)	
• SG Amos van't Enclavehof, SchH 2, Kkl 1a, HOT (deceased)	
• Huey van de Biezenhoeve, SchH3, IPO 3, FH2, HOT (retired)	
• Duco van Adelrik, IPO 3, FH1, HOT (current competition dog)	
• USCA Gold Sports Medal Recipient	
Co-Owner Canine Relations, Inc.	1999 - Present
• Canine behavior modification company providing in-home private lessons and board-training programs for all canine breeds.	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

CommScope, Inc. (formerly ARRIS International plc)	Suwanee, GA	2001 – Present
Positions Held in Reverse Chronological Order: Senior Director – Software Quality Assurance (SQA) Team, Director – SQA Team, Senior Manager – SQA Team, Manager – SQA Team, Team Leader – Technical Support Team		
• Senior Director of a team of 145 SQA and Software Engineers located across the globe for the CommScope Home Networks Cable Broadband Business Unit, including Revenue, Margin, Capex and Opex responsibilities.		
Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	Kennesaw, GA	1992 – 2000
Positions Held in Reverse Chronological Order: Senior Project Engineer, Project Engineer, Assistant Project Engineer, Senior Staff Engineer, and Staff Engineer		
• Design team leader/project manager for solid and hazardous waste disposal facility design throughout the world.		
Master of Engineering, Civil Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering Specialty – University of Florida, 1992		
Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, with Honor – Florida Institute of Technology, 1990		
Georgia Professional Engineer 22185		

Candidate Resumes - Candidate for Board of Inquiry

I am interested in again running for the USCA Board of Inquiry. I am currently an alternate on the BOI and a member of the auditing committee. I am also willing to run for the auditing committee.

Member USCA since Jan 1992
USCA auditing committee for 4 terms
Member USCA Board of Inquiry 1 term
Mid-east regional breed warden: 2015-2017 (didn't run again)
President and training director SMSPC: 2007-2014 (resigned)
Member O.G. Indianapolis Schutzhund und Polizei: current
Track layer, tracking coordinator, trial secretary for many club trials

I got my first GSD in 1985. Have titled 3 dogs in AKC obedience and 7 GSD in SchH/IPO, all HOT, including 2 AWD1 and an FH1/FH2 along with many AD and 3 breed surveys. 3 time member of the USCA SchH3/IPO3 club, working on my 4th. Gold sports medal recipient. I am a breeder under Zu Treuen Händen and currently working my 5th generation of Bred by/HOT dogs.

I have been self-employed the majority of my life. Ran a very successful natural beef operation from 1988 until 2005. Instructor in dog training from 2005 until present with a few off and on years previously. CGC evaluator.

Currently also work for the Monroe County Community School Corporation.

References:

Mike Diehl

Carolyn Daniel

I believe that I can be a very good and impartial asset to the USCA board of inquiry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Clark

Bloomington, IN

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ATTENTION:

To All Regional, National and Teaching Classified Helpers Interested in Performing the Helperwork in USCA's Sieger Show, Working Dog Championship, German Shepherd Dog National IPO-3 Championship, and/or Qualification Trial for the Selection of the USA (USCA-GSDCA) WUSV Championship Team

All Helpers that: (i) are a current Member of USCA in good standing for a period of more than one (1) year; (ii) have attained Regional, National or Teaching Helper Level Classification; and (iii) have not received an Unsatisfactory Rating from a Judge, are eligible for pre-selection for a National Event. Interested Helpers who meet these requirements should send the following, at least three (3) months prior to the Event, to the Helper Program Director/Helper Committee Chairman, for review by the Helper Committee.

- An email stating his/her desire and availability to be considered for pre-selection to perform the helperwork at one or more of the following: USCA's Sieger Show, Working Dog Championship, German Shepherd Dog National IPO-3 Championship, Qualification Trial for the Selection of the USA (USCAGSDCA) WUSV Championship Team.
- An electronic copy of the Helper's USCA membership card with expiration date. This will be used to verify that the Helper's USCA membership will be current during the Event he/she desires to be considered for. The Helper Program Director/Committee Chair will contact the USCA office via email to verify that the Helper is in good standing with USCA.
- An electronic copy of all pages of the Helper's USCA Trial Helper Record Book. This will be used to verify that the Helper's Classification Level of Regional, National or Teaching Helper will be current during the Event he/she desires to be considered for and that the Helper has not received an Unsatisfactory Rating from a Judge.
- A video link (e.g., youtube, etc.) of the Helper performing the helperwork for the entire IPO-3 protection routine. This, in conjunction with the results of the review of the Helper's Trial Helper Record Book, will be used to assess the Helper's ability to perform the helperwork in the National event.

After a review of the above submitted information is complete, the Helper Committee will recommend a slate of Helpers for the Event to the Executive Board for approval. Upon approval by the Executive Board, the Helper Committee will contact and confirm the Pre-Selected Helpers for the Event. The aforementioned meets the requirements of the USCA Helper Program.

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By John Howard, Co-Owner, Kinetic® Performance Dog Food

While our dogs cannot speak to us, they tell us a lot through visual cues on energy levels, drive, body condition, stool quality and other behavioral indicators. Much of what we do in evaluating a nutrition program and how well it fits certain dogs is looking at these signs. When we cannot do it in person, we draw on handler interviews and photos they provide to assist us in the process.

As a bit of change to our normal articles, we thought it might be helpful to cover some of the visual cues we evaluate with handlers across the country. As part of our process, we request a lot of before and after pictures to illustrate the changes. They are not always the best quality photos, as you are about to see, but they are good enough to tell a story. All the photos shown are active, working K9s that have transitioned to our feeding program due to significant feeding challenges.

Skin Condition

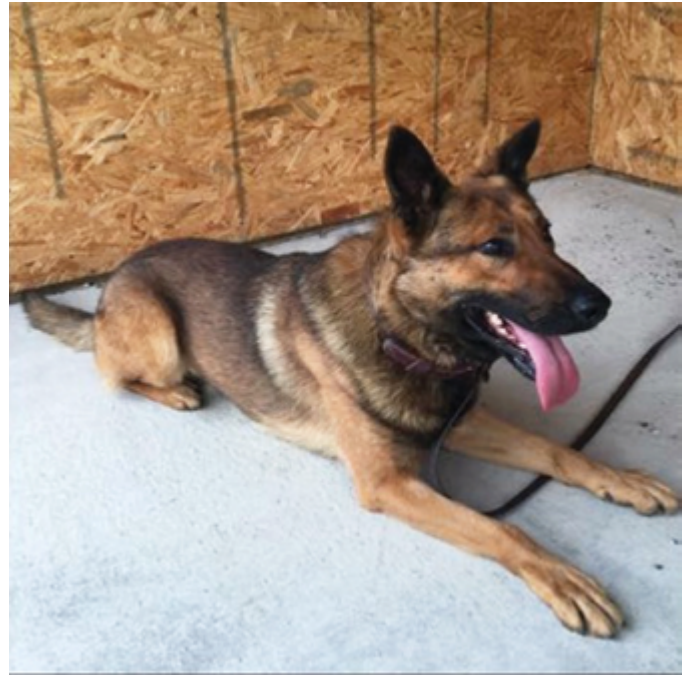
You can see in the “Before” photo that there is somewhat of a dry look to the coat and there is significant flaking taking place. Healthy skin should be supple and slightly oily with only minimal, if any, dander present on the coat.



In the “After” photo, the coat color is now more of a rich, glossy liver color and no flaking is visible. The time between these photos was about 45 days, or roughly one bag of dog food, later.

Coat Quality

The condition of the hair coat is another obvious sign of health in a dog. Dry or brittle hair, excessive shedding and uneven hair length are warning signs to watch. In the “Before” photo, this dog appears to have a shaggy look and tufts of hair near the haunches that look ready to come off in clumps.



In the “After” photo, the dog has a smooth, glossy and uniform coat. The color has even transformed to the point where you wonder if it might be a trick of lighting or a different dog. We see this quite often, particularly in German Shepherd [Dogs], and have more detail in our next example.

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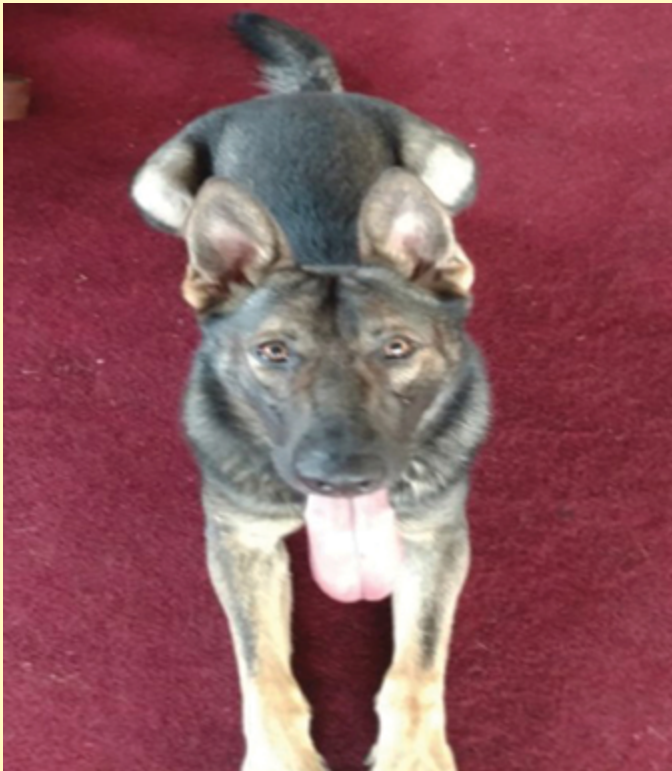
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Coat Color

This dog is another great illustration of the significant impact of diet on coat health. In the “Before” photo the dog looks somewhat washed out. The coat was very dry and there was significant variation in color throughout the coat. The dog was also having great difficulty maintaining weight and stamina.



As with most of these examples, the lag between these photos is approximately after feeding one bag of food. Again, you can see significant color changes in the coat of the dog. The coat has become darker and more uniform and has taken on a glossy sheen. They were also able to reduce feeding volume by roughly 40% with improved weight maintenance and stamina.

Weight Maintenance

This Border Patrol dog has been a poster child for us for a couple years on the benefits of a bio-available diet. The “Before” photo has the dog showing more rib than the handler wanted, and he was feeding 8 cups of food per day to reach that level. The dog remained lean and with insufficient muscle development.



The “After” photo was taken exactly one month after switching to Kinetic and with the feeding amount reduced to 4 ½ cups per day. The ribs are no longer prominent, but the rippling muscles are now readily visible.

Eyes and Ears



With this Dutch Shepherd, you can see discharge below the eyes and washed out coloration on the face and ears. The coat wash was visible all over the dog and significant itching issues were also present.

The “After” photo shows brighter, clearer eyes and darker, more vivid color on the face and ears. The handler also reported significantly reduced scratching and greatly improved stamina for this beautiful dog.



Posture & Attitude

This is the same dog we used in the skin example earlier and one of the most dramatic transformations we have ever seen after a short time on our food. The “Before” photo shows a dog in distress that is neither comfortable nor confident in his bearing. The body is hunched and the tail is tucked.



In the “After” photo you see a dog that no longer appears distressed. He is leaning forward with good posture and the tail is straight and relaxed. As in the earlier photo, you can also see hair that has transformed in color and no longer has flaking skin throughout the coat.

Bringing It All Together

One thing we did not cover here is stool quality. While we have a bunch of photos of dog stools, we do not want to publish them for dog people who know a good stool from a poor one. Beyond that, these visual signs paint a fairly comprehensive picture of what a healthy canine should look like. If your dogs look good across these areas, you probably have a pretty solid nutrition, feeding and management program. If not, feel free to reach out to us and we will be happy to consult with you on potential improvements.

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Is Cookout Food Hazardous to Dogs?

By Harriet Meyers | May 21, 2020 | AKC.org

Key Points

- Grilled steak bones, ribs, and chicken bones cause choking and throat damage to dogs.
- Garlic and onions in any form are toxic for canine consumption.
- Licking the fatty leftovers around the grill can result in pancreatitis.



With warmer weather comes the chance to fire up the grill and enjoy a cookout. Dog owners may be tempted to let their dog have a taste of the delicious grilled foods. However, many cookout foods are not safe for dogs to eat. Here are a few tips on foods to watch out for:

Bones

What's better than a nice juicy grilled steak or barbecued ribs or chicken wings? But sharing these with your dog is a dangerous idea. Dr. Jerry Klein, AKC chief veterinary officer, warns that you should never give your dog cooked bones of any kind. They splinter into shards that can cause choking and serious damage to the dog's mouth, throat, or intestines.

Raw Meat

Raw steak or hamburger patties can contain bacteria, such as salmonella and E. coli that can be harmful to dogs, as well as people. Keep a careful eye on the meat as you prepare the grill because the aroma will definitely get your dog's attention, and he may try to sneak a tasty morsel.

Hot Dogs

Hot dogs often contain ingredients that are not good

for dogs, such as sodium nitrate, which has been linked to cancer; monosodium glutamate (MSG); and sugars or artificial sweeteners. Hot dogs also contain seasonings, such as garlic and onion powder, that are toxic to dogs. The biggest problem with hot dogs is salt. Feeding your dog even one-half of a hot dog would probably put him way over his daily sodium limit, and too much sodium can lead to dehydration and high blood pressure. Another issue with hot dogs is that they are a choking hazard.

Toppings

Garlic and onions can cause stomach upset in dogs, and sometimes have even more serious side effects. Raw or cooked, fried or powdered, onions, and the rest of the allium family (garlic, shallots, leeks, and chives) are all harmful to dogs. Onions contain a toxic compound that causes a breakdown of red blood cells, leading to anemia in dogs.

Ketchup, while not toxic for dogs, is best left off of the foods you share with your canine pal. In addition to tomatoes, commercial ketchup typically contains garlic and onions, cinnamon, sugar and salt, preservatives and chemicals – and many of these ingredients can have detrimental effects on dogs. Mustard can upset a dog's stomach and cause vomiting.

Corn on the Cob

Corn on the cob is a summertime staple, and although a small amount of corn won't hurt, you should not share your corn on the cob with your dog. There is a risk that he will choke on it, and if he ingests the cob, it can cause a serious intestinal blockage. So, unfortunately, it's not a food you should allow your dog to gnaw on.



Salty Snacks

Potato chips, pretzels, peanuts, and popcorn – all make nice portable snacks when you eat outside. But too much salt can lead to sodium ion poisoning in dogs, causing vomiting, diarrhea, tremors, fever, and seizures – and can even be fatal.

Watermelon

Watermelon is safe for dogs in moderation with these precautions: Seeds could cause an intestinal blockage, so make sure you remove them. It's also not a good idea to allow a dog to chew on the rind, because it can cause gastrointestinal upset.

Chocolate

Whether it's eaten in ice cream, cake, or straight on, chocolate is dangerous for dogs, and depending on the type and amount of chocolate consumed and the weight of your dog, it could cause a serious medical emergency. So the safest path is to avoid giving your dog chocolate at all times in any form.

Ice Cream

Although it's refreshing, ice cream is a milk-based product, and dogs' bodies are not designed to digest milk after they are weaned as puppies. Since ice cream is made with milk, feeding your dog ice cream could lead to gas, bloating, constipation, diarrhea, or vomiting.

Alcohol

An ice-cold beer, a mojito, or margarita may sound refreshing, but don't let your pup dip into any alcoholic beverages. Alcohol toxicity is not very common, because dogs are not innately drawn to alcoholic beverages. However, they may be attracted to fruit-based drinks, cocktails, punches, ciders, seltzers, and foods with alcohol as a key ingredient. Another serious consideration is diet alcoholic beverages or other mixers that may contain Xylitol, an artificial sweetener, which is highly dangerous, and even fatal, if consumed by a dog.

Caffeine

Caffeine can be fatal for dogs. This includes the beans and grounds for coffee, hot tea and iced tea, sodas with cola, energy drinks, and chocolate drinks. Their high sensitivity to caffeine can cause dogs to experience

hyperactivity, increased heart rate, and cardiac arrhythmias, high blood pressure, tremors, seizures, vomiting and diarrhea, a high fever, and coma.

Leftovers

Most dogs will be attracted to the grill, especially when you cook meat. Don't let them lick up the fat that drips from the meat because it is rich in oils that can cause pancreatitis. Symptoms include: vomiting, diarrhea, intense abdominal pain, hunched back, weakness, and fever, and pancreatitis is life-threatening if untreated.

If you have a charcoal grill, be aware that although charcoal isn't poisonous, it may upset your dog's stomach if he eats it. It commonly causes vomiting, diarrhea, and loss of appetite. Large pieces could also lead to obstruction and choking.

What Should I Do If My Dog Eats Something Toxic?
If you think your pet has gotten into something potentially toxic, call your veterinarian right away. When it happens outside of office hours or any time, day or night, weekends, and holidays, you can call AKC Reunite's Pet Poison Helpline at 800-252-7894 for help.

As experts on the potential danger of the substances dogs eat, the Pet Poison Helpline is the go-to resource to assist if your pet accidentally gets into something. They will recommend the necessary steps to help treat your pet. This may sometimes include getting the dog to an emergency vet as soon as possible. (AKC Reunite subscribers have lifetime access to the poison helpline for a single additional \$15 fee.)

What Human Foods Can My Dog Safely Eat?
Although dog foods might not be appealing to us, most contain all of the nutrients dogs need to stay healthy. However, there are many fresh summer fruits and vegetables that are safe for you to share with your dog, such as blueberries, cantaloupe, cucumbers, and peas. For a look at fruits and vegetables that are and are not dog safe, you may check out www.akc.org/expert-advice/nutrition/fruits-vegetables-dogs-can-and-cant-eat/. And for a list of other types of human food your dog can safely eat, check www.akc.org/expert-advice/nutrition/human-foods-dogs-can-and-cant-eat/

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Meet Your Judges

Background Information on some of our Judges & Frequently Asked Questions or Mistakes made by Competitors

By Nathaniel Roque, USCA DOJ, Ann Marie Chaffin, USCA ADOJ, and Beth Bradley, USCA Judges Committee Member

Our USCA Judges Program (Judges College) is fortunate to have a very dedicated group of judges that have and are all in one way or another active in dog sport. Our USCA Judges are actively participating in dog sport by currently training, competing with their dogs, teaching at handler or helper seminars associated with our USCA events or in many other ways contributing to the GSD and working dog sport (IGP/RH/Shows). All of our judges have trained and titled a minimum of two dogs as Handler Owner Trained (HOT) BH-SchH / IGP3 and FH, and competed at club, regional and national events just to meet the entry requirements for the USCA Judges Program. Most of our judges have far exceeded those minimum requirements having titled and competed with six to as many as 10 or more dogs during their involvement in dog sport.

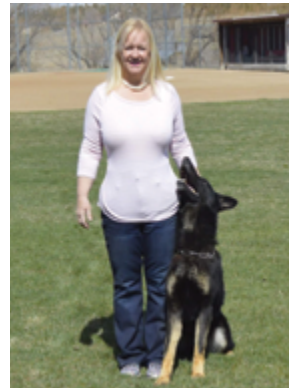
The USCA Judges Program requires a minimum of two walk along trials to get a feel for what will be expected of them as apprentices and to gauge their entry level of knowledge. This is followed by a minimum of six apprenticed trials evaluating a minimum of 65 dogs at different levels from the AD to BH through IGP1-2-3 and FH. Each trial and dog evaluated must have a written report summarizing the overall trial as well as a summary on every exercise for each dog evaluated. This report must then be submitted to the teaching judge for the event and all evaluations must be in the same category (generally within five points of the teaching judge). The teaching judge will review the apprentice report to determine that the apprentice reached his/her evaluation (rating and points) for each exercise by correctly using the guidelines of the current rules as well as correctly evaluating the overall working temperament of the dog. If the apprentice is passed by the presiding teaching judge they then proceed to the next assignment. Failure of one apprenticeship may require a restart of the program and failure of two apprenticeships is expulsion from the program, allowing for readmission at a later date as determined by the Judges Committee. On completion of the apprentice program they are issued a “Probationary

License” for a period of three-years during which time their work as a judge is reviewed by the Director of Judges, Assistant Director of Judges and the Judges Committee.

Our USCA Judges are continually updated with changes and clarifications to the rules through continuing education as well as a yearly Judges’ Meeting and mandatory testing to maintain their license. It is the goal of the USCA Judges College to provide our members, clubs and events with judges that are competent, fair, well-educated and are a resource to our members and clubs to promote the German Shepherd Dog and Working Dog Sport.

Meet some of our USCA Judges!

Bio and background information on some of our judges and frequently asked questions or mistakes made by competitors that they see:



Ann Marie Chaffin – USCA Performance Judge, SV Judge, National Level Judge and our Assistant Director of Judges. Ann Marie is and always has been very active in breeding, training and titling/competing with her dogs, having many times titled dogs to SchH/IGP 3 level. She

actively helps many USCA members in her USCA clubs to earn titles and compete at National levels. Ann Marie is involved in all levels of our USCA Trial Administration, reviewing all authorizations, trial paperwork, working on the USCA Rulebook and with our USCA Office Staff taking care of member’s questions and helping make our USCA Judges’ College education and meeting the success and “gold” standard that it is (USCA is the only working dog organization in America that has, for more than 20-years, held an annual meeting and requires continuing education and a yearly testing of our

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judges). Ann Marie was also one of the core members of the USCA team to organize and host the WUSV World Championship for USCA. She was one of the founding members/officers of the AWDF and very actively involved with the AWDF creation and its intentions to unite the different working dog breeds in the United States.



Heidi Theis - USCA Judge. Heidi is a Trial, Show, and Breed Survey Judge for USCA. She also happens to be our current USCA National Breed Warden. She is open and friendly to all competitors and treats everyone with respect. When time permits, she will happily help or answer questions

from competitors, trial/show secretaries, club members, or even spectators when she is judging for one of our clubs.

Heidi believes in promoting both working ability and correct conformation in our German Shepherd Dog breed and not the extremes. She is very active in our dog sport as she not only trains her own dogs, she is also the Training Director for her club.

Heidi titles her dogs, which are mostly females, to IPO or IGP 3 level and always breed surveys her dogs. Heidi has a busy year planned ahead when we start having trials again. She plans on FH 1 and a repeat IGP 3 on one of her females, an IGP 3 on her other female this fall, and IGP 1 & 2 and breed survey on her young male.

The most frequently seen mistake she sees is BH handlers on the long down. *“They down the dog then take the leash off and put it away, even though I discuss it in the Handler meeting and state in first critiques, people still do it wrong. The correct procedure is to remove the leash with the dog in Basic Position and then down the dog. At pick up, the dog should be in the Sit Basic Position and attach the leash.”*



Bill Szentmiklosi – USCA Performance Judge, SV Judge. In my lifetime, I have shown over 200 times, titled eight dogs and I am working on my ninth. I have titled six to SCH3 (IPO3) and FH. Two have been my patrol service dogs, which were shown, 3x in the DPO, when combined with the USA Nationals. In

addition, I have competed in four USCA Nationals (SCH/IPO). I was instrumental in revamping and writing the Teaching Judges Program which is currently being used.

I try to limit my judging to four or five trials, two to three private seminars, and one to two helper seminars annually. I am currently active in a club and training another dog. Hopefully this fall and next spring and I can start to show him. This past year has been challenging between caring for older parents that have taken ill and the current pandemic. Even the opportunity of tracking and obedience has been a rarity. The biggest challenge at time is the handlers meeting prior to each phase, with the many nervous competitors. Mistakes seem to still occur. At the local level, mistake(s) may not be pointed, or minimally, if it is nervous handling that does not influence the dog's behavior significantly.

Frequently asked questions or mistakes: During seminars/trials there have been three questions that are often addressed. In tracking: the proper setup and approach to the start with commands. *“The answer is clearly defined in the rule book: the dog should be with the Handler not in front, calm with the tracking line attached and trailing behind the dog. At the start the Handler should give a voice command to start when the dog is at the scent pad.”*

In obedience: how to make the transition from training to trial. They seem to comment that in training they are excellent, yet at the trial they seem to falter. *“The answer is that there are many factors. Generally it is due to not enough “proofing” and training in trail like situations.”*

In protection: how to determine the value of the dog. For example, what do we (Judges) look for in the dogs

activity throughout the performance. The problem they see is, if a dog is barking actively and spellbound why he may not be rated as excellent. *“The answer is that the Judge is looking at the dog’s complete working temperament, not just training but the physical and mental ability of the dog to perform.”*



Michael Caputo – USCA Judge. Up through the lockdown, Mike spent most of his non-judging time focusing on his seminar “How to maximize your points”, which was recently updated with the new IGP rules package. In addition, he has been at club training sessions with

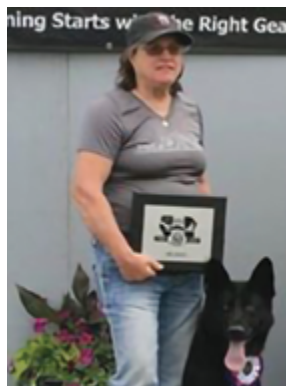
the Michiana Working Dog Association since taking a hospital consulting opportunity in Northern Indiana. His efforts also continue at preparing education materials for the Judges College continues and he is currently working on a ten-year retrospective look at obedience scores from our major national events.

“The most frequent mistake I encounter seems to come from the tracking field. Handlers still today, do not know the correct way to approach the dog at an article, show the article and provide praise for a job well done. Folks are still placing one hand on the dogs withers/shoulder while simultaneously picking up the article!” Answer: *“Do not touch your dog, except to praise, either before or after showing the article.”*

Perhaps my most frequently asked question, one that has been voiced now for some 33-years is: “Do you judge the SchH3 dogs stricter than the 1’s and 2’s?” There is also a variant to that question... “Do you judge harder at a National or Regional event than you do at a local club trial?” The answer is *“ALL levels are judged to the rules. The main difference is Handler mistakes that do not influence the dogs performance are often not faulted at club level trials, but will be mentioned in critiques. Also what many newer Handlers do not take into account is the level of distraction at a National event and the intensity of the helper work is not the same as most club trials where the dogs are more comfortable so scores reflect this.”*



Robin Ayling – USCA Judge. Recently this seems to be a “frequent” asked question: “If the start and end of a exercise is a sit why can’t I pet my dog in the group after he sits”. The answer is: *“The sit in the group is still part of the heeling exercise, the exercise has not been completed.”*



Andrea Duggan – USCA Judge. Andrea is also the Director of Judges for the German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of Canada. She is actively training and competing. Andrea has judged at the club, Regional Championship and National Championship levels.

Andrea says her most frequently asked question is “How many points do I loose for... “insert phase”. The best answer is, *“Let’s look at the rating first. There are of course mandatory points for certain things but the rating category is very impressive.”*



Craig Groh – USCA performance Judge, RH2 Judge, SV Judge. Craig is actively training and trialing. He has competed at Regional and National levels. He along with USCA Judges Karen Macintyre and Stefanie

Dunion are the only Judges to earn RH2 titles on their dogs and in turn are licensed to award RH2 titles.

Craig has served on the USCA EB many times, most recently as Vice President. Craig is active with the USA Youth Program having been one of the founders of the program and both he and former USCA Judge and National Breed Warden Johannes Grewe were the leaders behind USCA’s greatly successful hosting of the WUSV World Championship.



Don Yelle – USCA Judge. Don has judged club, Regional and National events. He is the Regional Director for the NE Region, is Co-Chairman of the USCA Helper Committee, a Teaching Helper and National Level Helper. Most notably as a National Level Helper Don has worked more

than 1,000 dogs officially in his Helper Book, many times at championship level events. Don is very active breeding, training, and competing at all levels of events as well as being the Training Director of his club.



Robert (Bob) Johantgen – USCA Judge. Bob has judged at USCA National Events in both Tracking and Obedience as well as many Regional Championships and club level trials. He is an active trainer and competitor having shown in many club, Regional and National events. He is

actively involved in his club in Arizona.



Paul Schneider – USCA Performance Judge. Paul is active in breeding, training and competing with his German Shepherd Dogs. He is the Training Director for his USCA club and has been a National level competitor.



Karen Macintyre – USCA Performance, RH2 Judge, Show Judge and USCA Breed Master. Karen has been USCA National Breed Warden. She is active in RH and SAR and has titled many dogs BH- IGP3, FH as well as RH2. She is a National level competitor and most recently the NE Regional Champion.

Karen has judged at our USCA Sieger Show and is active in both trial and show.



Stanley Craddock – USCA Performance Judge. Stanley is one of our newer judges but not new to the GSD or the sport. Stanley actively trains, competes at club, Regional and National levels.



Arthur Collins – USCA Performance Judge. Arthur is also a Teaching Helper, the SE Regional Director, a National Competitor and has been a Helper at USCA National Championship events.

Arthur is actively training and is also the Training

Director for a USCA Club.



Al Govednik – USCA Judge. Al is one of our senior USCA Judges. He has judged many championship level events in his career and also given many “tracking seminars”. Al won the USCA FH Championship and has competed in the

FCI FH World Championship.

Al was recently at the Jacksonville SchH club in December and even though it was a small trial, they were able to spend the better part of an afternoon doing some protection work with all the club dogs, even those that did not participate in the club trial. “It was fun sharing some ideas and being able to literally run around with these guys.” (see pictures below of Al working with club helpers)



Frequently asked questions - “I’m always asked about the relationship between the USCA, and the AWDF.”



Willie Pope – USCA Judge. Willie is a Teaching Helper, National Competitor, and has been a helper at the National level.

Willie is one of our senior USCA Judges, having judged many championship level

events from Regional and National to tracking at the WUSV World Championship. Willie continues to be active, training and helping as a Training Director for a USCA Club.



Frank Phillips – USCA Judge. Frank is a Teaching Helper, the former USCA

Vice President, an AWDF Board Member, and a

current USCA Helper Committee Member. Frank is a National and World Championship Competitor and FCI World Championship Vice Champion (2nd place).



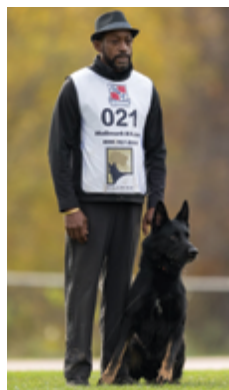
Stephanie Dunion – USCA RH Judge. For more than 15-years, Stephanie has been the USCA/SV liaison. Stephanie works for USCA to coordinate our SV Judge requests, translates and attends many world meetings for USCA as an official interpreter. Currently

she is actively involved with the RH program at an International level working directly with the IRO and the SV. Stephanie has been the English interpreter for the RH rules and has titled dogs in SchH and in RH to an RH2 Level. She frequently holds seminars on RH and is very active in her club “RH Rangers” as well as supporting many other RH clubs and competitors in the USCA.



Vadim Plotsker – USCA Performance Judge. Vadim is our current USCA President and has spearheaded the fight against the VDH and FCI to allow the release of SV Judges to all WUSV Member Clubs that are not FCI members. He is actively training and competing with his dogs,

competing at National level events and has been a World Team member.



Jacob Pope – USCA Judge. Jacob has been in the Schutzhund world for over 30-years serving as a club member, Training Director and President of Working Dog Clubs in the Central Virginia area. He utilizes many of the same leadership skills to coach dog/Handler teams in obedience, tracking, and personal and home

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protection. As a national level competitor, Jacob and his dog, Hammer von Heaterproof von Stanford, won the 2013 GSDCA – WDA FH National Championship and were members of 2015 WUSV USA World Team. He and his current dog, Heaven von Tapferen Krieger, won the 2016 South East FH Regional Championship, the 2017 GSDCA National IPO Championship, and placed 5th at the 2019 USCA Championship. Jacob is best known for always having top level FH tracking dogs.

As a judge Jacob stresses the importance of Handlers knowing the difference between losing dog points, Handler points and Team points. Dog points are going to happen because we train animals not machines. Handler points come with a greater point deduction because the dog is not given the opportunity to demonstrate its ability to perform a give exercise. And Team point deductions are usually lost on the training field long before entering a trail. Once a Handler understands where the point deductions are coming from, then it becomes their responsibility to make adjustments before showing again.



Deb Krsnich – USCA Performance Judge. Deb is one of our newer judges but not new to dog sport or USCA. Deb is currently a USCA Regional Director and is active on our EB. In her short time as a USCA Judge

she has judged at Club and Regional events, as well as tracking at our National Championship. She is actively training and competing with her dogs at Club, Regional and Championship levels.



Nikki Banfield – USCA Performance Judge. Nikki actively breeds, trains and competes with her German Shepherd Dogs at Club, Regional and National levels. As a judge she has judged all levels from Club to Regional Championships and tracking and obedience at the USCA Nationals.



Richard Shook – Having completed the program, Richard is our newest probationary Conformation/Show Judge and was issued his probationary license in May 2020.

Richard resides in Claremont, NC with his wife, Maggie, and daughter, Annabelle. He has been involved in the Schutzhund sport since 1991 and a member of USCA since 1997. He has titled numerous dogs to SchH3/IPO3, Breed Survey, and competed at the USCA National Championship five times with four different dogs. He competed at the 1995 FCI World Championships with his dog, Caine Manor Jacob. He has been a Teaching Helper for USCA since 2015 and has done helper work in numerous Regional IGP Championships and at the 1995 USCA Sieger Show.

Richard is the President and Training Director of Piedmont Schutzhund Club and the Regional Director of the Southeast Region. He has been the Show Chair for Southeast Regional Conformation Show five times. He was the event Co-Chair for the 2019 USCA Sieger Show.

Richard breeds German Shepherd Dogs under the kennel name, “from the Southland.” Numerous dogs from his breeding program have earned IGP titles, breed surveys and “V” ratings in conformation. When he is not doing GSD things, he and his family enjoy their hobby farm, raising cows, pigs and sheep.



Jim Alloway – USCA Apprentice Judge. Jim is our former USCA President. Since retiring from that position he has entered the USCA Judges Apprentice Program. He is just starting the program, but based on his background and history in USCA as an officer, member, Training

Director and competitor with his dogs, I am sure that he will successfully complete the USCA Judges Program and be another excellent USCA Judge.



Trevor Elcock – Trevor is one of our newest apprentice judges. He is actively working at completing his apprenticeship and is doing a great job! Trevor is active in training and competing with his dogs and is active in his USCA Club.

As judges we are often asked questions by our members and competitors. Judges Committee Member and National Competitor Beth Bradley presented some questions that she has heard at recent events and together with USCA Judge Michael Caputo they put together the following responses:

Tracking

Q: At report in / report out, other than the Handler / Dog team taking the Basic Position and indicating how their dog will indicate the articles, or on report out indicating that the tracking is complete and presenting the article found by the dog, what else would the judge be looking for from the Handler?

A: A sense of self-confidence and professional discourse with the Judge.

Q: During the working of the track, other than what is stated in the rule book, what else would the judge be looking for from the Dog?

A: An overall picture of self-confidence with drive (tracking or hunt) and a clear “work ethic” to solve the puzzle of the track as it has been presented.

Praise

Q: Must the handler maintain a three-second pause after praise at the article before giving the command to track?

A: Yes

Further evaluation criteria / responsibilities of the Judge

Q: What is your definition of desire and confidence?

A: This is very subjective, but generally the Judge wishes to see significant “want to” for the work coupled with a clear picture of nose work to solve the puzzle.

Scent Pad & Working the Track

Q: Must the Handler stand in Basic Position, hand at his side as the leash pulls to the end or do you allow one hand to be behind the handler so he knows the end of the leash?

A: One or two hands on the tracking line is permitted, In most cases two hands are preferable to assure a smooth transition from a stationary position to following the dog. But this is not required, as long as the handler is standing, does not move into the track before the dog reaches the end of the tracking line it is a correct start.

Q: Other than Taking in the Scent Pad in an undetermined amount of time, what else would you like to see from the dog at the Scent Pad?

A: A deep nose, intense working, while maintaining calmness. The time spent on the scent pad is not directly relevant to the overall evaluation of the tracking unless it is evident in the first leg of the track that the dog did not convincingly take up the scent by using the scent pad.

Indicating the Articles: Indicating

Q: Do you want the Handler looking to you before approaching the dog at the article?

A: No, the rules only require the Handler to stop when the dog has indicated the article, place the line on the ground and then approach the dog. A pause of three seconds is always a good habit to clearly show that the dog has indicated the article and clearly allows the Judge to see the dogs behavior indicating the article.

Restart after Article Indication:

Q: Does the Handler restart in the Basic Position and arms stay at their sides until the end of the leash or can the handler have one hand behind so she/he knows the end of the leash?

A: Two hands on the tracking line is permitted and preferable to assure a smooth transition from a stationary position to following the dog.

Q: How would you like the dog to restart from the Article? Should he stand and begin tracking at the down position or one step forward?

A: If the dog’s work ethic and drive are strong, he will have his nose in the track and stand simultaneously. Overall the dog must show a balanced, controlled intensity into the track. Leaping

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up and starting into the direction of the track without using the nose is faulty.

Corners:

Q: May the Handler keep both hands on the leash at the corners?

A: Yes

Q: May the dog back up to the corner if he passes it or is that considering "circling"?

A: Backing up and circling are two distinctly different behaviors. Both could be okay considering the present conditions. Rules require that the dog not "leave the track".

Q: What other behaviors might you point both dog and Handler for at the corner that is not indicated?

A: A corner not indicated is a corner not worked (shown) and points may be lost depending on the value of the corner.

A: Speed changes into or out of the corner may be faulty dependent of the overall terrain or difficulty of the track.

Obedience

Heeling on Leash and Free Heeling:

Q: Is barking and whining faulty?

A: Yes, very much so. This behavior will lead to a deduction of a maximum of as much as one category

Recall / Front / Finish:

Q: What are deductions for tone of voice? i.e. commands that are screamed or very harsh are now said to be faulty.

A: This addressed in the rules that commands are given in a "normal voice". This is somewhat subjective; however, most Judges will consider it faulty and there will be a deduction for overtly loud, strong, screaming type commands. This is more strongly enforced at championship events.

Q: Will the dog be pointed for touching the Handler in the Front?

A: Slightly is okay. However, if that touch causes the handler to move, the picture may no longer be excellent.

Q: May the dog touch the Handler in the Finish?

A: Yes, but not enough to cause the Handler to move. Absolute perfect position for the dog / Handler is as close as possible without touching.

Q: May a dog have one foot off the ground?

A: Yes, however this picture may sometimes be considered "submissive" or said another way, lack full self-confidence. This is also based on the dog's overall behavior throughout the performance and is one of many things the Judge is evaluating.

Motion Exercises:

Q: When the Handler returns, what behaviors are you looking for in the dog? Front feet on the ground?

A: A picture of self-confidence and willingness to perform. Looking for the next command from the Handler.

Q: What is your definition of "pressure"?

A: The appearance of the lack of self-confidence, sureness or uncertainty. This is often displayed in submissive behavior, tail down between the legs, head or ears down, hesitant behavior. This applies to all phases and exercises.

Retrieves:

Q: The exercise must begin by looking to the Judge in the Basic position. Is the Handler allowed to move his arm to the outside of the dog's head to throw the dumbbell?

A: Yes, maintaining balance without influence to the dog.

Q: May the Handler step forward to throw the dumbbell?

A: Yes, but only one leg and it will normally be the leg on the same side as the arm that throws the dumbbell.

Q: Must the Handler's arms be at his side when the retrieve command is given?

A: Yes, that describes the Basic Position.

Q: Other than above, what else would you be looking for the dog to do before the throw?

A: A picture of self-confidence, power and willingness to perform. Focused on the exercise and the handler for a command.

Q: Is barking and whining faulty? During the retrieve?

A: Yes

Q: May the dog touch or bump the Handler in Front?

A: As answered in the recall, any contact is faulty but slightly touching is normally okay. However, if it causes the Handler to move, it is then faulty.

Q: How close must the dog be upon presentation?

A: Close enough so that the Handler may take the dumbbell without having to move from the Basic Position. In the case of a very tall Handler, slight bending over may be necessary and not faulty. In general the dog must be close enough to allow the Handler to easily take the dumbbell. Again, absolutely perfect position is as close as possible without touching.

Q: May the Handler praise after the finish of each exercise?

A: Yes, always as described in the rules after a three-second pause at the end of each exercise. This is a Handler option.

Send out with Down:

Q: May the Handler praise after the sit command upon picking the dog up and before moving to reporting out or down?

A: Yes, provided that a three-second pause is demonstrated after coming to the sit position.

Q: Since the sit is technically part of the send out, when you pick up your dog, must the Handler look to the Judge before sitting his dog?

A: Yes, it is defined in the rules that the Handler look to the Judge and at the instruction of the Judge commands the dog to sit.

Down under Distraction:

Q: May the dog roll from hip to hip during the down?

A: An occasion roll is okay, assuming it is seen. The rules require the dog to remain in place.

Q: Is initial sniffing ok or pointed?

A: The initial "evaluation" of this new environment is okay so long as the dog remains in place.

Q: Is the dog pointed for lying its head down on the ground during any of the down exercise?

A: No, this posture is not addressed in the rules. Unless it is determined to be due to "stress or pressure" exhibited by the dog due to training.

Protection

Search for the Helper:

Q: When the Handler takes the Basic Position at the start, may he step or must he pivot in place?

A: It is most correct to pivot, but a very small movement / step as the Handler turns toward the first blind is allowable.

Q: When the Handler sends the dog to the first blind, may he step toward that blind?

A: No, but the Handler is allowed to use their arm to help direct the dog towards the blind and, although not directly addressed in the rules, a movement of one foot / leg as the arm is extended is allowed.

Q: Should the dog search every blind by looking in? Or is being close enough so the dog can peripherally look in enough?

A: Close enough for peripheral observation is permitted. The dog must give the impression that it is aware of the empty blind.

Hold and Bark:

Q: What distance is 'close' enough to guard? The dog inside the blind? The dog immediately outside of the blind?

A: The dog should be close enough to show clear dominance, but not so close as to touch the Helper.

Q: What is your definition of "dominance"?

A: A clear picture of self-confidence, strong and continuous barking, very controlled aggression, eyes fixed on the Helper.

Q: Is bouncing/jumping without touching the sleeve faulty?

A: This is not specifically addressed in the rules. It could be slightly faulty considering the concept of "controlled aggression" but must be evaluated independently of each dog's behavior.

Grips:

Q: If the Helper does not allow for the dog to get a full grip, does the dog receive full points if he attempts to get the full grip and finally gets a full grip upon lock up?

A: More often than not, fullness of the grip originates in the dog, not the Helper. However, if the grip corrects to full during the pressure phase, it would then not be faulty, or as faulty, given that it is calm and firm.

Q: Is growling on the bite faulty?

A: YES, because our trials are also a breed suitability test and vocal or growling is not a trait that should be promoted in the GSD. Some dogs are vocal during the fight while growling and it can also be a sign of aggression or weakness. The Judge will look at the entire picture to decide between the two and determine how faulty the behavior is and the deduction.

Back Transport:

Q: Does the Helper pause after eight paces or continue to move?

A: At the Handler's instruction the Helper should move back, turn and move out to a distance of eight paces from the Handler / Dog team and stop until instructed by the Handler to move for the back transport.

Q: May the Handler give a command for the dog to attack?

A: No. At no time in the protection may the Handler give an "attack" command. This is cause for DQ. Only in the "escape" the Handler must give a "go or release from the down position command" and in the "Attack on Dog Out of Motion" (courage test / long bite) the Handler may also give a release or send command. But at no time is an "attack or bite command" allowed.

Attack on the dog out of Motion:

Q: Once at the end of the field, may the Handler stop with his back to the Judge and his dog in Basic, then give the command to heel and turn toward the Helper and Judge, show the Basic Position, and then grab the dog's collar if he wishes?

A: Yes

Q: At what distance must the Helper show the sleeve to the dog?

A: The sleeve is usually seen from the start of the exercise when the helper turns. "Presentation" for a safe catch typically occurs just prior to contact. Refer to the USCA helper program for a full explanation.

Side Transport:

Q: What is the correct position of the dog? The dog's head by Helper's leg? Shoulder by Helper's leg?

A: Between the Handler and Helper, shoulders to knees, with focus on the Helper.

Completion of Phase C Protection:

Q: Must the Handler stop after heeling away from the Helper, show the basic position (with a sit) before reaching for the dog's collar?

A: Yes, to be a perfect picture. But stopping with the dog under control when reaching for the collar to leash the dog is allowed.

Q: Is the dog allowed for the dog to get up from a sit once his collar is touched or must he remain in the sit position?

A: Again what is important is that the dog is calm and under control.

Q: Should the Handler show obedience to the critique?

A: Yes, basic control and obedience, the dog must always be in control by the handler.

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Best of luck with your training and trials!

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VA1 Illo vom Bergmannshoff
Randy Tyson-Witmer
VA1 Nora vom Burgrain
Iola Stetson & Holly Reynolds

1991 San Diego SchH Club

V1 Harko von der Wilhelmswarte
Wayne Davis
VA1 Hussa von Bad Boll
J. Salguero & Carlos Rivera

1992 Twin Peaks SchH Club

VA1 Kanto vom Steigerhof
Inger Olavson
VA1 Jada vom Steffen-Haus
Jane Steffenhagen

1993 Sunland SchH Club

VA1 Don vom Osterberger Land
Johannes Grewe & Guillermo Santiso
VA1 Life vom Muhlenbruch
Johannes Grewe & Guillermo Santiso

1994 Greater Washington DC SchH Club

VA1 Falk von Klostergrassen
Jack Beck
VA1 Dasta von Fiemereck
William Fleischer

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VA1 Falk vom Klostergraben
Jack Beck
VA1 Fante vom Wiesenborn
John Henkel & R.G. Harris

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VA1 Nick vom Laacher-Haus
William Fleischer
VA1 Elsa von der Zenteiche
Mary Lee Coppage

1997 Sunland SchH Club

VA1 Lasso vom Neuen Berg
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VA1 Wannl von der Wienerau
John Henkel, Karen Henkel, Cynthia McMahan

1998 Snohomish SchH Club

VA1 Lasso vom Neuen Berg
Steve Miller
VA1 Lussi von Wilhendorf
Karen Henkel, John Henkel, Ron Harris
Universal Sieger Ory von Zollernblut
Daniel Richard

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VA1 Enzo von Buchhorn
Willi Stieger
VA1 Lussi von Wilhendorf
Karen Henkel, John Henkel, Ron Harris
Universal Sieger Ory von Zollernblut
Daniel Richard

2000 USCA

VA1 Enzo von Buchhorn
Willi Stieger
VA1 Inka vom Zellwaldrand
William Fleisher

2001 USCA

VA1 Utz vom Hirschel
Gayle Kirkwood
VA1 Maxi vom Mittelwest
Julie Martinez, Tessa Martinez
Universal Sieger Ubo v Haus Antverpa
Vicki Keller

2002 OG Valencia SchH Club

VA1 Rapi Supra
Hans Haussler & William Fleischer
VA1 Quana von der Zenteiche
Randolph Brent
Universal Sieger Xaran von de Hildewaerde
Nathaniel Roque

2003 Sunland SchH Club

VA1 Hooper von der Rohburg
Bruce Campbell, John Henkel
VA1 Acka vom Seebachtal
Toni Brezel
Universal Siegerin Mendy z. Hasku-Drzovice
T Floyd

2004 USCA

VA1 Kevin vom Murrthal
Sherman Tai, Tracy Bullinger
VA1 Biggi vom Langenbungert
Sherman Tai, Tracy Bullinger
Universal Siegerin Manta v Rheinland
Pia Blackwell

2005 USCA

VA1 Urban vom Gleisenauer Schloss
Linda Lundborg
VA1 Bella vom Mittelwest II
Julie Martinez
Universal Sieger Fabian vom Mittelwest
Pam & Gene Kalvaitis & Julie Martinez

2006 OG Wesconn

VA1 Eiko vom Haus Hazelda
Tracy Bullinger & Sherman Tai
VA1 Germany vom Bierstadter Hof
Tracy Bullinger & Sherman Tai
Universal Sieger Alex von Eisenhaus
Pedro Jimenez

2007 OG Wescon

VA1 Teejay von Wilhendorf
John Henkel
VA1 Kelly von der Zenteiche
Christoph Ludwig & Fernando Burgos
Universal Sieger Alex von Eisenhaus
Pedro Jimenez

2008 San Jose GSD Club

VA1 Teejay von Willhendorf
John Henkel
VA1 Vegas vom Mittelwest
Julie Martinez
Universal Sieger Ule vom TeMar
Karen Sinclair

2009 USCA & North Central Region

VA1 Liedo vom Kuckucksland
Megan Judge
VA1 Clarissa Blue-Iris
Martha Kuehn & Walter Kotters

2010 USCA & North Central Region

VA1 Titan vom Mittelwest
Julie Martinez & Shannon O'Donovan
VA1 Eliza vom Kuckucksland
Robert Wijas & Megan Judge

2011 USCA & South Central Region

VA1 Utah v Bullinger
Tracy Bullinger
VA1 Paola v Gotwollshauer Tal
Sari Nohe
Universal Sieger Vandal vom Mittelwest
Kevin Nance

2012 OG Indianapolis SchH und Polizei

VA1 Odin vom Mittelwest II
Ruth Black and Neda z Tkalcevic
VA1 Putzi von der Dunieschenke
Birgit Neuhaus
V1 LC Bosco vom Bardouille Haus
Mario Bardouille
Universal Sieger Vandal vom Mittelwest
Kevin Nance

2013 USCA

VA1 Peik vom Holtkamper Hof
Jose Diaz, Lino Calvo
VA1 Olina von Akrobat
Shirley McMinn
V1 LC Rikkor von Salerno
Rachelle Salerno
Universal Sieger Vandal vom Mittelwest
Kevin Nance
Universal Siegerin Chloe v Bullinger
Cheryl Nance

2014 USCA

VA1 Nino von Tronje
Morton Goldfarb
VA1 Aschi vom haus Hutfeld
Erin O'Shae
Universal Sieger Zastin Eqidius
Thomas Payne
Universal Siegerin Chloe v Bullinger
Cheryl Nance

2015 USCA

VA1 Cobra d'Ulmental
Jack Tsai
V1 LC Caleb vom Haus Dagenhart
Bob Kindberg
VA1 Xana vom Leithawald
Erich Ehrenhofer & Shak Williams
Universal Sieger Arko vom Eichenluft
Rob Dunn

2016 OG Indianapolis SchH und Polizei

VA1 Maffey vom Quartier Latin
Frank Maxein & Dirk Gabriel
VA1 LC Caleb vom Haus Dagenhart
Bob Kindberg
VA1 Aci vom Leithawald
Shak Williams & Erich Ehrenhofer
V1 LC Dayton vom Adel Haus
Michael Castner
Universal Sieger Dux Von Hugelblick
Gina Pfeffer
Universal Siegerin Quicke vom kleinen Teich
Christine Gaumont

2017 South Metro Atlanta Schutzhund Club

VA1 Keule vom Holtkamper Hof
Jose Raul Hernandez & Peter Goodwin
VA1 LC Caleb vom Haus Dagenhart
Bob Kindberg
VA1 Prada vom Externstein
Nadia Adams & Hinrich Müller
VA1 LC Xindi di Casa Pileci
Karen Bartosh
Universal Siegerin Xora van Meerhout
Jessy Gabriel

2019 USCA & Piedmont Schutzhund Club

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Jose Carlos
VA1 LC Roz vom Wofenhaus
Henry Bowden
VA1 Netty v. Bad-Box
Erich Ehrenhofer & Shak Williams
VA1 LC Debbie vom Elzmündungsraum
Julie Martinez & Alena Mesarosova

Weighted Leg Cuffs versus Weighted Vests as Tools of Loaded Resistance Exercise for Canines

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AUTHOR BACKGROUND & CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

The author is a practicing physician, actively competes in competitive IGP dogsport, holds a multiple country patent on a version of canine weighted leg cuffs and also manufactures and sells weighted leg cuffs to competitive dog handlers world-wide.

The goal of creating a simple universal tool to achieve canine physical conditioning and fitness has been pursued for many years. Weighted leg cuffs have been used by veterinary rehab centers in Europe and Sweden for the structured recovery of power and mobility in dogs after TPLO and other orthopedic surgery with great success. In the US both weighted leg cuffs and weighted vests have grown in popularity in recent years.

Weighted leg cuffs have been used in high level competition dogs (the dogs in the US teams competing at the WUSV & FCI have used this; as well as several world class competitive dogs from other countries).

Weighted vests have been used to a larger degree by everyday pet owners and to a large part by non-competitive dog trainers. Both weighted cuffs and weighted vests have ardent supporters and detractors of their use.

By contrast critics of weighted resistance exercise have held to the position that ALL USE of weighted loads as a form of resistance exercise in canines should be avoided (except by highly trained professionals) and have instead focused on the promotion of gravity & body weight based resistance exercise as methods of canine conditioning. The arguments presented by these critics are based on the need for some degree of training and skill to safely exercise a high drive canine with wearable weights and the very low prevalence of skilled dog handling or training expertise in the general population even after training is given. Other arguments include observations of poor owner compliance with instructions and anthropomorphized notions of animal care and handling that lend to owner behaviors where dogs are treated not as canines but as “fur babies” and mini humans.

Reliable studies on weighted vests as well as weighted leg cuffs have also been lacking so far, therefore the arguments of both camps have not been coherently examined. This paper is a review of recent literature that brings up new data to clarify ambiguities in this area of public value and importance.

According to the manufacturer of one type of weighted leg cuff (ActoBands, ActivPower Inc.), the use of weighted leg cuffs by non-professionals is reserved for dogs and use scenarios that must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Dog should have no obesity
- 2) Dog should have no injury or joint dysplasia
- 3) Dog should have no Cardio-pulmonary disease
- 4) Exercise should be restricted to leashed walk only
- 5) Exercise should be restricted to duration of 10-15 minutes
- 6) Weights should not exceed 1-3 grams per kilogram body weight per leg
- 7) Veterinary approval of training program is recommended
- 8) Escalation of exercise intensity and loads is distributed in 2-3 week increments over 12-16 weeks

As mentioned earlier, there is a dearth of well-designed studies examining the use of weighted leg cuffs as a resistance training tool in dogs. Weighted leg cuffs however has been used by veterinary rehabilitation professionals in Sweden and Europe for the recovery and strength building of canines with muscle mass loss after prolonged immobilization after orthopedic surgery like TPLO for the repair of CCL rupture. The author reached out to the largest veterinary rehabilitation clinic in Sweden requesting them to provide any data on studies performed by them on the use of this tool. ReDog, Sweden was

generous enough to share the manuscript of a paper written by one of their fellows on the use of weighted leg cuffs in healthy dogs. The entire manuscript of this clinical study was translated from the original Swedish language into English and both versions are separately posted as pdf files and may be downloaded using the following URL links.

1. Weighted Cuffs - Swedish Study (English Translation) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/552981172105805/files/>
2. Weighted Cuffs - Swedish Study Original Swedish Manuscript <https://www.facebook.com/groups/552981172105805/files/>

The following is a synopsis of the Swedish study, *REDOG SWEDISH STUDY ON WEIGHTED LEG CUFFS*:

Essentially the Swedish study examined the use of weighted leg cuffs in healthy dogs of several breeds, all one year age or older. 13 dogs of the following breeds were studied:

- Dalmatian (1);
- GSD (9);
- GSD/Rottweiler mix (1);
- Siberian Husky (1);
- Alaskan Malamute (1)

All dogs were large breed dogs. The control dog was Dog #1 (Dalmatian) who wore leg cuffs without any weights, while the remaining 12 dogs were exercised

with weights of different amounts and durations. The youngest dog was one-year-old (Dalmatian) and the oldest dog was eight-years-old (GSD). The duration of the study was 30 days and measurements were taken on Day 1, Day 15 and Day 30 as follows:

- 1) The range of motion (flexion and extension) in the knee joint, the hip joint and the elbow joint checked with a goniometer.
- 2) Muscle mass was measured with an ordinary tape measure at:
 - a. Thigh muscle (Trochanter major/lateral patella)
 - b. Calf muscle (Distal crest tibia)
 - c. Upper leg muscle (Proximal armpit)
 - d. Lower leg muscle (Pisiform bone/dorsal olecranon)
- 3) A motion analysis was performed according to a fixed model on all dogs:
 - a. Standing
 - b. Sitting
 - c. Lying
 - d. From the front and rear (walking ordinarily and walking slowly)
 - e. From the side (walking ordinarily and walking slowly)

All 13 dogs were trained with a specific weight and for a specific time. A control dog (Dog 1) wore empty weight cuffs.

RESULTS

Name: Maddox
Breed: Dalmatian
Age: 1 year
Dog 1 - Control dog

MUSCLE MASS

Date	3/14/2011		3/25/2011		4/11/2011	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
Thigh muscle	44	44	44	44	44	44
Calf muscle	24	24	24	24	24	24
Upper leg muscle	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lower leg muscle	19	19	19	19	19	19

The dogs were be trained/loaded in a controlled manner by keeping the dog on a leash. The dogs were be warmed up for 10 minutes before the cuffs were applied. After the training, the dogs were cooled down for five minutes before stretching the forelegs and hind legs.

The exercise schedule was:

Week 1:

dog's weight 1x X kg = 1X grams in weight cuffs

Day 1: 5 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 2: 5 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 3: 10 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 4: 10 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 5: 15 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 6: 15 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 7: Rest

Week 2:

dog's weight 2x X kg = 2X grams in weight cuffs

Day 1: 5 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 2: 5 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 3: 10 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 4: 10 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 5: 15 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 6: 15 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 7: Rest

Week 3:

dog's weight 3x X kg = 3X grams in weight cuffs

Day 1: 5 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 2: 5 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 3: 10 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 4: 10 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 5: 15 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 6: 15 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 7: Rest

Week 4:

dog's weight 4x X kg = 4X grams in weight cuffs

Day 1: 5 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 2: 5 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 3: 10 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 4: 10 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 5: 15 minutes with weight cuffs, forelegs

Day 6: 15 minutes with weight cuffs, hind legs

Day 7: Rest

SWEDISH STUDY CONCLUSIONS:

The Swedish study on weighted leg cuffs in healthy dogs showed a clear improvement in the movement pattern with increased range of motion and increased muscle mass in the dogs.

- 1) The motion analysis showed the dogs to have developed a more deliberate lowering of their paws and have thus improved their movement pattern.
- 2) The dogs that were amblers have walked normally through the use of weight cuffs.
- 3) The study also showed that the dogs that were uneven in musculature evened out their muscle mass.
- 4) There was no great difference in the amount of improvement between the various breeds in the study (all breeds improved uniformly)
- 5) The dogs that according to their owners were the least active, improved the most in range of motion and muscle mass. The dogs that were more active in winter improved in range of motion but less so in muscle mass.
- 6) Two dogs (Dogs 7 and 8) did not improve at all in muscle mass but did improve in range of motion. This may be because these dogs were trained the entire winter in (weight) pulling.
- 7) The control dog (Dog 1) that wore empty weight cuffs improved only in range of motion. This confirms the theory that if the goal is to build muscles in the dog, then the dog should be loaded with weights in the cuffs. If the goal is to improve the movement pattern, then using empty cuffs works.
- 8) The (training) setup with alternating the training with weight cuffs on front and hind legs (in order) to allow the muscles to recover between the training sessions, produced a very good result. Through the adaptation of the muscles to the training time and to the increased load, (as well as the rest time) the muscles developed in succession.

RESULTS

Name: Viggo
Breed: German Shepherd Dog
Age: 4 years
Other: Working Dog (Police/Military/SAR)
Dog 2

MUSCLE MASS

Date	3/15/2011		3/26/2011		4/14/2011	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
Thigh muscle	49	50	50	50	52	52
Calf muscle	34	34	35	35	35	35
Upper leg muscle	27	25	27	27	28	28
Lower leg muscle	19	19	21	21	22	22

Name: Cke
Breed: German Shepherd Dog
Age: 5 years
Other: Working Dog (Police/Military/SAR)
Dog 3

MUSCLE MASS

Date	3/17/2011		4/3/2011		4/14/2011	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
Thigh muscle	45	46	49.5	49	49	49
Calf muscle	35	36	34	33	34	34
Upper leg muscle	26	27	28	28	28	28
Lower leg muscle	17.5	18	18.5	19	20	20

Name: KYRO
Breed: German Shepherd Dog
Age: 8 years
Other: Working Dog (Police/Military/SAR)
Dog 4

MUSCLE MASS

Date	3/14/2011		3/27/2011		4/11/2011	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
Thigh muscle	46	44	46	44.5	47	47
Calf muscle	33	32	33	32	34	33
Upper leg muscle	31	31	25	26	25	25
Lower leg muscle	19	19	19	19	19	19

Name: Ozzy
Breed: German Shepherd Dog/Rottweiler
Age: 7 years
Other: Retired Working Dog (Police/Military/SAR)
Dog 5

MUSCLE MASS

Date	3/14/2011		3/25/2011		4/11/2011	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
Thigh muscle	52	52	51	51	53	53
Calf muscle	31	31	33	33	34	34
Upper leg muscle	32	32	32	32	32	32
Lower leg muscle	22	22	22	22	23	23

Name: Trixa
Breed: German Shepherd Dog
Age: 4 years
Other: Working Dog (Police/Military/SAR)
Dog 6

MUSCLE MASS

Date	3/14/2011		3/25/2011		4/11/2011	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
Calf muscle	27	27	27	27	28	28
Upper leg muscle	27	26	26	26	26	26
Lower leg muscle	17.5	17	18	18	19	19



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Name: Ymer
Breed: German Shepherd Dog
Other: Working Dog (Police/Military/SAR)
Dog 7

MUSCLE MASS

Date	3/14/2011		3/25/2011		4/11/2011	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
Thigh muscle	53	52	53	53	53	53
Calf muscle	35	35	35	35	35	35
Upper leg muscle	31	31	31	31	31	31
Lower leg muscle	22	22	22	22	22	22

Name: Zack
Breed: Siberian Husky
Age: 2 years
Dog 8

MUSCLE MASS

Date	3/14/2011		3/25/2011		4/11/2011	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
Thigh muscle	46	46	46	46	46	46
Calf muscle	29	29	29	29	30	30
Upper leg muscle	27	27	27	27	27	27
Lower leg muscle	17	17	17	17	17	17

ADDITIONAL PUBLISHED MENTION OF WEIGHTED CUFFS:

Leg Weights and Resistance Bands:

The therapist can increase resistance to a particular limb or muscle group using a leg weight or elastic resistance band. Many leg weights designed for people do not fit properly. Human leg weights are often far too heavy, too large, and difficult to maintain in the desired position. Placement of the weight on the limb should also be considered. The stress on the limb is less when the weight is placed closer to the affected limb segment. A general rule of thumb is to use a weight that ranges between 1% and 3% of body weight, depending on limb strength and the stage of recovery. Leg weights are most effective in strengthening flexor muscles, which can be difficult to target with most active exercises.” *Principles and Applications of Therapeutic Exercises for Small Animals*, Marti G. Drum, DVM, PhD, Denis J. Marcellin-Little, DEDV, Michael S. Davis, DVM, PhD

DATA REGARDING VEST:

Background:

Weighted vests have been marketed as a convenient exercise tool for all dogs regardless of breed or size or fitness level. These weighted vests have been promoted as an effective solution to canine obesity. Per manufacturers website, owners were not required to undergo any learning other than that they had to snap on these vests and go for a hike, which presented the advantage of easy conflict free acceptance of the tool by the owners. No user manual or exercise program is available for the use of the vests on the manufacturers website (as of April 1, 2020)

Based on social media posts by owners of weighted vests, these vests have been used for extended hikes spanning one or more hours over all forms of terrain in dogs of all ages ranging from skeletally immature dogs of 6 months age to senior dogs of 9 years age.

Veterinary Expert Opinion:

Veterinary experts board certified in veterinary rehab and/or veterinary orthopedics have however maintained that loading weighted vests onto the back of a canine is damaging for the following reasons:

- 1) Alteration of the load bearing characteristics of the canine spine.
- 2) Alteration of and interference with the natural flex and extend of the canine spine that allows the transmission of the thrust

forces generated by the rear limbs towards the forward propulsion

- 3) Increased impact stresses of the weights on the large joints of the shoulders, elbows, hips and knees of the dog....

EVIDENCE OF ALTERATION OF GAIT AND TRUNCAL MOVEMENT BY NON-WEIGHTED VESTS PAPER

PAPER 1: Dr.'s Timothy L. Foutz PhD & Steven C. Budsberg DVM, MS (School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural and Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering (Foutz), and the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, College of Veterinary Medicine (Budsberg), University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. Address correspondence to Dr. Budsberg: Budsberg@uga.edu)in a study titled “Impact of wearing a service vest on three-dimensional truncal motion in dogs” published a well-designed and executed study that addressed Item 1 & 2 of the 3 limitations that have been cited by Board Certified Rehab Vets and Veterinary Orthopedicians as negatives of the use of vests.

The full paper may be downloaded from: drive.google.com/file/d/1ikH8OK-X5ITS9SuzWo8TU-YcwAz9dLr6/view?fbclid=IwAR3o7Ke6SgZMJ8-QLM4fZ8BvnUPvvtctZiXS9sMF_UzQbXZaJwMZNA_LILE

Essentially Foutz and Budsberg demonstrated significant alteration and restriction in gait, limb movement and truncal movement with either a service dog vest OR the military style tactical vest even when there were no additional weights added to these vests.

DATA REGARDING THE EFFECT OF HIGHER IMPACT LOADS ON CANINE LARGE BONE JOINTS: DAMAGING EFFECT OF EXCESS WEIGHT ON CANINE JOINTS PAPER 2:

PAPER 2: Several research studies have documented that excess weight in dogs due to obesity results in accelerated arthritis and degenerative damage to large joints of shoulder, elbows, hips and knees.... there are many studies in this area, but I will cite an authoritative review that establishes both the direct link between excess weight and arthritis but also how the reduction of excess weight results in improvement in arthritic symptoms even in established cases of

canine arthritis....

www.thieme-connect.com/products/ejournals/abstract/10.3415/VCOT-08-08-0069

PAPER 3: Advances in the Canine Cranial Cruciate Ligament edited by Peter Muir....

A book in the Advances in Veterinary Surgery series which presents a state-of-the-art summary of current knowledge on cruciate rupture, and written by leading specialists, edited by a highly respected veterinary orthopedic surgeon and researcher, has a chapter on the medical management of canine arthritis involving the stifle (knee) wherein Dr's Jaeger & Budsberg write: "The importance of weight management in the prevention and treatment of OA (osteoarthritis) cannot be overestimated."

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books?hl=en&lr=&id=7KORE3PX-XYC&oi=fnd&pg=PA241&dq=obesity+and+canine+arthritis&ots=DmW_hYDW-&sig=TgkyY5cHmqi4BDW628XO_Zi7Vs#v=onepage&q=obesity%20and%20canine%20arthritis&f=false

PAPER 4: OWNERS REGULARLY BELIEVE THEIR DOGS ARE NOT OVERWEIGHT EVEN WHEN SPECIFICALLY TOLD SO BY VETS:

Ordinary pet owners have been shown to have unrealistic and erroneous notions about the level of fitness possessed by their dogs and evidence has repeatedly shown cognitive resistance to recognizing the limitations of their dogs physical capacity. Canine obesity: is there a difference between veterinarian and owner perception? onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1748-5827.2011.01138.x

PAPER 5: EXCESS NUTRITION RATHER THAN INSUFFICIENT EXERCISE IS THE DOMINANT CAUSE OF OBESITY AND OVERWEIGHT:

Proponents of canine weighted vests have claimed that the use of weighted vests is valuable in the fight against canine obesity by promoting exercise. However, examination of evidence shows that excess nutrition and quality of nutrition are the major drivers in canine obesity rather than primary lack of exercise. While veterinary experts agree that limited exercise does play a role in both obesity and exercise, the evidence clearly points to the major contribution of nutrition as the driver for both obesity and arthritis and that it is not possible to effect elimination of obesity by exercise alone without addressing excess nutrition.

www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0167587709002402

PAPER 6: INCREASED WEIGHT PRODUCES GREATER IMPACT FORCES IN OBESE DOGS AND THE STRIDE LENGTH OF OBESE DOGS IS SHORTER:

Evaluation of gait-related variables in lean and obese dogs at a trot. Robert B. Brady, MS; Alexis N. Sidiropoulos, MS; Hunter J. Bennett, BS; Patrick M. Rider, MS; Denis J. Marcellin-Little, DEDV; Paul DeVita, PhD from Biomechanics Laboratory, Department of Kinesiology, College of Health & Human Performance, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858. (Brady, Sidiropoulos, Bennett, Rider, DeVita); Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27607. (Marcellin-Little). Presented in part at East Carolina University Research and Creative Achievement Week, Greenville, NC, March 2012, and at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Biomechanics, Gainesville, Fla, August 2012. Address correspondence to Dr. Marcellin-Little (denis_marcellin@ncsu.edu).

Here the authors demonstrate that...

- 1) Mean stride lengths for forelimbs and hind limbs at both velocities were shorter in obese than in lean dogs.
- 2) Obese dogs exerted greater peak vertical and horizontal ground reaction forces than did lean dogs.

The authors conclude that Greater ROM detected during the stance phase and greater ground reaction forces in the gait of obese dogs, compared with lean dogs, may cause greater compressive forces within joints and could influence the development of osteoarthritis. <https://avmajournals.avma.org/doi/abs/10.2460/ajvr.74.5.757>

The findings of PAPER 6 is significant when taken from another perspective. As already shown by Foutz & Budsford in Paper 1, non-weighted military style tactical and off the shelf service vests produce significant restrictions in limb and truncal movement and gait alterations. In Paper 6, Brady et al show that obesity itself produces shortening of the gait excursion. The data of Paper 1 and Paper 6 taken together suggests that putting a weighted vest on a non-obese canine may create the same conditions of limited gait excursion and higher peak vertical and horizontal ground reaction forces, and may cause greater compressive forces within joints..... in effect creating the same conditions that exist from a kinesiological principle as obesity.



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TOTAL WEIGHT LOADS USED IN WEIGHTED CUFFS AND WEIGHTED VESTS:

The Swedish study demonstrated favorable results at 1 gram to 3 grams per kilogram of body weight per leg. This formula would mean that a 40-kilogram German Shepherd (88 lbs.) would be loaded with anywhere between 40 grams to 120 grams of weights in each leg cuff. This load translates into 0.1% to 0.3% of total body mass in each leg and a total combined 4-leg load of 0.4% to 1.2% of total body mass on the dog.

By contrast the manufacturer of weighted vests in the FAQ on their website reviewed on April 1, 2020 states that the vests are designed to add 7-10% of the total body mass onto the dog's spine and shoulders. This loading formula would mean that a 40-kilogram German Shepherd (88 lbs.) would carry a load of anywhere between 2.8 kilograms (6.16 lbs.) to 4 kilograms (8.8 lbs.) on their backs. The manufacturer also notes that some users have loaded the vests with weights up to 5 times the above loads (35-50% of total body mass) using BB shots instead of sand bags. A search of the manufacturer's website did not indicate whether any guidance was available regarding whether these loads were approved or not neither were we able to find any further guidance on any regimen or protocol of how these loads are to be used or whether any activities are to be restricted. No manufacturer issued user manual could be found on the website.

A review of multiple documented posts of users of weighted vests in social media on a Facebook group devoted to users of the weighted vest was performed. The review revealed that multiple users were exercising their dogs while wearing loaded vests for durations of hikes spanning 1-2 hours over varied terrain as well as running and jumping over obstacles of varied heights (Social media accounts, pictures and videos). Pictures of dogs jumping and running wearing these vests are also prominently featured on the manufacturer's website.

All of this is not to state that weighted vests are absolutely damaging in all cases. Conversations with canine fitness experts indicate that there is a role for the carefully selected and carefully supervised use of weighted vests at much lower loads (not exceeding 2-3% of total body mass) in dogs that have already been trained to high levels of physical fitness, and even in those cases the use is highly restricted by top canine competitors to short periods (1-5 minutes) of tightly controlled activity. However, there is a huge difference in the loads of 0.1-0.3% of body mass per leg (0.4-1.2% total body mass) used in weighted leg cuffs for controlled leash walks of 10-15 minutes duration as reported in the Swedish study, compared to the loads of 7% to 50% total body mass reported by the users of weighted vests at uncontrolled pace of activity for extended durations of time. By all measures of data collection, it appears that the current use of weighted vest in the public is unrestricted, unselected, poorly supervised, and that actual use case scenarios contravene established evidence showing the damaging effects of these kind of loads on the canine musculoskeletal architecture.

In conclusion, there is an abundance of evidence that though weighted vests may possibly beneficial in a very limited carefully selected population of very fit canines, the present manner by which weighted vests are being used runs counter to establish evidence for the safe performance of canine resistance activity. By contract the available evidence for weighted cuffs demonstrate significant measurable gains in gait, movement and muscle mass with the use of fractional loads of only (0.4-1.2% total body mass) for controlled short durations of time (less than 15 minutes) at paces that are low impact and similarly controlled (leashed walks and controlled trots) without compromise of animal health or safety.

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2019	Sirkus vom Donau-Ries	277 SG	Chris Campbell
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2017	Dexter vom Eisernen Kreuz	282 SG	Sean O'Kane
2016	Fyte von der Staatsmacht	284 SG	Beth Bradley
2015	Iron von den Wolfen	291 V	Debra Zappia
2014	Iron von den Wolfen	293 V	Debra Zappia
2013	Greg vom Maulachtal	296 V	Wallace Payne
2012	Kao von Vereinigte Stolz	287 V	Marty Segretto
2011	Max ze Stribrneho kamene	289 V	Sean O'Kane
2010	Max ze Stribrneho kamene	289 V	Sean O'Kane
2009	Erri z Blatenskelo Zamku	289 V	Mike Diehl
2008	Chuck vom Dorneburger Bach	287 V	Daniel Cox
2007	Buddy vom Burg Kurzwallen	281 SG	Eric Eisenberg
2006	Basco ze Slovanskeho domu	288 V	Mike Diehl
2005	Karlo vom Floyd Haus	290 V	T Floyd
2004	Merlin von Conneforde	294 V	Wallace Payne
2003	Escobar van Adelrik	291 V	Debbie Zappia
2002	Bastin vom Kokeltal	293 V	Gary Hanrahan
2001	Django Ot Vitosha	288 V	Ivan Balabonov
2000	Troy vom Hause Welz	289 V	Greg Bennett
1999	Lestat du chen Victoire	291 V	Al Banuelos
1998	Endy vom Svenshome	292 V	Pam Hanrahan
1997	Panter vom Haus Sevens	292 V	Dean Calderon
1996	Enzo Manepo	293 V	Rod Tompkins
1995	Vanto von der Stadt Schmalkalden	290 V	Howard Rodriguez
1994	Digger vom Schloss Veitenstein	292 V	Randy Rhodes
1993	Buck von der Pfalz	290 V	Glenn Bennett
1992	Asko vom Siegelgrund	292 V	Gary Hanrahan
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1990	Buck von der Pfalz	292 V	Glenn Bennett
1989	Ico van Ardhaus	294 V	Gary Hanrahan
1988	Ico van Ardhaus	291 V	Gary Hanrahan
1987	Asko von der Lindenhalle	289 V	Gary Hanrahan
1986	Ahab vom Korbeltal	284 SG	Al Kerr
1985	Ahab vom Korbeltal	290 V	Al Kerr
1984	Quero von Bohlsruh	297 V	Doug Garber
1983	Nitro vom Karusohoff	282 SG	Larry Caruso
1982	Panzer von Sudland	281 SG	Byll Cree
1981	Urax von der Goldbergheide	290 V	Jerry Slavens
1980	Sheba	286 V	Doug Deacon
1979	Lord von der Feinau	291 V	Merv Clements
1978	Dino vom Stahlhammer	292 V	Paul Hombach
1977	Nikko von der Ruine Engelhaus	282 SG	Wayne Hammer

Twin County Schutzhund Club



We are proud of our home-trained, home-bred dogs titled at our trials and at other trials in the region. To date, TCSC has accomplished SchH I, II, III, FH and IPO. Though USCA's focus is on the German Shepherd Dog, we promote and encourage all breeds of working dogs. We have come to respect and understand the differences as well as the similarities among the breeds. Our horizons extend to the AKC ring with champions of record, obedience title holders, and tracking title holders; Search Dogs providing public service and enhancing the image of the breeds involved; herding instinct certifications and herding titles serving to preserve the basic instincts bred into the



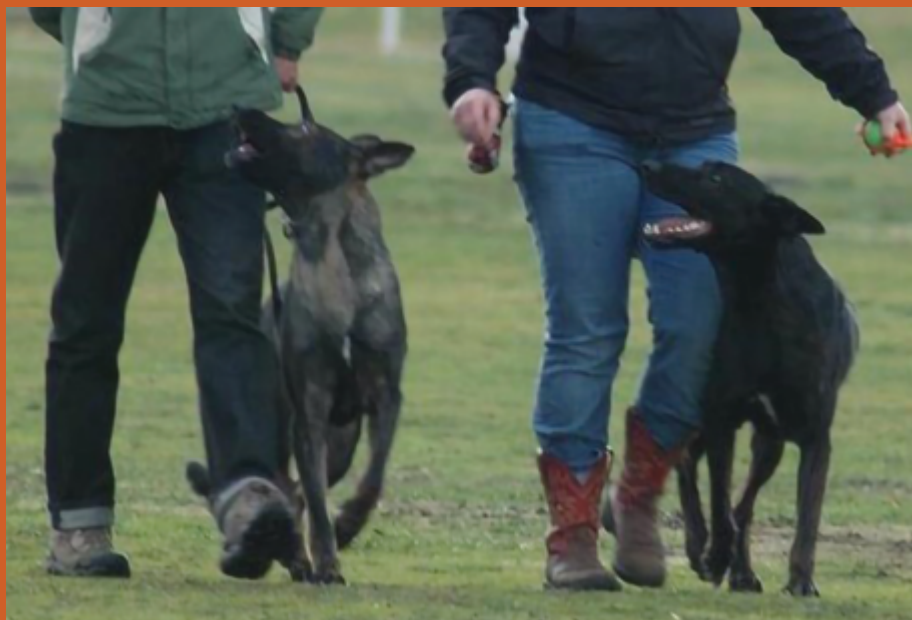
herding breeds now serving as guardians and companions; and advanced agility skills (a must for any working dog). TCSC has hosted events in addition to our Schutzhund trials that include the Canine Good Citizen tests, American Temperament Test Society test, American Herding Breed Association tests and trials, Agility workshops, AKC tracking certifications, Tattoo clinics, and tracking classes. We support the total working dog and good canine citizenship.

Twin County Schutzhund Club trains throughout the year. The primary training day is Sunday ending when

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FRANK PHILLIPS, USCA
Track Layer: Jason Bane
Helpers: John L. Bochenek, Nick Dillman

FH1
 Brio Rose vom Krieghund* DOBE 76 76 B Monica Anthony

AD
 Mailo vom Haus Neufus* GSD P Jana Gabrysch

BH
 Saga vom Wildhaus* GSD P Diana Heverly
 B'Kirky z Glaurung* GSD P Pete Bosier
 Shade vom Wildhaus GSD P Chris Wild

APR1
 Anuk vom Falkendonner* GSD 82 87 P 169 G Chuck Seeley

IGP1
 Bristol Rose vom Krieghund* DOBE 92 47 90 P M Jason Bane
 Wealthoev vom Baisdhaus* GSD 90 53 83 P M Chris Wild

IGP2
 Bugatti Rose vom Krieghund* DOBE 80 80 81 P 241 G Cathie Hill-Baker
 Amira vom T17* GSD 76 86 76 P 238 B Jim Ziernicki

IGP3
 Quinn z Stribmeho kamene* GSD 90 83 90 P 263 G Tony Zintsmaster
 Inoui du Chenil de Loucyn* BMAL 76 87 75 P 238 B Kelly Hodorek
 BONO North-SVK* GSD 87 91 P M John Bochenek
 Windzar Morovia Artex* GSD Andrew Gelyon
DQ OUT OF CONTROL

12/28/2019-12/28/2019 Mid-Ohio Schutzhund Richwood, OH
JACOB POPE, USCA
Track Layer: Jim Alloway
Helper: Jake Lawrence

AD
 Pascha vom Stadtfeld GSD P Mike Sweeney
 Kaygan vom Wieratal GSD P Elizabeth Liss

BH
 Puma von Wolfstraum GSD P Helen Falor
 Bella Mia von Charry* GSD P James Corbin
 Yavo von der Alte Baum* GSD P Maria Karas

IGP1
 Faro Blendy* GSD 92 92 96 P 280 SG John Landry
 Genno von Conneforde GSD 88 85 94 P 267 G David Schneider

IGP2
 Athos Marsyas Bohemian GSD 98 96 96 P 290 V Tanya Alloway
 Eli vom Starken Hund* GSD 95 92 96 P 283 SG Terri Limbaugh
 Vandalze Stribmeho Kamene GSD 96 86 88 P 270 SG Stacia Davis

IGP3
 Trinity von Lindesfarne* GSD Martin Roidl
DQ

3/7/2020-3/7/2020 Southwest FL SchH Club North Fort Myers, FL
HEIDI THEIS, USCA
Track Layer: Richard Shook
Helper: Richard Shook

BH
 Kiwi von Furchtlosgeist* GSD P Dee Graham
 Vader* MIX P Larry Allison
 Winston D* MIX P Cunthia De Santis
 Miss Dixie Belle Krause* BMAL P Stephen Krause
 Jazmin von Furchtlosgeist GSD P Cassandra Cannova
 Daisy Mae Garcia* LAB P Doug Garcia
 Cl's Ruger* LAB P Marjorie Williams
 Key To My Heart Baroness Evia* DOBE F Julie Kirby
 Dezel von Furchtlosgeist* GSD F Donald Berry
 Bose Rhapsody* DOBE F Lisa Monte
 Basco vom Venner Hof GSD F Tim Watters
 Bennett's Roscoe* LAB F Deanna Bennett

Laila XVI* GSD Steve Frame
DQ OUT OF CONTROL

TR3
 Xac Venusina sopka GSD 74 74 B Antar Torres

IGP1
 Double Action vom Haus Brezel* GSD 85 70 I Veit Bachmann
TERM COMES OFF STICK
 Baxter ze Ztracenyh skal* GSD Deborah Lopez
PULLED

IGP2
 Leopold vom Quellwasser* GSD 82 93 88 P 263 G Elizabeth Bradley

IGP3
 Higg von Melanchthon* GSD Tom Tapley
TERM PULLED

3/28/2020-3/28/2020 San Jose German Shepherd Dog Club Inc Coyote, CA
NATHANIEL ROQUE, USCA/SV
Track Layers: David Deleissegues, Terry D Macias
Helpers: David Deleissegues, Keith Bendixen

BH
 Kora vom Cooperhaus* GSD P Kelsey Bendixen

IGP1
 Barklie vom Weizenland* GSD 96 90 92 P 278 SG Nancy Cochren

IGP2
 Finley vom Steinbeckland* GSD 55 95 88 P M David Deleissegues

IGP3
 Puma vom Wolfsdreieck* GSD 97 91 97 P 285 SG John Zovickian
 Nino von Hanrahaus* GSD 93 88 94 P 275 SG Terry Macias
 Rocca vom Haus Tyson* GSD 92 85 93 P 270 SG Sandy Lynch
 Rico von der Staatsmacht* GSD 87 91 88 P 266 G Dino Tomassi
 Isa vom Cooperhaus* GSD 70 76 87 P 233 B Ryan McGrath
 Eich vom Steinbeckland* GSD 63 91 90 P M Robin Eales

CONFORMATION & BREED SURVEYS

3/8/2020-3/8/2020 Southwest Florida SchH Club North Fort Myers, FL
HEIDI THEIS, USCA

Working Dog Class Males
 Higg von Melanchthon V1 Tom Tapley

Adult Dog Class Males
 Houdini Canine Extreme SG1 Joy Keirn

Youth Dog Class Males
 Gunther von Micurs SG1 Michael MacDonald

Youth Dog Class Males Long Coat
 Baxter Team vom Holtkamper Hof SG1 Elena Ortiz

Youth Dog Class Females Long Coat
 Waikiki vom Rumbachtal SG1 Elena Ortiz
 Ivona z Weberhaus SG2 Bill Greenwald

Working Dog Class Males Long Coat
 Nathan von Aurelius V1 Elena Ortiz

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Kormeister: Heidi Theis, USCA

Hundin:
 Jane von Babylon, IPO1 BSR: 2021/2022 Klaus Langenbach

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EB Motion: # 10-20 - To waive the 21 day waiver for San Jose German Shepherd Club to move their trial date to March 28, 2020 and change in Judge to Nathaniel Roque.

Motion by: Diane Vegsund, NW RD, and seconded by Michele Clubb, Secretary, to waive the 21 day waiver for San Jose German Shepherd Club to move their trial date to March 28, 2020 and change in Judge to Nathaniel Roque.

Background: San Jose German Shepherd Dog Club originally had their trial schedule with USCA Judge Frank Phillips for March 21 through March 22, 2020. However due to air travel advisories, Frank had to cancel his flight. The club was able to secure Judge Nathaniel Roque, USCA/SV who is within driving distance and agreed to come for a one day trial on March 28. All club members and competitors entered have been advised.

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Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3 (Apr 1-3), FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3), Other
Judge: Al Govednik, USCA

September 4-6, 2020 - IN
Mid East Regional Championship
O.G. Indianapolis Schutzhund und Polizei
Trial: IGP 1-3
Judge:
Tracking
Michael Caputo, USCA
Obedience and Tracking
Frank Phillips, USCA

September 11-13, 2020 - CO
High Plains Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), AD, BH VT
Judge:
Nathaniel Roque, USCA/SV

September 12-13, 2020 - IA
Iowa Hundesport Club
Conformation Show Rating and Breed Survey
Judge: Dieter Oeser, SV

September 26-27, 2020 - KS
Regional Helper Training Work Shop #3
Flint Hills Working Dogs
Teaching Helper:
Anthony Hartelaub

October 2-4, 2020 - IA
Mid Iowa Working Dogs
Trial: IGP 1-3, IFH
Judge: Al Govednik, USCA

October 9-11, 2020 - MO
St. Louis Schutzhund Assoc.
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3 (APR1-3), FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3) AD, BH VT, STp1-3
Judge:
Stanley Craddock, USCA

Oct 30 - Nov 1, 2020 - KS
Freedom Working Dogs
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3 (Apr 1-3), FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3), AD, BH VT
Judge: Jacob Pope, USCA

November 21-22, 2020 - MO
Mid-Rivers Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3 (Apr 1-3), FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3), FH-V, IGP V, BH VT
Judge: Deb Krsnich, USCA

MID-EASTERN REGION
IN, KY, MI, OH, TN

July 10-12, 2020 - MI
Metro Detroit SchH Club
Helper Seminar & Classification
Teaching Helper:
John Bochenek

August 22, 2020 - OH
Countyline Hundesport
Helper Classification
Teaching Helper:
John Bochenek

September 19-20, 2020 - OH
Countyline Hundesport
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3 (Apr1-3), FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), RH, FH-V, IFH, IFH2, IGP FH, IGP V, AD, BH VT, STp1-3
Judge: Al Govednik, USCA

October 9-10, 2020 - OH
O.G. Buckeye Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), IGP FH, AD, BH VT
Judge: Hans Christian Boll, SV

October 10-11, 2019 - OH
Northeast Ohio Working Dog Association
Trial: IGP1-3, BH VT
Judge: Christian Boll, SV

Oct 31 - Nov 1, 2020 - WA
Cascade Schutzhund Verein
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), IGPV
Judge:
Dorwin Anderson, GSSCC

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May 21-23, 2021 - OH
O.G. Buckeye SchH Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, IGP FH, AD, BH VT
Judge: Michael Caputo, USCA

NEW ENGLAND REGION
CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT

August 29-30, 2020 - MA
New England Helper Seminar and Classification
Uber Schutzhund Association
Teaching Helpers: Don Yelle & Danny Grayson

September 24, 2020 - CT
Quinebag Schutzhund Club
Trial: IFH
Judge: Don Yelle, USCA

September 25-27, 2020 - CT
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Quinebaug Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP 1-3
Judges: Don Yelle, USCA & Nathaniel Roque, USCA/SV

October 3-4, 2020 - NY
Schutzhund Club of Buffalo
Trial: IGP1-3, UPr1-3 (OB1-3), IFH2, IGP FH, AD, STp1-3
Judge: Christian Boll, SV

October 3-4, 2020 - NY
First HGH Herding Club
Trial: HGH
Judge: Manfred Voigt, SV

October 10, 2020 - NY
Northeast K9
Trial: IGP1-3, GPr1-3 (APR1-3), FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), IFH, IFH2, IGP V, BH VT
Helper Classification
Teaching Helper: Don Yelle
Judge: Don Yelle, USCA

October 10-11, 2020
Schutzengel Working Dog Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), FH-V, IFH, IFH2, IGP V, AD, BH ST, STp1-3
Judge: Arthur Collins, USCA

October 18, 2020 - NH
Monadnock Working Dog Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3 (Apr1-3), FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), BH VT
Judge: USCA Vadim Plotsker

NORTH CENTRAL REGION
Northern IA & Northern IL MN, ND, NE, SD, WI

September 4-6, 2020 - WI
O.G. Milchland SchH Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), FH-V, IFH, IFH2, BH VT, STp1-3
Judge:
Stanley Craddock, USCA

September 11-13, 2020 - WI
Fox Valley Police & Schutzhund Club
Trials: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3 (Apr 1-3), FPr1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3), BH VT
Judge: Vadim Plosker, USCA

September 19-20, 2020 - MN
Minnesota Valley SchH Verein
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), AD, BH VT
Judge: Michael Caputo, USCA

September 19-20, 2020 - IL
Topline German Shepherd Dog Club of Illinois
CONFIRMATION SHOW AND BREED SURVEY
Judge: Dieter Oster, SV

September 26, 2020 - WI
O.G. Inselstadt SchH Club
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), BH VT
Judge: TBA

September 19-20, 2020 - MN
Minnesota Valley SchH Verein
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), AD, BH VT
Judge: TBA

October 3-4, 2020 - WI
O.G. Inselstadt SchH Club
Trial: IFH, IFH2, AD
Judge:
Stanley Craddock, USCA

NORTHEASTERN REGION
DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV

July 11-12, 2020 - NJ
East Coast Schutzhund & Police Club
Trial: IGP1-3, BH VT
Judge: Michael Caputo, USCA

July 18, 2020 - NJ
Blitzhund Working Dog Club
Helper Certifications and Regional Tryouts
Teaching Helpers:
Pedro Jimenez & Ryan White

October 10, 2020 - PA
Lehigh Valley Performance K9s
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3 (Apr1-3), FPr 1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), IGP FH, AD, BH VT
Judge: Jacob Pope, USCA

October 10, 2020 - PA
Greater Philadelphia Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPr1-3 (APr1-3), FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), IGP FH, AD, BH VT
Judge: Jacob Pope, USCA

NORTHWESTERN REGION
Northern CA, HI, Northern NV, UT, Guam

July 17-19, 2020 - CA
Northwestern Regional IGP Championship
Monterey Bay Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP 1-3
Judge: Frank Phillips, USCA & Doug Deacon, GSSCC/SV

September 11-13, 2020 - UT
Utah German Shepherd Schutzhunde Club
Conformation Show & Breed Survery
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TE1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), D, BH VT
Show Rating
Judge: Harald Hohman, SV

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May 21-23, 2021 - UT
Utah German Shepherd Schutzhunde Club
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), BH VT, STp1-3
Judge:
Andrea Duggan, USCA/GSSCC

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY

July 25-26, 2020 - AK
Alaska G.D.I.
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3, FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3), IFH, IFH2, AD, BH VT, STp 1-3
Judge:
Doug Deacon, GSSCC/SV

August 15-16, 2020 - AK
Alaska Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3, FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3), FH-V, IFH, IFH2, IGP FH, IGP V, AD, BH VT
Judge: Frank Phillips, USCA

September 25-27, 2020 - WA
PNW REGIONAL TRIAL AND SHOW
Snohomish Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP1-3, IFH, AD, BH VT, Show Rating, Breed Survey
Judge: Edgar Perti, SV

October 2-3, 2021 - ID
Treasure Valley Working Dog Club
Trial: IPO1-3, IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB1-3), AD, BH VT, Helper Classification
Judge:
Nathaniel Roque, USCA/SV

October 23-25, 2020 - ID
Treasure Valley Working Dog Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3), IFH, AD, BH VT, Show Rating and Breed Survey
Judge:
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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
AR, LA, NM & TX

November 21-22, 2020 - TX
SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Greater Houston SchH Club
Trial: BH, IPO1-3
Judge: Jim Chrisp, GSSCC

December 5, 2020 - TX
Schutzhund Club of San Antonio
Trial: IGP 1-3, IFH, IFH2, AD, BH
Judge:
Andrea Duggan, USCA/GSSCC

December 5-6, 2020 - TX
Lone Star Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3, FH-V, AD, BH VT
Conformation Show:
12/6/2020
Judge: Daniele Strazzeri, SV



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AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC

September 11-13, 2020 - NC
Black River Working Dogs
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3),
UPr1-3 (OB1-3), AD BH VT
Judge: Craig Groh, USCA/SV

September 18-20, 2020 - NC
Fayetteville SchH Club
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3),
UPr1-3 (OB1-3), IGP V, AD,
BH VT
Judge: Jacob Pope, USCA

September 26, 2020 - NC
Jacksonville SchH Club
Trial & Helper Classification
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3(APR 1-3),
FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3),
FH-V, IFH, IFH2, IGP FH, AD,
BH VT
Helper: Sydney Marshall
Judge: Arthur Collins, USCA

October 10-11, 2020 - TN
Lake Valley IPO Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3),
BH VT
Judge: Michael Caputo, USCA

October 10-11, 2020 - NC
Coastal Carolina SchH Club
Trial & Helper Classification
Trial: IGP1-3, FPr1-3 (TR1-3),
UPr1-3 (OB1-3), FH-V, IFH,
IGP FH
Helper Classification
Helper: Sydney Marshall
Judge: Arthur Collins, USCA

October 10-11, 2020 - AL
Fall Club Trial
Central Alabama SchH Club
of Birmingham
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3 (APR 1-3),
FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3),
FH-V, IFH, IFH2, IGP V, BH VT
Judge: Al Govednik, USCA

October 24-25, 2020 - NC
**REGIONAL CONFORMATION
SHOW AND BREED SURVEY**
Coastal Carolina SchH Club
Trial: AD, Show Rating, Breed
Survey
Judge: Ranier Mast, SV

October 31, 2020 - NC
Twin Beech SchH Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3),
UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3), BH VT
Judge: Michael Caputo, USCA

November 6-8, 2020 - NC
Piedmont SchH Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3 (Apr1-3),
FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3),
FH-V, IFH, IFH2, IGP FH, IGP V,
AD, BH VT, STp1-3
Judge: Don Yelle, USCA

December 12-13, 2020 - GA
Coal Mountain SchH Assoc.
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3(Apr1-3),
FPr1-3(TR1-3), UPr1-3(OB1-3),
FH-V, IFH, IFH2, IGP FH, IGP V,
AD, BH VT, STp1-3
Judge: Jim Chrisp, GSSCC

2021

January 15-17, 2021 - FL
Southwest Florida
Schutzhund Club
Conformation Show & Breed
Survey
Trial: AD
Judges:
Fri - Robert Lang, SV
Breed Survey:
Christoph Ludwig, SV
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Sat - Robert Lang, SV

April 2-4, 2021 - NC
Piedmont Schutzhund Club
Conformation Show & Breed
Survey
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3 (Apr1-3),
FPr1-3 (TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3),
FH-V, IFH, IFH2, IGP FH, IGP V,
AD, BH VT, STp1-3
Show Rating & Breed Survey
Judge: Jurgen Maibuchen, SV

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REGION**

*AZ, CA (south of Fresno-
Monterey), Southern NV*

October 10-11, 2020 - CA
North County Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3 (Apr 1-3),
FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3),
BH VT
Judge:
Robert Johantgen, USCA

October 31, 2020
Western Horizons Working
Dog Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3 (Apr 1-3),
FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3 (OB 1-3),
IGP V, BH VT, STp1-3
Judge: TBD

December 4-6, 2020
Aztec Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3,
UPr1-3 (OB1-3), BH
Judge: Michael Caputo, USCA

December 5-6, 2020 - AZ
Phoenix Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3 (Apr 1-3),
FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), IGP FH, AD,
BH VT
Judge: Willie J Pope, USCA

December 12-13, 2020 - AZ
Scottsdale Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3, FPr1-3
(TR1-3), UPr1-3 (OB1-3), FH-V,
IFH, IFH2, IGP FH, IGP V, BH VT
Judge:
Dorwin Anderson, GSSCC

2021

February 6-7, 2021 - NV
O.G. Red Rock Schutzhund Club
Trial: IGP 1-3, GPR 1-3 (Apr
1-3), FPr 1-3 (TR 1-3), UPr 1-3
(OB 1-3), STp 1-3, BH
Judge: Don Yelle, USCA

February 26-28, 2021- AZ
Southern Arizona SchH Club
Trial: IGP1-3, GPR1-3(Apr 1-3),
UPr 1-3(OB1-3), IGP V, AD, BH
VT, STp 1-3
Judge: Jacob Pope, USCA

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The Apprentice Judges are those who have met all training requirements. Apprentice Judge Trainees are those who still have not met the training requirement of titling one dog through a SchH3, a second dog to a SchH1, as well as obtaining an FH on a dog trained by the candidate. The apprentice trainees are yet to fulfill all requirements of the program but are currently active in training a dog toward that goal. All of the requirements for the USCA Apprentice Judge Program can be obtained by contacting the USCA Director of Judges.

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All Clubs planning to host a SV Judge must complete the following form. The information on this form is necessary to effectively schedule and coordinate the logistics of SV Judges on assignment in the United States. This form will be used as the official calendar of SV Judges. If your event will require more than one SV Judge, please use a separate form for each judge.

All SV judges requests must be submitted at least 6 months in advance of the event to ensure all paperwork can be authorized. NO exceptions to the WUSV/SV rule of 8 weeks can be made if the deadline is not met.

Cancellations must be received in writing two-months prior to the event. **All request forms must include valid Visa or Master Card credit card information to pay SV fees.**



SV Judge Request Form

Club Name: _____ Region: _____

Schutzhund Trial Breed Survey Breed Show AD Seminar Other _____
AD must be checked off if you are offering an AD with a Show Judge only. (explain)

- We will accept SV Assignment
- We request SV Judge: _____
- We have secured SV Judge: _____

Closest or most convenient airport:

To the SV Judge: _____ To your Club: _____

Person picking up the Judge: _____

Event Date (Listed in order of preference)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Share with which club:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Special Requests (Please list any special requests such as English speaking, area preferences, time of travel, etc)

Signature (Two Club Officers must sign)

We fully understand the that *Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV)* of Germany will make the final selections of SV Judges and that this request is subject to the approval of the SV and our Regional Director.

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