

Name(s): CHUCK AND DORIS FARRELL

Kennel Name: FARMIL KENNELS

Location: ROXBURY, Conn.

Occupation: I am a retired animal control officer (18) years, chuck is a retired service department manager for a machine tool company

Years involved with GSDs: 33 YEARS

How did you get started: We bought a German Shepherd as a pet. She was a Zent of Frolich daughter, and we went to a couple of fun matches and got hooked.

Who are some of your all-time favorite GSDs - of your own breeding or otherwise: I guess one that stands out is our Sel CH Debonair's Audrey Rose. She did things her way! If she didn't want to show she dropped her ear - always the one facing the judge. If she wanted to show that day, she did very well. She was a lot of fun and trying to figure her out was something else. She was a great dog to live with and loved everyone's pups.

What is most important to you in a GSD? The most important thing is good temperament. I want a total dog that can be shown and win at all-breeds and specialty shows.

What problem(s) do you think are most prevalent in the breed? I think we have a lot of esophagus problems and bloat.

When you select a puppy, what are you looking for (be as specific as possible): I love a naughty pup. They are usually very intelligent. I want good temperament because they have to be born with it. I also want a pup that gaits every where he/she goes and one that is consistently good. If they are good one week and not the next, you have a 50/50 chance of them falling apart. I pick my pups at 7-8 weeks. I don't "grow them out." I make a choice for myself and if no one else has inquired about a show pup they are sold to wonderful pet homes. I may have a GV or Two on someone's couch but that is fine.

Who was the most influential person in your breeding program: Bob and Maryellen Kish were a big help with our beginning as was Charlie Mardecz.

What is the best thing about being involved in GSDs: All the people we have met and friends we have made over the years. That is what it is really all about, and of course living with this wonderful breed on a day to day basis

What are your goals in the breed: To breed the perfect dog.