

Have you met . . . ? Candy Zumwalt

Name: Candice (Candy) L. Zumwalt

Kennel Name: Candia's www.candiasgsd.com

Location: Etna, Wyoming. (about an hour south of Jackson Hole on the Idaho border.)

Occupation: Full-time administrative specialist for the State of Wyoming, Department of Family Services.



Years involved with GSDs: I have been involved with GSD's for 38 years

How did you get started? I started out by purchasing a pet GSD from a BYB for my brother. Of course my brother never really wanted the puppy so I took over. We went to obedience classes and I trained the dog to hand signals. Fritz was so intelligent and impressed me so much that I decided then and there that this was the breed for me. My grandmother bought me a bitch from Valleybrook kennel that I had intended to breed to Fritz. Once I got her, I noticed a big difference in the two and decided Fritz wasn't show quality and should not be bred to her.

Who are some of your all-time favorite GSDs - of your own breeding or otherwise?

I fell in love with CH Caralon's Jedi of Brookwood. Most of my dogs go back to his bloodline. In fact, I just had a singleton puppy whelped from 7 generations of my bloodline that goes back to Jedi. Another dog that impressed me and has done so much for my bloodlines is Taylor Made. I bred one of my bitches, Candia's Honeysuckle and Ivy ROM, to a son of his (CH Jagan's Valentino ROM) three times. The progeny from these breedings gave Ivy her ROM. Of course, right now, my very favorite GSD is my girl, BISS CH Candia's Toil N' Trouble who is linebred on Taylor. **(photo right)**



What is the most important quality to you in a GSD?

I don't know if I can choose one quality. Temperament, breed type, movement and intelligence would have to be on my list of most important.

What problem(s) do you think are most prevalent in the breed?

I am VERY concerned right now with dead tails, dragging toes and locked hocks, as well as mega, heart murmurs and the overall health of our breed. I think as breeders we had better start paying better attention to health first!



When you select a puppy, what are you looking for (be as specific as possible)?

I first start looking at movement. I want that shoulder that's opening and the rear drive. As the puppies get older I watch for that "watch me" attitude that makes a good show dog. As the pup gets older temperament comes into play, teeth, etc.

Who was the most influential person in your breeding program?

I had no mentors. Some how I showed up at some puppy matches, then a dog show and went from there. Thankfully, my mother dragged me to all these dog events since I was 13 when I started out. I will mention

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Scottie Sherlock from Caralon Kennels though, as she has helped to make me so aware of the importance of health in our wonderful breed.

What is the best thing about being involved in GSDs?

Working with the most wonderful breed in existence! I love going to dog shows and meeting new people and seeing old friends.

What are your goals in the breed? What else do you hope to accomplish?

I want to know I helped improve the breed. Whether it be in health, brains, beauty or type. I would like to be remembered for what I did to help or improve the GSD.



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