

## Judge Dick Jones

How long have you been judging the breed? How many times a year do you judge German Shepherds? **8 years.....I Judge an average of 4 times a year.**

Are you an active breeder of German Shepherd Dogs? Do you have a kennel name ?  
**I decided not to Show or breed after receiving my license. Kennel name is Jocari**

How long have you been in the breed? When and how did you get started?  
**started in 1969 with an obedience dog receiving his cdx with a score of 1991/2**

Do you judge both all-breeds and specialties. If so, which do you prefer ?  
**yes both.....enjoy both**

Do you have a color preference? **no**

Do you find it harder to judge solid blacks ? If so, why?  
**No, I have bred and successfully shown blacks.**

When judging the dog, do you also judge the handler? Please elaborate if possible.  
**Only to the extent that the handler has the ability to present the dog to look their best.**

What importance do you place on missing teeth?  
**I'm not concerned with pre-molars.....I consider it a minor issue.**

Please discuss temperament in the ring today. Has it improved? Declined? Please explain.  
**It has improved in the last ten years.....a correctly done loose lead examination has been a positive step.**

Do you prefer a dog to be shown on a loose lead?  
**Not necessary all of the time.....but I need to see it at some point in final review for winner status.**

How would you rate the following in sequence of importance? (On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best).

Coming/Going: **5**

Sidegait: **8**

Temperament: **10** .....w/o it you don't even have a good pet.

Teeth: **5**

Coat: **5**

Pasterns, hocks, feet: **5**

Pigment: **5**

Structure: **9**

Shoulder/Reach: **8**

Attitude: **7**

**EYE Color 5 dark eyes to blend with pigment/color of head**

In your opinion should double handling be allowed? Please explain. **Yes, but very often the owner does not understand that if done improper it works to the detriment of the win.**

Do you feel more emphasis should be put on the total package, and less on movement?  
**I believe that it is a 50/50 balance.**

**Do you have a pet peeve about anything owners or handlers do concerning the showing of dogs? (Do you have any suggestions for owners or handlers regarding anything they should NEVER do when showing under you ?)**

**No pet peeves**

**Do you have any suggestions for owners or handlers regarding anything they should ALWAYS do when showing under you ?**

**No**

**Do you have any advice for people who are relatively new to showing and/or breeding?**

**Attend as many shows as possible and observe .....with regard to breeding never breed just to have a litter.....breed to the very best that you can and eventually the results will bear the fruit of your endeavor.**

**Any final comments? The GSD is my passion.....hopefully I will never lose sight of always acting in the best interest of the breed, even when the decision I may make may not be popular. Thanks for the opportunity to express my views.....Dick**