

Judge Doris Farrell

How long have you been judging the breed? How many times a year do you judge German Shepherds?

About 10 years. I judge two or three times a year, at least this year I will.

Are you an active breeder of German Shepherd Dogs? Do you have a kennel name ?

We are active in breeding and showing. Our Kennel name is Farmil

How long have you been in the breed? When and how did you get started?

We have been in the breed for 30 years. We bought a Zent of Frolich daughter for a pet and went to a couple of shows and got hooked.

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

I do both types of shows and don't really have a preference.

Do you have a color preference?

I like both sables and black and tans. A good dog is a good dog no matter what the color

Do you find it harder to judge solid blacks ? If so, why?

Not really

When judging the dog, do you also judge the handler? Please elaborate if possible.

I only judge the dogs. Most handlers have too many faults to judge them, most kick up in the rear!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What importance do you place on missing teeth?

Moderately important

Please discuss temperament in the ring today. Has it improved? Declined? Please explain.

I think the temperaments are improving in the breed today. We are doing a better job of breeding sound dogs.

Do you prefer a dog to be shown on a loose lead?

I prefer the dogs to move at a proper gait on a loose lead. I DO NOT LIKE RACING. THAT IS NOT PART OF OUR STANDARD AND IT CAN MESS UP A GOOD DOG. If they move too fast they lift in the front and don't follow thru because they are going too fast. They do not perform as well at a high speed.

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

Coming/Going: 4

Sidegait: 2

Temperament: 1

Teeth: 8

Coat:7

Pasterns, hocks, feet: 5

Pigment: 6

Structure: Structure is a combination of 2,3,4,5

Shoulder/Reach: 3

Attitude: 6

In your opinion should double handling be allowed? Please explain.

Moderately. Our dogs are too smart to run in circles and they get bored easily.

Do you feel more emphasis should be put on the total package, and less on movement?

Correct movement is a very large % of the total package. I WANT IT ALL

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 ?)

I don't like the idea that the handlers think the dogs have to race. I met William Goldberg many years ago and I will always remember him saying if you have a good dog under you, you can see it when he comes into the ring in a few steps. If you can't see it the, you can race the dogs all day and you still won't find it. Sometimes though, the dogs have to be worked to get them to settle down.

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?

Try to start with the best dog you can afford.

Any final comments? Good questionnaire.