

Judge Kay Reamensnyder

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

13 years. It varies. I am scheduled to judge GSD 6 (4 AB and 2 Spec.) times this year (2008) so far.

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

Yes (limited)BEDKAR

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

Since the late 1960s. Introduced to showing through Peter Perks, who worked for Grant Mann. The first bitch I showed was a granddaughter of Richter von Liebestraum. Also learned a lot from Helen Hess.

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

All Breeds and Specialities (Herding Group + 5 Working Breeds).....No preference.

Do you have a color preference?

NO

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

NO

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

Only if the handling interferes with the dogs ability to perform.

What importance do you place on missing teeth?

Prefer full dentition but would not deny an animal that is superb otherwise.....movement and temperament would be a priority.

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

In comparison to other breeds, GSD probably have some of the more stable temperament.

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

Yes....any breed.

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

Coming/Going: 9

Sidegait: 9

Temperament: 10

Teeth: 8

Coat: 7

Pasterns, hocks, feet: 9

Pigment: 6

Structure: 9 I do believe that structure includes all the others that I have marked "9".

Shoulder/Reach: 9

Attitude: 10

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

I have no problem with double handling as long as it does not interfere with the performance of another dog, or the dog being doubled.

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

I would assume that the total package would include good movement.....however, I would never ignore an otherwise great specimen, if it had a "fault" (e.g. missing tooth) if type were maintained and movement superb.

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 ?)

Ungroomed dogs, nails that are not trimmed, dirty teeth, and dogs that smell like old gym shoes.

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

Bring a well groomed, well-conditioned animal (proper weight and muscle conditioning).

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

Go to shows with a mentor and learn how to exhibit a dog. Understand how dog shows run. Train your dog to exhibit properly. Understand the GSD standard.

Any final comments?

Good Luck!