

Judge Randy Hamm

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

3 yrs, 5

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

Yes, Von Hamm

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

About 25 yrs. I fell in love with the GSD when I bought my first GSD from Bob and Nadine Grady and I was hooked. I bred her to Roudy (CH Talimars UR Roudy) and got a CH out of my first litter and have never looked back since. Now I am showing a 5X BIS winner and she was #2 in 2006 only behind that other guy. This sport is my life.

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

Yes and I enjoy both but prefer specialties

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. -----

No

What importance do you place on missing teeth?

Very important they have a full mouth

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

Back east, I have found the temperaments to be much better than in the west so it is hard to say. But as fare as I am concerned it needs improving.

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

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

Coming/Going:-----8
Sidegait: -----10
Temperament: -----10
Teeth: -----10
Coat: -----8
Pasterns, hocks,feet:-----10
Pigment: -----7
Structure: -----10
Shoulder/Reach:-----10
Attitude: -----10

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

My gosh yes, it makes it so mush fun.

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

Well you MUST have good movement to start with, but you must have things like good feet to continue that movement all day. A sloppy rear drives me nuts.

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 ?)

String up a dog or yell at an owner.

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

Be kind to the other handlers. If I hear you bad-mouth or do anything to interfere with another handler, I will excuse that handler and ask that another handler be put on the dog.

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

Don't expect to make money, and be tough. There are a lot of great people in this sport.

Any final comments?