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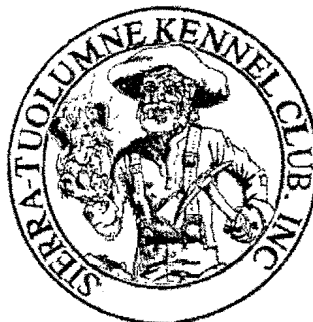
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Meeting Dates & Places for 1999

Mar 15: Mike & Sharlene Reed
April 19: Art & Karen Kaua
May 17: Darcy Zimmerman
June 21: Linda Grant
July 19: Ethel Brager
August 16: Helmbold's
September 20: Don Leonard
October 18: Molly Mathiesen
November 15: Tim & Karen Newhoff
December 20: Galka's



AKC LICENSED CLUB
#4135

Upcoming Classes

AGILITY: Tuesday, April 6, 1999 is the tentative date, weather permitting. Call Linda or Sherry for applications. Beginners will begin at 4:30 and Intermediate at 5:45 at Galka's. The first night we will need everyone to come about 1/2 hour early to setup the equipment. Classes will be limited to 12 students.

OBEDIENCE: All Obedience classes will begin on Wednesday, April 7, 1999. Intermediate will begin at 4:00. Puppy and Beginning will be at 5:30. Call Sherry for an application.

Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 3/3:
Obedience Graduation at Fairgrounds: Intermediate 2:00 p.m., Puppy & CGC 3:30 pm, Microchip with Jeff Wittman 4:30 pm. We need help with the CGC graduation!!! (food & bodies)



Sunday 3/7: Therapy Dogs go to Tuolumne General 2:00 pm

Sunday 3/14: Therapy Dogs go to Covey Cottage 2:00 pm

Monday 3/15: STKC meeting 6:00 pm at Reed's home, 16747 Draper Mine Rd., Sonora 532-6378

NADAC/ASCA

TENTATIVE!!!

DATE: June 12 & 13, 1999

PLACE: Columbia Elementary

CHAIRMAN: Linda Grant

SECRETARY: Barbara Broad

If you know of anyone that would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Barb at 962-7730.

Congratulations!!!

To STKC Members
Dr. James & Karen Black

for their
HOUND GROUP 1
at

WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB
Feb 9, 1999



with their

Saluki

CH. SUNDOWN
ALABASTER TREASURE
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AKC SHOW TRIAL 11/13 & 14/99

Our November Show is on schedule. Martha is the trophy chairman again with Shelby Bodine assisting. She is taking names of trophy donors NOW as they have to be in the premium list in the next couple of months. The following trophies are open:



SATURDAY:

- Best Junior Handler
- Novice A Obedience all placings
- Novice B Obedience all placings
- Open B Obedience all placings
- Utility A Obedience all placings
- Utility B Obedience all placings
- Hound Group 1
- Terrier Group 1
- Non-Sporting Group 1

SUNDAY:

- High in Trial
- Best Junior Handler
- High Combined Obedience
- Novice A Obedience
- Novice B Obedience
- Open A Obedience
- Open B Obedience
- Utility A Obedience
- Utility B Obedience
- Sporting Group 1
- Hound Group 1
- Non-Sporting Group 1

Please call Martha at 532-1939 with your choice of trophies.

THE CURLY-COATED RETRIEVER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DESCENDED FROM THE 16TH CENTURY ENGLISH WATER SPANIEL AND FROM THE RETRIEVING SETTER.

The Rule of 7's

NADOI News 1/99

By the time a puppy is seven weeks old, he/she should have:

- ◆ Been on 7 different types of surfaces: carpet, concrete, wood, vinyl, grass, dirt, gravel, wood chips.
- ◆ Played with 7 different types of objects: big balls, small balls, soft fabric toys, fuzzy toys, squeaky toys, paper or cardboard items, metal items, sticks or hose pieces.
- ◆ Been in 7 different locations: front yard, back yard, basement, kitchen, car, garage, laundry room, bathroom crate.
- ◆ Met and played with 7 new people: include children and other adults.
- ◆ Been exposed to 7 challenges: climb on a box, climb off box, go through tunnel, climb steps, go down steps, climb over obstacles, play hide and seek, in and out of a doorway with a step up or down, run around a fence.
- ◆ Eaten from 7 different containers: metal, plastic, cardboard, paper, china, pie plate, frying pan.
- ◆ Eaten in 7 different locations: crate, yard, kitchen, basement, laundry room, living room bathroom.

The Legislative Observer

1/99

Dangerous Dogs California: The State will once again address the subject of dangerous dog legislation in two newly proposed bills. A72 provides that any owner or custodian of a dog trained to fight, attack, or kill could be found guilty of a felony or



misdemeanor if, as a result of that person's failure to exercise ordinary care, the dog bites a human on two separate occasions.

S103 would find the owner of a mischievous animal guilty of a misdemeanor or felony if the animal causes severe injury, as defined, to any human.

LICENSING - CALIFORNIA:

In response to recent concern over the growing number of dogs owned by homeless people, it is now illegal for more than 2 stationary dogs to congregate with other canines on Berkeley's city streets. Violations will be punishable by fine

THE 106th CONGRESS:

New Chairmen: Rep. Larry Combest (R-TX) Agricultural Committee. He and his wife are also dog lovers, so we are looking forward to a productive relationship.

Rep. Richard Pombo (R-CA) will remain Chairman of the subcommittee. He is also solid on animal issues and has been very open to the dog fancy. Rep Collin Peterson, also a friend & very sound on animal issues, is ranking Democrat.

On the Senate side Sen Dick Lugar (R-IN) remains Chairman of the Ag Committee and Sen Tom Harkin (D-IA) replaces Sen Pat Leahy as ranking Democrat. Neither have close identification with animal issues.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WOMEN, THERE IS NOTHING ON EARTH SO AGREEABLE OR NECESSARY TO THE COMFORT OF MAN AS THE DOG

Edward Jesse, Anecdotes of Dogs

The meeting of the Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club was called to order by Club President Stu Galka. The meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m. and was held at Lindsey Stark's home. Members present were: Stu and Sherry Galka, Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Martha Johnson, Darcy Zimmerman, Don Leonard, Sharlene and Stefanie Reed, Charlene and Dan Bertelli. Guests present were Carol and Gordon Biederman (Golden Retriever)

Treasurer's Report (Sherry) - The Treasurer will move \$5000 from the Checking account into a CD account. Membership booklets for 1999 are available. Contact Sherry for your new copy.

Secretary's Report (Linda) - Letters were written to the following people/businesses:
Tuolumne County Humans and Animal Control for free obedience classes for an adopted dog. Congratulations card to Dr. James and Karen Black on their 1st in the Hound Group at Westminster. Sherry read three thank you cards from Interfaith (our Holiday donations), Paws with a Cause and Emergency Animal Rescue Service (EARS). From AKC - there is a new Junior Handler Certification that is available. Covers all performance events, not just conformation. Linda has applications.

Upcoming Events:

Agility - Seminar in Oregon, 4/7-9; AKC trial, Davis 4/10-11; USDAA trial, Placerville 4/17-18; USDAA Madera 3/20-21; Seminar - Judging Prep & Procedures, 3/13; UC Davis Dog Fun Day -4/17; ASCA Conformation/Obedience 3/6-7 lone

Committee Reports:

Obedience - Graduation will be on March 3rd with the Intermediate at 2:00 pm and the Canine Good Citizen at 3:30. Microchipping will be at 4:30. There are 8 in the Intermediate and 25 in the CGC and 5 in the puppy class. We will need helpers for the CGC. We will have hot dogs, sodas, etc. Next sessions start April 7th with Puppy and CGC at 5:30 and the Intermediate at 4:00.

Agility (Linda) - Classes will be on

Tuesday afternoons starting April 6th. Linda and Cherie will be doing an agility demonstration at the 7th week of obedience classes (weather permitting)

Education (Linda) - AKC has a new format for their publication education reports

Publicity (Linda) - flyers mailed for Agility and Obedience

Telephone (Lindsey) - no report

Therapy (Martha) - Sherry reported that she has applied to TDI, Inc for the Club and herself to be evaluators.

Historian (Cherie) - all the backlogged historical information is caught up!!

Sunshine (Sharlene) - let her know if you need her to send a card to someone.

New Business

NADAC/ASCA Agility Trial - June 12-13, 1999

Secretary - Barbara Broad

Columbia Elementary School will be the site.

NADAC has approved the judges, but one is unavailable and no word on the other yet. PASA will do the ASCA sanctioning, same as last year.

Job Assignments:

Linda - Chief Ring Steward

Cherie - Chief Course Builder, assisted by Fred & others

Timer - Darcy

Hospitality - vacant

Judges Arrangements - Sherry

Martha - trophies and gifties - she talked about the possibility of getting license plate frames for all exhibitors. She will report back later with more info.

AKC Show/Trial - November '99 -

Martha talked about trophy donations. If you want to sponsor a group, let her know ASAP.

Judges' Lunch - The Elks will not be doing the lunch this year, so Lindsey and Dale will be doing it. They will get a menu together.

New Business

Sherry talked about Club t-shirts, sweats, gear bags, etc. They will be available the next day.

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Contact her if you want.

Miscellaneous info:

Martha talked about some new dog treats that our out. She also announced that the Flyball group will be practicing on Saturdays at 1:00 pm at Rotary Park, weather permitting.

Stu reported that Ann Brown rescued a Golden Retriever, "Digger", from a neighbor. Ann has paid for the medical attention that dog has needed. The dog is presently at Lindsey's kennels. It was M/S/P by Sharlene/Sherry to provide \$100 towards the food and care of Digger. Stu would also like a committee to come up with a policy on rescue dogs.

The Club bought and then raffled off a 4-H Breakfast ticket. Darcy was the lucky winner!

Brag:

Cherie - she has illustrated a Games book for the Clean Run magazine and they have now used one of her cartoons on "clickers" and bait bags. They sent her a few clickers and two bait bags, which she showed. She will donate one bait bag (signed, of course!) to our raffle.

Darcy and Annie (Golden X) - in November, Annie got her first Jumpers leg at a NADAC trial in Madera.

The next meeting will be March 15th at Mike and Sharlene Reed's home.

It was M/S/P by Linda/Sherry to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

NOTICE - For those members who host a meeting, if you can provide me with a good photo of your dog(s), I can scan and place in the meeting minutes.

Also, anyone who has good "win" photos or any other photo they would like to share with the other members, then either give to myself or Sherry. We will include them in future issues of the "Howler".

Linda

A Dog's Prayer

Treat me kindly, my beloved master for no heart in the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footstep falls upon my waiting ear.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside, for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth.

Though you had no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land, for you are my god, and I am your devoted worshiper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food, that I may well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the Great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest... and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

Author unknown

How Smart is Your Dog?

Give your pet this test and find out

By Melissa Miller

From "The Dog IQ Test"

(Printed in the March 1999 issue of Reader's Digest)

Blessed with a well-developed brain, superb physical senses and a knack for learning, the dog demonstrates its natural abilities in a number of ways. Most, for example, have an excellent memory (close linked to their powerful sense of smell). Many have the ability to find their way home if they are lost, sometimes over many hundreds of miles. There are countless stories of dogs that, without previous training or stored knowledge, responded quickly and appropriately in an emergency, sometimes saving people's lives.

The following dozen questions assess some of your dog's visual and audio skills, as well as its training and experience. Do remember however, that this is not a scientific intelligence test, and results should not be used for any personal decisions about your dog!

Select only one answer for each question. The scores will follow.

1. With your dog watching, pretend to reach for a snack and eat it. Your dog:
 - A. Watches you intently as if you are actually eating.
 - B. Investigates the spot from which you took the "food" to see if anything's there.
 - C. Couldn't be less interested.
 - D. Seems to realize you're just pretending.

2. Your dog's way is blocked by a fence too high for it to jump over. What does it do?
 - A. Runs alongside the fence and looks for a way around it.
 - B. Forgets it and runs off in a different direction.
 - C. Tries to burrow its way underneath or get through somehow.
 - D. Waits for you to lift it over.

3. Does your dog seem to recognize any of these words: supper, the vet, bed, good-bye (or your own variations)? If so, how many?
 - A. Yes. Three or our words.
 - B. Yes. Two
 - C. Yes. One
 - D. No. None.

4. If you wee in the kitchen and began to unwrap food with your dog in earshot, what would it probably do?
 - A. Come into the kitchen as soon as it heard the sound.
 - B. Come in only if it felt hungry
 - C. Not realize you were unwrapping food unless you did so right in front of it.

5. If you dog is near a door and hears a strange noise outside, it's first reaction is to.
 - A. Begin to bark and want to go outside.
 - B. Ignore the noise.
 - C. Quietly monitor the house.

6. When out on a walk, you and your dog come across a much larger dog, or even a horse. What does you dog do?
 - A. Runs up and nips at the animal's feet, barking at it and harassing it.
 - B. Growls or barks fiercely, but only from a safe distance.
 - C. Stays out of its way
 - D. Approaches the animal cautiously or playfully.

7. When walking your dog on a lead, you come to a busy road. Would your dog:
 - A. Stop on the pavement and assess whether it's safe to cross?
 - B. Rely on you to decide when to cross?
 - C. Continue forward and force you to pull back tightly on its leash?

8. If you decide to stop playing with your dog, but it still wants to play, how will it let you know?
- By whining softly.
 - By trying to start the game with you again.
 - By growling.
9. Does your dog appear to remember people, such as relatives who come to visit only occasionally?
- No.
 - Yes, especially if they were friendly to it on the last visit.
 - Sometimes.
 - No, unless they off it some food.
10. If you dog needed water but there was one in its bowl, it would:
- Wait for you to notice that the water bowl is empty.
 - Look for other means of refreshment, such as the toilet bowl or a puddle.
 - Find you and begin to whine.
 - Summon you to its bowl to show you that it's empty.
 - Sit next to its bowl and whine.
11. How does your dog behave when it has been caught doing something wrong?
- It slinks away, ears and tail down.
 - It dashes off with a worried look in its eyes.
 - It dashes off with a gleeful look in its eyes.
 - It covers in front of you.
12. How curious is your dog when it finds itself in new surroundings?
- Very curious, exploring every nook and cranny.
 - Reasonably curious.
 - The only thing its ever curious about is what's for dinner.

Scoring:

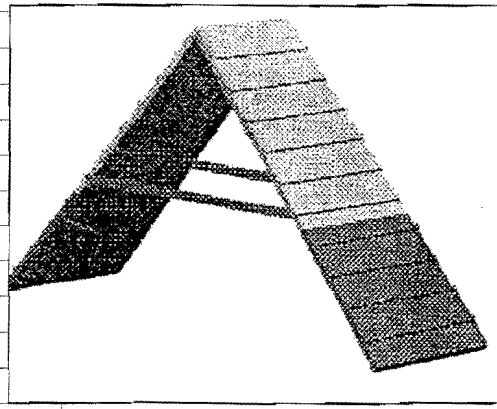
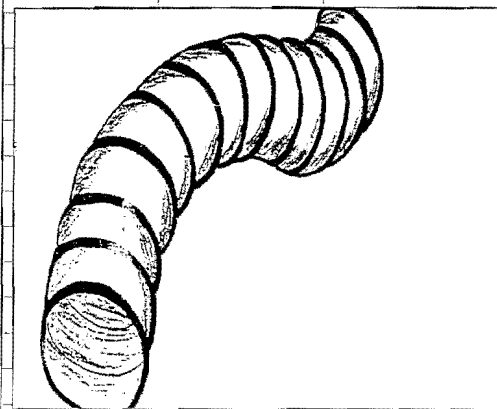
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The average score of a group of domestic dogs that took a fuller version of this test was 24 to 27. A highly trained dog achieved the top score.

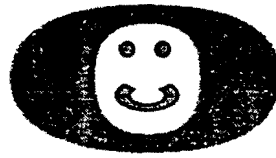
Score Category

14 and below	Blissfully Ignorant
15 - 18	Somewhat obtuse
19 - 23	Occasionally clever
24 - 27	Average
28 - 31	Brighter than average
32 - 37	Very smart
38 - 41	Extremely smart
42 and above	Canine Genius

Event	Date	Club/Entries/Location	Closing/Judges
Fun Match	Feb 27 & 28	Starfleet Agility Marg Vincent 916-687-8667, 10925 Bruceville Rd.	Check-in 8:30 to 9:30 - \$5 per run Elk Grove, CA
USDAA	Mar 20 & 21	Canine Agility Team, Madera Cathy Hardman 559-299-8592 cmh39@csufresno.e	Closes 3/3 Judges: K.Birdsng, T. Skillman, P. Horton
NADAC	April 3 & 4	The Bay Team, Hayward Ron Etherton, 2688 Comstock Cir. Belmont, Ca 940	Closes: 3/19 \$50 week-end package Judges: Karen Birdsong, M. Vroman
AKC	April 10&11	Davis DTC, Davis Katy Robertson, 261 Chandler Ct., Woodland 95695	Closes 3/23; \$18& \$8 Judge's: G. George-Sackett & M. Sudak
Fun Match	17-Apr	UC Davis Vet. Medicine School Cindi Delany 530-666-6106	Day of Match: \$7 first run/\$5 additional
USDAA	April 17 & 1	Haute Dawgs, Placerville Margie Crewson 916-989-3899	Closes 3/31 \$22 each dog Judges: TBA
USDAA	May 8 & 9	Bay Team, Hayward Karey Krauter 650-926-3674; kek@slac.stanford.edu	TBA
AKC	May 15 & 16	Redwood Belgian Terv Club, Hayward Karey Krauter 650-926-3674; kek@slac.stanford.edu	Closes 4/28; \$17 & \$5 Judges: Pat Charlton & Craig French
NADAC	May 29-31	Starfleet Agility, Dixon	TBA
ASCA Trial		MVincent 916-687-8667,10925 Bruceville Rd,ElkGro	Judges:E. Hizer, B. Vincent, W. Lightner
AKC	June 5 & 6	Del Monte K.C., Salinas Mary Lou Copp, 1075 SpareParkWay, Mtn Vw9404	Closes 5/19; \$20 & \$8 Judges:Jan Peterson
NADAC	June 12 & 13	STKC, Tuolumne	Closes: TBA
ASCA Trial	Tentative	Linda Grant 533-2276 or tyedyed@sonnet.com	Judges: TBA
USDAA	Sept 4 -6	Bay Team, Hayward Karey Krauter 650-926-3674; kek@slac.stanford.edu	TBA
AKC	Sept 11 & 12	STKC, Sonora	Closes: TBA
Trial	Tentative	Linda Grant 533-2276 or tyedyed@sonnet.com	Judges: TBA
NADAC	Oct 16 & 17	PASA, Tres Pinas, CA Frank Butera, 189 Tulip Blossom Ct., San Jose 95123	TBA
NADAC	Nov 13 & 14	The Bay Team Karey Krauter kek@slac.stanford.edu;650-926-3674	Closes: TBA Judges:



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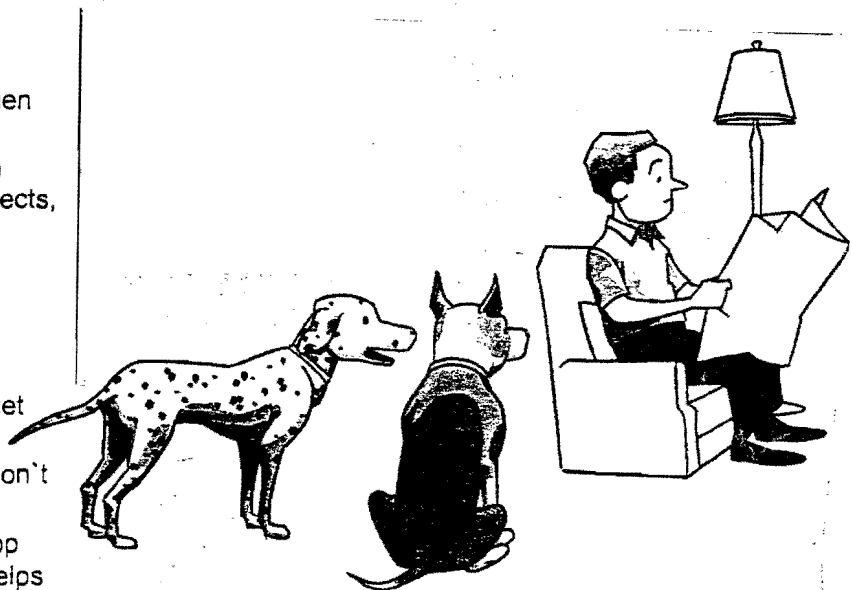


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REGULAR INFO

Telling temperature without a thermometer

Central British Columbia has experienced its first big snowfall of the winter. Weather reports tell me that other areas (at least in North America) have also experienced the beginning of winter and the opportunity to run on snow for the first time. Here is a scale that you might want to print out and hang on the wall.....just by observing human behaviour you will be able to tell how cold it is outside.

- ✿ 60° Californians put on sweaters (if they can find one)
- ✿ 50° Miami residents turn on the heat
- ✿ 45° Vermont residents go to outdoor concert
- ✿ 40° You can see your breath, Californians shiver uncontrollably, Minnesotans go swimming.
- ✿ 35° Italians cars don't start
- ✿ 32° Water freezes
- ✿ 30° You plan your vacation in Australia
- ✿ 25° Ohio water freezes, Californians weep pitifully, Minnesotans eat ice cream, Canadians go swimming.
- ✿ 20° Politicians begin to talk about the homeless, New York City water freezes, Miami residents plan vacation further south
- ✿ 15° French cars don't start, cat insists on sleeping in your bed with you
- ✿ 10° You need jumper cables to get the car going
- ✿ 5° American cars don't start
- ✿ 0° Alaskans put on T-shirts
- ✿ -10° German cars don't start, eyes freeze shut when you blink
- ✿ -15° You can cut your breath and use it to build an igloo, Arkansawans stick tongue on metal objects, Miami residents cease to exist.
- ✿ -20° Cat insists on sleeping in pajamas with you, politicians actually do something about the homeless, Minnesotans shovel snow off roof, Japanese cars don't start.
- ✿ -25° Too cold to think; you need jumper cables to get the driver going.
- ✿ -30° You plan a two week hot bath, Swedish cars don't start.
- ✿ -40° Californians disappear, Minnesotans button top button, Canadians put on sweater, your car helps you plan your trip South.
- ✿ -50° Congressional hot air freezes, Alaskans close the bathroom window.
- ✿ -80° Hell freezes over, polar bears move South, Green Bay Packer fans order hot cocoa at the game.
- ✿ -90° Lawyers put their hands in their own pockets.



"Actually, he's a pretty boring conversationalist.. All he knows are a few buzz words, like 'sit' and 'fetch.'"

From Dr. Jamie Smith (self-described Yukon Shrink)
via Jeff Dinsdale, Quesnel, B.C.
jdinsdal@QUESNELBC.COM



SIERRA-TUOLUMNE KENNEL

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Dachshund



The Dachshund has a lively, upbeat personality—spunky, curious, and friendly. These traits remain from the Dachshund's original job: "Dachshund" means "badger dog" in German, and he was created to hunt down badgers.

Badger dogs of some type have existed since the 1400s. The Dachshund as a specific breed has been around since the early 1600s. He is a digger so that he could dig his way into the badger's underground den. He is low and long so that he could fit inside the den to go after the badger. He is an eager hunter. He also loves to play and clown around. He is happy in the city or country, as long as he gets his daily exercise. Because of his long back, he shouldn't be allowed to jump from heights, including furniture.

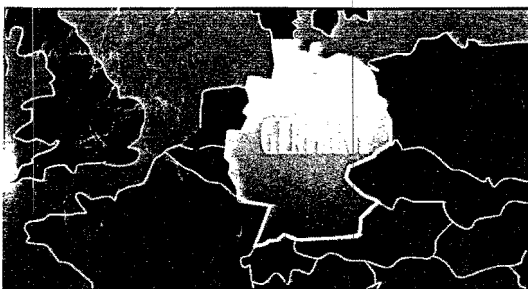
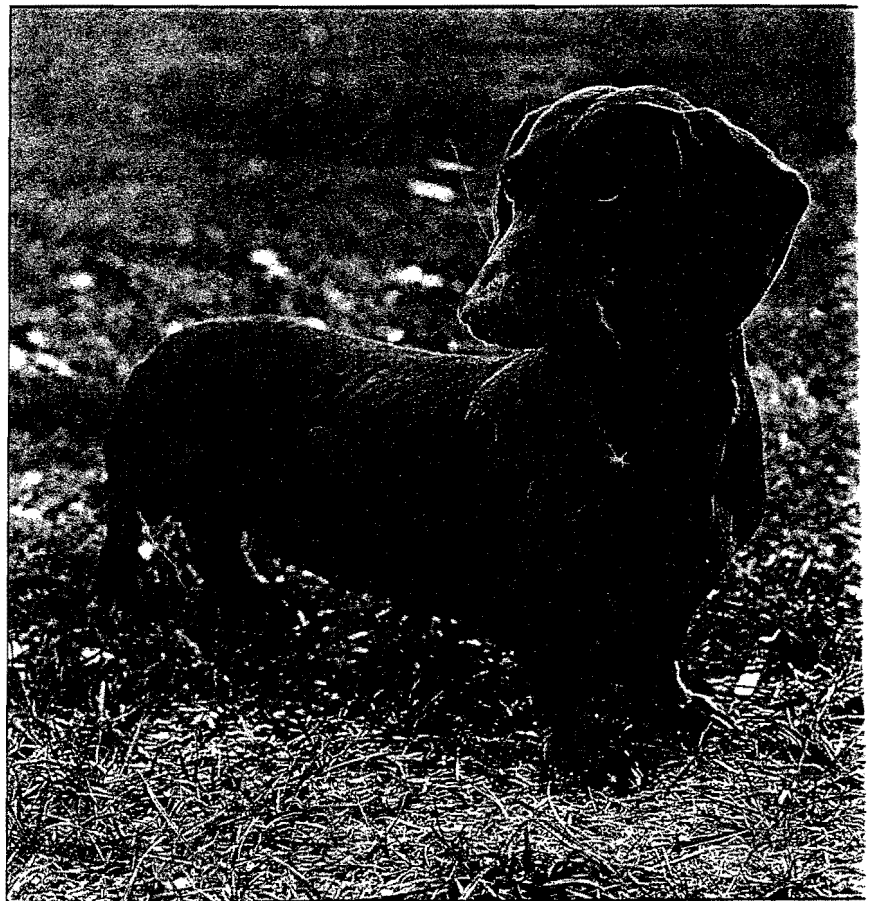


Dachshunds can have one of three kinds (varieties) of coat: smooth, wirehaired, or longhaired. Dachshund puppies should come from litters that have only one type of coat: The different varieties are not bred to each other because they may produce puppies with shiny, mixed-up coats. There are regular-sized and miniature dogs of each coat type.

Smooth: short, sleek, and shiny two-colored—black, chocolate, wild boar, gray and fawn, with tan markings; dapple and brindle. Tail tapers to a point.

Wirehaired: short coat with soft, shorter undercoat and wiry beard and eyebrows, in any of the above colors.

Longhaired: sleek, shining, slightly wavy (not curly), in same colors as Smooth. Tail should be like a flag, with the longest hair at the base.



EXCERPTS FROM THE STANDARD

General Appearance:

Low to the ground, long in body and short of leg, well-balanced, bold and confident with intelligent, alert expression.

Size, Proportion, and Substance:

Miniature—11 pounds and under at 12 months of age and older.

Standard—approximately 16 to 32 pounds.