

YOUR DOG AND MINE

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The correct official name is German shepperd dog. It is not to be confused with the collie and sheep-herding dogs of other countries. 'Police Dog' is the popular name of the breed. Germany is its native home and about the year 1915 specimens were imported in number from that country. The breed became the fashion from about 1922 to 1926 and furnished a number of canine movie stars. Too much emphasis was placed on the dog's aggressiveness with the result that some criticism was made of the dog's temperment. The breed, because, of its outstanding beauty and gracefulness, always will be a popular one. Present breeders aim to produce good specimans rather than sales puppies.

General appearance of the German Shepherd—The Shepherd Dog is a dog above the middle size. He is long, strong and well muscled, full of life and at attention nothing escapes his sharp senses.

The average height for dogs is 24 inches and for bitches 22 to 23 1-2 inches. Height above the average should not be considered a fault, however, provided the proportion of length to height is correct, and the weight of bone is also in proportion and not so great as tomake the dog clumsy or readily fatigued. In all cases the proportion of length to height should not be less than as ten is to nine.

Head of the German Shepherd—The size of the head should be in proportion to the body, without being clumsy. It should be clean cut and of medium width between the ears. The forehead seen from the front, only moderately arched, lacking or with very slight, center furrow. The skull slopes in a slanting line without abrupt stop, continuing into the wedge shaped long muzzle; the muzzle is strong, the lips tight and dry, firmly fitting together; the cheeks slightly rounded toward the front, but without undue prominence as seen from the front. The bridge of the nose is straight and in parallel line with an imaginary elongation of the line of the forehead. Jaws and teeth are strong, teeth meeting in a scissors grip, but not overshot.

The correct mouth is one in which part of the inner surface of the upper teeth meet and engage part of the outer surface of the lower teeth. This mouth gives a more powerful grip and sharper bite than one in which the edges of the teeth meet directly. If there is space between the upper and lower teeth, however, when the mouth is closed, the dog is overshot or undershot, and faulty in this particular.

Ears of the German Shepherd—Medium in size, set high on the head, broad at the base and pointed at the base and pointed at the tops, opening towards the front and carried erect when at attention, though not necessarily at all times. Cropped and hanging ears are to be discarded.

A firm erect carriage is desirable especially for breeding animals. The ideal carriage is one in which center lines of the ears, viewed from the front, are parallel to each other and perpendicular to the ground. In young dogs slight pliancy or lack of complete firmness is permissible. Pups usually do not straighten their ears before the fourth or six month and sometimes not until later.

Eyes of the German Shepherd—Medium size, almond shape, set a little obilque and not protruding, color dark brown. The expression should be lively, intelligent and show distrust of strangers.

In light colored dogs eyes of the light color are frequently found. If they harmonize with the coloration of the dog they should not be considered a serious fault, but the dark eye is always prefered.

Neck of the German Shepherd—Strong and muscular, clean cut, proportionate to head and back and without loose folds of skin.

When the dog is excited the head is raised and the neck carried high, otherwise the head is carried but little higher than the top of the shoulder.

Body of the German Shepherd—Chest deep, but not too wide, ribs flat rather than barrel shaped, with the breast bone reaching to the elbow Adbomen moderately tucked up. Back straight and very strongly developed. Short—coupled and long—legged dogs are to be discarded. The agility and elasticity required of a herding dog are attained by proper angulation at the fore and hindquarters, broad powerful loin and long, gradually sloping coup.

Tail of the German Shepherd—Bushy, reaching to the hock and often forming a slight hook turned to one side. At rest the tail hangs in a slight curve like a saber. When the dog is excited or in motion the curve is accentuated and the tail is raised, but it should never be lifted beyond a line at right angles with the line of the back. The tail, therefore, should never be laid over the back either straight or curved. Tails that are docked are to be discarded.

Forequarters of the German Shepherd—The shoulders should be long and sloping, well muscled and set on flat against the body. The forearm straight viewed from all angles. The pastern long and combining springiness with strength.

Hindquarters of the German Shepherd—The thigh broad and powerfully muscled. The upper thigh long and sharply angled with the long stifle. The hock strong and comparatively short.

Feet of the German Shepherd—Round, short, compact, and the toes well arched. Pads very hard, nails short, strong and usually dark in color. Dew claws frequently appear on the hindlegs. They are not faults in themselves, but as they usually cause a spread action and sometimes injuries they should be removed immediately after pups are whelped.

Color of the German Shepherd—All colors are permissible from solid black to solid white, including many variations of browns, greys and mixed wolf colorings, also brindles. White markings on chest and legs are allowed. The undercoat, except in black dogs, is always light in color. The color of a pup can only be ascertained after his outer coat comes in.

Coat of the German Shepherd—While there are three varities of the Shepherd Dog recognized namely, the smooth-coated, the rough-coated and the long-coated, the first of these is the only one found in any appreciable number and the only variety here discussed.

Length of the coat varies. Too short a coat is a fault. The undercoat should always be present and should be dense and form a real protection to the body.

STILL POND

Mrs. S. C. Walters, of Black, spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. William H. Fogwell.

The community extend their deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of Mrs. John Nicholson who passed away at her home last Friday evening, following a long illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from her home.

Mr. Norman Thompson, of Phladelphia, visited with his mother, Mrs. Emma Thompson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Penn Toulson, of Vineland, N. J., Miss Louise Toulson, of Philadelphia, Mrs. George Sutton, of Still Pond Neck, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William Clark on Sunday.

The monthly business and social meeting of the Epworth League was held last Thursday evening in the Sunday School room.

Mr. Harry Bidwell is spending this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skeggs spent Sunday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elston Kendall, of Turner's Creek.

Miss Louise Travers and Mr. Walter Davis spent the week end wtih Mr. Davis' sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anspont, of Washington, D. C.

The Ladies Aid Society are planning to hold their annual supper on May 4. Watch for further details.

The True Crusaders held a Pie Social last Friday evening at the school house. All who attend spent an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Howard Toulson and Mrs. Rachal Dority are among those on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess Hadaway and family have moved back to their home in town.

Miss Lucille Parr is spending sometime with Miss Louise Pennington.

Mrs. Ester Jones and son, Bobby, of Millington, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones and family.

Miss Louise Nicholson, of Washington College visited with Miss Helen Jervis over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George French, Mrs. William Vansant and Mrs. Ruth visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Clark on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford, of near town, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheatley, of Chestertown, Miss Lucille Parr, Misses Anna and Jane Bowers, Mrs. Webster Tomb, Miss Kathryn Howard, Miss Louise Pennington and Mrs. Wallace Ford at a five o'clock dinner on last Friday evening.

The Still Pond and Betterton Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Price on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hackett visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford on Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Murray, of Baltimore, spent a few days this week with Mrs. Carson Greenwood.

A large congregation greeted the Pastor on Sunday upon his return.

The Members of the Still Pond Homemaker's Club attended the all day County-wide meeting held at Millington last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson visited at Bowie on Monday.

Cohen (entering a delicatessen store): Give me some of that salmon.

Proprietor: That's not salmon, that's ham.

Cohen: Vell, who asked you what it was?

Chauffer: This, madame, is the hand brake—it's put on very quickly, in case of an emergency.

Madame: I see—something like a kimono.

Crummy; Shindy

The use of "crummy," meaning "cheap," is a natural outcome of its original sense. The dictionary records that "crummy" means "full of crums or littered with crums." Hence, anything that is "crummy" shows an untidy or neglected appearance. The extension to "cheap," in the sense of "mean, poor, disreputable," is a logical step. The old slang term "shindy," meaning "a riotous conflict; a rumpus or a row," has been in use since 1821. "Shindig," first recorded in 1892, is probably a modified form of "shindy," and designates a party somewhat less riotous than a "shindy."—Literary Digest.



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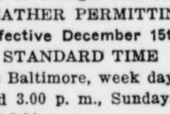
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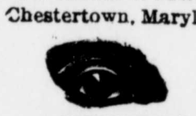
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