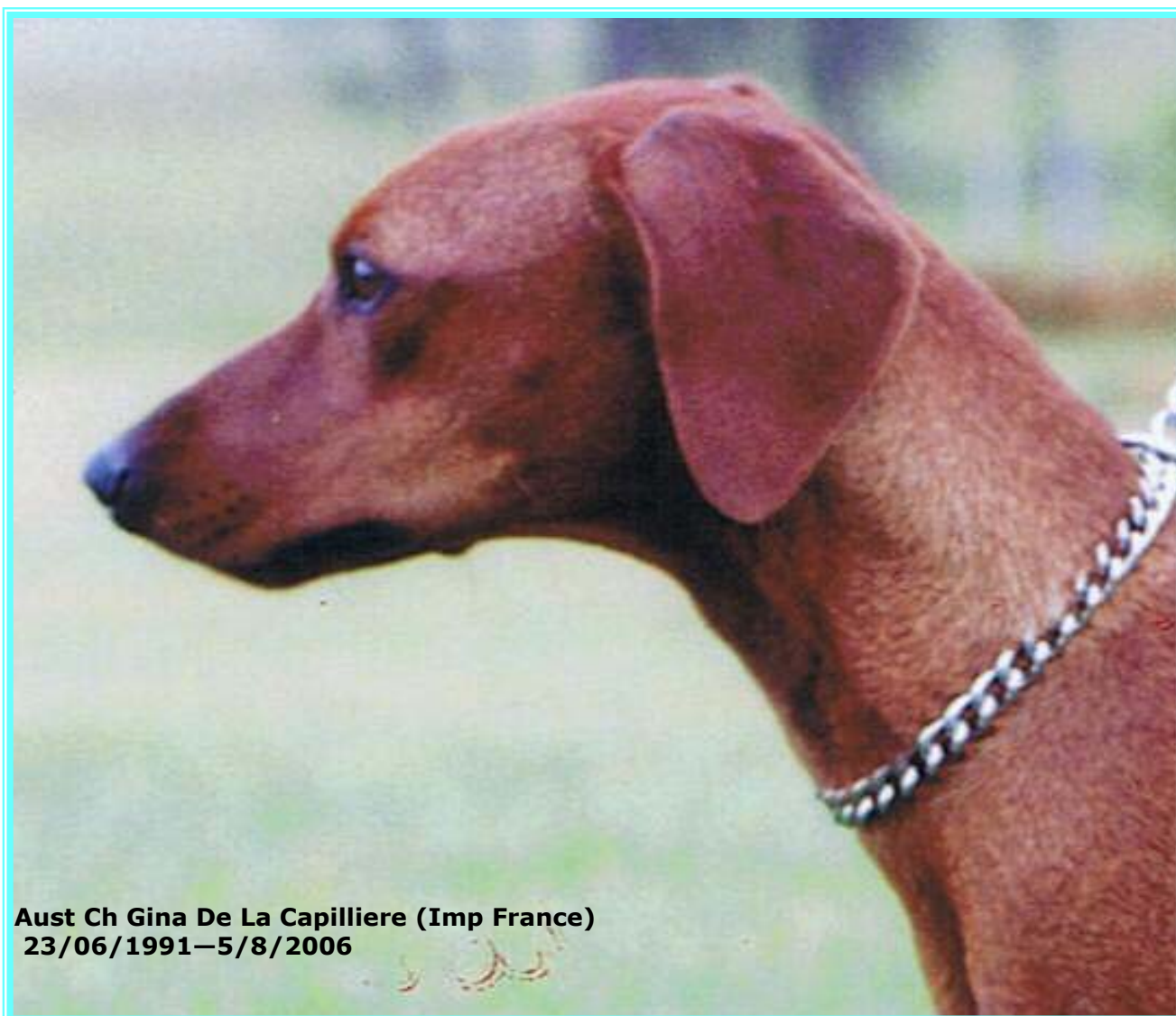


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We would like to wish all Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All the best showing and obedience/agility training your German Pinschers in 2007.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

2006 has been a top year for German Pinschers, the most successful year ever for our German Pinscher Club of Queensland, and my thanks go out to all those members who have been so dedicated to the club and the breed in general.

Our year started with the club almost not being a club, however with a good committee now working together and members achieving results in the show ring, we are now on the right track once again.

Members have had success in the show ring with In Class, In Group and In Show awards and prizes.

The German Pinscher Club of Queensland has now been running for nineteen months. Our membership is continuing to grow and we are in a good financial position at this point. In the next year we will be seeking affiliation with the Canine Control Council (Queensland) as a social club.

The year 2007 is going to be challenging with lots to look forward to, some of these will be show training and obedience training for new members, fun games days for dogs and B.B.Q's for their handlers.

I would like to thank R.A.M. Paper & Office Products P/L for their continuing sponsorship of our organization with paper and office products and equipment. The paper alone helps to keep the cost of the Pinscher Post (our magazine) to a minimum.

We would like to invite all our interstate members and German Pinscher Clubs to make our QLD Royal (The Ekka) one of the best ever for German Pinschers. We will once again be providing the catering for the lunch break.

I take this time to thank our interstate members for their continuing support. Thank You. In closing I would like to thank all our committee members who have contributed greatly to getting our club up and running once again, and you the members who have supported this process.

Yours faithfully

Keith Woodwell



PET HOROSCOPES

SAGITTARIUS November 22—December 21 : Naturally friendly - will greet strangers like long lost friends. Their whole body seems to wag in anticipation of your greeting. They even seem to smile at you. They are somewhat clumsy and tend to knock things over in their pursuit of fun. Eyes are bright and alert - normally restless. They love to go riding - the faster the better. This is the dog you'll see happily riding on the back of a motorcycle. Watch their temper if teased. Health good - accidents occur through their reckless behavior. Loves most foods - will tend to overeat. Clumsy but loves to learn. Acts like a clown - will love to learn tricks and show off. Will not obey unless they want to - applause will spur them on. Cannot stand being shut away by themselves. Need people around - no toys - just people. If ignored when they greet you, they will hang their heads and tails in sorrow. Desperately need to be loved. You are their sun, moon and stars. Their happy-go-lucky nature will endear them to everyone. On your saddest day they will cheer you up and make you smile. Sometimes you will feel they are not too bright - they are - its just their hasty movements that get them in trouble. They will chase their tails well into adulthood. Very trusting. Good playmates for children. Watch them with babies as they might get too rambunctious. If the family must move they are very adaptable.

CAPRICORN December 22—January 19 : Quiet and calm - very dignified and methodical in their movements. Seem rooted to one spot, until they want to move. They seem to be serious and melancholy. Must force them to exercise and play. Make sure diet is well balanced and that they eat it. Likes everything in a very routine way - walk at 9 - food at 8. Change their schedule and they will be irritable and look even sadder. They do everything a very deliberate manner. When it is time for a certain activity and you are not prompt - they will sulk. Not interested in flighty play. Do not mix well with children prefer adults. Very obedient - if makes a mistake will be miserable, so be sure to soothe their feelings and let them know all is well. A real stay at home and will sit by your side or in your lap for hours. Worships master - very devoted. Their serene and sedate manner of observing you will sometimes make you feel as if they are in charge. Will be very easy to train - as they want to please you with their whole being. However, if they decide they prefer something - will ignore your "no" and will patiently wait to wear you down to have their way. They are very timid - seem to need protection and security from you. Will select a favorite chair - you and your friends should respect this and avoid sitting in it as they will glare at you till you move and apologize.

AQUARIUS January 20 to February 19 : They are very interested in you and the things around them. Will concentrate when you talk to them - they will cock their heads to one side and listen intently. Children intrigue them - will play with them but become bored easily. It takes time to gain their trust - they seem to look deep into your soul. Once they trust you it will be for life. Don't like the cold. Major health problems are circulation. Difficult to teach - are so busy thinking of other things they don't seem to remember what they are supposed to be doing and will challenge your patience. They don't sleep much, try to control the amount they get. Also need a strong push to get regular exercise. Strong intuition - seems to know what you want before you say it. Will eat things most dogs normally would not touch. Sometimes you'll give a command and they'll do just the opposite. Though they seem sweet and pliable - they can be determined and stubborn. Very unpredictable, one minute calm and sweetly docile - the next topsy turvy, but usually lovable and amusing. Love to shock you with wild antics - other times timid and moves with caution. Expect the unexpected. Will want to play in the rain - doesn't mind getting muddy. They love to explore and will lope down the street in a fog and run into a telephone pole. The term pixilated suits this pet.

PISCES February 20 to March 20 : Warm, friendly and very adaptable. They are so gentle and docile, they seem almost too good to be true. They have an air of mystery that you see when you look deep into their entrancing eyes. They do not like confinement needs room to roam. Trying to get them into a routine is next to impossible. Will want to eat when hungry and sleep when sleepy. Sometimes they will sleep all day then want to romp all night. Only learns what they want, when they want. Can completely ignore you like they are deaf, but they are really just day dreaming. If you have a lot of patience they will learn - because they are really eager to please you. Give them bushels of attention and praise when they do good - because they are very unsure of their abilities. A scolding will hurt their sensitive natures - you will actually see tears in their eyes. Tell them your troubles and they seem to sympathize with a warm and caring look. Their health is sometimes delicate as puppies - but as adults they are very strong. Have to be tempted to eat - not fussy - just can take it or leave it. Love all adults, will shy away from children at first, until they are sure they are not rough. They will adopt a kitten or puppy and take care of it like a mother. When they want their way they seem to smile and flirt with you. They will require certain amounts of privacy when they will withdraw to day dream.

**Aust Ch Gina De La Capilliere (Imp France)
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On the 15th Aug. 2006 we lost the matriarch of Pinschers in Australia. She was 15 years and 1 1/2 months old. She'd had a good day, for her. I was home all day and she was inside by the fire, sleeping most of the time. We were going away for 2 weeks and I was a bit worried about leaving her, even though in good hands. Looking at her at 7.30pm that night I said 'I don't think she'll be here when we get back'. She'd just had a good dinner but looked frail so Graham said he'd put her to bed, however, she collapsed on the way to bed and though still alive, it was clear the time had come. So out came my long suffering vet and agreed with our decision, the time had come. I'm very glad we were here for her.

What else can I say about her that wasn't said in the September 2005 issue of the Pinscher Post? Perhaps a few reminiscences - the day she arrived home from a long quarantine, in the kitchen with me and a friend came to the door and went to come straight in. No way said Gina and bailed her up at the door - she must have decided she liked it here and no-one would jeopardise her new found freedom. The puppies she had and would let only me attend to her. Graham went in to see a litter once, and I said don't come in, I don't like the look in her eye. She's right, I was in yesterday and it was OK, says Graham. Next thing he knows, he's bailed up against the wall and she's about to take a piece out of his crutch, ow !! The time I sent my grand daughter off on the pony - you can go to the crossroads and don't walk, try and trot all the way (9 kms round trip). She arrived at said crossroads, turned around and there was Gina who was 11 years old at the time and enjoyed every kilometer. She was always mothering her kids, Ranger and Gretel, and later on grandson Rommel, by spending ages making sure their ears were squeaky clean and if she paused for minute, they'd remind her to keep going! The time she and Gretel disappeared late in the afternoon, many years ago. I started to get worried and wanted a search party to go out. Typical male Graham said they'll come home, don't panic. I heard a slight yelp from 'over there' and insisted we check it out. They'd gone right into a rabbit warren in the dam wall of the neighboring paddock, Gretel could get out, with help, but the men had to dig Gina out, just on dusk, and I don't think she appreciated it, wanted to stay and hunt.

For years she came to work with me, tied up under the desk. Knew the voices of the staff and they could come and go as necessary, but a strange voice had her to the end of the lead and protecting the office big time. One poor fellow got such a fright, even tho she couldn't reach him, he fell back against the door and knocked it off it's track. She hated vets, a leftover from her days in Hawaiian quarantine on her way here, and the sound of Alan's voice in the shop would have a low growl coming from the depths of my desk!

Even though Graham and I were ready for her to go, we'll miss her.

Maureen Feltham

Gina had a total of 30 pups in 5 litters. Of these 24 pups were fathered by Black Baron. Although Baron was black and tan, all of her pups have been red. Gina was retired after her last litter in 1999.



OUT AND ABOUT

Disobedience Training

Jackson and I commenced a basic obedience class, under the helpful guidance of Dell and Tandy, on Sat 7 Oct at PADS (Pine Agility Dog Sport Club) This club was chosen as we hope to progress to agility training. PADS has their very own purpose built grounds at Eatons Hill in North Western Brisbane - a pleasant setting with good facilities.

He went like any dog at its first lesson - useless. I coped with patience and taught him during the week at home so now after two lessons he can sit and drop!!



PADS use food treats, toys and games in conjunction with a clicker-training tool to reinforce positive behavior. Having got the hang of "sit" after the first Sat Jackson couldn't understand "drop" at class on the second Sat but am just making some headway today at home. For quite a while he was adamant that the sight of the clicker meant he had to sit for a treat - couldn't get the idea that something else was required this time!! Also he is getting some idea of fetch but is in such a hurry to get the treat that he often only gets to pick the ball up briefly then drop it and come bounding back to me without it!!

Cheers, David

Two Strikes & You're Gone...

We are in the same place, Stanthorpe, (on the New England Highway about 30kms north of NSW border or 120 kms south of Toowoomba). Its a good place to spend Summer as is supposedly the coolest place in Qld and low humidity which is better for particularly Rob as his health comes and goes.

Ruby is fine and absolutely gorgeous, certainly part of our lives. But hate to tell you this, we were hoping never to have to tell you this again, but Ruby found another snake. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw her wrestling with the damn thing and screamed my head off. Too late though, she'd been bitten and was frothing at the mouth and vomiting. Fortunately we rushed her to the Vet in time to save her but she was a sick little dog and we went through hell that night not

knowing if she would pull through or not. Now we are really nervous as the Vet says if there is a next time she won't be able to save her!!!!!! We hear it is a bad Season for snakes as a neighbor's dog (a Staffy) also has been bitten twice and their garden is just all lawn as they try and keep the growth away. Its just that hunting instinct in them that hunts them out. We have even thought of going back to New Zealand as its snake free!!!!!!

If Ruby is the same as her last 2 Seasons, she'll have a 4 1/2 month gap which makes her due the end of Dec. As soon as she shows signs, we can rush up to you and be there within a day. We'll come in the truck as will enable us to camp somewhere.

Take care of yourself and all the best.

Regards, Jenny and Rob and big lick from Ruby



Here I come rabbits.....

Ch Kaitler Night Angel ET SPD JD AD 'Remy'

Remy's achievements have gone ahead in leaps and bounds this year, literally!

We had to take a big break in 2005 just when we ready to start trailing, missing most of the season with Remy's litter and my own new addition, so we weren't able to do much training or trialing.



2006 was going to be our big come back and it has been bigger than 'Ben Hur'.

We started out the season gaining our Novice Strategic Pairs Title (SPD) in 3 consecutive trials in one month only! We then went on to obtain our Novice Jumping Title (JD) followed shortly after by our Novice Agility Title (AD), all within a three month period.

We are now on our way to obtaining titles at the next level with our first qualification in Excellent Jumping already.

The season for us is finished for this year, but watch out in 2007 for more news the sporting rings!

Michelle Johansson & Remy

Friendly Greetings to All - Vienna, Austria

Hi all Fellows!

You know, I was the owner of „Wiener Kindl-Finette", Mother of "IZBA". On 10.06.06 my dear old Girl must went over the Rainbow Bridge.

Born on 26.05.93 in my hands, with 6 Sisters.(2/5)
Sire: "Duffy v.d.Lohhecke" bl/tan, Germany.
Dam: "Wiener Kindl-Dorette" red.
She had many success in shows, got Austrian Junior-Champion, Austrian-, Czechoslovak-Hungarian-, Slovenian-and International-Champ.;
Austrian-, CZ-, German- Club Winner too.
Our most joy, she brought us 3Litters. She was my beautiful and handsome Girl and a good Mother.



Mother Finette with 14 week old Izba

Maybe you know and remember, the Frenchwoman Marie-Helene Maurin Calloch, she visited your "Workshop Day on 17.Oktober 1999". (Report in Pinschermania Vol.6-1999) Breeder of "Mustang des Jardines de l'Armonia", (Owner E.Knox), my girlfriend for many years ago.

Her first Pinscher boy "Nicot de Raineval" was Father of my 2nd Litter "Wiener Kindl- B", DOB June 1985, Dam:my first Pinscher puppy "Bunny v.d.Lohhecke" import from Germany.

Marie-Helene wanted to take a little Bitch from Fnette's "I" Litter.

Mike Towell spoke with Elaine Knox over this, my Breed. Elaine wrote to me, and Kym Ferris with her Mother call me, because she speaks German. Elaine want import a bitch from me. OK.

Marie-Helene and her Husband came to Vienna and then she drove with two baby pinschers to France. "Isis" was now her Puppy, and "Izba", she must stay for a half year in France.

In right Time Marie-Helene sent "Izba" with Airplane to Elaine. But the poor Girl now must for some time be in Quarantine. In this situation was Kym the bright spot, she visited "Izba" some times. After this sad time, my Girl went home with Kym. Here she lived with "Kruger" Kym and her Mother and had a happy time!



Isis with sister Izba

Then to mating with "Mustang" and to throw her first Babies. 'Izba'" went to Elaine Knox, in "Ashlaren Kennel".

Later "Izba" came to Denise Bonwick with Daughter Kathrynne, "Kennel Weeacre", where she whelped her 2nd Litter, Male was "Meisterpin Gustav".

Father of her 3th Litter was than "Bronson", Doreen's wonderful Dog.
So I have the nice contact with Doreen, am very thankful over this.

"Izba" now is Grand and Great Grand-mother. I am glad to read all the stories over all the Kids.
"Ivette" Sister of "Izba" is my Girl. Sorry she don't have pups. Am unhappy but that's Kismet!

Maybe You like to look on my small Home Page
<http://www.deutsche-pinscher.sifm.at>

Friendly Greetings to All
Olga

NEW CHAMPION

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION WEEACRE FOXY LADY 'TAYLOR'



Congratulations to Ch Weeacre Foxy lady for obtaining the title of Australian Champion. 'Taylor' achieved her title whilst carrying a litter of puppies - The 'Cowboy Litter'. Congratulations also on the exporting of two of her girls, Jane & Annie, to the USA and also 17 month old Jordan to Finland.
Owned and handled by Doreen Etchells (Qld)

NEW TO THE RING

BILLBALINA RED OCTOBER 'OCCY'



Congratulations to Bill and Red October for the following achievements:

Runner Up Best of Breed—Sydney Royal 2006
Junior in Show
Multi Class In Group Winner
Multi Best of Breed Winner
Owned and handled by Bill Swain (NSW)

Also New to the Ring....

WALLINGBURG ROUBICHON 'RUBY'



Well done Ruby:
Reserve Challenge Bitch at the Brisbane Royal 2006.

In addition she is a Multi Best of Bred and Class in Group Winner.

Owned and handled by Keith Woodwell (Qld)

RAVENRED CAT BALOU 'CAT'



Cat was awarded Best Baby Puppy in Group at her first 3 shows.

Multi Best of Breed and Class in Group Winner.
Cat will be flying out to her new owner in the USA in 2007.

Owned and handled by Nikki Sheeran (Qld)

SYDNEY & BRISBANE ROYALS 2006

SYDNEY ROYAL Judge Mr Koji Wada, Japan

CLASS: 4 Junior Dog

Breed - 1 2784 MRS C M JOWETT - EARLWOOD
NSW 2206
KINJOHA HIGH FLYER (2100204396)

CLASS: 5 Intermediate Dog

Breed - 1 2785 MISS L M BULLOCK - GLENFIELD
NSW 2167

CH. KAITLER DARK PHOENIX (2100171630)

Breed - 2 2786 MS C MAINEY - TASCOTT NSW
2250

CH. KAITLER HAGGITHS LAST HA HA (2100177745)

CLASS: 11 Open Dog

Breed - 1 2787 MS D ETCHELLS - PALMWOODS
QLD 4555

CH. NELLINDA HANGZHOU (2100129004)

Challenge - Winner 2787 MS D ETCHELLS -
PALMWOODS QLD 4555

CH. NELLINDA HANGZHOU (2100129004)

Challenge - Runner Up 2785 MISS L M BULLOCK -
GLENFIELD NSW 2167

CH. KAITLER DARK PHOENIX (2100171630)

CLASS: 4A Junior Bitch

Breed - 1 2788 MRS L MORRIS - ENGADINE NSW
2233

KINJOHA GLOUMER GAL (2100204392)

CLASS: 11A Open Bitch

Breed - 1 2789 MRS M JOHANSSON - HUNTERS
HILL NSW 2110

CH. KAITLER NIGHT ANGEL ET (2100141925)

Breed - 2 2790 MRS L MORRIS - ENGADINE NSW
2233

CH. ELSTENBERG CHARLIES ANGEL E.T.
(6100032742)

Challenge - Winner 2789 MRS M JOHANSSON -
HUNTERS HILL NSW 2110

CH. KAITLER NIGHT ANGEL ET (2100141925)

Challenge - Runner Up 2788 MRS L MORRIS - EN-
GADINE NSW 2233

KINJOHA GLOUMER GAL (2100204392)

Best of Breed - Winner 2787 MS D ETCHELLS -
PALMWOODS QLD 4555

CH. NELLINDA HANGZHOU (2100129004)

Best of Breed - Runner Up 2789 MRS M JO-
HANSSON - HUNTERS HILL NSW 2110

CH. KAITLER NIGHT ANGEL ET (2100141925)



**BOB SYDNEY AND BRISBANE ROYALS 2006
AC NELLINDA HANGZHOU**

BRISBANE ROYAL Judge Mr D Krishnamurthy, India

CLASS 3 Puppy Dog

Breed -1 2128 MR B SWAIN
BILLBALINA RED OCTOBER

CLASS 11 Open Dog

Breed -1 2129 M/S D ETCHELLS
CH. NELLINDA HANGZHOU

Challenge Winner 2129 M/S D ETCHELLS
CH. NELLINDA HANGZHOU

Challenge Runner Up 2128 MR B SWAIN
BILLBALINA RED OCTOBER

Class 3A Puppy Bitch

Breed -1 2130 MR K H WOODWELL
WALLINGBURG ROUBICHON

Class 5 Intermediate bitch

Breed -1 2131 M/S D ETCHELLS
KAITLER OUTBACK SUNRISE

Challenge Winner 2131 M/S D ETCHELLS
KAITLER OUTBACK SUNRISE

Challenge Runner Up 2130 MR K H WOODWELL
WALLINGBURG ROUBICHON

Best of Breed—Winner 2129 M/S D ETCHELLS
CH. NELLINDA HANGZHOU

Best of Breed—Runner up 2128 MR B SWAIN
BILLBALINA RED OCTOBER

Best Puppy of Breed 2128 MR B SWAIN
BILLBALINA RED OCTOBER

CANINE CANDIDS



Pinscher Specialty in Australia

Article published in Finnish Pinscher-Schnauzer magazine.

Translated by Mrs Auli Vitikainen

I got invited to judge Great Dane Specialty in Australia, Sydney couple of years ago. When all my judging information came to Australian Kennel Club's pages, I was contacted by The German Pinscher Club of NSW Inc. if I could judge their Specialty also. As a breeder of both breeds, I sure was interested. After couple of re-arrangements, the Specialty was held on Friday just before my flight back to Finland. So that meant that no surfing in any Australian related Web-Pages concerning Danes or Pinschers !

The German Pinscher Club of NSW Inc had it's 6th official Championship show and there was 36 entries – even though it was Friday. I was really pleased to see the German Pinschers over there as they were very homogeneous! The breed is relatively new there and mostly based on imported dogs and their get. After the show when I got the marked show-catalogue, the real truth behind the scenes was relieved as most of the Pinschers were out of couple highly used males. Well anyway, the best specimens would easily be shown here in Europe and they would have made nice show career here.

Of course there was some not so great specimens among others too. Most of the dogs were black & tan marked. I didn't see actual "Show stopper" there but many sound and true German Pinschers. BIS-winner was this lovely red female with excellent Pinscher expression on her head and my best male was also excellent specimen of the breed but had slightly light eyes which affected a bit his expression. Actually I could see many Pinschers origin country (checked it from catalogue later) when they were presented in the ring, the type has its own details in every country and they seem to pass on. It is such a pity that Australia is so far away or should I say down under – as I really liked many of the GP's there and it would benefit to have co-operation with Australians.

The ring procedure & classes are very different from ours and only class winners would proceed in competition. I had voice recorder and I wrote down my critiques later – though I thought it would be polite to use English instead of Finnish when I was recording my critiques as there was no time to tell to the handlers why I placed their dogs as I did – maybe they heard some of the reasons. As because of their rules, I was not able for instance to excuse a dog with wrong bite as we do here in FCI-countries – and that caused some interesting situations as I was forced to place very typical Pinscher down on line because of his bite – they must have thought on a ringside that I'm blind when coming to real breed type ;) There was also nice extra competitions as Best Head, Best mover etc.

Here are some of the results:

Best In Show, Best State Bred - Aust Ch Kaitler Night Angel E.T
Runner Up Best In Show, Best Male CC, Best Open - Aust Ch Nellinda Hangzhou
Female Res CC - Aust Ch Kaitler Foreign Jewel
Male Res CC Aust Ch - Kaitler Brainiac
BIS Puppy - Bilbalina Chobie
BIS Junior - Kinjohla Glamour Girl
BIS Intermediate - Aust Ch Kaitler Brainiac
BIS Australian bred - Aust Ch Eistenberg Charlies Angel ET

Mrs Auli Vitikainen, FINLAND. International Championship Dog Show Judge



Best In Show, Best State Bred - Aust Ch Kaitler Night Angel E.T. Owned and handled by Michelle Johannson (NSW)



Runner Up Best In Show, Best Male CC, Best Open - Aust Ch Nellinda Hangzhou. Owned by Doreen Etchells, handled by Nikki Sheeran (Qld)

GP news from across the pond

The German Pinscher Club of Americas Health Committee (GPCA HC) is always proud to announce contributions made to help improve US German Pinscher health. Our most exciting accomplishment this year has been the GPCA's membership to CHIC, an open health registry sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA) and the American Kennel Club (AKC).

Finland has already done their part to improve German Pinscher health by developing an all-breed database that should serve as a model for all of us: tests are mandatory before breeding is endorsed; results are posted regardless of the outcome. Such regimentation is not readily accepted in the US, but voluntary testing for breeding stock is slowly becoming more mainstream here. Hopefully, this new attitude about testing will induce a more open atmosphere that will encourage free discussion about emerging health concerns.

CHIC membership allows for parent clubs to determine what tests they deem most important for their particular breeds. Thus, a database is tailored for each parent club. For a dog to be issued a CHIC number and be posted to the public site, it must accomplish all of the tests required. Dogs posted will have a CHIC number printed on their registration documents. CHIC is the only registry in the US that will publish failed or poor test results.

The GPCA & Health Committee has set three important tests for CHIC requirements: OFA or PennHip pre-screening of hips for dysplasia; CERF testing the eyes for problems; and DNA prescreening for vWD, a growing and potentially life-threatening problem.

The first test we will speak about is for Hip dysplasia: Generally speaking, Hips in many breeds are routinely screened in order to look for joint deterioration's. German Pinschers are one of the breeds that hip dysplasia is found in. Through testing and prudent breeding, this problem has been kept at a minor level. Mode of inheritance for hip dysplasia is complicated, but studies are ongoing to develop a DNA test for it.

The next test is for eye health evaluation. Eye disease is found in US German Pinschers. Not enough data is available at this time to say without doubt how extensive the problem is. However, figures have prompted CERF to recommend that US breeders test all dogs prior to breeding them. Hopefully, peer pressure will

encourage a wider acceptance of eye testing-- so far, so good, as we see many more dogs are being tested yearly. The best statistics concerning eye disease comes from Finland. Their data does indicate that eye disease is significant in German Pinschers. Please understand that eye disease is not more common in Finish German Pinschers; they just have done more testing, and so consequently, they have more documentation-- something we strive for in the US. Currently, a US study is being conducted to find the genetic marker for cataracts in German Pinschers. We were told there has been a robust response to sample collection, so we are very hopeful that this will yield results.

The third test is for Von Willebrands disease type 1 (vWD 1), a blood clotting disorder. This is a new specter on the horizon of our breed. A steady increase in DNA testing is revealing more and more carriers of this abnormality. The vWD type that affects German Pinschers is not the severe type. Death seldom occurs but it has happened in other breeds. Two of our HC members participated in the research that developed a DNA test for vWD I. Now that a good DNA test is available, we hope German Pinschers will not follow the same route of US Dobermans. It estimated by experts that over 60% of Dobermans in the US carry the gene, and a significant number actually have vWD type I. Because of this, it easy for anyone purchasing a Doberman to end up with one that is vWD type I affected or that is a carrier. The Dobermans "clean" gene pool has been reduced to only small fraction of dogs without the bad gene. This increases the use of carriers in breeding programs, therefore, continuing the spread of the vWD gene. We labor to keep this from happening to the GP gene pool.

Joining CHIC is a step to encourage testing for genetic disease. Testing will help the German Pinscher fancy to isolate any diseases of concern. The development of tests to guide us in our breeding practices will actually make it possible to eradicate specific genetic abnormalities in our dogs. We live in a great new age. Since the mapping of the Canine Genome, scientists around the world are hard at work looking for those nasty little mutations that cause disease. This work is also expected to help humankind find solutions for terrible maladies.

Lyn Stuby

Martinsville, Indiana, USA



THE CALCIUM STORY

Calcium is one of the most useful but often forgotten weapons available during the whelping process and subsequent puppy suckling.

Pregnancy

During pregnancy, it is important for the bitch to be on a good, balanced diet and this includes calcium. If the expectant mother will eat a balanced diet, e.g. a proprietary good quality product, calcium supplementation during pregnancy should not be necessary. Finicky eaters though, if only eating – say - a largely meat diet, will need supplementation with calcium, especially big breeds – but do so with care.

It must be remembered that if supplemental calcium is given during pregnancy, the body will “re-set” the inbuilt balance mechanisms to this new, higher than normal level and when subsequent increased demand is placed on calcium in the bitch’s body – what at first seems like adequate levels in the diet will not be. The way around this “calcium balance re-setting” is to dramatically increase (e.g. double) the amount of calcium given at times of peak demand. These times are whelping and lactation.

Whelping

During whelping, most of the force to “expel” the pup from the bitch’s body comes from contraction of the uterus, with a small part being supplied by the abdominal muscles and diaphragm. The force of the uterine contraction is caused by muscle fibres in the wall of the uterus – the myometrial fibres. Calcium directly affects the strength of the myometrial contraction while oxytocin is more involved in the frequency of contractions. It is therefore important to use both, especially in cases of uterine inertia.

Calcium given during a normal whelping is greatly beneficial in maintaining the strength of those uterine contractions, especially as time progresses, the bitch becomes tired and calcium from the bitch is used by the earlier born, newly-suckling puppies. So, as a rule of thumb, the minute the bitch shows signs of impending whelping (e.g. restlessness, nesting) I will commence calcium supplementation giving a dose every 1½ to 2 hours. If the bitch is slow to whelp, give calcium more often - at least hourly.

Panting, often confused with being hot, is usually more an indication of the necessity to give calcium. Give calcium often, approximately every 30 minutes, until panting stops then increase the dose interval. If the bitch has been on supplemental calcium during pregnancy, I usually give twice the amount during whelping, as if she has not been on calcium. Too much calcium will not hurt the bitch – she may vomit it back occasionally – but it is better to give too much than too little. Use calcium gluconate (calcium sandoz or troy calcium) or calcium carbonate. Don’t use calcium with phosphates in the formula – the calcium is not as readily absorbed in this form. Use the higher of the recommended doses on the label.

Lactation

As is commonly known, it is important to continue calcium supplementation while the bitch is feeding puppies to prevent milk tetany (eclampsia, milk fever). This is especially so in small breeds with large litters of healthy puppies. Obviously, lots of big pups take lots of milk and calcium with it from a small mother who doesn’t have the “reserves” of a big breed mother.

Anxious Bitch

One of the most valuable times calcium can be of great benefit is with the nursing mother. Bitches will often be considered bad mothers – this may show in many forms. This bitch may attack, chew or kill pups. She may over-mother with constant licking resulting in wet, cold pups. The bitch may be anxious and unable to settle to feed the pups. She may be over-protective and hyperactive – accidentally standing on pups. Panting is another sign. If this happens, more often than not, she will respond to high and repeated doses of calcium given until she becomes a relaxed and happy mother.

calcium is an excellent addition to the whelping puppy raising kit but, please, if you have any concerns, consult your veterinarian.

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FOOTNOTE

Earlier this year my litter of puppies became extremely distressed at day 10. Their mother was becoming agitated and digging at the flooring in the room. At 2am I was woken by screaming puppies and raced into the room.



Seeing blood in the whelping box I identified 2 puppies with cuts to the face and removed them. A phone call to my vet in the early hours; he thought it was something upsetting my bitch. A vets examination of Taylor and the babies gave no evident cause for the trauma. It was not until 2 days later that Nikki returned my call (in Canberra with Bronson) and told me that the bitch was calcium deficient and could kill her puppies—to get her **straight away** onto 10ml of calcium 3 times a day. By evening I was able to put the surviving puppy back with it’s mother. Unfortunately I lost the lovely red male who did not survive the shock.

With my latest litter Tess was dosed with liquid calcium during her pregnancy and during the labour. Result 10 beautiful babies birthed on only 6 hours.

Doreen Etchells
Editor

Off to Cyprus.

At long last after a few semi major glitches we are now definitely on our way! The shipping company are in situ from November 6th-November 9th to pack up what is left of our belongings. Even after a drastic culling of what I described as "rubbish" and Frank named "treasures", we still seem to have quite a lot to go. However we are assured that it will fit into one large container and will join us some 4/6 weeks after we arrive.

Our, undisputed, most treasured belonging is Tag, the German Pinscher, but he is not travelling with us. Much to daughter-in-law, Sharon's huge delight he is staying with her for about a month until we are totally settled in and the grounds of our new home are completely dog proof. Never the less preparations for his repatriation have to be made. So we started, some time ago, on this hazardous trail and trial!

Frank downloaded from the computer the relevant papers concerning entry of a dog to Cyprus. At first it appeared to be fairly straightforward. After all we have exported puppies all over the world and nothing could be more difficult than exporting dogs into Australia! As Tag would not be accompanied he had to be put on the plane by an authorised pet shipping company. Actually all they do is book the flight, check that the carrying cage complies with the rules, see the dog to the cargo holding bay, but still require him to be at their depot three hours before the flight. The extra charge for their services is quite astronomical. We did, however, already have an IATA (International Air Transport Authority) approved GP sized crate for travel, so surely that would cut down on the cost. Oh no they insisted that we could only use their crates which are custom made!

Now to get the microchip inserted and the rabies injection. Having sent dogs to Sweden (must admit some years ago) we knew that not all scanners can read the microchips from other countries. So we found out from Cyprus the type and number of the scanner used at Paphos airport. Well just a quick telephone call to our vet to see if his chip could be read in Cyprus – I thought! The receptionist was useless and insisted that we saw the vet himself for such information. Tag was duly booked in and before chipping we asked our question. The vet just pushed a leaflet at us and said phone DEFRA (Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and find out for yourself, come back tomorrow. We have only one vet in our village, but after this (had we been staying) I would have gladly travelled the extra miles to another vet. With temper becoming somewhat frayed (but still intact) we returned home to find that DEFRA offices close at 4.00 pm so I settled down to read the small leaflet from cover to cover. There on page two the information was clearly printed and UK chip and Cypriot scanner were definitely compatible. The following day Tag was microchipped (the vet did apologise for not reading the leaflets he had on display) and had his rabies jab. He became the proud owner of an EU pet passport and we were handed a hefty bill! The flea, lice and mites injection is only done 48 hours before the dog's departure so that is down to Sharon – must leave her an open cheque to cover all this.

Actually the cost of getting Tag to Cyprus is double that of both Frank and I. But in the words of a cosmetic advertisement on UK TV - "He's worth it!"

Gloria Cuthbert

FACTS ABOUT FAT PETS

Obesity is now the most common form of malnutrition in Pets. More than 40% of dogs and one third of cats in Australia are either overweight or obese.

The onset of obesity is clinically defined as 20% over ideal body weight.

Add one per cent kilojoules excess, on a daily basis, can result in obesity by middle age.

Some dog breeds, such as Labrador Retrievers, Basset Hounds, Cairn Terriers, Long Haired DachHunds, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and beagles, are more at risk of developing weight problems.

The risk of a dog becoming overweight increases as the dog gets older.

The two key factors that lead to obesity are overfeeding and insufficient exercise. Occasionally, hormonal changes can play a role in conjunction with the two.



SHOW RESULTS

WALLINGBURG ROUBICHON

Reserve Challenge Bitch: Brisbane Royal 117/8/06. Judge Mr D Krishnamurthy (India)

Minor Puppy in Group: 9/7/2006. Beenleigh & District Kennel Club. Judge Mrs L C Chambers (NZ).

Puppy In Group: 21/7/2006. Gatton Show Society. Judge Mr W E Chambers

RAVENRED CAT BALOU

Best Baby Puppy in Group: 02/07/06- Gympie & Dist Kennel Club. Judge Mr M Le Cussan (NSW)

Best Baby Puppy in Group: 15/07/06 - Dayboro A H & I Assoc. Judge Mr D Palmer (QLD)

Best Baby Puppy in Group: 22/07/06 - Samford Valley Show. Judge Mr A McQuire (QLD)

BILBALINA RED OCTOBER

Runner up Best of Breed: Brisbane Royal 117/8/06. Judge Mr D Krishnamurthy (India)

Junior in Group, Junior in Show: 7/11/06. Kyogle PA & H Show Society. Judge Mr G Kill (QLD)

Best Intermediate in Group: 232/9/06. Nimbin A & I Soc. Judge Mrs N Gregory (NSW)

AC NELLINDA HANGZHOU

Best of Breed, Challenge Dog, BRISBANE ROYAL. 117/8/06. Judge Mr D Krishnamurthy (India)

Runner up Best in Group, Best of Breed. Gympie Kennel Club. 2/7/2006. Judge Mr M Le Cussan (NSW)

Best Australian Bred in Group, Best of Breed. Burnett Kennel Club. 30/5/2006. Judge Mr K Eggleton (Qld)

Runner up BISS, Challenge Dog, GPC NSW Champ Show, 28/4/2006 Judge Mrs V Vitikainen (Finland)

BISS, Challenge Dog, GPS NSW Open Show, 28/4/2006. Judge Mr C Schmarr (NSW)

Best of Breed, Challenge Dog, Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association, 28/4/2006. Judge Mrs C Yates (NSW)

Best of Breed, Challenge Dog, SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW. 12/4/06. Judge Mr Koji Wada, Japan

Best of Breed: Toowoomba Royal 2006 30/3/2006. Judge Mr T Burke. Canada

Runner Up Best in Group, Best Australian Bred in Group, Best of Breed. Greenbank AG Society Champ Show. 11/3/06. Judge Mr G Kerr (Qld)

Southern Highlands Kennel & Obedience Club 22/10/06. Judge Mr M Towell

Class 5 A & D Poullos Ch Kaitler Brainwave 1st and Challenge

Class 10 Bullock/Vowells Ch. Kaitler Dark Phoenix Absent

Class 5a Johansson/Morris Kinjoha Glamour Girl 1st

Class 10a L Morris Elsternberg Charlies Angel ET 2nd and Reserve Challenge, RUBOB

M Johansson Ch. Kaitler Night Angel ET JD AD SPD 1st, Challenge Bitch and BOB

Gundogs & Heavy Breeds Club of Qld. 20/8/2006. Judge Mr D Brace (VIC)

Class 10 Etchells. AC Nellinda Hangzhou. Best of Breed, Challenge Dog.

Class 1 Etchells. Ravenred SundanceKid.

Class 11 Woodwell. Nellinda Millenium Celeste. Reserve Challenge Bitch.

Class 4 Etchells. Kaitler Outback Sunrise. Challenge Bitch, RO Best of Breed.

Class 3. Woodwell. Wallingburg Rubichon. Best Puppy.

Class 1. Sheeran. Ravenred Cat Balou. Best Baby Puppy.

German Pinscher Club of NSW Open Show. 28/4/2006. Judge Mr C Schmarr (NSW)

Best of Breed: AC Nellinda Hangzhou



RU Best of Breed: Ch. Kaitler Night Angel ET JD AD SPD

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CODE OF ETHICS

- A. I shall ensure that at all times all dogs under my control are properly contained within a fenced area or suitable enclosure, properly housed, fed watered, exercised and receive proper veterinary attention, if and when required.
- B. I shall not allow any dogs under my care to roam at large and when away from home ensure they are kept fully leashed, or under effective control, at all times.
- C. I shall breed only for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed, and not specifically for the pet market, or any other commercial purpose, yet I retain the right of free trade to directly advertise and sell dogs not retained by me for line maintenance purposes. I undertake to register all progeny, and under take to transfer all progeny, when leaving my care, in accordance with the rules.
- D.
 - i. I shall not breed from any bitch kept or owned by me causing it to whelp before it has reached the age for my particular breed as specified by the ANKC Regulations part 6.8.3 and any subsequent amendments or in the absence of such specification, (as is the case) the age of twelve months.
 - ii. I shall not breed from any bitch kept or owned by me causing it to whelp more than twice in eighteen months.
 - iii. I shall not breed from any bitch kept or owned by me causing it to whelp more than (4) four times without prior veterinary certification of fitness for further breeding. This certification must be forwarded to the CCC(Q).
 - iv. I shall not breed from any male dog under (9) nine months of age.
- E. I shall adhere to all the current ANKC Regulations Part 6.8.4-9 and any subsequent amendments (as per CCC (Q) appendix to these Rules) if specified for my particular breed. Breeders shall record such scores for breeds as required by any A.N.K.C. regulations.
- F. I shall not permit any of my purebred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a crossbred or to an unregistered dog of the same breed.
- G.
 - i. I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under eight weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccinations to be given at six weeks of age and the necessary fourteen days to take effect. I shall provide a current vaccination certificate with any dog leaving my care.
 - ii. I shall not export any puppy under (12) weeks of age. When exporting I accept that it is my responsibility to have the dog microchipped and obtain an export certificate before the dog leaves Australia.
- H. I shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from me are given a written understanding of their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal, as defined in a and b above.
- I. I shall provide to all purchasers of dogs sold or placed by me, written details of all dietary and immunization requirements and/or an appropriate publication relating such requirements and responsible dog ownership as well as their responsibility to abide by Local Government bylaws.
- J. I undertake that if I should dispose of any dog/dogs by sale or commission to any reseller of dogs in Australia or overseas, those dogs will be registered on the Limited Register and identified by microchip before sale.
- K. I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dogs.
- L. I shall acknowledge and abide by the provisions of the Queensland Animal Care and Protection Act 2001.
- M. I accept that should any evidence be produced that my dogs have any contagious disease, I shall not be able to show or dispose of any dogs that are within my kennel, for a period of three (3) months. In such circumstances, I will comply with the requirement that a veterinary clearance must be forwarded to the CCC(Q) at the expiration of such period.
- N. I accept the following:
 - i. If I am proven guilty by law of any charge relating to my dog, my membership may be suspended.
 - ii. I shall not directly or indirectly give a dog as a prize or donation in any contest or raffle of any kind

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. All members will promote the breed in its best light possible and be honest and fair to others
2. All complaints made are to be directed to committee in writing within two weeks of complaint and lodged with the Secretary.
3. All complaints will be heard and dealt with within the next meeting held after the lodgment of said complaint has been lodged with the Secretary in writing.
4. A special meeting can be convened under emergency situations providing the committee is able to form five out of twelve or ten out of twenty not counting the President, of the normal committee members. The President can have casting vote when there is a tie in a vote, providing he/she has not voted.
5. All members will conduct themselves in an orderly manner and bring no shame to the club.
6. Should there be occasion of complaint the Member/Committee member will be asked to confront the Committee to explain and defend actions.
7. If a Member is found guilty then the committee has the power to deal with the situation by suspension either for a set time or permanently. Severity will be taken into consideration.
8. Member will not speak about another's kennels or dogs in a derogatory light causing damage of reputation to those said kennels or dogs. The club looks upon this in very ill favor.
9. All members of said club are held accountable to the club code of conduct and the code of ethics of The German Pinscher Club of Queensland and their respective representative constitutions.

The committee reserves the right to adjust and update the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics if and when required.

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TO: GOD: FROM: THE DOG

Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another?

Dear God: When we get to heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it still the same old story?

Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We do love a nice ride! Would it be so hard to rename the "Chrysler Eagle" the "Chrysler Beagle"?

Dear God: If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God: We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent ID's, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God: More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God: Let me give you a list of just some of the things I must remember to be a good dog.

1. I will not eat the cats' food before they eat it or after they throw it up.
2. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc., just because I like the way they smell.
3. The Litter Box is not a cookie jar.
4. The sofa is not a 'face towel'.
5. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
6. I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
7. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is an unacceptable way of saying "hello".
8. I don't need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm under the coffee table.
9. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house - not after.
10. I will not come in from outside and immediately drag my butt.
11. I will not sit in the middle of the living room and lick my crotch.
12. The cat is not a 'squeaky toy' so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's usually not a good thing.

P.S. Dear God: When I get to Heaven may I have my testicles back?

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