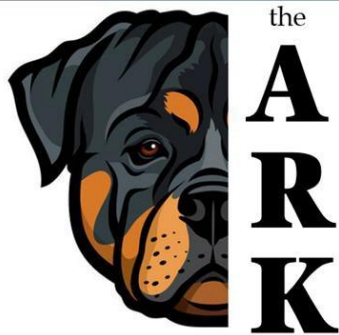




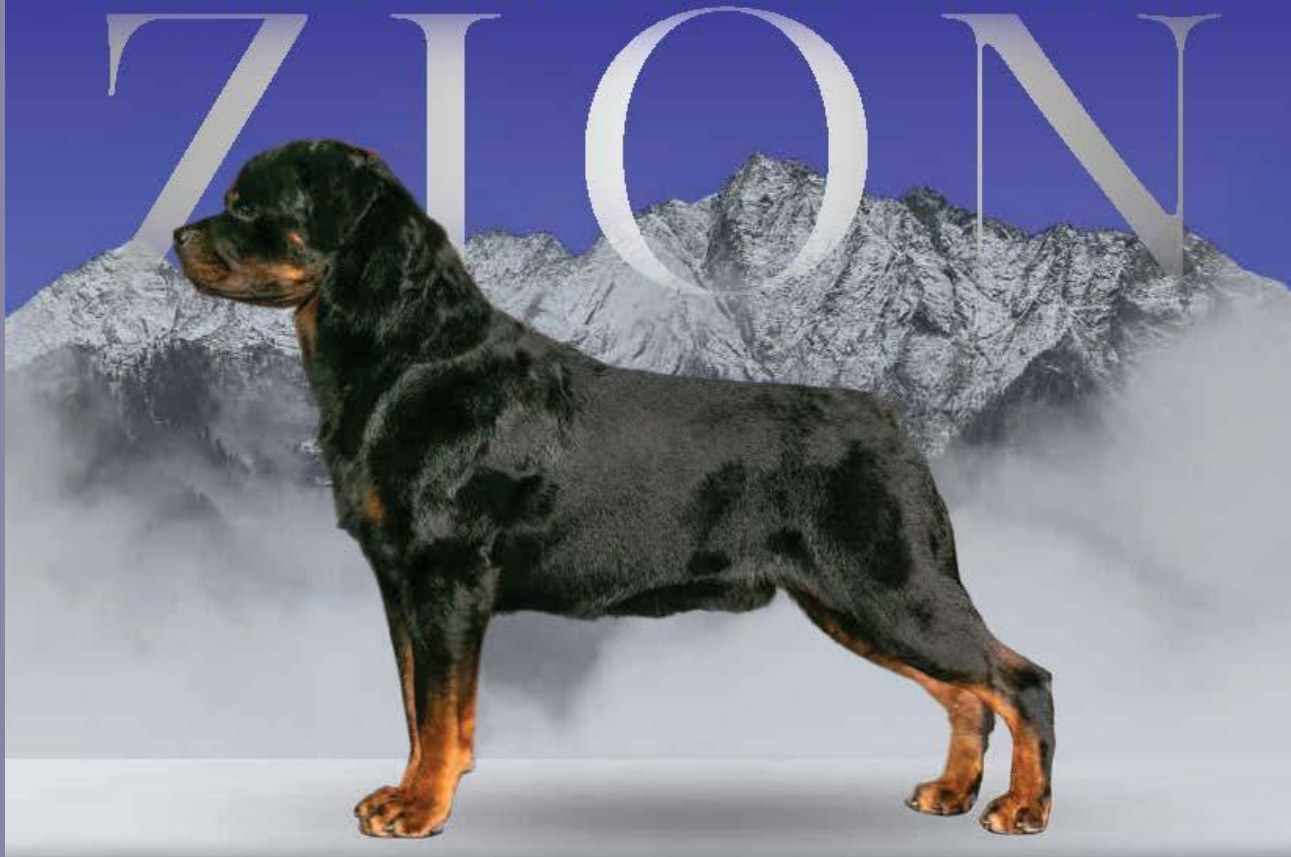
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Ensure the future of our sport...

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Remember when you first started showing dogs? Chances are you had a mentor who made an invaluable contribution to the success you enjoy today.

Why not pass that knowledge on to an interested new exhibitor?

While breeders have traditionally played an important role in mentoring their local puppy buyers, many of today's breeders work full-time jobs or live a long distance from their puppy buyers.

The AKC's New Exhibitor Mentoring program, developed in conjunction with the Dog Show Superintendents Association, helps connect experienced breeders and fanciers with interested new exhibitors.

Mentors can help guide newcomers through the rules and traditions of dog shows, assess a dog's potential, and provide one-on-one training, advice, and assistance in everything from grooming, to health care, handling, and even the purchase or eventual breeding of a dog. Many mentor-mentee relationships develop into lifelong friendships!

Mentors are experienced breeders and fanciers who care deeply about their breed and the show events in which their dogs participate. They are volunteers who belong to AKC-affiliated clubs and give back to the dog-show community by sharing their extensive and valuable knowledge with newcomers. For more information about becoming a mentor, visit http://www.akc.org/public_education/mentor.cfm or contact the AKC Public Education department.



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ON THE COVER

Zoltar

We are very excited to announce ZIONS son," ZOLTAR." He has already in no time earned his championship and is flying through the ribbons with his professional handlers.

We are so proud of all of ZION'S Kids and looking forward to watching them grow and be the future.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

To the members of the American Rottweiler Club,

This will be the final President's Message as my term comes to a close. It has been a true honor to serve the American Rottweiler Club, and I am deeply grateful for the trust, support, and dedication each of you has shown during this time.

Effective July 1, 2026, Tonya Williamson will assume the role of President. I have full confidence in Tonya's leadership and vision for the club. Please also join me in welcoming Peter Hawes to the Board, where he will be stepping into the role currently held by Kate Player (Director).

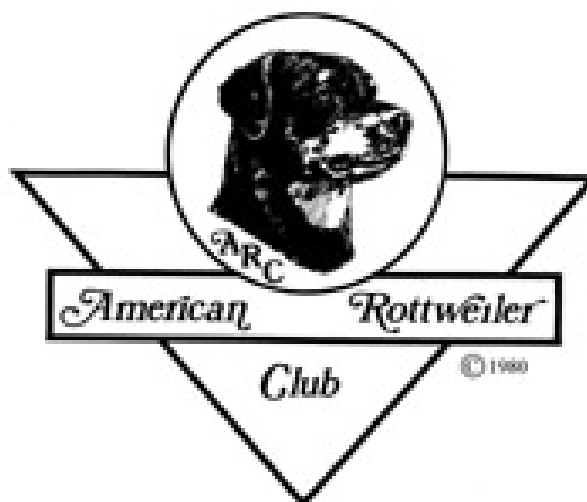
I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our continuing Board members: Kimberly Cardona (Vice President), Randi Garske (Director), and Jeff Shaver (Director), for their ongoing commitment and service. Thank you all for volunteering your time and expertise to support the club.

While my term as President is ending, my involvement with the American Rottweiler Club certainly is not. I remain committed to the future of the club, with many goals still ahead, and I will continue to be actively involved, especially in supporting our National Specialty.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you. I look forward to continuing our shared work and passion for the breed.



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To the ARC Membership:

ARC Bylaws Article IV - The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections.

ARTICLE IV. The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections.

SECTION 1. Club Year. The club's fiscal and official year shall begin on the 1st day of July and end on the 30th day of June. The elected Officers and Directors shall take office on the 1st day of the fiscal year and each retiring Officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office no later than the 1st day of August.

Section 5 Nominations and Ballots.

Subsection (c) If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary by April 1st, the nominating committee's slate shall be declared elected on June 1st, and no balloting will be required.

None were received. The nominated slate is declared elected June 1, 2026 and shall begin office on the 1st day of July, 2026.

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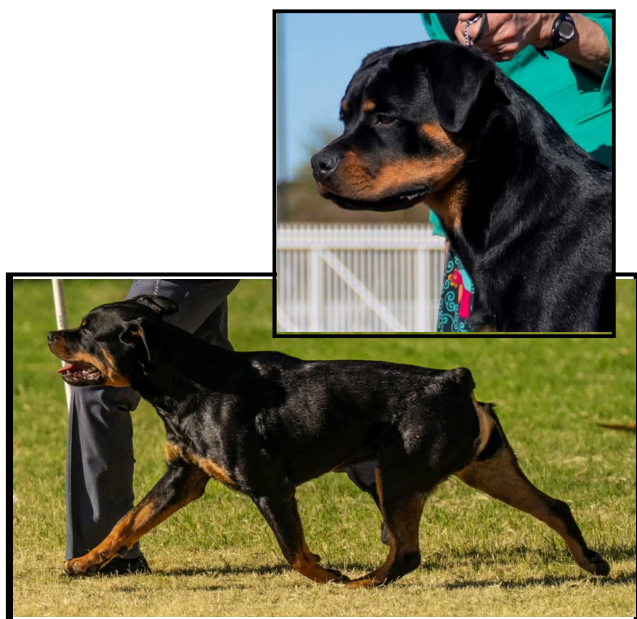
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Whelping Box Listings \$10

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To learn more about the Rottweiler Health Foundation, go to their website: www.rotweilerhealth.org

Learn about current grants, how to become a member, and how to donate to honor a living or deceased person and/or Rottweiler.

AMERICAN ROTTWEILER CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

It's time to renew your ARC membership by paying dues for the club year of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Please complete and return this form with dues by June 30. You may also renew and pay online at www.amrottclub.org/renew.

I. MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

If yours is a family membership list the family members here:

(a)

(b)

(c)

Individual (\$50)

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Senior Family (\$32.50)

I. Your Dues: \$

II. CONTACT INFORMATION: Please provide your current contact information (one phone and one email address only).

PHONE NUMBER:

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OK to print phone number in roster? *

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*In accordance with the club's Bylaws and Standing Rules, the membership roster is used **only for the business of the club**. It is **not** published publicly.

Kennel name:

III. DONATION OPPORTUNITIES: Please consider giving to the following funds and/or independent foundations.

Board-Designated Funds** :

Donation:

Donation:

Education Grant Program (2) \$

Top 20 Fund (8) \$

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Junior Fund (4) \$

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Fund to Preserve Docking/Cropping (5) \$

Rottweiler Rescue Foundation (9) \$

Fund to Fight Anti-Canine Legislation (6) \$

Rottweiler-Rescue Foundation Disaster Fund (9) \$

ACL Challenge (\$50 min) (7) \$

Membership Sunshine Fund (13) \$

III. Total Donations: \$

*For more information about the Board-designated funds, see Standing Rules, Section D on www.amrottclub.org. The numbers (X) next to each fund name indicate the fund's line in Sec D. For more information on the foundations, refer to their respective websites (links found at www.amrottclub.org).

IV: CLUB NEWSLETTER: All members will have access online to a free digital copy.

V: MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: All members will have access online to a free digital copy.

AMOUNT DUE: Please add all amounts you entered in the far-right column to reach the amount due with your renewal. Membership is renewed when dues are paid, and renewal form is received.

I would like to volunteer! My area of interest and/or experience is:

I. Dues: \$

III. Donations: \$

Late fee - renewals received after 9/29 (\$20) \$

Total \$ Enclosed: \$

Make checks payable **American Rottweiler Club**,
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Date

Signature

AFFIRMATION: By renewing my (my family's) American Rottweiler Club membership, I agree that I (we) will continue to abide by the rules of the AKC, the ARC Constitution and Bylaws, and the ARC Mandatory Practices.

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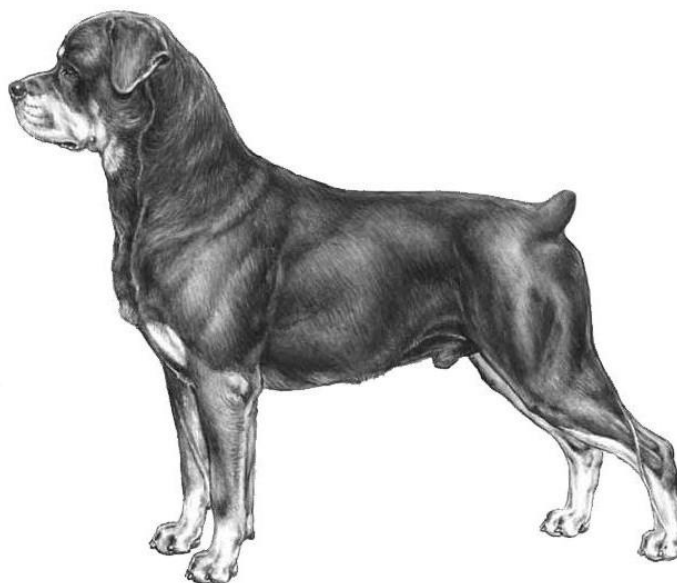
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The Importance of Examining

THE ROTTWEILER'S

Bite & Dentition

BY LEW OLSON

Judges Education Chair American Rottweiler Club, <https://www.amrottclub.org/work-and-play/conformation/judges-education/>

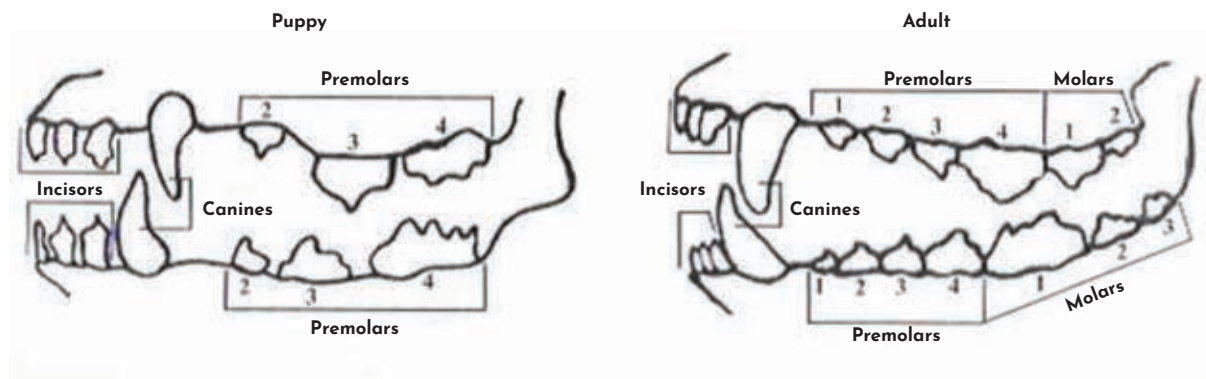
The Disqualifications listed in the AKC Rottweiler Breed Standard include:

- Entropion, ectropion.
- Overshot, undershot (when incisors do not touch or mesh); wry mouth; two or more missing teeth.
- Unilateral cryptorchid or cryptorchid males
- Long coat.
- Any base color other than black; absence of all markings.
- A dog that in the opinion of the judge attacks any person in the ring.

Most of these disqualifications are easy to determine during an exam in the show ring, but one of these takes a bit more time, skill, and knowledge of canine dentition and how to count teeth. I have seen a few judges just do a quick and cursory look at the bite and mouth, and move on to the rest of the dog. That will not determine if the dog has two or more missing teeth. Overshot and undershot bites are also a DQ. Serious faults include a level bite and one missing tooth. I am hoping to be able to describe how to examine the Rottweiler's mouth, to do it efficiently, and to know where missing teeth are most often found.

Rottweiler Dentition

Adults should have 42 teeth, but remember when looking at puppies, they only have 26: 6 incisors, 2 canines, and 6 premolars (P2, P3, P4) on both top and bottom. They do not have a P1, nor do they have any molars. Puppy teeth should all be in by 8 weeks, and permanent, adult teeth should all be present by 8 months. Below are diagrams of both a puppy's and a dog's dentition, as well as instructions for counting teeth in groups.



Counting Teeth in Groups

Look for 6 incisors and 2 canines, both upper and lower. This can easily be done when checking the occlusion (bite). Look for 4 premolars and 3 molars on each lower side, and 4 premolars and 2 molars on each upper side.

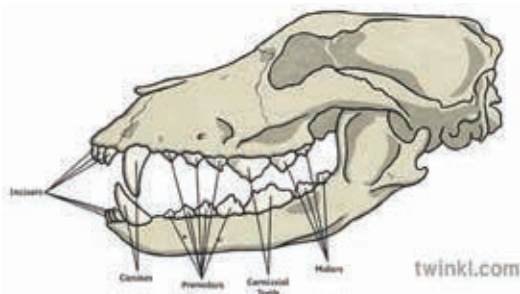
THE IMPORTANCE OF EXAMINING THE ROTTWEILER'S BITE & DENTITION



The Rottweiler has a scissors bite. On occasion, Rottweilers can be missing an incisor (the front teeth). Usually it is only one, and often only on the top or bottom. Make sure, as you see above, the seams between the teeth line up. If a tooth goes on top of a seam, most often one of the incisors is missing and this means taking a second look. Remember, level bites are a serious fault, and overshot and undershot are disqualifications.



The side bite has four premolars. These are right behind the canine teeth. Most often, a P1 is one of the most common missing teeth. Note how small they can be, so it is important to ask the exhibitor to show these and not put their fingers in the way. Behind the three premolars, are the regular, larger molars.



This illustration shows a complete view of the side dentition; three premolars on both sides, three larger molars on both sides. However, the bottom jaw has an extra molar, called the M3 or sometimes referred to as the "popcorn" molar. This M3 is another common missing tooth and takes some effort to see and determine whether it is missing or not. I have the exhibitor open the dog's

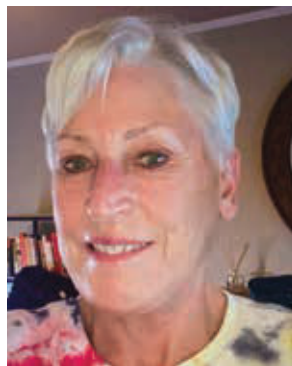
mouth, and an experienced handler will also stretch the back lips to give a better view. If they do not, ask them. You need to see the M3s in the very lower back. Specify which tooth you can't see, and most exhibitors will help for you to see those teeth.

It is important when examining a Rottweiler to avoid direct eye contact. I do this with all breeds I judge, as for some dogs it is a confrontational and threatening gesture. I always ask the exhibitor to show the bite first. The Rottweiler is an aloof breed, and generally will only tolerate so much examination. I do the bite first while the tolerance level is highest. They don't get better if done at the end, and often dance around more at that point. I don't care if the dog is standing or sitting, if I have a good view to see the bite and dentition. It is important in my breed that the judge does the entire examination at once (examine bite, look overhead for proportion, and then check testicles and tail. Once I remove my hands from the dog, I am finished and do not return. I want the examination to be a win-win for both the dog and the judge. There is no reason to linger over them. Movement will show soundness and any structural issues. I move them twice around the ring when they enter and again at the end in large classes. Once I have found the best-moving dogs, I pick the ones that have the best breed type for my placements. And no, I don't go back and touch them again (e.g., shoulders, loin, head, etc.).

It is my goal to make sure all judges understand the dentition of the Rottweiler and take the time to look at the bite and be able to count teeth in the groups I've outlined above; that would be to count the front teeth or incisors (six top and bottom), to find the four premolars on each side (knowing that the P1 is the most common missing tooth, although it can happen with any of them), and to check for the M3 (small molar farthest back on the bottom jaw). I ask the exhibitor to show me the front teeth, then one side, then the other, and then open the mouth to view the M3s.

The Rottweiler was one of my first breeds (45 years ago), so while examining the bite and dentition may seem easy to me, I understand the difficulty for those coming from breeds that don't count teeth. However, this is VERY IMPORTANT to understand and learn for judging this breed.

I hope everyone found this to be clear, but if you are still confused or have questions, please contact me. I am happy to help. ■



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Lew Olson has had a lifelong love of dogs. She started showing dogs in 1974, with a Doberman Pinscher. Later, she saw her first Rottweiler in 1978 and has had one ever since. She has bred 100 champions and has had Best in Show and Specialty winning Rottweilers. Lew has attended several Rottweiler shows in Germany and has judged Rottweilers in Finland, Estonia, the Czech Republic, Trinidad, and Jamaica. She has judged at the American

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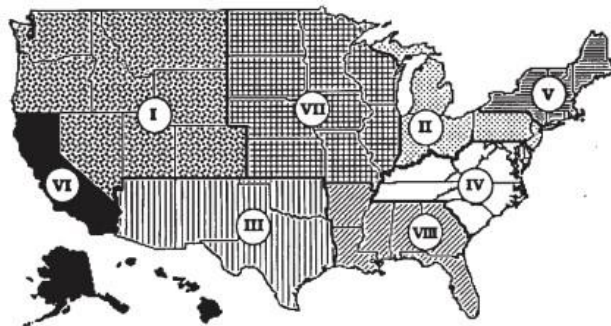
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Mile High Rottweiler Club's Mother's Day Carting Tests

By Laura Wright-Smith, ARC Carting Judge & ARC Carting Committee Member

On May 10, 2026, the Mile High Rottweiler Club hosted back-to-back Mother's Day carting tests at South High School in Denver, Colorado—my husband Chuck's alma mater and a brand-new venue for me. I was honored to judge the morning test, and the site could not have been more ideal: level, gated, asphalt with plenty of built-in distractions to keep teams honest. Add in a classic Colorado bluebird day—bright skies, a light breeze, and temperatures in the low 70s—and we had perfect testing conditions.

The MHRC members, as always, delivered a beautifully organized event. With 19 entries and several two-dog teams, we tested approximately 24 dogs, including a wonderful mix of Rottweilers and a team of Newfoundland's who brought great energy to the morning.

A Judge's Perspective

Having served as an American Rottweiler Club carting judge for more than 20 years—and having attended the very first ARC National carting test—I've seen exceptional dogs across at least eight states. Still, this Colorado entry genuinely impressed me.

My day began with the Intermediate Team, and what a start it was. The team consisted of a 13-year-old dam and her 10-year-old son. If not for their distinguished gray muzzles, you'd never guess they were veterans. They moved through the course with confidence, precision, and grace. I award perfect scores only when they are truly earned—and this team delivered exactly what a perfect run should look like.

And they weren't alone. I awarded **three additional perfect scores** throughout the day. Each team demonstrated outstanding teamwork, accuracy, and impressive speed. Both my HIT and RHIT earned perfect 200s, separated by just a tenth of a second.

One of the most remarkable elements was the slow change of pace. Historically, it's the element I've had to DQ the most dogs on—but not in Denver. Every single dog passed it beautifully. The 360s were equally impressive, with tight, clean crossovers that were a joy to watch. Things may be bigger in Texas, but they are definitely faster in Colorado.

Rising Stars & Veteran Greats

I was thrilled to see several first-time dogs and new handlers giving it their all. No one gave up, and I saw some truly promising teams in the making. I've long said Arizona had the best backing dogs in carting—but Colorado certainly challenged that claim.

A heartfelt shout-out goes to the veteran dogs who continue to inspire. Lucca, at 10 years old, ran at least six times, including the perfect score run with his 13-year-old mother. GCH CH Kelsey's Ruffian CD PCD BN RM RAE HSAd FDC CI CI-T CGCU TKN VX "Skeeter" WS44498401, 02/22/2013 Breeder: Karen Gilden, Wayne Gilden Christian Kubik. By: GCH CH Banshee's Duke of Rott'n Acres RA CD RE CI CGC x CH Kelsey's Quintessence CD PCDX RAE HSAs HIAs PT HT FDC CS CI CS-T CI-T V. Owner: Karen & Wayne Gilden, Christian Kubik, Mary Ann Cothren,



AND

GCHB CH Kelsey's In The Line Of Fire CD BN RM2 RAE3 CS CI CS-T CI-T "Lucca" WS54307303, 04/17/2016 Breeder: Karen Gilden, Wayne Gilden Liz Lucas. By CH MAJESTIC PISTOL PACKIN CISCO V IRONSTONE WD RN CGC x GCH Kelsey's Ruffian CD BN RM RAE HSAds FDC CGCA CGCU TKN. Owner: Mary Anne Cothren,

And "CJ"— GCH CH Serrant's Cody James CS CS-T CI CI-T BN HT OT HSAs FDC CGC TKN CGCA CGCU RATn NTD ASCD OTDs—earned the special veteran award. Hard to believe she's already seven.

Thank You, Team MHRC

This event was a true team effort. Special thanks to:

- **Julie Thomas**, Carting Chair and Judge
- **Dean Thomas**, timer
- **Autumn Wilkerson**, coordinator
- **Troy Wilkerson**, car-gate keeper
- **Ghislaine Griswold**, secretary
- And all the exhibitors who brought their enthusiasm and dedication

Your hard work made this a memorable and truly stellar Mother's Day event. Thank you, MHRC, for inviting me to judge—it was an honor.

Morning Test Awards

HIT GCH Cornerstone's Absolute Dream of Schmusen TD PCDX HXDs HIDs HSAsM RM Cist "Rêve" WS69897904, 10/02/2020, M, Rottweiler. Breeder: Jenny Bauer, Rita Rimler, Daviann Mitchell. By GCH Derhagen-N-



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WORDS OF WISDOM ON STUD DOGS, ACCORDING TO JILL

There is, of course, no definitive guide on stud dogs. The following is based on experience as a competitor, occasional breeder, and rescuer. Back in the 1990s, I was the usual critique typist for the American Rottweiler Verein, a German-style active club founded by Eckart Salquist of Jenecks Rottweilers. A couple of guys were hounding Eckart with questions such as "Who has good stud dogs?" "Who do you like?" "What dog should I use?" and "How do you choose a stud dog, Eckart?" I was standing nearby, just listening. Eckart calmly said, "Breed to the dog you like."

He didn't mean the # 1 dog, or the most titled dog, or the dog owned by someone prominent in the breed, or anything extra-neous to the actual real-life dog. Breed to the dog you like. In other words, do you actually like the dog? Do you like the dog's personality? Do you like the way the dog holds and presents himself? Do you like the dog?

It doesn't matter if the dog belong to your neighbor, has no titles, or hasn't been campaigned for the Top 10. Is it a nice dog that has what you like and could be a partner in a good pairing? Which leads me to a few of my own sayings.

First: If I don't like the owners of the bitch enough to invite them in to my home for dinner with my non-dog husband, I turn down the breeding. I must feel comfortable with their sanity, ability to adapt to obstacles and tough situ- ations, to be able to help any offspring that needs to come home for any reason at any time-no if, ands, or buts-and to keep me advised as to where puppies are going and how their doing.

In short, no crazy people, no victims, no blamers, no double-talking gossipers. Next, I always say, "A good stud dog can com-plement a good bitch, but he cannot compensate for a poor one."



I know it's exciting when someone brings a bitch to you for breeding. But look at her: Is she ugly? How is her angulation? Hocks? Shoulders? Head type? Is she correct? How is her temperament? Confident? Loves to play? Shy? Anxious? Stable and trustworthy? Reactive and insecure?

This leads to my follow up saying: "If I wouldn't take her home to live in my own house, then I won't breed to it." I must love the bitch enough I would gladly bring her home, be confident she would be good with family and life- style. She is trustworthy and adaptable, thoughtful, judicious and appropriate.

Above all else, both breeding partners must be healthy, tested, and good with children. Yes, I said it: good with children. If they are not, then they are not right in the head for our breed. And I would hope you would not like the dog. Enough said.

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Preface: The tradition of competitive purebred dog events predates 1884—the year the American Kennel Club (AKC®) was founded. Those involved in these sports share core values, including a strong commitment to sportsmanship and a welcoming, respectful culture that embraces the diverse community united by a love of dogs.

These values are evident across all aspects of the sport: conformation, performance, companion, and family dog activities. Many believe that the enduring principles of sportsmanship and civility are key reasons the sport has thrived for over 140 years.

Recognizing that periodically reaffirming our shared values strengthens our community, the revised code will be shared widely to highlight the foundational values and principles that define the sport.

- Sportspeople always place the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Sportspeople prioritize the long-term health and preservation of their breed, making decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- Sportspeople respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves.
- Sportspeople appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in the sports by fostering an environment where respect, equity, inclusion, and courtesy are foundational.
- Sportspeople understand, uphold and abide by all AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportspeople contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Sportspeople extend their values of civility, fairness, and respect to all digital and social media platforms.
- Sportspeople actively support the education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values, and traditions of the sport in a respectful way.
- Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct.
- Sportspeople treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and AKC staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background, or differences in opinion.
- Sportspeople are committed to fair play, honesty, courtesy, and competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace.
- Sportspeople understand that strong competition and civility can—and should—coexist. They appreciate the quality of their competitors, and the effort put forth by others.
- Sportspeople uphold their responsibilities to the sport of purebred dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsperson judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsperson judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
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- The sportsperson exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- Sportspeople are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
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