

Luger, (WSCC/RB/BIMBS U-CH U-CD Crystal's Li'l Pistol Von Tasz, AM/CN CD, FGDCH, WETT, DSA, NA, OAJ, HC, CGC) the first German Shepherd of any color to earn a Flyball Grand Championship, the first White Shepherd to earn a WETT (water rescue title), and the first UKC German Shepherd (white) to earn a Total Dog Award.

Jack, (BIMBS WGSDCI/UKC CH U-UD Von Tasz' Jack Of All Trades, UDX, TDI, HC) the first UKC Champion German Shepherd in UKC's history to earn a UKC Utility Dog title and the first white German Shepherd to earn the AKC Utility Dog Excellent title.

Kyra, U-GRCH UACH BISS AWSA WSCC FORB RB CH CRYSTAL'S LADY IN RED "KYRA" O-V, PDX, WETT, FDCH, NA, CPEL1, HIC (S/D), HT, PT, HCT, JHD, ASCA/RB CD, CN/AM CGC, TDI, TT, R2CL, DSA, OFA (H&E), CARDIAC, THYROID, vWF 65%, CERF/02, U.K.C. DNA-P The most titled White Shepherd in the world with 41 titles. The only WS to attain UKC Grand Champion as a GSD and the first as a WS. The first to earn a UKC agility championship, advanced water rescue badge, and Rally Obedience title.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Is the White Shepherd an albino? No. An albino dog has pink eyes and is totally devoid of pigment.

Is the White Shepherd a pure breed? Yes, today it is registered as a German Shepherd Dog with both the American and Canadian Kennel Clubs and as a White Shepherd with the United Kennel Club.

Can the White Shepherd be exhibited at shows? White Shepherds are welcome to compete and earn titles in all AKC, CKC, and UKC performance events like obedience, tracking, agility, and herding. In addition, they may earn conformation championships at ARBA, UKC, FORB, and White Shepherd specialty club conformation shows.

Do White Shepherds have good temperaments and can they be trusted with children? As with any dog, breeding, environment, socializing, and training are the major influences on the development of the dog's temperament. The White Shepherd is an ideal candidate for a family pet if your lifestyle is suited to his needs and you are willing to work with him.

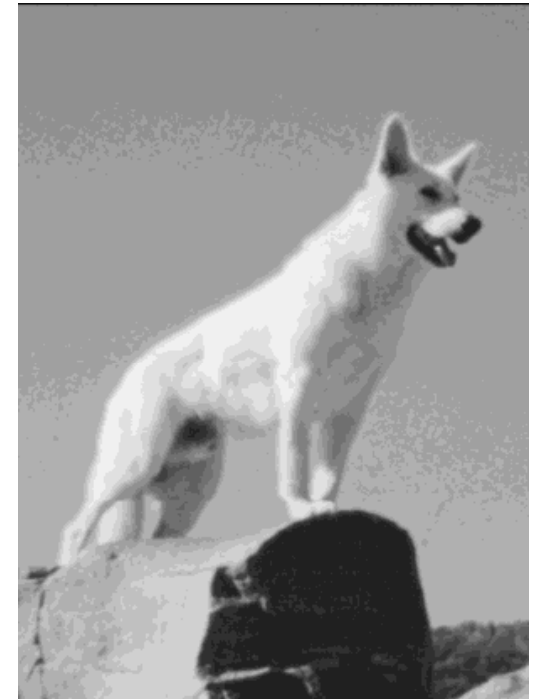
BUYING A PUPPY - WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW.

A puppy soon grows into a dog, sometimes a very large dog. With good care, your puppy should be a member of your family for up to 10 years or more. Here are some tips to help you make the right selection:

- ◆ The breeder should answer all your questions. They should ask you a few, too!
- ◆ Talk to or visit more than one breeder.
- ◆ See both the sire and dam if possible, or at least photographs. The puppy will grow up to be a lot like its parents.
- ◆ Play with the puppies if possible.
- ◆ Get a written guarantee. Compare contracts between breeders. Read the fine print!
- ◆ Make sure the parents are certified free of hip and elbow dysplasia. Ask to see the OVC or OFA certificates.
- ◆ Beware of the breeder who says their dogs produce no faults. A good breeder will tell you about any health problems or genetic diseases that may occur. They will also provide the puppy's health records.
- ◆ Be sure to get your registration papers.
- ◆ Obtain proof your puppy has been vaccinated.

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THE WHITE SHEPHERD



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HISTORY

The White Shepherd is one of the world's most beautiful and useful breeds. Our white dogs find their roots in the very first German Shepherds. A white sheep herding dog named Grief was the grandsire of Horand von Grafrath, born in 1895, the dog that is acknowledged as the foundation dog of all registered German Shepherds. From that time forward the color white has been a part of the genetics of the German Shepherd Dog. The gene for white coat color is recessive, however, so both parents must carry it to produce white puppies.

The White Shepherd has retained the original structure of the German Shepherd breed. Pictures of German Shepherd Dogs from the 1920s and 30s closely resemble White Shepherds with a strong level back and lack of extreme angulation that is evident in many colored German Shepherds of today. Our goal has been to produce a dog that is structurally sound and has the ability and the willingness to serve humanity. Service has traditionally been the hallmark of the German Shepherd Dog.

THE CONTROVERSY

It was not until the 1930s that white dogs were discriminated against. After the death of the founder of the breed, Max Von Stephanitz, and with the rise of Hitler, the whites were subject to different treatment. When the White Shepherd gained popularity during the 1960s, friction developed between breeders of the white variety and the color varieties. One charge was that white dogs were responsible for the fading or washing out of the darker dog's color. In 1968, following Germany's lead, the German Shepherd Dog Club of America voted to change the AKC breed standard to list white coat color as a disqualifying fault in AKC conformation competition. In 1998 the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada did the same thing.

To counteract this discrimination, a number of prominent white-coated German Shepherd breed-

ers banded together to form the first white German Shepherd club to protect and promote the color white within the breed. The largest club had been the White German Shepherd Dog Club International, Inc., which held many conformation events all over the country each year.

However, in the 30 years of its existence, it has not been able to further the advancement of the color white in the breed or reduce the false assumptions and prejudice against the white-coated German Shepherd. In addition, there have been ongoing activities within the German Shepherd Dog Club of America to prohibit white German Shepherds from even being registered as German Shepherds. In recent years any GSD qualifying for a Victor or Victrix award in one of their performance events (obedience, agility, or herding) is ineligible to receive the award if it is white.

AWSA

The American White Shepherd Association was established in 1995. A number of breeders and pet owners became concerned that if nothing was done in a constructive manner to protect and promote the reputation of the White Shepherd, an organization as large and influential as the German Shepherd Dog Club of America would succeed in their efforts to eliminate the white variety. After much discussion and hard work, it was decided to form an association that would work toward breed separation based on the following:

Temperament – The White Shepherd is not as headstrong as some of its colored cousins. This allows the dog to express its willingness to please and makes it an ideal companion for the active family. They are easy to train and excel in dog-related sports and activities. Many have been trained in service work aiding the handicapped, police departments, and search and rescue efforts. The White Shepherd maintains the best traits of its ancestry – intelligence, loyalty, stamina, and excellent work ethics – it is just a little easier to control.

Structure – The White Shepherd more closely

resembles the style of the early German Shepherds, lacking the angulation in the rear that many modern-day colored German Shepherds have come to exhibit.

NEW UKC BREED

As of January 1, 2000, the UKC officially recognized the White Shepherd as a separate and distinct breed of herding dog. Our dogs have done extremely well in UKC conformation shows, taking many Best in Multi-Breed Show awards, as well as earning the prestigious Total Dog Award, plus many obedience and agility titles.

The UKC is the second oldest and largest kennel club in the United States. They are over 100 years old and are registering more than 290 breeds of dogs worldwide. They also publish a quality, international magazine that keeps the dog world informed of UKC activities. More information on the White Shepherd and the UKC can be found at www.ukcdogs.com. More than 10,000 events are held annually throughout the US.

FAMOUS WHITE SHEPHERDS

White Shadow Crider, star of movie, stage and TV. Winner of two Patsy Awards for Best Dog Actor 1958-60.

D.C. K-9 Baron, top dog in 1978 in the U.S. Police Canine Association.

Prince, a London, Ontario police dog that served 11 years on the force and was credited with over 200 arrests, a record at the time for any German Shepherd police dog.

Panda, an SAR and cadaver dog credited with many finds in her 11 years of service.

Mansha's SAR Czar, a search and rescue dog that helped find victims of the Oklahoma bombing disaster.

Furrari's Nikki starred in the movie *Getting Away With Murder* along with Lily Tomlin, Jack Lemmon, and Dan Aykroyd.