About Helen Will Gleason



Helen Will Gleason is the owner of Nocturne Acres German Shepherd Kennels. Helen is a breeder, trainer, handler, AKC judge, and member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA) serving in numerous elected capacities:

BS Penn State University - Animal Husbandry

1980- AKC licensed All Breed Professional Handler

1975-1985 1985 AKC licensed judge German Shepherd Dogs and Junior Handling

1985 AKC Herding Group 2001 and BIS judge

2005 Member GSDCA since 1965 - Board of Directors 15 + years as Education Chairperson

National Specialty Judge 1990, 1994, 1998, 2003, 2008 (Best of Breed), 2012, 2016 Best of Breed in St Louis

Judge in United States, Sweden, Ireland, Finland, France, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Canada, Puerto Rico, Pakistan, and other countries

Published Author in AKC Gazette-Herding Group-German Shepherd Dog, contributing articles in many magazines at their request including Dog World, German Shepherd Quarterly, and German Shepherd Dog Review

Public Speaker for ACEF Graduate Institutes, AKC Advanced Herding Group Seminars, AKC Advanced Working Group Seminars

Director American German Shepherd Rescue Association (ASGSRA)

Active competitor in Agility, Obedience, Tracking, Herding, Working Dog Sport, Conformation

Breeder of multiple champions, trainer of dogs through UDT, SchH3, AX, AXJ, HX

American Kennel Club (AKC) Breeder of Merit

A proponent of total soundness in mind and body



In Helen's Own Words...

"I fell in love with Rin Tin Tin as a youngster. I wanted a dog that would be willing to do everything that I enjoyed doing. The most distinctive characteristic of my breed is their exceptional character and ability to adapt to any and all situations. Many kennels in the United States and in Germany have contributed greatly to the development of our breed. Depending upon the parents and the amount of training they have received and the quality of the bloodlines young, fully guaranteed, showable dogs can range in price from \$2,000 thru \$5,000."

Changes:

"I would like to see the coming together of all of the different clubs to support the German Shepherd Dog in all venues."

Common Judging Mistakes:

"Placing people rather than dogs. Judges who do not excuse poor temperaments or those who permit double handling to conceal this fault."

Education:

I hope that everyone who cares about our breed reads as much as they can to educate themselves. I wish that they would visit the GSDCA website www.gsdca.org as excellent articles are presented in the education section.

How I Would Like to Be Remembered:

"As an honest judge and a dedicated breeder of sound intelligent animals."

The German Shepherd Dog is the "Total Dog" limited only by our time and ability to train them.