

SAINT BERNARD

Breed First - Hall of Fame Plateau of Excellence (PE)



CH Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau

Mr. & Mrs. A.F. Hayes

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The Saint Bernard National Archives sire and dam databases are **not** complete in the early years of our breed's existence in the United States. There is the possibility of an earlier Hall of Fame Plateau of Excellence other than the one noted below. However, it is not very likely since very few Saint Bernards earned their championships from **1877-1923** compared to today's standards.

Of all the different ways a Saint Bernard can be inducted into the Hall of Fame today, in the time frame from **1877-1923** there was only one way to be inducted. A sire had to produce five champion get or a dam had to produce four champion get. These were the *only* options as the Champion of Record title was the only title!

Keep in mind, Groups Firsts and Best in Shows did not start until **1924**--the first year for AKC group placements and the official Best In Show award. During the early 1920s not many Saint Bernards placed in group so the building of records were slow in this Hall of Fame category. These databases are complete with every dog and win noted. Obedience did not start until **1936** and these databases are also complete with every score and title earned by a Saint Bernard now on file.

In the Hall of Fame database, the first year to show Hall of Fame Plateau of Excellence was in **1949**. There were only two Plateaus of Excellence earned for the whole year. First was **CH Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau** (an import) who earned the Plateau of Excellence on **October 9, 1949** for having met the criteria of winning five Group Firsts (a Plateau for the bitches).

The other Plateau of Excellence in 1949 was **CH Gerd V D Lueg V Edelweiss** (Gerda's full litter brother) having won six all-breed Best in Shows on **December 4, 1949**.

Gerda, owned and imported by Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Hayes of Alpine Plateau Kennels (Oregon), also won Best of Breed at the 1948 Saint Bernard Club of America's National Specialty show in San Francisco, CA. Her famous brother CH Gerd V D Lueg V Edelweiss was Best of Opposite sex that year.

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**First Saint Bernard
To Earn a Hall of Fame
Plateau of Excellence**

October 9, 1949

First Saint Bernard to Earn a Hall of Fame Plateau of Excellence--5 Group Placements

CH Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau

CH	Name	Titles	Date	Show	1	2	3	4	# of P.	BIS	# BIS	Comp.	M	E
CH	Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau		July 13, 1947	Vancouver KC, WA		2			1					f
CH	Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau		February 01, 1948	Golden Gate KC, CA (SBCA 11)	1				2					f
CH	Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau		April 10, 1948	Portland KC, OR	1				3					f
CH	Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau		July 01, 1948	Vancouver KC, WA	1				4	BIS	1	371		f
CH	Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau		November 21, 1948	DFA of Oregon, OR	1				5	BIS	2	437		f
CH	Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau		May 07, 1949	Portland KC, OR			3		6					f
CH	Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau		July 24, 1949	Vancouver KC, WA			3		7					f
CH	Gerda V D Lueg V Alpine Plateau		October 09, 1949	Spokane KC, WA	1				8					f

Totals: 8 5 1 2 0 2

of P. = Number of placements in Group

Comp. = Number of dogs in competition at the show

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