

Hall of Fame Record - SBCA Wins for Dogs



CH Gerd von der Lueg V Edelweiss

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I have been asked to write an article on Ch. Gerd von der Lueg von Edelweiss for the Saint Bernard National Archives. Rather than an article I think this will be a series of recollections. I won't go into his record as you all know it by now. Just entering the Archives you have seen it.

Gerd came to America after siring a litter in Europe. In those days this was a common practice to insure that the dog was capable. Gerd's sister was to be imported at the same time, but that did not happen and I don't remember why.

Gerd, or Hector as we called him, was a very gentle giant. I remember him sitting next to my dad and putting his head on his lap. Dad would scratch him behind the ears and the dog would all but purr.

When Gerd first came to Edelweiss Kennels in Springfield, Illinois he was shown by my father, Joe Fleischli. Later when my father became ill, Larry Downy took over the lead. Along the way, Gerd met Ed Bracy. It was instant love. Ed and the dog were made for each other. When Ed would come to our home we would all go down to the bar room and sit and talk for hours; of course the dog was with us. I would sit on Ed's shoulder and put my feet in his breast pocket. He was my mentor.

At the age of 12, I had the privilege of showing my first Saint Bernard. I practiced my "technique" on Gerd. To this day I think the dog was a saint--a real one--as he let me put his feet everywhere but in the right places. In those days we never used the term "stack" when referring to putting the dog in a show stance. Dad always said you "stack" garbage and Gerd was not garbage so we "set him up." After I would put Gerd's feet in the wrong places the dog would stand just a scant second then "fix" himself. You see, the dog never had to be positioned into a show stance. He just stopped and was looking good. The only thing you had to do was lift his head.

Ed Bracy showed Gerd on a thin leather lead that we called the shoestring. I still have it. When Ed would drive into our kennel yard Gerd would start barking and jump up and down in his kennel. He knew he was going to a show. The kennel man would let him out and he would race to Ed's station wagon. Gerd would jump into the back of the wagon and into his crate. Gerd's crate was a large wooden affair with a grooming top and a drawer for all sorts of "necessary stuff." After Ed would close the crate door they would take off to the dog show.

Gerd never had to wear a bib at the shows to keep his chest dry from drool, etc. One day while on the grooming table a man walked by and asked, "How come that dog does not have a bib on?" Well, Ed and my dad noticed right off that the man was drunk so he decided to have some fun. My dad told the man that the dog spit when he had excess drool. The man did not believe my dad and said so. When the man looked away another dog went by and lifted his leg on a support pole not far from Gerd's grooming table. My dad exclaimed, "Look there, he just spit" and pointed to the puddle the other dog had left. The drunk walked away shaking his head.

Life at the shows with this trio was always fun. Once after winning Best In Show, my dad took Gerd into a restaurant and put him at the head of the table. The maitre d' came to my dad and told him that the dog could not stay unless he was a service dog. My dad explained that the dog had just won another Best In Show and was indeed a service dog. He made my dad happy. That statement and a hundred dollar bill ensured that the dog did indeed stay for dinner.

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**Record Holder
3 Best of Breed Wins
Plus 1 Best of Opposite Sex Win at
The Saint Bernard Club of America's
National Specialties**

June 22, 1952

Saint Bernard Record Holder - 4 Highest National Specialty Wins

CH Gerd V D Lueg V Edelweiss

<u>CH</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>MF</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u>BOB</u>	<u>BOS</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>COMP.</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>T</u>
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Independent Specialty Shows, Trials & Tests

CH Gerd V D Lueg V Edelweiss	m										
				February 01, 1948	SBC of America # 11 CA		BOS	1	41		
				December 09, 1950	SBC of America # 13 PA	BOB		2	17		
				January 27, 1951	SBC of America # 14 CA	BOB		3	31		
				June 22, 1952	SBC of America # 15 OH	BOB		4	17		
Dog's totals:						3	1	4	106	0	0

Overall totals:

3	1									0	0

BOS was first awarded in 1942

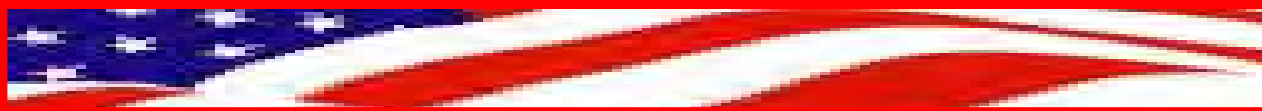
There were NO National Specialties in 1944, 1945, 1947 & 1962

W = Number of BOB/BOS win at independent specialty shows

Comp. = Number of dogs in competition at the show

T = Number of HIT win at independent specialty trials

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The Saint Bernard Club of America's 1948 National Specialty Winners

Date: February 1, 1948

Location: San Francisco, CA

Judge: Arthur Hesser

Dogs In Competition: 41



**BOB: CH Gerda V D Lueg
V Alpine Plateau**



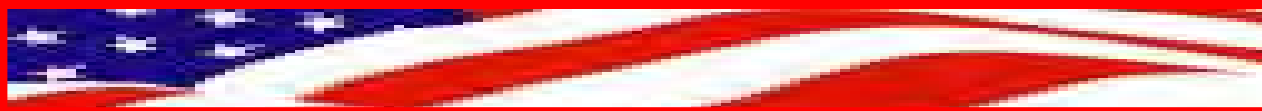
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V Edelweiss**



**WD/BOW: Gerd V D Lueg
V Edelweiss**

Photo needed.
If you have a photo of this dog
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WB: Frieda V Alpine Plateau



The Saint Bernard Club of America's 1950 National Specialty Winners

Date: December 9, 1950

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Judge: Arthur Hesser

Dogs In Competition: 17



BOB: CH Gerd V D Lueg V Edelweiss



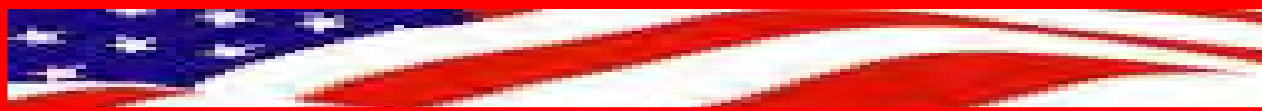
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WB/BOW: Aline V D Roth



WD: Carlo V Sunny Slopes



The Saint Bernard Club of America's 1951 National Specialty Winners

Date: January 27, 1951

Location: San Francisco, CA

Judge: M.F. Rosenbaum

Dogs In Competition: 31



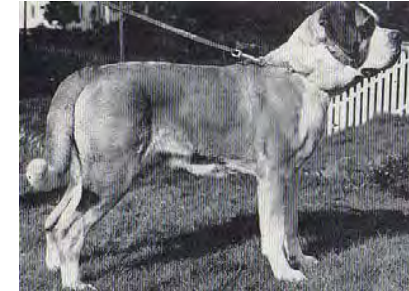
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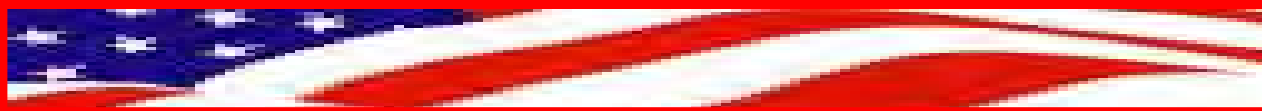
**BOS: CH Gerda V D Lueg
V Alpine Plateau**



WD/BOW: Questor V Alpine Plateau



**WB: Bellina V Rigibuhl
V Alpine Plateau**



The Saint Bernard Club of America's 1952 National Specialty Winners

Date: June 22, 1952

Location: Cincinnati, OH

Judge: Arthur Hesser

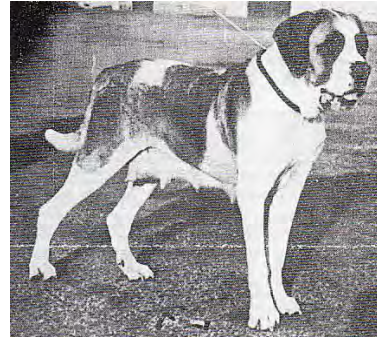
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BOB: CH Gerd V D Lueg V Edelweiss



BOS: CH Aline V D Roth



WB/BOW: Diana V Bornfeld



WD: Edelweiss Esbo