

So how does one start up with breeding...

The first step is to start with a good female, from a line which is healthy and free of major genetic conditions. On first impression she should be of good type and representative of her bloodline. I don't mean just the Head but the body and temperament as well. She should be feminine yet noble have a strong in character and be stable in temperament. She need not be a top show bitch but a bitch good enough to be rated a V or a very high SG at the very least. The representatives of her Bloodline in her pedigree you need to ensure is of good mothers with no issues genetic with regard to puppy care and rearing besides the all Important HD and ED. Pay attention to the health scores of her own siblings, siblings of her parents and grandparents. Look at the scores of her half brothers and sisters as well.

Once a female as this is secured then we have a foundation female. I do imagine such a female will not be cheap, but the intention is not to recover her costs from her or her progeny. The intention is simply to get a female which establishes a line and this to me is Priceless...

Now ask the question why make so much noise about Stud's if we are paying so much attention to the females. . well, Stud's bring in the Bloodline but the female sets the Family. This is how they are classified in classical Genetics. If we simply look around we can see that most of who we are contributed by the female representatives in our genetic tree.

So what is it that makes a stud valuable? A Stud dog to me is much more than an Alpha Male. It is one capable to passing on his progressive gene to his progeny who are in turn capable of passing it to theirs. These, when done over a period time a stud dog progresses and goes on to establish his Bloodline. This is why we often see famous dogs in shot time series being referred to as "this dog from the bloodline of..." that is why today we refer to dogs like Balou and Rick as fathers of their bloodline. The various representatives of theirs are carrying on the progressive genes of the founders Balou and Rick.

Having now briefly dealt with some concepts of Bloodlines , Stud's , foundation bitches and families. Lets look at what would a good breeder look for in a stud for his female( foundation female). Much like the same ground rules really, look for basic essentials, from a line which is healthy and free of major genetic conditions. On first impression he should be of good desired type and representative of his bloodline. I don't mean just the Head but the body and temperament as well. He should be masculine and robust yet noble have a strong in character and be stable in temperament. He should be correct and of desired type to compliment the female. Meaning the short comings of the female must be complimented by the positive features of the male. Some males might not show the strong attributes on themselves physically but across their progeny you could see the progressive traits he passes on. Look for these as a quality that your female will potentially bring out in her whelp with this stud. Please note that whatever the attributes of the male you cannot outweigh the risks bringing into your female line basic faults that are genetic in nature.

Its not the right assumption that a winning stud will produce the best with your female. Some of the best litters in the world have been produced by 2 above average individuals from sound genetic background which locked on to some really amazing progressive genes. Examples are "O" litter of Vom Hause Neubrand. From yester years, Hassan and Hulda from Konigsgarten, I litter of Fusse Effel, more recently Utz, Unox, Ulla - U litter of Hause Anin. Vicco, Valeria Kresbach - V litter of Kresbach

Another flawed theory is "in a litter I look for one super puppy" this is short cut way to attain results its unstable way of bringing out desired genetic outcome and is not sustainable. It's more difficult, yet desirable to have a consistent litter with all puppies of really high quality without faults. I would always pick a puppy for further breeding from such litters. There may not be record breaking individuals but there is more quality in this breeding.

Last but not least in this note: some observations of mine are 1) Almost all stable progressive bloodlines are born from studs when coupled with females from strong families. 2) in nature as it exists, law of averages prevail and therefore the tendency towards mean exists in any given sample size. Therefore its only natural that in any bell curve when we breed 2 specimens which are closer to the 95% confidence level the law of averages applies and outcomes are tending towards mean. What this means is, more often than not 2 outstanding specimens super winners may produce in their combinations worse than themselves. This is due to law of averages that applies in all nature.

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