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About likable dogs.

Brainy Smurf.

If is about APBT - it's all about knowing the "real APBT breed" selection, temperament, genetics, conformation, abilities, drives, traits, weaknesses, soundness and intelligence – choices.

(It is not just performance and pedigree. MK)

As breeder I have difficulty in keeping dogs with certain weaknesses, genetic faults and bad habits, "those faults & weaknesses" are bound to be carried over to the next generation – as breeder you have to look much further.

Here are a few examples:

1. Splay feet
2. Weak/slanting pasterns - opposite of cat-like feet
3. Cow-hocks - weak hocks limiting leverage

4. Narrow hips - weaker power train
5. Body too long - robs athletic ability
6. Badly undershot teeth (that will interfere with functionality) – (a slight under or over shot is not a problem for the working dog as it does not interfere with their working functionality).
7. Lippy like a bulldog
8. Short breath - lack of stamina
9. Weak wrestling ability
10. Poor bite
11. Not wise (Dum dog) - one track mind – old Flemish slang “oloel” – stupid.
12. High incidence of cur and cold dogs
13. Many aggressive dogs - to the point that they turn on their owners ... not to confuse with trained attack or trained guard dogs.
14. Noisy dogs – you will know.
15. Weak pigmentation - sensitive pink/white skin prone to cancer.
16. Predominantly white dogs are invariably less fertile and positive identified incidence of deafness.
17. Very thin skin - prone to eczema.
18. Dogs with funny ears.
19. Tail too long, tail too thick, curly or crooked.
20. Stifles not well bent and not being 2/3 of leg.
21. Narrow, shallow and barrel chest.

The looking at some positive and outstanding attributes!

Very few things in life are perfect – I can live with that, but we can strive to minimize them as “true” breeders.

A dog owner is different in that they fall in love with what they got and the bond that got established with their dog.

Some of these undesirable attributes can still be tolerated (and are) if your dog have a heap of other good to excellent qualities.

Essentially I must like a dog – that’s from seeing the pup or dog the first time - for his / her disposition and soundness, otherwise I do not want it (the pedigree also will naturally be a starting point even before seeing the dog), and that makes the search for being perfect so much harder.

I guess I am looking “deeper” than just pedigree performance, but also being fit for other use as well.

"Some dogs" are so independent that they don't care about your attention and love.

"Others" are hard-keepers, noisy, destroyers and too rough for fitting in with normal family life.

Then be attentive to those that have the inclination to bite family members or that lose their heads and are dangerous around kids.

So we should look at the wider picture as well as the possibility to create a sound animal for the future.

This is and should be our challenge for the future that will become the legacy of today's breeders.