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# **The Police Dog: History, Breeds and Service**

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## **Glossary**

### ***American Organizations***

AKC	American Kennel Club
ATTS	<i>American Temperament Test Society</i> (Practically nonexistent today.)
AWDF	American Working Dog Federation
CKC	Canadian Kennel Club
PSA	Protection Sports Association - American trial giving organization.
USCA	<i>United Schutzhund Clubs of America</i> (a German Shepherd Club)
WDA	Working Dog Association, German Shepherd organization affiliated with the GSDCA
GSDCA	German Shepherd Dog Club of America (AKC Affiliated)
NAWBA	North American Working Bouvier Association
NASA	North American Working Dog Association (No longer in existence)

### ***European Organizations***

FCI	<i>Federation Cynologique Internationale</i> , International Canine Federation, the predominant canine administrative organization throughout the world with the exception of England, Canada and the United States
SRSH	<i>Societe Royale Saint-Hubert</i> Belgian national canine organization, FCI affiliated
KCB	<i>Kennel Club Belge</i> , Belgian national canine organization, not FCI affiliated
SCC	<i>Societe Central Canine</i> , French national canine registration organization.
NVBK	<i>Nationaal Verbond der Belgische Kynologen</i> Belgian non-FCI National Ring Trial & Registration Organization
FNCB	<i>Fédération Nationale des Cynophiles Belges</i> French name for NVBK
KNPV	<i>Koninklijke Nederlandse Politiehond Vereniging</i> Royal Dutch Police Dog Association
SV	<i>Verein fur Deutsche Schaferhunde</i> , German Shepherd Club in the German motherland.
WUSV	World Union of German Shepherd Clubs
VDH	<i>Verband fur das Deutsche Hundewesen</i> German kennel club, equivalent to the AKC
DVG	<i>Deutscher Verband der Gebrauchshundsportvereine</i> German Schutzhund Sports Association for Police & Protection Dogs
ADRK	Rottweiler Club in Germany

### ***North American Titles***

Usually there is both an AKC and a CKC version.

CD	Companion Dog, an obedience title
CDX	Companion Dog Excellent
UD	Utility Dog
TD	Tracking Dog
OFA	<i>Orthopedic Foundation for Animals</i> , hip evaluation

#### ***European Titles***

CQN	Certificate of Natural Qualities – Belgian working test, prerequisite for the Belgian Championship
KNPV	<i>Koninklijke Nederlandse Politiehond Vereniging</i> Royal Dutch Police Dog Association "met lof" means with honors.
IPO	<i>Internationale Prüfungsordnung</i> FCI version of Schutzhund.
SchH	Schutzhund
CACIB	<i>Certificat de' aptitude au championnat international de beaute</i> FCI conformation show point designation.
CACIT	<i>Certificat de' aptitude au championnat international de travail</i> FCI Certificate of achievement of championship in work

#### ***European Registration Books***

LOSH	Livre de Origines Saint-Hubert Belgian studbook,
ALSH	Annexe au livre de Saint-Hubert Supplementary or provisional Studbook of Saint-Hubert
NHSB	Nederlands Hondenstamboek Netherlands: studbook of Raad van Beheer.
DSaZB	The German Registration designation

#### ***Dutch Hip Condition Ratings***

These appear on the Dutch pedigrees and KNPV certificates:

HD-	Negative evaluation, that is free of dysplasia.
HD/Tc	Intermediate between negative and light positive.
HD+-	Light positive.
HD+	Positive evaluation for hip dysplasia

*Raad van Beheer* Dutch equivalent of the American Kennel Club.

### ***German Terminology***

HGH	Herdengebrauchshund ( Herding Dog)
PH	Polizei Hund (Police Dog) seen on older GSD pedigrees
KrH	Kriegshund (War dog)
FH	Fahrtenhund (Tracking Dog)
DH	Diensthund (Service dog )
PDH	Polizei Dienst Hund (Working Police dog)
PSP	Polizeischutzhundprüfung (Police protection dog)
SV	Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde, the German GSD mother club.
BSP	Bundessiegerprüfung - GSD German National IPO Championship
BSZS	Bundessieger-Zuchtschau World Championship, yearly GSD
ZPr	Zuchtpruefung breed survey, recommendation for breeding

Angekoert	Recommended for breeding
Rüden	Male dog
Hündinen	Female dog
Bundesieger	Annual IPO or Schutzhund Champion
Körung	SV Breed survey.

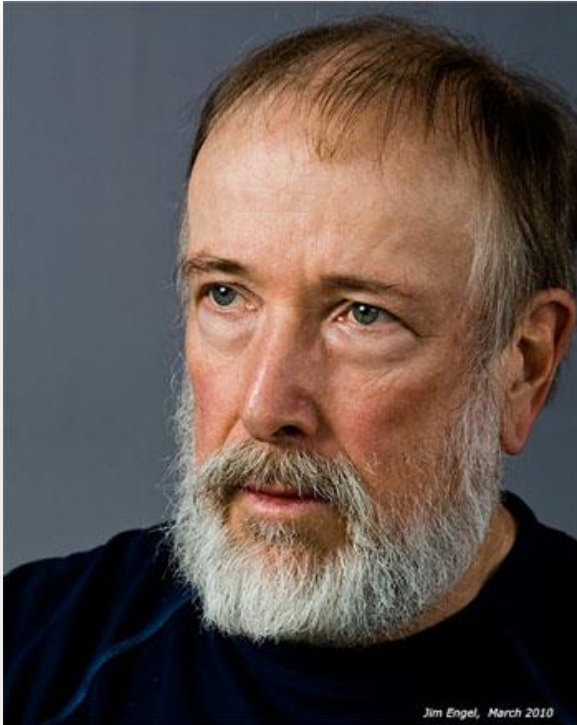
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## About the Author



I suppose my canine world persona goes back to the days of my monthly *Dog Sports* magazine column, in the later 1980s. Not everybody loved me, but even those who did not turned to my column first to see what it was that they were going to be angry about. Context is important here, before the internet all one really had access to was the *Schutzhund USA* magazine every couple of months and *Dog Sports*, so a monthly column got you a whole lot of attention. Quite a few articles also appeared in *Dog World*.

Now I know all of this is going to sound a whole lot like bragging, so to keep it real let us start out with what I am not. For one thing, I am not a top-level protection dog training helper; simply started too late and was never strong enough or quick enough to aspire to excellence. Did some club level training, worked a trial or two years ago but was always ready

to hand the sleeve over to a better guy.

Nor am I an especially big deal trainer or handler; was always an amateur with a full time career, which tends to limit the number of dogs you wind up working; worked with too many real experts not to know my limitations. But we still did manage to take home the trophies, and all of my dogs were owner trained, many born on the floor of our kitchen or whelping room.

A great deal of time was spent in Europe, in the Netherlands training with a KNPV trainer and judge, and in Belgium. In Belgium there was a little bit of work in the old style Ring jacket, just barely enough to know I was out of my element; but certainly a learning experience. I have traveled far to see the best, the Cup of France in French Ring, the champion of Belgian Ring in a regular trial, many KNPV trials, IPO and Schutzhund many times in the Netherlands and Germany.

Professionally, I hold an MS in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University and spent many years in the communications industry with Motorola, primarily with police and public safety radio systems. Had some fun, did major technical presentations as far away as Australia and picked up a few patents along the way.

I have trained four Bouviers to Schutzhund III, three of which also became AKC champions of record and one achieved the advanced FH level in tracking. I was North American working champion for my breed four times and reserve champion several more. I have taken a dog to compete in the Bouvier Championships in the

Netherlands. We have shown dogs at the Schutzhund III level from California to Maine, from Florida to Canada and in Europe. I have competed in USCA regional championships.

Many dogs from our breeding have Schutzhund titles, other working titles including Bouvier working champion and held numerous AKC conformation championships. My old Leah was Schutzhund III, Bouvier working champion, AKC conformation champion and the top group-winning female in the AKC show ring in 1984.

Our Bouvier book was the American breed book of the year and is still the standard of comparison worldwide. It sold many thousands of copies throughout the world. I have conducted training seminars for Bouvier groups from Oregon to Florida; instructed beginning obedience classes in a club situation; and sometimes consult on problem dogs in my breed. There were various political offices over the years; I was for instance the founding and longtime secretary of the AWDF, the *American Working Dog Federation*.

# Konrad Most

I am a bit reluctant to engage in designating particular individuals as the "Father" of this or that, but if there is to be a Father of the police dog it must certainly be either Ernest van Wesemael, founder of the Ghent program, or Konrad Most. Forced to a choice between the two, my opinion would be Most because of the depth of his contribution and because he was hands on and academic as compared to van Wesemael, who was primarily an administrator rather than an innovator in training.

Most, born in 1878, had a long and active career. From the Biographical Note in the English translation of his book:

"Colonel Most was one of the world's most experienced and distinguished authorities on all types of dog training and a pioneer in the study of dog psychology. He started training Service dogs in 1906 while serving as Police Commissioner at the Royal Prussian Police Headquarters, Saarbrücken. For the next eight years he gave instruction to the Constabulary on the training and management of police dogs for all purposes by methods evolved by himself. In 1912 he was appointed Principal of the newly formed State Breeding and Training Establishment for police dogs at Berlin and carried out much original research in training dogs for Service personnel and for the tracking of criminals. At the outbreak of war in 1914, Konrad Most was attached to the Staff of Field Marshall von Hindenburg, Commander-in-Chief in the East, to organize and direct the use of Army dogs on the Eastern Front, and the following year was put in charge of the organization of all canine services on both the Eastern and Western Fronts. In recognition of his war service he was, in 1919, awarded a testimonial by the Prussian War Ministry inscribed: "To Capt. Most, creator of the Canine Service in the World War of 1914-1918." From 1919 to 1937 he was head of the Canine Research Department of the Army High Command, and during that period also acted as advisor to the Government of Finland on the organization of the Finnish Canine Services. He played a leading part in the formation of the Canine Research Society and of the German Society for Animal Psychology, both found in 1931, and in 1938 was elected Honorary Life Member of both Bodies in recognition of his work on their behalf.

"From 1944 to 1947 Colonel Most was head of the Experimental Department of the Tutorial and Experimental Institute for Armed Forces' Dogs and Technical Principal of the North German Dog Farm, a center for the training of working dogs, their handles, and the trainers of dogs for the blind. In 1951 he became closely associated with courses held in the Rhine Palatinate for the instruction of sportsmen in the training and management of hunting and tracking dogs for the purpose of improving their performances in the field.

"In 1954 – the year of his death, aged 76 – Colonel Most was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of the Justus-Liebig Technical College, Giessen, Hesse, near Frankfurt-am-Main. His manual *Training Dogs, A Manual*, first written in 1910, is the recognized standard work on the subject throughout Europe."

Most bred Dobermans under the kennel name *von der Sarr* in the town of Saarbrücken, west of Stuttgart on the French border. Although the photos in the

English edition of the book, taken by the English publisher, are German Shepherds, the photos on the original German edition included numerous Dobermans, and there