

VON FÜRSTENFELD

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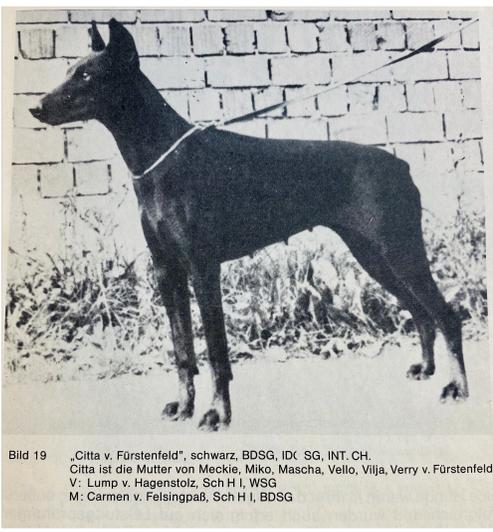


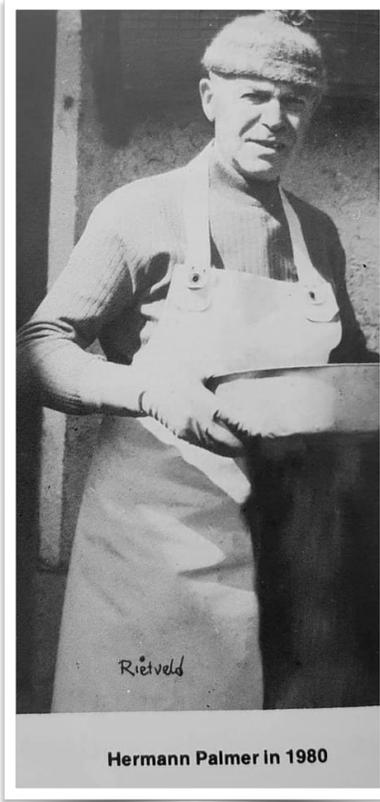
Bild 19 „Citta v. Fürstenfeld“, schwarz, BDSG, IDC SG, INT. CH.
Citta ist die Mutter von Meckie, Miko, Mascha, Vello, Vija, Verry v. Fürstenfeld.
V: Lump v. Hagenstolz, Sch H I, WSG
M: Carmen v. Felsingpaß, Sch H I, BDSG

You can hardly find a Dobermann in Europe that is not descended from a "von Furstenfeld-dog". Citto and Vello von Furstenfeld dominated the scene in the sixties and from their plentiful crowd of children come most of the modern. Herman Palmer, owner of the illustrious kennel "von Furstenfeld" is a controversial figure, adored and hated. But his ideals, his visits and the results of his breeding combinations can still be found in the type of modern Dobermann. Palmer's break with the powerful German breed association has left this breeder dead. He's running out of pedigree and has little desire to sell his dogs .

We drew the backgrounds of these dramatic developments in Palmer's hometown Furstenfeldbruck, deep in the Beyer country in the vicinity of Munich. Rural, peaceful peace and space. Those are the first impressions you make when you visit the kennel "von Furstenfeld", isolated located against a flat mountain slope and surrounded by green pastures and a deep and dark pine forest .

'Enter at your own risk', says a threatening sign at the fence, but the 'bissige dogs' are neither seen nor heard for the time being. Well Herman Palmer, a friendly, very cordial and especially quiet sixty-year-old who lost most of his hair in the cynological battle. A man with the good but not the bad qualities of the South German Beyer. 'No beer or alcohol for me!' He explains if we want to offer him a pitcher of Dutch 'Schnapps'. We come into a royal living room caravan the walls are wallpaper with earrings and pictures. And everywhere there are trophies and awards that point to historical fame and success.

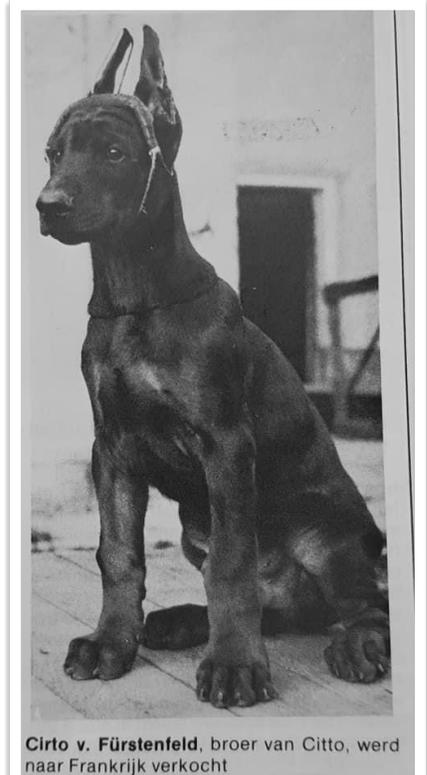
The large patio offers beautiful views of Palmer County and the spacious kennels where many Dobermanns lounge in the sunshine. Old lame bitch visits us and starts sniffing. The other dogs - four males, five females - are divided in pairs staying in the royal gauze, neatly tiled and clean. We carefully observe the dogs and are amazed at the uniformity in this kennel . Palmer proudly says this is no surprise as his dogs are all bloodlines. 'For generations, I've only bred with my own dogs . That gives a huge inherited power that other breeders lack!'



Hermann Palmer in 1980

The dogs aren't fat, some even a bit too. The alignment is not perfect, though we shouldn't forget they are mostly old dogs. But what beautiful straight and heavily bent legs! Beautiful closed cat feet that are so rare these days and unfortunately gets so little attention. Beautiful heads with a sleek outline and little stop. But that has always been the specialty of this kennel: A good head type and... a pure and DARK fire! Palmer could write a book about the fire. 'It used to be 80% dark, but now almost everything is 'blonde'. The first thing you notice about a dog is its head and color. So these are also features that I think are very important. The hair is bad. Nice and short and hard but dusty and very damaged due to fights among themselves and lying on the tiles. We are also allowed in the kennels. Notable phenomenon: These dogs are isolated here and yet they normally react to our visit. We have seen it

All young dogs are raised in the house," explains Palmer, "I also always bring visitors in contact with my dogs so that they learn to behave normally". Palmer hasn't bred in four years. 'I don't get any pedigree . They want me to go through the ZTP with my livestock. But as a man of sixty, do I have to start breeding my dogs again, just to get pedigree? "I have asked Wilking, Wiblishauser and Vogel. Is the handwork and everything a dog should be able to do at the ZTP or exam for Schutzhund now learned or innate? they all had to admit that it was learned. But why is ZTP mandatory then? Why do people connect breeding to training? 'Training has nothing to do with breeding good dogs'. Since I stopped breeding, not a single German has managed to breed properly. Training I call Hocus Pocus. For those who like it: Fine! But on a voluntary basis.



Cirto v. Fürstenfeld, broer van Citto, werd naar Frankrijk verkocht



Margaret Bastable met Citto v. Fürstenfeld



Hassan v. Fürstenfeld, in Amerika,
3 maanden

If they continue with this in Germany, the quality of the German bred Dobermann will become worse and worse. All well-known German breeders and qualifiers have been to my house. Wiblishauser came here every week. I have no admiration for these people. They don't understand anything about breeding. They don't know the dogs. Many couldn't keep my dogs apart. Jens Kollenberg from Norway is. For him and for Mrs. Knijff-Dermout from Holland I admire. They recognize a good dog and can breed good Dobermanns. The Germans are beer heads. I sometimes see them standing on a training field like this. Those 'famous chauvinists; glad they can get out of there. Drinking a beer, having a chat with friends and then examining ZTP for royal fees. That whole system is maintained by a small group of people. Too bad!

Herman Palmer is especially a good boss to his dogs. They mean everything in his life and with their nutrition and care he spends his days. He's convinced that most dogs don't get good food. That many diseases and deviations arise from an insufficient diet and that cutting back on the quality of food always has negative consequences. In his basements are mixing & grinding machines, and refrigerators filled with meat and bones. We're amazed at its 'bone-cracking machine', a device that turns large bones into white pasta in no time. This so-called 'Bone pasta' is mixed with ground 'throats' and forms the basis of the daily meal. Divided over two bins each, the males get 2.3 kilos and the bitches get 1.7 kilos of this RAW mush. This time is supplemented with a clad of raw beef liver and a mixture of the following ingredients: pollen, honey, seaweed, ground peanuts and a spoonful of lime. Regularly, they get a very green bib and bones to chew. 'Bones will make bones,' says Palmer, pointing to the thick legs of two lickable Dobers who patiently await the meat mixing. 'This food helps me prevent. My dogs never have. I don't let them. Inflammation and disorders can be cured by a balanced diet. Young and old dogs get different food skills with me healthy adult dogs'. He's laughing. "Ernst Wilking came up to me at a show and said, 'Palmer, if your dogs were 10 pounds heavier, I'd make them champions'. I replied, 'If I have to get fat, I'll eat pigs!'

The dogs are fed in groups of two and Palmer makes sure they don't steal each other's portion'. 'With all this modern crap, it's no wonder so many dogs have diarrhea'. I never knew that. It's also easy to fix. Just feed the GOOD FOOD!'

It's amazing to see him so busy with a butcher's apron and a woolly hat on his bald skull. The offer to give us a portion of 20 kilos of Bone Pasta, we can't wink off. Smh he learns that our fridge is only designed for freezing ice cubes for Coca Cola.

We're going back up and discussing the dogs of the past. The legendary Dobermanns staring at us with pride from the pictures on the wall. 'We used to have two Dobermanns at home already. Later I bred myself and I had especially success when I ordered two puppies from the combination HEDE VOM FELSINGPASS and Bundessieger IGON VON NAUNHOF at the kennel "vom Felsingpass". Both dogs had a beautiful dark fire. I got CARMEN and CASSO. The male had disturbing light eyes and I sold him to someone in France at 14 months. One day I visited a show and saw a young male I was impressed by: LUMP VON HAGENSTOLZ. A year later I pick CARMEN covered by him and from that litter I kept CITTO and CITTA. Except for one exception - BLACKY OF FAYETTE CORNER - I have only bred with my own dogs afterwards'. I used to pay a lot of attention to breeding my pups back then. Food is important for a dog's physical and mental development. A hungry bitch is a crabby bitch and her pups will have bad characters later on. These are things very few breeders pay attention to. Most pups fall short and that explains a lot of disappointments.



Bild 18 „Lump v. Hagenstolz“, schwarz, WSG, Sch H I, beeinflusste entscheidend die Dobermannzucht.
V: Alf v. Hagenfreund
M: Dina v. Klockenhof

His most famous breeding product has been the noble VELLO VON FURSTENFELD . VELLO was sold to Ottmar Vogel, who took the SchutzHund III exam with him no more than 36 times. On shows VELLO always appeared in a lot of pressure and didn't get the chance to develop his confidence with his boss. He was usually placed second. I once saw VELLO lying in the snow on a training field. I asked Vogel, who was drinking beer in the canteen, what that required. 'He has to endure it', was the answer. I think that's ridiculous. Some people believe you can do anything with a dog. They see no further.

VELLO has been dead at 7 or 8 years old (9 years old his actual age when died according to JM vd Zwan). Herman Palmer, sad and bitter but still full of fight - a man who can say that almost all Dobermanns in Europe are derived from his dogs. Then we're leaving. With zemmelkuchen and cashews 'on the go'. He waves us friendly as we drive down the mountain. In the distance still sounds the barking of NINO and ZINGA and the other last descendants of a famous kennel: VON FURSTENFELD .

VELLO VON FURSTENFELD .



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			Gitta Sücht. Höhen 58961	Dux Rotbachtal Christel Ansbornquelle	Dux Rotbachtal Christel Ansbornquelle	
			Boris Rehwalde DVLSG, Sch H III, FH	Peter v. Wiesengrund Effe v. Simbach	Peter v. Wiesengrund Effe v. Simbach	
			Ada Satoriushof 59809	Alf v. Spessart Olli v. Friedewald	Alf v. Spessart Olli v. Friedewald	

Vello – Ahnentafel -5 Generationen-
 Inzucht: Lump Hagenstolz 2-2; Alex Kleinwaldheim 4,4-4,4