



A few words about Jens Kollenberg, the breeder, trainer and judge behind the world famous kennel name, "vom Norden Stamm" {Nordenstamm} - FCI-registered 1969

Jens Kollenberg trained his first working dog nearly 55 years ago. His early interest in dogs and their training had been reinforced while serving in the Armed Forces. His first dogs were German Shepherds, later to be later replaced by Dobermanns when back in civilian life. Jens developed a keen interest in their training, showing and breeding, as well as in competitive dog sport. His personal commitment to the breeding and training of high calibre animals is underlined by more than 50 self-bred, self handled Champions. Most include, amongst their wins, a large number of National and International Championship titles world-wide. In the wider European arena alone, his dogs have won all the major Sieger titles many times over, with the majority mostly self-trained to their SchH3 and FH.



Jens has served as a FCI Specialist judge of the Norwegian Kennel Club and as President and Chief Training Officer of the Norwegian Dobermann Club. In Germany he held office as Chairman, Breed Warden, and Training Officer of the German DV Chapter Club of Kiel, as well as Chairman and Training Officer of the German SV Chapter Club of Steinburg. While in Germany, he was one of 10 elite DV speciality judges licensed to judge the ZTP, as well as one of only two DV specialist judges triple-licensed as a Schutzhund trial Judge, a conformation Judge, and a Breed Surveyor. Jens's international appointments have repeatedly taken him to more than 20 countries around the world - as a working judge, a conformation judge, a breed surveyor and seminar holder. He

has judged working trials for different breed clubs internationally, including qualification trials for German National Working Championships. As a "hands-on" breeder/trainer/judge, his wide experience in these fields has also seen him in demand as a lecturer.



Beyond all this, Jens is probably best known for the enduring international breeding success of his kennel vom Norden Stamm. Conformation, reproductive and working champions from this kennel can be found in 29 lands on all 5 Continents today, and since the late sixties many of these dogs and bitches have had an enormous influence on the development of the breed. In Europe, one of the most famous leading sires in the Seventies was undoubtedly Champion and Sieger, Guys Hilo of Norden Stamm, SchH3. Hilo was a Champion and Sieger Winner in five countries, siring over 100 Champions including four Bundessiegers.

One of Jens's fondest memories with Hilo was his winning the Stadtmeisterschaft in Lüneburg with 290 points (SchH3) in competition with the area's best German Shepherd Dogs and Rottweilers.



The many famous vom Norden Stamm dogs are too numerous to list here, but together with his world-class Dobermanns, Jens also owns and breeds world-class German Shepherd Dogs, such as, in Germany, Amida av Norden Stamm SchH3 and VA5 at the 2001 SV Siegerschau out of a class of 130 females. Or, bred and trained in Australia, is Nordenstamm Chiller SchH3, IPO3, VPG3, FH1, 2005 Queensland State Champion, 2005 High in Trial at the Australian National, and participant at the 2007 WUSV World Championship in Slovakia. Chiller sets an Australian record for the number of High-in-Trial awards he has won, both here and in Germany, including State & National wins - which easily rates him as Australia's highest ranking, working German Shepherd Dog.



The last few years, the kennel has concentrated more closely on developing a growing interest in the Malinois; importing world class competition dogs as the kennel's foundation stock. The success of the earliest progeny from these animals is already making the breed a mark in sport dog trials and in the service dog area.

Having bred some 75 plus litters to date, in an interview by the magazine, *Dobermann Journal*, asked "the secret" behind his persistent breeding success. In reply was, *"a simple concept to follow is that visual analysis tells us what the dog appears to be and the pedigree tells us what it should be, but the progeny tell what the dog actually is."*



Now retired and living on the Gold Coast in Australia, Jens Kollenberg continues to indulge his lifelong hobbies of training

and breeding working dogs. Jens Kollenberg is an ANKC/CCC licensed Speciality Judge, Chief of Judges in Schutzhund Australia Inc., and his life time recorded body of work easily rates amongst the most highly credentialed breeder/trainer/judges in the world today.