

This is a very hard page to do, for not only have two of Australia's great dogs passed away, the owner/co-owner John Maxwell also died suddenly just a very short time later. We are all in shock and our deepest sympathy goes to John's family and many friends. A tribute to John, respected owner, breeder and Gundog judge will appear next issue.

Am & Aust Grand Champion SPF Bleugras Yesterdays Wine (imp USA) 7 March 2001 - 10 July 2009

Australia has just lost two of the greatest GSPs to ever grace these shores, gone within hours of each other, Macky & Bella, a tremendous loss to their owners, and to all who knew and loved them. These two GSPs arrived here when the breed was in the doldrums and, with the ho hum attitude the breed was going nowhere. Sue and Joan decided to do something about this mainly for themselves as the gene pool was so small. When Macky began his show career a number of knockers did their best to down grade him, but as time would tell, he went on to prove them all wrong. Not a weekend goes by that a GSP hasn't picked up a major award somewhere in Australia a testament to these two major influences in the breed. Today 90% of GSP kennels either have animals or semen from the USA in their stock, some of lesser quality, but all at least having a go at improving our beloved breed.

We would like to give all the exhibitors who only knew her in the ring an insight into the girl we knew and loved. We first met her at the GSP of America National in 2002 at Austin Texas, she came into the ring and was just stunning, she was everything we had been looking for over the last 10 years, but unable to purchase.

John managed to talk her owner Eve Parsons (Bleugras) into selling her, and she duly began her trip to Spotswood Victoria to do her quarantine and then home to us. Bella met Emma Marshall and they quickly struck a bond, and without Emma we are sure things would never have been the same, as the two of them went on to quite some memorable victories.

Bella had a superb temperament...bombproof, nothing worried her, and she just loved to be in that ring, always gave of her best regardless of the conditions, and just thrived on that applause, like Macky, she was bred to win.

Joan always said her intuition paid off, the snooty attitude, Bella always going to do

her thing whether the judge liked it or not. This girl was the most intelligent GSP we have ever owned, smart as a tack and always one step ahead of you, however you can't be good all of the time and as the old saying goes "when you're good, you're very, very good but when you're bad you're wicked" as she had that streak in her. When she knew you were not watching she would withdraw her nails and sneak across the tiled floor, and pinch either a loaf of bread or a rump steak off the kitchen cupboard, she even had a fancy for a tub of butter.

You could smack her, chastise her, it was all like water off a duck's back, not a bit worried and you knew she would do it again when the opportunity came her way. A great hunter of lizards, birds and mice, which she would swallow whole before you could catch her, never still, always on the move looking for her next conquest, she taught her children well as Dozer (her son is the only GSP we have owned who can catch birds on the wing), he is as fast as that.

Her record stands at 8 BIS Allbreeds, 8 BIS Gundog (Sporting) Specialties, 5 RUBIS Allbreeds, 46 BIG, 16 RUBIG, 2175 Challenge points, No. 1 GSP Nationaly 2006 Dogzone, No.1 Female GSP alltime.

Bella had two litters, producing 4 champions, one other almost there, and one of which has now attained his Grand title.

We just can't believe we will never again see her pretty face at the door wanting "in" to lay at Joan's feet, there will never be another one like her, she felt no pain and went to sleep on her bed in front of the fire. We are overwhelmed by the number of people who held her in such high regard, Joan and I would like to thank everybody who sent mail, phone calls and the lovely flowers from our dearest friends, as well as our son Scott who arrived home with two bunches that night, thanks for all the kind words said about BELLA we will treasure them.

As Eve Parsons wrote "Remember not that she died but that she lived"

REST IN PEACE SWEET BELLA

JOAN & JOHN MAXWELL Klugerhund GSPs - Australia



BELLA

Am & Aust Grand Champion Minado's American Express (imp USA) 27 July 1997 - 8 July 2009

Macky arrived in Australia in 1999, and subsequently made the greatest impact on German Shorthairs of any show / stud dog ever in this country. Macky was 19 days short of his 12th birthday.

Am & Aust Grand Ch Minado's American Express (imp USA) I have always dreaded the day I would need to write this tribute, I knew that as I did, tears would be streaming down my face.

One of his co-owners Sue Wright wrote....Macky was taken from us suddenly. Thankfully right up to the day he took this dreadful turn, Macky never had a sick day in his life. Our vets tried in vain to help him but it was pointless....Macky needed to go with dignity and we let him.

Macky arrived into Australia from Los Angeles 16 February 1999. His first show in Australia was the GSP Society Championship Show held in April 1999 - he won Best in Show.

He gained his Aust Champion title with 4 - 25 pt CCs. His show career was nothing short of phenomenal winning 28 BIS awards / 73 Group 1sts - 16 in succession. He was the winner of Multi All Breeds BIS wins over 2000 plus entries - the only GSP in the history of the breed in Australia with this record. Macky won under judges from the world over. He was shown against the best Australia had to offer.

Some of his great wins were....

Spring Fair Classic 1999 over 2099 entries, Judge Kari Nylén (Norway), Federation Show QLD 2001, judge Dorothy Nickles (USA) and the next day he won RUBIS at the Australian Challenge Show defeating 3320 dogs in the two days, 2001 Parramatta ABKC 1000 entries, 2003 RNSWCC Xmas show 1500 entries, 2002 Parramatta ABKC 1500 entries, Sutherland Shire ABKC BIS two years in a row & invitee to their Contest of Champions finalist four years in a row.

11 Specialty BISs Including Sydney 2000 GSP National Breed specialist judge - Ruth Anne Freer USA, Victorian Gundog Society 2002 - 489 entries, 9 RUBIS Specialty, 16 All Breeds RUBIS

73 Group 1sts including, Canberra Royal 2002, Toowoomba Royal 2002, Melbourne Royal Group 2nd - 2001

His pedigree is full of GSPCA Hall of Fame dogs...all great producers and winners. With very limited outside breedings, Macky

was also # 1 GSP sire in Australia. To date 35 Champion titles, 4 Grand Champions. His youngest litter of 3 females are only 3 months old, the dam, "Bella" - Am & Multi BIS Aust Gr Ch SPF Bleugras Yesterdays Wine (imp USA) who tragically died two days after Macky. Macky also sired an Aust National BISS winner, bred by Tealpoint Kennels in Qld. Macky also has progeny with 17 obedience titles, 2 Top Agility dogs (WA & Tassie) in Australia, 3 USA Junior Hunters, plus the # 1 Sled dog for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 single dog class. I took advantage of the miracle of frozen semen yrs ago and we "banked" Macky numerous times at a young age, so I am sure he will keep producing for us for many years to come both here in Australia and the USA.

I have to say I enjoyed every second of co-owning this dog, enjoyed taking him to every show. He brought a smile to my face everyday, he was arrogant/naughty, but had such a loving nature. He loved chasing kids, cats, the school bus and the postman. Many times our electricity meter could not be read because we had an "unrestrained dog in our front yard"! Or if the meter reader man would actually get in to read the meter he had to make a real quick exit. We always knew Macky had chased him because the meter box door was left open. Macky loved pizza...his favourite takeaway, a legacy of his puppy upbringing with the Bradfeldt boys in Oregon. Macky loved to wait for Kylie to come home from work and jump in her car and sit on the front seat for the 30 ft drive to the house. He would sit up in the car looking very special and he was.

Thank you to his breeders Inge & Ken Clody & Leanne & Doug Farrell Minados GSPs California for letting us have him and to my dearest friends in Oregon - John Bradfeldt who personally selected Macky for us, Jan Bradfeldt & John reared him for us, Dianna James who showed him to his AKC Champion title, thank you all so much. One proud moment very recently was to sit ringside with John Bradfeldt and watch Macky's son Snowcreeks Moruada Express win Winners Dog, Best Bred By, AOM at the recent 2009 GSP National in Colorado USA.

Finally I want to thank Matthew Penman and John Palmer who handled Macky to many great wins. Partnering one last time at the 2008 GSP National to win Best Veteran In Show - graded excellent by the judge from Finland. Macky flew round the ring for Matthew - like only he could, in driving rain and showed like a bomb. We all clapped & cheered for Macky, there was not a dry eye in our camp.

SUE, BILL, KYLIE & TODD WRIGHT Moruada GSPs - Australia



MACKY