***VOM LEDGEMERE GERMAN SHEPHERDS UPCOMING LITTER (s) INFORMATION PACKET***

Thank you for your inquiry regarding our puppies. Below you will find extensive information and pricing on our puppies. Please be sure to read the entire packet as it will answer most questions that you may have. If however, after doing so you have any questions we are always happy to answer them. If there is a litter that you are interested in we highly recommend placing a waiting list deposit as our litters are typically reserved well before birth. Please visit Vom Ledgemere German Shepherds Facebook page to see photos of upcoming and past litters.

We will be doing two breeding’s late 2017 with puppies being born early 2018 both would result in puppies ready to leave for their new homes late spring 2018. Exact dates are dependent upon dates the female’s come into heat.

**UPCOMING Litters:**

**Litter 1 Due mid February 2018:**

**MOTHER (DAM): *Reign* *Treue* *Herz* (daughter of VA Yupp vom Heidknapp, SchH3, KKL1 lbz and Helga vom Kimberlin-Dey Haus, SchH3 KKL1)**

**FATHER (SIRE): V – *Urban* *vom* *Ledgemere*, IPO 2, KKL 1, HD/ED normal/normal, DM Clear (Son of V2 UScA 2012, V2 CAN 2012, V10 NASS 2011 – Nandro vom Haus Hutfeld, SchH3, KKL 1 lbz, HD/ED normal/normal, DM Clear, Cardiac clear, CERF’d normal and SG BSZS, V – Rikki vom Hammelsbacher Hof, SchH1, KKL 1 lbz, HD/ED normal/normal, DM clear, Cardiac clear, CERF’d normal)**

**Litter 2 Due early March 2018:**

**MOTHER (DAM): V (SG BSZS) *Fabienne* *vom* *Heidknapp*, IPO 1, KKL1 lbz, HD/ED normal/normal, DM clear. (Daughter of VA1 BSZS 2013,2014 Mentos vom Osterberger-Land, SchH3, KKL lbz, HD/ED normal/normal and V Xena vom Heidknapp (VA Ilbo vom Holtkamer See) SchH2, HD/ED a-normal)**

**FATHER (SIRE): V – *Urban* *vom* *Ledgemere*, IPO 2, KKL 1, HD/ED normal/normal, DM Clear (Son of V2 UScA 2012, V2 CAN 2012, V10 NASS 2011 – Nandro vom Haus Hutfeld, SchH3, KKL 1 lbz, HD/ED normal/normal, DM Clear, Cardiac clear, CERF’d normal and SG BSZS, V – Rikki vom Hammelsbacher Hof, SchH1, KKL 1 lbz, HD/ED normal/normal, DM clear, Cardiac clear, CERF’d normal)**

We expect each litter to be suitable first and foremost as wonderful family companions, with solid temperaments, as well as show/breeding prospects, Schutzhund/IPO, SAR, agility, therapy and obedience prospects.

We breed West German Showline German Shepherd dogs from Imported stock carrying top Bloodlines from Germany. As such all of our dogs and puppies are black and red. All of our breedings stock have at a minimum hips and elbows certified through the “a” stamp program in Germany or OFA in the US. Most are titled in IPO 1,2 or 3, Breed Surveyed Kore Klasse 1 (highly recommended for breeding), holds an SV (German) Conformation rating of VA (Excellent Select), or V (Excellent). In addition, all of our breeding stock must have impeccable temperament, good health and correct conformation. Our breeding stock are CERF’d, and in many cases OFA Cardiac Certified. We test all of our breeding stock for DM. We are one of the very few New England breeders of West German Showline dogs who invest in health testing their breeding stock. Specifics regarding each dog follow their name.

Our dogs are members of our family and share in the comforts of our home. Depending on the time of year our puppies are either raised in our home in Eastern Massachusetts (Wrentham) or in Western Massachusetts (Pelham/Amherst MA). At this time, we believe both litters will be raised in Pelham, MA however this is subject to change. Please note we are NOT a commercial kennel we are a hobby breeder with a passion for the breed. Our puppies are raised in our home, NOT in a kennel, they are given much love and handled since birth. We feel this is the best way to acclimate the puppies to the sights and sounds of everyday life in the home. As a result, our puppies are well socialized and adapted, and love attention making them wonderful additions to a family. West German Showline dogs are medium drive, often referred to as “the golden middle” because they can go from the trial field to the show ring to the family couch without so much as skipping a beat and be quite content. This makes them excellent family companions.

**HOW DO I MAKE A DEPOSIT ON AN UPCOMING LITTER?**

First, we ask you complete our puppy questionnaire (attached) and email it back to us for review. There are no wrong answers we ask simply that you honest and complete in your answers providing as much information about you and your family as a prospective home for one of our puppies. Our goal is for you to be happy with your new puppy but more importantly to us as breeders is that you provide a nurturing, loving forever home to one of our babies.

Prior to puppies being born we take a waiting list deposit for our upcoming litters, pregnancy is confirmed via ultrasound at 30 days post breeding. The deposit to be placed on the waiting list for an upcoming litter is $200.00 which is nonrefundable under all circumstances, however, the waiting list deposit is transferrable to the next available litter only if the female does not become pregnant, female does not produce a live litter or there are not enough puppies of the desired gender born. All deposits, with the exception for first pick of each gender, are taken on a first come basis in order to be fair.

Once puppies are born an additional nonrefundable/nontransferable deposit of $500.00 is required to hold pick order thus making the total deposit $700.00. The deposit is later applied towards the cost of the puppy.

\*\*Puppies MUST be paid in full by 6 weeks of age. We accept personal checks, and money orders for all deposits. However, balance due at 6 weeks of age must be paid in cash only (no exceptions).

At 6 weeks of age we open our home for a “Puppy visit” day. This is typically held on the Saturday following the 6th week of birth between the hours of noon and 3:00. You will be notified well in advance of date and time so that you can plan to attend. We will do our “picks” on this day also. We do not believe in picking the puppy for you, however, we are always willing to offer our opinion of which puppy or puppies available we feel would fit best with your family based on the information you provide us. We have never had anyone be less than thrilled with their choice!

One puppies are born we post photos weekly on our facebook page: Vom Ledgemere German Shepherds. This allows you to watch from birth to 8 weeks how the puppies develop from week to week.

Our puppies are handled since birth and raised in our home, not in a kennel. We place a great emphasis on socialization, our puppies are exposed to the sights and sounds of everyday life within the home, once older they will be exposed to the outside, weather permitting to explore their new world. Our puppies will be introduced to various developmental obstacles to build confidence such as wobble board, tunnel, see saw and fitpaws discs. We expose our puppies to nieces and nephews of all ages (who we refer to our puppy playmates), dogs, cats within our home.

**VISITATION POLICY:**

First and fore most I will say our puppy’s safety and wellbeing come before any prospective sale. Our visitation policy is strictly adhered to due to the fact that persons who have not yet reserved a puppy and even those who have are very likely visiting other kennels, pet stores, rescues/shelters, dog parks and or dog day care facilities, bring it to our home and expose our puppies and dogs. As a result, may pick up a virus and/or parasite and carry it unknowingly on their clothes, shoes or person, bring it into our home and expose our puppies. Hopefully, you can appreciate our stance. We are very particular in how our animals are cared for and are well aware that not all breeders follow correct vaccination and worming protocols or cleanliness practices as we do.

We are always happy to provide past client and veterinary references.

For those living in the eastern part of the state we highly recommend Mike Wagreich, [www.k9east.com](http://www.k9east.com) for puppy and adult obedience and socialization. He teaches classes in the Woburn/Burlington area. We have known mike for over 25 years and could not respect his abilities as a trainer more.

In the western part of the state I recommend Exercise Finished in Chicopee.

Should you have any questions or would like to place a waiting list deposit please do not hesitate to contact me.

Reservation forms and deposit mailing info will be emailed accordingly after receipt of our Prospective puppy home Questionnaire.

**PRICING:**

Litter 1: (Reign/Urban)

First pick (of either male or female) is $3000.00 with AKC Full registration rights (no spay or neuter requirement).

Second or subsequent pick (of either male or female) is $2500.00 with AKC Limited registration, with this registration there are no breeding rights and puppies/dogs must be spayed or neutered prior to 16 months of age.

Litter 2: (Fabienne/Urban)

First pick (of either male or female) is $3500.00 with AKC Full registration rights (no spay or neuter requirement).

Second or subsequent pick (of either male or female) is $3000.00 with AKC Limited registration, with this registration there are no breeding rights and puppies/dogs must be spayed or neutered prior to 16 months of age.

Again, please do not ever hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. We are happy to supply past puppy client references as well as veterinary references.

Best regards,

Heather