

## **Jim Deppen** **Candidate for NADKC President 2019**



Jim Deppen was born and raised outside of St. Louis, MO. He received a B.S. in Agriculture majoring in Reproductive Physiology and a minor in Genetics while attending the University of Mo.-Columbia. Post Graduate he worked for one of the largest Brangus cattle ranches in Mo. as an A.I. specialist.

During his freshman year Jim was introduced to the German Shorthaired Pointer breed through the owners of Monarch kennel and worked in the development, breeding and training of their dogs. He would soon begin his love affair for the GSP breed as he invested hours learning about their history, hunting ability, and unparalleled versatility. However, he was not convinced that the temperaments of these GSP were as stable as they should be. So he began to search abroad, and eventually in 1983 he made his first trip to Germany to learn first hand what a DK was all about.

Upon his arrival he found just a few Germans that would even attempt to speak English as he wasn't fluent in German, but through mutual passion, and desire to share their knowledge of this breed we know as the Deutsch Kurzhaar (DK). Jim has fostered a lifetime of friendships over the past 35 years in the breed bringing us to the present day where he currently breeds, and furthers the preservation of the DK under the Zwinger name of Deppe-Haus reg.

Jim not only was a founding member of the NADKC back in 1993 but he has maintained his affiliation with various DKV clubs throughout Germany. Currently he is a member of the Schleswig Holstein club, and a new club DK club International e.V. He maintains these memberships to insure he has current and timely knowledge of what is happening abroad and how it may impact the breed or course of the testing programs in Germany.



As an active DK exhibitor, breeder and Judge of FCI and AKC breeds, Jim has accomplished a great deal with his dogs in the areas of performance in field and water exams, Zuchtschau, and International Dog shows. In the late 80's and 90's he owned one of Germany's top dogs bred by the Hege-Haus kennel Int. Ch. Euro Ch. Hannibal Vom Hege-Haus World and 100 year DKV winner. Awarded V1 male and female at NADKC annual meetings numerous times, and most recently IKP 2017, and just returning from Germany with the coveted KS title on his male Int. Euro Ch. Szafir.

Jim's professional career as a Professor of Equine studies at Centenary College; each semester he prepared students for Vet School, and a career in Equine management. He managed and instructed over a 150 students, managed the equine facility and oversaw the care custody and control of over 110 head of horses.

The NADKC club is in dire need of a new direction, and focus on bringing the membership back into the daily operation of the club through a transparent BOD, timely and informative communication, and a dedicated Mentoring and training program. Jim's primary goal as an educator is to see NADKC members receive the opportunity to fully train and test their DK through our system utilizing relevant social media platforms, webinars, monthly newsletters, and a user friendly Website that supports a real time Forum for members to share timely information, training education and chat!

It is time the membership is treated with respect...As a testing organization it is our duty to support those breeders who produce puppies and the owners that hunt and train them through the DKV system. Please vote for a President that is for the membership at large and wants to see growth within our community as it is long overdue!!