

NADKC Presidential Election

Each of you should have received your Electronic Ballot for the office of NADKC President. With the notice you received instructions on how to vote that may need some additional clarification. You received a personalized “Access Key” (your email address)) to be used when voting. However, when you vote you need both the “Access Key” and “Password”. They are the same, your email address.

Below are the Bio’s submitted by the candidates for publication in this newsletter:

James Deppen

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 firsthand 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, Zuchtschaus, 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!!

Robert Engelking

As one of the NADKC's founding members, breeder, judge, and a member of numerous other DKV Clubs throughout Germany, I am committed to the Deutsch Kurzhaar. I believe in the testing and breeding standards that we insist on in this organization, and that the popularity of the Deutsch Kurzhaar. It can only grow and become stronger than in the United States.

I was lucky enough to know and learn from the late Claus Kiefer, former President of DKV, that it takes a group of people to make an organization successful and to make every effort to grow that organization in order to assure it's continued expansion and success. My father loved the DK and believed in the NADKC like it was his family. This is not one persons club but everyone's club.

Our board should strive to achieve a more user-friendly club, a club where the members can feel free to ask questions and have them answered. I have been graced to be surrounded by like-minded individuals that have that same willingness to see this happen.

I have always fought to have the best opportunities for our club in my past terms. This includes the option to work multiple times behind the live duck for our dogs; in Germany dogs only get to do this work once and the score is then transferred to all future tests. To have the NAKP a permanent test for North America. I also made sure our voices were heard in regards to artificial insemination. I worked at the presidents meetings to make sure that this passed for our club and all clubs of the DKV.

Please re-elect me, Rob Engelking, for another term so I may further serve you.

My Credentials:

- Founding Member
- Member of the Founders Board
- Former Regional Director UMR
- Have served as Test Coordinator and Test Director for all JGHV/DKV tests (Derby, Solms/AZP, VGP)
- Active Verbandsrichter / Formwertrichter / SWRichter
- Former Vice-President of the NADKC
- Current President of the NADKC
- Served as spokesman at Weldverband as Vice-President and President
- Served as Formwertrichter at multiple IKP, and Kleemann's
- Served as Verbandsrichter at multiple IKP and Kleeman's
- Trained and handled many DK's in Derby, Solms/AZP, VGP, IKP, KS, 20/40 hour blood tracking tests & World Field Trials

My Goals for the next term:

- Have complete Transparency in the board
- To increase the number of judges in the club
- Have more membership participation and involvement in the club
- Revamping the newsletter
- To continue to work to improve and better our club
- To increase the number of members and the number of dogs tested

And, most importantly, as always, to seek what the membership wants through the feedback we receive. Please take the opportunity to exercise your privilege to vote in the upcoming election. When you do so, I hope that you will acknowledge your confidence in me by allowing me to continue to serve as your President.