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First of all I would like to wish everyone a happy new year and I hope that everyone is as well as possible in these strange times.

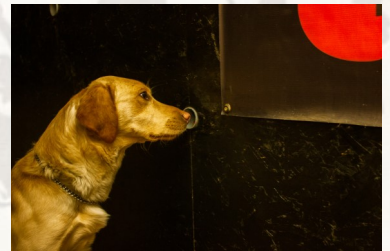
Over the Christmas period we have continued to work very closely with Gavin Hepworth and Phil Jowett MBE there are many exciting plans waiting to go forward as soon as we can get out of this pandemic. But we have used this time to solidify our relations with breeders and clients old and new.

In the last news letter you will remember that myself and Jen were planning to do an advanced course to give us an even deeper insight into the advantages and capabilities of Artificial insemination. The one benefit of lockdown has been that it has given me the time to work on further developing our breeding program, we have chosen some exciting new bloodlines to bring into our kennels to go along side our already excellent stock. We have been extremely fortunate to secure some of the best international blood via our extensive range of contacts and breeders not only will this bring higher diversity of blood into our kennels but it will give us the ability to breed dogs with unbelievable drive and working ability.



When we breed our dogs the bloodlines are only one part of what we require to deem a dog good enough to be part of our kennels and breed program. Each and every dog has to work and prove itself in the hunting field, without it proving that it has the drive and ability to uphold the GK9 name it will not be part of our breed program. Our dogs work in awful weather through hard cover and freezing water to show that they have the desire and ability needed to work and there for be bred from. There are many bloodlines that have become fashionable because of a small number of outstanding dogs so it is extremely important to see the bigger picture and look at the dogs actual working ability and not take the

pedigree for granted. Our next planned litter is our own Greehan Lass (Golden Labrador above) and Mulberry Master a dog that I have watched work and has immense drive and ability. As many of you will know the Coronavirus pandemic has pushed dog prices up unimaginably, the average price for a Labrador puppy at the end of 2019 was around £800 this has now dramatically jumped up to around £3000 and litters are selling within days of being Advertised. We are lucky that we have so many fantastic breeders and contacts which enable us to still have the first choice of great bloodlines. We are aiming to extend our breeding program to have the capacity to provide up to 10 litters per year depending on the demand for pups.



Something else that we are looking into is purchasing more bitches both for ourselves and our clients. When talking with a number of clients we have noticed a trend in the quality of the Broodbitches being more along the lines of pet quality rather than working lines. We feel that if we can supply some high drive quality blood into our clients Kennels and AKD accredited centres then we can then work with them to make plans for their own future litters. We will have the capacity to store quality semen from selected dogs at our own facilities at GK9 and have the capabilities to ship them internationally timed to be implanted into the bitches when they are most fertile. Clients will be required to have Artificial Insemination Facilities to maximise their use of this service. Working with Phil, Gavin and AKD we would be able offer consultations to look at how to successfully set up an artificial insemination clinic at your training Centres.

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