



The Gundog Research Project

About you

University of Milan - School of Veterinary Medicine

The Gundog Project - Research on Hunting and Fied Trial Dogs Management and Welfare- Dissertation for Veterinary Medicine Degree

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E-mail address and/or your name or nickname are not mandatory but are appreciated

Sex *

☐ M

☐ F

Age *

- ☐ younger than 20
- ☐ 20-30
- ☐ 30-40
- ☐ 40-50

- ☐ 50-60
- ☐ 60-70
- ☐ older than 70

Country *

County/Region *

Are you the dog's... *

- ☐ Owner
- ☐ Trainer

Do you professionally work with dogs?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

If you answered yes (= working with dogs is the main source of your income), you are...

- ☐ A professional breeder
- ☐ A professional trainer/handler
- ☐ I do not professionally work with dogs
- ☐ Other (please explain)

If you breed dog (professionally or as an amateurs), how many litters do you have each year, on average?

How many breeds do you breed?

Which ones?

How many dogs do you own?

If you train dogs, how many dogs do you train simultaneously on average?

If you train other people's dogs, do these dogs live with you?

☐ Yes ☐ I do not train other people's dogs

☐ No

Which breeds do you usually train?

If you wish to add anything, feel free to use this space

A few things about the dog

Questions on the dog (each dog needs a separate questionnaire)

Dog name (we need this to avoid getting multiple questionnaires on the same animal) *

Breed *

Pedigree? *

☐ yes

☐ no

Sex *

☐ M

☐ M neutered

☐ F

☐ F spayed

Age (Specify if you mean months or years) *

Origins

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> I bred him | <input type="radio"/> Gift (from a friend's litter) |
| <input type="radio"/> Purchased | <input type="radio"/> Found/Rescued |
| <input type="radio"/> Stud right | |

If the dog has been purchased, from whom

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|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Professional breeder | <input type="radio"/> Dealer/Mediator |
| <input type="radio"/> Privato/Allevamento senza affisso | <input type="radio"/> I did not purchase the dog |
| <input type="radio"/> Foreign breeder (recognized kennel) | |

If you did not bred the dog, at what age did you adopt him? (Specify if you mean months or years)

If the dog has had any previous owners (besides the breeder), how many?

Where did the puppy grow up?

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| <input type="radio"/> Kennel | <input type="radio"/> House (with garden) |
| <input type="radio"/> Apartment/Flat | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

Has the dog produced any litters?

☐ yes

☐ no

If so, how many?

With the dog... *

☐ I go hunting/shooting

☐ I compete in field trials

If the dog competes in field trials, is he a FT Champion?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ The dog does not compete in official trials

With whom the dog lives mainly?

☐ With me

☐ With his trainer

In which environment?

☐ City

☐ Countryside/Rural area

☐ Suburban area

Are there other dogs?

☐ yes

☐ no

If you answered yes to the previous question, how many?

Where does the dog live mainly?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Other | <input type="radio"/> In a kennel (located near a house) |
| <input type="radio"/> Inside the house (mainly crated) | <input type="radio"/> In a kennel (isolated/far from a house) |
| <input type="radio"/> Inside the house (in a separate room) | <input type="radio"/> Free in the house yard/garden |
| <input type="radio"/> Inside the house (free) | |

If the dog lives in a kennel (or in a separate room) and you know the size of this space, please write it below in metres

If the dog lives in a kennel run (or in a separate room) does he share this space with other dogs?

- ☐ Yes ☐ The dog does not live in a kennel run/separate room
- ☐ No

How many dogs are there?

If the dog lives mainly with you, did you ever left him with a trainer?

- ☐ Yes ☐ The dog lives mainly with a trainer
- ☐ No

When he lives with a trainer, where?

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| <input type="radio"/> In the house (free) | <input type="radio"/> In the house (mostly crated) |
| <input type="radio"/> In a kennel | <input type="radio"/> In the house (in a separate room) |
| <input type="radio"/> On the trainer's vehicle | <input type="radio"/> The dog never lives with a trainer |
| <input type="radio"/> I do not know | |

If you wish to add anything, you can use the space below

Food & Lifestyle

How do you feed the dog?

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| <input type="radio"/> Kibbles/Industrial food | <input type="radio"/> BARF |
| <input type="radio"/> Homemade cooked diet | <input type="radio"/> I mix some of the above |

How many meals a day?

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> One | <input type="radio"/> Two |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|

What does the dog eat while at the trainer's - if he does not normally live with him?

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|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> The same kibbles/industrial food he eats at home | <input type="radio"/> A mix of the above |
| <input type="radio"/> Different kibbles/Industrial food | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |
| <input type="radio"/> Home made cooked food | <input type="radio"/> He does not live with the trainer |
| <input type="radio"/> Barf | |

How much daily physical activity does the dog get?

- ☐ Less than 30 minutes
- ☐ 30 minutes
- ☐ 60 minutes
- ☐ More than 60 minutes
- ☐ I do not know

How is he exercised?

- ☐ On the lead
- ☐ Running around the kennels
- ☐ Inside a special paddock
- ☐ Other (specify)
- ☐ Free in the countryside
- ☐ I do not know

Alone or with other dogs?

- ☐ Alone
- ☐ With other dogs
- ☐ I do not know

If the dog lives in a kennel, where does he stay while the kennel is being cleaned?

- ☐ In a separate area of his kennel run
- ☐ Outside/Somewhere else
- ☐ I do not know
- ☐ The dog does not live in a kennel

How much time the dog spends interacting with humans, daily? (Specify minutes or hours)

Training

Who trained the dog (mainly)?

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|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> I trained the dog | <input type="radio"/> I bought a fully trained dog |
| <input type="radio"/> I trained the dog helped by a trainer (driving the dog back and forth) | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |
| <input type="radio"/> A professional trainer (dog was left with him) | |

How old was the dog when the training started? (Specify months or years)

Did you train for obedience before starting the dog on game?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

How often do you train the dog?

All the year round?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

How long does a training session last? (Specify hours or minutes)

What do you usually do during a training session?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterwork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fetching/Retrieves | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <input type="text"/> | |

Do you play with the dog? (Pull, fetch, hide & seek, roll with him on the grass...)

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

Has the dog ever been abroad/overseas for training purposes?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

Training problems you had to face (even if they have been solved now)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recall | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gun shyness | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fears (aspecific) | <input type="checkbox"/> I never experienced any training problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <input type="text"/> | |

Transportation and Official Field Trials

How does the dog usually travel?

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Car | <input type="radio"/> Small van |
| <input type="radio"/> Dog trailer | <input type="radio"/> Professional large van fitted for dog transportation |

Does he travel inside a cage?

☐ yes

☐ no

How many dogs are there inside the cage?

And how many cages are there on the vehicle?

If the drive is longer than 3 hours, do you normally stop to walk the dog?

☐ Yes ☐ I do not know/The dog travels with other people

☐ No ☐ The drive is never longer than 3 hours

How often? (Specify hours or minutes)

In which kind of official trials does the dog compete?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grande cerca/Grande quete | <input type="checkbox"/> Grouse UK/KC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caccia a starne/Chasse Perdix FCI | <input type="checkbox"/> Grey partridge UK/KC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Naturallly occurring feathered game (pheasants, partridges...) | <input type="checkbox"/> German hunting tests (VJP, HZP, VGP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodcock | <input type="checkbox"/> Field trials spaniels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snipe | <input type="checkbox"/> Field trials retrievers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain trials (FCI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Working tests retrievers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quails (aptitudinal trials) | <input type="checkbox"/> The dog does not compete in official field trials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classiche a quaglie | <input type="checkbox"/> Deer tracking/blood tracking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practical hunting/Gibier tiré | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <input type="text"/> | |

Who does normally handle the dog during a trial?

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| <input type="radio"/> Owner | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Professional trainer | <input type="radio"/> The dog does not compete in official field trials |

Has the dog had more than one handler during his career?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

If you answered yes to the previous question, how many including the current one?

If the dog lives with you, but is handled in a trial by someone else, when do you usually give him to this person?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> On the trial's day | <input type="radio"/> More than one week before the trial |
| <input type="radio"/> One day before the trial | <input type="radio"/> I never give the dog to another person |
| <input type="radio"/> One week before the trial | <input type="radio"/> The dog does not compete in official field trials |

Where does the dog normally compete?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Country of residence, within 300 km from home | <input type="checkbox"/> Poland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Country of residence, more than 300 km from home | <input type="checkbox"/> Spain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serbia | <input type="checkbox"/> The dog does not compete in official field trials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Croatia | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <input type="text"/> | |

How long does he stay away (for trials, hunting, training)? Indicate maximum lenght

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than one day | <input type="radio"/> 2 weeks |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 days | <input type="radio"/> More than two weeks |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 week | |

During a trip lasting multiple days, where does the dog normally live?

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| <input type="radio"/> Hotel room/house (free) | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |
| <input type="radio"/> Cage/Inside Veihcle | <input type="radio"/> The dog is never away for more than one day |
| <input type="radio"/> Kennel | |

How many dogs does the trainer/caretaker manages simultaneously during a trip?

For field trial dogs, during a field trial related trip, is the dog exercised (besides competing)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ The dog does not compete in official trials

If you answered yes to the previous question, how?

- ☐ Training ☐ I do not know
- ☐ Free runs ☐ The dog does not compete in official trials
- ☐ On lead
- ☐ Other (specify)

Does the feeding regimen change when the dog is away on a trip?

- ☐ Yes ☐ I do not know
- ☐ No ☐ The dog is never away for more than one day

If you answered yes to the above question, how?

- ☐ Different kibbles/industrial food ☐ The dog does not stay away more than one day
- ☐ From homemade/Barf to kibbles/industrial food

During a trial, waiting for his run, where is the dog located?

- ☐ On the vehicle ☐ On the vehicle at some trials, on lead during other trials
- ☐ On lead

Health

Has the dog ever experienced any of these health related problems?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foxtails | <input type="checkbox"/> Collision with a vehicle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insects bites | <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms wounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snake bites | <input type="checkbox"/> Poisonings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stab wounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Heat strokes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attacks from large wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting dog hypoglycemia (with seizures) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint injuries | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye injuries | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tick borne diseases (specify which ones if possible) | <input type="text"/> |

Other health related problems:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gastric dilatation/Volvulus | <input type="checkbox"/> Infertility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent Diarrhea | <input type="checkbox"/> Car sickness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acral lick granuloma | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular reproductive cycles (F) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) | <input type="text"/> |

Official screenings for hereditary diseases, if done

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hip dysplasia | <input type="checkbox"/> Eye diseases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elbow dysplasia | <input type="checkbox"/> No official screenings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) | <input type="text"/> |

Behavioural problems (even if they have been solved)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive barking | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression - towards dogs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive digging | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression - towards people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coprophagia (eating stools) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chewing the transportation cage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pica (eating stones and other inappropriate items) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chewing the dog house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacing back and forth incessantly | <input type="checkbox"/> Listlessness/Reduced performances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circling restlessy | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of humans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Escaping from home/kennel | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other fears (thunders, animals, wind, specify) | <input type="text"/> |

If you want to add anything on you and on this dog you can use the space below, In the meantime we thank you for your contribution to our research.

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