

Survey Says tell us about the WORKING GROUP

Suzan D. Otto

CAMMCastle ROTTWEILERS



I have been breeding and showing Rottweilers for almost 20 years and operate under the kennel name, "Cammcastle". My partner in the dogs, Angela Payne, and I have owned and/or bred over 30 champions, including multiple BISS winners and an ARC Top Twenty winning bitch. I am a member of the American Rottweiler Club, the Medallion Rottweiler Club, and the Colonial Rottweiler Club in

which I currently serve on the Board of Directors. I have had the honor of judging the ARC National Specialty's first annual futurity as well as the CRC's sweepstakes, and I recently completed my requirements for AKC provisional judging status in Rottweilers. Currently, I am active on the committee promoting the AKC standard's position that the Rottweiler is a docked breed.

1. *What is your name and occupation?* Suzan D. Otto
Director of Middle Education and Central Campus Supervisor
Shenandoah County Public Schools, Shenandoah County, VA.
2. *What is your breed?* Rottweiler.
3. *What is the most defining physical characteristic of your breed?* The Rottweiler breed is most predominantly defined by its structure and substance, clearly defined markings (black/mahogany), strong head type, dark eyes and mouth pigment, and agile, trotting movement. The Rottweiler should have a strong back and a docked tail.
4. *Which behavioral characteristic most typifies the breed?* It is difficult to choose one – loyalty, intelligence, confidence, and and a certain air of entitlement.

5. *What is the single biggest misconception about your breed?*
The biggest misconception in the AKC ring is that a bigger dog is a better dog; in this breed, the structure and correct proportions of the dog are more important than the size, as long as the size of the dog meets the guidelines of the standard for its gender. The biggest misconception in the general public is that Rottweilers can be counted upon as dangerous dogs and should be eliminated through breed specific legislation.

6. *On a scale of 1-10 (1=bad, 10=great), what shape is your breed in?* I would rate the current shape of our breed as an 8.

7. *Who would you like to see judge your National?* I would strongly support any of numerous highly, qualified breeder-judges currently in the field – and if it were possible just once more, I would choose Muriel Freeman – If I were to choose from all breed judges, I would choose Dorothy Collier. I have always enjoyed, appreciated, and respected her judging.

8. *What is the best thing about dog shows today?* Among Rottweiler exhibitors on the East Coast, there is generally a great deal of comradery and sportsmanship. The best thing about the shows is not only the people who participate, but the opportunity for owner handlers to often compete successfully, even elbow to elbow with professionals.

9. *If you could have lunch with anyone, who would it be?* I would surround myself with my family and extended family. I would also love for George Clooney to join us.

10. *What do you do when you're not at a dog show?* I have a "regular" but blessed life outside of showing; I have a strong faith, and work at devoting daily time to spiritual renewal. I raise three wonderful children and four enchanting dogs, and I work full time as a school administrator. I serve on the Colonial Rottweiler Club's Board of Directors as well.

Barbara Weiss

GREAT PYRENEES

1. *What is your name and occupation?*
Brenda Weiss, RN.
2. *What is your breed?* Great Pyrenees.
3. *What is the most defining physical characteristic of your breed?* Calm, contemplative expression/double dewclaws.
4. *Which behavioral characteristic most typifies the breed?* Aloof, laid back nature.
5. *What is the single biggest misconception about your breed?* That they should move like a racehorse and bait. Some do, but should have a moderate gait.

6. *On a scale of 1-10 (1=bad, 10=great), what shape is your breed in?* 7.

7. *Who would you like to see judge your National?* Jean Fournier

8. *What is the best thing about dog shows today?* Friends and a strong support system.

9. *If you could have lunch with anyone, who would it be?* My mother.

10. *What do you do when you're not at a dog show?* I'm an RN First Assistant in Cardiac Surgery and am very active in my kennel club as show chairman, cluster chairman.

