

# Jeanine Sudinski and Mechelle Stall

## 'Lucene' Standard Smooth Dachshunds



Jeanine Sudinski spent 10 years at Chicago's renowned Art Institute where she particularly enjoyed drawing and painting animals of all kinds. It was here that she developed her eye for lines and body conformation. Since producing her first Dachshund litter in 1956 and her first AKC champion in 1963, Jeanine along with daughter and handler, Mechelle Stall have bred over 300 Champions, under the 'Lucene' kennel name, including many Best in Specialty Show winners. In 2014 Jeanine and Mechelle were recognized as the AKC Hound Group Breeders of the Year. Jeanine remains an avid professional artist and as created some highly valued portraits of outstanding champion Dachshunds.

### When and why did you begin breeding Dachshunds?

My 72 years of breeding and showing Dachshunds began in 1948 when I went to my first all-breed dog show in Chicago. In 1950 I became interested in the Standard Dachshund while working with one on a TV commercial. I became serious about breeding them when I saw a photo of "Ch. Bavarian Russ" in Gracie Greenburgh's book "The Dachshund". I purchased my first dachshund bitch from an English breeder in 1950. My first litter came in 1956, and I finished my first AKC champion in 1963, Ch. Lucene Flirtation (by Ch. Falcon of Heying Teckel x Tanarma of Rockmeadow who was a Ch. Aristo von Marienlust daughter.)

### What are your greatest accomplishments as a breeder?

In 1975 I was a breeder owner handler of my first home breed champion, BISS Ch. Lucene's Tanner won Best in Specialty Show at the Dachshund Club of California Specialty show. In 1992 I bred Ch. Magic Jewel of Today CD TT#19 to Ch.



Maxsohn's Cracker Jack. This B&T male sired nine champions. A B&T bitch from that litter, named

**Ch. Lucene's Silhouette CDX, TT#21\*** was about to make the Lucene name known in the inside circle of dachshunds. In one weekend Silhouette, was Best of Winners two days and Winners Bitch from the Bred by Exhibitor Class and Best Bred by Exhibitor in show, All Varieties, for a total of 14 points. The following Weekend she got her last point for her championship, and soon after her CDX.

\* Temperament Test

# Lucene, continued



In 1993 Ch. Lucene Magic Jewel of Tokay, CDX, TT#24 was bred to Ch. Lucene's Stardom and produced at the time, I thought, one of my best red males. His name was **Ch. Lucene's Cruiser** owned by the late Rosina McConnel.

Another dog worth mentioning sired by Ch. Lucene's Stardom was a red bitch which could have finished her championship easily had the owner been so inclined. Her name was Lucene's Lillian Hulet. She produced Ch. Lucene's Juliette a great producer of four bitches who produced well themselves. Those four bitches were **Ch. Lucene's Diamond of Houndhill, ROMX** (top producer of six champions in 2004), Ch. Lucene's Dancer, ROMX, Ch. Lucene's Naomi O My, and Ch. Lucene's Poppy Jasper. Juliette also produced a B&T male, Ch. Lucene's Lexus.



**Ch. Lucene's Dancer** produced four champions herself. They were Ch. Lucene's Firebird, ROM, Ch. Lucene's Pretoria v Bittersweet – BOV at the 2003 Eukanuba Kennel Club Show), Ch. Lucene's Friendly Fireman (sire of four champions), and Ch. Lucene's Crown Victoria, Best of Variety at the Dachshund Club of California Specialty host show for the 2004 Dachshund

Club of America National Specialty Show. It would be endless for me to continue all the champions my males have produced.

Although not bred by me, we were the proud owners of **BISS Ch. Laddland Brown Jewel of Lucene**, who was Best in Specialty Show at the 2004 Dachshund Club of America National Specialty handled by Mechelle. The following year, 2005, Jewel repeated the win with a Best of Variety and a Best Opposite Sex to Best in Specialty Show. To top it off, she received an invitation from the Westminster Kennel Club and went on to win Best of Variety handled by Lexa Richmond.





## What have been your guiding principles when breeding?

Breed two times into your own line, then out for a new bloodline. Then breed into your bloodline twice again, then out again for a new bloodline.

## What advice do you have for today's breeders?

Learn from your experience and don't be swayed by popularity trends. You have years of knowing and learning how to breed good Dachshunds. "Our learning process will approach perfection when we know what we don't know".

## What advice do you have for a first-time breeder?

The best advice I can give is to a first-time breeder is to have the time the desire and passion to succeed. You will know if you have these attributes by the way you accept failure, heartbreak and rejection. Always stay to your goals and breed better Dachshunds.



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