

(and not always nice), but the real story is simple and easy, although his performance in the show ring was spectacular.

Anyway, I hope that it will stop unnecessary and doubtful rumours. The time is near that I have to send Graaf Quinto back to Japan, and this time forever. Of course that hurts. Graaf Quinto is a great champion who impressed many fanciers, breeders and judges during his stay in Holland. The well-known Dobermann judge Mrs. I. Onstenk-Schenk said of him: "Top class. Very hard to fault him when he stands. A great champion." For my family he also was a great dog. My kids adored him and they played with him as soon as they had a chance. In many magazines and even in the newspapers appeared articles about that Dutch dog, who was living in Japan but was visiting for a short time his homeland. Doing so, he had made a good advertisement for the breed. I am sure that he will be very valuable for the breed in Japan as soon as he is back with a lot of titles and experiences in his luggage. Leaving his breeder alone with the thought that every good farewell is the start of a nice memory!

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Dalfsen, Holland

Wrong

The following is the opinion of not only myself but also a couple of DW readers in Japan who read Mrs. Jane MacDonald's interview in the January/February issue.

Mrs. MacDonald said that the Japanese never import German dogs. This is wrong. The history of the importation dates back to the twenties. Since then we have been importing dogs from Europe, and they are always the top lines of each era. Motoko Amatsuji's column, "Japanese Perspective," is for the American readers in that she considers that they are interested in the influence of American dogs in Japan. Therefore, she mainly takes up topics concerning this. If Mrs. MacDonald would have read her articles very carefully before the interview, she would have found out German dogs' names and would not have said such a thing.

It's almost impossible to see Dobs from all over the world; however, we can see some of them in videos and in pictures. We don't think pictures show the real dog, but they're not 100 percent "lies." There are many pictures from outside the U.S. - including ads in DW - that are opening up a whole new world for us, and we are learning that each country has its beautiful dogs. Mrs. MacDonald's statement, "We have the best dogs in the whole world right here in the USA! There's no need to import any Dobermanns," sounds like a kennel blind person who always says, "Mine is the best" and never appreciates any other dogs and doesn't want to know where the weaknesses are.

Sinobu Tamura
Nigata, Japan

which are all carrying the "Diaspora" suffix. This issue is another success story from Holland. Please enjoy it.

"People would ask me why I became interested in the Dobermann to begin with. My answer to this question is: no particular reason. Sound funny? (laughter) Honestly, just like that! I liked my cats: breeding and showing. However, when I should have a new house, I'd like to have a Dobermann. I liked them because they look like Arabian horses.

"My first Dobermann arrived and was an uncropped bitch. I was 100 percent novice, so I didn't know anything about the breed and nobody helped me, either. I asked for information at the Dutch Dobermann Club, though.

"This bitch had an outstanding temperament. (I figured this out later. I learned that a Dobermann can have a bad temperament, too.) Unfortunately, she was not looking nice. I bred her for two litters and got back four pups! So, I decided not to breed her any more because I didn't get the right buyers.

"One day I went to see the Winner Show in Amsterdam and fell in love with brown Dobermanns. I hadn't seen them before and hadn't imagined that there were other colours existing in Dobermanns. It was the time that the "D" litter vom Franckenhorst went up, and it was the litter that I saw in the show. I phoned Mrs. Franquemont (without telling my husband) to ask for a brown bitch puppy. I explained to her that I've been showing and breeding excellent cats and I should like to do the same with Dobermanns. She understood me and gave a phone call a couple of months later saying 'my puppy' was born.

"I still remember the day I picked her up, Iris vom Franckenhorst (Arrow von Buchenburg x Olive of Bamby's Pride), our brown bitch born in 1974. I wondered which one I should choose and asked Sonja. But she said, 'I'll leave it up to you.' So then I took a small and elegant puppy with the loveliest head. I didn't know how a Dobe's head should look at that time, but I took the type that made a resemblance to my Siamese.

"Irish grew into a large and elegant bitch. When raising my first

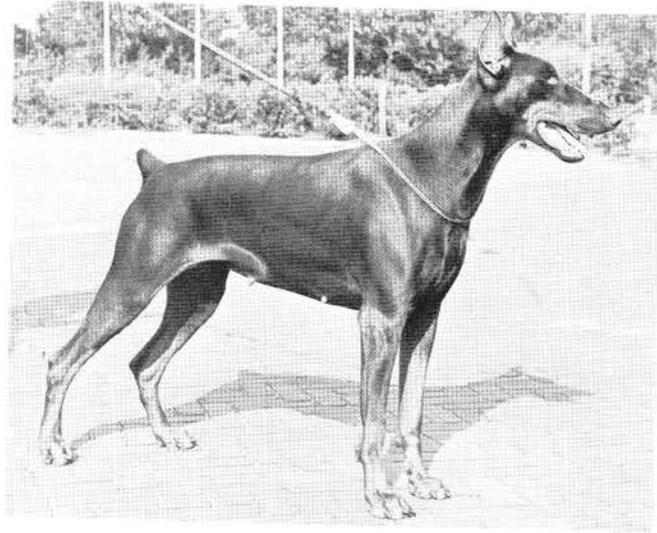
Japanese Perspective

A Visit with Marianne Kuipers

Motoko Amatsuji
Hyogo, Japan

When I asked Sonja von Franquemont (her story was in the last issue) to name a breeder worth

hearing about, she mentioned Marianne Kuipers-Kossen. Without wasting any time, I set off for her house in Midwoud, a half hour drive from Amsterdam. On my arrival, I was greeted with Dobs barking and had fun with three adults, three Dobermann puppies and a lot of Siamese and British Shorthair cats,



*Above: Iris vom Franckenhorst at 22 months.
Left: Marianne with Ere-Iris Ezra and
her granddaughter Thamar Tara (right).*



The famous stud dog Caecilius Cassander at 20 months.



Ere-Iris Ezra's first litter, the well-known "F" v. Diaspora.

Dobe, I made a lot of mistakes, so I did my best to raise Iris in a better way. She became the first Dobermann bitch in Holland who obtained the title 'angekört for life' and won the titles International, German, VDH, DV and European Champion, and she got a Schutzhund certificate.

"My 'A' and 'B' litters were from my first dog. The 'C' litter, I bred Iris to Guy's Hilo v. Norden Stamm. The result was just one puppy. Hilo refused stud service again. I wondered if it was because of his second operation for stomach torsion.

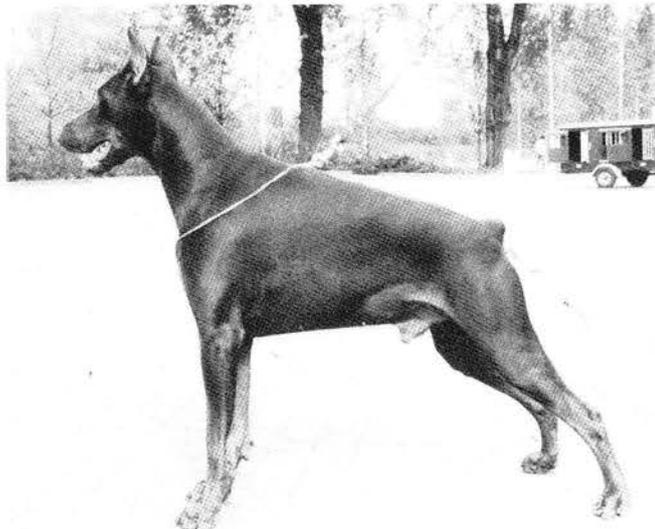
(In fact, his son, Caecilius Cassander, died of torsion.) This turned out our famous Caecilius Cassander, 'Sander' later, who was not interested in anybody when he was a pup. As I didn't like dog shows, my husband showed him, together with my brother, who adored Sander very much. However, as he was a student, he was not permitted to have a dog. So then we wanted to sell him. When he was fourteen months old - he had already won several shows - a German judge wanted to buy him, offering the puppy price! At that moment, I decided to

keep him and try to make his championship - and so I did. Standing at ringside, I watched what handlers were doing with dogs. It was a hard way to learn what these people did to harm others' dogs, but now I'm a warned person.

"As Sander was a slow developer, we withdrew him from the ring a while after he won Bundes Youth Champion. After twenty months, everyone was interested in buying him, but they were too late. He won the titles International, Dutch, French, German, VDH, World (the third place



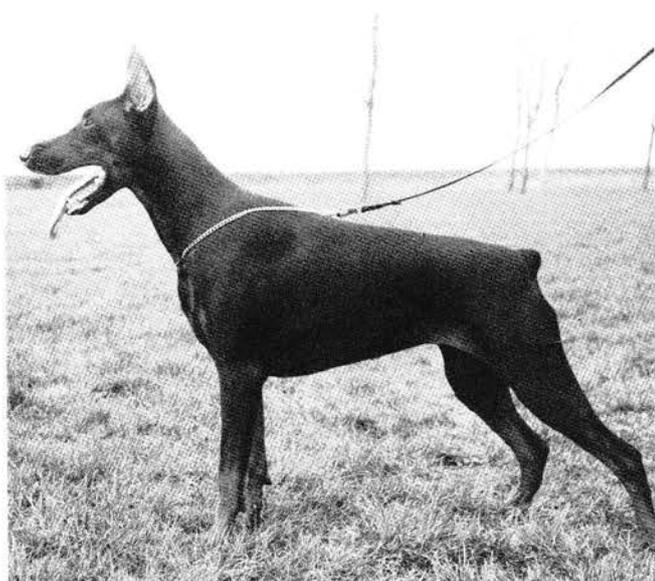
Thamar Tara winning twice vice DV-sieger title.



Ferencz Fedor.



Zvotek Zephanja, a very promising male out of Haggai Hasjana and Baron Bryann v. Harro's Berg.



Haggai Hasjana at nine months.

of the whole show), King of Belgium, IDC, DV, Europa, Bundessieger, etc. He was certified ZTP and SchH I, and just before his SchH II examination, he died from stomach torsion, as I've told you.

"He was a large and strong male with a lot of temperament, so I had some difficulties handling him. His mother was very well balanced in temperament. I was convinced that the (too) high temperament came from Guy's Hilo. But okay, you cannot have everything. I prefer a bit lower temperament like Iris had, and Ere-Iris. Even so, it was an honour to own

him. He was my first homebred champion and was THE dog. He kept every promise except a long life.

"Iris bred to Ero v. Franckenhurst brought Dan Diaz SchH III and Dina Donja. Dan Diaz was not a show dog, but Dina Donja was a real show girl. Unfortunately, she has been spayed too early. For the 'E' litter, I took Bronco vom Zenn as a sire - at that time no one knew his name yet - to get a deeper chest, which Irish could use. Like Iris, his parents were good working dogs and angekört, and Bronco followed in their footsteps. He obtained angekört later. To me,

temperament is the most important detail in my dogs. You have only two years of a dog for show, but after that at least ten years that you should live with him! So how do you live with an uncertain, nervous dog? No joy at all (just during a show). If you have a good tempered dog, even though he is losing at a show, you are just blaming judges for this fact. However, you can keep on enjoying your dog. Don't forget a Dobe is your best friend, it's nothing to do with how he looks.

"Well, back to Iris and Bronco. Two weeks after the birth, a tragedy



Ere-Iris Ezra with one of "her" Siameses, at twelve years old.



Sarai Shulamit, a daughter of Haggai Hasjana.

came over us. A rubber ball Iris gulped down took her life. The consulted veterinarian said, 'Come back tomorrow,' but there was no tomorrow. I raised eleven puppies by hand. That's why they are all named 'Ezra' ('help'). I kept a brown bitch whose expression most resembles Iris and named her Ere-Iris Ezra in memory of her dam. She became International, Dutch, German, French and IDC Champion, SchH III and angekört. She is really my dog. That means she is the first dog whom I trained to be a Schutzhund. I can tell you that for the majority of certified show dogs that were not trained by their owners the owners have paid for it, and this is something my husband and I do not like.

"Ere-Iris' brother, Ethan Ezra, is also angekört, and his litter sister,

Esther Ezra, went to Spain and became the most important brood bitch of the country. Ere-Iris was bred to her half brother, Caecilius Cassander, and had a litter of fifteen puppies (thirteen alive). Two weeks after C.C. became a father, he died from stomach torsion. This 'F' litter brought me a lot of success after C.C. Flegon Falèk won twice IDC title and French Champion, and he was the most important stud dog in France.

"Fjodor Fides SchH II won the title Youthwinner in Amsterdam and was an outstanding working dog having well-balanced temperament. Fabiana Fusciana SchH I got the titles International, German, French and VDH Champion and became mother of our famous bitch Thamar Tara, an International, Dutch, French, German, Luxemburg and VDH Champion, and

Karmèl Kesia, who is the forerunner of the Royal Bell Kennel of Yugoslavia. Ferencz Fedor, an International, Dutch, German and VDH Champion, Bundessieger, Europasieger and DV Sieger, and Faenian Fenris, who went to Mme. Gambier (des Landrys kennel) of France became a famous sire, produced sound and well-balanced children. So you can see, the 'F' brought many good progeny.

"I bred Ere-Iris to Björn van Stokebrand who is a descendant from Franckenhorst bloodlines, several times. Björn was a well-known working and show dog. As compared with Alpha v. le Dobry, Björn was more masculine and had much better temperament. Unfortunately, this dog refused stud service so often that his owner always called Alpha's owner to



Tamar Tara winning French Champion title by owner/breeder/handler.

ask Alpha to serve instead. Or he was able to accept with particular bitches. Anyhow, this combination, Ere-Iris/Björn, produced many champions: Gog Goliath, Geba Goljim, Joska Jakar, Jaelah Jubal, Isai Itamar, Ido Isaac, to name a few. They have spread all over the world, and please don't blame me for not mentioning some others. One of Björn's daughters I'm breeding, together with C.C.'s daughter, is Haggai Hasjana. She is a beautiful, strong, sound bitch and a real show girl. She won the titles International, Dutch and German Champion without losing any minute and earned her SchH III certificate. Now she has a very promising son, Zvotek Zephanja ('Topaz'), whom I shall use for breeding without any doubt. Tamar Tara, whose line is out of Iris/Ere-Iris/Fabiana Fusciana, is my most important bitch today.

"Sonja Franquemont is the breeder who influenced me the most. I always liked her dogs - elegance and the type. I don't have exactly the same opinion as she has, of course, but I've taken her ideas sometimes. I was very lucky to start from Iris, who had

soundness and good temperament. The choice of the brood bitch for the foundation kennel is important. I have primarily used linebreeding, because I can go back into the line again. Inbreeding is too close, in my opinion. For this you have to make an outcross after two generations and no one can predict what such a combination will bring you.

"I've started out feeding the puppies at the age of two and a half weeks. Then I can check their incisors already and get them used to my hands. When puppies are born, my husband is always sleeping with them in our living room. He is a good sleeper, I'm not! We've weighed them twice a day, and after five weeks they are going to an outdoor kennel to get used to the outside world. They are ALWAYS returning to the living room in the evening. They can hear the phone ringing, adult dogs barking, they are getting to know cats and visitors, etc., gradually.

"I describe the Diaspora Dobermanns as large, impressive dogs in general. I've paid a lot of attention to well-balanced dogs and hope to

breed champions, of course. Having bred Dobs for two decades, my line produced many show winners and Schutzhunds, not only in Holland, but around the whole world. I'd like to say the strength is not lying in quantity, but in quality.

"Iris stamped her lovely head on my dogs and she has always had a special place in my heart. She has been buried in our garden beside her son Caecilius Cassander. Her daughter Ere-Iris is twelve years old now and is still looking good, as you can see in the photo. Unfortunately, her daughter Fabiana Fusciana died last year due to a failure of the veterinary. Normally, my dogs have reached a high grade of age. What is very important for the breed? What are we suffering from? Is it cardiomyopathy, for instance? Before our puppies leave home, an eye check is always done, although not everyone is interested in the result.

"Breeding Dobermanns is just a part of my life. I adore my Siamese and British Shortairs (lilac and chocolate) and enjoy showing and breeding. My husband and I are full judges for Siamese, Orientals and the whole Shorthair category and are judging around the whole world. When we visit different countries, we make appointments with Dobe breeders and try to get aware of the standard in their own country. In this way, I'm also able to see my puppies again.

"The double names of my dogs have always had special meanings. One is the name, the other is something special, such as Fides = full of trust; Tara = queen; Fusciana = brown, etc. Our cattery and kennel name, 'Diaspora,' means my cats and dogs who are spreading out around the whole world. I hope I have informed you enough and want to bless everyone who makes the effort to improve and love this particular breed, 'the dog with the human brains.'" •

