

The original Mr. Ottmar **Vogel** Interview made by Mr. Massimo Santini in Italian language here : <http://it-discussioni.confusenet.com/showthread.php?t=344239>

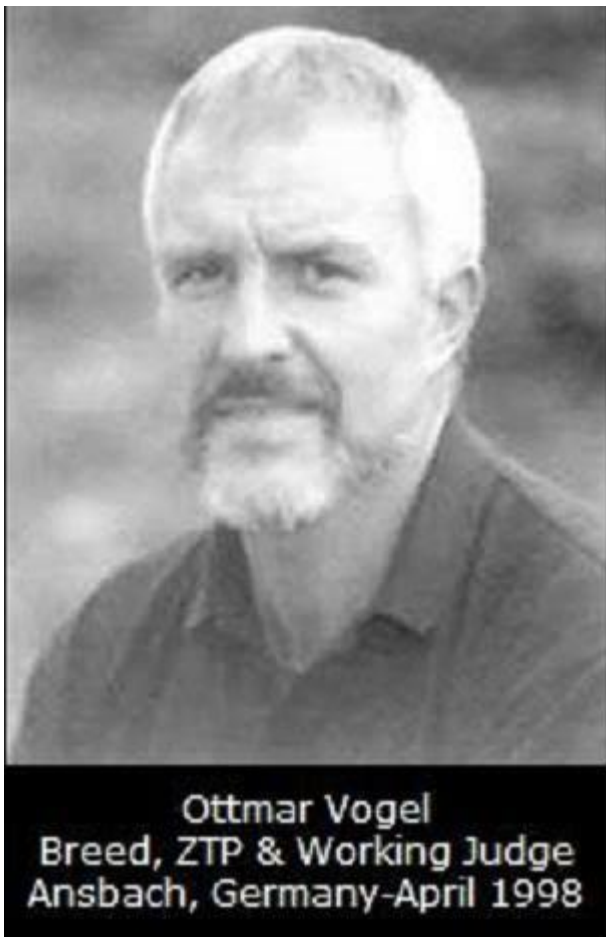
Many thanks to Mr. Santini regarding his acceptance to publish this important interview . I am sure, his hope regarding a new dobermann world will happens !

***English translation :***

Ottmar **Vogel** is certainly a prominent figure in the competitive spirit of the international Chinologic enviroment since 1954.

In 1968 he became judge work and the following year will appointed head of the working Dobermann Verein (DV), a position held until 1978.

In 1970, draw up the rules of Körung in 1975 and participates in drafting of the Rules of ZTP for DV.



In 1972 he began to breed the Doberman breed under the kennel name WILDEN MARKGRAF.

In 1978 became responsible for the work to the IDC (International Dobermann Club) and in 1983, also a judge of beauty.

Ottmar **Vogel** is also the author of "Breeding and Sports with the Dobermann ", translated into many languages and still be considered many race fans as the "Bible" of the Dobermann.

In the book, it captures the personality of the dog breeder, rigorous ideas, consistent and clear principles, and the figure of the culturally complete breeder, trainer, judge the work and beauty.

A figure that has been enriched by the knowledge of Rottweiler and German Shepherd (court work and farmer these two races and judge of beauty for the Rottweiler).

These are some moments that mark the career Chino-competitive world of Ottmar **Vogel** Dobermann.

I confess that the main reason that leads me to do this interview is that you want to understand why he thinks - I consider a "Heritage Dobermann" and still can give much to the race - we are trying to set it aside.

If not to be the only one having this impression, that is why I hope to bring forth the truth from this interview that can represent a hope for the Dobermann and for dog lovers in general.

*1) I freely admit, Mr. **Vogel**, a certain emotion nell'apprestarmi to ask you some questions, emotion that comes the realization of my dream. First, he wants tell us when and how did your interest in the Doberman?*

My interest in the breed Dobermann began visiting in 1958 an international show dog.

Since 1954 I worked for dogs and training: in 1956 I led to a German Shepherd SchH I and later many other dogs in races and in many trials at SchH II and III. I worked with eight different breeds, including breeds such difficult to train as Collie and the Airedale Terrier, patent SchH I, II and III.

*2) What aspects in particular have intrigued?*

What struck me most was the look in the Dobermann, intended primarily as expressiveness, nobility, strength and movement.

Also, I read many positive things about the character of this dog and, as often the reality is different, I wanted to gather greatest number of personal experiences on race, learning it in depth.

So I have maintained close contacts with breeders, the exhibitors and trainers most of the time. Soon I noticed that most breeders bred only the beautiful show dogs and that the highest office of the DV had no idea of training, character and heredity.

Suffice it to say that a President of the DV then argued, by writing (And I still can document!) that the character is not inherited and that certain benefits are achieved only through good preparation of the trainer ...

There was no regulation for breeding, only simply "producing".

Since over a relatively short time I was able to get some hits, some people have noticed and so I tried to lay the foundations of training and bring top of the DV character of a working dog.

Have long been a friend of Mr. H. Palmer (von Kennel Fürstenfeld), surely we were not always of the same opinion, but no one knew better than he the type of race and he got learned a lot.

3) *I want to know when and why you have stopped the relationship with the DV.  
Be honest, if you can ...*

Since I had several positions within the DV (Head of training and Labour, Head of DV courts and IDC, breeder manager, etc. ..), then , against the wishes of some people, I was able to establish many important rules for breeding:

a) 1976: ZTP (Zuchttauglichkeitsprüfung = proficiency test breeding), almost identical to its current form.

b) 1970: Regulation of Körung, 1986 new additions.

c) 1971: Title of sample approved only for dogs at least SchH I

d) Körung ZTP and important events took place in, well publicized, and breeders were interested in this way opportunity to assess the quality of dogs.

Also, I was able to influence readers with many breeders and owners to certain positive developments in the race.

All the German Championships were organized by me, I chose the judges and listed them prepared and trained them specifically for this important task.

I held conferences and training courses for training, breeding and character of the breed worldwide.

Even in Italy I have held conferences and training courses by 1982.

These involved some people who still have the positions within dell'AIAD and they learned from me the basis of race.

The break with the DV has occurred in the years 1988-1992. The cause was my belief that the President, Mr. Wiblishauser was not interested in improving the race, but only to policy in the Club

He, with the help of responsible for breeding, has boycotted and rejected all my proposals for improvement race.

Also, I wanted more in the Committee on Körung, although I had been to establish and develop this test.

It is easy to see that these differences have caused insurmountable breakage.

*4) In the late 80's, talking with Mr. Roberto Zorzi learned its differences with the highest office of DV on his firm opposition to breed in close consanguinity on Hertog Alpha v. the Dobry, giving reasons for his conviction under the appearance and character aptitude with the fact that this type of mating would have negative results in the selection genetics of the breed.*

After many years and facing the facts, now in Germany unfortunately can safely speak of two breeds also in Dobermann (work / beauty) as was the German Shepherd and Rottweilers in.

It 'can bring those his "old considerations" on then what actually happened in the Dobermann?

Obviously yes.

The question v.le Dobry Hertog Alpha is simple and clear as the sun to understand.

Who is responsible in breeding techniques also knows problems of this dog. Hertog Alpha v.le Dobry was a fine boy short, with bone robust, strong head (stop limit), with a much better lower jaw a little missing the length of the head and face side of the skull and protruding a normal character.

He was well trained and has passed the Körung-DV successfully.

Dobry Hertog Alpha v.le line comes from Don Dayan von Franckenhorst and his maternal line took part in small dogs, but also have a good predatory impulse.

Don Dayan was, as regards the character and attitude to work, a weak player; also Dobry Hertog Alpha v.le Dobry was not, in most cases, a player suited to improve character.

The consequence was that dogs were very good in relation the structure while they had great problems of character resistance and strength, for beauty, breeding in consanguinity, also brought some problems on the typicality heads.

For this reason I had always warned to avoid close inbreeding in this line and failure gave me reason.

Some children, samples of this line as Graf Guido von Franckenhorst gave an almost dominating bad characters.

The character of this dog and that of her sister Golda von Franckenhorst was in itself very problematic.

Gringo von Franckenhorst brother was weak nerves and could hide a bit the problem only with clever presentation.

The specialist, however, would notice ...

I had the impression that the directors of DV was not interested these problems and so I presented in 1991 as part the meeting of judges, a list which showed that male descendants of that dog influenced 80% of all breeding.

This explained why he had come inevitably to a loss quality.

The trouble of this affair, however, was that the Committee breeding did not even know the genealogy of the various stallions. I've had to clarify their situation. A benefic cooperation for the improvement of the breed can not be achieved with such people.

And unfortunately, no one from current officials not understood the real problems.

*5) In your experience with dog, you agree that damage that often occur in the selection of livestock race depend on a connection failure (defined as active collaboration) between the heads of livestock and work?*

Certainly yes.

Other bloodlines were not recognized by the breeding authorities. Such as Bingo von Ellendonk or some descendants of the line Ellendonk: if they were favorites of the breeding, we undoubtedly had a significant improvement in character. Of course, these dogs were not always champions of Beauty, but the character and aptitude for work were very convincing. Unfortunately, this potential was ignored.

None of the committee responsible for the breeding had, that I know of, positive steps to improve the character of the race.

The charge was covered from time to time without setting the objectives without a program.

Now, logically, it's no wonder that these people do not have a deep and comprehensive expertise.

Another issue was raised for the proportions of the race.

It was agreed that the maximum height at withers of 72 cm for Males should not be exceeded. No judge except myself, ever disqualified a male due to excessive height.

It is easy to show that dogs too tall have shortcomings in the movement and construction, which is explained by the knowledge of Static; In addition, the taller the dog, have problems on anterior legs angles.

I remember a champion bred in Italy, who won all Titles in Germany, had the front angles strongly and this little dog, having largely won, was criticized by those responsible for his winnings, so totally inconsistent.

About the problem of excessive chest height, fortunately, was solved by nature.

6) I understand that in these past 19 years have often Doberman Pinscher breed judging at major events throughout the World from its position just judge, by failing to present official positions within the DV and IDC, that court may given the current reality of race in general?

Currently the breed through a loss of quality that reflects the lack of ability to work, strength and health.

We must take note.

Because of the prohibition to amputate the ears and tail was significantly penalized. Personally, I believe that the vertices of DV are not committed seriously enough to prevent this ban.

7) *E 'known her since the early 80s, gave a major contribution to the proper development of the Dobermann breed in Italy.*

After more than 20 years, which is his opinion on the situation of race in Italy?

The Dobermann in Italy I can say only that for a while ' time I am not allowed to judge and therefore the current level I do not know.

Fact is that in Italy there are few kennels who are looking for a improvement of character. Unfortunately it was discontinued the relationship with Dr. Pezzano: he prefers to do politics with Mr. Wiblishauser.

8 ) *How do you see its future development?*

For the outward form my opinion is that the race has lost importance and as a working dog has lost the 'consequenza' Therefore, I am not convinced that there will be a major turning point.

The problem is never to be found in dogs, but always in humans and among the leaders of the race.

At the end of 2002 after 42 years, I decided to leave the DV following/because the decision of Mr. Wiblishauser to stop and not allow to me or to my lawyer to defend myself.

Even if I win the actual process, he would also the option to block people as a judge of this usually I do not care to practice my hobby.

Mr. Wiblishauser wrongfully assumed a dual role (1 President and Head of the College of Judges). This was not allowed according to the Club Statute and because that he has simply changed.

Mr. Wiblishauser do not accept any criticism and all those who were allowed to opposition were excluded from the club.

This is the current situation.

We thank you for granting us this interview, I express certainty that his statements will serve to ensure that cynophily the real protagonist is always the dog!

***Note :Article based on Google translation. Any participation for a accurate translation is welcome !***