

BENEFITS OF HAVING *CANIS LUPUS FAMILIARIS* AS A PART OF LIFE OVER INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

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ABSTRACT

Canis lupus familiaris is a German origin breed of dog(s), considered as one of the efficient species in terms of intelligence, nasal capabilities, endurance and athleticism. It is said many folds superior than a brawn when is considered for security motives. A number of studies, inclusive of many questionnaires to owners of *Canus lupus familiaris*, favour the facts of transforming their number of social virtues by owning the breed. Its regular contact with human makes them socially attached far better than they were at their previous part of life. Its major benefit is observed among the children of earning parents. They amazingly notice their children with unexpected better immunity, physical stamina as well as ability to connect with people in their surroundings. This positive effect of their company to human is complemented by many other impacts. In a nutshell, the breed is said to transform human as emotionally intelligent as compared to their previous part of life.

KEYWORDS: *Canis lupus familiaris*, Endurance, Athleticism, Brawn, Emotionally Intelligent.

Canis lupus familiaris is a German breed of dogs, also known as Alsatian, Alsatian wolf dog, Berger Allemand, Deutscher Schäferhund, Schäferhund, DSH, GSD, and Shepherd^[1]. The German Shepherd Dog, whose methodical breeding was started in 1899 after the foundation of the society, had been bred from the central German and southern German breeds of the herding dogs existing at that time with the ultimate objective of creating a working dog inclined to high achievements. In order to achieve this objective, the breed standard of the German Shepherd Dog was determined, which relates to the physical constitution as well as the traits and characteristics^[2]. As part of the Herding Group^[3], German Shepherds are working dogs developed originally for herding sheep. Since that time, however, because of their strength, intelligence, trainability, and obedience, German Shepherds around the world are often the preferred breed for many types of work, including disability assistance, search-and-rescue, police and military roles, and even acting^[3]. The German Shepherd is the second-most registered breed by the American Kennel Club^[4] and fourth-most registered breed by The Kennel Club^[5] in the United Kingdom. The mentioned characteristics of this breed are found as impacts of their endurance, athleticism, brawn and emotionally intelligent virtues^{[6][7][8][9][10]} and found to be transmitted to the children by their prolonged company.

METHODOLOGY

The research is carried out by surveying some owners of the German Shepherd breed in nearby localities. The selection of owners is done on the basis of two factors: owner must be a parent, and both parents must be earning bodies for the family. After the selection of owners of the breed, they were asked to undergo some questionnaire, based on the behavioral changes in their ward after checking-in the shepherd to home. The questionnaire was consisting of following questions:

- Q. 1 Do you find your children more compatible than your expectations?
- Q. 2 Do you notice improved health parameters of your ward(s)?
- Q. 3 Do you really think the habit of having a GSD as pet improves your child's social responsibility understandings?
- Q. 4 Do you find any arrogance in your ward's psychological status?
- Q. 5 Is/ are your ward(s) turning to acquire more leadership qualities?

Based on the responses by the parents to the above questions, results are framed with accordance.

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

It is amazingly found that more than 90% parents do agree with the fact that their wards have turned not only more immunized, but more

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emotionally intelligent in terms of psychological compatibility, social responsibility understandings and ability to take a lead. They accept the undefinable spectrum of advantages of having a German Shepherd breed as a pet^[9]. They also admitted the fact of their pet to be on regular clinical visits^{[6][10]}.

So this can be concluded that having a GSD as a part of life moreover results in positive effects on their owners.

Further, some owners of other dog varieties like Dowerman and similar breeds found their ward(s) turned violent and harsh with time, whereas some owners of Retrievers accepted the transformation of their children to more mild than earlier.

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