

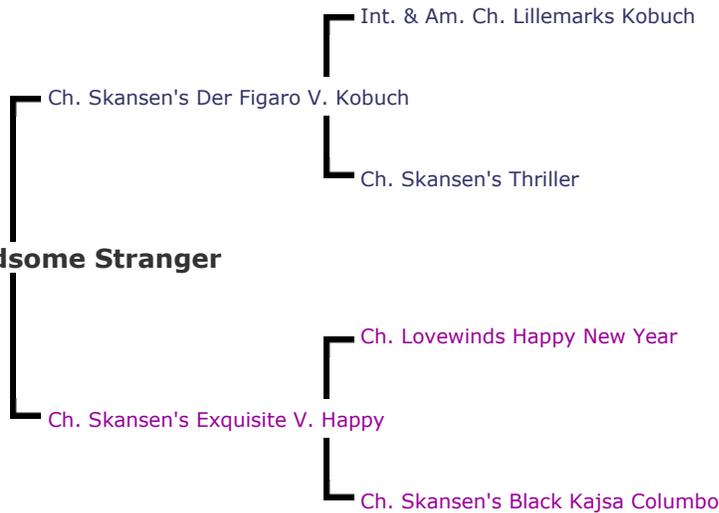
Ch. Skansen's Handsome Stranger



Skansen Kennel

Pedigree Information

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Biography

Handsome, as we call him, was born on May 27, 1983. His father is Ch. Skansen's Der Figaro V. Kobuch, a top stud dog with over 25 champion offspring. His mother is Ch. Skansen's Exquisite V. Happy, the top producing Giant Schnauzer female in our breed with 14 champions so far and several more getting close. Exquisite's mother Kajsa was also a top producer with 10 champions.

It is rare that any dog is so well bred on both parent's sides - two top producing lines combined. Handsome himself is proving to be a top producer with 20 champion offspring so far and he is only 4 years old.

When he was a very young pup and his litter was graded I thought he was an outstanding

pup except for one thing, he was very soft in top line. I could not make up my mind if he should be sold as a pet because of the top line or if I should grade him top show, gambling on his top line strengthening as he got older. A brother of his, future Ch. Skansen's Man O' War V. Winzel was graded show and sold to the East Coast, later to win our silver anniversary show, and I decided to keep Handsome till 9-10 months old and see how he developed.

Well he just got better and better, his top line stronger and stronger by good exercise and by the time he was 2 years old he was the No. 1 male Giant in US.

Unfortunately he was then forced to be retired and could not be shown or bred for an entire year, due to an accident. He was given heavy doses of antibiotics and cortisone for several months to save his life and as a result lost all his hair. We did not know if he would survive and if he did recover, would he become sterile from all the drugs.

Luckily he came through this horrible year in great shape. He is now in top condition, is again siring a lot of outstanding pups and in both 1986 and 1987 was one of the top ten Giants in US despite very limited showing. He is also a top producer, only 2nd to his half brother [Ch. Skansen's Gentleman Thief](#). Handsome is OFA cleared excellent, which is a very rare grading for any Giant Schnauzer and best of all he consistently throws good hips. In fact as of this writing I am not aware of a single pup by him that has developed hip dysplasia.

Handsome is considered a very large Giant, he measures 28 inches tall and weights approx. 120 lbs. His temperament is superb, he loves life, people, other dogs (excepting our other stud dogs). He is gentle with children and puppies and is 100% trustworthy. Structurally he is very sound, with a lot of bone and substance and he does have an exceptionally good rear or hindquarters with a well - let down hock. He is without question one of my all time favorites, as well as the best stud dog after [Thief](#).