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An obedience school that develops the intellect...

BY DIANE HUBEL

Have you given up trying to teach "Fido" to walk behind you instead of dragging you down the street? If you have convinced yourself that your dog is too dumb to learn, think again. All breeds of dogs are trainable according to Fred Siebert, president of the German Shepherd Dog Obedience Training Club.

"It may take a little more persistence and patience to train some dogs," Siebert said, "but eventually you should be able to do it. All breeds are trainable."

ALTHOUGH MEMBERSHIP in the organization is open only to people who own German Shepherds, the club does offer lessons to all dogs breeds. The classes, which last for thirteen weeks, are held in the VFW Hall in Farmington.

In the beginning class dogs can be taught to heel, sit, come, stay and lay down upon command.

"Actually in these classes we train the owners," Siebert said. "We show them what to do and watch them work with their dog and then expect them to go home and practice some more with the dog."

He said the classes are also a very good socialization process for the dogs.

Many dogs have never been in a room with more than one other dog before and the first few times they may be nervous. However, he said they soon adjust to the presence of the

other dogs and learn self control.

The organization is also a supporter of the Leader Dog program and recently donated \$1,000 to the Leader Dog School at Rochester.

There are three classes offered by the German Shepherd Club. The first one deals with basics. The second two get into the more difficult aspects of dog obedience and begin to train dogs for performance in dog shows.

Siebert, who's dog is currently training for the highest rank in dog shows, has entered shows all over the United States, in Canada and in Bermuda.

In July he intends to enter his German Shepherd in the World Series of Dogs which will be held in St. Clair Shores.

The dogs who enter these competitive shows are put through their paces in front of judges and given a score from 1-200.

Points or fractions of points are deducted for mistakes the dog may make, such as sniffing the ground or looking around rather than looking at its master.

SIEBERT SAID that one of the most discouraging tests usually comes at the end of the trial when the dog is left in the ring alone while his trainer leaves the room.

The dog must sit for either five minutes or the three minutes they may be nervous. However, he said they soon adjust to the presence of the

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