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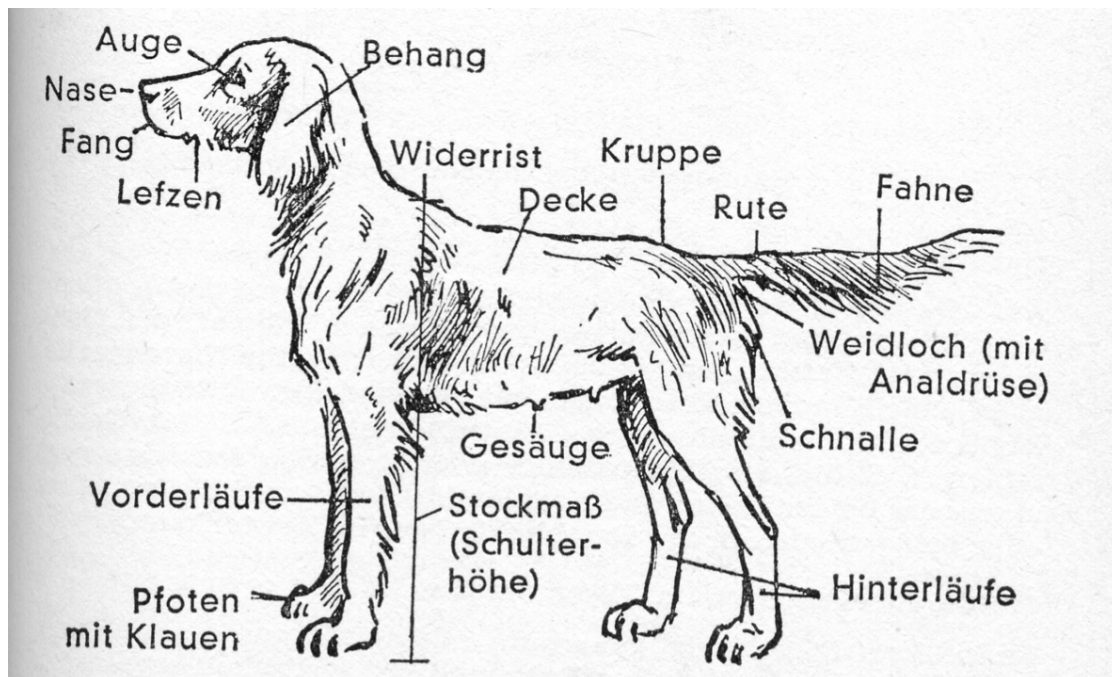
09 – HUNTING DOGS (JAGDHUNDE)

Hunting dogs in Germany are similar to the ones used in the United States. The variety of hounds used for Boar, Fox, Raccoon, and Rabbit hunting in the United States, however, are little known and seldom used in Germany.

German law requires hunting-rights holders to own or have available a versatile hunting dog to search for wounded game. The dog has become an indispensable partner to the hunter who lives by the code of sportsmanship. In Germany it is considered unsportsmanlike to hunt without a well-trained dog. The dog will track game not killed outright, which enables the hunter to relieve the wounded animal of suffering as soon as possible.

A German proverb states, “Show me your gun and your dog and I will tell you what kind of hunter you are.”

A dog that reacts willingly to signals, and works at hunting chores with enthusiasm, shows evidence of good home care and training. To perform well, the dog must be kept in good health, fed properly, and kept free of distracting parasites (for example, fleas, ticks, lice).



The hunting breeds are separated into six basic categories, depending on how the dog can help the hunter: pointers (*Vorstehhunde*), flushers (*Stöberhunde*), earth dogs (*Erdhunde*), hounds / beagles (*Jagende Hunde / Laufhunde*), tracking dogs



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(*Schweißhunde*), and retrievers/water dogs (*Retrievers / Wasserhunde*). While any hunting dog should be able to retrieve game, some species are specialized for this.

Pointers (*Vorstehhunde*)

Pointers (*Vorstehhunde*) are the bird dog types and include the German Short-, Wire- and Long-haired Pointers; Irish Setter; English Setter; and English Pointer. These dogs are used as pointers and retrievers in small game hunting and also for tracking wounded big game. They are clever, easily trained, very willing to trail game, point, and retrieve.



German Longhair (*Deutsch Langhaar*)



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German Rough Hair (Deutsch *Stichelhaar*)



German Shorthaired Pointer (Deutsch *Kurzhaar*)



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German Wirehair (*Deutsch Drahthaar*)



Griffon (*Griffon*)



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Large Münsterländer (*Grosser Münsterländer*)



Small Münsterländer (*Kleiner Münsterländer*)



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Poodle Pointer (*Pudelpointer*)



Weimaraner (*Weimaraner*)



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English Setter (*English Setter*)



Gordon Setter (*Gordon Setter*)



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Irish Setter (*Irish Setter*)

Flushers (*Stöberhunde*)

Normally, Springer Spaniels and Cocker Spaniels are used to flushing game. These Spaniels also make very good retrievers. Springer Spaniels also can be used on drive hunts and are very willing hunting dogs and natural water dogs.



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Cocker Spaniel (*Cocker Spaniel*)



Springer Spaniel (*Springer Spaniel*)