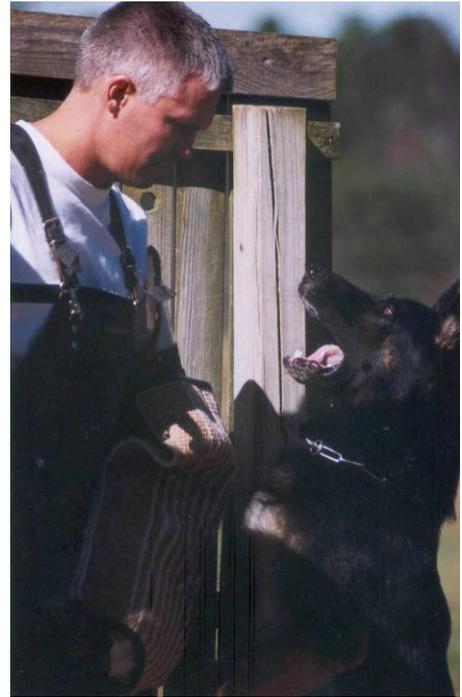


## Dennis Vander Linde

Dennis has been involved with dogs his entire life. He grew up with German Shepherds and a Belgian Tervuren. At age 14 it was with “Dude”, the Belgian Tervuren, that Dennis had his first experiences with helperwork by wrapping his arms with beach towels and duct tape and letting Dude bite him and then pull him around the yard. Crazy, huh?

Then, in 1993, Dennis (and his wife Lynn) began their quest to get their first dog. They were planning on having children soon and wanted a dog that would be a loyal and devoted family member and also be exceptional with children. They were seeking out a German Shepherd for their own. This quest took them to over 15 breeders while searching for the “total” dog. Finally, they were referred by their veterinarian to a litter of German Shepherds that was 7 weeks old. Dennis called the breeder, and the breeder explained that their litter was from “Schutzhund” lines, a term that Lynn and Dennis were unfamiliar



with. Upon visiting the puppies and parents, it was very clear that these “Schutzhund” dogs (parents and puppies) were different from the previous litters they had seen and more like the German Shepherds that Dennis grew up with: “Sugar”, “Dutchess”, a female Belgian-Import, and “Adonis”, a male Retired USAF Service Dog. However, the breeders were only able to sell one of the puppies as they had an agreement with the owner of the stud that allowed them to only keep the “pick” puppy. After much persistence and persuasion, Lynn and Dennis successfully talked the breeders into selling them the “pick” male puppy. Lynn and Dennis named their new puppy Kola.



With the encouragement of the breeder, Dennis took Kola out to the local Schutzhund club to learn more about the dogs from Schutzhund lines and the training. After watching 3 training sessions, Dennis was hooked and joined the club and the United Schutzhund Clubs of American (USA) and began training Kola in Schutzhund. In 1996 Kola attained the BH then SchH 1 with scores of 93 tracking, 88 obedience, and 93 protection. In 1997 Kola attained the SchH 2 with 88, 92, 92. In 1998, Kola attained the SchH 3 with 96, 92, 95. Kola achieved numerous High in Trial Trophies along this journey. Kola was begrudgingly retired in 1998 after suffering a career ending back injury. Kola was the dog who started the passion for Dennis and was Dennis’ first dog that he made USA’s SchH 3 Club with.

In 1998 Lynn and Dennis bought an 8-month old German Import named Eik von der Geissheide. Dennis trained Eik from BH to SchH 3, FH 1 and Kkl 1A. From 2001 to 2003 Eik was a National-Level Schutzhund competition dog and was shown in the 2001 S.E. Regional Championship, where he was SchH 1 Region Champion, the 2002 German Shepherd Dog Championship (finishing 23rd out of 40), 2002 National SchH 3 Championship (finishing 53rd out of 141) and 2003 North American Championship (finishing 17th out of 55). Eik's highest scores were: SchH 1 99, 79, 96; SchH 2 95, 94, 98, SchH 3 99, 92, 98 and FH 1 93. Eik was Dennis' second dog with whom he made the USA's SchH 3 Club.



In 2000 and 2001, Dennis was a National-Level SchH 3 competitor with CS Dyk Hedaland, SchH 3, FH 1, Kkl 2A, a dog he handled and maintenance trained for A.J. Phillip then Mary Massengill. In the 2000 USCA National SchH 3 and Police Dog Championship, Dennis and Dyk finished 20th out of 82. In the 2001 USCA National SchH 3 and Police Dog Championship, Dennis and Dyk finished 15th out of 63 with a perfect 100 points in tracking.

In 2002, Dennis purchased a puppy named Amos van't Enclavehof. They attained the BH, SchH 1 100, 91, 94 and SchH 2 98, 88, 90. Amos was retired in 2009 after sustaining a ruptured left ACL and partially torn right ACL during their pursuit of SchH 3. Amos is now a house dog that enjoys the benefits of being a couch potato.



Dennis is also an accomplished Schutzhund Helper, having helped numerous Club members attain multiple Schutzhund titles, including Tracy Betenbaugh and Afra vom Stamm Walo reaching the WUSV SchH 3 World Championships in 1999 and 2000 as a member of USCA's World Team. Dennis' help included Tracy and Afra's participation in all of USA's National Championships in 1999 and 2000 in route to achieving their prestigious accomplishment. He has been a USA Helper since 1998 (Trial Helper Record Book Number 276). Dennis has worked over 100 cumulative

dogs in numerous Club trials and 3 Regional Championships. In 2004, Dennis was asked by then USA President Jim Elder to be a member of the Helper Committee. His first assignment was to draft the current USA Helper Program. Since 2004, Dennis has been a USA Teaching Helper presiding over various Club and Region Helper Seminars/Evaluations, the 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2009 USA Helper Colleges. Dennis is presently the Helper Committee Chairman.

Dennis is co-owner of Aus dem Traumblick German Shepherds with Denise Kiah.

[www.ausdemtraumblick.com](http://www.ausdemtraumblick.com). They have bred 10 litters (through J) with dogs from their breeding program being successful as family companions while competing in Local, Regional and National SchH and Agility trials, as well as having bred the most successful SAR dog in the S.E. United States, Cinco aus dem Traumblick.

Dennis is a co-founder, President and Training Director for Coal Mountain Schutzhund Association, a USA full member club, located in Cumming, Georgia. [www.coalmtn.com](http://www.coalmtn.com).

Dennis is married to his wife Lynn, of 18 years, and they have two beautiful daughters: Addison 13 (who showed Kiva van Adelrik for SchH 3 in 2009) and Ryan 11 (a USA Level 9 Gymnast); and a wonderful son



Griffin 5 (a baseball player and future dog trainer/helper). They share their lives with the family German Shepherds: Usha van Guy's Hof SchH 3 (Ufo's sister), Kiva van Adelrik SchH 3 (Escobar's sister), Amos van't Enclavehof SchH 2 and Huey van de Biezenhoeve and live in Cumming, Georgia, a suburb north of Atlanta. Dennis also donates his time to the local school system where he, Ryan and the



local Sheriff's Department perform narcotics detection and criminal apprehension



demonstrations during Anti-Drug Week.

Professionally, Dennis is the System Quality Assurance (SQA) Manager, Broadband Consumer Products Division, for ARRIS, Group, Inc., a Telecommunications Equipment Manufacturer that serves the Cable Industry and has yearly sales of \$1 Billion Dollars.

Dennis has responsibilities for the SQA teams

in Suwanee, Georgia and ShenZhen, People Republic of China. He has a B.S in Civil Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology (1990) and a Master of Engineering from the University of Florida (1992). He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Georgia.