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In this part of our magazine the detail information about the known Caucasian Ovcharkas will be presented for Your examination. We hope that the owners, experts and breeding instructors that have been working with these dogs, will share this information with us. I'll start with a dog known all over the world:

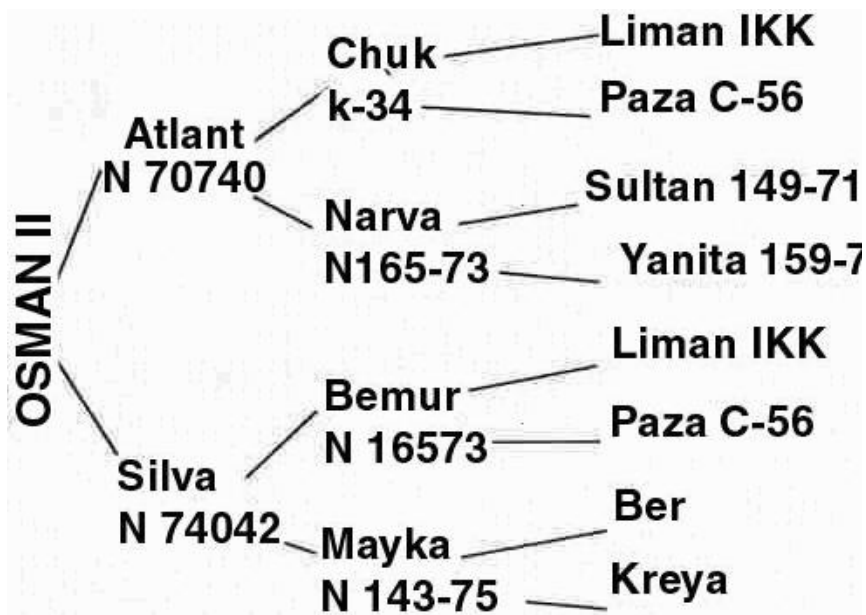


#### OSMAN-2

The pedigree number is №87, № PCWD (Podolsk Club of Working Dogs) 77222, was born on March 27, 1986 in the Red Star Kennel, perished on December 15, 1993. A show mark is "excellent", KS (Sentry Work Course) -1,1 the breeding class is given on August 6, 1993, the certificate number is № K-37. By the offspring quality OSMAN could claim at the breeding class "Elite", but according to those standards, all the litters got from a producer, were taken into consideration, and to get the "Elite" not less than 30 % of the offsprings must be taken into consideration, but because of OSMAN's geography of matings it was impossible to get such an information.

OSMAN-2 was got by the complex inbreeding (the line-breeding of LIMAN (3-3) through CHUK and BEMUR, and on the parent match ABDULAK K – 11 + LIMBA C - 30 (5-5) through JEANNE C- 50 and JEAN K – 32). There are 18 ancestors in OSMAN' five generation pedigree that were entered in the All-Union Stud Book of Caucasian Ovcharka, and 17 dogs got the titles "Winner" and "Champion". There are 141 known ancestors in all in OSMAN's pedigree (many dogs reiterated themselves), the longest branch has 10 ancestry generations. ABREK № 50, owner Sotnina, may be considered as a foundation sire. OSMAN-2 was ABREK's direct offspring by father's line.

parents ATLANT and SILVA, in spite of their related parentage, were of different types. ATLANT was of a medium height, a compact, high in withers, with massive bones, thickset male, he had a bear-type head, a very broad, deep, massive skull, the high-set and not enough cropped ears. His dark yellow eyes were small and deep-set and cheeks were well-marked. He had a shortened muzzle, not wet, the medium-length fawn hair with a slightly marked colour mask, his behaviour was like cannibal's. All these features differed him much from a large ( for a bitch), heavy, long-haired, dark grey brindle colour SILVA who had a bit flattened body and the elongated thighs. Only their heads were alike in a skull, but SILVA's eye were rounded, a bit protruding, of dark colour, and she had a massive muzzle of a normal length with the dampish lips. SILVA's character might be described by one word – a "shrew", but a very clever one, and ATLANT was an intellectual dog also. OSMAN – 2 was called after OSMAN (ANCHAR – NEKSA) who lived in a kennel in 1975 – 1983, he was a great sample of a Caucasian Ovcharka.









#### OSMAN's

##### Description of OSMAN – 2:

"A tooth formula is full, a scissors bite. A type, higher than a medium height, high in withers, proportionally built male with the massive bone and well-developed musculature, of dark grey brindle colour with a deep black mask, he has the long enough and distinct compact hair and good texture. A sex type is also well-marked. A head is very large, massive, with a broad and deep skull, the ears are set on high, a stop is proper enough (the stand-off hair makes an impression of an abrupt stop), a muzzle is massive and deep with the dampish lips. The eyes are set well apart, of dark yellow colour that make contrast with a nearly black rounded head. The body is properly built, high in withers, a chest should be broader, the thighs are slightly elongated. The movements are excellent. Behaviour is balanced, dignified. A well-trained, aggressive dog."

OSMAN's measurements: height - 72cm, pastern size - 14,5, head length - 30, muzzle length - 11 cm.

A show career of the dog began successfully. In the first show in Podolsk 14 month-old OSMAN got the first place in the junior group and impressed the specialists and spectators. Then he took part in many shows of the different levels in Moscow and other regions, he confidently won in the middle group in the 1 All-Union Show in Iliinskoye, then there were the

first places in the World Show in Dortmund in 1991, and in a month - in the International Show in Warsaw. OSMAN – 2 was the first Caucasian Ovcharka in Russia that got the CACIB title.

OSMAN's breeding activity may be estimated in different ways. On the one hand, OSMAN was used very intensively, and the number of bitches bred to him was nearly equal to that of his contemporary JEAN – CHRIST. But the bright appearance and origin, obviously, made the breeders hope that OSMAN would be a prepotent producer, and breed him to the bitches of a middle level and not so valuable origin. The result didn't make the father famous - there are a lot of dogs among his offsprings that are flattened, with poor bones, elongated pinched muzzles, dampish lips, large and light eyes, their cheek-bones are not high enough, the thighs and hind pasterns are elongated and they have a fiddle front. If bred to the offsprings of bitch ZERIF, owner Apukhtina, and puppies of the same litter YAGRIF, owner MMK, and YANITA, owner Mingazov, (these combinations were analysed), OSMAN could produce the puppies with a slight pigment - the brown ones, including the brown-and-brindle, with a brown nose and the same eye rims, and the smoky ones with a grey nose and the same eye rims. Besides, very often OSMAN - 2 produced the puppies that had an overshot bite. We may suggest that these faults were inherited through YANITA's grandson ATLANT, as there were cases of the slight colour and overshot bite among his offsprings, if not take into consideration OSMAN's puppies. It was difficult to get the generation of the same type from a dog that looked after the mother (just the improved male variant) and had the prepotent father. ATLANT's influence is easily discerned even in the offsprings of the third and fourth generations. The puppies of the good conformation level were born, when OSMAN was bred to the bitches of good conformation.

The successful puppies were divided into three groups - the ones resembling OSMAN, those that resembled ATLANT and the rest - resembling mother's ancestry. Nearly all ATLANT's puppies were fawn in colour, very often without a mask, they had a typical head shape of their grand. Known daughters ELMIRA and ENTA may serve as an example. Naturally, OSMAN's puppies resembled the father. For instance, GURIYA-TAL-ABUS, KHANT, YULDUZ-KHATUN CAUCASUS STAR and the puppy of the same litter OSMAN-PASHA, LINDON, EVAR-MEDVED and the puppies of the same litter ENISEY, ERCHI and EREUSH, MAVR iz KAMENNOGO TSVETKA. The puppies of the third group are ENDZHELTA, ELISEY-MEDVED, NAGRI-DARSI, VARVARA, IRO- ZA-PLAY-BOY.

We can confidently assert that OSMAN's puppies inherited a large head, good texture, aggressive behaviour and good top line. There were a few dogs with not full tooth formula among them, the cases of the cryptorchidism and dwarfishness were not registered also.

OSMAN's life was unusual. He was born in a kennel and learned not to get attached to the soldiers who looked after him and constantly left him. People that OSMAN loved and took for his owners also left him. In 1992 OSMAN was taken on lease for half a year by well-known dog-breeder I. O. Luzhevskiy from Lugansk. Ivan Fyedorovich set his affection upon OSMAN, the dog reciprocated his affection, but was not at ease without the kennel, where he was as a kind of a symbol (he felt his special status), and without his harem – his wives and daughters, where he was a king. When OSMAN came back, he refused to go anywhere outside the kennel; and when the Red Star Kennel brought its dogs to the first show Russia – 92, he refused to take part in the ring. They understood OSMAN and never took him away from the kennel.

OSMAN was always smart in terms of the bitches that were in heat. He could open any cage from the outside standing on the hind legs and setting the front legs against a bolt from the right and left, and opening it by teeth. I'm sorry that I have had no opportunity to shoot this before, today I could get a prize in the TV-show "A Film Director for Himself" for the film about OSMAN's tricks.

After the All-Union Show of National Breeds in Iliinskoye in 1988 OSMAN seriously fell ill (perhaps, hepatitis), and from time to time, when his health state became worse, he had the head and neck oedemata, he looked wet, heavy, his lower eyelids were pendulous and a dewlap was well-marked, the eyes became lack-lustre. In such moments OSMAN didn't pay attention to the bitches, he was unpredictably aggressive. When remission, his state was as usual.


OSMAN died, when he tried to get over a cage top to a bitch in heat.

Being very stubborn, he was called a "little donkey". It was a devoted, worthy dog. Everybody who knew this dog, loved him very much. I'm happy that his and KHABIBA's (it's my dog also) daughter EVAR-MEDVED lived in my house and by her character and conformation

reminds me one of the most favourite dogs in my life – OSMAN-2.

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