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Hi All,

I'm sharing interesting information on popular and rare dog breeds as Dog Owner Education Topic #44.

According to the AKC, (http://www.akc.org/reg/dogreg_stats.cfm), the top 10 most popular AKC registered dogs in 2004 were:

- 1.Labrador Retriever (146,692)
- 2.Golden Retriever (52,550)
- 3.German Shepherd Dog (46,046)
- 4.Beagle (44,555)
- 5.Yorkshire Terrier (43,522)
- 6.Dachshund (40,770)
- 7.Boxer (37,741)
- 8.Poodle (32,671)
- 9.Shih Tzu (28,958)
- 10.Chihuahua (24,850)

Last year the Great Dane was #27 in popularity with 8,946 AKC registrations -- is it any wonder that many folks have never seen a Dane up-close-and-personal? However, I found a 1995 AVMA list showing that 10 years ago the Great Dane was #33 -- although there were 11,015 registered at that time.

Back in March 1997, the following registration statistics were published in the AKC GAZETTE:

- 1.Labrador Retriever
- 2.Rottweiler
- 3.German Shepherd Dog
- 4.Golden Retriever
- 5.Poodle (all three varieties combined)
- 6.Beagle
- 7.Dachshund
- 8.Cocker Spaniel
- 9.Yorkshire Terrier
- 10.Pomeranian

Notice that Rottweilers were #2 in 1997, but they're not even in the top 10 in 2004. And despite the fact that German Shepherd Dogs were responsible for 9% of fatal dog attacks in the past 40 years, they have remained the #3 most popular breed.

The United Kennel Club (UKC) was established in 1898 in the U.S. for working dogs. Competition includes Obedience Trials, Agility Trials, Field Trials, Water Races, Night Hunts and Bench Shows, and hunting tests for retrieving breeds. Their top 10 registered breeds in 2004 were:

- 1.Treeing Walker Coonhound
- 2.American Pit Bull Terrier
- 3.American Eskimo
- 4.Bluetick Coonhound
- 5.Jack Russell Terrier
- 6.English Coonhound
- 7.Toy Fox Terrier

8. American Black & Tan Coonhound
9. Redbone Coonhound
10. Beagle

Up north, the top 10 breeds registered with the Canadian Kennel Club in 2004 were:

1. German Shepherd Dog
2. Poodle
3. Labrador Retriever
4. Shetland Sheepdog
5. Golden Retriever
6. American Cocker Spaniel
7. Lhaso Apso
8. Shih Tzu
9. Miniature Schnauzer
10. Pomeranian

And across the pond, the Kennel Club (KC) of Great Britain also lists Labs as tops in 2004. Their top 10 last year were:

1. Labrador Retriever
2. Cocker Spaniel (English)
3. English Springer Spaniel
4. German Shepherd Dog
5. Staffordshire Bull Terrier
6. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
7. Golden Retriever
8. West Highland White Terrier
9. Boxer
10. Border Terrier

At the other end of the spectrum, there are the rare breeds. There's an interesting page here <http://www.canismajor.com/dog/raredogs.html> that includes information on new breeds such as the Polski Owczarek Nizinny, the Tatra Sheepdog, Lapphund, Vallhund, Buhund, and Karelian Bear Dog.

AKC only registers 150 of the 300 dog breeds acknowledged world-wide, however they are working to promote new breeds through their Foundation Stock Service® Program. These include the Belgian Lakenois, Azawakh, Black Russian Terrier, Bergamasco, Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier, and the Peruvian Inca Orchid which are shown here:

http://www.akc.org/breeds/fss_breeds.cfm

Thanks for educating yourselves to benefit dogs and their owners! Until next time...

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"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." - Josh Billings