

Reproduction Seminar by Dr. Gabor Vajda
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DR. GABOR VAJDA BIOGRAPHY

Born in Hungary in 1936

At age 20, he joined the 1956 uprising against the Soviet domination and the ruling Communist regime of Hungary. The revolution was crushed by the overpowering Russian tanks, forcing thousands to flee their homeland.

Dr. Vajda escaped from Hungary to Austria and from there he immigrated to the USA. in 1957.

He finished his Veterinary Medical training at Iowa State University and received his degree in 1961. Following graduation, Dr. Vajda moved to Phoenix, Arizona where in 1964, he opened his first practice, the Northern Animal Hospital. .

Canine Reproduction and working with breeders has always been part a major part of Dr. Vajda's veterinary practice. In the mid 1980's, he attended the Baylor Medical School to study canine semen freezing with pioneers Drs. Carol Platz and Steve Seager. The discovery of the pellet method of canine semen freezing with its high recovery and success rate is a great testament of their efforts.

In the late 1980's, Dr Vajda with partner Karen Patten, established the International Canine Semen Bank of Arizona, ICSB-AZ. With over 600 valuable show dogs in their Bank and thousands of off-springs worldwide, ICSB is one of the most respected and successful centers in this country.

During the past twenty years Dr. Vajda has spoken to many local, national and international groups on various subjects including Canine Reproduction, Infertility and Canine Semen Freezing.

He has attended AAHA meetings since the early 1960's, and joined the AAHA leadership as an Area Director in 1981. Dr. Vajda was elected as AAHA Secretary in 1984, Vice President in 1988, and became President of AAHA in 1991.

Dr. Vajda was recognized by the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Association for his service to his community and profession by receiving their Service Award.

In 1997, he received the Stange Award from Iowa State University in recognition of his work and for contributions to his profession.

Dr. Vajda is still passionate about veterinary medicine, His favorite quotation is: "Choose a job you love and you never have to work a day in your life".

Currently he is working with the Marshall Legacy Institute, a Virginia based nonprofit organization to eliminate landmines from around the world. As the result of his efforts, a dog named Arizona is working in Bosnia sniffing out landmines and saving the lives of hundreds of children and animals.