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"Rigo v. Hege-Haus and KS & Aust. Ch Elk v. Hege Haus were bred by Karin Stramann, a daughter of Dr Emil Hegemann, the originator of the "Hege-Haus" affix. Frau Stramann included a short history of their kennel in the handsome booklet provided for the invitees to a private breed show "Schönheit und Leistung" she held in 1984. The following information is based largely on that booklet, with the kind permission of the author.

Dr Hegemann came to the GSP by way of the Drathaar and the Kleiner Munsterlander, and his interest in breeding animals included that of cattle and horses. His breeding and selection programme for Shorthairs was based very largely on practical hunting performance, for he was, almost until his death at the age of 92, a passionate and dedicated hunter. Dr Hegemann kept notes on his dogs, such as ... "too small; too boisterous; not sharp; killed too late; little enthusiasm to trail scent and conformation only just OK". Gun shy dogs did not return from the hunt (Stramann, 1984). Dr Hegemann, with his home-bred, trained and handled KS Bodo v. Hege-Haus competed in the first Kleemann-Pruefung, which was held in 1939. Frau Stramann wrote, "Bodo was the basic dog of the Hege-Haus kennel". In spite of the devastation to the breed wrought by World War II, the Hege-Haus male line continued via Bodo v. Hege-Haus sons and grandsons.

KS Bodo was mated to Pille Gerstedt, to produce Falk v. Hege-Haus. Falk, in turn, was mated to Biene v. Ahrtal (a Bodo grand-daughter), to produce Golo v. Hege-Haus. Golo's mating to Undine Oranien-Nassau (a daughter of York Südwest), produced Lux v. Hege-Haus, yet another dog with the sought after qualities of field work and sharpness. The purchase of Adda v. Wasserschling, whose mating to Lux produced Ossa and Ora v. Hege-Haus, provided the kennel with a "motherline" which has been followed by Frau Stramann ever since.

She wrote: "Hege-Haus and Wasserschling blood obviously harmonized". Ossa, a bitch with superb scenting and water-working ability, was mated to her uncle, Axel v. Wasserschling, to produce KS Unda v. Hege-Haus, an extremely courageous and hard driving bitch and one of the country's top producing dams.

KS Unda's mating to Rigo v. Hege-Haus (a son of Mohr v. Wasserschling ex Adda), produced the handsome KS Cent v. Hege-Haus. Unda's matings to KS Caesar v. Uphuser Kolk, who was inbred 4,3:3,3 to Axel v. Wasserschling, and was also a great-grandson of Anni v. Wasserschling, produced Elsa, KS & Aust. Ch Elk and KS Fides v. Hege-Haus.

All three have proved to be excellent producers, with KS Elk one of the all-time top producing German sires. KS Elk's mating to his dam, KS Unda, produced KS Heide v. Hege-Haus, the dam of KS Isco v. Berghausen, and Helfer v. Hege-Haus, the sire of KS Rauhreif v. Hege-Haus.

Elsa's mating to her half-brother, KS Cent, produced Justine, the dam of KS Malve v. Hege-Haus and KS Master v. Hege-Haus. Elsa's mating to WS Ciro v. Bichtelwald, the sire of KS Master and KS Malve, produced KS Linda and KS Libelle v. Hege-Haus. A further mating of WS Ciro to a Hege-Haus bitch (KS Fides) produced KS Pascha v. d. Wölpenweise.

WS Ciro v. Bichtelwald was purchased by the Stramanns to improve the conformation of the inbred Hege-Haus dogs, with heads (stronger underjaws) and hindquarters a particular priority. His purchase was more than justified, for the dog proved to be a superb producer, not only for Hege-Haus and Niestetal (the kennel-name Herr Stramann had purchased in 1970), but for a range of breeders throughout Germany. His tally of Sieger-titles is only exceeded by that of Axel v. Wasserschling, and many of his offspring have themselves produced champions.

The Ciro grandson, KS Rauhreif v. Hege-Haus, was purchased, after careful research, by a syndicate of Scandinavian breeders with the aim of general breed improvement in that part of the World. KS Rauhreif, whose sire was the inbred Helfer v. Hege-Haus, has the pivotal Ossa v. Hege-Haus twice on his sire's side, and once on the dam's side of his pedigree. "

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Mrs. Karin Stramann, the owner of Hege-Haus Kennel, the world's most famous German Shorthaired Pointer kennel, passed away on the 20th of December 2004. She was the breeder of many KS, WS, ES, Int CH dogs and her breeding improved a lot the modern GSP. Hege-Haus exists since 1934 and was always the leader in the breed competitions. Mrs. Karin Stramann was the most wonderful person that i have ever met, she shared with us her knowledge and she gave me the most wonderful gift, my dear and unique Irbis vom Hege-Haus who will always remind me of her. She joined Mr. Claus Kiefer and Mr. Wilhelm Stramann in the heavenly skies and they are watching upon us. She will be deeply missed!

The last Hege-Haus litter (D-litter) was born on the 8th of January 2005. The work of Mrs. Karin Stramann is continued by her son, Mr. Christian T. Plange, under the affix Hege-Hof - the name of his grandfather's farm in Kalenborn where he started his DK breeding in 1934.