

ALBERTO GAMBOA YAMUNI

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) | Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Professional Profile

Veterinarian, international German Shepherd Dog judge, breeder, lecturer, and organizational leader with more than two decades of experience in canine breeding, genetics, conformation evaluation, and working dog development. President of the German Shepherd Association of Costa Rica (ASOVAL), member of the German SV, representative before the WUSV, and internationally recognized for promoting genetic improvement, working ability, and responsible breeding standards. Founder of Tierra Perdida Kennel, one of the most successful German Shepherd breeding programs in Central America.

Personal Information

- Name: Alberto Gamboa Yamuni
- Date of Birth: November 6, 1980
- Place of Birth: San José, Costa Rica

Education

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine studies – Universidad Veritas, Costa Rica.(1998-2003)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine studies – Internship in Canine Reproduction at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (2004-2005)
- Postgraduate studies in Business Administration (MBA) – INCAE Business School.(2008-2009)

Leadership & Professional Appointments

- President, German Shepherd Association of Costa Rica (ASOVAL) – Since May 2025.
- President, ASOVAL Breeding Committee (2009–2016).
- President, ASOVAL Show Committee (2015–2016).
- Board Member of ASOVAL (multiple terms).
- Member of the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV), Germany – Since 2005.
- Costa Rica Representative to the WUSV General Assembly – Since 2005 (except 2009).
- ASOVAL Delegate to COAPA.
- Member, COAPA Ethics Committee.

Major Contributions

Led the implementation of mandatory elbow radiographs and DNA testing as official breeding requirements in Costa Rica, strengthening health, traceability, and breeding quality standards.

Breeding Achievements

Founder of Tierra Perdida Kennel (est. 2003). Produced numerous internationally recognized VA-rated German Shepherds, including VA1 Victoria, VA1 Annouk, VA1 Whoopie, VA1 Kendra, VA1 Capri, VA2 Hera, VA2 Horace, and VA4 Hatchi de Tierra Perdida. In 2022, achieved the first VA WUSV title at the Guatemalan Sieger Show with VA1 WUSV Erin de Tierra Perdida, followed by VA4 WUSV Athenea de Tierra Perdida at COAPA Mexico.

His breeding philosophy combines anatomical excellence, stable temperament, genetic health, and working ability. His training program has produced more than 30 IGP titles, and he personally trained Erin de Tierra Perdida (IGP1) and Caos von Haus Tulpe (IGP3).

Awards

- Best German Shepherd Kennel – Nicaragua (2015).
- Best German Shepherd Kennel – Costa Rica (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2024).

International Speaking Engagement

In 2023, invited speaker at German Shepherd Week (Lerma, Spain), presenting a technical lecture on the role of frozen-semen artificial insemination in the future of German Shepherd breeding.

Judging Experience

- National German Shepherd Breed Judge – Costa Rica (since 2015).
- International Breed Judge and Breed Survey Master (ASOVAL, 2023).
- International Working Judge (2025).
- Judging assignments abroad in Peru, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, Colombia, and the United States.

Core Expertise

German Shepherd breeding • Breed surveys • Conformation judging • Working dog evaluation • Canine genetics • Reproductive technologies • IGP • Organizational leadership • Veterinary medicine