



Shep-O-Gram

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New Shep-O-Gram Monthly

Welcome to the new monthly Shep-O-Gram. I have volunteered to edit 8 issues per year and Diane Mehra will continue with her big quarterly issues. The purpose of the monthly edition, is to get the immediate news out to the members in a timely fashion. This will include the minutes from the membership and board meetings in the months that this edition comes out. The plan is to have the monthly edition come out in October, and November 2007. Then the Quarterly will come out December, April, July, October, and December of 2008 with the monthly filling in the other months.

Who am I to take this over? If you have been in the club for awhile, you may remember that I edited the Shep-O-Gram for 3 ½ years some time ago. I am currently serving on the GSDC MSP board, and I have been Vice President and performed assorted other duties for the club since 1973. My dog interests range from conformation to tracking. I have dabbled in herding, and agility, and my dogs have titles in obedience, rally and conformation. I chaired the first temperament test the club had. So my interests are varied and I hope to bring information to you on all Shepherd related activities.

If you have something you want to write about, let me know and we will see if we can get it in or give me the information and I can write it with your help. I hope you enjoy your new monthly publication.

I recently put out an online survey for those of you who have internet access and the results of the survey are toward the end of this issue. If you do not have access or are more comfortable with a printed form, I have included one on the last page of this issue. If you tried to reach the online survey and the links did not work, you can copy them into your browser and go from there. Maybe you are not a computer geek, but need more help with that? Well, e-mail me or call and I will walk you through it.

Holly Bryan and Mada Parnell have graciously volunteered to help with this publication. With the three of us, we should get off to a good start.

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SOG Due dates

November SOG - Oct 21
January SOG - Dec 21
December Quarterly-issue
contact Diane Mehra -Nov 30

Ethel Kasten

Ethel Marion Adelaide Kasten, 88, died on September 27 at home in New Richmond where she had lived with her daughter since 2001.

Ethel was born on July 25, 1919 in Eau Claire, the daughter of Paul Scheel and Marie Hoffman Scheel. She graduated from Eau Claire

Senior High School and worked as a beautician for several years. She married Charles C. Kasten on May 30, 1941 in Eau Claire and was married to him for 49 years until his death in 1990.

She was an active member of the First Congregational Church UCC in Eau Claire for over 50 years. Ethel was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her sister, Dorothy Lewis. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Magadance of New Richmond, Wisconsin, her niece Sheila Haroldson of Sun City, Arizona, and her beloved dogs.

She was a great mother and friend to many. She was very devoted to her family. When younger her family enjoyed boating and fishing together. She also enjoyed knitting, sewing, swimming and rug hooking.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter and her dogs. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the family.

Upcoming Shows

October

13-14 Mason City, IA

19-21 Rapid City, SD

27-28 Sioux Empire, SD

November

17-18 Mpls, MN'

December

8-9 Granite City, MN

January 2008

4 North Star Herding Group , MN

6 Land O'Lakes , MN

12 Winnegamie KC,WI

13 Oshkosh, WI

19-20 Central Iowa KC, IA

A Dog Breeder's Seminar: Solutions for Breeding and Whelping Challenges

Featuring Speakers: Peggy Root-Kustritz, DVM, PhD and Myra Savant-Harris, RN

University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Conference Center, 1890 Buford Ave, St. Paul, MN 55108

November 10-11, 2007 (9a.m. to 5p.m. each day)

Registration for 2 days \$155.00

Registration for 1 day \$115.00

Book on Successful Breeding and Health Management \$21.00

Reservations include: Continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack with coffee, tea, water and soda on both days.

Reservations close November 1, 2007

Contact U of M Small Animal Hospital for more information or mail

Reservation including your name, address, phone #, cell phone # and email address to:

Sarah Kraft

24255 Manning Trail

Scandia, MN 55073.

New Perspectives on Canine Behavior, Emotion and Training

Featuring Dr Patricia McConnell and Steve White

University of Minnesota Continuing Education and

Conference Center, 1890 Buford Ave, St. Paul, MN 55108

February 2, 3, 2008 (9a.m. to 5p.m. each day)

Registration for 2 days (before December 1, 2007)

\$185 (after December 1, 2007) \$205

Registration for 1 day (before December 1, 2007)

\$100 (after December 1, 2007) \$115

Parking \$5.00 per day

Reservations include: Continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack with coffee, tea, water and soda on both days.

Reservations close January 25, 2008

Refund requests will only be honored before January 1, 2008; minus a \$25 processing fee.

For further information email TCVESSA@gmail.com

website: www.tcveessa.org

Phone: Kristin Radermacher, 763-441-0299

sponsors and ad rates

In order to keep costs down, we are offering sponsorships (you can donate whatever amount you want) and you will be listed as a sponsor in the issue(s) you sponsor. We also will accept advertising.

Business card - 1 time \$10

1/4 page \$35

1/2 half page \$50

full page \$75

This is based on a page size of 8 1/2 X 11

German Shepherd Dog Club of MSP
Membership Meeting
At the Animal Inn Training Center, Lake Elmo, MN
September 14, 2007

Meeting came to order at 8:31pm

In attendance: Verna Kubik, President; Kelly Salava, Vice-President; Conni Sokolouski. Secretary, Pamela Magadance-Treasurer; Board members- Liz Oster, Julie Swinland Eileen Varhalla.

There were 41 voting members and 2 member applicants present.

Minutes: Doug Oster motioned to dispense the reading of the 8/10/07 Membership meeting, Seconded and passed. The Minutes from the 9/12/07 Board meeting were read by Verna Kubik as the Secretary-Conni S. was unable to read due to a cold.

During the reading of the minutes Joan Johnson volunteered to be Show Chair for the 2008 Specialty Show and Sheila Metz volunteered to be Show Secretary for the 2008 Specialty Show. Diane Mehra volunteered to be Match Chair for the next match. Roberta Moore volunteered to be All Breed Liaison. Thank all of you for volunteering and supporting the club.

President's Report: Covered in meeting

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: No report same as in Board Minutes.

Treasures Report: No report same as in Board Minutes

Linn Klingel made a Motion to dispense with regular order of business, Mike Metz seconded and passed.

State Fair 2007 Demo Report will be posted on the web, Virginia Bailey said a Big Thanks to all who volunteered to show the public how wonderful and versatile the German Shepherd Dog is. Virginia Bailey requested to be reimbursed for the fair tickets in the amount of \$120.00. Kelly Knight made a motion to reimburse Virginia Bailey in the amount of \$120.00 for purchasing the tickets for the State Fair. Mike Metz seconded and passed.

GSDCMSP Website –internet subscription reimbursement-Craig Carson made a motion that Dave Bissonette be reimbursed in the amount of \$268.42 for payment to the host company for our club website which covers our website for 4 years. Ginny Altman and Liz Oster seconded and passed.

Kelly Salava made a motion to cancel conformation classes on 10/19/07. Gary Weickelt seconded and passed.

Kelly Salava stated that a 2 page ad will run in the Review in memory of Butch Fischer and the remaining donations will be sent to the U of M.

Club Finances/Bank Overdraft:

Pam Magadance handed out Financials for Review:

Profit and Loss- August 2007

Balance Sheet as of 8/31/07

Cash Activity from 8/31/07-9/11/07

There were many questions that were all answered. Some of the following were:

Q.- How much were the overdraft fees to the club?

A.- No overdraft fees were occurred by the club Pam M. paid them out of her own pocket.

Q. What bank did Pam open an account at?

A. S & C in New Richmond which is being bought out by Anchor Bank-they have branches in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The following requests were made by club members- Open communication is necessary and a request that every check number and what it is written for be listed on the Treasures Report. Also deposits listed as what they are from.

2007 Show Expense Analysis: The following items were passed out for review. Copies are attached.

- 2006-2007 Show Income & expense Comparison
- 5 Year GSDCMSP Show entry summaries
- Comparison of Show Superintendent Fees – we paid an extra \$700.00 to have a Show Secretary versus having a volunteer from the club to handle the paper work like we did in 2006 -Mada Parnell

Key differences from 2006 to 2007 resulting in a net loss for 2007 were:

- an increase in Show Supt. Fees of ~\$750 for paid secretarial services due to lack of a club volunteer show secretary
- increased trophy purchases of \$871 in 2007—(total trophy budget \$3000), partially offset by an increase in trophy donations of \$190. Inventory of remaining trophies has been requested. It is likely that we have a significant inventory left for use next year.
- increased food purchases (\$125) due to fewer food donations and lower food sales (\$358) than last year.
- lower entry fee income-Although First entry fees were increased by \$2/dog to offset costs for indoor obedience, and the total entry was comparable for the two years, entry income was ~\$527 less than 2006. We may need to eliminate reduced fees for second entries, non-regular classes, and puppies next year.
- Increased facility expense for indoor obedience and mat rental (\$450), not offset by an increased performance entry as anticipated.

Thank you Pam for clarifying the costs differences in the Specialty show finances for further review.

Liz Oster motioned that the Membership accept the Specialty Show Expense Report and Treasurers Reports, Kelly Salava seconded and passed.

By Law Changes

Linda Kofstad a chair on the By law changes Committee briefly explained what changes were made to the Constitu-

tion and By laws.

A letter explaining the changes that were made to the Constitution and By laws of the GSDCMSP was sent along the changed Constitution and By laws to all members last month as to be voted at this month's meeting.

Linda Kofstad motioned to accept the Constitution and By law changes to be approved by the membership, Virginia Bailey second. After much discussion about the changes Doug Oster called the question to vote, seconded.

Ginny Altman moved to amend the motion and only those changes that are in Blue to be considered for acceptance. Patrick Miller seconded. Linda Kofstad asked not to accept Ginny A. motion. A vote was taken on only accepted the changes in Blue. It passed with 19 notes.

Mike Metz motioned to add a Budget and Finance Committee with an annual budget to be produced by the December meeting for membership approval, this committee will include the treasurer. Myra Shear seconded. Passed. Amendment will be incorporated into the Bylaws.

Ginny A. motioned to change the wording of Article VI Sec. 3 Special Meetings to read as follows:

A special meeting of the members shall be called by the Secretary either upon the direction of the President or of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Club shall be called by the Secretary upon written request of 20 of the Active Paid Members. The Secretary shall notify all members at least 20 days prior to the meeting, stating the date, time and place of the meeting, and the purpose for which the meeting was called. No other business may be transacted at such special meetings. Pam Magadance seconded. Passed.

Ginny A. motioned to change the wording of Article VI Sec 4. Membership Meeting Quorum to read as follows:

A quorum for all membership meetings shall consist of ten active members, two of which must be officers of the Club. Kelly Knight seconded. Passed

Ginny A. motion to change the wording of Article III Sec. 2, letter C to read as follows-
An applicant must attend at least two-sponsored events within one year from the date of the application. Diane Mehra seconded. Passed.

Ginny A motioned to adopt D. under Article III Sec. 2, wording in pink.
Pam M seconded. Passed.

Ginny A motioned to adopt E. under Article III Sec. 2 wording in pink, Diane M. seconded. Passed.

Ginny A motioned to change the word Board Meeting to Membership meeting under numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. Article III Sec. 2. Lynn Klingel seconded. Passed.

Ginny A. motioned to change the wording in Article III Sec 3 Membership dues to read as follows:

The amount of the dues shall be set by the discretion of the membership and may be changed upon a majority vote of those present at a regular membership meeting or at a Special Membership meeting called for that purpose. If a quorum is not obtained for that meeting, the vote for the change in the amount of dues will take place at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting with previous notice mailed to the membership of a proposal to increase dues 20 days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

Sharon Todoroff motioned to table discussion until next Friday September 21, 2007. Bobby Moore seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47pm. \

German Shepherd Dog Club of MSP
Special Membership Meeting
At the Animal Inn Training Center, Lake Elmo, MN
September 21, 2007

Special Meeting continuation of 9-14-07 meeting came to order at 8:31pm

In attendance: Verna Kubik, President; Kelly Salava, Vice-President; Conni Sokolouski. Secretary

Absent: Pamela Magadance Treasurer, Board members: Liz Oster, Julie Swinland and Eileen Varhalla
There were 28 voting members present.

Continuing on with the By laws changes were adopted last meeting all changes in blue and pink up to Article VI Sec.4 on page 5 by the members that were present last week.

Starting at Article VI Sec. 5 Board meetings:

Ginny Altman motioned to change the wording to read as follows:

The Board of Directors shall meet monthly at a time and place to be designated by the President. Minutes of the Board Meeting shall be published on the GSDC-MSP Web Page, in the next issue of the Shep-O-Gram and read at the following Membership Meeting. Connie B. seconded. Open for discussion.

Motion was amended by Verna K. to have it read Board and Membership meetings. Virginia B. seconded. Passed

Article X Sec. 3 Board Hearings: Ginny A. motioned to adopt Article X Sec. 3. Connie B. seconded. Passed.

Article X Sec. 4 Expulsion
Ginny A. motioned to change the wording to read as follows:

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a special meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendations as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 day, but no earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendations of expulsion. If a special meeting of the membership is called and a quorum is not reached, adjourned meeting shall be set 20 days, with notice sent to the membership. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two thirds vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for the expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand. Mike M. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motion to change the wording under Article 1 to read as follows:

The name of this organization shall be known as the GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL. For a shorter reference, this Club shall be known as GSDC-MSP. Craig Carson seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to change the wording under Article II A. to read as follows:

A. The objects of the Club shall be to promote the breeding of the German Shepherd Dog: to procure the adoption of the Standard of the German Shepherd Dog as approved by the American Kennel Club, by breeders, judges, dog show committees and others as the recognized Standard by which this breed shall be judged; to protect, advance and improve the interests of the breed by offering prizes, giving and supporting breed and obedience shows; and in general to aid by every possible means in demonstrating its conspicuous abilities as Companion, War, Red Cross, Police, Herding and Lead Dog for the blind. Also to bring together, help and encourage all German Shepherd Dog owners in every way without discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, age, sexual preferences or religion. Mike M. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to change the wording in the second paragraph to read as follows: Dues shall be assessed on a yearly basis from October 1 through September 30; provided that the dues of the members elected during the months of July, August, or September, shall commence with October 1 of the current year. Annual dues shall be billed on September 1 and payment must be postmarked by November 15, together with any other indebtedness owing to the Club. Roger Salava seconded. Passed.

Article IX Committees

Ginny Altman motioned to add the Budget and Finance Chairman after Membership Chairman under Section 1. A. Craig C. seconded. Passed.

Article IV Government

Ginny Altman motioned to accept the changes on page with the exception of Section 3 which was previously struck from adopting. Dave B. Seconded

Kelly Knight motioned under A. President shall ensure the Treasurer, Director of Training and all signatories on bank accounts be bonded. Joe K. seconded. Open for discussion.

After much discussion about who should or should not be bonded and many amendments that were not passed by the members concerning bonding the following motion was made:

Bo. V. motioned to amend the motion to read as The President shall ensure the Treasurer and signatories on bank accounts be bonded. Dave B. seconded. Discussion followed and then vote was taken 9 yes, 14 no defeated.

Ginny Altman motioned to have all signatory on the bank accounts be bonded. Dave B. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to accept the whole page with the exception of Sec. 3(wording in pink). Dave B. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to accept all new wording changes in red on page 5. Craig C. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to insert the Budget and Finance Chairman under Section 1 A. after Membership Chairman and under Section 2 a new letter E. Craig C. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to accept the rest of page 6 as worded. Mike M. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to accept the wording under Article X Discipline Sec. 2. Mike M. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to accept the wording in Article X Sec. 3. Connie B. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to make Article XII Order of Business to become a new section listed a Section 8 under Article VI. Article XI to contain Roberts rules which then Article XI Amendments becomes Article XII. Dave B. seconded. Passed.

Ginny Altman motioned to move Adoption and Revision to the bottom of the page and not be a section. Mike M. seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48p.m.

**German Shepherd Dog Club of MSP
Board Meeting
At the Wildwood Library, Mahtomedi, MN
October 3, 2007**

Meeting came to order at 6:31pm

In attendance: Verna Kubik, President; Conni Sokolouski, Secretary; Board members- Liz Oster, Eileen Varhalla, Julie Swinland.

Absent: Kelly Salava, Vice-President; Pamela Magadance, Treasurer

Guests: Diane Mehra

Liz Oster moved to dispense of the reading of the 9-12-07 Board and 9-14-07 and 9-21-07, Membership meeting minutes. Julie Swinland Second and passed.

President's Report: Covered in meeting

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: The club received a lovely thank you note from the receipt of the State 4-H plaque we donated in August. The receipt's name is Madeline and her dog's name is Popeye, a Boxer. A picture was included with the thank you note.

Treasures Report: No report. A copy of the Quick-Books Reports for 2007 was mailed to Kelly Knight per her request.

Standing Committee Reports:

Training: The Fall Training Schedule was discussed. It is also on the web if anyone is interested.

The Membership will be asked to vote on whether to hold training on the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 23).

We are looking for volunteers to help cover the desk, please contact Verna and she will explain the job and benefits of volunteering. One free lesson is given for each hour of covering the desk. It was recommended that a note requesting volunteers be posted on the website and one the check-in table. We do have the table covered for the month of October and part of November.

2008 Show Plans Joan Johnson our Show Chair for our 2008 Specialty show reported that things were well under way. She has a call into Cindy O'Hare about the cost of printing catalogs. Shelia Metz-Show Secretary is looking into the cost of printing with Kinko's. She requested to know if we were going to hold Obedience in doors again or not.

Eileen V. reported that the Gordon Setter Club would share a building with us (Saturday only) and the use of the mats both days for \$200.00. We still would have to rent the building on Sunday cost unknown at this time. Checking with Monika on Building Rentals.

Joan will bring to the membership meeting the following items for discussion and vote:

Proposal of Entry Fees

Trophy Budget

Obedience Indoors

November Match: Diane Mehra has volunteered to Chair the Match- She has a call out for Judges at this time. Tentative date for the November Match was recommended for November 16th. This will be brought to though membership meeting for vote. The match would in lieu of Friday night training.

Performance: Eileen Varhalla is gathering information on the feasibility of an AKC Herding trail sponsorship.

All Breed Liaison: Roberta Moore has agreed to be the new All Breed Liaison and would like to have an informal meeting with any members interested in which shows we should or should not support and in what way. This meeting would be sometime after Nationals and before the November membership meeting.

Website: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Breed Club Challenge: A big thank you goes out to Pam M for collecting all of the Breed Club Challenge information she tallied up 1,690 points from our club. We will see how we compared to other clubs at the National.

Shep-O-Gram: Julie S. reported that so far she

has received 18 responses to her survey that was sent out in an e-mail to the members. The survey will also be in the upcoming issue of the Shep-O-Gram for those who do not have e-mail. Diane M and Julie S. reported that it would cost around \$150.00 per issue of the Shep-O-Gram for printing and mailing to around 120 members. This cost could be partially be offset by advertisements and if members would receive the Shep-O-Gram via email verses mailings. This will be brought to the members for discussion and vote.

Programs: No report

Old business:

By –laws and standing rule change proposal- when the By Laws are finished and adopted the process of Standing Rules changes can begin.

New business:

December Potluck- Shelia Metz has volunteered to coordinate the December potluck. A date is will to be determined at the October membership meeting.

Memorial for Pam M. mother. Eileen motioned to send Pam Magadance a memorial for her mother (amount to be determined.) since the funeral has already passed. Liz O. seconded and passed. This will be brought to the members at the meeting on October 12, 2007.

If you have any Awards information for the January Banquet it should be sent to Pam M. January Banquet it going to be held at Gulden's again January 26th. Linda Salava is in charge of this event.

A big thanks to all who have volunteered for committees and various duties within our club- without you volunteering our club would not exist.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

The next board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7th at a location to be determined.

FROM THE INSIDE OF THE RING

Linn Klingel

So, you want to know how to impress a judge? Would you like to know what judges hate? Here are some results of an informal poll from local All Breed judges.

Surprise! Double handling is NOT number one!

1. Be on time-number picked up and ready to go in the ring. I know, I know, basic dog showing 101. But nothing helps a judge like having the #2 dog ringside and ready for reserve. Same goes for smooth changing of dogs and handlers. Also, most will wait for you, but did you know, theoretically judges don't have to wait while you run back to crating area or the truck to get the needed dog?

2. Listen to directions-DUH! Stand where for the temperament test? How many times did he say around? Stop where? Nothing is more wearing to have to give same instructions 175 times during a full day of judging.

3. Mats are for the dogs. Especially coming and going-dog should be centered on the mat for judge's view.

4. Double Handling. Surprisingly, unless it is interfering with other rings or exhibitors, most judges polled paid no attention to it. Other than to say most of the time double handling hurts rather than helps, and all thought our ringside antics are pretty humorous. And of course don't do it while a provisional is judging.

Joan's Soapbox by Joan Johnson

6/21 and 6/22 "THE SHOWS" at least that's what it feels like when you get home and think "Why did I open my mouth"?

Fortunately? Kristen (the other accomplished daughter of Roger and Linda Salava) and Donna L, the very energized mother of the equally accomplished Jr Handler Tessa, will do the food at the shows. I'm sure they welcome any help you will give them.

The judges have been confirmed-Breed judge Saturday – Robert Slay and obedience judge Phillip Rustad. Sunday – Michael Chaloux breed and Donna Larson Obedience.

The show site has been reserved, "Washington County Fairgrounds".

Valerie Harrington has agreed to again be our photographer.

Since the Show Secretary – Sheila Metz and I are being dragged kicking and screaming out of the 19th century and into the 21st, you may well get(gasp) a phone call instead of "email" from us. But with the help of Mike M, Paul, and Liz, and Doug we will do it.

It was nice to see so many people at the last meeting. Some haven't been seen in 2 or 3 or? Years. Hope this is a new trend that will continue and the club can be seen by "active working" members instead of being micro managed from afar.

And now I will get off my soapbox go have a coke, and watch Dr Phil!!!

Rally Obedience

By Virginia Bailey



Rally Obedience is a sport designed to bridge the gap between CGC (Canine good citizen) and regular obedience competition.

The rules in Rally are more relaxed than in regular AKC obedience competition. You are encouraged to help your dog as you progress through the course. You may use both verbal and hand signals, you may clap your hands or pat your leg if your dog gets distracted. You can even retry an exercise if you do it wrong the first time. You can still qualify if you make a mistake, as long as you achieve the minimum number of points (70 of a possible 100).

The skills your dog needs to perform in a Novice Rally class are: walk on a loose leash, sit, down, stay while the handler walks around the dog, come to front as the handler backs up, finish to the left and finish to the right. All Novice Rally exercises are done on leash. The skills the handler needs are walking and reading the signs in front of you.

If your dog has been through a basic obedience class and will work on a loose lead, try Rally! I would recommend that you take a few Rally classes so the trainer can help you to understand the correct way to do the rally exercises; then get out and earn your title.

The attitude around the Rally obedience ring is very positive. Everyone wants to see everyone else succeed.

Obedience & Rally Handling Seminar

Or *“What was that judge thinking, anyway?”*

Presented by AKC Obedience and Rally Judges

Be a better handler by better understanding the rules and what judges are looking for. Recommended for all levels of experience, beginner to OTCH, in Obedience and Rally.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007 – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Seminar

Sunday, Nov. 18 - Fun Matches (Obedience and Rally)

New to Obedience and Rally? Need a refresher on your Obedience and Rally handling skills? Not sure why you lost those points at the last show? This seminar is for you.

Limit: Unlimited Reservations due by: November 9th

Location: St Paul Dog Training Club, 219 – 13th Ave. South, South St. Paul

Information: Julie Wilson jtwilsmn@yahoo.com or (651) 450-8962

Fees: \$60./ \$50. for SPDTC members **Fun Match Sunday:** \$6./\$5. for SPDTC members

Make checks payable to SPDTC.

Send enrollment form and fees to: P.O. Box 2443, Inver Grove Heights, MN, 55076

Seminar fees include lunch, snacks and beverages on Saturday Crating space is available both days

Saturday seminar will include:

- Review of the Obedience and Rally regulations.
- Review of Premium lists, Judging programs and what the Novice handler needs to know.
- Review of all Obedience exercises including what is the principal part and what are the other non-failing infractions that may cost you points, including explaining what the judge is looking for.
- Presentation of handling options before, during and after the exercises.
- Run thrus for participants with AKC Judges giving a running commentary on what they see. (participation optional)
- Participants will receive current rule books with the course materials.
- Explanation & Demonstration of all Novice, Advanced and Excellent Rally signs – scoring, disqualifications & excusals, and what is and is not considered Incorrectly Performed (IP)
- AKC rule changes effective January 1, 2008 will be included.
- **Sunday will be an Obedience Fun Match, (8:30), followed by Rally, (approx. noon).** *You do not need to attend the Saturday seminar to come to the Fun Match – all are welcome! It will be run like a trial--- great experience!!*

Lodging accommodations can be found on our website: <http://www.spdtp.com/> or via the contact shown above

Amount enclosed _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Obedience Match Classes: _____

Rally Match Classes: _____

Disclaimer: I agree to hold the AKC, members of SPDTC and SPDTC and the owner(s) of the premises harmless from any claim for loss or injury to me, my dog(s) and belongings while attending this seminar. I assume liability for any and all damages caused by me or my dog(s) while attending this seminar.

Signature _____ Date _____

Use reverse side for more fun match entries info if needed.

Braggs

Rivaden's Erda Nibelung CD, PT, RE, CGC, TDI, TT ASCA CD, StartedSheep (Zoe) Herding Trial Dog I, UKC CD Owner Eileen Varhalla
Zoe earned her first leg in AKC Started Sheep in 5th place on Sept 15 at the Great River Stockdog Trial.

Ch. Kubistrums Indiana Jones RA, CGC, TC

Owners: Conni Sokolouski and Verna Kubik
Finished in Rochester, MN on September 15th, 2007

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TT OFA H&E Owner Julie Swinland
New Rally Advanced title St Paul Dog Training Club,
Oct 5

November Match

Mark your calendars!

The tentative date for our next sanctioned match is November 16. We will have conformation, obedience and rally classes. We are waiting for the judges to be confirmed.

Please contact Diane Mehra to volunteer.
651-439-0215 dmehra@aol.com

Remember to send your dues in to Pam Magadance

Foods to Avoid Feeding to Your Pet—and Why:

From the ASPCA web site

Alcoholic beverages—these can cause vomiting, diarrhea, drunkenness (ataxia), central nervous system (CNS) depression, tremors, difficulty breathing (dyspnea), or panting, respiratory failure, acidosis, coma or death.

Avocado—rabbits, mice and birds in particular are pets susceptible to poisoning. symptoms seen are respiratory distress, fluid accumulation around the heart and death.

Chocolate (in all forms)—can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, panting, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors seizures and death, depending on the dose ingested.

Xylitol—candies, gum or other foods sweetened with xylitol can cause a rapid drop in blood sugar, resulting in life-threatening tremors and seizure activity, as well as the potential for liver failure.

Coffee (in all forms)—can produce the same effects as chocolate, depending upon the dose.

Fatty foods—can cause vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal discomfort. Can also result in an inflammatory condition of the pancreas (pancreatitis), particularly in dogs.

Macadamia nuts—can produce weakness (particularly in the hind legs), depression, vomiting, ataxia and tremors. Thus far, dogs have been the only species reported to the ASPCA/APCC that are effected by ingestion of this species of nut.

Moldy or spoiled foods—may contain certain molds that release toxins which can cause vomiting, severe tremors, seizures and death. Spoiled food can also contain bacterial toxins which can produce severe food poisoning signs.

Onions, onion powder—can produce vomiting, diarrhea, and can cause significant damage to red blood cells.

Raisins and grapes—ingestion of these fruits have been associated with acute kidney failure in dogs. Most dogs initially vomit and drink a lot of water. They then develop diarrhea, kidney failure and, finally, death.

Salt—can produce sodium ion poisoning which causes vomiting, depression, tremors, excessive thirst, diarrhea, excessive urination, elevated body temperature, seizures and death if a large enough amount is consumed.

Yeast dough—yeast-based dough can not only expand in the stomach as it rises, causing an obstruction or intestinal rupture, but yeast can form alcohol when it rises, which can cause alcohol poisoning.

As for cheese, dogs and cats are relatively lactose intolerant. Therefore, too much of a dairy food could cause gastrointestinal upset, including vomiting and diarrhea.

Shep-O-Gram Survey

I have been asked to poll the members on their thoughts regarding upcoming monthly Shep-O-Grams. I sent a survey out via e-mail to those who had provided e-mail id's. If you have completed the survey already please skip this. If not, please continue and either complete the form and mail it back or send the information via e-mail. If you do have internet access, you can fill the form out on line at www.blackforestgsd.com/sog_survey.htm or e-mail the answers to me at blackforestgsd@MSN.com.

I am gathering information at the request of our club president, to determine whether club members would like to save the club money by receiving the newsletter via e-mail or the club web site where they can read, download, and print it if they wish. The other questions were designed to gather information on what I should put into the 8 issues per year that I will be editing.

Survey

1. How would you prefer to receive your Shep-O-Gram?
 - I would prefer to receive the SOG via e-mail or the web site only
 - I would rather continue receiving the SOG through US mail.
 - I would like both
 2. What topics would you like to see in the Shep-O-Gram in addition to the minutes and show/match results?
 - Conformation
 - Obedience
 - Rally
 - Herding
 - Tracking
 - Dog health
 - Other please write in what other you would like

 3. Are you interested in advertising in the SOG?
 - Yes
 - No
 4. It currently costs over \$100 to print and mail the SOG per issue. If it were an option, would you be interested in sponsoring an issue. (The costs will be reduced when we can reduce the number printed and mailed by sending the SOG via e-mail)
 - Yes if yes, how much would you be willing to offer? _____
 - No
 5. Would you be willing to write an article for the SOG?
 - Yes
 - No
- If yes. What topic would you like to write about? _____

Name _____ E-mail ID _____

Please send form to Julie Swinland, 1087 Allen Ave, W St. Paul MN, 55118. Thank you.

Results of the on-line survey as of 10-08-07

1. Shep-O-Gram Format

PDF 17 US Mail 1 Both 1

2. Topics

Conformation 15 Obedience 14 Rally 12 Herding 13 Tracking 8 Dog Health 16

Other: Parent club info, other club info, interesting facts about club members, member achievements, training issues, top hair products for GSD's, grooming tips, historical stories, how top breeders got into dogs
Bissonnette's, Sharon T, search and rescue.

3. Advertising? Yes 3

4. Interested in sponsoring one or more issues? Yes 4

Training Friday nights at the Animal Inn Lake Elmo

Check the web site for exceptions www.gsdcmmsp.org

7:00 Conformation

Intermediate Obedience

7:45 Beginning obedience

Rally - all levels

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Pot Luck Friday Dec 14..

Please call Sheila with any volunteer food at 651-489-7467 or e-mail her at lindenhillgsd@comcast.net.

GSDC MSP Membership meeting. Friday Oct 12 8:30. We will be making decisions on Shep-O-Gram budget, next years' 2008 show site and fee proposals, as well as completing by-law changes. Please plan to attend.

Herding Trial

We are planning a Sanctioned Plan A

Herding Trial in the spring 2008. We will need a Trial Chairperson, Secretary and other volunteers. Contact Eileen Varhalla if you want more information or would like to volunteer. evarhalla@aol.com, 651-462-1220.



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