



# Shep-O-Gram

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I started to write my typical happy go lucky column before I was faced with a life changing event. On Sunday night, July 26, at 10:30 one of my closest friends, Robin Kilbury, called to tell me her house had just burned down. That wasn't the bad part. Her dogs and cat were all inside and perished in the fire. No one was home. Robin had been in Iowa helping a friend at a dog event and they didn't have room to take any of her dogs along. When she got home Robin and a friend went through the rubble and found two of her dogs and the cat before it was too dark to continue the search. They didn't find the third dog until several days later. I went out to see Robin and her husband Dan the day after the fire and they were sitting with a circle of friends in front of the burned out house that had so recently been beautiful. There was a special fenced yard in back full of agility equipment and dog toys were everywhere. Everyone was in shock.

The investigators determined the fire was caused by a burner on the stove apparently turned on by one of the dogs. Robin and Dan's daughter, Erin, told me they were advised that if they had a sprinkler system they would have just come home to wet dogs. I am sure if they had ever thought of it they would have moved heaven and earth to install one. If I had the budget for it, I would certainly consider that now. Erin was trying to come up with a lesson that could be learned from this, something good that could come out of tragedy. Fire awareness and safety measures come to mind, helping others to avoid such a catastrophe. Sprinklers and monitoring systems are possibilities. I think the most recent models of stoves have safety measures. The Killburys are on FaceBook on the internet and there is a Friends of Dan and Robin Kilbury group. Their breed of choice was the Border Collie. I do not have a list of titles the dogs won, but it would probably cover the rest of the page. Good night to Griff, Drake, Nitro, and Cici the cat. We will all meet again at the Rainbow Bridge.

Our own Yvonne Nygaard had a fire recently too and I believe some of the members were going to check it out and see what help the club may be able to offer.

I am adding some information on fire safety and pets to this issue. We all need to be aware of our options to protect our four legged friends.

Julie Swinland.

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**August 14 Membership Meeting 8:30 PM Animal Inn**

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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### GSDC MSP Class Schedule Obedience Classes

Class	Time
Alt weeks--Team & Run Thrus	6:00-6:45
Intermediate & Advanced Novice	6:45-7:45
Beginning Obedience	7:45-8:30
Beginning Open Obedience	7:30-8:30
Advanced Obedience Run-Thrus	8:30-Done

### PPT & Rally Classes

S.T.A.R. Puppy	6:45-7:30
Rally-All Levels	8:30-Close

### Conformation Classes

Class	Time
Socialization Only	7:00-8:30
Litter Socialization	6:30-7:00
Novice Conformation Handlers Class	7:00-7:30
Advanced Conformation	7:30-8:30
Open Ring Conformation	8:30-Close

**NOTE: During the summer There will be a beginning Open class replacing the Competition Obedience class 7:30-8:30.**

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### Upcoming Shows

There are many shows in MN, IA, WI and the Dakotas. See Events at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) for a complete listing or look at the calendar on the [www.gsdcmsp.org](http://www.gsdcmsp.org) web site.

## News from the AKC - National Pet Fire Safety Day

July 15 Declared "National Pet Fire Safety Day" to Help Protect Pets from Home Fires  
July 15, 2009

**AKC and ADT Offer Prevention & Rescue Tips**  
To help reduce the estimated 500,000 pets affected by home fires each year, The American Kennel Club and ADT Security Services today launched the inaugural "National Pet Fire Safety Day." This nationwide awareness day educates pet owners about potential risks when pets are left home alone and provides them with proven prevention measures to ensure their safety.

According to a recent AKC study, 88 percent of pet owners consider their pets to be valued family members so it makes sense to include them in fire prevention plans and rescue alerts should a house fire strike. As part of National Pet Fire Safety Day, AKC and ADT have developed helpful prevention, escape and rescue tips for pet owners.

"One of the hallmarks of responsible dog ownership is keeping pets safe and planning for unexpected emergencies, including house fires," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Pet proofing the home, developing pet-friendly escape routes and alerting rescuers of your pets presence with 'window clings' is the best way to keep your four-legged family member from harm."

That's something Lia Wentworth of Maryland knows well. One Sunday morning she and her family left their Labrador Retriever "Justice" home alone. They didn't realize they left a pot of boiling water with plastic baby bottles on the stove. When the water evaporated, the bottles began to emit a toxic smoke. No one knew Justice was in trouble because there was no flame. Luckily, the Wentworth's had a monitored smoke detector and the firefighters were alerted. Their prompt response saved Justice's life.

"After ADT alerted us that the fire alarm had been activated, we rushed home. We had one thought the whole way there, and that was the fate of our beloved pet. The minutes passed like hours trying to get home to him," Wentworth said. "I can't describe the relief and gratitude I felt in seeing Justice playing with the firefighters in front of our home. Along with smoke alarms, I encourage everyone to have a home fire monitoring system. Ours was there when we couldn't be, and called for help because Justice couldn't. Without that system, there would literally be no Justice

in this world."

"National Pet Fire Safety Day" Tips to Keep Pets Safe from House Fires:

**Extinguish Open Flames** - Pets are generally curious and will investigate cooking appliances, candles, or even a fire in your fireplace. Ensure your pet is not left unattended around an open flame and make sure to thoroughly extinguish any open flame before leaving your home.

**Pet Proof the Home** - Take a walk around your home and look for areas where pets might start fires inadvertently, such as the stove knobs, loose wires and other potential hazards.

**Secure Young Pets** - Especially with young puppies, keep them confined away from potential fire-starting hazards when you are away from home.

**Keep Pets Near Entrances** - When leaving pets home alone, keep them in areas or rooms near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.

**Practicing Escape Routes with Pets** - Keep collars and leashes at the ready in case you have to evacuate quickly with your pet or firefighters need to rescue your pet.

**Affix a Pet Alert Window Cling** - Write down the number of pets inside your house and attach the static cling to a front window. This critical information saves rescuers time when locating your pets. You can obtain a free window cling by going to <http://www.adt.com/pets> or at AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days events. Details are available at <http://www.akc.org/>.

**Keep Your Information Updated** - Firefighters are familiar with pet alert window clings so keep the number of pets listed on them updated. Knowing the accurate number of pets in the house aids rescuers in finding all of your pets.

**Use Monitored Smoke Detection Services** - As an added layer of protection beyond battery-operated smoke alarms, smoke detectors connected to a monitoring center help save pets who can't escape when left home alone.

"Each September as part of AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days, we educate first-time dog owners about what dog ownership entails. This year we are pleased to distribute ADT pet alert 'window clings' at our flagship event in Raleigh, North Carolina and at the more than 600 local events nationwide to focus attention on how to potentially save pets' lives," Peterson added. For more information visit [www.akc.org/clubs/rdod](http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod).

ADT will be part of the Meet the Breeds™ event at the Javits Center in New York, Oct. 17-18. For more information visit <http://www.meetthebreeds.com/>.

## The American Kennel Club

The American Kennel Club (AKC), proudly celebrates its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and today its rules govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit [www.akc.org/](http://www.akc.org/). AKC, American Kennel Club, the American Kennel Club seal and design, and all associated marks and logos are trademarks, registered trademarks and service marks of The American Kennel Club, Inc.

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## Pet Rescue Decals



Obtain your pet rescue decal stickers online at some of these locations:

### Free pet rescue decals:

[http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets\\_rescuesticker](http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_rescuesticker)

<https://www.adt.com/resi/programs/pets/>

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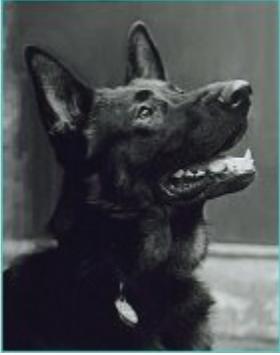
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<http://www.pet-pac.com/>

For more information on Fire detection systems and sprinkler systems go to:  
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pyfff/inhome.html>

# Tick Disease in Dogs



in memory of Bauernhoffen's Thunder: 2 September 1997 - 2 June 2000

**There are four major tick-borne diseases that affect dogs in the United States: ehrlichiosis, babesiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme Disease. They are all dangerous and most can be fatal unless diagnosed in time and treated aggressively.**

On the 2nd of June, 2000, I lost my German Shepherd Dog, Thunder, to the ravages of chronic *Neorickettsia risticii*, once known as *Ehrlichia risticii*. He was not even three when he died, the best dog I've ever owned, and I watched him die by inches over the course of a year and a half. Here in the deep South, where ticks are right at home, no one recognized tick disease until it was too late to save him.

In the years since he died, I've learned, and I'm far from alone, that most vets know next to nothing about TBD, how prevalent it is, how dangerous it is, or how best to treat it. You often have to fight even to have your dog tested, fight again to have the serum sample sent to a lab that is fast and produces consistently on-target results, then brace yourself to fight even harder to get the most effective treatment.

As [Pam Barbe](#), who's been through the hell of TBD with her Samoyeds more than once, told me long ago, "You are your dog's only advocate. If you won't fight for him, who will?" If you seriously suspect your dog has a TBD, **do not listen** if you're told he can't have one and you'd just be wasting your money on testing. It's your dog and your money. If your vet won't work with you, find one who will.

I've been there and I can tell you that until you've seen your own dog look up at you with those bright eyes which are all that's left to show he's hardly begun his life; until you've seen his fur matted and wet with the blood constantly seeping through his skin; until you've seen your magnificent young animal reduced to one that can no longer work or play or even walk without difficulty...you can't even come close to understanding how cruel tick-borne disease can be.

With luck and some knowledge, you won't have to find out. I hope you never do. Read on and I'll try to supply some of the knowledge.

## What is Tick Borne Disease

The simple answer is that it is any disease carried by a tick (the vector) from an infected animal on which it has fed to another one when it feeds again. Fortunately, the Ixodidae (hard-bodied ticks) which carry these diseases feed only 3 times in their lives which means that each tick can normally spread infection only twice, though it is possible for some to be born infected. Unfortunately, while it must be remembered that not every tick is going to carry disease, there are a lot of them and that's how the danger of infection multiplies.

One thing must be mentioned here as many people don't understand this: tick-borne diseases cannot be passed by contact. If your dog has one or more than one, you're perfectly safe touching him, holding him, playing with him. He

cannot infect you or your other animals. TBDs are carried only by vectors independent of the dog.

How is tick disease transmitted?

Tick-borne diseases, known as TBDs, are usually transmitted by ticks after they have latched onto a dog and begun to feed. (*Neorickettsia risticii* and *Hepatozoon canis* are the exceptions.) The disease organisms in the tick's gut begin to move up as it sucks, keeping the wound open with the anticoagulants in its saliva. Mixing into the saliva, the organisms are injected into the dog. Watch it happen by clicking on this link to the Australian Paralysis Tick.

As if we needed to hear this, there is evidence now that some *ehrlichia* are able to stay hidden from the immune system's defenses at least long enough to establish infection. "In (a) new study, scientists uncovered a clue to how ehrlichiosis-causing bacteria infect such diverse animals. One of the three primary bacteria sequenced, *A. phagocytophilum* (*E. equi*), contains roughly 1,400 genes--including more than 100 variations of a single gene that codes for a protein allowing the bacteria to evade the immune system of the organism it has infected. This protein sits on the bacteria's outer membrane surface. When the bacteria, through tick bites, transfers to (a dog), the bacteria chooses the protein variation needed to stay hidden from that particular host."

Lyme disease seems to have a similar defense against detection and I wouldn't be surprised to learn that other TBDs do, too.

How long does it take to infect a dog?

While it's generally said that it takes a minimum of 24 hours for disease to be transmitted to the dog it can happen sooner. According to Dr. Ed Breitschwerdt of North Carolina State University, referenced by this University of Georgia website, transmission of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (*Rickettsia rickettsii*) may be accomplished in as little as 5 hours. And it is theorized that on occasion, probably rare, that a tick which has been interrupted while it is feeding on an infected animal may finish its meal on another and pass a TBD almost immediately when it does because the saliva is already primed with disease organisms. Bottom line, use a proven tick preventive and if you see ticks on your dog, get them off!

There are right and wrong ways of doing this, so be sure to read the page on tick removal.

The hard-bodied ticks

Most dog owners are familiar with ticks, the ugly, engorged things that fall off, sated, when they've drunk their fill, large as grapes and creating a real mess when you step on them. But the tick nymph may be more dangerous than the adult because it is quite capable of transmitting disease yet it can be as small as a pencil dot.

To give you an idea of how small they can be, here's an image of deer ticks from the Old English Sheepdog.org webpage on tick identification. From left to right, you see the female, the male, the nymph and, almost invisible, the larva. Many thanks to the webmaster for allowing me to use the image, originally from a Rhode Island.gov webpage, which he reduced to show the ticks in their actual size.

### Acknowledgement

A great deal of whatever good and useful information there is on this site is attributable to our generous advisor on Tick List, [Tom Beckett, DVM](#), who has treated more dogs with tick-borne disease over the years than he probably cares to think about. We are endlessly grateful for his help.

There are many other links on line attached to this article. Please go to <http://blackgsd.googlepages.com/> for more information.

## **GSDCMSP July 18. 2009 Match**

We had another great match at Bo Vujovich's in Inver Grove Heights on July 18. Great judges, free food, and lots of fun. The turn out was a little less than we hoped for, but it was well run and the day was great. Lisa Marie Fortier also volunteered to be the evaluator for a Canine Good Citizen Test. This was Judy Morin's first attempt at chairing a match and she did a great job. Thanks should go to Judy, all the people who helped her preparing for the match, Mada Parnell for entries, the people who set up and did the food preparation, our judges, Sharon Todoroff, Ron Halling, Ann Strickler, and CGC evaluator Lisa Marie and Rob as helper, our stewards, Virginia Bailey, Sheila Metz, and Ann Halling, Holly and Jay Bryan for helping everywhere, and of course to Bo Vujovich for letting us use her lovely grounds. Maybe we can get Judy to do another match??? I apologize if I left anyone out, oh yes, Paul Johnson, Liz and Maria Oster, and Mike Metz for helping with setup and tear down.

### **Conformation** (Sharon Todoroff, Judge)

#### Puppy Dogs 3-6 mos

- 1<sup>st</sup> – "Zeke" (#111), owned by Tom & Penny Austin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – "Normandy Beach" (110), owned by Charles Reinhardt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – "Lindenhills Gracelywes Louie" (109), owned by Luke and Abby Hanson

#### Dogs 12-18 mos

- 1<sup>st</sup> – "Jeddhaus O'Henry" (#106), owned by Ann Jeddelloh

#### Open Dogs

- 1<sup>st</sup> – "Kubistraums Quasar Shadow" (#112), owned by Lisa and Elizabeth Lunde

#### Puppy Bitches 3-6 mos

- 1<sup>st</sup> – "Rosewood's Bella Noche" (#108), owned by Bo Vujovich and Tom McCarthy

Best Puppy: "Zeke" (#111)

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy: "Rosewood's Belle Noche" (#108)

Best Adult: "Kubistraums Quasar Shadow" (#112)

Best in Match: "Zeke" (#111)

### **Obedience** (Ron Halling, Judge)

#### Pre-Novice

- 1<sup>st</sup> – "Jeddhaus O'Henry" (#107), owned by Ann Jeddelloh

#### Novice B

- 1<sup>st</sup> – "Sweetwaters Knight Rider" (#104), owned by Sandy Heinz

#### High in Trial

- "Sweetwaters Knight Rider" (#104)

### **Rally** (Ann Strickler, Judge)

#### Advanced B

- 1<sup>st</sup> – "Ch Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest" (#102), owned by Julie Swinland

#### Excellent B

- 1<sup>st</sup> – "Ch Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest" (#103), owned by Julie Swinland

#### High scoring Rally

Ch Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest

# Sign up for German Shepherd Demo Day at the State Fair September 6, 2009

German Shepherd Day at the State Fair will be September 6 this year. Last year we had Demos of conformation, obedience, rally, agility, service dogs, and puppy socialization.

**Let's make 2009 another memorable year at the Fair!**

A few pictures from 2008



Lisa Marie Fortier was the voice behind the presentation last year

It was a great day and very well received by the audience. We need people to sign up for demos this year. Verna Kubik is the coordinator and if you would like to join us in the demos, speak to the section leader for your area of interest:



Jinny Bailey for Rally 715-549-6365  
Vmk4gsd@dishup.us

Eileen Varhalla for Obedience evarhalla@aol.com

Mary Bente for Agility - 612-729-3424  
mbente@Mlmins.com

Lisa Marie for Puppy socialization 651-714-9143  
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Mike Metz for conformation 651-489-7467  
Michael.Metz@comcast.net

And hopefully, Carol Ouhl for Service Dogs



*"We can never have too many dogs for such a long day, and it is a great public service contribution for the club and the breed."* Verna

## Pet Loss & Grief Support Hotlines

Pet loss & grief support hotlines for phone, email and local area support and counseling.

[Argus Institute for Families and Veterinary Medicine](#)

Argus Institute for Families ( part of Veterinary Medicine and College of Veterinary Medicine) offers many pet loss and grief articles and resources for both pet owners and veterinarians.

 [AVMA Grief Counseling Resources](#)

The AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) maintains a resource page of grief counseling services offered by many veterinary schools in the United States. This is a good “first stop” resource, as several support organizations are listed that do not have web sites, but contact and phone number information is available.

[See more links below...](#)

[Cornell Pet Loss Support Hotline](#)

This site offers pet owners grief support and euthanasia information in addition to hotline support.

[Lightning Strike Pet Loss Support](#)

This site offers forums, articles, blogs and more about loss and support to help grieving pet owners.

[Pet Grief Counseling](#)

A comprehensive resource list of university and private grief counseling and support hotlines that are available to grievine pet owners, from petloss.com.

[Pet Loss & Bereavement Support Hotlines](#)

Information about US and one Canadian pet loss support help, from the Delta Society.

[Pet Loss Hotline at UC Davis](#)

This support hotline service offers someone to talk to and is able to supply printed materials or assist in finding local help resources if need be.

[Pet Loss Hotline at Washington State University](#)

Staffed by trained veterinary student volunteers with support from Purina, this hotline provides “someone to talk to” in hopes that the healing process can begin.

[Tufts Pet Loss Support Hotline](#)

Several online grief resources are available on this site in addition to phone support information.



### German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul July 17, 2009

Board Members:

Mike Metz, President, Julie Swinland, Vice President, Jill Myers, Secretary, Mada Parnell, Treasurer, Liz Oster, Board (1 year remaining),

Board Members Absent:

Ginny Altman, Board (2 year remaining), isa Marie Fortier, Board (3 year term)

President called the meeting to order at 8:34pm

Mada Parnell moved that we dispense with regular business; it was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### 1. July Match:

- Judy stated she still needs stewards and several people volunteered. It was determined that Lisa Marie Fortier has enough help for the CGC event. It was agreed that food would be provided free of charge with donations optional.

#### 2. State Fair Demo:

- Wisconsin Specialty falls on the same weekend as German Shepherd day at the fair, 9/6/2009. Let Verna or Mike know if you will be in Wisconsin that weekend.

#### 3. Training:

- Verna moved that we cancel classes on 8/21/2009; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. This night conflicts with the St. Croix show.
- Additional changes to the training schedule were proposed. These will be posted on the website with 3 key points that Verna will note could be a problem. Julie will put together a survey for members input.
- Offering a beginning obedience class year round was brought up and will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

#### 4. AKC Correspondence:

- The AKC sent a letter to the club noting 3 violations to the rules at the Specialty Show. Mike spoke with Bobbie Birdsong – Director of AKC Event Operations. Worst case penalty is \$3,000 but a letter stating our case should reduce that significantly. Sheila Metz will compose the letter.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm

Jill Myers, Secretary

## Fire in the Home (excerpts from <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pyfff/inhome.html>)

Most home fires occur in the kitchen while cooking and are the leading cause of injuries from fire. However, they are often extinguished with only minor damage since a person is generally present. Common causes of fires at night are carelessly discarded cigarettes, sparks from fireplaces without spark screens or glass doors, and heating appliances left too close to furniture or other combustibles. These fires can be particularly dangerous because they may smolder for a long period of time before being discovered by sleeping residents.

### Residential Sprinklers

Fire sprinklers have been used to protect commercial buildings for more than 100 years. More recently, a new type of sprinkler system has been developed for residences which offers an unprecedented level of fire safety for both lives and property. These systems will be addressed in this section.

### How Much do Residential Sprinklers Cost?

The cost of a sprinkler system is about \$1.50 per square foot in a new home (for a 1000 square foot home this is \$1560). In existing homes they range from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per square foot, depending on how difficult it is to run the pipes. This assumes the availability of an adequate and reliable water supply.

### Why Are Sprinklers so Powerful?

The primary reason is that as soon as it activates, the sprinkler sprays water on the burning object and puts out or controls the fire. In fact, the sprinkler system not only stops the growth of the fire, it also acts directly on the potentially deadly effect of the fire, for example, by lowering the air temperature.

This means that a combination of sprinklers and smoke alarms can save most potential victims of home fires. The principal exceptions are victims who are very close to the fire when it begins, such as victims of clothing fires, explosions, or flash fires. For some potential victims, there is no substitute for prevention.

### What About Water Damage?

Once a fire begins, only one or two sprinklers near the fire activate and discharge water. Residential sprinklers discharge water at a low rate, so your home will not be flooded. (Flooding is not a danger with sprinklers in commercial buildings either.) After the fire is out, the supply valve can be simply shut off - but never do this yourself. Always call the fire department and let the professionals determine when it is safe to shut off the water.

### Do You Need Smoke Alarms Too?

YES! Smoke alarms will tend to react first, providing extra time to escape. In some fires, sufficient smoke can be released to impair judgment or even threaten persons with preexisting medical problems before enough heat is released to set off the sprinkler. Also, smoke alarms provide early warning of fires that may start out of range of the sprinklers, such as within a wall space.

### Braggs

Am, Can, Intl, Ch. Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest,  
RE, TT, TC, CGC, OFA, H&E  
Xena passed the CGC test on July 18



SOGGY by Julie Swinland



# Herding Fun Day

September 19

2 runs for each dog \$25

Pot Luck Lunch

No experience necessary

Sign up with Eileen Varhalla - evarhalla@aol.com

All German Shepherds welcome!

Come to herd or come to watch

Bring a chair

## Location:

23322 Russell Road

Pine City, MN 55063

House is white w/ green trim.

Garage is ugly peach and brown

Schneider/Elysian Farm on the mailbox



## Herding Fun Day Sign Up Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dog 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Dog 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Ph # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Eileen Varhalla 9789 253rd Ave NE, Stacy, MN 55079

## Club Events

### State Fair demos September 6

Contact Verna Kubik for information  
715-549-6365  
vmk4gsds@dishup.us

### Geocaching event September

Contact Julie Swinland 651-457-5459 or  
blackforestgsd@msn.com

**Herding Fun Day - September 19** Two runs for  
\$25 Contact Eileen Varhalla at evarhalla@aol.  
com or call 651-462-1220

### Herding Trial October 2

Polly Simpson's Farm New Richmond, WI  
The premium list is ready and will be on our  
web site soon. Contact Eileen Varhalla for  
information. evarhalla@aol.com 651-462-1220  
Eileen reported the the trial has filled. Come and  
watch!

**No Training August 21** (St Croix Valley Show  
weekend) Please check the training calendar on the  
www.gsddcmosp.org web site for any changes before  
coming to training.

**There is a new proposal for class schedule  
changes and there may be a survey coming out  
soon.**

### Other News



There is a benefit bake sale, raffle and run through at  
TCOTC on Friday Aug 7 starting at 6 PM. Proceeds  
will go to Robin and Dan Kilbury who lost the three  
dogs in the picture, their cat and their home in a fire  
July 26.

Cathy Gustafson has two adult German Shepherds she  
would like to place because she has to move. A 2 yr old  
spayed female and a 7 yr old male not neutered. 763-  
213-1135  
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